Questions & Answers About Your Future

By Nate Kurtis

Welcome, admitted students, to Preview Weekend at the University of Michigan Law School. What you hold in your hands is the student newspaper of our fine institution, your guide to Preview Weekend, and the only source you really need when making that hard decision about where to spend the next three years of your life. Of course, if you should decide that you still want more information, this weekend is the perfect opportunity for you and we encourage you to take it!

Reaching this point in your life has required months of effort, hours of focus, minutes of bubble sheet darkening, and seconds of soul searching. You danced to the music of admissions applications, and answered more questions about yourself than during any date you've ever been on. But, it has all been worth it. Now is your chance to turn the tables on your former interrogators — your turn to play god! You see, now it is your turn to decide from among the many law schools that accepted you; and the admissions people all know it. This is the payoff for all your hard work: the opportunity to walk up to any of the folks working this weekend and ask them questions about the school’s statistics (e.g., how could 0.3% of someone NOT get a job after graduation if the rest of him was hired somewhere?). You could ask where the Law School sees itself in the next five years, or any of a number of variations on the application questions which so recently were the bane of your existence (those of you who thought law school was the payoff have never been cold called during bar month).

Have a field day with this! Here, we’ll get you started. We pulled aside Sarah Zearfoss, the Assistant Dean of Admissions, and just started asking her questions. This is not her first Preview Weekend; she’s used to this sort of thing by now.

Res Gestae: First things first, I took a look at Weather.com and couldn’t help but notice that we will be back up in the 40’s and it will not be snowing during preview weekend. Just when are you going to tell these admitted students what the weather is really like?

Dean Zearfoss: You’re really obsessed with the weather, aren’t you Nate?

RU: Only a little bit.

DZ: And yes, you’re from Ithaca....

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Least Popular Practice Areas

Submitted by Jacob Sherkow

As anxious 1Ls, looking for their summer jobs, prepare to bolt out of the gate on December 1st, the Office of Career Services has been especially helpful in explaining the various types of legal work out in the “real world.” Despite the breadth of the student body’s interest and the wealth of opportunities available, there are some internships which remain hard sells to many students. Here are the “bottom ten” areas of legal practice for University of Michigan Law School students:

1. Environmental Destruction Litigation
2. Popped Collar Criminal Defense
3. Honest Mistake Liability
4. Zombie Rights
5. Equine “Offerings”
6. Student Loan Regulatory Enforcement
7. Amateur Bono
8. Event Planning Litigation
9. Wyoming Maritime Law
10. Investigative Reporter for the RG

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Two At Once: Learning the Dual Degree Tango

By Andrea Hunt

Everyone knows about the dual degree programs in Public Policy and Business Administration, but did you know law students have their choice of fourteen dual degree programs offered in conjunction with other schools at the university? Students can apply for a dual degree program even in their second year of law school, and dual-degree students say they believe that the programs will help them to succeed in whatever field they pursue.

For example, the Law School offers dual degree programs in Law and Modern Middle Eastern & North African Studies, and Law and World Politics. Who knew? Thirteen of the formal programs offer a J.D. and master’s, but there is also a J.D./Ph.D. in Law & Economics. Furthermore, if none of the formalized dual degree programs fit your needs, you can pursue an "ad hoc" program instead.

Worried that it’s too late to enter a dual degree program? Fear not, 1Ls and 2Ls: it’s not too late to apply for the non-law half of the programs (except the Law & Economics joint degree, which requires students to apply concurrently with their law school application). However, the ship probably has already sailed if you are a 2L who has accepted an offer to work at a firm next summer. If the firm wants you to return in 2008, but you want to stay in grad school forever, you'll be in a sticky wicket, since the dual degree programs all add an extra two semesters.

If you decide to pursue a dual degree, re-familiarize yourself with your old friend the bubble sheet: you’ll most likely have to take a standardized test, like the GRE. Those looking to business school don’t need bubble sheets—the GMAT is a standardized test administered by computers that gets harder as you take it—so it’s a trade-off. And don’t move your personal statement to the Recycle Bin just yet. Admissions processes for other programs are independent from Law School admissions. Yes, that means more work. However, the application process is made a tad easier for debt saddled students: you won’t have to pay another application fee for the formalized programs. I’m sure you can find another good use for that $60. If not, stick it in the Res Gestae Pendaflex.

Tim Thomas, a2L, is pursuing a master’s in Public Policy at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. Unlike the typical law/public policy dual-degree student, Thomas chose to complete his first year in the public policy program before beginning law school, so that he could graduate with his law school class and participate in OCI. He is taking law classes this semester, and will spend the next semester at Harvard. He will then complete his 3L year and graduate in May 2008 from Michigan and June 2008 from Harvard.

Thomas chose the Kennedy School of Government in part because of its international focus. He states that the school’s student body consists of about 40% international students, and that many students worked for the UN, World Bank, or CIA before pursuing an MPP. And after graduation, students relocate not just in Washington, D.C., but in London, Brussels, Tokyo, and Hong Kong.

Thomas sees the dual degree as a selling point. “There are a lot of people getting JDs and MBAs, and a dual degree makes you stand out, especially from a different school,” he states. While he admits that learning about econometrics is hard, he acknowledges that “if you can use that, it can help you become a better lawyer.”

Having completed one year of law school, JD/MBA student Sonya Mays will spend this academic year at Michigan’s own Ross School of Business. She describes the student bodies at the two schools as “fundamentally different” and says, “What I miss most about law school are the people. Law students seem to be much more socially aware and active.” However, she admits that she does love the social/networking component of the Business School, and prefers the “endless” networking events to reading thirty pages of dense legal prose.

Mays observes that the law and business programs are taught differently. While she misses the “intellectual vigor that flows from analyzing social issues through the legal framework,” in Law School, she enjoys the “practical based, concrete learning” that takes place in the Business School. She adds, “Everything that I have learned so far in business school is directly applicable to whatever I decide to do in the future,” in contrast to the “cerebral and inapplicable” topics discussed in some law school classes.

After graduation, “my future lies in investment banking,” Mays confidently asserts. She says that her law degree will make her a better banker, and that overall, the JD/MBA program is “the best of both worlds” for her.

For more information on dual degree programs, contact Director of Student Affairs Christine Gregory: csgreg@umich.edu, or law.dual.degrees@umich.edu.

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An Immodest Proposal: Against Socratism

Submitted by
Justin Van Wormer

We have long labored here in Hutchins Hall, and we've done so under a horrendous system of asking and answering that makes slaves of us all. I say to you, the Law School community, enough is enough. Enough of the tyranny of Socrates. The Socratic Method has already claimed one life (Socrates); why should we sit idly by until it claims more?

The Socratic Method has been the basic organizing principle of the law school class for decades, if not centuries. I haven't done the research, so let's just say "centuries." But these are times of change. Let us rise up and overthrow Socratic domination of our learning environment so that we can better meet the challenges of the 21st Century. I present three reasons that this method, or "Socratism," as I shall call it -to make it sound more menacing, like Communism-is deficient and unworthy.

First: why should we listen to Socrates? This is a man who had so little respect for his own ideas that he didn't even bother to write them down. And now we have only the word of Plato-some Greek, no less-as to what Socrates was saying and what his methods were. Are you trying to tell me that Plato didn't have his own agenda vis-à-vis American law schools? Really, now who's being naive? I think we can all agree it's not me.

Second: what proof do we have that the Socratic Method works? "None," is the answer you were looking for. Socrates himself was so ill-served by his method of learning and disputation that the only time he used it in court, he lost. And that was in some local criminal court. If Socrates has never achieved success with his method in court, why should we think that his methods will be helpful to us today? Repeating an experiment and expecting differing results is the definition of insanity. And I'm not insane. Are you? If you disagree with me, maybe you are.

The only real opposition to these common sense changes will come from the liberal professoriate, who are afraid of things and ideas that threaten their (and Socrates') strangle hold on the law. As proof of their influence, did you know that (potential) studies (may) show that more people in Texas read the Baylor Law Review than read the Dallas Morning News. It's (probably) true! I totally don't understand how the previous two sentences fit, but maybe it's a reference I just don't understand.... I mean, I get the newspaper/law review thing, I just don't understand how it fits with the liberal professoriate thing.[

Third: in fact, the Socratic Method fails on not just a practical or procedural level, but on a substantive one as well. The fatal flaw of Socratism is that asking questions of students is no way for those same students to learn. Is not teaching the job of the teacher? Or are our professors too busy writing their secretive law review articles for Baylor? Surely, this is food for thought, my friends.

Consider the following evidence: My friend Bryan audited a business class at CU-Boulder and his TA told him that as long as you don't really mean it, you can totally sign whatever you want and never be obligated by the contract for anything, no matter what else you said. When Bryan told me this, I told him that I thought that it was sweet, and he promptly agreed. Indeed, reasonable people could do no less. Yet, I was dismayed. Not only had I never heard of this before, but not a single other law student I spoke to had ever heard of such a legal rule. Socratism had failed once again. It is the only possible conclusion you can draw, unless you are calling my friend Bryan a liar. And calling my friend a liar would not be cool. I will fight you.

Opposition to Socratism is not only resisted by the professoriate, but by many of our fellow law students. It's true. I was blocked from publishing this very article as a note in the Michigan Law Review simply because I'm "not on the Law Review," and this piece contains "no citations to facts." If you believe I have not cited facts, then you are calling my friend a liar, and I have already addressed that issue supra as "not cool." So, without official support I will nonetheless fearlessly give you my four pillars for a new and better legal education:

1. How to look things up on Westlaw/Lexis.
2. How to be a good lawyer (one semester, 3 credits, pass-fail).
3. Learn some of the leading cases in order to sound like a Big Important Man in front of friends, relatives, and even strangers on the street who think that they are Big and Important, but are mistaken.
4. Develop some loose system of inquiry and argumentation to be used in the classroom that fits within the Western Tradition of Philosophy in which the law evolved over the years, mirroring the give and take of the courtroom and encouraging student/professor interaction.

By implementing these simple changes I think we can finally make real progress in developing effective legal education which will contribute to a stronger America. Through my methods we will sharpen our minds, become better practitioners, and, most importantly, I will not be called on when I'm unprepared. I believe that this proposal will lead to not only a more streamlined law school experience, but one that is more true to the demands of the modern workplace. If you don't agree with me, I respect that, but your disagreement means you hate The Framers. And I will fight you.
Like Dicta, But Better: Your Sex Q’s, A’ed

Let it never be said that Michigan students don’t like to procrastinate. After I had essentially given up all hope of ever actually answering questions and/or dispensing advice in this column I got (comparatively) bombarded with queries between the last issue and this one. The lengths y’all will go to to avoid studying are positively mind-boggling.

I’m allergic to spermicidal lubricants, but it seems like all condoms have them – why is that? And where can I go to get condoms that don’t come with this feature?

-Likes the Swimmers to Die a Natural Death

LSDND,

Where on earth do you buy your condoms? There are tons, and I do mean literal, actual, all 2,000+ lbs. of it, tons of condoms in this world without spermicidal lubricant. In fact, in my experience you have to work harder to find the sperm snuffing ones, especially these days, as the FDA has recently (like, a month ago) mandated that all standalone Nonoxynol 9 products (foams, gels, inserts, films – if it’s semi-aqueous or dissolvable and you can fit it in a body cavity, there’s likely a sperm decimating agent made from it) be labeled with a warning. Though I was hoping that this warning consisted of something like “slippery when wet” or “if product gets in eye, seek medical help, but seriously, how on earth did you do that?” it’s a much more standard message about how it’s been conclusively shown that spermicides, like Nonoxynol 9, cannot prevent transmission of various STIs, and in fact they actually increase the risk of infection.

See LSDND, your reaction to spermicide, though I’m sure more severe than normal, since you’ve noticed it, isn’t all that odd – Nonoxynol 9 has been shown to irritate the vaginal (or rectal) canal such that the odds of catching something actually goes up with use. Even though condoms are not a standalone spermicide product (and thus don’t require the FDA warning), this is still incredibly important to bear in mind when choosing a contraceptive. Even though pregnancy has often been termed the most expensive of sexually transmitted diseases, there are so many ways to not get preggers in this world that don’t up your chances of getting some really unfortunate viral below-the-belt action, that to my mind, spermicide just isn’t worth the risk.

As for where to buy condoms, Meijer’s is open 24 hours a day, if you know what I’m saying, but should you have special requirements that need be addressed, like a spermicide or latex allergy, or maybe you just want something in a blue or green color to really bring out your eyes, you can visit S3, just a few blocks from the Law Quad, and those ladies ought to be able to hook you up nicely. Should you be worried that your fellow students might learn of the extent to which you prefer condoms that make your bits taste like strawberries, there’s always condomania.com, which has an incredible variety of options for all your condom buying needs.

Happy hunting!

-Rooks

Ok, so, why is porn legal in the US but prostitution isn’t? It’s all getting paid for sex, right?

-Just Curious

JC,

Dude, this article is 800 words, not 8,000. Much like an in-class exam, there is no way I can adequately answer that question in the space and time provided. I do have a theory that this vagary in the law is based on the concept that a prostitute “solicits”, i.e., lures others into sin, while a pornographic actor merely engages in sin with another sinner. This would, in some ways, account for the fact that porn distributors are more often targeted in criminal actions than the actors themselves, or how johns are (relatively) rarely arrested for hiring a hooker – more sinned against than sinning, etc. Of course, that could be complete crap.

Thanks for the note topic.

-Rooks

This is maybe a little weird but I figured maybe I’m not alone. I think the guy I’m seeing is really messed up about his grades, like he’s lost a lot of his self-confidence. And with that loss has come the loss of... other things, if you know what I’m saying. So I’m raring to go, but he’s barely interested in anything but studying even more, and even when we’re on the same page he sometimes has a problem keeping things going, as it were. What can I do?

-Looking for 1Lovin’

LIL,

Ok seriously y’all, they are just grades. It is the nature of a curve that not everyone can be a unique and special snowflake anymore, and, unless your name starts with a “W” and ends with “hitman”, this is a fact that we’re all going to have to accept at some point.

As for your specific problem, LIL, you can’t force the kid to get his nose out of the books and back in the place it belongs, namely your crotch. However, on the increasingly rare occasions that y’all manage to begin knocking the proverbial boots, make sure not to rush it, or put undue pressure on him to finish the job in the “standard” manner. There’s a whole world of non-tab A into slot B sex just begging to be explored, and plenty of it in no way requires a nerection. Hopefully his interest in getting you off will resume as soon as the shock of that first trip to Wolverine Access wears off, and he subsequently realizes that when he lets
Summer Holiday in Cambodia: It’s Not Just a Job, It’s an Adventure

Submitted By Anne Gordon

Law students are not known for being particularly adventurous. We’ve chosen a pretty straight, relatively predictable path for ourselves in becoming lawyers; our grandmothers must be so proud. Because really, let’s face it: most of us are anal retentive, neurotic, and well, in the words of one of my favorite movies, typical “indoor kids.”

Those who know me, know that I’m constantly trying to stir things up, and that I tend to encourage people to break out of this mold. We were all interesting people once, and for some reason becoming law students has sucked the life out of us. Here, law is too often a vehicle for moneymaking instead of justice, status quo instead of innovation. So here’s my advice, particularly to the 1Ls, as job-hunting season quietly looms:

Go away. Go far, far away.

You have the rest of your lives to sit in offices and collect writing samples and pad your resume and eat boxed lunches. Most of you are probably not going to get a firm job next summer anyway, because seriously, what do you really know after first year? You’ve taken Contracts, but do you have any idea how to actually look at one? Yeah, yeah, it’s “unconscionable.” That won’t get you $30 an hour, that’s for damn sure. This is your last chance at freedom, your cage is open. Run. RUN!!!

Do something that’s going to look even better on your resume: go somewhere crazy and do something awesome. There’s an adventurous side of you dying to get out, and the opportunity cost of that adventure is going to skyrocket as soon as you hit graduation. Have something to talk about in interviews other than your Legal Practice memos. Don’t worry about a writing sample; get great pictures instead.

I traveled to remote regions of the country, spending hours in the “Southeast Asian squat” on the ground in thatch huts, listening to village elders tell stories about their land and their history. After hours, I got to hang out with an amazing group of Cambodians, Canadians, Italians, French-Indonesians, Aussies, and even some pretty cool Americans. And I even had a weekly singing gig in a nightclub with a Filipino band – THAT doesn’t happen to every summer law intern, let me tell you.

And this was not just my job. Others on the program got to do similarly amazing things, and really have a hand in shaping a developing country. Still other students have gone to Uganda, Yugoslavia, South Africa, and throughout Asia, and they will all tell you to follow your heart and your passport.

Don’t let anyone tell you that you won’t get a worthwhile legal job overseas – you just have to know where to look. I, for one, worked at a public interest law firm where we litigated cases on behalf of indigent farmers who had their land seized by the government. The Kyllo decision had a direct impact upon our case strategy, which was disappointing but exciting. I coordinated with representatives from donor governments across the world, and helped the Cambodian government write better laws to help preserve forests. And I

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RG: I’m from Virginia!

DZ: From which you went to Ithaca, and then Ann Arbor. You know, I think in the law they call that the doctrine of invited error—just one of those legal concepts that comes in handy in daily life. Ok, this is my take on the weather: It’s cold, there’s no denying it. It is wetter than it should be in a perfect world, during the winter. But, it’s really good in terms of safety. You’re not going to get skin cancer as easily being here.

RG: I thought ultraviolet light went straight through clouds....

DZ: But you’re much less likely to be out sunbathing in the first place. We have no history of people having sled related injuries, I hear. And, rumor has it, no tornados have ever touched down in Ann Arbor. And, certainly they haven’t since 1989, I can say that for sure. We don’t really get hurricanes or earthquakes, either. Weather-wise, it is a very safe environment. “No student left behind... in the snow,” that’s our motto.

RG: OK, that’s kind of reassuring.

DZ: Bottom line, it’s good for studying.

RG: True. If we were in Hawaii, I’d probably be on a beach right now and this interview would not be happening.

DZ: That’s right: good for studying, and good for the student paper.

RG: Alright. Now, since everyone reading this issue has already been accepted to the Law School, you can tell us how their applications were really evaluated. Thrown down a flight of stairs? Dartboard?

DZ: I use a sophisticated combination of a Ouija board and a Magic-8 ball. No, I’m just kidding. Believe me; if you look at my hands you’d see the paper cuts, you’d see how they’re dry thanks to paper sucking the water out of my skin. If you looked at me, you’d see my weary gaze due to all of the hard work that goes into selecting these people.

RG: just for the record, now that these applicants have been accepted, how valuable are their high LSAT scores, recommendations, personal statements—you know, all that stuff they’ve spent the last year of their life fretting over—going to be moving forward?

DZ: I can definitively say that the LSAT score is now officially meaningless. You can try trotting it out later in life, but people just look at you funny. The recommendations, though, those people last forever if you are smart about keeping in touch. And the personal statements, if you can write a good personal statement you can write all kinds of other things well. So, I actually think those are rationally related to future life, in an important way.

RG: Well, we’ve gotten all these admitted students here. What is the one thing you’d like them to be sure to see/do/experience while they are here before deciding whether to attend Michigan?

DZ: Only one thing? That’s really hard! I guess... gee, I don’t know. What do you think?

RG: I wrote these questions, I don’t have to answer them. You had your chance to ask me all the questions you wanted on those admissions forms, now its payback time!

DZ: Hmm. I’ll have to think about that one, can we come back to it?

RG: Sure. While we wait, more generally, why should these admitted students choose Michigan? (Our faculty, facilities, students, and this fabulous publication for which they should all write, not speaking for themselves.)

DZ: The RG has been an important decision-making factor in numerous enrollments, that’s true: The promise of writing for this highly prestigious paper. It’s the one institution, I think, in the Law School where you really do see the kind of cut-throat competition that we’ve tried to stamp out in other places. Don’t you think? I mean, that guy you killed to become the EIC, what’s up with that?

RG: [laughs] It was my impression from Constitutional Law that I don’t have to answer questions like this.

DZ: Good point. Glad you’ve studied. So, why should they choose Michigan? That answer, in all seriousness, is going to be different for every person. And Michigan will not be the right choice for every person. If, for example, I’m talking to a preview participant and suggest that that person goes to, say, Columbia; that would be a suggestion that I don’t think that person is a great fit here. [laughs] That’s just one of my little tricks. But, I think the thing that stands out about Michigan is the people. That’s why we try and structure preview weekend to give our guests as much opportunity to meet as many people around here as possible. If you detest the people you meet, that’s a good sign it’s not the right fit for you.

RG: What are the kinds of things that would lead you to suggest someone go to Columbia?

DZ: Some really bad behavior. Believe me, I’ve seen it. I’m not going to elaborate.

RG: Ok. Well, you just said that the people are a big part of the reason to come to Michigan. Now, all modesty aside, you’ve done a good job getting great students so far. However, you yourself admitted on the admissions website that “past performance is no guarantee of future success.” Since all of the current students these admitted folks will be meeting today will be gone before they are done (at least we hope! What are the stats for failing a year of law school?), how do you plan to keep attracting the same caliber and character of students that will make their coming here worthwhile?

DZ: Again, I’m going to give you a serious answer, which I know is out of character for me. But, I actually do think the fact that we say this, have consistently said this about ourselves, and that other people say this about us too, is what...
makes it keep happening. It’s self selected. There are actually people in this world who really don’t care who they go to law school with. Who really don’t value being in a classroom with people that they like and that they think are funny. Those people find our preoccupation with community loathsome and hateful. They go somewhere else.

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**RG:** Speaking of the character of admitted law students, a recent article in the Ann Arbor Observer reminded us that Charles Guiteau was denied admission to our Law School in 1859. For those who don’t know, Mr. Guiteau went on to assassinate President Garfield some twenty years later. Even though it may have been before your time as Dean of Admissions (I think, I haven’t checked that stat.), what does it say to you that a presidential assassin wasn’t able to get into the University of Michigan Law School?

**DZ:** I wasn’t the one to deny Guiteau. But, his denial shows that we are consistent; over a hundred and fifty years of caring... no, not a hundred and fifty, almost a hundred and fifty years—I can’t do math, as you know—almost a hundred and fifty years of caring about the caliber of the character of the people we admit. Now, it’s true that the Observer article said something about how he needed remedial Latin before he could get in; but, I like to think that some ancient predecessor of mine saw through to his, what did they call it, his “irksome personality.”

**RG:** Yet, recent events have highlighted the importance of diversity to the Michigan student body. Considering how very rare presidential assassins are, wouldn’t the addition of one add an otherwise missing voice to our Law School chorus?

**DZ:** I think it’s likely that presidential assassins, in general, are going to have bad personalities; and, therefore, that is a higher order value that is going to have to take precedence over the desire to get one of every possible type of person in the class.

**RG:** Oh well. Now that we’ve convinced these admitted students that Michigan is so great, what happens if they all come?

**DZ:** I’ll be working somewhere else next year, and in some other capacity. We actually almost had that happen with the graduating class of 2006. I had thirty-six too many people join us, 406 for the entering class. Dean Baum told me 410 was the absolute limit in terms of the number of chairs. So, it was kinda scary there for a little while.

**RG:** What do you do at that point?

**DZ:** Well, I knecapped a few people. Oh god! That 5th Amendment thing, you’ve got me! Wait, no, the statute of limitations has run. I’m safe.

**RG:** Ok. Moving on. The admissions video hints at the possibility of finding your true love here at Michigan, do you think that is true?

**DZ:** Well, if I recall correctly, I think we took out that little part about meeting your spouse from the video. We went back and forth on it, and Dean Caminker, actually, thought we should take that out. But, it is actually absolutely true, lots of people come here and get married.

**RG:** Did Dean Caminker at least give a reason why he wanted that out of the video?

**DZ:** He was very mysterious about it. He didn’t really explain it, as I recall. He just didn’t like it. He, I suspect, thought he was going to get sued if it didn’t happen. He’s very lawsuits conscious, you know.¹

¹When questioned about this decision, Dean Caminker claimed that the section of the video in question was “a bit hokey” and that space needed to be made for new interviews. He added that he knows of “a number of couples that met here and then married; I bet we average one or two such marriages each year, maybe more because I don’t necessarily hear about all of them. In fact, one of the things I like so much about the student body here is that so many people are so lovable—how could it be otherwise, with Dean Zearfoss making the calls? Whatever reason led us to edit that one comment in the older video, it wasn’t a fear of false advertising!”

**RG:** Speaking of which, what do you think of the idea of a student’s own poor typing skills as the basis for a suit against the Law School?

**DZ:** I’m going to say this: I’m a very fast typist myself. That’s all I’m saying. I’m seriously not supposed to comment; but, believe me, I have some thoughts.

**RG:** Are you normally invited to the weddings that result from two Michigan Law folks?

**DZ:** I’ve never been invited to one! Is that not outrageous? I did get invited, recently, to a wedding of a Michigan Law grad who married a Georgetown Law grad, but I didn’t go. Truly, I found the whole concept sort of upsetting. But I’d like to be invited to a Michigan Law-Michigan Law union. I’d get a good gift: Something with an ‘M’ emblazoned on it.

**RG:** Do you at least take credit for the matches that work out?

**DZ:** I’d like to. I think that’s a good deed that might get me into heaven, and make up for some other stuff I’ve done.

**RG:** What other stuff is that?

**DZ:** We’ll, let’s say the 4500 people I deny annually. They’re probably not wishing me well.

**RG:** For those of us who are single, do you keep an eye out for our potential matches when making admissions decisions? Have you ever been tempted to play matchmaker with people that seem a perfect couple-to-be?

**DZ:** I do. I love matchmaking. I’ve had some successes too. I’ll keep an eye out for you.

**RG:** I appreciate that. Would you ever be tempted to run a “Dean Zearfoss’ Dating Service?”

**DZ:** You mean where I set people up on blind dates? Yeah, that would be fun, CONTINUED on Next Page
wouldn’t it! I like that idea. I could be like one of those online dating services. I’ve got lots of information about you.

RG: And, now that you don’t use it against contestants in Mr. Wolverine, this is the only way we’d get that information out.

DZ: That is right; otherwise it would be just wasted. All that data with nowhere to go.

RG: On an arguably related topic: If Michigan Law students tend to find matches among other Michigan Law students, and if having at least one parent who graduated from Michigan Law School weighs in favor of an applicant, is there a worry about possible inbreeding and eventual genetic drift among future Michigan Law students? Do you take any steps to ensure the introduction of ‘wild’ genes to our little pool?

DZ: [blank stare] I’ll look into it.

RG: Well, we are nearing the end of our time together. Before we go, could you please settle one long outstanding question: Which group is cooler, summer starters or fall starters?

DZ: I think this is kind of a Beatles/Rolling Stones conundrum, and I don’t think it has an actual answer.

RG: Ok. Well, can you at least answer the question we skipped form earlier: What is the one thing you think each admitted student should see/do/experience before deciding whether to come to Michigan?

DZ: Hmm. Ok: Drinking a beer, while standing in a snow bank, and eating a Zingerman’s sandwich—in order to have the complete Michigan Law experience.

DZ: Oh god, good point! Alright, yes, let’s add: While listening to that -do they still do that Law Library taped tour thing?

RG: Yes, the audio tour; you have to listen to that for Legal Practice class.

DZ: Yeah, the Law Library audio tour to soak up a little knowledge.

RG: Ok. I still notice that the complete Michigan experience includes no professors.

DZ: [laughs] Standing next to you in the snow bank would be J.J. White and he’d be telling you to stop whining about the cold.

RG: He’s already done that to me.

DZ: Well, he does take a semester in San Diego now, so I don’t think you should take him too seriously.

RG: Thank you for taking the time to speak with us today, and good luck with those paper cuts!

DZ: You’re welcome.

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Caminker “Hottest” Dean In The Nation

By Austin Rice-Stitt

M ichigan Law School Dean Evan Caminker fortified his reputation as America’s “hottest” law school dean this month by winning the male division of the prestigious “Law School Dean Hotties Contest” sponsored by Abovethelaw.com. Dean Caminker entered this year’s contest as the clear frontrunner and cruised to an easy victory, garnering 32% of the votes in the seven-dean field.

Testimonials posted on the site make it clear that Caminker’s “smoking hotness” is appreciated by both women and men alike. “The Caminkster is a hottie —no doubt about it!” gushed one poster, while another, who claims to get dizzy in Caminker’s presence, labeled him “a god.” Another poster assured readers that Caminker “has the gay vote.”

Caminker took the news of his ascension to the throne of dean hotness in stride and was quick to share the credit for his success: “It was a team effort,” Caminker insisted. “Everyone gave 110% and wouldn’t quit.”

While Dean Caminker’s presence here might make it easy to overlook hotness on the part of other UM Law deans, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Steven Croley could not be ignored. Dean Croley, noted for his resemblance to Tom Cruise, finished 4th in this year’s voting, securing 10% of the votes cast. Croley fans praised his ability to showcase his “pretty-boy appeal” one day and his “irresistible masculinity” the next.

A hearty congratulations is in order for both Dean Caminker and Dean Croley. Without these two in town, Ann Arbor winters would be that much colder.
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
1. Women Law Students Association
2. Student Network for Asylum & Refugee Law Project
3. South Asian Law Students Association
4. Senate Qualified Law Students Association
5. scribbles!
6. Res Gestae
7. Real Estate Law Society
8. Outlaws
9. Organization of Public Interest Students
By Austin Rice-Stitt

UM Law's experiment with blocking students from accessing the wireless network during class time came to an abrupt halt with a Nov. 20 email from Assistant Dean for Student Affairs David Baum. The email to all law students said that the internet blocking system, which was discontinued on Nov. 26, had grown “less and less effective” and that the costs of keeping the system in place “outweigh the benefits.” Professors will now be responsible for establishing and enforcing an internet policy in their classes, according to Dean Baum.

Dean Baum said that the decision to stop using the system was made by the Administration and then “brought to the faculty for discussion.” The faculty “did not object” to restoring access.

The wireless access blocking system was put up in the fall of 2005 in response to professor concerns that students were becoming less engaged during classes, according to Dean Baum. Prior to the installation of the blocking system, Prof. Don Herzog reported that he observed a class at UM Law where “literally 85 to 90 percent of the students” were engaged in various online endeavors including “shopping for clothes at Eddie Bauer.” Prof. Herzog was “just stunned.”

Dean Baum confirmed that there were some students who disagreed with the initial decision to restrict access, but he said that there were also students who appreciated the Administration’s efforts to “save them from themselves.”

But more and more students were finding ways to get on the web in spite of the blocking system, according to Dean Baum. Roaming internet access from cellular providers is becoming cheaper and easier, and Dean Baum was concerned by reports that students were also beating the system by trading passwords. Trading passwords, according to Dean Baum, “runs counter to the University’s recommendations for appropriate and responsible use of technology resources,” and is a security concern because passwords also give “access to grades and financial information,” among other things. Dean Baum said that the administration saw that “enough people were finding ways around [the blocking system]… that we felt like it was creating a double standard.”

Additionally, the inability of the blocking system to adjust to class cancellations had become a headache for the Administration. Access is supposed to be restored when class is cancelled, but Dean Baum confirmed that restoration “often wasn’t happening” and that the Registrar’s Office staff was spending too much time trying to restore access to frustrated students.

Dean Baum said that he wasn’t sure if UM Law would choose to block the internet if the practical costs were less substantial, but he feels that it may be counter-productive for the school to compete in a virtual “arms race” with tech-savvy students.
MLCC Presents:  

The Best of Ann Arbor

These are the venues that the Culinary Club’s members voted for as the best restaurants, pubs, bakeries, and more! Culinary Club Editors’ Choice(s) in bold.

**Best Restaurant Around**
1) Eve, 2) Zingerman’s Roadhouse, 3) Grizzly Peak, 4) Common Grill

**Best Happy Hour Nosh**
1) Rush Street, 2) The Earle, 3) Metro Café, 4) Weber’s Grill

**Best Breakfast**
1) Café Zola, 2) Angelo’s, 3) Afternoon Delight, 4) Frank’s, 5) The Broken Egg (tied with) 5) Northside Grill, 7) Autism Bar (Sundays only), 8) Zingerman’s Roadhouse

**Best Burger**
1) Red Hawk, 2) Side Track Bar and Grill (Ypsilanti), 3) Crazy Jim’s Blimpie Burger, 4) Ashley’s

**Cheap Meals Near Campus**
1) BTB, 2) Zaz’s, 3) Pita Kabob Grill, 4) Potbelly’s, 5) Le Dog, 6) Red Hot Lovers, 7) NYPD, 8) Rich JC Korean

**Best Italian**
1) Gratzi, 2) Bella Ciao, 3) Palio, 4) Argiero’s, 5) Silvio’s, 6) Paesano’s, 7) Olive Garden, 8) Romano’s

**Best Sandwich/Deli**
1) Zingerman’s, 2) Amer’s, 3) Ali Baba, 4) Maize and Blue Deli, 5) Potbelly’s, 6) Pita Kabob Grill, 7) Jimmy John’s, 8) Great Harvest, 9) Panera, 10) Cosi, 11) Quizno’s, 11) Subway

**Best Ice Cream**
1) Washtenaw Dairy, 2) Stucchi’s, 3) Ben and Jerry’s, 4) Kilwin’s

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**Best Bakery**
1) Zingerman’s, 2) Great Harvest, 3) Big City Small World, 4) Panera

**Best Donuts/Pastries**
1) Zingerman’s, 2) Cake Nouveau, 3) Washtenaw Dairy

**Best Splurge Dinner**
1) Eve, 2) Common Grill (tied with) 2) Real Seafood, 4) West End Grill, 5) Vinology, 6) Chop House, 7) Gandy Dancer, 8) Amadeus, 9) Cherry Blossom

**Best Sushi/Japanese Food**
1) Sodako, 2) Miki, 3) Totoro, 4) Godaiko, 5) Cherry Blossom (tied with) 5) Makkara, 7) Sushi.Come

**Best Thai**
1) No Thai, 2) Marnee Thai, 3) Lotus Thai, 4) Sivathai

**Best Korean**
1) Seoul Garden, 2) Bewon, 3) JC Rich, 4) Kosmo’s

**Best Chinese**
1) TK Wu, 2) China Gate, 3) Middle Kingdom, 4) Dynasty Buffet (Ypsilanti), 5) Asian Legend (tied with) 5) Evergreen

**Best Indian**
1) Temptations (Ypsilanti), 2) Shalimar, 3) Madras Masala, 4) Raja Rani

**Best Latino**
1) Pilar’s Tamales, 2) Sabor Latino, 3) Prickly Pear, 4) Chipotle, 5) BTB, 6) Qdoba, 7) Taqueria La Loma, 8) The Burrito Joint, 9) La Fiesta Mexicana, 10) Banditos

**Best Vegetarian**
1) Seva (tied with) 1) Earthen Jar

**Best Middle Eastern**
1) Ali Baba’s, 2) Jerusalem Garden (tied with) 2) Ayse’s Café (Turkish), 4) Pita Kabob Grill, 5) Oasis Café, Write-in: Charlie’s La Shish (will be renamed Charlie’s Mediterranean soon)

**Best Pub**
1) Ashley’s, 2) Leopold Brothers, 3) Grizzly Peak, 4) Arbor Brewing Company, 5) Conor O’Neill’s, 6) Brown Jug, 7) The Rathskeller, 8) Rick’s

**Best Wine Shop**
1) Morgan & York, 2) Bello Vino Marketplace, 3) Trader Joe’s, 4) Everyday Wine, Write-in: Village Corner

**Best Dive Bar**
1) Alley Bar, 2) The Rathskeller, 3) Eight Ball

**Best Pizza**

**Bulk Foods**
1) Whole Foods, 2) By the Pound, 3) People’s Food Co-op

**Best Grocery**
1) Trader Joe’s, 2) Busch’s, 3) Hiller’s, 4) Whole Foods, 5) Bello Vino, 6) Kroger, 7) People’s Food Co-op, 8) Arbor Farms

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Getting Down with the Deborahs:
Spotlight on the Snack Bar Staff

By Malak Hamwi

When Deborah Long left her job as a kitchen cleaner at South Quad nearly a decade ago to work at the Law School's Snack Bar, she prepared herself for the worst. Her coworkers had warned her about the "snooty people" roaming around Hutchins Hall; but, much to Deborah's surprise, the rumors didn't hold true.

"People still ask me, 'How's it going over there? You still like your job?' and I say yeah. You know from the [students'] attitude that you're appreciated," she says.

Deborah came to the Snack Bar in 1997 as a temporary employee and became the permanent supervisor the following year. Her promotion marked the beginning of major changes to the venue.

When Deborah first arrived at the Snack Bar, only a few bagged items were offered and the limited salads and cold sandwiches that were sold had to be brought over from South Quad each day. Deborah decided that, to ensure the freshness of the food, she would start making the salads and sandwiches herself. She introduced a greater variety of sandwiches and brought in a grill to start offering hot items, including the popular grilled cheese and egg and cheese sandwiches. In addition, she upped the variety of snack foods and ended the Snack Bar's no self-service motto by moving the microwave, cold drinks, and coffee urns outside.

"Everything is completely different. It's been a tremendous change," she says.

In 2003 Deborah set out in search of an assistant supervisor and among the half dozen replies she received to her online ad, Debbie Cordle's stood out.

"When I saw her name something just clicked there for me," Deborah says.

Debbie, who had spent over a decade as manager of a Taco Bell and was back on the market for a full-time job, immediately accepted Deborah's offer - though not without her own hesitation.

"I was very apprehensive, thinking these law students are going to be so snooty, but it's totally not the case," says Debbie, noting she's only had two bad run-ins in her three years at the Law School. "I was very impressed."

And so the duo, sometimes dubbed "the Deborahs," began their partnership. This year Deborah and Debbie are running the Snack Bar with the help of three undergrad employees. Their duties, however, don't stop at the basement of Hutchins. The two also manage the new coffee cart in the student lounge and are responsible for keeping the faculty lounge and tea room fully stocked for professors and administrators.

"People come in here to purchase something and don't know all that goes in behind that," Deborah says.

Every week, Deborah arrives at the Law School at 6 a.m. and Debbie, after an hour-long commute, comes in just before 7. Before the snack bar opens at 7:30 a.m., the two have unloaded the daily shipment of food and supplies, set up donuts, bagels, and coffee in the tea room, tidied the Snack Bar, balanced the cash register, stocked the faculty lounge, and arranged the coffee and treats in Room 200.

The work they do can be physically tiring, but Deborah and Debbie don't plan to hire any more help. Paying another employee would force them to increase prices, taking away from their top priority: keeping prices low for the students.

The Snack Bar is not a for-profit venture. Every semester, the goal is simply to break even and typically, the Deborahs say, they come up short. Deborah sets all the prices and says that in her 9 years at the snack bar she has never raised prices more than 10 cents - an increase in response to a manufacturer upping its prices.

As mothers - each with a college-aged daughter and teenage son - Deborah and Debbie say they understand that students are strapped for cash and stressed, so they try their best to accommodate students with low pricing and friendly service.

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Law School Is Not A Beauty Contest
... Or Is It?

By Nate Kurtis

I'm not sure about the rest of you, but I didn't have a clue what I was getting myself into when I applied to the University of Michigan Law School. Honestly, two years in, I'm still not 100% sure what I'm doing, but a few recent survey results have certainly helped me feel quite good about my choice of law schools (the weather of recent weeks notwithstanding). I'm not talking about the US News & World Report rankings -though we do rather well there, too. No, it is two other, highly scientific, polls which have filled me with such pride.

The first is last semester's Above the Law.com poll, which ranked our own Dean Evan Caminker as the 'Hottest Male Law School Dean' (See "Caminker 'Hottest' Dean In The Nation" on page 9 of this issue of Res Gestae). The second, more recent result was from a survey by Harris Interactive for the American Institute of Architects (AIA) - published in the Wall Street Journal - which ranked the University of Michigan Law Library 94th on a list of best loved American architecture. This places our Law Library on a list that includes such treasures as the National Cathedral and the Lincoln Memorial, and ranks us above Radio City Music Hall, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Camden Yards, the Corning Museum of Glass, and the Astrodome, to name a few.

There is some confusion as to just which building the AIA meant to honor, since the architect and photograph are of the Reading Room, but the survey listing is of the Law Library, a name that has been associated with the Smith Addition for over twenty years. Margaret Leary, Director of the University of Michigan Law Library, was quick to point out that “it doesn’t matter, because both are worthy of being high on a list of favorite buildings. Legal Research was designed by York & Sawyer, who designed the entire Law Quad, as well as the Martha Cook building. They were considered at the time (1920s and early 1930s) to be a preeminent firm. They were strongly influenced, and pushed to even better design work, by William W. Cook, who paid for it all. The Smith Addition, designed by equally renowned ‘international style’ architect Gunnar Birkerts, has won awards from the AIA and the ALA, and is probably one of the very best underground buildings (buildings, not just libraries) in the world.”

Leary added, “the fact that we ranked above buildings that I would have guessed would be better known (how many people come to Ann Arbor, compared to those much larger sites?) is quite amazing, and a tremendous tribute to the architects, and to the wisdom of the Law School over the years in investing in such fine buildings.”

Though unexpected, our ranking among the most beloved building in America should come as no surprise to those who’ve spent time on our Quad. “Everyone who has ever visited the University knows about this absolute gem of a building and space, both stunning for its appearance and inspirational for its statement about the majesty of the law,” beamed Dean Evan “Hotness” Caminker. He added, “[it’s wonderful that the WSJ survey will bring greater awareness of this gem to the entire country.”

Sarah Zearfoss, Dean of Admissions, echoed Dean Caminker, noting that while “Michigan Law doesn’t generally put much stock in rankings – except, of course, when Evan Caminker was named ‘hottest law school dean’ via a rigorously scientific and methodologically sound survey – we’re nonetheless pleased that the world has recognized what all of us and our 19,800 alumni already know: that our Law Library is an extraordinary edifice and its Reading Room is, by any measure, an exquisitely beautiful and inspiring setting for the study of law.”

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Reading (Room) When The Lights Go Out: Study Space To Close For Renovations

By Nate Kurtis

Last Tuesday, Dean Caminker announced in a 12:51 a.m. e-mail message to the Law School community that the Reading Room will be closed for renovations beginning after exams this term. Renovations to the lights in the Reading Room, which are part of a larger plan to update the lighting and wiring in the Law School, will “improve energy efficiency, brightness and evenness,” according to Dean Caminker. The fifty-foot vaulted cathedral ceiling will also be restored, and the study tables will be refinished.

“The lighting in the Reading Room is in desperate need of renovation,” says Hadi Husain, 3L and LSSS President. “If you compare our Reading room to that of peer institutions – Yale’s reading room is similar— you can see the need for refurbishment. Of course, none of this would be possible without the incredibly generous gift from Mr. Munger,” added Husain.

Charlie Munger, a founder of the law firm Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, gave $3 million for the renovations. Mr. Munger was an undergraduate at the University of Michigan for a year and a half before he was drafted into World War II.

In an e-mailed response to questions on the renovation, Dean Caminker noted that “[t]he idea of upgrading the lighting (and the accompanying electrical infrastructure) was Charlie Munger’s. In his words, he likes ‘fixing things that are broken and that no one else will fix.’ Well, the lighting is ‘broken’ in the sense that it is not very functional and is energy inefficient and relies on decaying wiring, and no one else is likely to come along with an interest in investing in our infrastructure. So the lighting project fits nicely his description of his philanthropic interests.”

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During the planned renovations, the Reading Room will be closed to studiers and unnecessary foot traffic, though professor offices and the elevators will remain open. Law Students will be able to study in the Smith Addition, which will remain open until the Reading Room’s normal 2 a.m. closing time, according to Law Library Director Margaret Leary. Ms. Leary believes that there should be enough space in the underground Law Library to accommodate students who wish to study. While the Reading Room is open to the public to use, the Smith Addition will remain off limits to non-law students.

Student reaction to the announced closing of this popular study space has been mixed. “I’m disappointed,” said Emily Breuker, a second year MBA who came to study in the Reading Room last Friday for sentimental reasons after learning about the planned closing. She added, “[The Reading Room] feels much more academic than the Business School library, which is tables and very florescent lights and is not always quiet, and so I feel more intelligent when I’m in here.” Mitchell Crispell, a Freshman in LS&A, explained, “I like how there is an expectation of silence, and it is very beautiful. If I want to look up, it’s very pretty.”

Sehar Siddiqi, 3L, goes to the Reading Room to study between classes. She notes, “It’s actually just more convenient. You don’t have to walk all the way down and find a quiet space . . . Here, you just grab a table and work and it’s easy. During the day, the lighting here is pretty good so, it’s useful.” Siddiqi adds: “I’m not sure, seat-wise, how [everyone studying in the Smith Addition] is going to work out because, while it appears that there are a lot of carrels, at least on Sub-2 quite a few of them belong to my journal . . . On Sub-3 a lot of those carrels are reserved for journal work as well, so my biggest concern is seating. Maybe not on a daily basis, but there will be crunch times when it will be hard [to find a seat].”

The Reading Room is not only used for studying. This jewel of the Law Quad, which was ranked 94th in a recent American Institute of Architects survey of the best-loved American architecture (See “Law School Is Not A Beauty Contest... Or Is It?” on the facing page of this issue of Res Gestae), is featured on admissions tours of the Law School and is the site of at least one event each Preview Weekend. “I predict nothing less than the decline and fall of western civilization as a result of the cleaning of the lamps in the Reading Room,” cautioned Sarah Zearfoss, Dean of Admissions, sarcastically. Dean Zearfoss went on to explain that she does not “think the cleaning of the Reading Room lamps will affect either [admissions] yield or our ranking. Last time I checked, USNWR had taken the lumens per wattage category out of its calculus. The Admissions Office staff, being rather clever, will re-route the tour so that we don’t actually have to wear hard hats—and we have already planned something new for Preview [Weekend]. Finally, because every single member of our community is as charming and engaging as the Reading Room is beautiful, I think we will be able to make up for the temporary loss of the space.”

The Reading Room was chosen as the first step in this infrastructure upgrade because the work in that space will take the most time. The renovations will then continue into Hutchins Hall and the 9th floor of Legal Research, where work is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2008. At present, there are no plans to update the wiring or lighting of any classrooms as part of this project.

"On the whole," concluded Dean Zearfoss, “I think a one-semester cleaning and upgrade once a century is a fairly small inconvenience.”
Are You Geographically Confused?
Commonly Asked Questions At Michigan Law

By The RG Staff

Q: I thought I was in the Reading Room, but I’m surrounded by undergrads talking on cell phones trying to put the moves on each other. Where am I?

A: You are actually in the Reading Room which, in addition to being the pick-up place for course packets and examination numbers, is another sort of pick-up place entirely if you’re into that kind of undergraduate extracurricular activity.

Q: Okay. I don’t get it. If I’m inside the Law School, standing in front of 100 Hutchins, how do I get to the Reading Room?

A: 1) It’s complicated. 2) Go outside, and feel your way back in. Use the force, which is with you always. 3) Go down the stairs and wander through the entrails of the basement until you happen upon the stairs leading up to the Reading Room or the glass doors leading to the underground library. It’s that simple!

Q: Why is the elevator in Hutchins so slow?

A: It isn’t. Digestion in the stomach takes 5-6 hours. Also, the gestation period for humans is 9 months. Besides, Michaelangelo once said that “Genius is eternal patience.” So there.

Q: Does Hutchins Hall have anything to do with the word, “hutch?” Like, will I see any giant bunny rabbits running around?

A: No. It does, however, have a lot to do with the 70’s cop series “Starsky and Hutch.”

Q: Why is it so hard to find an unlocked door to Hutchins after school hours?

A: Reverse psychology. Some years ago, a brilliant administrator figured out that denying simple access to law students would be a great way to trick them into thinking they actually wanted to be inside all the time. When you get that itch to check your pendaflx at 1:32 AM, try going in through the Reading Room. The door is located... oh, forget it.

Q: Why does sub-2 seem like sub-zero?

A: The underground library is where the Law School refrigerates its students to keep us crispy, fresh and alert - a process originally developed to preserve our professors. Don’t ask about the “Giant Fresh Vegetable Drawer.” Some things are better left unknown. Just realize it has a lot to do with “tenure.”

Q: What happens if I don’t have my ID verifying my law student status when I reach the Sub-1 checkpoint?

A: They put you in the “Giant Fresh Vegetable Drawer.”

Q: Are there any other places I can go if I want to be really cold?

A: Try the basement Snack Lounge where your body temperature will drop several degrees upon entry, or stand outside virtually anywhere during the winter.

Q: What is “Legal Research?”

A: Legal Research is the building where the law school stores some of its oldest library materials and professors. Watch out for the tricky floor numbering; the Reading Room is located on the third floor (not the first), and all even floor numbers are seemingly inaccessible unless you never want to see the light of day again. (Ever.) Legal Research rivals the “Giant Fresh Vegetable Drawer” as the proverbial Law School Bermuda Triangle.

Q: What happens if I find myself in a dark void where nothing makes sense?

A: Most likely, you have fallen asleep for the first time in class. Carl Jung would say that your subconscious is taking this time during your Torts class to express collective racial unconscious memories and instincts shared by all people. Which means you’re not alone in this. Now wake up – they’re calling your name. Just say “respondeat superior” like you know what the hell it means.

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Best Coffee Shop
1) Sweetwater’s, 2) Espresso Royale, 3) Zingerman’s Next Door, 4) Caribou, 5) Café Ambrosia, 6) Beaner’s, 7) Starbucks, 8) Café Verde, 9) Primo Coffee

Best reasons to find a ride to Ypsi:
RedSea (Ethiopian), Dalat (Vietnamese), Side Track (burgers, Irish spring rolls), Taqueria La Loma or Fiesta Mexicana (Mexican), Tuptim (Thai), Banh Na (Thai and Laotian)

And don’t forget these one-of-a-kind places!
Farmer’s Market: Ann Arbor Farmer’s Market, Westside Farmer’s Market (near Zingerman’s Roadhouse)
Specialty Markets: Hua Xing Grocery (diverse Asian foods in Ypsilanti), Sunshine Mart (Middle Eastern)
Jamaican: Jamaican Jerk Pit
Small-batch Distillery: Leopold Brothers
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Yet, while pleased, Dean Zearfoss does quibble with the fact that the Chrysler Building, Washington Monument, and the Golden Gate Bridge managed to squeak out higher positions. She believes the result is because "most of the 2000 survey respondents have never been to the Quad and are correspondingly clueless about the true beauty of this architectural gem in which we live and work. They've also completely ignored the element of function. Where, we might ask, would you rather study black letter law -- in the Reading Room, the Gateway Arch in Saint Louis, or Grand Central Station? The latter two are ranked higher than us, by the way, which proves the point."

Even with all this recent fame, Dean Zearfoss urges us not to let it all go to our heads: "It's good to know that we've earned some bragging rights, but we urge you to be magnanimous with your peers at Harvard, Yale, and Stanford, as we're confident the students and faculty of the Golden Gate Bridge and Grand Central Station Schools of Law will be magnanimous to us."

SNACK BAR, from Page 13

"I want someone to be treating my children like I treat the students that come in here," says Debbie, adding that she and Deborah try to meet all student requests for items, as they have in the past by bringing in carrots, Ranch dressing, and veggie burgers.

Because they try hard to keep prices low, Deborah and Debbie say they were upset by the ruckus over the higher cost of coffee in the student lounge ("Coffee Cart Arrives in 200 HH," November 7, 2006 issue of Res Gestae) -- a difference they say is simply attributed to the higher quality coffee and cups they decided to use.

"I care about the people who come in here, and I would never ever try to rip anybody off. It bothered me that people would think I would do that," Debbie recalls. "I think we took it too personally, but it does kind of hurt your feelings."

Despite the small bumps in the road, Deborah and Debbie plan to continue working at the Snack Bar for the foreseeable future. Both say they enjoy their jobs and have fun with each other and interacting with the students each day.

"I feel service is my gift," Deborah says. "What brings me to work every day is to be able to serve and make sure people are happy."

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Con Law ruin a perfectly good sex life, the terrorists win.

-Rooks

Law school has driven me to drink in a big way; is there a way to get a bartender's attention quickly without having breasts?

-Alcoholic Lawyer is Slightly Redundant

ALSR,
This is something I normally wouldn't address in this column for two reasons: 1) it's tangentially related to sex at best, and 2) I, in fact, have breasts, so it's not really an issue with which I concern myself. However, in the interest of encouraging y'all to ply me with your sex questions, no matter how random, I'll give it a go. I think the key thing to remember about bartenders, ALSR, is that they're in it for the money; no matter how regular you are, money is the way to a barkeep's heart. Thus your options for being served quickly are pretty open, provided they all involve cash. Probably the best way is to be a regular, tip well, and always order the same drink. Barring what I'd call simple sight recognition, I've found that leaning on the bar with cash or card visibly in hand is the quickest way to garner prompt service -- it clearly indicates that you're ready to order and, more importantly, ready to pay. Once you have a drink at the ready, distracted though you may be by the sweet nectar of the gods so recently dispensed to you, tip well. Bartenders have an eye for good tippers, cleavage notwithstanding, which should keep you deep in your cups for the evening's duration.

-Rooks

To submit a question or idea for Res Gestae's new sex columnist, please feel free to e-mail rg@umich.edu, or, if you'd prefer greater anonymity, deposit your question under cover of night in the RG student group pendaflex outside Legal Research 116.
Behind Closed Doors: Law School Bathrooms

By Tim Harrington and Bria LaSalle

There are many things that all Michigan Law students have in common. We were all handpicked by Dean Zearfoss. We all enjoy the pleasure of studying in the classically beautiful environs of the Law Quad. And we all suffer the insufficient lavatory facilities of Hutchins Hall. Armed with a few gallons of Gatorade and our laptops, we set out to more fully discover the Law School’s bathroom offerings.

Location: Women’s bathroom, S-3; Men’s bathroom, S-2
Upshot: Spacious and sterile

Bria: The fluorescent lights in the Law Library tend to make me sleepy, so it has been a while since I last ventured down here. Bathroom-wise, this was clearly my mistake. After trekking down the Escher-esque switchback stairs for what seemed like an eternity, I stumbled into this spacious, blue-tiled jewel of a facility. The ridiculous nature of my bathroom at home (the toilet’s ill-conceived orientation places it so close to the wall one has to sit side-saddle) makes me preternaturally fond of a place so cavernous. The stall here is deep enough to set a bag down, or stalls being used, the urinals are well-frequented. Thankfully, however, there is plenty of space so the more arcane rules of male urinary etiquette rarely come into play. The really remarkable thing about this bathroom is the experimental sinks. They are like small troughs, with foot pedals that activate fountain-like streams of water...almost as if they were designed for someone to easily handlaunder their delicates. While the most interesting feature of the bathroom is the sinks, it shouldn’t be overlooked that this bathroom admirably serves its function. The traffic flow is steady and moves easily.

Bria: The layout of this bathroom follows an organizational philosophy that is the exact inverse of a mullet: business in the back, party in the front. Women’s bathrooms often have some sort of front room, and I’ve never been entirely sure why. I suppose it would be useful if one had an infant in tow, but otherwise I’m at a loss. This year, this particular anteroom has undergone a recent facelift. The small table and chair in the corner is almost completely obscured by the two giant, antiseptic blue couches that now face each other from opposite walls and offer lengthy landing pads for backpacks and coats. The little table will always take center stage for me, however, as it was there that I once found a partial roll of industrial toilet paper that made its way into my backpack during a particularly frantic part of 1L year and saved my bathroom at home from its paperless state.

The actual bathroom is an entirely different place. A sharp contrast to the wide-open spaces of the anteroom, three tiny stalls are crammed along with two sinks into a space that would qualify for a reasonably-sized walk-in closet anywhere else. This creates a particularly fun bit of awkwardness every time someone tries to enter or exit a stall while someone else is washing their hands. Just now, before I entered this stall, I had a typical experience with a hand-washer: accidental eye contact, which is quickly averted, a quarter-smile, and some form of “excuse me” blurted out under each of our breaths in a hybrid speak-sigh tone reserved solely for this sort of awkward I-wish-you-weren’t-here-either tango.

The stalls themselves are dark; the floor in mine is a bit wet. And when I exit, I’ll have to make the wretched choice I always have to make at the sinks in this bathroom: scald or freeze? These are sinks from the baffling olden days before people discovered the beauty of warm water, made from mixing hot and cold together. There’s one tap for hot, and a separate tap for cold; neither messes around. I generally don’t shy from hot water – I take completely scalding showers – but today the hot tap is so hot I can’t take it.

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Truly, there is nothing about this one that makes me want to linger. I am generally not afraid to camp and read (I may know the identity of the summer associate at my firm – last summer who surreptitiously snuck her Blackberry into the bathroom with her so she could play Brickbreaker on the can), but the combination of small space, poor lighting, and heavy traffic tends to make me emphasize speed over leisure.

**Location: Basement near old locker room**
**Upshot: Large, but eerie**

**Bria:** Ever since traffic died quite a bit down here due to the locker room reorganization, this bathroom has become rather dead. From the second stall on the left side of the room, I’m more than a little creeped out by the flickering overhead light. Still, every time I come to this bathroom, I laugh. There’s one giant stall at the back of the room with a sign that reads “PLEASE DO NOT USE WHEELCHAIR ACCESS BATHROOM FOR A CHANGING ROOM.” And yet, I saw a different person using that stall to change into a suit every time I came to this bathroom during my 1L year. It’s the little, everyday ironies that make the long trek to adequate bathroom facilities feel like that much less of an imposition.

**Tim:** The nice thing about the men’s room by the lockers is that you can feel like you’re in the Big House. There are about a dozen urinals in a row, and when people run down there between classes, you get a pretty good line of dudes doing their business. It’s also nicely designed in that the stalls are all kept out of sight around the corner. And there is a nice large table right in the middle on which to plop your book bag. I think my favorite part of this bathroom, however, is how every time I wash my hands in there, I always start somewhere in the middle of the row sinks, realize that there is no soap in the first dispenser, and am forced to try several of them on the way down the row, until I’ve turned on every sink and tried every dispenser and am now all the way at the end of the row by the paper towel dispenser. For some reason I never learn....

**Location: Women’s Bathrooms, 3rd Floor Hutchins Hall; 9th Floor Legal Research**
**Upshot: Magazines, air freshener, and personalized soap!**

**Bria:** I dearly love the bathrooms in the Law School that enjoy regular faculty and staff use. Students are quite transient with respect to the bathrooms in both Hutchins and Legal Research; none of us have an individual locus here, like an office. The professors and staff members have a home base and, by extension, become dedicated to their local bathroom. As far as the female faculty and staff go, it looks like the move-in process includes contributing a bathroom product.

Both the Hutchins 3rd floor and Legal Research 9th floor women’s bathrooms have a bounty of soaps, lotions, and gratuitously large cans of air freshener. The latter makes me giggle every time I see it; it’s as though the bathroom regulars are terrified of the idea that a student or coworker will enter the bathroom and realize that someone has recently hatched something dangerous. As if that’s not enough of an amusing distraction, the first stall on the 3rd floor of Hutchins routinely has a magazine; currently, it is Cottage Living, and I am learning a little something extra about easy romantic gardens. The 9th floor, though conspicuously lacking in reading material, smells faintly of donuts. I simply cannot complain.

**Location: Unisex Bathrooms, 1st and 2nd Floor of Hutchins Hall**
**Upshot: Space, space, and more space**

**Tim:** Ok, here’s the deal: the second-floor bathroom in Hutchins is gone. They locked it. You’re not getting in. Why? Well, not to get too into the details, but I spoke to the facilities guru for the Law School, Brent Dickman, and he explained that the toilet has a three-minute refill cycle, and therefore when more than three people use it during the 10-minute break between classes, it gets off-cycle and...you can imagine. To replace the toilet and associated plumbing would cost $10,000-$15,000. To replace the lock cost $80. Case closed.

The first-floor bathroom in Hutchins inspires debate. For many, it is too spacious. 2L Karin Kringen said she feels vulnerable in such a large space. 3L Adam “Duby” Dubinsky describes himself as uncomfortable because he is unable to “close his mind and think.” I personally love it. I can spread out and put my bag and jacket on the fold-down baby changing station, and I can set up my computer on the chair next to the toilet. I can open the window and get a breath of fresh air from the courtyard...it’s got everything. I mean, you could move in there. With two sinks, you could wash whites and colors at the same time.

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**Halloween Parties, What Can We Say?**
**Photos by Austin Rice-Stitt & Adriel Sanders**
# Law School Events

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL**
**PREVIEW WEEKEND AT A GLANCE**
Thursday-Saturday, April 3-5, 2008

## THURSDAY

A Hospitality Room is available from noon – 5 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room located in the Lawyers Club.

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<td>Dean's Welcome</td>
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<td>Dinner with Current Students</td>
<td>Pizza House, 618 Church Street</td>
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<td>Bar Night at Rick's, 611 Church Street</td>
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<td>Lunch Break -- Box Lunches Available</td>
<td>Room 150</td>
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<td>Tour of the University of Michigan Central Campus</td>
<td>Leaving from the steps of the Reading Room</td>
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The following sessions are 40 minutes (Note: Career Services will be presented twice; Office of Public Service and Academia/Clerkships will be presented only once) with 5 minutes in between each session.

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<td>Break-Out Session I</td>
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## SATURDAY

The Hospitality Room is NOT available today; the Faculty Dining Room is being used for individual Financial Aid appointments.

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<td>Meet in Lawyers Club Lounge Lobby</td>
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<td>Breakfast Buffet</td>
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<td>Alumni Panel</td>
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<td>11:15 a.m.</td>
<td>Closing Remarks</td>
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- 138 Hutchins Hall - Academic Advising & Curriculum, Dual Degrees, Externships, Moot Court & Student Groups
- 132 Hutchins Hall - Study Abroad, International Programs
- 120 Hutchins Hall - Clinics
- 116 Hutchins Hall - Current Summer Starters