

Ask the Stars: HOROSCOPE

Aries – The stars know that you have been lusting after that hottie on the other side of Crim class. Well it's time to do something about it. Offer to help him with his penal code!

Taurus – A Haiku:

It's not so much art,
As just counting syllables:
Haikus are stupid.

Gemini – Your horoscope this week falls somewhere between the following two quotes:

"Men decide far more problems by hate, love, lust, rage, sorrow, joy, hope, fear, illusion, or some other inward emotion, than by reality, authority, any legal standard, judicial precedent, or statute." – Cicero.

"When you have no basis for an argument, abuse the plaintiff."- Cicero

Cancer – Thank an LSA member this week; if you were at any of this month's events, you probably noticed that they really gave it their all for us. There were lineups, tons of work, and I'm pretty sure they had to deal with at least a handful of intoxicated law students. It's a thankless job, but it doesn't have to be.

Leo – The stars are tired today. They've spent pretty much every day this week at Scholars, and haven't been sleeping well. Maybe you should get the stars some coffee, rather than sitting there, smugly, demanding to be entertained? And if you caught even half of Justice Bielby's incomprehensibly rapid Bankruptcy lecture, could you forward the stars your notes?

Libra – If the practice of law were anything like the Brimacombe selection round, we'd know it was at least short, pretty much unconvincing if you're the appellant, and frequently interrupted with incomprehensible questions. As it stands, at least in real life the respondent might sometimes have a chance.

Virgo – The planetary forces-that-be have had a meeting, and they've come to something of a conclusion: no one sings enough anymore. The stars are hereby forming the U of A Law "Glee Club". The agenda: weekly Karaoke meetings and busking in the LRT stations for change. Also, world peace.

Scorpio – Enjoy law school while you can; responsibilities are at an all time legal low, you only really have to buckle down twice a year, and you're pretty much assured of not being blamed for anything resembling a major catastrophe. The stars think it's pretty funny how all of that

changes the instant you start articling, but what do the stars know?

Sagittarius – To all the first and second years struggling with all of the reading you have to do, don't worry: once you're in third year and have your Article secured, you get to take slacker classes like Techniques in Negotiating a Pay Raise.

Capricorn – A client who felt his legal bill was too high asked his lawyer to itemize costs. The statement included this item: "Was walking down the street and saw you on the other side. Walked to the corner to cross at the light, crossed the street and walked quickly to catch up with you. Got close and saw it wasn't you. --- \$50.00."

Aquarius – The following quotes shall prove useful to you this week. Parrot them at your drunken friends until they want to slap you:

A hangover is the wrath of grapes. ~Author Unknown

Draft beer, not people. ~Author Unknown

Pisces – Think the school wants your money with a fanatic fervor now? Just wait until you're an alumni: they'll pack you into the Winspear Centre behind a crumpled nametag and talk about how much money everyone else has given until you pledge your firstborn. Then the faculty sings a rousing chorus of: money, money, money, money.... Monnnneey!

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Africa: One Student's Journey

Professor Joanna Harrington interviewing Andrew Buddle (3L)

In a series of articles published in Canons last year, Professor Joanna Harrington put together several interviews with law students doing international internships in fields as diverse as environmental law, health law, human rights and development. We continue this series with an interview with Andrew Buddle, a third year student in the Faculty of Law at U of A, who completed an internship this summer at the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA) and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR). Having now returned from The Gambia (located in West Africa), Andrew is finishing his third year of law, and after graduation, he will be articling with Bennett Jones in Edmonton.

JH: How was the summer experience in The Gambia with IHRDA/ACHPR?

AB: It was wonderful! Although the living conditions of an under-developed country made for daily challenges, I feel I was able to make a

positive contribution to the legal community and feel blessed to have experienced life in Africa. I worked with professional, friendly, and intelligent lawyers, and was able to use my legal skills, including research skills, to contribute to on-going human rights litigation. And, I did not contract any life-threatening illnesses (that I know of).

JH: Sounds very interesting. How did this internship come about?

AB: My interest in international human rights work was heightened during my time in the Public International Law course, which I took in second year with Professor Harrington. I followed up with some research in the library and on the Internet, which introduced me to the fascinating development of regional human rights law in Africa. I submitted an extensive application to IHRDA/ACHPR in January, including my research interests and references, and was fortunate enough to be selected.

JH: But travel to and from Africa is very

expensive. How were you able to afford the 3-month experience?

It was a difficult process to secure all of the funding in such a short amount of time for my unpaid internship. I was fortunate to win a travel award from the University of Alberta, but I also had to solicit support from a number of local groups and individuals and then make up the difference from my own meager resources. Interestingly, the other legal interns, from Harvard and NYU, had their trips financed by their schools.

JH: What were the most interesting aspects of the experience?

AB: The legal work was fascinating in that all of the cases before the Commission challenged the governments of African nations to account for the human rights abuses that they committed, or allowed to occur, against their citizens and residents. Getting to know legal professionals, including commissioners and

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Jennifer Young (3L) & Laura Gill (2L)



Wasn't the first day of law school just yesterday?! We are already in the middle of the month and have had tons of great events and have tons more ahead of us. The year started off with the annual pre-orientation party for 1Ls, which was once again held at REDS and sponsored by Blakes. About 55 first years turned out for a night of bowling, playing pool, and getting to know their fellow classmates. The night continued from there to Scholars where a bunch of upper years were eager to meet the new faces. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out that night.

The first week of school was a busy week for everyone. I'm not exactly sure if anyone has even had time to go to class! LSA memberships were another great success this year with over 420 memberships sold. As most of you know, this membership allows you access to the Gavel and the locker room, a Who's Who, yearbook, sports intramurals, CANS, a chance to run in the student elections and the student discounts at Scholars Pub.

In the first two weeks we also had the First Friday Back party that was held at the Clansmen Rugby Club. From the amount of people that showed up it was a great success. I don't think we could have fit another person onto the dance floor! On Friday, September 16th we had El Hacko and FABS. El Hacko was lots of fun with about 21 people turning out in all kinds of unique costumes. Best costumes went to Mike Sharp and Ian Stedman. The weather was pretty good for September and everyone had an awesome time! The day continued with FABS in the Gavel and then the after party at Stoll's.

By now most of you are walking around with a Scholars card but might not know what it gets you. **Every Thursday night is student night at Scholars.** If you present your card to the waitress you can receive jugs of beer at happy hour prices until midnight, other types of liquor at happy hour prices until midnight, and 15% off food purchases until closing. The discount on the food does not include \$0.30 wings or 2 for 1 specials. If you thought that was enough there is more: on your birthday you will receive a \$50 tab. Also, if you show the number on your card, it will be put into a box and at the end of each semester, the top 100 people who have been there the most will have their name entered into a draw for a ski trip for two. These deals are only valid on Thursday night, but everytime you are at Scholars and you show the waitress your card, that card number will be entered into the draw.

Just when you thought that law school couldn't get any busier, it does. Some things to

look forward to are the CANS sales that are going on right now. Make sure you submit your form online and hand the money in to your VP Academic Jon Wescott. Also, the first year elections, Law's a Beach, Alumni Rugby weekend, various grad and rugby events and so much more are coming up! Keep an eye on the Bulletin Board and the LSA Calendar for upcoming events. If any club is interested in hosting their own FABS please talk to your VP Socials either Jen Young or Laura Gill.

If the events that have already gone on are any indication of how the year is going to go I think we are in for an awesome year! Thanks to everyone who has taken part in the events so far and hope to see you at the upcoming ones!

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Edmonton OILERS



James Koizumi (1L)

Edmonton Oilers fans are loyal, informed and damn attractive. We eat, sleep and breathe hockey and are proud to proclaim our passion for our team. Unlike Flames and Canucks fans, we would never sell out Canada's national sport for – Poker? Therefore it is my duty to introduce Flames and Canucks fans to a few of the players from the most storied NHL franchise in Western Canada. As a bonus, I will also provide them with an unbiased analysis of their own team so they don't sound ignorant during a conversation over beers at Scholars.

Edmonton Oilers

Ryan Smyth and Jason Smith are the heart and soul of the Edmonton Oilers and were extremely faithful when Arnott, Guerin and Weight left for bigger contracts. The fans thank you for your loyalty and are ecstatic to see you finally surrounded by superstars.

Chris Pronger is the best all-round defenseman in the NHL and is accustomed to facing top forwards every night. He uniquely packages toughness, scoring, defensive reliability, speed, durability and leadership all together.

Michael Peca is widely underrated for his offensive talents. From his perspective, it was hard to think about scoring when his only purpose was to cover for Alexei Yashin, the most defensively irresponsible player in the NHL.

King Georges' (Laraque) throne is safe. No one is dumb enough to touch him unless they

specifically ask to have their nose attached to their pancreas.

Vancouver Canucks

Vancouver's goaltending can be summed up in the following conversation:

JK: "Excuse me Mr. or Mrs. Canucks fan - I will trade you a used jockstrap and a bag of hockey pucks for Dan Cloutier."

Mr. or Mrs. Canucks Fan: "Sure, what a great deal. I can't believe you gave me the hockey pucks for free! Thank you mister."

With Brad May gone and 'Todd the Thug' sentenced to wear the Bettman handcuffs, it seems as though Naslund will have to fight his own battles. Calm down Vancouverites; it isn't nearly as serious as snow and God forbid... 5°C weather! The Canucks have the most feared assassins in the West: Richard Park and the Sedin Twins (Aka: Mary Kate and Ashley).

On the bright side, when Vancouver misses the playoffs, Markus and his posse can start a boy band to fill the market niche left by New Kids on the Block. You remember them right? They were popular back when the Canucks were good.

Side note: Vancouver, get a real jersey. If you wonder why no one in the NHL takes your team seriously, just look at Willy the Whale jumping out of a tuna can. Oh yeah, try to win a Stanley Cup - that might help too.

Calgary Flames

Don't lie to yourself; you're not a Flames fan. You call yourself a fan because some girl on the Red Mile flashed in front of Melrose Café. Here's the real story: you were drunk out of your mind and some shirtless hairy dude named Billy Bob with ample bosoms let you have a

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rookie debut in the NHL that fall. Pretty tough guy. Not that Regehr is the only reliable defenseman the Flames have; some say that they have one of the best defence corps in the league. They have talented young guys like Jordan Leopold, experienced power play experts like Roman Hamrlik, and guys that don't back from anyone like Rhett Warrenner. Not only that, but they have one of the best defensive prospects to come along in a long time in Dion Phaneuf. Oilers fans can talk all day about Chris Pronger, but unless he has found a way to play the whole game the Oilers just don't measure up. As for the Canucks, they do have (Special) Ed Jovonovski and Matthias Ohlund, who are both talented d-men, but the roster drops off after that. All three teams have talented defencemen,

feel. Here are some things you'll hear from other pseudo-Flames fans or any trained rat with cable: "We have 'the Kipper'."

Calgary's strategy to recruit unknown goalies, who play good enough to get a big contract and proceed to stink like cow dung is quite comical. Does four years and \$19M sound familiar? The last time I saw Roman Turek, he greeted me at Wal-Mart, which is more than I can say for Mike Vernon, Ken Wregget and Jeff Reese. Worst off is Trevor Kidd. He couldn't even crack the Leafs' lineup - ouch. Can you say 'Kipper the Stripper' for 2007?

To be fair, it's not their fault. Calgary is known as a goaltender graveyard. Besides, with all the nice golf courses around the city, who would want to play hockey in May?

"We have Iginla."

Jarome is a premier forward in the NHL. He has a blue-collar work ethic, a class act on and off the ice, and he is a key component for next year's Olympic team. As a bonus, the ladies love him.

Hey (real) Calgary fans. Yeah, I'm talking to all six of you. Get the oil stocks out of your eyes and read the fine print: born Canada Day, 1977 in Edmonton, Alberta - hockey capital of the world. Iginla is on loan from Edmonton to give the Flames credibility. In three years it will be time for Jarome to come home.

Remember this: Unlike the Flames in 2004, when the Oilers get to the finals, they finish. Five sips from Lord Stanley's mug to prove it.

GO OILERS GO!

its just that the Flames have more of them – always comes in handy to keep your best players well rested and in case of injuries. As I speak, I'm sure Oilers fans are having horrible nightmares of a Chris Pronger injury.

As for the forwards, it is again a case of each team having some talent. Calgary is not going to be pushed around by anyone, having guys like Darren McCarty and Chris Simon on their team – tough guys with both Stanley Cup Finals experience and goal scoring talent, which is more than Georges Laraque can say. Of course, the Flames also participated in the off-season free agent frenzy, picking up both the aforementioned McCarty and also snagging Tony Amonte (9 straight seasons of at least 20 goals).

As for the Oilers and Canucks? The only significant free agent signing by either of those two teams was the consistently inconsistent

Anson Carter by the Canucks, while the Oilers decided to trade Mike York for the right to pay a guy with a bad back (Mike Peca) almost \$4 million a season. The Flames also acquired Daymond Langkow in the summer of 2004, which equates to having another 20 goals in the bank. Oh, and there's some guy named Iginla too. Looks like the Flames match up more than favourably against characters like Ryan Smyth, Mike Peca, Markus Naslund and Todd "Marty McSorely" Bertuzzi.

Don't despair Oilers and Canucks fans, all is not lost – we'll send you a postcard from the Stanley Cup Finals. Okay, now back to watching my replay; Calgary is about to put the Canucks out of their misery.

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S Vancouver CANUCKS

Ian Moes (2L)

That's right folks, Bert's back and he's ready to feast on some Alberta beef that's been slow cooked over a Calgary Flame and seasoned with some Edmonton Oil. He's looking forward to giving the Edmonton Oilers and the Calgary Flames a good thrashing and he's bringing his friends Naslund, Linden, Jovanovski, Morrison, Ohlund, the Sedins and newly acquired right winger Anson Carter to the barbeque.

The Canons recently caught up with Canucks Coach Marc Crawford for an exclusive interview to give the law students a preview of the upcoming season.

Canons: So Marc, after the players and owners reached an agreement, the Canucks really shifted into high gear. Tell us about it.

Marc: In June we had a lot of work to do. Just over half of roster from 2004 were restricted free agents and with the new salary cap, we had to reduce our salary by \$3 million dollars to \$39 million. We had to resign core guys like Naslund, Ohlund, Morrison, Cloutier and the Sedin Twins.

Canons: Are you sure you have legally binding contracts with all your players? We have

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some keener first year students who can review them for you if you like.

Marc: Thanks for the offer, but there's no acceptance. I'm sure the consideration we paid these guys will be sufficient consideration; it's much larger than a peppercorn and since we pay them at the start of each game, there's no worry about it being past consideration.

Canons: You picked up free agent Anson Carter for the right wing too.

Marc: Yeah, Anson is a huge addition to the team. He's itching to open up a can of tort and ganache on both the Flames as well as the Oilers. He's going to intentionally inflict mental suffering on the Calgary and Edmonton fans. It isn't going to pretty but we've got to do it.

Canons: You better be careful Marc. The fans in Alberta have really thin skulls and 'but for' your actions I'm not sure they'll ever wake up to see Vancouver as the better team.

Marc: That's ok. We're pleading the defences of necessity (Henrik) and lawful authority (Daniel). We're going to own Alberta this year. We learned our lesson in 2004 and we've issued a prerogative writ to ensure it doesn't happen again.

Canons: You're in the middle of training camp right now: how are the guys looking?

Marc: The guys are looking great. They've been working hard and are looking forward to when they can assault and batter the Calgary Flames and Edmonton Oilers like Scholars' fish and chips platter - within the rules of the game, of course. We're showing good depth at all the

positions too. We've got our bruiser with Bert, our sniper and ladies man with Naslund, solid defence with the Sedin Twins and we're looking good between the pipes with Cloutier, even though he's been slimmed down to 11" pads.

Canons: What do you think the new rules will do for the game?

Marc: We really like the new rules; they suit our game. We play a hard and fast game with quick passing and hard hits. Iginla and Smyth are going to look like pylons out there compared to our guys.

Canons: Marc, you attended the Faculty of Law at the UofA back in the 70's. Do you have any advice for the students?

Marc: No running in the halls, don't bodycheck the professors, and sing in the Law Show.

So law students, there you have it. The pre-season preview of the Canucks straight from the source. As you can tell, it's going to be a violent season. So dust off your TV. Flip your couch cushions. Call your friends and chill that six-pack for the first game. Now if only the CBC would end their strike...

Disclaimer: This article contains both fact and fiction. No interview was conducted with the actual Marc Crawford and he did not attend the UofA. Use of the legal terms in this article have been severely butchered and replication in a similar manner on your first year torts test will likely get you disbarred.

Go Canucks Go!

although not while you have Dan Cloutier in net.

Now my purpose here is not to simply point out the shortcomings and general ineptitude of the Oilers and Canucks (I do have a word limit). Rather, I am going to give you an informed opinion of what to expect from the Flames this season, and to explain why they will be more successful than those other two teams.

Last season Miikka Kiprusoff was one of, if not the best, goalie in the NHL. Not only that, but during the World Cup he performed admirably in carrying Finland to a silver medal. Non-believers will have you believe that he is a flash in the pan, a one year wonder if you will. They will point to Roman Turek as proof that goalies can have a short run of playing well and then return to mediocrity.

Of course, they are wrong. You see, they are missing the point. Of course goalies can be streaky. Of course it is possible to have one

good year and then fade away. However, goalies are notoriously hard to assess, and it is just as likely that 'Kipper' could go the way of Dominik Hasek (traded to Buffalo for essentially nothing, went on to lead the league in shutouts and GAA the next year and become "The Dominator") as he could go Jim Carey (won the Vezina Trophy in 1996 and promptly lost all hockey talent and faded away). There's no doubt that "Kipper" is talented and has the right mental frame of mind; with Darryl Sutter pushing him I am betting on the former. Really, it comes down to this - would you rather have a goalie that was in the elite of the league last year or wouldn't you? I thought so.

As for defence, the Flames D is anchored by a standout young defenseman - Robyn Regehr. This is a guy who broke both his legs in a car accident during the summer before the 1999 hockey season and still managed to make his

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judges, from around the world was a great way to learn about different cultures and I thoroughly enjoyed West African music and food.

JH: What was the least interesting aspect of the experience?

AB: Given that the first language of many Africans is French, many documents, including legal briefs, needed to be translated into English and vice versa. Once my colleagues found out that I spoke French, I was often called upon to help with this somewhat tedious work.

JH: What tips would you recommend for others interested in securing an international

internship?

AB: First, take Public International Law and other International Law classes to expose yourself to areas of law you think you may have an interest in. It also shows that you have a genuine interest in the area. Second, start looking for opportunities as early as possible in the school year - your booklet containing interviews with past student interns was helpful, and the UN and CIDA websites are all good places to start. But lastly, before you travel, get all your shots! (The guy from Harvard got really sick.)

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights was established in November 1987 and is based in Banjul, The Gambia. It is an enforcement mechanism established under

Article 30 of the African Charter, with the specific mandate to "promote and protect human and peoples' rights in Africa." The Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa was founded and established in 1997 as a pan-African non-governmental organization based in The Gambia, with the specific objective of advancing human rights in Africa through litigation and by training human rights organizations to use international law. More information can be obtained from their websites: www.achpr.org and www.africaninstitute.org

For copies of past interviews with law student interns, e-mail Professor Harrington. The Careers Service also has a copy of her "International Internships Booklet."

I Sent My Son to Jail!

D. James Anderson (1L)

Well, not exactly. A little background. I'm a first year law student. Yes, it's true, and being one of the curious kind, I snapped up the chance to take Justice Germain's tour of the courthouse, just to see where I will be conducting last rites over the rest of my life.

Thinking I would kill two birds with one stone, I told my wife I would take our son, Sam, with me, and give her, whose shoulders have recently been tattooed with so much responsibility, some well deserved free time.

Who knows--maybe when Sam's my age, his memory of our tour will have become one of those angry touchstones we so often reproach our parents with: "I can't believe you let them lock me in a holding cell!" He might someday say, in the same way that I often say to my mother "I can't believe you refused to buy us hamburger buns with sesame seeds, or even bendy straws!"

Or maybe it will have congealed into a cool memory, like when I think of how my father... drawing a blank here. Let's move on.

Thinking about it now, at the end of the day, it seems obvious. (It's time to look for the conniving, self-serving plug.) Just as my own social skills have maybe been, let's say, modified by eight years in South Korea, where I rounded off my teeth on the soft foods of university administration and CBC journalism, the overwhelming bulk of Sam's development was Canada-free: Canadian society was a thing that his father bitched about missing, and not something that he (meaning, in case you're confused, me) took part in.

Nonetheless, Sam's serious interest in the acoustics of the courts shouldn't have surprised

me. Why wouldn't Sam be curious about how his burps would echo in the large trial courtroom? He was looking for the legal ramifications of his own Canadian existence. Me, I'm curious about how my ideas will sound in this new legal society I've decided to join. We're both testing our new spaces; how different are we? Not that much.

The end of it all is that his burp was a testament to his investment in his father's idea of Canadian freedom-which may be nice, but what does it matter? He's a long way from being able to belch out gefilte fish in one go-a skill I was happy to master as an undergrad-and he has a long way to go before he can rouse society with a bit of well-passed wind, but he's made a start, at least.

In the end, as if to make up for his rather ineffective gaseous emission, Sam was more than happy to sit in the holding cell behind the defendant's box, sliding up and down the concrete bench that, aside from the brushed-steel toilet, was the cell's one grace-note of comfort. If he blames me for it later, then that

will be his fault, damnit-the product of his angry interpretation and nobody else's. But let's hope it doesn't come to that.

And yet, if he grows up thinking it was pretty freaking cool, then I'll be more than happy to admit just another one of those rare moments where parenting goes right, and I'll be able to say to him "Yeah, that was when I just started law school and our lives were crazy." All of a sudden Sam's learning to breathe Canadian air will become truly fused with my unfolding adventures in law school and I think-I hope, as all fathers do-that we'll reach an understanding.

But I'll have to wait a decade or two for that, because right now he's four, I'm a student and as far as law school goes, yeah, wow: I haven't been so chafed in a long time, so he better not come looking for understanding any time soon. If you're an angel bearing skin cream, then come on down, because I need you. And Sam can learn from the example.

Examples are all we have; like Hansel and Gretel, our examples are the breadcrumbs that we use to orient ourselves, as Sam's exuberant burping example has brought me back to my centre. So let's all be oriented. Cheers.

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The 1L Experience

Victor Alfonso (1L)

Okay, I know that you don't really care about my first impressions of the faculty—not that you should be blamed. Instead, blame a certain social-page-editing 2L who managed to find me in a moment of weakness to eke out a frantic commitment. We may blame her for the following journalistic atrocity. It has been a while since I have written anything like this, and looking at past issues of *Canons* it seems that every other casual piece starts with 'so'; I'll do the same.

So—my life as a lowly 1L began with about 80 other first years at the LSA pre-orientation party on Labour Day. It was generally a positive experience, with nametags, bowling, pool and beer, followed by a lively introduction to Scholars. Something about the situation reminded me of grade 8 orientation, save the beer, which may be the primary factor behind the success of the event. May it be stated here that nametags should be made part of the dress-code at the Law Centre. Of the many interesting people I met that night, I can only remember a handful of names.

Orientation produced twice as many first years with nametags, which did not help the name situation at all. After listening to five hours of welcome speeches, hoping to gain some insight into what I could expect from classes the next day, I was left with a headache and a doodled flow-chart of the history of women lawyers and judges in Alberta. The massive line at the subsequent Dean's BBQ was only saved by the \$15 I found on the ground, and the free meat.

Wednesday and Thursday saw the first days of classes. I half expected to hit the ground running. Instead, we read syllabi and talked about our dogs. Ultimately, we all went through four straight days of answering the same question: "Why do you want to study law?" I lied every

time. Honestly, the true appeal came from the air of elitism carried by every law student to ever evict my SNAIL self from the UBC law library. I wasn't born into aristocracy and I can't stand the sight of blood, leaving law as the only other path by which to artificially inflate my self-esteem.

And yes, like thousands of other first years, I am from Vancouver. Yes, I know the winter is going to be cold—I don't care how dry it is, this has to be better than living in Ontario. I've traded in that umbrella I found on the bus for a down MEC parka and the \$1.50 notepad for a \$1500 FreeCell auto-shuffler.

My introduction to torts occurred that first Wednesday night. With the help of Bacchus, a few 1Ls successfully celebrated the first day of classes. Upon my return home, I felt it wise to drink some water before going to bed. As I entered the kitchen, I experienced the surprise my roommate (D.) had left for me—a running faucet, a plugged drain, a flooded kitchen, and a

close encounter with the counter-top as I slipped and met the linoleum. I am still bruised and fondly remember using every available paper towel to mop up the mess left by D; it is difficult to talk about one's dog after spending an entire night cleaning.

What first seemed like negligence on D's part became intentional on Friday night when moments before rushing out the door for First Friday Back, I had a contact lens crisis: no saline! After asking D. if he had saline, he gave me his contact solution, which I used to rinse my lenses. Upon inserting a lens in my right eye I experienced the most blistering epiphany ever: D. had given me a hydrogen peroxide based solution, not saline. Red-eyed and squinting, I went to the Rugby Club—no nametags in sight. Thankfully, the beer eased the awkwardness.

Lessons learned: Law Centre = high school, roommate = peril, nametags = Godsend, I miss my dog.



Law Hockey Division I Presents A Night At The Oilers!

We're pumped to see the Oilers back on the ice and skating to Cup glory. For those that are Oilers fans, come cheer on the Oilers Saturday November 19 at 8pm. The Division 1 Hockey team is selling 60 tickets to the Law Student population on a first come, first serve basis.

Starting Monday September 26, tickets will go on sale from 12-1pm Monday-Thursday at the couches and will continue as quantities permit.

For those that are not Oilers fans, come cheer on the Chicago Blackhawks who are in town that evening. For those that just want to relive the hockey experience and enjoy a game with their law buddies and a few suds, come on down!

The even more pressing question for some fans is... When do we see a Flames game? Good news folks, the Team has 60 tickets for the Flames in March. These tickets will go on sale at a later date.

Cost of tickets will be \$45. We have partnered with the Druid North in order to provide buses to and from Rexall Place (home of the Oilers) as well as no line, no cover at the bar AND a free beer prior to leaving for the game.

For more information, please contact Chris Bruce via email at cbruce@ualberta.ca



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Law Guy: Luke Morrison

Favourite cartoon show from when you were younger you wish they would bring back?

Hammer Man - the cartoon with MC Hammer.

What was the scariest thing you have ever done in your life?

Swam with jelly fish in Nova Scotia.

The one TV show you wouldn't miss even during exams?

The Club on Spike TV.

Which famous person would you want to play you in a movie about your life?

Balkai from Perfect Strangers.

Name a fashion faux pas that drives you crazy.

White pants and a dark thong.

Hometown: Edmonton, Alberta
Undergrad Studies: Political Science

If you were allowed to wear whatever you wanted under the robes in court, what would it be?

Old-school Adidas track suit.

What weird exam rituals do you have?

I drink a flat of Red Bull a week.

If you could have an afternoon with one person dead or alive, who would it be?

Elizabeth Hurley. She has the best lips.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Fiji.

Law Girl: Clara Ferguson

Hometown: Vancouver, BC
Undergrad Studies: Political Science

If you were allowed to wear whatever you wanted under the robes in court, what would it be?

Velour sweatsuit.

What weird exam rituals do you have?

Absolutely no dairy...

If you could have an afternoon with one person dead or alive, who would it be?

Conan.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Back to Borneo (Malaysia).

Favourite cartoon show from when you were younger you wish they would bring back?

Jem and the Holograms.

What was the scariest thing you have ever done in your life?

Bungee jumped off a crane into a man-made pond in the Australian desert.

The one TV show you wouldn't miss even during exams?

The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

Which famous person would you want to play you in a movie about your life?

I might have enough for a TV special but certainly not a movie...

Name a fashion faux pas that drives you crazy.

G-strings showing.

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'Coupling Syndrome'*

Nowe Wan (3.141592653589L)

*[This article is based on fiction. Any resemblance to actual persons or events is purely coincidental]

I am not sure if I am the only one who notices it, but there are a lot of law girl/guy couples roaming out there. I think it is adorable to see such compatibility in one program; and yet, it makes me wonder if the people who find each other in law School do so through an active search or merely through the hand of fate? I started observing a phenomenon at social events that was unlike any of my previous years of university. The law school singles were not only firtaholics, but also very persistent and driven in their quests for a mate. Occasionally a law school single got their sights set on a law school non-single, and even then the persistence continued.

(Account from Sassa Sassalot)

"So I was walking down the hall with a container of date bars. I saw him walking towards me, and thought, maybe he will remember I am married and strike up non-suggestive conversation. Not wanting to be rude I asked him "Hey Billybob do you want a date bar?" he said "if you had just ended that sentence by saying 'with me' instead of 'bar' you would have made my year."

My advice to you Sassa: next time, don't be so nice. What I wonder about is the appeal of law school relationships. Do two type A

personalities in the same program actually mesh well together? Is the age old maxim "opposites attract" dead? The law school atmosphere definitely seems to support that philosophy. It doesn't matter if you are at FABS, Carbolic, Halloween, or any of the other social get-togethers; there always seems to be someone who is dying to get your attention. Sometimes it is as subtle as buying you a drink or two, or other times in not so subtle ways such as asking to cut in when you are slow dancing with your significant other. By second and third year, we all notice the token "law couples" who have toughed it out and earned the collective "aww they are so cute", and maybe it is because we notice and admire these couples that the Law School Coupling Syndrome exists. For every



From left: Margaret Kowalczyk, Jason Mcken, Dale Rahim, Alex Ragan, Katherine Love, Audrey Faint, Shaun Flannigan at FABS - For more pictures, go to the Social Pages (p.6 & 7)

teeth hurting sweet story there is a bitter love gone wrong story as well.

(Account from Whye Meee)

"What did I know, he was an adorable third year and I was an innocent first year so I decided to date him. It was wonderful for a while, we were an adorable law couple and then I guess he got bored of me. It didn't take him long to find another law girl, and then another one after that, my problem is I thought we would at least make it to Halloween!"

But what about those law students who do not wish to be coupled up? Or the ones who are perfectly happy with their non-law significant others? Is there some form of repellent they can sport in order to deter the eager Law School Singles? It appears that shaggy clothes and lack

of makeup on top of very low maintenance hair does not do the trick. Next time you go to a law party, look around and notice the flirtatious atmosphere and think to yourself: the law profession is meant to be close-nit, but are we getting too close?

Rumour Mill

Sandra Malcolm (2L)

As the professor closed the door to my Professional Responsibility class I looked around for Julia. A ripple of a whisper reached me from the back of the class: "Julia's late for PR." That's odd, I thought—Julia never missed a class and she was always punctual. The thought resurfaced when she slipped in thirty minutes later looking a bit flustered with her hair mildly disheveled and makeup smeared in an attempt to cover the dark circles that stood out on her pale face. Julia doesn't look good, I thought to myself, making a mental note to later ask her where she had been.

Relaxing in the Gavel while recovering from PR, one of my friends said to me "I heard Julia was late for PR and that she doesn't look good."

"Yeah, she was," I responded.

"I heard she had a bit of the flu," Jerry said

to me, then paused momentarily, waiting.

I didn't take the bait, knowing he was searching and waiting for some juicy morsel of gossip. "Yeah, just too much studying" I laughed, throwing the matter aside and changing the subject so that I had control once more.

About four hours later while chilling at the couches a second year law student came rushing up. "Did you hear?" she questioned, out of breath as if she was privy to confidential information direct from the Prime Minister.

"Julia's pregnant," she gushed. "She was late this morning," she whispered before rushing off to impart her falsity to someone else. I just sat there, shaking my head in awe at what I had heard—and knowing beyond a reasonable doubt that it contained not an ounce of truth.

Welcome to Law School.

Remember that game Telephone that you probably played in grade school—back in the easy

days? I remember sitting in a circle after snack time—it was a tougher life back in those days. Someone would start a statement, usually about a purple elephant, and by the time it had gone around the circle it had been remarkably changed.

Welcome to Law School: where the rumours fly rampant—we don't have snack time, nap time's gone and there's sure a lot of work: but we do have gossip. Everyone knows each other and what they don't know they pretend to. Chances are that by the time you graduate you'll have been the subject of many falsities and often you'll hear them secondhand—about yourself. Unfortunately there's not much you can do but to keep those lips sealed and laugh it off. That said, chances are you'll meet your best friends in law school—lifelong friends who will light your way in darker times and you'll have memories to treasure long after the rumours have died. Cherish those friends and cherish those memories - law school is the time of your life.

General MALFEASANCE



Ryan Lee Chee (2L)

Since this is my first article I thought I would give a quick hello to everyone. First years welcome, a little advice: it is as hard as you imagine, you can gain a freshman 15 more than once in your lifetime and no, it does not get any easier. Second years, welcome to round two, and yes, whitening strips will work against those first-year coffee stains. Third years, all I have to say is relax now, the pain train is coming. Enjoy your article.

With first month over, we have all had a chance to attend at least one law function and it's fair to say that a few have begun to fall back into stereotypical law personalities. I am here to lend advice and make your partying time more enjoyable here at the Faculty of Law.

The loudest and most repetitive person at a law party has to be the: **I came out to say hi to my friends but I have so much schoolwork to do tomorrow student**, I don't know where to start. Oh wait, I do...we don't care. This is law school, you complaining about being busy at a law function is like talking about a bad haircut

Good Advice...

to someone with a receding hairline. No sympathy.

On the next extreme we have the: **I tried to party hard but cannot handle my alcohol student**. Your attempt to take the party to the next level is commendable. My only comment to you is, don't show up Monday blaming your actions on how much you drank. Accept responsibility. It will be good practice for when that drunk-night consequence shows up 9 months from now. Don't remember, do you? Oh, it'll come back to you. Enjoy your year.

As for the: **I'm an upper year student and know everything about law students**. Stop trying to show off your SLS knowledge to impress the first years. Once they learn how to read case law, your magic trick of endless knowledge will cease. Stick to the basics. Be kind, outgoing, and give them enough drinks until they find you clever.

Then there's the: **Don't worry about grades, everyone will get an articling position anyway student**. I'm not even going to talk to this person. They get me too comfortable and neglect to mention that their parents' names are Bennett and Jones respectively. While I'm using my academic probation degree to clean my computer screen, they're going to be settling traffic tickets and making \$100,000 a year.

Wait - who's standing next to the beer tickets? Sigh, it's the **I come to law events, go to class yet no one knows my name student**.

I'm sure you're a nice person but you've got to stop staring at people and not say anything. It creeps the hell out of everyone. Even the upper year student (see above) is afraid to come over. If you haven't met upper year student guy, you're probably this person.

As awkward as it is to stand next to that anonymous student, keep him close because you can end up talking to the: **I'm always serious and this isn't a joke student**. First off, it's the weekend, and when someone asks "how's it going?" just say fine and keep going. I am sorry to hear about your dog, family, your poor grade, or your relationship problems. Let's be honest; I just sit three seats away from you in lecture; let's keep the conversation light.

Last and definitely not least there is: **I am politically correct and am offended by everything student**. All I have to say is toughen up. There is a good chance you may end up defending a reckless multinational that uses child labour and spills oil on ducklings and puppies. Let's not get holier-than-thou on drunken outings. My advice is to spend more time around the I'm always serious student. That should thicken your skin.

This article will get some students back onto the right socializing track. If it fails, the reading room will always have a special place for you. And hey - doesn't knowledge have its own rewards?

First Friday Back Reflections

A. Nony Mouse (6L cop-out)

As the first real opportunity for us law-types to socialize after the summer, it's really only natural that a rugby club and buses be involved. From personal experience, there are good times indeed to be had at the back of a yellow school bus—especially...well, I won't go there. Once at the rugby club, however, things picked up even more as the dancing started and the liquor flowed.

Looking around the inside of the club, I couldn't help but become a bit more excited about classes beginning since the end of summer had been quite a shock to the system for me. What?! You mean I can't stay out until 3AM every night and sleep in until noon everyday? I actually have homework to do?! Okay, well maybe I'm exaggerating a bit, but still, I was ready to do some drinking and flail

about wildly on the dance floor. And then I began to think that if this was law school, things might not be so bad and I may in fact do okay in Corporations after all. But then, after a couple beers, your brain starts making some dubious conclusions.

Now, there are a couple observations that I made that night—all in the name of fun and mild humiliation, of course—that deserve to be broadcasted to the masses. First of all, to the overly amorous couple doing some seriously dirty dancing on the dance floor, take the Tic-Tac when it's offered to you. I know there was only one left, but you were sharing everything else and I assumed this would not present a problem.

Then there was the whole bathroom situation going on in the basement which was prefaced by some seriously steep stairs. It is a cardinal rule that the women's bathroom will

almost always have a line - in fact, if you're female, it makes sense to just get in line with a drink in hand. That way, by the time you finish your drink, you will be at the front of the line and patting yourself on the back because you will have avoided the excruciating torture of having to pee really, really bad but being 14 ladies from the stall.

Now this brings me to my final observation and I mean it in the nicest possible way: to the drunk law guy who had finished peeing for all to see (that doesn't really narrow things down does it?), extra points are not awarded for doing up your fly in front of the line-up of ladies waiting to use the bathroom. Just a thought.

All things considered, the First Friday Back party goes down in the books as a success. I had an absolute blast chatting with old friends and dancing the night away. And as always, I came away from it with some great stories.

First Friday Back



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Thanks for your support and good luck!



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