By Savera Qazi

“Hi, my name is Savera. Sa-ve-ra. Yes, you pronounced it correctly. I am from Pakistan, pursuing my LL.M. degree here.” I must have said that over hundred times in the last one month or so. (Mainly because all the JD students are extremely friendly and I always enjoy striking small conversation with them at the Lawyers Club).

The most common reaction I get from JD students is “So you are already a lawyer? Then what are you doing here?” It was then that I realized that JD students are not well acquainted with us lot—the international students pursuing their LL.M. degrees here or even the ones who are here on exchange programs. Hence I have decided to start this column. I’m not too sure in which direction I want to take it, but let’s just say that it will be a forum where I’ll try to share our experiences in Ann Arbor as international students and get to know the viewpoints of JD students.

As a brief introduction, we are 33 students from 29 different countries pursuing our Masters of Law (LL.M.) degree here. Yes, we all have been through law schools in our respective home countries. Some of us were attorneys back home, some were doing clerkships, some were professors, and one of us was a judge back home (how cool is that!). Besides the LL.M. students, there are a bunch of international students on an exchange program and some research scholars—all bringing diverse viewpoints to the classrooms.

It is compulsory for all LL.M. students to take Introduction to Constitutional Law & American Legal Process taught by Professor Regan. It is intriguing how international students find some features of the American legal system completely strange because of their different legal backgrounds. Getting my inspiration from the class discussions, I decided to do a little survey about different features of the American legal system that we as international students find odd because of our legal backgrounds. All legal systems have their own anomalies that might seem normal to their natives but not to a foreigner. I actually find that fascinating; the other day I was having a conversation with Feihong Xu, an LL.M. student from China, who pointed out to Ignacio Urina Molffino, a student from Chile who was a Lecturer in Philosophy of Law back in his hometown, that in China no one wants to become a Professor of Philosophy of Law because of the political pressure to adhere to a specific legal philosophy. Interesting. Anyways, back to my little survey. One aspect of the American legal system that quite a lot of international students found bizarre is the way judges are nominated in America. As Assaf Assak, a student of LL.M. in International Law who is originally from Israel where he worked as an associate at a law firm, stated, “The weirdest thing in my opinion is the

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Soy Sauce Chicken

By William Kwok

The tastes of one’s childhood are indelible. Each piece of pizza I scarf down is another futile grasp at revisiting the thoroughly crisp, perfectly mediocre slices of the long-gone Gino’s, my pre-teen hangout. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (and strawberry ChapStick) will forever remind me of my first kiss.

But my favorite childhood taste is that of my grandmother’s soy sauce chicken. In her little apartment, there never fails to be one chilling in the fridge or simmering in the wok, ready to feed my cousins, my brother, or me.

Today, my grandmother and I live a half-world apart; it’s been quite some time since my last lunch at Grandma’s. Luckily, the dish is quite simple and quick to make, so she’s never too far away.

Soy Sauce Chicken (serves 3 to 5)

Ingredients:
2 pounds skin-on chicken (Which parts you use are up to you.)
4 cloves garlic (smashed)
3 inches ginger (peeled and pounded)
3 stalks green onion (leave whole)
0.5 stalk green onion (cut into quarter-inch-long pieces)
1 cup dark soy sauce
1 cup regular soy sauce
2 tablespoons brandy
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons cooking oil
3 cups water

Heat up a large saucepan and add the cooking oil. Add garlic and ginger and sauté. Once the garlic is very lightly browned, add water, brandy, soy sauces, sugar, garlic, and the whole stalks of green onion to the pan. (If you don’t have both kinds of soy sauce handy, using two cups of regular soy sauce still works.) Bring the saucepan to boil over medium heat. Stir briefly and add the chicken pieces. Return the saucepan to a simmer; simmer for an additional ten minutes. Then, reduce to low heat and allow the saucepan to sit for a half-hour or until the chicken is cooked through. Turn off the heat to let the chicken further absorb the sauces. How long you leave the meat in the pot is up to you; the longer the chicken soaks in the pot, the more flavorful and soft it becomes.

Serve the chicken on a plate. Ladle a few spoonfuls of the sauce atop and around the meat. Use the quarter-inch scallion pieces as garnish. If you have cilantro (and if you like cilantro), pluck off and use a couple leaves as garnish.

Enjoy with rice.
When You Were Cooler

Basketball Bouncer

By Sally Larsen

John Haley, a 2L from Raleigh, NC, used to be cool. Don't believe me? Read on to learn about his time as a bouncer at club-team basketball tournaments and then as an assistant coach at the Citadel.

Res Gestae: How did you get into the world of high school and college basketball?

John Haley: It actually started when I was in college [at Appalachian State University]. I'd been around basketball a lot. I played through high school, and I was the manager of the basketball team at Appalachian. In college I worked for the shoe companies also.

RG: What does that mean?

JH: There are all these club teams formed around the best high school players all over the country, and the shoe companies—at that time Nike, Reebok and Adidas—would fly these teams all over the country to play in tournaments with each other. And they'd put them in these fancy hotels, like on the Las Vegas strip, or they'd give them the newest video games that are about to come out, and they can play them the whole time they're there.

The first thing [the shoe companies are] trying to do is pick up the next big star, and get them loyal to their brand early. They feel like if they can do that, they'll be able to get them to sign on to their shoe deal. [According to regulations, players can't be signed until they make it to the NBA.] But there's also a secondary payoff that isn't talked about as much. The companies will give them or sell them the next shoes that they're coming out with, and since the players are fairly well-known in their local area...if they can get them going back to St. Louis or whatever city they're from, wearing all this Reebok stuff, they think it'll make them look cool in that market. But the main reason really is to try to nab the next Kobe Bryant or Michael Jordan or whoever it is.

[RG: One of John Haley's tasks was to act as a bouncer at the tournaments, helping the shoe companies follow NCAA regulations by keeping the players and their families away from the college scouts who are there to scope them out.]

JH: "The coaches don't really want to talk to the parents anyways—they don't care about Jimmy's mom; they don't want to talk to Jimmy's mom. But Jimmy's mom, man, she wants to talk to Mike Krzyzewski or whoever it is. She wants to convince him that Jimmy is the next big thing in the world. They'll try to sneak their way over [to the coaches' section], and when they do, you gotta go get them and say 'Hey, you can't sit here.' I think the players' moms—it's mainly moms, sometimes it's dads too—end up doing more harm than good. I think they just make themselves look like one of those parents who's going to be in the ear of the coach all the time, and [whom the coach is] going

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to have to be dealing with. But they
don’t get that. No parent gets that.
I mean, Generation Y parents think
they can talk up their kids forever and
it’s going to get them somewhere...
sometimes it probably just backfires.

[RG: After graduation John Haley
got a job at the Citadel, which I had
never heard of, but which, according
to Wikipedia, is “the military college
of South Carolina,” one of the six U.S.
senior military colleges.]

JH: “It’s a military school, and they’re
on this four-class system where the
seniors, basically, their job is to train
the freshmen. [The freshmen] all
shave their heads and they call them
‘knobs.’ That’s to sort of train them
into, you know, the cadet lifestyle.
Break ‘em down, build ‘em up. They
say it’s way harder than basic training
because it’s sort of a year-long psy-
chological process of being a second-
class citizen. They have to walk in the
gutter, and walk at a certain pace the
whole time.

I was the graduate assistant basket-
ball coach. As part of the NCAA regu-
lations, you’re only allowed to have
three assistant basketball coaches,
but there are ways to get around
that. One way is [to have] graduate
assistants, who can functionally do
almost anything a real assistant coach
can do. I mean I was at the bottom of
the barrel there, but I could do most
of the things they could do...as long
as I was in graduate school.

RG: You were actually taking classes
while you coached?

JH: I was in classes—it was a joke
though. I was taking a wide variety
of classes in all sorts of stuff. I have
a Masters degree in social science.
How useless is that? I don’t even
know what it means. It’s a degree
you can get if you take classes in all
sorts of departments. I took classes
in psychology, political science,
statistics. I just ran around and took
whatever I wanted, and at the end
you’re allowed to claim a degree. It
was absolutely ridiculous.

RG: What did you do for the team?

JH: I was a paper pusher administra-
tor, which is one thing people don’t
realize all people in coaching are. The
more interesting things I did were
scouting reports.

RG: For non-ballers, this means
planning for an upcoming game by
watching video of the opposing
team’s recent games to plan a strat-
egagy.] There’s this creativity to it, to
go through the game of another team
and take out all their plays, and then
decide how you want to counteract
them.

You have to be careful...You want
to change all sorts of things to really
counteract them as best as possible,
but if you do too much, since you
only get a day or two to prepare,
you just start confusing everybody,
and it becomes useless. So there’s an
interesting creativity to that.

I would usually start out with the film
and pick out the plays. And I would
talk to the other assistant coaches,
and we’d give the head coach some
kind of spliced-up film, and he would
watch that, oftentimes with the whole
staff. And then everybody would chat
about it for, you know, what could be
one hour or three hours. It’s kind of
going on all day—people are chat-
ning about it all day. And the team
gets a 20-minute film session and a
half hour working on new stuff in
practice. So it’s filtered down consi-
derably.

RG: Why did you leave that job?

JH: I quit because I knew it was the
wrong thing, that I didn’t want to be
doing that anymore—the comps and
travel, the hours, the pressure. And,
it had become something that wasn’t
necessarily...I don’t know if what I
was doing was always good for the
people I was working with. And it’s

hard to admit you don’t know if it’s
good for the young 18-year-olds that
you’re working with.

I can remember one kid in particular
that we were recruiting...At some
point I was talking to him and his
mom, at a dinner, maybe. And I had
to do a sell job. I mean, I was new [at
the Citadel] and they asked me if I
liked it, and you know, I sort of said,
“Well, I like it,” and I pitched why it
was good and stuff. But I knew that
this particular person—not that the
Citadel is the wrong place for every-
one; it’s the right place for a lot of
people—but for this guy it was the
wrong place. And I was making that
pitch. And we signed him, and I quit
before he started, next year, but he
went one year and transferred out.
Which is no shock because he was
clearly in the wrong place...And I
helped bring an 18-year-old to the
wrong place.

We also had two guys on the team
from Croatia. They really would
have liked to stay on the team, but
there was a decision made that they
weren’t good enough, and they were
ty ing up our scholarships, and we
needed to find a way to encourage
them to leave. We told them they
were never going to play, that they
should think about transferring...
We kind of said we were moving on.
When we were doing spring work-
outs we wouldn’t include them.

RG: So you were very explicit with
them.

JH: I was not the one who was in
charge of being the most explicit,
but...we were and we weren’t. No
one wants to be seen as the coach
who’s pushing players out. It’s a re-
ally bad reputation to get. So it’s one
of the things that [head coaches] pass
on to other people, and I was not the
person that this was passed to, but
other people were kind of tasked
with being explicit, that “You should
leave.” No one at the top wants to

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Phrases You Will Never Hear at Michigan

by Zach Dembo

Mmmmmmm... Ed Cooper...

The unisex first floor Hutchins bathroom is free.

That Federalist Society event really changed my mind about things!

I have recently started seeing another law student without any negative repercussions.

1L: I have a healthy degree of perspective on life.

2L: I’ve only been in law school a year; that doesn’t make me a big deal or anything.

3L: Despite my job offer and two years here, I recognize that it’s the experience at law school that counts, and I want to take full advantage of my last year in school.

Can’t wait to start working at that firm next year!

That Mack Membo is SO hot right now.

Why, yes, I do have time when I’m clearly late to class to stop and earn some useless Westlaw points. Thank you for asking.

As a gay person, I’m overwhelmed by the number of dating options available to me here.

You know, I think Professor Bagley’s tie could be a bit skinnier.

Wow, everywhere I go I meet summer starters! And all so normal!

Let’s not complain about how much work we have—that wouldn’t accomplish anything.

Damn—she a ten!

Damn—he’s emotionally mature!

I have a personal story that I disclosed to a few select friends. Naturally, the rest of the law school remains unaware of said story. Nor are there any gross distortions of this story.

Hutchins is really the perfect temperature today.

That grade is both accurate and fair.

I am satisfied.

I wish I’d gone to that other school I was considering.

Questions? Concerns? Love or hate generally gentle lampooning? Make your opinions known (as if law students need any encouragement on that score) at rg@umich.edu.

Kazuki Kato, a Public Prosecutor in Japan and currently a Research Scholar at the University of Michigan, pointed out how he found the broad exception of a warrant requirement for search and arrest in America strange.

However, it was Tom de Boer’s contribution (a non-degree exchange student from Netherland) that took the cake. He was astonished to hear the Three Strike Rule’s application in the Ewing case where it gave rise to the most absurd result—Gary Ewing was given a sentence for 25 years to life in prison for stealing golf clubs, and this sentence was upheld by the Supreme Court.

Well, that is something that I believe even Americans would agree is a controversial judgment. No?
The Resignation of R.B. Ginsburg?

By Barron YoungSmith

Since her appointment in 1993, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has become one of the most steadfast and inspiring champions of liberal ideas sitting on the Supreme Court. So, if she values her legacy, why isn’t she planning to resign?

Ginsburg is 78 years old, her husband passed away in 2010, and she has recently been treated for pancreatic cancer (the same disease that felled Steve Jobs). Last year, however, she told reporters that she isn’t stepping down and hopes to remain in office until sometime around 2015. At the time that seemed reasonable: President Obama was cruising toward reelection, and Ginsburg, a lifetime appointee, is entitled to call her own shots.

But now the political situation has changed dramatically. Obama’s poll numbers are in the dumps, the economy is flatlining, and Republican candidates Mitt Romney and Rick Perry are threatening to replace Ginsburg with a solid conservative. That would complete a five-vote Supreme Court majority which favors overturning numerous social protections and, potentially, much of the modern regulatory state. In this context, if Ginsburg doesn’t resign soon—perhaps at the end of this Court session—she will be taking an unconscionable risk with the policies she has worked so hard to defend.

The consequences are easy enough to predict. Currently, the Court is balanced so that Justice Anthony Kennedy casts the swing vote in many of the most important, politically charged cases where the justices divide along partisan lines. Next spring, for example, he will most likely decide whether to strike down the individual mandate in President Obama’s health care reform law. An idiosyncratic, libertarian thinker, Kennedy is sometimes hostile to the government’s regulatory power under the Commerce Clause and sometimes supportive—so it’s a toss-up how he, and thus the Court, will rule. But if Justice Ginsburg were replaced by another orthodox conservative in the mold of Samuel Alito—a near-certainty, after the Harriet Miers ordeal—the threshold vote in polarizing cases would instead be that of Chief Justice John Roberts, who, despite paying homage to settled law, has turned out to be reliably partisan. The conservative legal project, which began with the creation of groups like the Federalist Society in the 1980s and has nurtured a pool of operationally activist judges who would achieve critical mass on the Supreme Court—and then vote to curtail or overturn swathes of liberal precedent—would finally reach fruition.

That’s very likely to happen if Ginsburg doesn’t resign this presidential term. According to political prediction markets, Obama’s chance of reelection stands at 47 percent, and polls of swing states show him bleeding support among key demographics. Romney, whose Justice Advisory Committee is co-chaired by Robert Bork, has promised to appoint justices in the mold of Scalia and Alito; and Perry’s judicial preferences are by all accounts even more conservative.

To be sure, Obama could still win, and there are serious downsides to Ginsburg rushing out the door. Her departure would leave the Court with only two female justices—again—and election-year confirmation hearings could become a politicized circus. Political pressures might

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lead Obama to nominate someone from the Democratic bench who is seen as more moderate and easily confirmable, such as Judge Merrick Garland, thus pushing the Court to the right on some issues.

But Obama would face all these problems anyway: the appointment of Ginsburg's replacement will be politicized no matter what, precisely because the choice is so important. And given that Republicans are a favorite to win back control of the U.S. Senate, the confirmation process isn't going to become any easier.

These worries pale in comparison to the impact Justice Ginsburg could have by waiting too long to resign. Not only would the Supreme Court become reliably conservative, but the new Republican appointees are young enough that liberals would be locked out of the highest levels of constitutional interpretation for a generation. Democrats would watch from the outside as the meaning of the Founding document is hashed out in intramural battles between different types of conservatives. They would have essentially lost the ultimate battle over the direction of the Supreme Court—and the country could look dramatically different by the time they regained their influence. Is that really a risk Ginsburg is willing to take?

do the dirty work; they give that to somebody else.

It's a really rough industry. Once you realize someone's not working out, it creates a lot of pressure to try to screw them and find a way to push them out of your program. And not only do you have to travel all the time, but basketball coaches are always in the office until 1 A.M....and it's the kind of thing where most people get into it and burn out really quickly. There's a ton of pressure that encourages people to work crazy hours. Because they can make a ton of money and jolt up to the top of the profession if they do well. Or they can get fired at any moment if they fail."

That concludes the story of John Haley's basketball adventures (thus far). But it wasn't the end of John Haley being cool! I would be remiss in ending this column without mentioning that he went on to:

1. Grade the standardized writing tests that elementary and middle school students have to take (Prognosis: "The future is not bright.")

2. Work at Montana Legal Services, where he hit up the Crow Fair and made a flow chart to educate low-income clients on how debt collection works.

3. Take a four-month solo road trip around the country: skiing in Colorado, hot springing in New Mexico and spending enough time in Las Vegas to conclude that "Las Vegas makes no sense."

A Very Civil Book Review

By Barron YoungSmith


I'll say it because it needs to be said: Another casebook on civil procedure? In a genre that is overflowing with similar offerings, one must really ask if the authors have anything new, or distinctive, to say on the matter. Nevertheless, it would be foolish to blame only Friedenthal, Miller, Sexton, and Hershkoff.

Like the audiences of dreary sequels to Saw, law students keep lapping up these page-turners year after year after year. And for that reason—combined with the enormously high cover price, which will put any new 3-D film to shame, Lion King or not—one must assume the introductory civil procedure casebooks will keep coming.

Unhappy with an overpriced law textbook? Email Barron with suggestions for more book reviews at rg@umich.edu.

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Kicking It Old School

Supreme Court Redux

By Kevitt Adler

Normally I’d say something like “This inordinately amusing piece comes from old issue X, where our favorite editor at the time, Y, was busy being hilarious 24/7.” Unfortunately I have no idea where this comes from. We found it laying around the office (Lying around? choices. On the other hand, I can’t say I recognize them all either. Maybe you will!)

Anyway. I can’t say I disagree with all of our anonymous cartoonists’ choices. On the other hand, I can’t say I recognize them all either. Maybe you will!

If you recognize at least four of these people without resorting to wikipedia, email rg@umich.edu. Don’t expect a reward or anything though.
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Across
1. Dispensable candy
4. On pins and needles
8. Meeting
14. "The Name of the Rose" writer
15. Chaucer offering
16. 1966 Mary Martin musical
17. Dog with an upturned tail
19. Big-time brat
20. Cubs' sluggin' Sammy
21. Glasgow gal
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26. Choice word
29. Give one's word
36. Press release?
37. Santa __, Calif.
38. Holder of two tablets
39. Mingling with
42. Camera type, briefly
43. Taoism founder Lao-
44. Horror film staple
45. Site of a racing win or a tie
47. Traditional elocution exercise
51. Beheaded Boleyn
52. Den denizen
53. Injure seriously
56. Limp watch painter
58. Sci-fi sightings
62. Take stock of
65. Intellectual
67. Fire escape, e.g.
68. Turkish honorific
69. Clean air grp.
70. Be obsequious
71. One of the "Little Women"
72. Letters for a psychic

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1. They're above the abs
2. It might be off the wall
3. Animal keepers
4. And so on: Abbr.
5. Veronica Lake film "The Blue ___"
6. What a poor winner does
7. They have bouggs for bows
8. Peach part
9. Words from Wordsworth
10. Go downhill
11. Put a traveling mike on
12. Reason for nose-pinning
13. Klingon on the Enterprise
18. Odd fellow
22. Baseball commissioner Bud
25. Honeycomb shape
27. Periscope part
28. "The Bartered Bride" composer
29. Trunk with a chest
30. Out of kilter
31. Dog tag datum
32. Explorer ___ da Gama
33. Not at full power
34. Job for a dermatologist
35. Ordeal for Rover, perhaps
40. Like a trim lawn
41. Globular
46. Second-stringer
48. "Anything you want"
49. Make beholden
50. Scale reading
53. Halloween accessory
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55. Middle of Caesar's boast
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59. Unbind
60. "My bad!"
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63. Sign of a sellout
64. Opposite NNE
66. "I told you so!"