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From the Dean

One of the great strengths of Sydney University's Faculty of Law is its students.

I know that my experience at law school was shaped as much by students and student activities, as by anything else. I imagine the same is true for you. This volume is a tribute to you and your activities.

If we have done our job, both in offering you a stimulating education in law and providing an environment where you can work with and learn from others, we will have given you a foundation which will support your careers for many years to

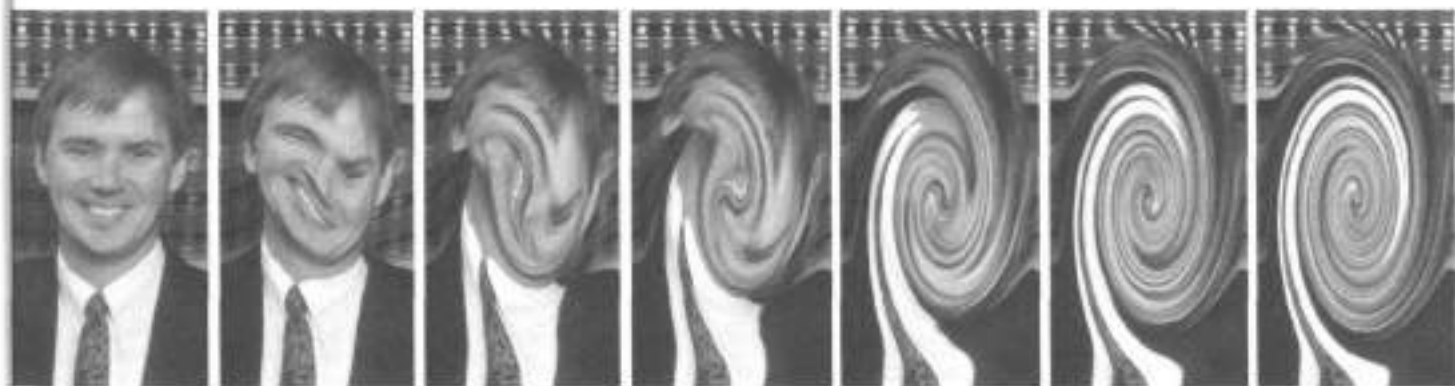
come. I hope that you will keep us informed on the progress of those careers, and that you will in turn come to contribute back to the Law School.

Universities now have to be much more active in attempting to develop their areas of strength, both academically and by putting in place the resources necessary. If our Faculty is to maintain its leading reputation, it will need to have your support. It must also to remain responsive to the needs of the profession (in its training of new lawyers, in its postgraduate programs and in a host of other ways). You will be the backbone of that profession.

I therefore hope that you will remain engaged with the Faculty. You are, in short, much of what makes this institution strong. Your engagement in this place as students has contributed to the liveliness of its intellectual environment. Its reputation will depend upon the now entirely unexpected things that I know you will go on to do. We hope that you will continue to be connected to and have a stake in the Law Faculty.

All the best.

Jeremy Webber



Installation piece #1: "Jeremy-Go-Round" (D. Hirst, 1999, mixed media)

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When Boris speaks...

Looking back over the year of 1999 and the times that have been spent together in obtaining that most illustrious LLB many good times have been had, lots of friendships forged and many memories to leave with. SULS has always provided the glue that stuck the graduating class together, from that first cocktail party at Level 5, to gala of the final year dinner. The 1999 SULS Executive was determined to ensure that the growing community feeling that has been developed in previous years continued to grow within the faculty.

The Executive was stepping in to its role at the beginning of the year, at a time when SULS as an organisation had been on the crest of a wave of expansion and student interest. Our goal was a simple one, to increase the number and variety of events that SULS hosts in order to appeal to a greater number of students, substantially revamp all SULS publications with the intention of making them better and more enjoyable to read and to continue to carry out all the functions that SULS has been providing so successfully in previous years.

Structure and Organisation of SULS

Representation of all law students was a key issue for the 1999 SULS Executive. To that extent the Executive was formed by bringing together a wide variety of individuals, from the combined stream, the graduate stream, from main campus and from law school to ensure that the Executive was as reflective as possible of the diverse student body that it represented. The ability to have provided services that catered to the interests of so many different students and get students involved in SULS activities has stemmed from the diverse views, interests and opinions of the Executive that drove what SULS was able to achieve this year.

There was a greater emphasis this year to ensure that SULS involved all students that were interested in being

involved and to tap into the skills of a very talented student body. To that extent for the first time SULS provided for new committees to allow students to get involved. Initiatives such as the sports committee and the editorial committees for the publications certainly proved a great success. We also met with the SCULS Executive very early on to ensure that campus students interests which had at times been overlooked by SULS in the past were adequately dealt with. We formed a very good working relationship with the SCULS executive and they assisted us greatly to reach all campus students.

Social

Social events are probably one of the most well recognised activities of SULS and the item of great concern to a lot of law students. Law students are often called to work very hard throughout the year and therefore are very keen on being given the chance to let their hair down and party. The social agenda in 1999 has been chock full of events thanks to the tireless work of both Katie Struve and then Phillipa Donovan, the social director. There has been the continuation of the traditional Level 5 cocktail parties, which have featured themes such as "Back to Uni Horror", "Arabian Nights" and "Fairground". This year also saw the biggest Law Ball ever, with over 650 people attending the "Under the Water" Ball at Cockle Bay Wharf, Darling Harbour. There was also the inaugural Sydney/UNSW Law harbour cruise, which saw 120 students from Sydney spend a night afloat with 120 UNSW law students. We have also expanded the social events beyond the borders of Law School to pubs and clubs in Sydney, with an Easter party being held at the Occidental Hotel and an "ole!" party at the Vivaz spanish club.

We have also looked to mix the drinking with thinking at our annual trivia night. A large number of trivia buffs competed for fantastic trivia prizes, which included

dinner for 6 and a show at the Harbourside Brassiere, a party for 15 people at the Comedy Club, tickets to the Sydney Symphony Orchestra being the big ticket prizes. There have also been a number of free lunches organised at Law School in conjunction with free movies and bands, which have proved very popular.

We have also organised a number of weekend trips away. At the beginning of the year we organised a first year orientation camp at Milson Island, which was attended by 60 first years. This was a great chance for SULS to inform first years what they could expect at University and give them an opportunity to make new friends. In April we had our annual Wine Tour to the Hunter Valley, which involved four bus loads of law students touring the vineyards of the Hunter Valley, then turning out for the traditional grudge match of rugby with the University of Newcastle Law School. Finally, for the first time ever, SULS organised a Ski trip that saw 45 law students spend three days down at thredbo skiing during the day and partying at night.

Competitions

1999 has seen a huge expansion in the variety of internal competitions that SULS conducts. I believed that there was no reason as to why Sydney University should not allow students to compete in a variety of competitions that are offered at other Universities and as a result we introduced three new competitions; the Witness Examination Competition, the Client Interviewing Competition and the Paper Presentation Competition. The inaugural Client Interviewing competition attracted 16 teams of two competitors and final was judged by the President of the NSW Law Society, Managing Partner of Holding Redlich and a member of the Faculty. We were able to acquire a brand new trophy for the competition donated by the NSW Law Society. The Paper



Presentation competition had 5 competitors and was judged by Justice Emmett of the Federal Court and two members of the Faculty of Law, with a new trophy being provided by SULS for this competition. The Witness Examination Competition has attracted 30 competitors, and the final will be judged by Justice Hill of the Federal Court. We have purchased a new trophy for this competition as well and are hoping to have the NSW Bar Association take up the naming rights to the trophy. These three competitions were added to the already existing internal Mooting competitions. Once again, the junior, intermediate and senior competitions were all well contested and the finals were judged by a number of Supreme and Federal Court judges.



Publications

SULS produces a number of publications and it was a priority of mine to improve the quality of these publications. At the beginning of the year we produced a totally new and revamped Orientation Handbook, which introduced students to the Faculty and SULS, explained all the things on offer to them outside of their studies and a calendar of events for the year. We also produced a new Careers Guide which included an anonymous student review of the clerkship programs run by the majority of firms in the clerkship program, which allowed students to consider previous clerks views in making their selections.



SULS has placed a great deal of emphasis on re-establishing Polemic and dealing with a number of problems there has been with the production of Polemic. This year we have ensured that the two outstanding editions of Polemic from 1998 were released. We have also established a Polemic editorial committee which has worked to ensure that the 1999 Polemics are of a high quality. I also wished to see Hearsay released on a weekly basis, and in order to achieve this SULS appointed three editors. During first semester Hearsay was being regularly produced on a weekly basis and student interest in the publication was high with Hearsay

The 1999 SULS Executive (Boris Bronfentrinker, Philippa Donovan, Megan Drury, Rebecca Graham, Michael Izzo, Gemma Barnett, James Sharkey, Kate Struve, Sunil Varkey, Lucas Vosch)

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containing interesting articles not only from students but also from faculty, a first this year. However in second semester we lost one of the editors and we have been unable to produce Hearsay on a weekly basis. However, the overall quality and content of Hearsay has been increased this year.

Sport

Despite having a large number of its students at the St. James campus, SULLS has worked hard this year to organise as many teams for the interfaculty competitions as possible. We have succeeded in entering a number of teams, with the highlight being the men's cricket team and the women's tennis team which both won their competitions. However, the fact that interfaculty sports are held at the main campus has made it difficult for SULLS to field as many teams as we had wished to during the year. SULLS has also arranged a number of other sporting days to allow students to pursue their sporting interests with other law students. This year we have organised a rugby match against Medicine, as well as the Sydney Uni/ UNSW annual rugby match hosted by SULLS this year. SULLS also entered teams in the Australian Law Students Association NSW/ACT Regional sports day, where we finished a close second out of four universities.

In addition to continuing our arrangement with the NSW Leagues Club for use of their gym, SULLS has organised a similar arrangement with the new Cook & Phillip Centre allowing students to use the swimming pool there for \$1 a visit.

ALSA

SULLS has been very actively involved in the Australian Law Students Association (ALSA) this year. In addition to myself, SULLS appointed for the first time an ALSA Representative to increase the profile of ALSA at Sydney University and deal with issues raised at ALSA back at Sydney. SULLS played a large role in the policy making of ALSA and made a number of contributions at the three ALSA Council meeting this

year. Additionally, SULLS sent the largest delegation sent by Sydney University and one of the largest of all universities to the ALSA Asia-Pacific Conference in Tasmania. The Conference was attended by 2 councilors, 7 competitors and 12 general delegates totaling the Sydney delegation at 21.

Sponsorship

Nearly everything that SULLS does costs money and without the support of our sponsors, SULLS would not be able to provide the array of services it does to students. I would like to express SULLS's appreciation for the support we have received from our sponsors this year. I worked very hard on the sponsorship proposal and came up with a proposal that was very professional in its appearance and novel in some of its sponsorship ideas. As a result of much hard work and some skillful negotiation we were able to increase corporate sponsorship in 1999 by \$16,000 making this year's sponsorship drive the most successful ever. The support shown by our sponsors has allowed SULLS to put on bigger and better events as well as introduce a number of new initiatives. However, in addition to the financial support of corporate sponsors, the Sydney University Union has yet again provided incredible financial and non-financial support and I would like to thank the Union and those staff members that have assisted us so much this year, particularly Paul Mason.

Representation

Part of my role as President involves representing law students on a number of committees. I have been active in representing student interests to the Union on the Affiliated Campus Committee. As a result of matters I have raised on this committee, Level 5 has had its recycling facilities re-established, the pool tables were refelted and new covers for the tables were provided, the trophy cabinet was repaired (and now contains many trophies), broken furniture was removed and replaced on Level 5 as well as other improvements.

I have also sat on the Faculty Committee

and Teaching and Curriculum Committee. This has allowed me to ensure that there is a student voice in Faculty decisions. Perhaps the most contentious issue this year has been the proposed move of the Faculty back to the main campus. I have been able to ensure that there has been a student say on this issue and SULLS ran a plebiscite on the matter in order to establish a clear student perspective and give students an opportunity to have their say on this issue. In conjunction with this representation role I have performed, SULLS organised a number of staff-student consultations this year which gave students a chance to express their views on teaching in the faculty. These consultations have been fruitful in raising a number of issues and I have pursued these with the Pro-Dean (Teaching).

Thank You

A lot of people have put a lot of time and effort in to making SULLS the success it has been this year. The Society cannot have achieved all that it has this year without the efforts of many people outside of the Executive, who have selfless dedication to ensure that 1999 has been a great year for all law students and taken pressure of the members of the Executive. I would like to thank all the people that have been involved in the various committees, the various competition directors, the editors of the many publications SULLS has produced this year, the Law Review Executive and cast, all the students who have participated in SULLS sporting teams, Fems Rea and CALS. I would also like to thank the Faculty of Law, who have graciously provided SULLS with telephone and facsimile facilities photocopying, mail and stationary.

However, most of all I would like to thank the other eight dedicated and motivated individuals who have been on the Executive with me this year. They have made this year the success that it is and assisted me in performing my duties and making my term as president most enjoyable and one that I am very proud to have spent with them.

Boris Bronfentrinker

1999 in headlines

PM wants God in our preamble

By MICHELLE GRATTAN
The Prime Minister has not usually endorsed the spirit of statements he makes in a new Constitutional preamble including recognition of God.

"It doesn't seem to say that every Australian believes in God, or every Australian believes that the present Federal system is perfect. But I trust there is an acceptance probably in the Assembly."

"It must be widely known that an acknowledgment statement rather than a declaration is not an acknowledgment of people, but an acknowledgment of the Constitution itself."

Packer off tax hook in court round two

By ANNE LAMPE

Three companies associated with Mr Kerry Packer were yesterday let off the tax hook after the full Federal Court.

Optus, Jones deal was 'business as usual'

By KEVIN ANDERSON

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACC) yesterday said that the deal between Optus and Telstra was "business as usual".

High Court rules it's the vibe of the thing

STAFF REPORTERS

In a closely anticipated decision, the High Court has ruled that the "vibe" of the thing is the key to the constitutional validity of the proposed changes to the High Court's jurisdiction.

RSL attempts military coup

STAFF REPORTERS

In a first for Australia, the RSL has attempted to overthrow the Federal Government and install its own leaders in power. The coup failed, however, for lack of attendance by RSL members. Former President Bruce Ruxton expressed disappointment at the turnout.

Howard's loud 'no' to republic

By MICHELLE GRATTAN

The Prime Minister yesterday said that the Australian people would not support a republic. He said that the people would not support a republic.

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Government introduces fixed-term judges Judiciary now Y2K compliant

STAFF REPORTERS

The Government yesterday introduced legislation to fix the term of office of judges to the year 2000.

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Senate ticks GST, and prices are on the way down

By TOM ALLARD

The Senate yesterday passed the tax reform package.

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Unchaste: the slur that cost \$277,500

By DAVID MARR

Tanya Costello was always going to win big money. If the law can't protect the reputation of a Christian virgin, a suit probably is.

PETER COSTELLO \$74,000

TANYA COSTELLO \$90,000

TONY ABBOTT \$66,000

MARGARET ABBOTT \$47,500



the incident and the cost of the slur that cost \$277,500.

Heather Hill to lose seat in Senate

By GREG BOWEN

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Lords reject Pinochet appeal



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Bits and pieces

"The procedure for production of a Big Mac is that once the bun has been toasted, a cardboard collar is placed directly on the heel section of the bun. The sauce is placed on the heel and the club. The ingredients other than the meat patties are then placed on the heel of the bun inside the collar and on the club. Once the meat patties are cooked, they are then placed one on the heel and one on the club. The club is then placed on the heel section inside the collar. The crown of the bun is then placed on the club section."

Gyles J
**McDonald's Australia Ltd v
Commissioner of Taxation**
[1999] FCA 1045 (2 August 1999)

"McDonald's and franchisees produce and sell foodstuffs for human consumption from many outlets throughout Australia which they describe as restaurants."

Hill & Hely JJ
**Commissioner of Taxation v
McDonald's Australia Ltd**
[1999] FCA 1744 (17 December 1999)

"For most of the period [in question], Mr Shiel was in receipt from the DSS of an allowance named "newstart allowance". (The distinguishing part of the allowance's name bore so close a resemblance to "newspeak", the name of George Orwell's artificial language used for official communications in the novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, that the allowance's naming may well have been done by someone with an unusual sense of humour. According to the *Oxford English Dictionary* (2nd ed), "newspeak" is frequently applied to any corrupt form of English, specifically the propagandistic and ambiguous language of (relevantly) some politicians."

Katz J
Shiel v Secretary, DSS
[1999] FCA 1237
(13 September 1999)

"I can't find a word strong enough for this. I watched the movie *The Castle*, and he said, 'it is the vibe'. And I think that's what I'm trying to say here. It is the vibe. It is about justice."

Peter Foster, former slimming tea promoter, trying to persuade the Federal Court not to allow him to be extradited.

Peter Leopold Clyne was a notorious graduate of the law school. His countless appearances in court (as a party, not as a legal representative) concerned, inter alia, professional misconduct and tax avoidance. They also shed light on his character, summarized by a Federal Court judge thus:

"It is said on behalf [of Mr Clyne] that he has a flair for publicity and a great sense of humour or fun in relation to what he has written and the ways in which he deliberately seeks to obstruct, not simply the administration of justice but the proper administration of the affairs of our society. For myself, I think he is a pitiful character, quite contemptible, and an utter humbug. The sooner these matters are brought to finality the better. I refuse the application with costs."

Fox J
**Re Peter Leopold Clyne And Deputy
Commissioner of Taxation**
(23 December 1982)

A quick problem question: A band is playing Van Halen's "Jump" in a nightclub. The crowd is drunk and jumping. One fan jumps off table and grabs the lighting rig, bringing it crashing down on peoples' heads. Should the nightclub be held liable? Answer:

"The principal issue argued in the appeal was whether the appellant was in breach of any duty of care owed to the respondent. Mr. Jewell submitted that it was not reasonably foreseeable that someone in the nightclub would attempt to emulate Tarzan from the crowded floor. No one had attempted such jungle acrobatics in the whole of the venue's previous existence, and there was no reason to expect such behaviour then

or at any other time.

The band's activity was specifically directed to making the audience leap or "go wild", although in this endeavour the band seems not to have been wholly successful since, as the witness Polser said, some didn't jump at all, some were fairly restrained and some went for it. And on the night in question, "this bloke absolutely went for it." So also, presumably, did the inebriate who head-butted the window."

Charles JA
**Downunder Rock Cafe Pty Ltd v
Roberts** [1998] VICSC 101
(28 May 1998)

And now, the statutory regime governing nudity in the Northern Territory:

Nudity Regulations 1976 (NT)

2. FREE AREA

The area described in the Schedule is an area where nudity is permitted.

SCHEDULE

Part of Casuarina Beach

All that area at Casuarina Beach Hundred of Bagot County of Palmerston Northern Territory of Australia bounded by lines described as follows: Commencing at a point bearing 33 degrees 39 minutes 50 seconds 1511.255 metres from the most northern corner of lot 6247 Town of Nightcliff; thence by lines bearing 43 degrees 57 minutes 941.3 metres; 313 degrees 57 minutes 850 metres approximately to the low water mark of Beagle Gulf; thence generally southwesterly by the low water mark of Beagle Gulf to its intersection with a line bearing 313 degrees 57 minutes 820 metres approximately from the point of commencement; thence southwesterly by the said line to the point of commencement.

Don't forget your map and compass.



AMUNC

Australasian Model United Nations Conference 1999

During the July holidays, in the week spanning the 11th to the 16th, I had the privilege of working with 211 delegates from 8 different countries (Egypt, France, Germany, Philippines, Norway, Sweden, New Zealand and Australia) at the Australasian Model United Nations Conference 1999 (AMUNC).

Hosted by the University of Sydney, this year's AMUNC carried on the critical successes of past conferences. AMUNC was a 5 day simulation of nine different bodies of the United Nations: the International Court of Justice, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Commission on Social Development, the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and

Protection of Minorities, the Commission on the Status of Women and the United Nations Environmental Program. The delegates were given the unique opportunity to represent a particular country's policy on a wide range of agenda items which included a request for an advisory opinion by the Security Council on the rights and responsibilities of Yugoslavia toward the ethnic Albanians, the right to a permanent forum for indigenous people in the United Nations, the question of the status of Jerusalem under the Oslo Peace Accords, genital mutilation of women, managing global economic and social stability after the Asian economic crisis and much, much more. The week's efforts culminated in the passing of each bodies' resolutions at the General Assembly which was held in the grandeur of State Parliament.

The conference saw much lively debate and often heated disagreements, not only amongst the delegates but also amongst the guestspeakers! In particular, the Human Rights Commissioner, Chris Sidoti, encouraged us to become "critical lovers" evaluating the effectiveness of the United Nations as we approach the new millennium. The conference helped us to appreciate the challenge given to us by the Hon Justice Michael Kirby who said "At the end of this century, we look back on the achievements and failures of the United Nations. The failures are obvious. But the achievements are astonishing, given the background of the rest of human history. The young [students] who take part in the Model United Nations Conference in 1999 will have the responsibility of ensuring that in the coming century the influence of the United Nations spreads and strengthens."



For many of the delegates, the fascinating guestspeakers provided the highlights of the conference. I was impressed by Senator Aden Ridgeway's ability to answer often difficult questions, by Peter Rodger's (the former Australian ambassador to Israel) passion, by Dr Bill Jonas' (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner) vision, by the insight of Professor Webber, Professor Shearer and Professor Ben Boer, by the facilitatory skills of Dr Keith Suter, Alfred Boll (International Committee of the Red Cross) and Romesh Shiva (Amnesty International), by the expertise of Adam McCarthy (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade), by the pertinent questions raised by Jason Li and by the exhortation of Tanya

Plibersek. In particular, Justice Dowd inspired everyone with his obvious commitment to the promotion of human rights in East Timor. Also, for the first time, AMUNC placed a greater emphasis on non-governmental organisations and thus had the valuable contribution of many NGOs including Community Aid Abroad, Australian Volunteers International and Medecins San Frontieres.

Not only were the forums inspirational but the many social functions including the cocktail party, trivia night and formal conference dinner, enabled a growing friendship between the many del-

egates. Indeed, many of the delegates have left an indelible impression upon me personally.

I would like to thank our sponsors, the University of Sydney Union, Blake Dawson Waldron, Nortel Networks, Williams Hatchman & Kean, SULS and the Faculty of Law, for enabling us to achieve our goals in promoting cultural diversity, tolerance and the awareness of human rights. Thanks also to all the moderators, the secretaries and of course, the AMUNC Secretariat: Louise Buckingham, Kristin Howden, Stephanie Werner, Georgina Wright, Melissa Pho,

Sam Kernaghan, Hilary Bates, Mark Teutsch and Arlie Loughnan. Thank you for your selfless dedication, hard work and friendship over the past twelve months.

Finally, are you interested in being empowered with the tools to effect practical change at the grass roots level? In meeting other concerned students wanting to give more than lip service to the phrase "Make a Difference?" Then, I thoroughly recommend participation in the next Australasian Model United Nations Conference!

Catherine Chang



AMUNC '99 Secretariat, moderators and secretaries (from L to R)

Back row: Jared Cowie (Secretary), Sam Kernaghan (Secretariat)

Middle row: Mark Teutsch (Secretariat), Melissa Pho (Secretariat), Louise Buckingham (Secretariat), Georgina Wright (Secretariat)

Front row: Tania Wong (Secretary), Catherine Chang (Secretariat), Stephanie Werner (Secretariat), Hilary Bates (Secretariat)



Competitions

The last year of the nineteen-hundreds turned out to be a year of both success and innovation for the law school's competitors in all things legal. Three new competitions graced the internal scene, law firm Holding Redlich provided much-needed financial support, and Sydney's intervarsity success was notable.

Internally, great changes occurred. One of them affected every competition. Holding Redlich's sponsorship of the internal competitions gave rise to a name change to acknowledge their generous support. Accordingly, the Junior Mooting Competition became known as the Holding Redlich Junior Mooting Competition, and similarly all the other competitions followed suit.

Not all the changes were cosmetic, however. Three new competitions – Client Interview, Paper Presentation and Witness Examination. – were inaugurated. In first semester, the Client Interview began. Students from first year upwards were invited to play the role of lawyers participating in an initial consultation with a client, being assessed on their technique in eliciting information. Ravi Aggarwal organised the competition, which was won by Shannon Richards and Sarah Kavanagh over Christine Fowler and Jacqui Svenson. The final saw one of the finest acting performances ever from a member of faculty, in Pearl Rosenberg, whose rendition of a distressed kleptomaniac kept the audience entertained. The successful pair then progressed to represent Sydney at the annual ALSA conference.

The Paper Presentation involved competitors speaking to a paper which they had prepared earlier, before being mercilessly grilled on their paper by a panel of judges. It also served as a selection for the ALSA conference. Simon Fitzpatrick was the victor before a panel comprising Justice Emmett,



Shannon Richards and Sarah Kavanagh, winners of the inaugural Client Interviewing Competition

Joellen Riley and Kate Burns. His paper on *Williams v Roffey* (which repays consideration) beat out papers presented by Sean Conaty, Kate Frost and Jared Cowie. Special thanks must go to Kathryn Higgs and Michael Izzo for their role in setting up the competition.

Second semester saw the third new competition – the Witness Examination. Essentially, this competition involved a mini-trial, with examination in chief and cross-examination of witnesses in the face of objections from the other side. Hasan Kanji guided the competition through to the final before Hill J, where Boris Bronfentrinker, acting for an insurance company with (as it came out on cross-examination) a penchant for tampering with evidence, defeated Jared Cowie, defending a rogue with a taste for fine cars and arson (ably played by Chas Licciardelo). Tom Glasson played Boris' witness.

To mooting now, which despite its long tradition at law school, managed to appear every bit as vibrant as the new

competitions.

The Junior competition was organised by Nicole Dann, and the mooting question was on criminal law. The competition was eventually won by Alexander Morris. Imtiaz Ahmed, Ed Lee and Soo-Jin Yoon were the runners-up. The intermediate competition was based on Real Property, and was organised by Martin Taylor. Benjamin Kelly was the victorious mooter in the final, defeating his ALSA team-mate, Jade Harkness, as well as Ashley Stafford and Justine Twomey. Ben kept himself busy during the intermediate mooting competition by simultaneously running the senior mooting competition.

The senior competition employed a novel approach this year. The preliminary rounds involved a question of private international law drawn from issues covered in the compulsory international law course. The finals involved a more traditional Equity question. A very close competition ensued, and eventually the healthy field (it is not unknown for the senior

competition to yield barely enough mooters for a final) was whittled down to eight semi-finalists. Two semis later, the finalists emerged, and by a stroke of luck (as far as our egos were concerned) the final was to be fought out by the four remaining Jessup Moot veterans – Jennifer Single, Michael Izzo, Simon Fitzpatrick and Jared Cowie. Billed as a “Jessup Grudge Moot”, the final, held in the Banco Court, didn't disappoint. The formidable bench comprised Justices Meagher and Beazley of the NSW Court of Appeal, and Justice Lindgren of the Federal Court. Between them they knew perhaps even more about Equity than Michael Izzo, who took the laurels in the end.

Sydney also managed to break a drought that had seen little intervarsity mooting success (apart from Jessup) for a number of years. In fact, Sydney Uni dominated intervarsity mooting, it is probably fair to say, winning everything on offer except for ALSA. The 1999 Butterworths Constitutional Law Mooting Competition was won by Sydney University for the first time since 1995. The team comprised Jade Harkness, John Thomas Skene, Hasan Kanji and Jared Cowie. Jade Harkness and Jared

Cowie did battle in the final against the defending champions, UTS. Jade was the best mooter in the final and overall. The H.V. Evatt moot (held annually against UNSW) also saw Sydney succeed for the first time in a number of years. Jennifer Single and Alexander Morris acted as counsel, while Imtiaz Ahmed acted as solicitor. The bench for

the occasion was Justice Matthews of the Federal Court, Barbara McDonald of law school, and David Friedlander, a partner at Mallesons Stephen Jaques, the generous sponsors of the event (and hosts of a well-appointed post-moot function). Thanks must be extended to

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Jared Cowie, Jade Harkness, Hasan Kanji and John Thomas Skene, winners of the Butterworths Mooting Competition



Michael Izzo,
winner of the Senior Mooting Competition

Benjamin Kelly,
winner of the Intermediate Mooting Competition

Alexander Morris,
winner of the Junior Mooting Competition



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UNSW, who hosted this year's moot and arranged some aspects of it.

Finally, the ALSA conference in Hobart provided an opportunity for all of our competitions to stretch their intervarsity legs. Ben Kelly, Jade Harkness and Nicole Dann narrowly missed out on the semi-finals in the moot. Shannon Richards and Sarah Kavanagh represented Sydney in the client interview. Simon Fitzpatrick did battle in the paper presentation, and Jennifer Single competed in witness examination.

My thanks must be extended to all those who organised and competed in competitions in 1999. Special thanks must also go to Michael Izzo and Boris Bronfentrinker, who provided invaluable SULS assistance. Hopefully it was an enriching experience for all concerned.

Jared Cowie
Competitions Director



Imtiaz Ahmed, Jennifer Single and Alexander Morris, winners of the H V Evatt Moot, with the Dean, Professor Jeremy Webber

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L A W Y E R S

The Jessup Moot



When you tell someone at Law School you're doing the Jessup International Law Moot, the first thing they'll probably say is, "You get a free trip overseas with that, don't you?" The thing most people ignore is that earning that "free" trip to compete in the World Finals involves working harder and longer than you have ever worked before to be one of the two teams to get through the Australian competition. However, the fact is that Sydney Uni Law School has enjoyed such brilliant success in recent times that Jessup traditions now include staying at a particular hotel in Washington during the International competition and heading to New York for a holiday afterwards. For the record, recent memory has the teams from 1995, 1996 and 1998 going to the International Finals in America, so the pressure of expectation begins from the time you are selected for the team. As one of our team said, "The weight of history was on us like a very heavy old thing".

The story begins on 25 September 1998, when the team was chosen — Cowie, Jared; Fitzpatrick, Simon; Izzo, Michael; Scruby; Richard and Single, Jennifer were to be the new recruits to bear the hopes of Sydney Uni under the guidance of Professor Ivan "Supercoach" Shearer. There followed an entire summer of frantic work cooped up in our office on Level 14 of the Law School ("Jessup Central" to those foolish enough to make contact from the outside world), interspersed only with clerkships, and hundred of games of Solitaire and Minesweeper (or should that be Mindsweeper?). After countless

discussions, debates and arguments we finally agreed that the covers of the Memorials (our written submissions) should be blue for the Applicant, the Republic of Bretoria, and yellow for the Respondent, Kingdom of Pagonia. With this important decision made all we had to do was write the eighty-odd pages of scintillating international law analysis and everything would be fine. It is difficult to convey how large a task this is and how much attention to detail is required; suffice it to say that it takes five people ten hours a day for a couple of months to do, and there was heated disagreement amongst the team as to whether or not to use Latin expressions such as "eo ipso" and "qua" or their less wanky/scholarly English equivalents. The moot problem itself involved a dispute between the two fictional countries concerning intellectual property and cultural issues, and it raised complex international law questions such as the customary status of multilateral treaties, the required level of compensation for expropriation of foreign property and the significance of unilateral statements. In any event, having argued over the merits of every single word we included, our Memorials were submitted on the 22nd of January after only one all-nighter, and only two major technical difficulties. We were in fact the first team in the country to hand them in. However, we didn't think the expression "first in, best dressed" applied as we looked at each other's sweaty, scruffy, exhausted forms that Friday afternoon.

The unique thing about the Jessup Moot is that it is almost actually two competi-

tions in one. Teams are judged on both the quality of their written Memorials and their ability to moot their arguments before panels of three judges. The period between the handing the Memorials and the moot competition proper involves doing heaps of practice rounds to develop the submissions and refine moot technique. For the tremendous assistance these daily grilling sessions provided us we have thank Houda Younan, Tim Stephens, Beau Buffier, Rebecca Mason, Matt McClennan, Kirsty Samuels, Daniel Gal, Kim Wetherill, Ben Vonwiller, Ben Boer, Brian Opeskin, Okezie Chuckwumerije, Mary Crock, Ivan, and probably other people we were too traumatised by to remember. Thanks to them we headed to Canberra on February 9 for the National rounds reasonably confident we were at least near the right track.

Then came the fun (and very stressful) part. Four moots in two days: Michael and Richard against the University of Queensland, Simon and Jared taking on ANU, Richard and Jenni versus Macquarie, and Michael and Jared tackling UTS. After the preliminary rounds, the eight quarter-finalists were announced. The number one team was Bond University. We were second, having won all four of our moots. That night we retired to the salubrious setting of Houda's serviced apartment across the lake from the High Court and stayed up to watch an eminent International Law Professor named Ivan Shearer appear on *Late Line* to discuss the Pinochet decision. The next morning we drew UNSW in the quarter-final and Michael and Jared won

a very close moot where the semi-conscious judges only asked three questions. We then drew Monash University in the semi and decided on the dangerous tactical initiative of running Michael and Richard against them despite the fact that Richard had never mooted the position we were asking him to, even in practice. The stakes were high because this was the moot that would decide who made the Australian Final and thus had the right to go to Washington. Nevertheless, the bold move paid off as both Michael and Richard performed brilliantly and our destiny was fulfilled — we could now show our faces back in Sydney having done at least the minimum expected of us.

And then we lost the Final. But it was a very close decision, and we actually won the oral argument with the bench of Justice Kirby, Bill Campbell and Rosemary Rafeuse splitting 2-1 in our favour. Our opponents were the impeccably prepared Bond team who we already knew were to be our travelling companions to the US. If only our Memorials had been best instead of first... At that evening's presentation ceremony Michael was named Best Oralist in the Final, Richard was ranked in the top ten speakers from the preliminary rounds, and Jared and Simon stole the show in the comedy revue singing lyrics inspired by the moot problem to the appropriate tune of

Westside Story's "America".

Our glorious return to Sydney was ruined by the beginning of classes and the prospect of more research and more practice moots (with the exception of Richard who avoided such things by staying in Canberra to work twelve hour days as a High Court Associate). It was at this point that we also had to raise the money to finance our "free" trip. For their generous sponsorship we have to thank Malleson Stephen Jaques and Norton Smith (now Norton White) who made outstanding contributions, as well as Clayton Utz, Allen Allen and Hemsley, Phillips Fox, Freehill Hollingdale and Page, the New South Wales Bar Association, and numerous individual donors.

And so we set off to do our best to out-moot the Yanks. Not to mention the Indians, Canadians, English, Turks, Mexicans, Brazilians, and our arch-rivals, Bond University. We were again accompanied by our status-symbol coach who seemed to inspire awe in every other team (it wasn't the same for us since we'd seen him in shorts when he arrived for one weekend meeting). It happened more than once that a look of fear would descend on an opponent mooter when they cited him as an authority, as if they were half expecting a voice from the back of the courtroom to say, "Well that's

not exactly what I meant". For the Kenyan team we met in the preliminaries in Washington it was like meeting a rock star — they insisted on having their photos taken with him!

After twenty-one hours of flying and some frenetic activity at the LA Airport transfer desk in between, we arrived in Washington DC. We spent the first day after we arrived sightseeing, and the day after the day after we arrived being issued with the other teams' memorials; it was time to moot. In the preliminary rounds we faced Puerto Rico, the London School of Economics, Kenya, and Humbolt University from Germany. We had been assured by last year's team that the preliminaries were a piece of cake and we would have no problems getting through. As it happened, we found that each of our preliminary moots was against very good opposition and it was a nervous wait for the announcement of which teams would go through to the next round. That announcement came at about 1:15 am at a very dodgy drinking establishment called "Lulu's." We knew the score: if we made it into the top sixteen teams out of 62, and Bond did as well, we would moot them at 9 am because of a rule that teams from the same nation have to knock each other out in that round. If we did not, we would go down in history as the worst performing Australian team in a very long time. The only option open to us as we awaited that announcement was to drink very expensive and very bad American beer.

That proved to be somewhat of a tactical error. We made it through to the runoff round, drew Bond, then won the toss and chose our favourite side. The thing that we didn't take into account is that the mooters from Bond were underage, and had not been drinking. Okay, they were actually very good and had done some very solid work since the Final in Canberra. Still, Washington was a long way to



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go to be beaten by the same team. By the way, Bond went on to lose in the semi-final, and the competition was won by the National University of India defeating the University of Pretoria which we'd adopted as our favourite for two reasons: first because we'd made friends with one of their team, Lawrence Mashava; and secondly because they'd beaten Bond.

However, we cannot let you believe that this was an entirely serious week of competition. There was much partying and socialising done, particularly with the team from Humbolt, who decided unilaterally (though not without good cause) that we were the coolest team there. This collection of ridiculously attractive Germans provided hours of fun as English words such as "Tree" and "Bunyip" took on new and flexible meanings. We also managed to fit in between moots an audience with Australia's ambassador to the US, Andrew Peacock, who gave up an hour of his time to tell us how good we were and how everyone loves Australia (not just the Jessuping Germans).

They say that all good things must come to an end. Fortunately for us, the five month slog of Jessup ended with a chance to unwind for two weeks in various foreign locations — except for Ivan and Richard, for whom duty called. Despite the hard work and enormous amount of time we had to devote to Jessup it was well worth it in the end. It is an amazing experience that each of us will remember for the rest of our lives — not just the free trip but also the long hours talking and laughing in the Level 14 flat, and the sense of achieving something as a team, and the Germans, ah yes, the Germans...

Simon Fitzpatrick and
Jared Cowie

ALSAS 1999



1999 proved another hectic year for Sydney Law involvement in ALSA.

Firstly, Sydney had a strong presence on the ALSA Council. The executive of ALSA was a disciplined machine with Jesse Clarke at the helm as President and the tireless Kate Alexander as Secretary. In addition to these members, two of the ALSA Committee members were also Sydney students. Arlie Loughlan and Rowena Murray valiantly stepped in to assist the ALSA Council as Education Officer and ALSA Reporter Editor when other members of the Committee proved less committed. The final other two members of ALSA Council taken from the ranks of Sydney Law were Boris Bronfentrinker, sitting in his capacity of SULLS President and myself as SULLS ALSA Representative. All of the Councillors from Sydney attended the April Council meeting and the vast majority attended ALSA's 21st Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting in July. For the final council meeting of the year in September our numbers were reduced to just three, Jesse, Boris & myself, due to the change over of the Executive and Committee of ALSA in August.

Throughout the year, the ALSA Council worked hard to tackle the issues of most importance to Australian law students. Firmly in their sights were issues impact-

ing on equity and access to legal education. After completing a comprehensive drafting and consultation process, ALSA released its policies on Higher Education Funding and National Admission and continued to lobby for change. Fundamentally, ALSA sought to remedy the current situation in which law students pay the highest fees (the top band of Differential HECS) and yet are funded at the lowest rate (in the Relative Funding Model). Similarly, ALSA expressed its opposition to upfront fees for Practical Legal Training (such as College of Law fees) and urged the government to establish a national admission scheme which would see fees for PLT

become HECS liable. ALSA continues to work to these policy objectives (see www.alsa.asn.au for more information).

The second impression that Sydney Law left on ALSA this year was in the dedicated work of its competitors at The 21st Annual Conference held in Hobart in July. Our intrepid moot team members Nicole Dann, Jade Harkness and Benjamin Kelly burned the midnight oil for the better part of the conference week and even sacrificed study hours in the mid-year exams in order to transform themselves into a well honed arguing machine, narrowly missing a

chance to star in the final rounds of the competition. Simon Fitzpatrick, intellectual extraordinaire, proved his skills of legal analysis to be too intellectual even for the examiners of the paper presentation competition and Jenni Single left witness quaking in their boots after she had examined them to near submission. Last but not least, hot on the heels of the win in the intrafaculty Holding Redlich Client Interview Competition, Sarah Kavanagh and Shannon Richards continued to prove that they were truly talented in their interactions with clients. Although our competitors did not make it to the final rounds of their extremely high standard competitions they must all be thanked for and congratulated on their hard work and talent, both of which they showed in spades.

Not to be overlooked of course, were the final members of the Sydney Law who came in contact with the ALSA beast, the general delegates! Sydney sent a larger than usual contingent of general delegates down to Hobart for the Annual Conference and many of these delegates proved that their skills of social interaction rendered them excellent ambassadors for Sydney Law!

ALSA 2000 will see Jesse Clarke continue to act as Immediate Past President and James Sharkey and Phillipa Donovan will be the new general members on council.

Kathryn Higgs & Jesse Clarke



McCarry

The Interview

On 22 March 1999, Associate Professor Greg McCarry was appointed a magistrate of the Local Court. Greg McCarry began lecturing full-time in 1976, specializing in employment and industrial law and constitutional law. He authored and co-authored many books and articles, including the standard work *The Law of Employment*, and was for ten years a consultant to a major industrial practice. He was also the only lecturer with enough courage to put a baby photo on the law school website.



Magistrate McCarry

How was the Law School different when you were a student?

First, I was not then lecturing.

That aside there were far fewer women students and far more part time lecturers (some of whom were first rate). The structure and sequencing of the curriculum were better then than now, in my view, although there were hardly any optional subjects. The biggest difference is that the library facilities – paper and electronic – are now vastly better as is the attention given to teaching students how to retrieve and use materials for themselves. One caveat is necessary on that last statement – I think there is a

tendency to give too much attention to secondary materials and too little to primary sources in research and writing.

Over the period you lectured at the Law School (1976-1999), what changes did you observe in the student body?

Remarkably few apart from the aforementioned continued increase in the female component. One worrying trend is for students increasingly to value themselves for what they achieve or acquire rather than simply because they are. That way lies personal disaster.

What are the most important skills a

law graduate should possess today?

Attributes are more important than skills – personal integrity, a genuine sense of service, common sense, balance, respect for others as people even if their behavior is not beyond reproach. As to skills, generic and intellectual skills are important – the ability to locate and marshal material, factual and legal; the ability to analyse that material critically in the correct sense of the word; a willingness to learn from anyone, even the most unlikely; the ability to relate appropriately to all manner of people; capacity to work in a structured and organised manner; an ability to speak and write accurately. These come easier to

some than others but all can be acquired to a sufficient extent.

When you taught me constitutional law in 1995, it seemed we would almost certainly become a republic by 2000. Do you have a view on the republic referendum you would like to share?

Yawn, ho-hum, next question please.

What do you think of Re Wakim, the 1999 High Court decision striking down the cross-vesting regime? Do you think, as Justice McHugh suggested that "co-operative federalism" is just a "political slogan"?

Re Wakim? – not before time. Like it or not, the Constitution establishes a federation with limited – if wide powers given to the central government. His Honour is, with respect, correct. The parties on the federation are entitled, if so advised, to insist upon their rights under the Constitution whatever they may be, and neither may they go beyond their powers. If "co-operative federalism" is meant to imply going beyond these limits it is indeed no more than a slogan.

What do you think will happen to the pace of reform in your former 'speciality', industrial and employment law, given the rapid changes in the late 1980's and 1990's? What directions do you think the law will take in this area?

It is debateable whether many of the legislative changes in that time can properly be called 'reform'. Be that as it may, I believe the rate of legislative change will slow. The power of collective labour has been cut, and for reasons which are not entirely clear, union membership has fallen. But the better unions and, increasingly, employees will start to use the general law against employers, without abandoning what is left of the 'system'. Thus, innovative actions in contract and tort, including class actions, will become more common as will suits for injunctions and declarations. I have been surprised that there has not been more of this, although a skim through

the law reports for the last year suggests that there is a new awareness of the usefulness of these strategies. Doubtless employers will return the compliment as appropriate. So much for shared goals and values, trust and co-operation, which have, in many workplaces, become meaningless jingles in any event.

Do you think there will ever be a unified industrial relations system?

No, and I hope not.

Why did you decide to become a magistrate?

The offer came unexpectedly, with just two days to decide whether to accept. It had been many years since I did any court work. I thought it a satisfying and important thing to return to, this time as a judicial officer, towards the end of my career. Local Courts do maybe 85% of all litigation. If those with business there – I include both sides – do not get "justice according to law" the whole system is in trouble. I presumed to think that by now I might have enough maturity, experience and judgment to make a decent contribution to the community as well as doing varied and intrinsically interesting work. Oh, and the pay is much better than an Associate Professor gets.

What challenges have you faced in the job?

I had quickly to get on a vertical learning curve, given my long time away from the courts and given the great legislative changes in that time. There is a staggering variety of matters – commitals for the most serious matters (eg murder and kidnapping), aggravated and common assaults, all manner of offences against property, traffic matters – many quite serious and potentially carrying custodial penalties – factually and legally complex civil claims, family law, buckets of apprehended violence orders, inquiries under mental health and so on. And there is a huge volume of work. In addition, I was sitting in three or four geographically different courts per week, which was pretty tiring. One of the most difficult things is the need to relate to so

many different people in a day, not missing a word or a nuance. Many appear for themselves and some seem to be emotionally unstable. This makes it very draining. But I like to think that after five months or so these challenges were well on the way to being met with no major disasters. I am at the moment sitting as a licensing magistrate, which is a little less fraught.

How has your career prepared you for work as a magistrate?

Others, especially former students who have appeared before me, are really in a better position to judge this than I am. They may think it did not prepare me. But I hope, that as I have grown older I have been given some degree of wisdom and judgment and patience and some ability to not merely hear what is said but to listen, that is to discern the intended meaning. The other things I like to think I have been given are a good understanding of legal principle in many areas, a detailed knowledge of some specific aspects of law, good ability to quickly "get across" new material, to grasp arguments and identify issues, and some skills in communicating effectively with all those in court. Verbal skills, to dictate *ex tempore* judgments on a regular basis and to debate with practitioners as appropriate also seem to have evolved over the years. To the extent that I am not fooling myself and in fact possess some or any of these attributes, they have been derived only partly from my career and partly from the process of living.

Your jogging regime is legendary. Do you still find time to jog on the bench?

Actually I still jog in the park. But I had to reduce my jogging considerably when I was moving about from court to court so much. With the longer days and a stint in the licensing court I am getting back in to my old regime.

Any advice for the class of 1999?

Don't do it!

Jonathan Kirkwood

Moments ...



'We're Outta Here!' ut

By Jason Webber
1999-04-12 10:00 AM



It's a beautiful day in the city of Toronto. The sun is shining brightly, and the birds are chirping. The law school building is a beautiful sight, with its many windows reflecting the sunlight. The building is a symbol of the law school's history and tradition. It has stood for many years, and it will continue to stand for many more. The building is a testament to the law school's commitment to excellence and to the pursuit of justice.

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We've Got Ethics!

— Dean



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THE END OF HEARSAY

EVIDENCE ACT ss59-75 REPEALED.

The Ministry of Justice has announced that the Evidence Act (sections 59-75) will be repealed. This means that the current rules of evidence will be replaced by a new set of rules. The new rules will be more flexible and will allow for a more fair trial. The repeal of the Evidence Act is a significant step towards a more modern and efficient legal system.

TRIVIAL UPROAR

Someone F*&ed Up, claims disgruntled competitor

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Students speak: 'Let's linger at Law School'

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Final Year Dinner



On the 30th October 1999, the weather was miserable. However, the sight of riotous wedding receptions across the main quad seemed to inspire most of the revellers. I'm not sure whether it was genuine delight in the marriage, or indignance in being outdone by a group of thirty-somethings. Regardless, crowds flocked around champagne and canapes to the tunes of carillon bells.

The leaky roof of MacLaurin Hall lent a certain atmosphere. Very cleverly, we attempted to place one unfortunate floral centrepiece directly under the leak. Not a great idea that. My apologies to all whose meals were splattered mid mouthful. I'm sure rain water added to the gastronomic flavours (or at the very worst, only diluted them).

The ever entertaining Jared Cowie and Simon FitzPatrick warmed up the audience by singing a farewell toast. Boris, as SULLS President gave his final address for the year and welcomed our guest speaker. Justice Virginia Bell of the NSW Supreme Court surprised her audience by being: (a) brief, (b) funny, and (c) honest. She had a strong dislike for conchers (short for conscientious students) and was inspirational in terms of her diverse legal experience and open mindedness to life. We could but cheer for such a trendy judge.

The Final Year Speaker was none other than Jon Kirkwood. Jon surprised the audience by recollecting the major cases of Real Property and Torts. An impressive feat of memory. Jon also managed to make the experience of a law degree sound quite good fun. Half the audience almost wished they'd been a part of it, before promptly realising they

Final Year Speech

"Justice Bell, Professor Webber, members of staff and fellow law students:

We are the last graduating class of the old millenium. It's only when you say it aloud that you realize this has no significance at all. So I'll move on.

Our time at law school has been marked by arduous challenges, such as keeping up with New South, and revolutionary events, such as the downsizing of lectures into seminars and tutorials into nothing. We have been blessed with the new Minter Ellison Room on level 13, as well as new toilet facilities on level 3, which, strangely, have not yet been named after a law firm. Suggestions are welcome. Meanwhile, the Faculty continues to plan its daring escape from its Elizabeth and Phillip Street neo-Alcatraz. Much of the drilling you have heard this year in lectures is actually the Dean digging a tunnel to main campus from which law students will one day emerge into the sunshine.

Everyone will carry with them their

own fond memories of law school.

One of mine is the passion of many lecturers for visiting the locations of big cases in the course guide ... and then telling us about it. For those who had Peter Butt for Real Property, who can forget the story of his visit to Ellenborough Park, that quaint square of houses on the south coast of England which gave rise to a definitive account of the characteristics of an easement, in *Re Ellenborough Park* [1956] 1 Ch 131. For those who missed out, it went approximately: "As I turned my eyes away from Ellenborough Park and towards the ocean, the beach seemed to stretch out to sea for miles and miles. So I put on my galoshes and walked out onto the beach and away from the shore. Then the tide came in and I almost drowned."

If this nomadic tendency is, as it appears, widespread among legal academics, I see a market in package holidays. So I have a modest business proposal, with the working title, "The Lonely Planet Guide to the Common Law". The first venture will be a day trip to the Southern Highlands, site of that epic High Court constructive trust case from Equity, *Muschinski v Dodds* (1985)

were - and were about to sit exams.

The ceremonies drew to a climax with the announcement of award winners. All academic staff were honoured with their choice of a coloured texta and a PEZ dispenser (for energy on the dancefloor).

The most coveted of awards was announced under immense atmospheric tension. Third was Barbara McDonald who declared her uncertainty whether to cry with relief (or perhaps disappointment at the fake gold Oscar Statuette). Second Prize went to Diane Skapinker. The 1999 Best Lecturer was won by our very own Frank Sinatraesque style entertainer - Ross Anderson. As a mark of student respect and fondness, Ross is indeed the untouchable in this category. Well deserved for another year!!

Finally the Dean Professor Jeremy Webber made a touching toast to the Final Year Students - all the encouragement they needed to hit that dancefloor like there was no tomorrow - or at least as if there were no exams tomorrow.

I must say in closing that the staff put the students to shame on the dancefloor. Special mention must go to Jennifer Hill, who certainly needed no extra energy from PEZ and to Miiko Kumar. At least the boys waiting to dance with the beautiful litigation lecturer formed an orderly queue. So well behaved!

Thanks to the SULS Executive for madly tying bows on booklets and ignoring my ridiculously pedantic instructions (I'm sorry for making it a competition and for scolding the bad bow tyers - Sunny and Luke). Also an enormous thank you also

to Barbara McDonald for encouraging a number of staff to attend - its just not the same without the lecturers.

Jesse Clarke deserves a thank you for preparing the presentation to Ros Atherton. Ros deserves a thankyou for caring so much about her students. And both deserve an apology from me - I went home with the flowers for the presentation minutes before Ros arrived at the party.

Lastly a support thank you to my mother (please don't groan), and Eloise Scoford who kept head table occupied whilst the rest of the audience lost the plot/got drunk/weren't interested. Never mind the 1999 students marked the end of an era. Sydney Law Students will never change! And we wouldn't want them any other way!

Phillippa Donovan

160 CLR 583. You'll remember that case arose out of Mrs Muschinski & Mr Dodds' disastrous attempt to set up an arts and crafts business on the Southern Highlands while in a stormy de facto relationship, which led the High Court impose a constructive trust on various things. Tag-line for the day trip: "See where it all went wrong! Full re-enactments of the quarrels, tantrums, plate-smashing and door-slammings etc."

Another fond memory is I have is of the raw sewerage pipe that snakes its way around the walls and ceiling inside Lecture Theatre 7. I always thought that classical music was the best aid to concentration and learning. But I was wrong. In Personal Taxation, with each trickling sound of effluent, I found myself paying ever closer attention to the lecture. I take my yellow plastic raincoat hat off to whoever thought of it.

I will also remember 1999 as the year SOCOG came to law school to recruit volunteers for its Olympic intellectual property police force. As an alternative to paid work or overseas travel, it was a tempting offer for graduates, with benefits like walking through crowds for two weeks trying to spot counterfeit T-shirts on American torsos, being able to

say you've done pro bono work (under the John Coates definition of 'pro bono') and of course, the surefire winner, being able to put SOCOG on your resume, maybe even list Michael Knight and Richo as your referees.

Lastly, I will forever admire the Faculty's success this year in persuading the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board that our degree contained a Legal Ethics component. You'll remember that in May 1998 the Board announced that no one could be admitted after 1 January 2000 without this essential knowledge. I know it was a serious issue at the time, but we can laugh about it now. After its initial skepticism, it appears the Board accepted the Faculty's argument that Legal Institutions did in fact contain an Ethics component, and that the subsequent name change to "Law, Lawyers and Justice" was simply designed to *emphasise* the Faculty's ongoing compliance with the new rule. For me, this argument will lose none of its brilliance even as I am struck off.

But on a less flippant note, with globalization, rationalization and all the other '-izations' we hear about, the 1990s have been a turbulent decade for the law and legal education, and next

century will be no different. I think the law school has equipped us well for the challenges that lie ahead, whether we choose to meet them as lawyers or in some other capacity. At least, courses with names like "Law, Communications, Culture and Global Economics" make you feel worldly. I also think that the class of 1999 has made a significant contribution to the life of the law school, be it through publications, competitions, events, clubs and societies, and, most importantly, class participation.

I would like to thank the members of the academic staff who are in attendance tonight. Whether your motive for coming is to wish us a fond farewell or to make quite sure we're leaving, we are very grateful. As a token of our gratitude, we would like to present you with these magnificent PEZ dispensers and coloured pens. The significance of the pens is that it was said, wisely, on the TV show *The League of Gentlemen* that you can learn a lot about how to handle students from pens. If they don't work, you shake them. If they still don't work, you throw them away."

Jonathan Kirkwood

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At least once a year there needs to be an excuse to indulge in clouds of chiffon and lace, elaborate collures, freshly starched tuxedo shirts and cummerbunds. The indulgence is compounded whenever there is a theme to play with. A good theme. Because preparation is part of the ceremony. The 1999 Law Ball at the Dockside Function Centre, Cockle Bay satisfied the craving (what could be more appropriate a theme than 'Under the Sea'?).

Acres of frothy blue and silver, wetsuits and Neptunes (complete with Tridents), mermaids and even a lobster or two... Soap bubbles, silver balloons, champagne and those darling fluorescent green armbands (guaranteed entry into the Slip Inn afterparty and perfect outfit accessory) completed an underwater vista beyond any possible imagining. Phillipa Donovan and her fleet of organisers

have to be thanked for selling tickets week after week (652 in total!), organising it all, acquiring all of the Captains Regalia for the SULS men (never knew that you boys could scrub up so well!), setting up and putting up decorations while the rest of us were putting up our hair.

Drinks on the balcony overlooking the lights of Darling Harbour and environs preceded entry into the underwater wonderland that Pip and her crew had constructed. It was a pity, but dinner - 'wind dried salmon' (!), 'Cockle Bay wine', chicken breast with olive and tomato tapenade, a simply scrummy chocolate concoction for dessert - was overlooked by many in favour of fun and games with the nifty little centrepieces and dancing to the music made by the guys on stage. Could anyone even consider rivalling the strains of the law school band? Serena, Dom, Dougal,

Cam, Jono, Nigel, Stuart, Scott, Jonny, Tharini, Emma and Ed are credited with letting us trip the light fantastic, entertaining us and putting on a magnificent show. Fame is just around the corner for you all I'm sure!

A midnight curfew brought the dancing to an end, to the disappointment of many, and the Slipp Inn provided a venue for an after party during the course of which blossoming romances could be fed or finished, more wine taken and weary feet could be rested (thank god for the provision for 'chill time'). Nobody collapsed into a taxi before the early hours of the morning. That's an indication of a successful night in itself. Thanks again to all of the organisers, you'll be a hard act to follow next year!

Valentya Jurkiw



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(L to R): Natalie Krestovsky, Simon Fitzpatrick, Stuart Lawrance

The Medallists

People being interviewed generally have a reasonable expectation that the final product - the thing that appears in print - will contain something at least approximating what was actually said. The failure of the tape recorder, which was only discovered some forty-five minutes into my appointment at one of Glebe's less seedy cafes with Stuart, Natalie and Simon, thus came as a fairly major blow, at least from the perspective of faithfulness and accuracy. After the ugly discovery we spent a few minutes attempting to reconstruct the matters discussed, and decided that this would be best achieved by working backwards. It sounded like a great idea at the time and is probably the kind of response which would make the people in the Psychology department pathetically excited, but it was thwarted by our collective inability to remember anything preceding the discovery of the technical glitch. And we were not even drinking alcohol. For the record, the class of beverage consumed was strictly of the 'afternoon tea' variety, although some of our number - who shall remain nameless - found it necessary to go down the 'health kick' road and select that variety of fancy-looking pulverised fruit drink from which it seems impossible to escape.

In preparation for this task I had, for several weeks, been watching back episodes of *Parkinson*, one of which contained a pretty embarrassing interview with Sting. Whatever else one might think about Michael Parkinson, I do admire his ability to ask the follow up question - that is, to latch on to something said by the interviewee and to explore it more deeply. My attempted imitation failed dismally, as the rest of this piece ably demonstrates. My opening gambit was the old favourite - why did the medallists choose to study law? For Stuart, it was really a case of best guess at the relevant time. Simon did not necessarily study law out of a burning desire to become a lawyer but had always found it an interesting area and, I'm led to believe, was an avid reader of John Mortimer. Natalie felt that her interests in economics and law developed gradually and were in part influenced by listening to and coming into contact with both lawyers and politicians. She also confessed to having an initial leaning towards medicine. So having decided to go down the law school path, what were the best and worst experiences? Without hesitation Stuart labelled the College of Law as the worst (even though this perhaps was not really within

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the scope of the question) and the end of the last exam as the best. Natalie hated being underground for two years at the Phillip Street nuclear fall-out shelter, but felt on balance that that particular horror was outweighed by the inspirational Ron McCallum and also by the opportunity to pursue interests in commercial law. Simon is one of the privileged few to have been taught by Ross Anderson and nominated that experience, together with the Law Revue, as the summit. He also had high praise for Peter Butt but, regrettably, found Real Property the low point of Law School. All that incomprehensible business about two systems — it sounds like something the Chinese government would come up with if they chose to annexe New South Wales.

It was not difficult to predict Simon's response to the next question - the least favourite subject studied. Natalie and Stuart gave the thumbs down to Legal Institutions, but Stuart made the perceptive comment that a limit of 750 words - which was in place for the first assignment in Legal Institutions in 1993 - seemed like a lot at the time. One of the common complaints at Law School centres around the requirement that all students undertake some study of Jurisprudence. Natalie, Stuart and Simon all agreed that had Jurisprudence not been compulsory they might not have studied it, but all appeared to recognise its worth. Natalie has obvious

interests in both law and economics, but the jurisprudence option of the same name allowed those interests to be drawn together and provided some opportunity to investigate an analysis of law from the perspective of economic theory. Simon also felt that it was a welcome contrast from what might be described as the 'black letter' subjects, and that it provides some explanation of law as a system of thought rather than simply a set of rules. Stuart limited his response to the somewhat cagey comment that he 'enjoyed jurisprudence'. From the perceived lack of utility of jurisprudence we moved to the other end of the spectrum and the eminently practical area of criminal law. There seemed general agreement that criminal law should remain a compulsory area of study. Simon characterised it as the clearest point of intersection between society and law, while Stuart focused on the sheer interest value. Natalie felt that while it perhaps has a character distinct from most of the other compulsory subjects it is nevertheless valuable, and she commented that assisting the innocent (and, one might add the guilty) perhaps goes to the essence of legal practice.

The sun, I noted, had begun to sink below the majestic skyline provided by the Broadway shopping complex. I have always wondered why the owners of this development chose to refer to it as 'the greatest show on earth'. I myself can

think of better and more entertaining ways of spending my time than wandering around Coles, K Mart and Freedom furniture. I should have solicited the views of my companions but turned instead to two burning Law School issues. First, what opinions, if any, were held as to the switch from the lecture/tutorial style to the seminar model? Stuart leapt in to express his hatred for the seminar model, suggesting that the participants - except, of course, for the course-giver - were never sufficiently prepared. For Natalie, the lectures provided good background and allowed for more focused reading rather than stumbling through vast tracts of caselaw. Simon articulated my own experience of the seminar system - namely that on the rare occasions that one got around to doing reading before class it never really made sense. One would underline and highlight passages one thought to be significant, only to learn, during the class that one had completely missed the point, and there was never time to go back and do it again properly. There was less consensus among our group on the issue of the move back to Main Campus. Natalie felt that it was good to be able to bring all students together in the one place at least for the final two years of the course, and also found it advantageous being close to the profession. Simon also pointed to the advantages of being in Phillip Street, such as the possibility of having



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members of the profession give classes and participate in the more serious extra-curricular activities such as mootings. Stuart favoured the move back largely on aesthetic grounds - not that there is anything wrong with aesthetics! Main Campus, he said, is simply a nicer place to spend time than Phillip Street. And who can really disagree with that. There is something profoundly depressing about the way that the louvres over the windows in the Law Library have jammed in the 'closed' position, and it is surprising that more people have not required that form of light therapy provided to people in the north of Europe after those interminable winters during which one counts oneself lucky to get more than fifteen minutes of daylight. But Natalie was unmoved: after four years at Main Campus, she felt ready for a change.

A harsh peal of laughter from the next table wakened me from the state of relaxation into which I had sunk. I silently reprimanded myself: this shop talk was all very well, but the really important questions - the ones upon which the readers would form their opinions of the medallists as scholars and people - could not go unasked. What did we all think about *American Beauty*? And did they not agree that *The Matrix* was the greatest movie ever made? As to the former, Natalie liked it but found it a depressing and cynical portrait of American society. Simon liked

it and found its premise - that life in suburbia is not all beer and skittles - refreshing. Stuart, not yet having seen it, felt unable to comment. As to the latter, Natalie generally does not like science fiction or Keanu Reeves, but found it better than expected and enjoyed its home-grown special effects. Simon, who also does not have a huge amount of time for Keanu but, unlike Natalie, does enjoy sci-fi, liked it. Stuart's response was that it gave him exactly what he wanted: two and a half hours of mindless escapism.

At this point I somehow lost control of the proceedings. I realized with some alarm that the conversation had moved in an unexpected and ugly direction, namely, an animated and frighteningly detailed conversation about *Popstars* - a show with which, I am proud to report, I am not in the least familiar. Unable to participate in the discussion, I had a few moments for quiet reflection. The achievements of Stuart, Natalie and Simon are things which, in a way, all associated with Sydney Law School can take great pride and encouragement. There is no doubt that they have enriched us all with their brilliant minds, but they are also engaging, thoughtful and genuinely friendly people. Those characteristics, in combination, give cause for high hopes and great confidence.

Tom Riemer



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SHANGHAI WINTER SCHOOL



A month at the East China Institute of Politics and Law, Shanghai, proved to be an attractive option for the many students from Australia and New Zealand who chose to travel to the People's Republic to study Chinese Law and Legal Systems in January, 1999. The question of the effectiveness of the changes in China's legal system apparently accompanying the political and economic shift in focus from 1982, was raised implicitly throughout the "Fifth Winter School in Shanghai". In addition to the obvious benefits of travelling to another country and living for a month with many other students, physically being in bustling, crowded Shanghai allowed us to place what was taught in the classroom in its actual context on the streets, and also to gauge to what extent our lectures reflected the reality of life and law in China for its people.

The course was really an overview of China's legal and political history, the Cultural Revolution, and the vast legislative changes implemented with the open-door policy and "socialist market economy". The hefty amount of material to be covered in a relatively short period of time meant that most aspects

of the law were necessarily brushed over hastily. There were, for example, two lectures on the Constitution of the PRC, two on Criminal and Criminal Procedure Law in the PRC, one on Foreign Trade, one on Intellectual Property, one on Company Law and so on. Nevertheless, as lecturers ranged from die-hard communists, to free-market constitutionalists (most memorably, the USA-dwelling charismatic congressman, Sun Chao) it was possible to get a feel for the competing interests still very much at play within China's educated elite. What was constant in every lecture delivered, was a kind of nationalistic faith in China and in the undefined notion that "things are now better." So that we could gain an understanding of China's "criminal elephants", and also appreciate the workings of China's system of mediation, we were taken to watch the conviction of an alleged "swindler", and the mediation of a joint tenancy dispute. It is still a point of contention amongst Shanghai-ers, as to whether these events were the real deal as we were told they were, or whether they were perhaps staged. Either way, they too added to our understanding of how law functions in China, and how officials in

"Our unfamiliarity with Chinese legal institutions and policies towards law causes misunderstanding of the role of law in the People's Republic of China. The present unimportance of the formal legal system has deep historical reasons. As China's economy becomes more complex, regularity should increase, although it will remain controversial. In commercial contracts with the West, custom performs the role of law."

"Understanding Chinese Law" by Stanley Lubman, cited by Neil Halliday, CAPLUS guy, in "A Pre-1980 View of Chinese Legal Development"

China wish to portray it as functioning,

Shanghai itself is an incredible mix of old and new. Business people with flashy cars and mobile phones drive through totally chaotic and lawless traffic, to congregate in traditional tea-houses, and ancient temples during their lunch hours. At any time of the day in anything resembling a park, middle-aged and elderly people can be seen ballroom dancing (in full costume and with appropriate music blaring), tai chi, or simply walking along backwards. Games of mah-jong are as popular as karaoke and ten-pin bowling, and high risers were erected amongst ancient and colonial buildings even during the short time we were there. There are heaps of western shops in Shanghai, as well as many increasingly westernised places. The cosmopolitan flavour to central Shanghai has led to the charge that the city is not "real China". Still, gross disparities in wealth and social power were manifest everywhere. And, despite Shanghai's wealth as a city in comparison to other parts of China, it remains apparent in that city that for the many poverty-stricken and illiterate people, changes in the law mean nothing. De-



spite 'reforms' and 'regulation' being hailed with almost religious fervour by many of our lecturers, for the most part, Lubman's observations cited above, remain true of the situation in China.

Accommodation for the Winter School is in the university itself. When we first arrived, there were a few complaints about the heating (or lack of it), and size etc of the rooms we were housed in. After meeting local students Smile, Rain, Penny and Jenny, and visiting their rooms, it became clear just how luxurious in comparison our living arrange-

ments were. I loved the food we were given for every meal at the university: daily banquets, and many deep fried springrolls, breads, chicken and eels. I know that the oil factor worried some people, and there were plenty of places close by to the university with good, cheap food. Weekend trips to Hangzhou and Suzhou were structured into the program, and tai chi and mandarin classes were available daily. People were warm, generous, and helpful, and getting around the city was easy even for those of us who have a tendency to be directionally challenged.

My only real gripe with this enjoyable and insightful experience, was the fact that it is not HECSable. The consequences of this include a large fee to be paid upfront, some difficulty agreeing on unit numbers required with level 12, and ultimately, an academic transcript that does not record the course. And they say that getting things done in the People's Republic of China can be an administrative and bureaucratic nightmare...

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Lawlita

1999 Sydney Uni Law Revue

Revue season is one of the best times of year at university. For a few weeks the Footbridge Theatre stops showing its usual stellar childrens' pantomime productions that often attract crowds of up to 5 people, and allow the students who own the theatre to actually use it.

And us it the Law Revue does, with "Lawlita" attracting record crowds – with three full houses and one almost full one.

The revue faced an early hiccup with some niggly fire regulations in the Footbridge Theatre that threatened to reduce the size of the cast to around 30. Appalled at the restrictions that this would place on the performance, and deeply concerned about the effects this would have on their leching, the powers that be came up with the idea of splitting the cast into halves. This allowed a cast of around 65 to enjoy the experience of the show (or half of it at any rate). It also allowed half the cast to enjoy the beautiful ambiance of the Arnfeld Room in the Holme Building for half the show, and then swap over.

Some commentators described the effect of this cast splitting as similar to that of the interchange bench in rugby league. It allowed a fresh injection of talent and enthusiasm to swarm on stage after half time (or intermission for the drama types) and keep the intensity levels high throughout the entire show. Wests Tigers Coach Wayne "Junior" Pierce thought so for one, commenting, "Seeing Fitzy (Simon Fitzpatrick) charging on after half time reminded me very much of a fired-up Ben Duckworth coming off the bench after 40 minutes at Leichhardt Oval. Except, from memory, Duckworth wasn't naked at the time. Which is a pity really"

All in all, the cast splitting worked pretty well and looks set to be continued in the



future.

The dancing this year was fantastic, with the choreography of Jade Dearie, Phillipa Donovan and Fraser Stark making even the most lead footed Fifth years look nimble and co-ordinated.

The Assistant Directors (Adeline Cheok, Justine Norrie, Pete Phillips, Joesph Tesvich and Amanda Taggart) did a great job, making management of the large cast an absolute breeze.

Rowena Murray found herself in the unenviable position of being both the In-House and Out-House producer and was so good at it that everyone now thinks the job is piece of cake. She put more time and energy into the production than anyone else, signing her life away for about 6 weeks to make sure the show ran smoothly.

Another standout feature of the 1999 Revue was the set design of Ollie Watts.

For decades law revue sets consisted of bits of wood with something written on them like "Court" or often "Bar" to really ram home the funny bit in the joke. This year however, it all changed. Massive backdrops, delicate designs and a giant John Laws painted head were simply stunning and probably drew more comments than anything else in the show.

The band were their usual seamless selves with Serena Sefton again leading the charge, with Dougal Phillips by her side. Dougal's soul-stirring "Band Filler" song will live on in the minds of many, highlighting the injustice of such a talented band sitting behind a large black fire curtain belting out "Time Warp" ...again. Special mention should also go to Johnno Carter for his always special interpretation of the ABC news tune which he consistently managed to either play completely incorrectly, or stretch out for three minutes.

Others to thank include Sera Mirzabegian for calling the show and keeping 65 people organised in the hardly spacious backstage area, Sunil Varkey and Nick Ogden for convincing so many firms that giving us money was a really good idea, Jared Cowie for beating people until they wrote some scripts and Peter "Urban Cowboy" Nicholas for administering the cast with such cowboyiness.

This year marked the passing of several Law Revue stalwarts. Jared Cowie, Simon Fitzpatrick, Chas Liccardello, Jesse Clark, Alex Skellet and Justin Norrie, will, even though they may well try, never be allowed to perform on the Footbridge Stage again. Unless its in "Little Red Riding Hood Returns" (Now showing, children \$2.50, adults admitted free). They will be missed.

Hugh FitzSimons



The Sport Report

The sporting year began with a bang! The men's interfaculty cricket team, adhered by the effervescent enthusiasm of Varkey and Ogden, took to the crease like never before. Touncing all before them they reached the final having hardly broken a sweat. Saving their best till last the Law School XI secured the trophy by crushing the previously undefeated Vet Science with nine wickets to spare.

The ladies were keen to share the limelight of victory. Angelica and Lucinda provided their opponents with a tennis lesson, coming away comfortable winners in the women's interfac. Playing like Wimbledon champs, there was no matching them on the court. The gents achieved a hard fought third place in the tennis. They also secured a bronze in the very competitive men's basketball event.

The Sydney Uni Law Society was subject to mixed fortunes on the social rugby circuit. We were narrowly defeated by Newcastle Law on their home ground after forty-eight hours of wine tasting (with beer chasers). As with all the games, a post-match BBQ helped defuse the Darwinian aggressiveness and unite the two teams over an ale. Soft hands spreading banana lube also helped to soothe sore muscles...

We suffered another narrow defeat at the hands of the budding surgeons from Sydney Med Soc. Eager to suture our injured pride we inflicted a crushing defeat on UNSW Law Soc, winning by a convincing twenty-four points to nil. Even with a few of our players to bolster their ranks they couldn't stop the trade of tries.

In July we ventured from the sports fields to the ski fields. Grabbing boards or skis, fifty intrepid snow-loving kamikazes attacked the slopes of Thredbo. Camouflaged by the logos of our corporate sponsors we arrived under cover of darkness to find a mountain laid bare. Unperturbed we proceeded quickly and expeditiously to our room and then onwards to the Keller Bar. With wine and song aplenty under our belt we awoke to a morning still fuelled by the excesses of the night before. Despite the tendril like cover down below, the slopes above retained some reasonable cover for the determined. Beginners, pros and beginners dressed like pros all braved the ascent and had a go.

Day two began ominously to the sound of pouring rain (and the echo of broken glass for some....). It was difficult to tell if the groans were associated with hangovers or the prospect of a day indoors. The adventurous majority were delighted to find that after a wet trip on the lifts the top of the mountain was being covered with snow. All in all a great weekend. We met Nuyla, gained a healthy fear of castoreums and discovered the man with the \$300 punch.

Thankyou to all those who participated in the sporting life of the Law Society in 1999. Thankyou also to the many people who helped make that participation both possible and enjoyable.

James Sharkey

STOP PRESS:

On 14 December 1999, SULS won the Cook & Phillip Aquatic Centre Mixed Netball Grandfinal by 18-14.



Wine Tour

University weekends away are often characterised by excesses of all kinds - weather, alcohol, interaction with the opposite (or same) sex. The SALS 1999 Wine Tour in the Hunter Valley was no exception. 35 Law Students braved the cold and rain to pile into four buses for 2 days of bonding over wine, cheese, netball, rugby and Nelson Bay.

Credit has to be given from the very beginning of this report (and then again at the end) to Sunil Varkey for making the weekend possible, for planning the diversions so precisely and for bringing us all together.

Cessnock as our first stop late that Friday Night welcomed us with open arms and after an initial struggle for prime accommodation space and room partners (though by the early hours of next morning it became clear that choice of neighbour was a more important consideration than choice of flat mate), Sydney Law School made a less than sober entrance into the Cessnock Hotel.

Chapter II: Cessnock Nightlife

Drink, Dance, Bond. Drink some more, dance some more, bond (in a very particular way in some cases) and retreat to Caravan Park and cabins to repeat the process all over again.

Chapter III Hunter Valley Idyll

It is interesting to see what an antidote a greasy breakfast can be to bleary eyes, fuzzy heads and furry mouths. Instant revival in most cases and an age



old theory confirmed. Bacon, Eggs and Berocca preceded a trek into the heart of the Hunter to ponder over Shiraz and Chardonnay bottled by all the big names - Pokolbin, McWilliams and Hardy's (the latter blessed us with a luxurious verandah and a lunch fit for Olympian Gods). It was a pity, but mishaps with maps and a broken clutch on one of the buses forced the company to Newcastle ahead of time. Preparations for the night at Newcastle's cheapest accommodation - lots of bunks in a big room - and an exploration of the city of the Steel City had begun.

Chapter IV Night of Steel at Customs House

A diet of grapes and hops is bound to take its toll at some point, and most most revellers were in bed by 3am, excepting a few hard core individuals (Canadian Exchange Students are remarkably resilient). Dinner at Customs House, heavily discounted after a 2 1/2 hour wait for the meal, ale at the Brewery and a Mr Newcastle Pageant at the Mercury (Newcastle Clubbers were vocal in their appreciation of 'our boys')

preceded dancing under 'Fanny's' neon disco lights.

Chapter V Nelson Bay vs University Sports

The final chapter of the trip is punctuated by a division in the company. There was the camp who chose to breakfast at Nelson Bay and breathe in the air by the sea and those who chose to battle with the Newcastle University Rugby and Netball teams. Nicole Dann, Jim Sharkey and Nigel Lowry have to be credited with organising the Sydney teams for the day and Sunil (again) for being responsible for the whole production. The exertions of the weekend was ample excuse for Newcastle's victory (it was by no means an easy one and we were a force to be reckoned with). The loss was, however, only a little hiccup when set against the success of the weekend as a whole. Bacchus would be proud of you all!



Valentyna Jurkiw

SCULS Report

We may not have level 5, but SCULS seems to have put on a reasonably good show this year. It all kicked off with a very successful Turkish pizza lunch which saw piles of boxes being carted off to the four corners of the Old Teachers College.

A Pub Crawl in Balmain was soon to follow, with bells and whistles and a large group of rowdy(?) law students. As the night progressed, so did the general alcohol intake and subsequently, the size of the battalion steadily diminished. Some were lost in their pursuit of drunken love, others were tempted by

the tantalising treats of the local kebab store and others still just decided to let their hair down and break free from the designated 20 minute pub stops.

The end of semester saw a cocktail party at the Dendy, with an expected turn out of 80 and an actual show of 240! The set up was amazing but this cool city spot boasted golden rivers of alcohol which unfortunately were not as free flowing as the rivers of the land of Level 5. Nevertheless, a good night was had by all.

And finally, in an attempt to bring a bit of variety to the social calendar of the campus law student, SCULS organised a jazz night in collaboration with Jazz Soc, veering away from the ever popular drink-dance-drink-pash parties which we've all come to know and love.

We held it at the Grandstand Bar which

quite nicely lent itself to the occasion, with an area inside for music, dancing and drinking, and an outside area for BBQ, socialising and drinking. We were lucky enough to have Tanzil, our own Treasurer to sing for us, accompanied by his fantastic 4 piece band. The music was sensational and although the "crowd scales" seemed to have been recovering from an unexpected imbalance at our previous event, everyone present had an absolute ball! We have a pizza lunch in store and an end of semester party which will hopefully end 1999 with a bang.

SCULS has had a great year and my warmest thanks go to the wonderful committee who did such a great job. On behalf of SCULS I would like to wish the Final year students all the best for a happy and fulfilling future.

Cris Piccioli

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There are no great things: only small things done with great love.

Katherine Mansfield (1888 - 1923)

The penultimate year of the millenium was marked by many triumphs for Fems Rea. The women involved in Fems Rea came together to form a close feminist community at Law School and to challenge the dominance of male students and masculinity in other spheres of law student life. We set our own agenda for the year, and we followed through on the great ideas that were generated within our midst. In many ways, step by step, with commitment and passion, we did do great things.

Faced with yet another year of restricted funding and diminished autonomy, Fems Rea sought out and secured the financial and social support of the University of Sydney Union. Throughout the year, we liaised closely with Marg Egan and the Union Women's Committee. With this consistent support, we hosted several great functions, including a film night and a wine and cheese evening.

Fems Rea also continued to work closely with the Women's Committee of the Law School. Fems Rea was represented at Women's Committee meetings. We kept the staff informed of our activities and some staff members attended several of our events.

We hosted several events during the course of the year. We organised a lunch to hear some thoughts on feminism and tax, from Clare Young, a Vis-

iting Professor from Canada. We also marshalled the support of the Women Lawyers Association of NSW to provide information to law students about career paths for women in the law. WLA President Dominique Hogan-Doran gave us an insight into the world of barristers, with other women lawyers from government and industry speaking to us about their experiences. The WLA fostered the involvement of Fems Rea in their association with invitations to lunches and meetings, as well as distributing newsletters. This also gave women law students the chance to contribute to WLA submissions on various law reform projects.

Undoubtedly most important of all of these achievements was the spirit and the strength that made all of them possible. The sense of community fostered among the women of Fems Rea and, through them, to include the wider women law student body, was nurtured and flourished in sometimes hostile surroundings. Over the course of the year, friendships, networks and skills developed and strengthened. All this forms a strong and powerful foundation on which to build in 2000 and beyond.

To all the wonderful women involved in Fems Rea: thank you, sisters and good luck.

Arlie Loughnan

Fems Rea

Fabulous again in '99

Polemic

1999

"There cannot be too many law reviews, or at least there are not yet... There is a lot more law out there to review these days; so growth in the number of law reviews ought to be encouraged, not berated"

John Paul Jones, "In Praise of Student-Edited Law Reviews"

"There are two things wrong with almost all legal writing. One is its style. The other is its content."

Fred Rodell, "Goodbye to Law Reviews"

** from John Gava, "Scholarship and Community"*
(1994) 35 Sydney Law Review 443

Reports of Polemic's death have been greatly exaggerated. Polemic coughed and spluttered its way through 1999, with the publication of Volume 8 Issue 3 ("Questions of Judgment") and Volume 9 Issue 1 ("Globalisation").

Another issue, Volume 10 Issue 1 ("Law in Asia") is due for publication in early 2000.

Nevertheless, in the tenth year since its birth in 1990, Polemic was almost overwhelmed by its greatest foe - apathy. It used to be a tri-annual journal, published jointly by the law societies of Sydney Uni, Macquarie Uni and UNSW. Now, it appears on average once a year and is produced by a small group of

students from Sydney.

Fortunately, Polemic's content and style are undiminished. Highlights include: "Kirby's Polemics: Setting the Record Straight" (8(3)), in which James Enderbury examines the extra-judicial speeches of Justice Michael Kirby and the role of judges in public debate; and "Not Shaken, Not Stirred: Murdoch, Multinationals and Tax" (9(1)), in which Kylie Morris from Radio National's Background Briefing program examines co-ordinated efforts by tax authorities in different countries to reduce tax avoidance by multinationals.

Don't forget that Polemic welcomes contributions from law graduates and practitioners - from anyone, in fact. Don't let that unpublished manuscript go to waste!

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Christians At Law School

CALS's purpose

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

This quote from the Bible captures one of CALS's purposes. Over 1999 students from Sydney Law School have come together in order to remind one another not to live for ourselves but to live for him who died for us and conquered death for us- Jesus the Messiah.

During lunchtimes students have come together to read the Bible- the very words of the Creator God, and to apply its message to us in our lives as we wait for the 'Day' of Jesus's return.

We've had the privilege of reading 5 key portions of Mark's Gospel where we explored key ideas in Christianity, ideas such as what it means to be people who have not obeyed God fully, who have rebelled against God as the supreme authority and what it means that Jesus is able to forgive us for this rebellion and rejection of God's right to rule our lives.

We've read the letter written by 'James' where we were challenged to understand what it really means to have faith in God. Our understanding of what God says in 'James' led us to pray together about specific areas in our lives, such as our relationships with other people and our attitude to money and 'success', areas of life where we needed to live as people who reflected sincere trust in God.

'Law in the Bible' In these stimulating studies we looked at issues such as what 'law' means in the Bible, what the relationship between the 'law' in the Old Testament portion of the Bible and 'faith' and at how Jesus fulfils the 'law'. We also benefited from time spent considering issues relating to law and law-making and law-enforcing bodies in our society.

Studies in the letter to the 'Romans' Among many other great themes we discussed in this letter very well suited to law students in its logical structure and argument, we looked at what it means to be 100% sure of going to heaven. We spent time thanking God in humble prayer that we can be certain of heaven by trusting in Jesus for forgiveness from God.

We finished an enjoyable year of lunchtime bible studies together with a quick Chinese banquet at a nearby restaurant.

Guest Speakers

Over the year we have had several guests come to Phillip St. to serve us generously in giving talks and running seminars.

1. Andrew Lim (Corporate Lawyer at QANTAS) gave a short speech on Jesus's words:

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me."

During this meeting Melinda Wood shared how following Jesus as Lord impacts her as a Law student and generally from day to day and the confidence she can enjoy in God as she thinks about the future.

2. Phil Colgan (Tax Consultant at KPMG and a former Sydney Law School student) gave a talk on a passage in the Gospel of John containing one of the most well-known verses in the Bible:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

During this meeting Paula Fitzlyon shared how she became a Christian at a young age and Lis Ford related the experience of someone who became a Christian in Russia and the joy which knowing Jesus can bring.

3. Hui Shin chaired a great meeting where Andrew Lim (Lawyer at Freehills, Hollingdale and Page) explained how Jesus is the world's greatest lawyer because he defends a case where the defendants are clearly guilty and he defends it by arguing his own righteousness which no other lawyer, or no other person can do. Andrew used the theme that Jesus defends our case and takes our punishment from the *First Letter by John* where John writes:

"... I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks in our defence- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not

only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

4. During the year Craig Josling (ECom-Evangelising Commerce): supported and encouraged CALS in running a seminar titled 'How to make the most of Law School as a Christian' and also in running the 'Investigating Christianity Studies' course.

5. Andrew Lang invited solicitors from Emil Ford and Co where he works when he's not at Law School to the Assembly Hall to open discussion about being Christian and also about working in the legal world.

CALS and Other Events

During the year CALS also had opportunity to benefit from hearing Professor Don Carson who visited Sydney to speak under the theme 'Easter- so what!'

Later in the year some of us also heard Phillip Jensen (Chaplain at UNSW) give two talks at the Sydney Town Hall, one titled 'Jesus' Agony' and the other titled 'God's Agony'.

Former students and CALS women Emily Crook, Penny Hood and others enjoyed a women's dinner at 'Sketches' restaurant where Penny spoke about being Christian and working as a Judge's associate in the Supreme Court. On top of all these things we've also enjoyed 'Prayer mornings' where a small number would come together to pray for CALS and to pray for all of Law School, lunches in Hyde Park and at the Supreme View Café and a great communal BBQ where the Thursday lunchtime group farewelled Susann who returned to do a PhD in Germany after one semester with us at Sydney Law School as well as a week long conference on the topic of 'Holiness' together with main campus students.

Praise God for a wonderful year. May the name of Jesus be held high and his death and resurrection proclaimed and remembered at Sydney Law School.

Tor Luu

The Chi of LT7

From Shylock's pound of flesh to our dear blind lady holding the scales of justice, the law is constantly trying to find an equilibrium between two opposing forces. The Law School on Phillip St strives, from its stone carved crests to its authoritative historical demeanour, to embody this constant struggle between the opposites. It came as no surprise to me then, in a recent conversation with Grand Master Yap Cheng Hai, that the whole building architecturally borrowed a lot from the Chinese art of *feng shui*, literally meaning "wind" and "water". An art which also highlights the importance of finding harmony in the surrounding energy flows.

In particular we spoke at great length, on his visit, about the incredible balance of yin and yang evident in Lecture Theatre Seven, Floor Two. Here, the Master felt, above anywhere else in the building, there was a successful harmony between the chi energy of the wind and the receiver of chi represented by the water elements.

The fluorescent lights in a semi-circular pattern at the back of the room create a wonderful amount of chi energy in the health and knowledge corner. The number of lights in this configuration is fortuitous with eight being the most powerful number in *feng shui*. This balance is of course juxtaposed against the concept of death. Thus mirroring through *feng shui* principles the sword opposed to the scales in our faculty crest. Never would you see four of anything as the word four in Chinese is very similar to the word for death. In a bold move of the interior designer however there is placed across from the lights four television sets, a sucker of chi energy. In keeping with superstition one of the television sets has been removed leaving the vestigial television stand merely to im-

ply the existence of the fourth.

Similarly the openness of the sewage pipes are worth mentioning. Water is always a good symbol for flowing energy especially if you can also hear this flow. Just like bells or windchimes, although perhaps at first a little distracting, the flow of energy symbolised by the flushing soon blends into the background and is effective *feng shui*. The well worn and polished muddy green linoleum also symbolises the element of water and is reminiscent of the purity of such sacred rivers as the Ganges or the Yangtze.

The only criticism the Master mentioned was perhaps a little lack of chi energy in the creative corner of the room, just in front of the blackboard. The fact there was no light above the desk area, nor windchime or mirror, was upsetting. However, as noted by Craig Reucassel, oftentimes lecturers exude their own light.

Feng shui is about creating a living and working environment which is balanced and harmonious. Chi energy flows gently through Lecture Theatre Seven, making life appear to pass more easily and luck, fortune and good coincidence to come your way. In this way the interior designer has successfully created a room where we want to spend time and where through complex symbolism and a deep understanding of energy flow has indeed made an effect on all the students' general attitudes to life and the law.

Reprinted from *Hearsay*

Ros Atherton

speaks

At the end of 1999, Associate Professor Ros Atherton left the law school to take up the position of Dean of the law faculty at Macquarie Uni. Soon afterwards, she bared her soul to Blackacre ...



Your father was the longest serving Judge in the Compensation Court, so you obviously had a good dose of exposure to the law before entering into the legal world personally. Did this play a big role in your decision to enter into law?

It obviously made an impression on me. I loved the idea of practice at the Bar - but of course this is very difficult to integrate with a family.

Did you practice law or did you move straight into academia?

I spent two years as a law clerk/solicitor with Smithers Warren and Tobias, now Phillips Fox. When my daughter was born I stopped practising as a solicitor and took to teaching - and absolutely loved it. I saw an ad at Macquarie when my daughter was about 8 months old and thought that it would be interesting. I had done some teaching - music actually - and wondered about the possibility of teaching law. Since Macquarie has an external program with many mature age students and residential schools, the fact that I had done that kind of teaching, even though in music, to a group from 17-70 was a real plus on the CV.

Is the academic lifestyle enviable?

Ummm. Misunderstood by anyone not in it I would say. Students still use the "H" word (holiday) - thinking we actually have them. We do get a day here and there - some actually take some of their

allotted four weeks annual leave, but most don't - using their non-teaching time to catch up on their writing. We are a driven bunch. There is a lot of guilt out there about even taking a day off. Just look at the pained look on people's faces if you use the "H" word.

The law of succession seems to be your particular area of expertise. Was that a conscious choice or just a stroke of fate?

When I finished my History I was offered a postgraduate scholarship by Melbourne University to pursue the study of the Law of Treason under the Tudors. Now that would have been fun! But I decided to stay in Sydney to complete law. Succession was suggested to me in my first year of teaching at Macquarie and I really took to it. I had enjoyed it at law school (at Sydney - with Olive Wood) and was delighted at the suggestion. So it was a stroke of fate I guess - or a wonderful destiny - whichever way you look at it. It brought out all my passion for history (which had been my Arts Honours stream) and took me into the marvelous world of property law.

As for your years at Sydney University as both a student and as a member of the staff I imagine that the Law School would have changed a lot in that time?

I joined Sydney Law School as a member of the teaching staff in July 1990. I had been a student there in the

1970s and I must say it was a shock to return to the building. I remember the first day I came into the foyer on taking up the new position (as a Senior Lecturer coming from UNSW) and thinking, "Oh my God, what have I done!" But those thoughts disappeared quickly and I became an advocate of the 'law school principle' - that is, that it is not a building but its people and that, viewed in that context, the building is irrelevant. As to change - there has been a really conscious (even self-conscious) shift in the thinking about teaching. Some of this is expressed in terms of seminar teaching, smaller classes and so on. Arguments and discussion, both positive and negative, reflect a consciousness about teaching - that it has become central to our thinking about just what it is that is done in a law school. David Weisbrot as Dean was a prime mover in this. It gave some of the staff a real shock but it made teaching much more pivotal in our articulation of an educational philosophy.

Given your remark about the irrelevance of the remarkable architectural specimen itself, does that mean that you support the proposed abandonment of the Law School Building and the merger of the law school with the main campus?

As I said, a law school is its people rather than its place. In terms of place Sydney Law School has never been anywhere else other than in the city. This has advantages in terms of proximity to the central city legal heartland - but it has the disadvantages of the constraints of a city building, brutalist and all. The city location serves the University in many ways and this is a real plus. It is also a useful location - for the postgraduates principally - and the move will mean that they and the senior undergraduates will have to shift work habits. If the on-Broadway (as opposed to off-Broadway) location makes the law school people feel better about themselves and their communal enterprise then it will work well.

While we are on the subject of "off-Broadway", one of your other

passions (beside the law) is music. Can you talk a little bit about your musical career?

I threw in a BMus for fun when I was doing my History Honours year as part of my first degree which was a History Major. But I abandoned my musical career at a formal level when I was in the Opera and Ballet Orchestra at the Opera House. Tchaikovsky's ballet music ended my desire to play in a pit orchestra at a professional level: 6 nights plus two matinees of Sleeping Beauty took the beauty out of it I am afraid. I then followed that with a wonderful six years in the Renaissance Players; which I stopped only when my daughter was born. Then, in 1994, taking up with the Sydney Philharmonia opened a wonderful musical chapter for me again; I had always wanted to sing; I used to sing in a choir at school and in the Renaissance Players and I loved it. Playing oboe (my professional instrument) was in many ways a substitute. So I have been singing with the Sydney Philharmonia since 1994 and I am now also singing in the Motet choir - after guesting with the Motet Choir for a lot of 1999 I was asked to join the this year. In fact two of my former law students from Sydney also sing in the group regularly and its fantastic.

You were married at what is now considered a very young age. In fact you were pregnant while you were completing the College of Law program after your law degree. Today a married undergraduate law student - of either sex - is a rarity and pregnancy is completely out of the question.

I know - I was a child bride. (Ros met her husband in the Renaissance Players, where he played the lute.) Actually I thought I was very grown up. One does at 21. Or at least we used to. Mary Gaudron was in labour during one of her law school exams. I was admitted as a solicitor hugely pregnant, but fortunately didn't have to share my labour with law school examinations.

So if you could turn back the clock would you have done things differently? And where do you

imagine you would be?

Exactly where I am. Perhaps to have spent more time overseas - even studied abroad, but marriage and children factored other things into the equation so it just wasn't in issue. As for travel, I am able to do more and more of it now and the academic community is a large and very welcoming family.

What has prompted the change in priorities? Women, society, expectations, or the legal arena?

Maternity leave is now an expectation. Part time partnerships are a possibility - telecommuting opens up great possibilities for flexibility. There are many role models (good and bad!) out there.

Women are often very hard on each other - where it has always been my view that if you have the possibility of changing things (by being in a position to be able to effectuate change) you should do so and not just assume that because you made it, other women should have to do it hard too. The nature of the legal workplace needs many flexible leaders - people who understand that there are many ways of working - and it does not all have to be in a legal firm after 5pm. What has not changed, and never can, is how much of a responsibility children are. Parenting is an enormous challenge and its solutions are not simple. You have to be prepared to roll from day to day and never expect your plans to follow a straight path. Nor do I think it is fair to pass on the responsibility for child-raising to the women of the generations above - our mothers and grandmothers. The responsibility is ours and we must deal with it ourselves.

With the benefit of hindsight, what advice would you have for women and men contemplating marriage and children and the law?

From a female perspective, if children are in your 'mental equation' of life, then it is good to include them earlier rather than later in many ways. If you get a few years of a career behind you then it gets harder to leave it - and you are very

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set in your ways by then - well used to playing the professional game in a particular way. There is also biology to deal with. I know many women who assumed that it would be easy to have children who found, after having spent many years avoiding pregnancy, that it was very difficult to become pregnant - often because they had only really thought about it once they were 35. From a general perspective; Marriage: is a great institution and needs much tending. Children: need love, an excellent washing machine and a well-stocked fridge (and a driver's licence as soon as possible) Law: is a great institution that needs much tending, much love, an excellent washing machine and a well-stocked fridge. The combination? I'd stick to a pot of tea on a regular basis.

Finally, this year marks another new direction in your career. You have left the Sydney Law School for Macquarie University, where you now head the Law Faculty as Dean. Why the move to Macquarie University and what are you hoping to achieve?

Macquarie provided me an opportunity at a time when I was looking for one. I won't give away all my secrets just yet - just watch out for the reviews in a couple of years.

And with the benefit of little more than a month of hindsight, how does law at Sydney University compare with Macquarie University?

Absolutely fabulous!

Veronika Hurbis

EXCHANGE REPORTS

I. Queen's University, Canada



Our semester at Queen's started on January 4 1999. We left a great Sydney summer for a Kingston winter of record braking snow falls and temperatures down to minus 54 degrees Celsius.

Queen's University sits on the shores of Lake Ontario a few hours east of Toronto. The student body is smaller than Sydney University, and as Kingston is a university town, everyone lives within a few blocks of each other, plays sport together and goes out drinking together in town. All four of us were placed in Harkness Hall, a graduate residence about 100m from the law school.

The first week of semester was taken up with the Canadian Law Games that Queen's was hosting for 1999. This essentially involved playing various sports during the day (most of which like floor hockey, broom ball and football in the snow, we had never seen before) and drinking copious amounts of alcohol in the evenings. Naturally none of us were inclined to partake of the latter, but after being told that our national reputation was at stake I believe we did ourselves proud.



The rest of the semester continued along a similar vein, except without the sport during the day! Most weeks saw us taking trips in the Cocamobile to the Cocamo nightclub, doing a minimal amount of uni work, hanging out at the Shot bar, playing a bit of sport, dancing at Ajay's nightclub, having a few quiet drinks at the Toucan, visiting the Mack St law house at 3am, and shopping at the Beer Store. Highlights of the term would have to be the mystery road trip, the graduation ball, the end of semester parties, St Patrick's day green beer and our Australia Day party.

We also took a road trip to New York city, and ran around seeing the sights and were patted down before entering clubs to see if we were "packing" any weapons.



We skated on the Rideau Canal in Ottawa, attempted French in Montreal, and froze our butts off in Toronto on various weekends during the semester. Three of us got to see a lot more of the country once exams were over - Rockies, badlands, prairies, Whistler, moose, deer, whales, bears, Mounties - the whole bit. We also gave the winter sports of skiing, ice skating, snow mobiling and curling a go - all very amusing stuff for anyone who happened to be watching.

It is too hard to try to recreate all the moments in this report ... and so I am hoping that the saying about a picture telling a thousand words will work here ...

Georgia Dawson
(on behalf of Matt Griffin,
Sarah Howse and John Davidson)

2. La Sorbonne, France

Before I left Sydney, numerous friends told me how much they envied me going to live in Paris for six months, but invariably by the end of the conversation they would pose the inevitable question "But how are you going to study law in French?!" My standard response, and the one that comforted me most was "Well, I never understand anything anyone says in law lectures anyway, so it shouldn't really be too different!"

While the prospect of attending one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world was indeed a little daunting, I soon felt right at home, as I realised that the Sorbonne was an even greater administrative nightmare than back home!

The day lectures were to begin, I got myself all psyched up to go to Uni, meet people and make friends, only to arrive and discover that my lecturer for that subject was away for the week! I had to begin all over again the next day, and as I entered the lecture theatre filled with a few hundred students, I realised that it could be a more difficult task to meet people than originally anticipated - perhaps there are more advantages to small group teaching than we ever realised! The first week or two was full of interesting experiences which alternated between wondering what on earth I was thinking when I said that I wanted to study law in French, and throwing myself at the mercy of various

neighbours - asking to see their notes and explaining that I was Australian all in on ebreath, in an attempt to start conversation! Fortunately a few people took pity on me, taking my phone number to invite me to do stuff, and taking me out to coffee to get to know me.

After a while, my French also started coming back, and I began to gain some sort of understanding of French legal terms that kept popping up in lectures, and of what exactly was meant by a civil system! I did a couple of French law subjects - French Artistic and Literary Property and Arbitration - and a couple of European Community law subjects - European Community Employment Law and Actions and Policy-making of the European Community, which I found quite fascinating. The only downside was the 100% open-book oral exams for each subject at the end of the semester during which lecturers felt free to interrogate you as to any minute aspect of their course, and didn't really care if French was not your first language!

Having all my assessment at the end of semester, though, left plenty of time to play during the term! I quickly covered the full tourist itinerary (much to the horror of my friends who couldn't understand the fascination, but who occasionally came along on my expeditions and were pleasantly surprised!) and soon started to feel like a bit of a local! One of the most amusing things was that my friends loved to hang out at "Cafe Oz", a bar that epitomised all that was tackily Australian, when all I wanted to do was experience all that was typically French! I certainly got my fair share of French life though, traipsing down to my local bakery for my baguette, almond croissant or pain au chocolat in the mornings, and becoming a regular at the local market. I sampled my fair share of French cheese and red wine too - I will never understand why the French aren't the fattest race in the world! Nor did I need to miss out on Australian culture though, with TV shows like Heartbreak High having been dubbed into French and being a regular nightly program - needless to say, I never watched it!

Overall my exchange was an amazing experience. I loved living, studying and travelling in France and in Europe, learning about another culture hands-on, and having experiences and making friendships that will last a lifetime.

Katrina Dawson



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Staff Survey

In 1994, Blackacre undertook a profound sociological study of the cultural tastes of our lecturers. Five years on, we have repeated the exercise, with no precise purpose in mind.

Lecturer	Favourite Book	Favourite Musical Performer/Artist	Favourite Website
Jenni Millbank	3 way tie between Angela Carter, <i>Nights at the Circus</i> , Virginia Woolf, <i>To the Lighthouse</i> and Toni Morrison, <i>Beloved</i>	Nina Simone	www.bibliofind.com
Bron McKillop	Samuel Beckett, <i>Malone Dies</i> (1994: J L Borges, <i>Labyrinths</i>)	Sophie Mutter (1994: Mozart)	www.comsec.com.au
Brian Opeskin	I know that I am meant to say <i>The Glass Bead Game</i> , or to cite some author who has never been translated into English. But to this impossible question, let me answer with the more prosaic Julian Barnes, <i>A History of the World in 10 1/2 Chapters</i> (followed closely by about 20 other rivals) (1994: G G Marquez, <i>Love In Time of Cholera</i>)	Wagner (1994: Wagner)	www.quicken.com
Shelley Wright	Anything by Joseph Conrad, having just finished <i>Heart of Darkness</i> and <i>Lord Jim</i>	A group from Vancouver called <i>NoMeansNo</i> . Latest CD called "Dance of the Headless Bourgeoisie" (definitely not for the faint hearted). Best song is "Victory" from their early CD "Small Things Isolated and Destroyed".	www.st-hypertext.com
Donald Rothwell	D P O'Connell, <i>The International Law of the Sea</i>	Elton John	The Australian Treaties Database at: www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/dfat

Isabel Karpin	A S Byatt, <i>Possession</i> (1994: Elizabeth Jolley, <i>Mr Scobie's Riddle</i>)	Portishead or Beck or Bjork (1994: Elvis Costello)	A toss up between the New York Times, the BBC and decode.com But surely the real issue is what we watch on TV? Buffy rules!
Desmond Manderson	Phillippe Aries, <i>The Hour of Our Death</i> and Roddy Doyle, <i>A Star Called Henry</i>	Glenn Gould	www.doonesbury.com
Joellen Riley	When you have a good memory like mine, you rarely feel inclined to read a book twice. And I have an MA in Eng Lit so there are so many classics in the memory banks. What have I found so enchanting that I've read it several times? Kenneth Grahame, <i>Wind in the Willows</i>	Cyndi Lauper (Girls Just Wanna Have Fun)	Internet is only a work tool, not a source of entertainment, so I have no favourites whatsoever. Most frequently visited site outside of Austlii? www.asic.gov.au (yawn)
Ivan Shearer	One shouldn't think about these things too long, so here goes: P G Wodehouse, <i>Collected Golf Stories</i> (guaranteed to take you out of this world) (1994: Alan Hollinghurst, <i>A Folding Star</i>)	Nigel Kennedy (audacious, but skilful and great fun) (1994: Wagner)	www.un.org (it seems to have the answers to most of what I need to know for work)
Wojciech Sadurski	Joan Didion, <i>Democracy</i> (a novel) Runner up: John Le Carre, <i>A Perfect Spy</i> (1994: Joseph Conrad, <i>Lord Jim</i>)	Miles Davis (1994: Miles Davis)	www.rzeczpospolita.com Favourite English-language website is www.cnn.com
Elisabeth Peden	Herman Hesse, <i>Siddhartha</i> and Miles Franklin, <i>My Brilliant Career</i>	Tom Jones	At the moment: www.babycenter.com
Jeremy Webber	Dante, <i>Inferno</i> (not bad preparation for educational administration, as a matter of fact)	Hank Williams (or if you want one who is still with us: Guy Clark, author of that immortal line: "Only two things that money can't buy: true love and a home-grown tomato")	Oops, I'm afraid I'm going to be boring here: BBC

Catherine Dauvergne	Timothy Findlay, <i>The Wars</i>	Sarah McLaughlan	I don't have one, but my computer tells me I use metacrawler.com more than anything else
Hilary Astor	Hilary Astor and Christine Chinkin, <i>Dispute Resolution in Australia</i> , Butterworths, 1992, 2nd ed forthcoming! No seriously - Jane Austen's <i>Emma</i> , if I am forced to only one choice.	Yvonne Kenney	travel.com
Richard Vann	Joseph Heller, <i>Catch 22</i>	Jimi	
Julie Stubbs	Gabriel Garcia Marquez, <i>One Hundred Years of Solitude</i> , Salman Rushdie, <i>Shame</i> , Toni Morrison, <i>Beloved</i>	Ella Fitzgerald	http://www.travel.com.au/ When I am away from home the abc site (http://www.abc.net.au/) and the smh site (http://www.smh.com.au/) are a must. For research purposes that would have to be Cecil Greek's criminal justice links - http://www.criminology.fsu.edu/cj.html - this guy must be absolutely obsessive but the links are great - more than you could ever need.
Lee Burns	Richard Russo, <i>Straight Man</i> and of course anything written by John Ralph AO	Portishead	Don't spend a lot of recreational time on the internet.
Jennifer Hill	This is an almost impossible question to answer - if I can only choose one, I would probably have to go with Jane Austen's <i>Emma</i> (But then there's <i>Anna Karenina</i> and <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> and <i>A Thousand Acres</i> ...) (1994: <i>Flaubert, Madame Bovary, Jane Smiley, One Thousand Acres</i>)	This is easier - Ella Fitzgerald (1994: <i>Sarah Vaughan and Midnight Oil</i>)	www.nytimes.com

Milko Kumar	Alice Walker, <i>You Can't Keep A Good Woman Down</i>	Queen Latifah	www.austlii.edu.au (I use it the most!)
Patrick Parkinson	Adrian Plass, <i>The Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass, Aged 37 and 3/4s</i> (1994: <i>The Bible</i>)	Geoff Bullock (1994: <i>John Denver</i>)	ship-of-fools.com
Peter Butt	Megarry and Wade, <i>Real Property</i> , followed closely by John Hillaby, <i>Walking in England</i>	Malcolm Archer	www.lonelyplanet.com.au, followed closely by www.austlii.edu.au/databases
Ross Anderson	Joseph Conrad, <i>Heart of Darkness</i> (1994: <i>Sallust, Jugurthine War</i>)	Tina Arena (1994: <i>Bruce Springsteen - for country drives</i>)	I really don't have a favourite internet site. The only sites I access are legal information data bases and all are very dreary. Makes reading <i>Heart of Darkness</i> light relief.
Alex Ziegert	John Updike, <i>Rabbit Redux</i>	Tina Turner	I hate the internet (but love the e-mail).

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Leigh Anscombe

I started Law School with the Graduate Program in 1997 after completing four years at Wollongong University. There, I gained Honours in Information and Communication Technology. A significant part of the IT program dealt with the legal impact of information technologies, which is what interested me most about that course – which then fuelled my interest in completing a law degree. The elective subjects I took were all geared towards IT/legal issues. Now that I have finished 1 Law, I'm taking 6 months to travel.



Kazuhiro Asai

One of the rare Japanese students at Law School, he was a real mystery at first, thinking that he might have a secret mission to compete at law school... A total mistake! He is just a big boy who only does good to people. He is a 'storm' outside, but unbelievably gentle inside. Well groomed, courteous, a gentleman in the classic style. He is named 'Kazuhiro'. He is optimistic, fearless about choice, and determined and ambitious about his future. He is good to talk to when you are stressed, because he is so cool and makes you feel alright. He loves exercising and tomato juice. This could be the reason for his healthy appearance. Is this his 'beauty secret'? Ask him if you wish to find out! Kaz is a unique person whom you will like more if you find out more about him. He is extremely faithful and trustworthy. You can tell him anything, no matter how big or small. He absorbs everything. I am lucky to have him as a friend.



Diane Barker

Diane Barker enrolled in an Arts/Law degree in 1994 and graduated with Honours in Near Eastern Archaeology in 1998. In 1999, she won the NSW Women Justice's Association prize for Family Law and will participate in the NSW Women Justice's annual conference in November. Diane was also one of the finalists in the inaugural NSW Law Foundation Justice Awards. Having deferred semester I in 1999, Diane is expected to complete her degree in June 2000. She hopes to use her archaeology experience for a career in heritage or environmental law. Diane is also interested in Family Law and Islamic jurisprudence.



Michael Bath

The lights are dim, the voices loud, and on the dance floor is Mike. Completing the picture is the drained bottle of Yellow Vok. Juxtaposing this image of the fun loving, free drinking Mike is the image that most at Law School would have seen – the ever responsible, organised, generous and resourceful Mike. He is probably the only man at Minters who knows how to wait tables and actually does. Due to years of rowing, Mike is of only a handful at Law School who not only make it to morning lectures – he prefers them. With speculation of his 'record' waning, Mike can concentrate on coaching rowing technique (chick crew preferred). He and Sylvia can also try and figure out who wrote THAT telegram at their wedding, if you fall out of touch with this member of the 'Dirty Old Men' – Trivia Buffs in '99-drop into Alba's on Norton Street. Mike is destined to be running his practice out of a quiet corner there. It is therefore not surprising that Bath's favourite movie is 'The Italian Job'.



Robyn Baxendale

When Robyn started law five years ago, few would have been aware she'd change other's perceptions of mature age students forever. Sure she's always had an enviable set of results and a disarming familiarity with all aspects of the law but her sardonic, wry approach to the law experience has kept many of us amused and sane! Invariably immaculately elegant with redoubtable flair for the modelling of a fabulous collection of footwear and other understated accessories, Robyn has been the perfect companion for many long appointments in the dungeons of Philip Street. Robyn shed the power suits and her highly successful business for law school and leaves with prospects for a stellar career in the field of international diplomacy. An inspiration and a great friend to many, we hope to catch Robyn over coffee on one of her returns from international missions.



Boris Bronfentrinker

Born, Comrade Bronfentrinker, many years ago, it was behind the iron curtain that he uttered his first, defining words: "Hold on tet-methink-about-that-NO". And so he now remains - That rare blend of intellectualism and Aussie "can do" - A liberal mix of stubbles and stubbornness. Success is his creed, achievement his calling. Those that said a man cannot blossom stand corrected. All who saw cannot forget him as the 'sugarplum fairy' in revue skits, yet who can remember the sporting feats? But alas, all men reach that stage of their life when the road divides. He chose the armchair and a good book of precedents. Others could kick ball. He would kick ass. As treasurer he put the Jewish Society back on its feet (what's that cooking?). He sat on committee after committee. Finally he sat himself down in the SUISS office as El Presidente. Often we wondered. Seldom we questioned. Always we were amazed. How did he maintain his brilliant academic record in the face of sometimes self-imposed adversity? How did he keep firing us up? And how did he get two associateships when everyone struggled to get one? He showed us that if we look, the answers can be found within. Yes, his achievements have been substantial, but like Caesar that wapt at the foot of the statue of Alexander the Great, the fullest glory is yet to come. And sometime soon, when he stands at the Bar and says "Which part of NO didn't you understand?" it is then, and only then that he will have finally arrived.



Robert Beno

Robert is a very intelligent and understanding person who always manages to put a smile on the faces of those around him. He can be seen standing outside crowded lecture theatres and making ear-piercing fire alarm noises until the class breaks out in shrieks of laughter. Robert can also be found tap-dancing up and down the law school stairwell courtesy of thumb-tacks in his shoes. He is spontaneous, witty and creative. Like an actor on a stage he stands out from other people. He is a supportive friend who offers invaluable advice to his close-friends. The valuable life lesson that he has learnt from having done law is: "to always do what you love", "to just be yourself" and "always ask why?". Passionate and charismatic, he brings humour and mirth to people who are in his company. Robert has the courage to follow his heart and is one of those rare people who will go far in life because he will seek success in happiness.



Louise Buchanan

No comment.

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Louise Buckingham

Louise could never have had a short, flat or low profile at Law School.

Throughout the course of her university career, Louise has been a progressive and passionate leader of her peers. It came as no surprise that she was swept into the role of President of the Union in 1997 on the tide of immense popularity, a role she fulfilled with dedication and professionalism. True to her leadership form that began with the SCULS Treasury, while at Law School, Louise was actively involved in all spheres of Phillip St life: as our fearless faculty representative, cast member of numerous Law Revues, Fems Rea Activist and AMUNC dynamo.

The mental gymnastics required to do all this and more, while studying and working hard, amazed us all. We put it down to Lou's equally impressive physical flexibility. She can do a backbend and the splits at the drop of a hat or at the mere glimpse of an X-Factor t-shirt, as the case may be.

Louise has never been one to shy away from the few amorous opportunities presented by the gaggle of male law students and she no doubt occupies a special place in many a tender heart. Lucky for her friends, the Corrs chicks, she will often share the details within billable hours. Beautiful, brilliant and fiercely loyal, Louise is adored by her many compatriots.



Christian Carney

Christian Carney aka "Big Dads" hurried his law. In 1st year he was your a-typical law student - he studied all night every night - he could even have been mistaken for a grad. But by 5th year he was as lazy as the rest of us. Like some crusty old Rumpole he remembers the obscure facts of the case and this is the type of thing he gets off on. Often seen screaming out his front door at 4.50pm to drive his old blue Holden HR at breakneck speed through peak hour traffic to get in assignments by 5.00pm. The same old blue Holden invariably seen doubled parked in Phillip Street. Nevertheless, despite his compulsion to live on the edge and set himself extraordinary deadlines he still managed to do exceptionally well. A really nice guy who knows how to have fun, he is a real mover and shaker who makes things happen. Christian will truly succeed in life and in his chosen profession. Go get 'em Big Dads!



Marco Cedrone

Marco, 'the Italian Stallion', would like to thank all of his 'friend' for making his stay so special! After spending 3 years in purgatory Marco is ready to return [to] Canada, no wiser than when he came...thanks to Sydney Uni. The highlight of Marco's stay here was meeting fellow Canadian Michelle Fowle and getting engaged to her. Upon finishing exams they plan to return to the Great White North, get leg shackled in March 2000, and resume a normal human existence. Thanks for all the great 'time'! Things Marco will be sure NOT to miss are: Sydney Uni administration, Sydney Uni law campus, and those people responsible for his three years of torture! Marco would like to thank those who select few Profs who were nice to him!



Anthony Chan

"You spastic"... "no you pabo boy"... stop kaung lui all the time... looked so scary the first year with your unshaven moustache... CSUA so big now but so small when you were prez... organised dance parties, incurred huge losses - an expensive price to pay just to look at all the lui... ecky tab t-shirts... Young Achievers MD - bet you did it to kau lui... hugest notes-borrower & gossip... Gigantic 21st bash, didn't make it back with the pressies, another monetary loss there... Odyssey Concepts - an even sadder story... Dan+Dave+Ken=trouble... actually, Ken+Mari=bigger trouble... gained a lot of experience while in ASX, not just work-related... Linklaters vs island resorts - still trying to kau lui there... CALS church... what happened to that ungrateful bastard? He got his wife through you... tantrum-thrower... so jealous of Pica... funny upset faces... Sakanaya's barro sushi; Kintaro's seafood salad; Ippon Sushi's seafood hot bowl; Kum Fok's yum-cha; Kerita's rice & noodle set; WFP's bad news; Botanical Garden's molestation; Lady Macquarie Chair's steamy nights; HotBod's lock-up; endless movies... the best thing about being in law school? Being able to rent a locker of course.



Catherine Chang

There is an angel in our midst and Changers is her name. She's loveliness personified, putting most of law school to shame.

While physically her feet are small, her shoes are large to fill. Patience and diligence characterise Ms Chang; a heart of gold and steel-like will.

"Move over Kofi" were the resounding cries when AMUNC came to an end; "Catherine is our leader now, Our inspiration and our friend".

Catherine has broken many a heart, both at law school and in her youth group shows. She's too unassuming to pick up the signs, though often they're under her nose.

Such is the power of our little Cath, she has turned atheists to Christianity. Despite withering gossips, injustice, muggings and more. Still strong in her beliefs and sanity.

Catherine's a cutie, there's no doubting that; she's destined to travel far. The darling of Corrs and way beyond. She's her own favourite symbol — a star.



Leah Charleson

Our Leah has cultivated a range of contradictions. She has a raven-haired, Victorian kind of beauty that is reflected in her very eloquent, proper, rapid-fire speech. To the unsuspecting onlooker she can appear to be demure, well-mannered, and even shy. In fact, she has a penchant for red wine and toilet humour, she is feisty feminist, proudly domestic cook, serious scholar, and avid observer of The Nanny. In principle, she does not believe in monogamy, marriage, meat, and private school boys (unless they're sufficiently Spruced up to her liking, and happy to exist under her thumb).

Leah remains terribly pleased with her Cheltenham Girls roots (including its pink uniform, and all-female environment). Despite this respect for some aspects of tradition and things conservative, Leah has felt herself to be rather radical at times. It is appropriate that Leah named her cat, Vita Gough, and that she was part of an Honi editorial team in 1997 that was openly political and analytical.

Principled Politics features prominently in the Charlson Agenda. However, this pales in comparison to her deep love and loyalty for her friends. Though far away in Japan teaching children English, Leah is utterly committed to the well-being of her friends in Australia. She manages to perform the roles she assumed here, of Shoulder to Cry On, Opinion-Provider and Character Assassin, Occasional Ego-Booster, and Gossip Analyst, via email, letter and telephone. In addition to providing regular witty insights into the new country and culture she is experiencing.

Those privileged enough to be recipients of Leah's friendship, miss, in her absence, her self-conscious and lovely laugh, her uncompromising attitudes about anything and everything, and her ability to argue. And as both friends and enemies well know, she is, of course, always right.



Natalie Chen

In the last five years, Nat has enjoyed most of her subjects, but undoubtedly one of her fondest subjects is the much loved Legal I where she mastered the intricacies of Mabo, Natural Law and such like without having to consult the course readings.

From the outside, she might appear quiet but when amongst friends, Nat is an extremely talkative and chatty lady. She has had the opportunity to travel and live around the world, from the red hot deserts of Karratha in remote Western Australia to the windmills of the Netherlands and the cosmopolitan metropolis of Singapore. An animal lover, Nat has a Cocker Spaniel and rabbits, a pond full of fish and visting birds. She enjoys desserts (and would gladly forgo a main for one), cooking and checking out the Disney store. With her intelligence, determination and spirit, she will undoubtedly succeed in achieving her goals, whatever they may be.



Richard Chia

Definitely the quiet achiever. This unassuming gent is deceptively a deviant. Among the last pillars of Dendy debauchery Richard is notorious not only for his coolness under the influence ... but for this unconventional career objectives. This would-be porn star, known to his groupies simply as "Labs", with his incredibly hairy body, is an animal in so many senses of the word. It's a pity you're such a sweet guy Richard. You may have to forget the entertainment industry and instead screw people for money practising law.

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Adrian Chiodo

The mysterious guy of the law school, if you ever see him you will spot him wearing a cap, jeans and his favourite blue sweater and undoubtedly he would be unshaven. If you do catch a glimpse of him it will likely be in a lecture or somewhere in the library reading riveting law material.

A cryptic and sly guy, for those who get to know him (if he ever reveals any information about himself), will find that he has a great sense of humour and behind that tough arrogant exterior lies a sensitive, caring guy. He does his utmost to keep this side of him securely hidden from view.

He will be remembered for his performance at the law ball, and his shame and lavish apologetic gestures made the following week as he tried to remedy what he had said and done that infamous night. Those who did not know him before that night now know him rather well. As for his hope that we will forget that night.... Not A Chance!



Frances Chiu

Don't be fooled by the innocent, clean cut appearance of Miss Frances Chiu as you see her here. No, on a Sydney Uni ski trip in 1998, she went from knocking five year olds off the rope tow, to the heights of Mount Blue Cow in one weekend. She was equally zealous in representing the interests of Luxembourg at the 1999 Model UN Conference. She is a dedicated and skilled syndicate note writer, probably because she always seems to end up doing 100% exams, not optional essays. And this year she has been highly effective on the executive of Court Watch.

Frances has a beautiful smile, warm personality, wonderful sense of humour and great integrity - you'd trust her with your life. She is one of the friendliest people I have ever met. She is sensitive to the feelings of all others, immensely generous and loyal to her friends. Most of all, she is heaps of fun to be with!



Jimmy Choi

Jimmy thinks he's hot stuff because of his car and constantly ringing mobile. In reality Jim's true skills lie with his slurping ability. He can brown nose with the best of them and has such a dexterous tongue movement that many a lecturer is scared. Juggling his time between his stamp collection, silicone breast testing and car-badge stroking, Jim still finds time for the virgin "23" shagging society. If found stumbling incoherently please take Jim "Fabio" Choi to the "you strip him, we'll whip him" male fetish club.



Betty Chung

Hot Foxy Lady with a humble attitude. Loves to dance and stretch! She can do the twist, the bends, the splits - the LOT!!! That's probably how she managed to win the 'I love dancing' award at a recent leadership conference. Without a doubt she is one with true leadership qualities. She loves art and is hoping to improve her photography skills. However, I must admit, she stinks at it!!!! So, if there are any potential tutors out there, please do not hesitate to call her. However, I must warn you she has a 'way' of capturing the hearts of some tutors/lecturers at Uni. Her greatest discovery in life is Our Heavenly Father, for without him there is no her.



Sean Conaty

Sean, or S-Dog as he likes to be called, is known as the Funky Fresh Gangster of law school. The Stone Cold Player of Level 5. Whether he is serving up books in the library or pulling fly moves at law school dance parties he always carried himself with that air which had people calling him the Original Mack Daddy. Anyway, S-Dog got a lot of people he wants me to thank so here goes: "Thankyou God for making it all possible, Mum and Dad for always being there, Mark Teutch for teaching me the language of high society, Alex Hill for telling me I could be whatever I want and my homies Varki, Val and Elo for keeping it real." S-Dog's studying days are over now and all the Business Leaders of Australia want him because he got the skills and he knows how to make the Benjies. You'll be seeing S-Dog around.



Simone Constant

After a turbulent adolescence which involved an eclectic combination of boys, naughty behaviour and numerous academic prizes, Simone's days at uni were relatively mellow in comparison. Simone continued to take out prizes for economics and often topped essays. Simone has a no nonsense approach to life and can only be relied upon to tell it like it is. Simone has managed to successfully harness her sometimes feisty character. There is no such thing as an obstacle or a feared opponent to Simone.

Simone's nature is no better expressed than driving in the city. Her competitive driving would give Michael Schumacher a run for his money. The enigma of Simone is that underneath this sweet, smiling, blond exterior is a very driven and determined person.



Jared Cowie

Jared Cowie: A man of many digressions.
- speaking of which...



Zena Dabboussy

Zena is easily described as a generous, thoughtful and compassionate person. She regularly gave up her own time to help her friends make assessment deadlines and so was a valuable asset to the less well organised amongst us! Zena will succeed because she is stubbornly determined to, and motivated enough to keep working hard toward her goals - and she'll do it with her trademark boisterous laugh and sense of humour!

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Katrina Dawson

Aka Trine, she's the smartest brunette bimbo at Law School and leader of a superheroine double-life ... A power dresser who works at Mallesons by day and then changes in a phone box before working at Redfern Legal Centre by night ... An ex-Women's College sophisticate who loves talking to cats and drinking hot chocolate with a spoon.

This girl has already been far – studying law in French at the Sorbonne for a semester – but she'll go even farther with her vitality, her competitiveness, her capacity to hold alcohol and her uncanny ability to make the most of everything seemingly effortlessly (eg: scoring a boyfriend and a job from her summer clerkship).

The question is – will she fight for the forces of good or evil?



France de Montigny

When France first arrived at law school from Montreal, Canada (France insists Canada before Quebec), she appeared as a softly spoken, conscientious young woman. It was not until many months later that we learnt this woman knew how to party. France largely keeps her life outside law school. She approaches life in a very practical no-nonsense way and is admired for her level headed manner, regardless of the situation. France has lived a somewhat nomadic existence, having lived in Canada, the US and New Zealand before undertaking her law degree at Sydney. She seems likely to continue this wandering and is either going back to Canada or South Africa. France is a warm person and is able to see the humour in any situation. Many of us hope she stays in Sydney.



Julianna Degeling

Affectionately known to her friends as 'Jules', Julianna is an admirable person, she has shown that she is able to shine in the face of adversity with pride and courage, she is able to take life's challenges in her stride, ensuring that she will go far in life. Jules is a caring, pleasant and understanding person, willing to help her friends with their studies or lend an ear to sympathise and resolve their dilemmas. She is a fun-loving person who knows how to party when the occasion calls for it.

Jules compelled her Arts/Law degree majoring in Ancient History, a subject which she developed a passion for in her HSC days. Jules has been one of the fortunate ones who has travelled to Europe twice in the last two years of her studies, this was an invaluable opportunity to enrich her life with worldly experiences beyond the confines of law school.

Julianna's conscientiousness has ensured her excellent academic results and deservingly secured her a place at Freehills next year.

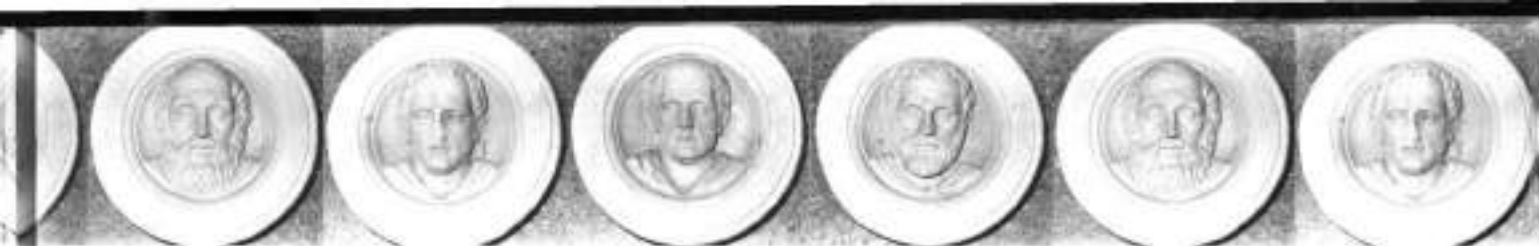


Gabriella Di Pietro

Much can be said about 'Gabs'/'Gabswella'. She completed her double degree in Economics and Law with a major in Government. Gabs has many other talents. Perhaps the most significant of these is her love of dancing. She has mastered the art of Latin Dancing and has been known to break out and dance those groovy steps at Level 5 many a time. But she really comes alive on Friday night when she dances till the sun comes up.

Gabs is a vibrant, fun loving and intelligent person. She is determined to achieve. She is a true friend with whom one can discuss many 'situations'. Her passion for life will ensure that she succeeds in what ever she does. The doors of the future are wide open to Gabriella.

At the moment, Gabriella works in the legal division of the Commonwealth bank and does volunteer work at Redfern Legal Centre. Next year, Gabs hopes to travel after completing College of Law.



Ghania Dib

I have known Ghania for four years. She is a fantastic person (when she comes to class ... well ... the Tax classes anyway) and is adored by many. She has a wonderful smile and has the ability to make others laugh with her laughter. A sincere and kind person ... fun loving too (which is very important especially in this place where people need to be light hearted to survive). She is also known for the changes to her hair colour - black being the most recent (all of which made her more gorgeous than ever I might add).



Tom Dive

Tom "The Snail" Dive is one of Sydney Uni's busiest students. On top of uni, Tom spends his time at Blake Dawson Waldron, Army and various extra curricular activities. Tommy Boy would like to thank M & M for 3 years of hearing that Sydney Uni sucks. Advice to M & M: To truly experience the real Australian spirit you have to come out drinking with me at least once. Tom is a true blue Aussie and a great friend. He'll go far and will probably be one of Sydney's best lawyers. This was a paid profile. Just kidding. Best of luck Tommy from your Canuck friends (Canadian friends).



Simon Etherington

While contact with law school leaves many professing themselves disgusted with life, Simon's flamboyant enthusiasm has survived the experience intact. His romantic exuberance, given free reign, manifests itself in many forms including a penchant for arrestingly colourful clothing, a fervent pursuit for completing the quick and cryptic crosswords daily, and a loyal and caring interest in the lives of those around him. Achieving academic results which leave some suspecting satanic worship, in fact they are unusually due to a natural and easy intelligence, transparent also in his conversation which exudes wit, sensitivity and humanity. It is expected that his departure from law school will leave swathes of men and women in a state of emotional disequilibrium.



Ben Farnsworth

The lynchpin of the law Faculty basketball team, victorious in 1996, Ben's dribbling was an undeniable highlight, although sometimes let him down at Level 5 parties. Hearts broke all over Law School when Ben left for Utrecht to study on exchange, an ambassadorial duty which he carried out with excellence and aplomb. A significant member of several Law Revues, Ben's dubious ability in the Twinkletoes department was duly compensated for by a shining wit and sense of comic timing. He will undoubtedly be a success in whatever field he chooses, as long as his face remains cleanly shaven. A typical "academic athlete", Ben's impact on Law School will be sorely missed.



Simon Fitzpatrick

Simon will be known to many as the trivia guru with a disturbingly detailed knowledge of popular culture (including an encyclopaedic knowledge of every Seinfeld episode ever shown), and to others as a dextrous performer whose exploits include everything from winning ridiculous amounts of money on television game shows, to strutting his stuff on the stage in a succession of Law Revues (including one unforgettable occasion involving a golf ball and not much else in the '98 Revue). On top of all this, Simon has managed to find time to edit the Union Recorder, take on the world in the international rounds of the Jessup moot, remain a regular fixture on the level 5 social circuit, write what must surely be the longest and best footnoted essays that have ever graced the Law School (his contempt for word limits is truly inspirational), enrol himself in every course that Ross Anderson teaches, and add the University medal in Law to his laurels. High-spirited, cheeky and provocative, yet ever self-effacing, frank and of course intensely intelligent, we can only hope that Simon stays with the law, for he will undoubtedly make a brilliant and lasting contribution to it.



Jeff Flick

Jeff (gee I'm thirsty) Flick has thoroughly enjoyed his time at Phillip St. Unfortunately, the majority of it has been spent next door at the Leagues Club and not in class. Whilst Jeff is most likely to end up in Chambers, one wonders whether he will be able to resist the temptation to cross the road for a few quiet ones. Regardless, Mr Flick is a true gentleman at heart, a pragmatic socialist working in a city based corporate law firm with an amazing ability to talk his way into and out of anything. Jeff Flick, a man with a bright future which will culminate in the writing of his biography: "My life is a farce".



Michelle Fowle

Now here is a person who made a lot of 'friend' at law school. I guess that was either because the people were so cut throat or just back stabbing gossip mongers. Either way Michelle has the rest of her life to forget everyone and everything about Sydney Uni law school...yes this will be a difficult task. The rats in the library were treated better than the students at law school...and they didn't even pay tuition. Half the time the 'book' in the library was out and the 'rat' had it on hold and if you did get it the article you needed would be ripped out! Note: not all the 'professors' were bad at law school.

BEST MOMENTS IN AUSTRALIA – Everything outside Sydney Uni law school and meeting future husband – Marco Cedrone.

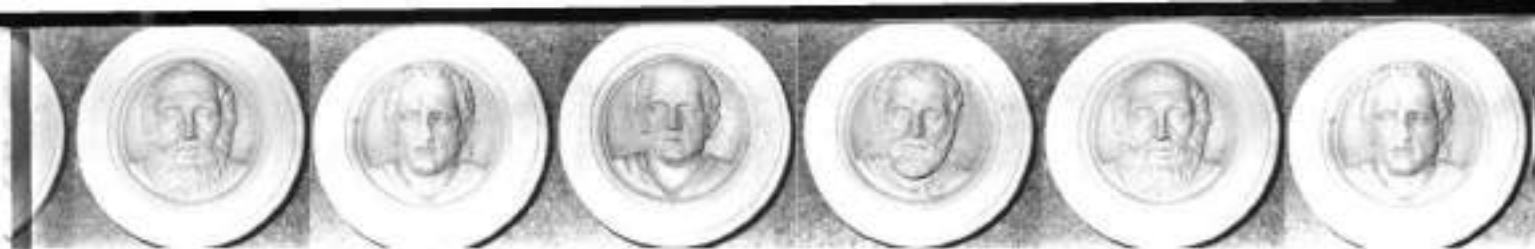
PS Australia is truly a beautiful country and Michelle will miss that.



Craig Franklin

Craig stressed his way into law school in 1997. He instantly made a reputation as one of the most intense muthafuckas that could be found at 173-175 Phillip St. It is not an understatement that Craig ate, slept and breathed 'the law'. HE did it to the extent that a lot of his friends wondered if he would get past 31 years of age! Craig however has one overwhelming obstacle to the study of the law and that is THE LADIES! Craig has always been a ladies man, ever smiling, ever spreading his lovely charm on Level 7. Our Craig is famous for this particular quality.

Craig is a good friend to have around when 'the chips are down'. He will spend endless hours (sometimes until the early hours of the morning!), talking to his friends about their problems. Craig is also no stranger to hardships himself and has struggled to overcome many that would have got the better of anyone else over the lawst 3 years. It is no exaggeration to say that Craig has indeed 'come up trumps' on all fronts. Craig will remain to many a pensive and enigmatic person but do not be too surprised when you see him as a Senior Counsel one day on the NSW Bar. Good Luck Buddy!!!



James Gaden

Red, Egg, Psycho, Perspiro, Jimboooo. These many aliases would easily lead one to believe the subject to be schizophrenic. But underneath the black, black and black clothes he uses to disguise his secret obesity lies a heart of gold and lungs of tar. An old fashioned gentleman possessed of chivalry, wit and retentive demeanour, he is a sarcastic son of a bitch who is always good for a ride home. Constantly struggling with his ethnic identity he knows the back streets of HK better than many of his Honkie counterparts, from where to get the cheapest chicken to every fashion house ever blessed by Alvin Lai's innumerable Gold Cards. Deeply religious, he worships the holy dollar and will probably end up selling his soul and opening a sleazy jazz bar. No points for guessing where, whiteboy?



Carolin Gaven

Caz is an enthusiastic, reliable law student. You can rely on Caz to be at level 12 at 4pm on essay days, to produce someone else's typed notes at exams, to have text books still wrapped in plastic, to 'not have started either' and you can even rely on Caz to do well in exams. Caz had the intelligence and laid back attitude to make law school enjoyable. It only took "Gee, it is a nice day" or "I have four one way tickets to Cairns tomorrow" to get Caz to appreciate the flexibility of university education. At Cors they call her the "package" because the glamour, intelligence and personality are all inclusive. Nothing will stop this chick from landing on her feet, though admittedly the cab on Oxford Street gave it a good go.



Julia Gebert

When Julia started Law School she was only one among a number of international exchange students blocking internet access on the level 8 computers. However, she very quickly distinguished herself as "Julia from Munich"; popular, socially active and so open to living like an Australian that she was soon ordering beers with an Australian accent. This is despite the fact that Julia had tried to distance herself from the illustrious reputation of her hometown prevalent among connoisseurs of international beers at Law School. She succeeded ...

Julia's inexhaustible energy and unshakable optimism were sometimes tested by the desire to both master the study of law in a foreign language and to make the most of her life in Sydney. But when the choice of "study hard for final exams" or "go sailing on Sydney Harbour" was put to her, it was the sailing that won out!!

In the end Julia walked out of Law School with much more than a degree: she has gained the esteem and love of so many people in Sydney who would love to see her return ... if only for a brekkie at Speedo's - with or without pretzels!



Stephanie Giannis

I remember the first day that I met Steph. It was in our first Legal Institutions class where, by some twist of fate, we were sitting next to each other and found ourselves chatting with one another in order to introduce each other to the class. Five years have gone by and we are today the best of friends and will continue to be so for many years to come.

Should you ask anyone to describe Steph, I am confident that irrespective of the length of time in which they have known her, they would describe her as a kind, gentle, caring, wise, supportive, understanding, conscientious, beautiful, passionate, trustworthy, reliable and determined ... this is the Steph we know and that we have come to love and adore. Steph is a "true" friend ... a person who is supportive and is there for her friends in times of happiness and sorrow.

I will never forget that first Legal Institutions class and the many times of fun, laughter and joy that we have shared within the walls of this undesirable place.

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Georgina Gillingham

Georgina is a quiet achiever who goes about her studies with minimal fuss and excellent results. She is extremely conscientious which has made her so enjoyable and such an asset to Henry Davis York.

Georgina is also not afraid to let loose and has been spotted on the dance floor wiggling her hips at many a Level 5 cocktail party at law school.



Matthew Griffin

Neatly pressed blue check shirt – on. Obligatory mobile phone – yes. Satchel casually slung over shoulder – yes. Each hair in place – yes (thank you modern hair sprays). Matt is ready for uni. Time? Noon. First seminar? – missed. His policy of strict non-attendance prior to 10am (and preferably noon) is the result of a man with a "Boogie Nights" -esque social life. Itself amazing considering the rather spectacular marks he seems to pull. His extra-curricular activities have encountered some stumbling blocks at Uni, such as the ban on mobile phones in the library – although he has been known to ignore such order, repeatedly. Matthew is laconic and like his speech, his walk is not hurried but measured. Matt does not run, ever, he strolls. His routine will also not be broken, so when he failed to have breakfast before leaving for an exam he stopped at McDonalds for a quick bite. This meant that he, plus all of those whom he was giving a lift, turned up to the exam quite late. The always eloquent Matt is destined to become the CEO of some global corporation allowing him to indulge in his love for travel.



Elo Xian Lu Guo

During her time at Law School, Elo was busy with working full time, studying law full time, playing in badminton competitions and pursuing other social activities. She was always on the get up and go, running from here to there, always finding the time to stop and catch up with her friends. Elo's going to do some some time in accounting with Big Blue. After that, she plans to own her own business.

An old time champion on the university badminton circuit, I saw her once cause a man twice her age to topple to the ground. As he lay the screaming on the ground she gave him a stone cold stare for a full five seconds before she took him by the hand and lifted him up.

Don't let that put you off her charm, she's egregious in that uniquely Elo way. Don't be scared by all the talks of those unparalleled victories. In the outside world she's quite nice!



Mina Hanna

May it please the court; Your Honour. Mina Hanna (otherwise known as Hanna Barbera) completed a double degree in Commerce/Law, majoring in economics and Accounting. He is known to his friends as one who stands by his convictions and beliefs. It is submitted your Honour, that Mina is one of the most fun loving characters of Hanna Barbera creation.

Your Honour, Mina is known to be one of those people who can miss almost all of his lectures and still get good marks. However, when Mina does grace a lecture theatre with his presence, he doesn't go there to learn anything. Rather, he entertains his learned friends with jokes and friendly conversation and masterpieces of art! Mina does not try to whisper either Your Honour. Nevertheless, when Mina is asked a question by a lecturer, he seems to know how to figure out an intelligent answer. Mina will be remembered for his knowledge of the *Browne v Dunn* rule.



Kathryn Higgs

Eulogistic as this may sound, it really has to be said that Law School will hardly be the same without Kath's energetic presence. She has made her mark in almost every sphere, from law revue to ALSA to the gossip columns of Hearsay. Everpresent at that social hub that is level 5, she would often be seen organising Law Ball tables, engaging in heated conversations about the rights of indigenous Australians, or perhaps just breaking a few more male hearts. In the midst of all this, Kathryn has also found time to excel at mootings and in academic pursuits generally, and will be heading off to the Court of Appeal in 2000 to work for Justice Margaret Beazley. We wish her all the best for what promises to be a dazzling future.



Alex Hill

Alex would probably be pissed off that I'm writing a profile about him, that's the kind of person he is - fiercely anti establishment.

Antarctic trekker, fast track learner (being the first of us to go to College) or all round great bloke, any of the above describes Alex accurately. However, you can't really do justice to him unless you enjoy his hospitality and warmth.

I have a story about Alex, well, numerous ones, but one stands out. THAT backcountry ski trip where our tent blew over and we had to scramble back to the top of Thredbo. What really stands out for me was how calm Alex remained, that is why I am not surprised he achieved so much and is such a philosophical bastard.

Cheers Alex! You made my time at law school more interesting to say the least!



Veronika Hurbis

Veronika will be best remembered for her little anomalies. For example:

1. Her case summaries were usually longer than the judgment itself;
2. Her definition of relaxing is taking on extra commitments such as choir and three jobs;
3. Her attempts to get fit and healthy have led to a staple diet of pretzels and red frogs;
4. She focusses on important things such as what the lecturer looks like rather than how well they teach;
5. She prefers to worry about doing things rather than actually do them;
6. It takes her less time to write a 10,000 word essay than it does to reduce it to its limit of 3,000 words.

Despite her anomalies, Veronika is a sincere and caring person who can always bring a smile to any situation. Appropriate movie titles for her are "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Rush Hour". In 10 years time we predict Veronika will be working for the UN saving the environment and barracking for Human Rights.



Valentyna Jurkiw

It would not really be uncharitable of me to begin by noting that we have all been privy to Valentyna's metamorphosis from fuzzy caterpillar to beautiful butterfly. The pronounced change in Valentyna in the last year is even greater for those privileged enough to have known her since Main Campus. What a blossoming it has been!

Valentyna is an extraordinarily popular young woman. If you do not know her (or even know of her), who are you and where have you been? For future reference, you may find her in one of several fashionable drinking establishments in the city surrounded by cigarette smoke, red wine and boys. She will be clad entirely in black, well, except for the bright red lipstick. She will be tossing her head back, either to swill some bad beaujolais or to emit a throaty, Garbo-esque, devil-may-care laugh. Yes, Valentyna may live the high life but still possesses sufficient reservoirs of irony to laugh at herself and life in general.

I have every confidence that Valentyna will succeed in life. If the law fails its initial promise, there is always the heady life of a socialite to pursue. She is cultured, well-read, flirtatious (I am told), proficient in at least four languages (not including the international language of larv) and can drink vast quantities of alcohol with no discernible effect. Ample qualifications, indeed.

Val, we love you, but, petal, there is one thing to say in conclusion: blonde is not your colour.

Profiles



Hasan Kanji

Many might consider Hasan's decision to study Personal and Business Taxation an act of reckless hedonism. But Hasan's brilliance and capacity for hard work should not be doubted. He did, after all, build his own computer. He has also shown himself to be a champion mooter (having been on the team which won the NSW Butterworths Constitutional Law Moot in 1999) and a shrewd negotiator (those who saw him in action at the 1998 Intersvarsity Negotiation Competition would know that he can float like a butterfly and sting like a bee). In 1999 he single-handedly organised and ran the inaugural Witness Examination Competition at Sydney Uni. His infinite energy might be due in part to his law school diet of raw vegetables. On the odd occasion he would generously proffer a bag of snow peas in his fellow students' direction, a gift only fools declined. Hasan has certainly made his mark at law school, and will no doubt do the same in every future endeavour.



Joanne Katsiaris

Joanne is a girl of diverse talents. She has an uncanny ability to draw things out, often well beyond their natural conclusion - she managed to drag out a standard 5 year combined law degree into a 61/2 year feat of endurance and stamina; Jo can condense a 200 page law text into a 400 page summary; Jo also has an amazing capacity for turning a side-splitting joke into a 15 minute story with no punchline.

Aside from all these talents, Joanne is also a style queen and a fitness freak. With hair that belongs in a Wella commercial, the longest eyelashes known to mankind (like parentheses with hair), a laugh that can be heard in Yemen and a shoe collection to rival Imelda's, she turns heads wherever she goes. Jo can combine a Westpoint Academy-inspired exercise program with an ability to stay out and party all night.

But beyond of all this, Joanne is a solid friend who will go out of her way to help people. Jo's "work hard, play hard" philosophy on life, her affectionate and caring nature, her inner and outer beauty, and her natural charm, will see her excel in all aspects of life. We wish her well for the new millennium.



Jonathan Kirkwood

Jon Kirkwood (affectionately known as 'JK') is something of a tall poppy. He has edited Honi Soit and Polemic, directed the law revue, mooted and negotiated in various competitions, and very importantly, we would not have this edition of Blackacre without his perseverance. He has a keen mind exemplified by his ability to retain a handful of the principles of Equity. Also, Jon has always been a rose among the (male) thorns for many women at law school. The archetypal Mr Darcy, Jon has all the charms of an English gent and none of the pretensions. We all wish you the best of luck in the future.



Christine Khor

She is one of the few overseas students in Law School. She looks very shy and quiet, but once you get to know her you will realise how friendly and sociable she is. She is very serious and industrious when she comes to study. She seems to be worrying about essays and exams all the time, but she always does good job.

Outside the Law School, she is very adventurous and involves in many activities, eg lifesaving, bush walking. She was also one of the gymnasts at Sydney University. She won prizes at Eastern Conference Games and Australian University Games. Her favourite event is floor exercise, and least favourite event is uneven bar. She needs some more muscle to stop falling from it. She says feel like trying bungee jump and sky diving, but has not done any of those yet. We will see. A skinny but very tough and courageous lady.



Karen Kumar

Highly motivated and well organized, Karen has sailed through her degree with confidence and self assurance. She is also blessed with an enormous amount of good luck! Karen is also a happy, down to person and a good mate. If anyone of us will make partner it's this woman!



Olivia Kwok

It's the end of the world as we know it (and I feel fine)

R.E.M - from their album 'Document' 1987



Alvin Lai

Mr "Alvin Klein" has repeatedly offered to buy his lecturers. He is best known for his "zip-up-the-back and button-up-the-front" Gaultier jacket and wandering oh-so-lovely hands which remain covered in rubber gloves while he goes fishing. Always in action but never seen in action, Mr Tongue tries to swap inferior chicks for the better ones that his mates score. Alvin tries to lavish his assets, charm and charisma upon prospective "scorees" but is unwilling/unable to come through with his personal assets. He has all that money can buy but is still a lonely boy. We all love him dearly although his hands have wandered on many of us. Alvin, if only you'd follow through, maybe we'd be interested.



Dung Lam

A self confessed grub with little fashion sense, she tried to revive the ancient tradition of hat wearing with little success. In a religious pursuit of knowledge, Dung found God in Tax Law. As one of the most brilliant minds in law school, Dung is likely to be published more times than the Bible. Like many country music loving geniuses, Dung denies her greatness with monastic humility and calm. But now we all know the truth. Dung is destined to succeed.

Profiles



Stephen Lance

The sounds of a laptop keyboard clicking at the back of the class is a good indication that 'Steve is in the building'. With serious movie cache, Steve, like the movies he adores is a complex, visual, palimpsest. With his obligatory baseball cap firmly placed upon his head, this character is dressed in label funk. This throws many off the scent of his inherently commercial nature. While not spending time to ensure that he is fastidiously prepared for his uni work, Steve is flying off somewhere to 'have lunch' in the hope of securing funding for his latest short film project. His love of the cinematographic arts could result in Steve attending Sundance or Cannes film festivals promoting his feature film debut in the not too distant future. Law School's answer to Tarantino revels in and has a profound knowledge of the lines of whom many regard as fickle - actors, actresses, designers and supermodels. This misdirects the Steve unfamiliar from discovering his actual inner depth. The definitive 'Steve' film? May be a tad hard, but 'The Player' would be a good start.



Michael Lawandi

"How does one describe this man? Even words cannot suffice. Perhaps it is better to remember him just by his picture and his smile.



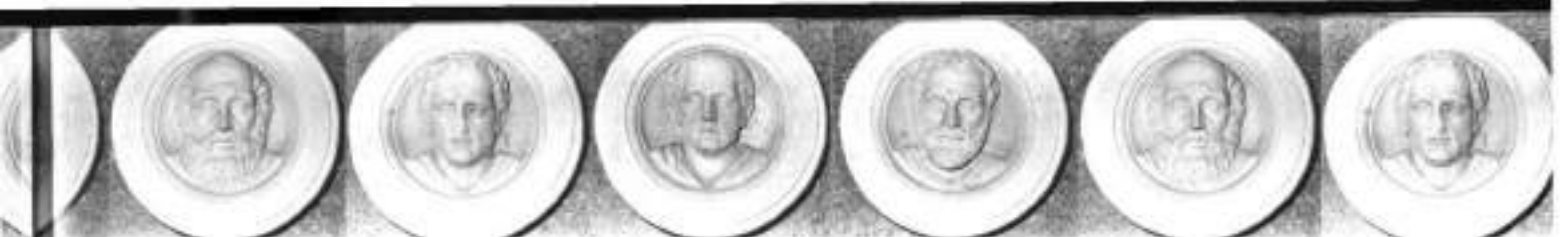
Fiona Lawson

Fiona has so much energy and enthusiasm that she commits herself to an amazing number of activities, of which study, especially at Law School, has been her last priority. Who can forget those missed lectures, sleepless nights and mad rushes to get to level 12 before the stroke of 5 to hand in essays on time? Not to mention Fiona's uncanny knack to cram an entire semester's work load into STUVAC. But don't let this apparent laziness fool you. Rare is the student who, although unwilling to put university before her hectic social life or before working to save money for travel, has a University Medal for Arts Honours tucked under her belt. Outside uni, to truly catch Fiona in her element you would be best looking for her on the dance floor at a pub or night club, or in the mosh pit at an alternative music concert. The passionate political activist that she is, Fiona can also always be found campaigning for Indonesian and East Timorese people or other human rights causes. Fiona's other perennial zest, for travel and adventure, has led her to study twice in Indonesia and to spend this final semester on exchange in Belgium. Fiona is a true, compassionate and fun friend who is always willing to lend an ear and have a yarn. Her vivacious personality and humour ensure there is never a dull moment in her presence. Goodluck in Life, Love and Law, Fiona. Your success is inevitable.



Alex Leesong

10 years ago: Concluded that the Midwest is not a place for human beings, but only for cows and corn.
5 years ago: Dreaming of Sydney while in Boston shoveling a tunnel through the snow to get to the car.
2 years ago: Wondering why lawyers can't think straight like scientists.
5 years from now: Cancer will be cured.
10 years from now: Republic of Australia
15 years from now: 2 hour air journey to Korea and the US
20 years from now: Cold fusion and real estate boom in Aussie deserts
30 years from now: Following John Lock's path - taking care of grandchildren of mine and my friends'
Favourite subjects: Human Rights and Conveyancing
Favourite film: Accidental Hero
What do I think of aliens? They don't care about us.
Who will save the world? Keanu Reeves



Margaret Leesong

Perfect mother
Outstanding wife
Acclaimed biophysicist
Well-adjusted law student
Highly recognised citizen
Sought-after human being
(soon to be abducted by aliens)



Ann Leung

Class, style, sophistication and a collection of shoes which Imelda Marcos would be proud of. A vixen begat of Phillip Street and Rodeo Drive, this femme fatal migrates between gymnasium and lecture theatre with hourly visits to the stairs outside of level four. A "model" student in every sense of the word her otherwise angelic reputation is tarnished only by her propensity to break hearts and inflict severe whiplash on swarms of male suitors anxious to conduct in-depth studies of her hemline. Renowned for her insightful series of level 5 lectures on "male/female relationships" she is always the perfect lady and friend (until you combine sushi, vodka and a locked cubicle). We are sure to see her in the society pages of only the finest tabloids.



Raymond Lim

Ray is renowned in law school for his numerous, though sadly unsuccessful, coup attempts at displacing incumbent SULLS representatives. Funded by the deep pockets of Malaysian drug cartels, Ray's instinctive flair for politics is wasted by ... well, not being on SULLS. Despite his aggressive and rough-hewn exterior, Ray possesses a very sensitive, thoughtful and fun-loving aspect to his personality. This "inner-child" of his often causes Ray to assist his friends in times of need, donate generously to charities, run around naked on level 5, run around naked on level 4, run around naked on level 3, run around naked on level 1, ride naked up and down the elevators, and type out essays on level 6 while naked. In short, Ray is a politically-minded, yet sensitive, guy who likes to be naked. Truly, a model law student.



Arlie Loughnan

Arlie's presence at law school this last semester has been missed and mourned by all: her frequent laugh and smile, her compassion and generosity, and her unflinching belief in the better part of people's nature. Alone of the most charming Corrs chicks, Arlie is variously known as Arles, Darling Arlie and Dorothy. In keeping with her often motherly nature, Arlie's friends are known to her as "sweetheart", "honeybunny" and "lambchop". Despite her gentle nature, Arlie is the ultimate strong woman at law school — fiercely intelligent, fiesty and firmly feminist. She manages to combine her commitment to the broader community (in the form of Faculty rep, AMUNC, Fems Rea) with a healthy commitment to the state of her hair — brushing it indiscriminately in lifts, corridors, or stairwells at law school. To all the personal, professional and political people who are reading about Arlie 40 years on, she always has and always will be loved!

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Fiona Lovell

Fiona enjoys beer. Beer enhances her social skills, love life, vocabulary and state of undress. Her pastimes include harassing dogs and peering on naked men in glass houses. On a more positive note she is dating a potential millionaire who has a sentimental attachment to her shower curtain. Once she was surprised to find her boyfriend and brother having a shower with her dog. It seems they share this canine fetish. Fiona's final claim to fame is being sprung stealing potplants from Martin Place. Unfortunately she wasn't aware that the plant was wired down and she was under close surveillance from a flower seller. Fiona will be best remembered as the "lady in the blue dress" spewing on the Casino escalator. If found stumbling incoherently please return her to the nearest incestuous satisfaction club.



Tho Duc Luu

Tho, pronounce 'Thor' has been a wonderful friend for me over the years. One reason for this friendship is that our names are always mispronounced. Tho is well known for his work in CALS. In fact, he has the dubious honour of being the only one who always turns up to CALS when there is an essay due the next day. So it came as no surprise when he became the chief organiser of CALS this year.

Tho, unlike his namesake the Norse god of thunder, is one of the gentlest souls you could ever meet. Like a diamond he is bright and sparkly but without its many facets. What you see is what you get with Tho. He is a wonderful person who is full of principles and companion, as his with CALS testifies. So what are you doing in law Tho?

So from one of those whose life was enriched by your friendship, good luck for the future. The law school will be a drearier and colder place without you.



Kylie Maxwell

How best to describe the blonde, but intelligent, bombshell known as Kylie Maxwell? Perhaps it is best to quote her own words, as she introduced herself when running for SCULS way back in first year: "Hi, my name is Kylie, which is defined in the dictionary as an Aboriginal word meaning a boomerang, having one side flat and the other curved which doesn't say much for my figure!" As would be expected following an award winning speech such as this, Kylie was overwhelmingly voted into SCULS which was only the beginning of her full participation in the SU law social scene. Kylie's talents, however, have not been confined to Law School. Her climb up the corporate ladder at Allen Allen & Hemsley is sure to be fast tracked following a record winning 6 years as an Allens paralegal. But where ever she goes, Kylie is sure to excel. While her smile will be sadly missed around Law School, her lethal combination of brains, beauty and charm will ensure success in whatever she does.



Jane McAdam

With a stable North Shore upbringing and first-rate education, friends were stunned on the first day by Jane's shaved head and jack boots. Determined to become the 'hard woman of Legal I', her early acts of violence were random and savage. She achieved notoriety among academics by biting the ear of an ADR lecturer, and consolidated her undergraduate reputation by piercing both nipples with a BBQ fork.

Come third year, she was showing a predilection for the black arts, declaring herself the Bride of Beelzebub and spending many a Torts lecture swaying, eyes rolled back and frothing at the mouth. By law school, her violence had taken a particular legal bent: she scarred 'R v Brown' into her left thigh 'to never forget', and once chewed the head off a live chicken when giving a presentation on the Workplace Relations Act. Nearly expelled for exorcising and subsequently sacrificing a burning goat in Level 13's Minter Ellison Room, she successfully argued that the acts could be considered her Jurisprudence assessment. She is likely to practice.



Karen McRae

You can take a girl out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the girl. This is definitely true with Karen. She is sweet, generous and friendly and very loyal to her friends. At the same time she is very understanding and open minded to new ideas and people. Karen is interested in Buddhism and regularly practices meditation.

She would do anything to be healthy, despite her decision to study law. She is a strict vegetarian, whose idea of a good lunch is a dry bread roll and a skim milk cappuccino. Karen is rarely seen at law school, because her idea of a good way to end the day is several hours on the Step Master at the city RSL Gym.

Karen's sharp intelligence is just one of her many admirable qualities. This includes her ambition to save the world with her legal knowledge. We wish her the very best and know that she will do well at whatever takes her fancy.



Linda Morris

Despite having the dubious honour of being the only person to be simultaneously enrolled in Personal Tax and Law and Gender, Linda goes down well.

She is renowned for her ability to stop the other side from scoring owing to her amazing goalie skills. She gets all the cross word clues and plays way too many games. She has won three uni games medals and can bowl, bat, kick and catch better than the rest of us.

If you find Linda stumbling 'round after Friday evening drinks, take her to the Lansdowne so that she can find her own crowd.



Jessica Murty

Jess Murty has become known around law school for her penchant for purple, but as with everything that she does she indulges it with style, panache with a healthy dash of individuality thrown in for balance.

These tendencies of character helped greatly during her reign as Law Review Producer - in house for part of it, the main meister for the rest.

Her patience and tenacity meant that she succeeded in getting the job done, and was also loved and appreciated by cast and production people alike. She was very much respected for her fair and even treatment of people, her personal integrity, and her hard work. Of course, as is the case with everything she does, Jess also managed to balance this with being the ultimate party and good-time girl. Sequins, glitter, new frocks, great shoes, and never a dark root showing through, characterised her out of hours persona.

Jess was a great friend to many people during her time at law school. She always made time to have coffee chats, to provide a shoulder, or to help with an essay (which somehow, she would always have completed before anyone else had opened a book). She was also diligent in keeping to her schedule of Simpsons watching and Seinfeld viewing.



Aaron Neal

Aaron (no I DO NOT play basketball) Neal entered the first-year of his degree with a mission to create a better world for the working class and along the way show the silver tails a thing or two about what a boy from Botany can achieve. Since then he has excelled in his academic pursuits with a meticulous approach to his work (no I don't think you'll lose a mark for that spelling mistake in the footnotes Aaron), worked for Gareth Evans helping to shape the Australian economy, clashed with Justice Wilcox teaching his honour a few pointers about industrial law and earned himself an associateship with Justice Marshall.

Aaron is an upstanding gentleman who is never afraid to call it as he sees it or tell you how he feels. Even though he may feel more comfortable at the local branch meeting or having a quiet one down at the Pagewood Hotel than in a lecture, he has proven that no challenge of academia or life is too great. Aaron is definitely headed for greatness, whether it is arguing for the worker in front of the Commission or representing them in Parliament, he is sure to be a fearsome opponent. And finally, to borrow words said about a man whose job Aaron will one day fill, you can take the boy out of Botany, but you can't take the Botany out of the Boy.



Patience Neal

Patience has defied all the conventions of the law school and still achieved outstanding academic results. This is the girl who went to see 'My Best Friend's Wedding' the day before her contracts essay was due, and the girl who went strawberry picking in Luxembourg prior to her exams, while she was on exchange to our sister law school in Belgium. She's also the sort of person who gets over the guilt of missing an appointment with a Supreme Court judge in a few minutes.

As a talented girl, Patience also impressed many people with her singing voice and groovy dance moves during her performance at the 1996 Law Revue. The same impact was made at an inter-varsity ski trip party where she was widely known as the 'Barbie Girl' and 'Queen of the Night'.

Patience is articulate, intelligent and a great conversationalist. You can have a discussion with her about anything; from High Court cases to the latest gossip from Hollywood. She is also a genuine and supportive friend that one cannot do without during the dark days of law school. Her wits, charm and bubbly personality will be the source of many fond memories to her friends in the years to come.



Fiona Newham

Yet to attend a law school function without the dashing Ben, I have both enjoyed and endured all that Sydney Law has to offer.

Greatest survival characteristics:

- Resilience - ability to flourish amongst the car fumes, culinary delights and photocopier queues of law school;
- Intelligence - quickly established that food outside the building is always a better option;
- Fun Loving - only way to beat the essay blues;
- Sporty - yet curiously un spice like;
- Imaginative - truly believing that some day, somewhere, the phrase 'student services' will not be oxymoronic.

Looking forward to law, love, and living beyond the law school. Congratulations, thanks and best wishes to all my fellow adventurers. You've been a blast!



Jarrod Nink

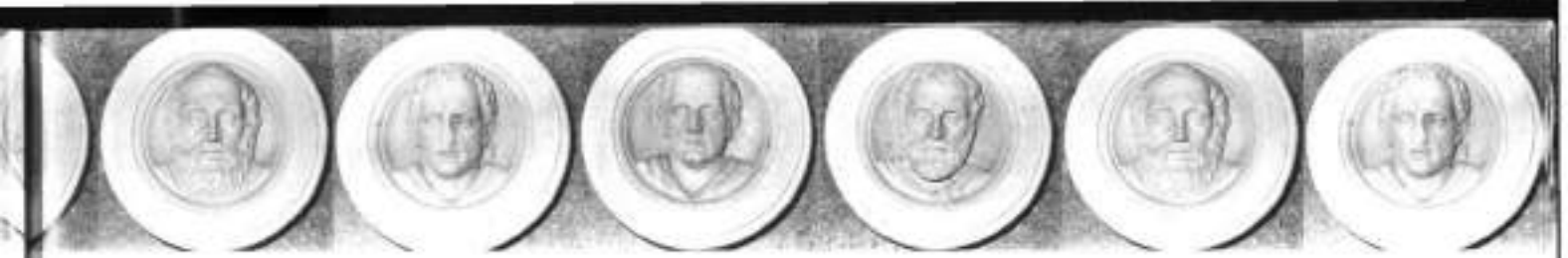
Jarrod never let his study get in the way of his social life. He was a permanent fixture at all law school parties, displaying his recently acquired skill of Spanish dancing, and all sporting days, leading Law school to victory.

Despite this, Jarrod has found time to work at Middleton, Moore and Bevins for the last four years. We wish him well for the future and look forward to following his successes.



Edward Nixey

For Ted there are two things that clearly out prioritise university study. First is his passion for sailing 16' skiffs and second, his beloved firm. Despite the need to do some last minutes study before exams, Ted can still be found at the firm belting out some solid hours. From this one could glean that Ted is a reasonably devoted and passionate creature. However, if Ted is spending a lot of time doing something, then it is sure to be benefiting someone, or should I say ... one. Ted is a walking paradox. He works extremely hard to ensure he can do absolutely nothing. It is his resourcefulness to draw on the skills of those around him or his boundless creativity when it come to extensions that never cease to amaze. Ted may look healthy, with a lifestyle that seems healthy but he is frequently struck down by violent illnesses, especially around essay time. When it comes to crunch, Ted is reliable and dependable. Could this attitude lead to the formation of Nixey Allen Allen & Hemsley in a few years? N.A.A.H! A big fan of Hollywood blockbusters, Ted is your Top Gun type of man. However it is arguable that The Firm and The Devil's Advocate are your quintessential 'Ted' films. In years to come if you are passing by the firm, do what they suggest in a certain whiskey commercial... Drop by, Ted lives here.



Arturo Norbury

I can think of one experience which best sums up my time at Sydney Uni. This happened the first class, the first day of Grad Law I in 1997. I walked into class late (which became a habit for me) and Gerry Bates, the most laid back lecturer ever, who took us for Torts, commented on my scruffy looks:

"Where have you come from, the beach?!"

Thinking quickly to save face, I retorted,

"No actually a plane - I only arrived back from the Phillipines last night."

I'll let you in on a secret. One of the reasons I stayed a student for so long (apart from my love of law) was that three month end of year Uni vacation. I have aspirations down the track of becoming a uni lecturer so that I can continue to have the longest vacation in the western world. Hedonistic you may think, well I'd rather that than work myself to an early grave. Thanks Sydney Uni and Cheers to the graduating class of 1999.



Cassie O'Rourke

When Cassie starts work in a big city law firm next year there will be one thing which will distinguish her from the other lawyers - Cassie is a genuinely, completely, lovely person!

But don't confuse 'niceness' with a lack of ambition or motivation. Once she threw off the shackles of previous studies in Dentistry Cassie approached her legal studies with all the determination and fervour of one twice her size. This culminated, by fourth year, in the form we have all come to know - the form of Cassie, striding to the back of the lecture room laptop in hand and electrical cords in the other. By fifth year Cassie was the very picture of organisation!

And this organisation should not be confused with a lack of humour or sense of fun. Never letting superior technology get in her way, Cassie was always ready to grab your pen and ornament your notes with a satirical cartoon or just a scribble. And any lingering confusion was dispelled when she took to the dance floor in glamerous red satin at this year's Law Ball.



Nick Ogden

Nick is Roald Dahl's BFG. He always has time for his friends even if it means some sacrifice on his part. Known as Chief Justice, CJ to some, he is the only one who can present a succinct case summary to the class without actually having read the judgment. However, CJ's prowess extends beyond the mental arena. CJ (or Boggs) loves a game of cricket and was a vital member of the Interfaculty Cricket Champions in 1999. His desire to play cricket results in Nick being the only man who wants to further his education at Cambridge just so that he can play in their cricket team. Nick was also a member of the 'Dirty Old Men' when they stormed the '99 Trivia Quiz. He is the man with an interesting story about everything which will help him when he is a barrister in London and watching The Ashes with fellow MCC members at Lords. Nick may fit the 'Rumpole of the Bailey' mould but a 'Judge Joe Brown' type career is not unforeseeable.



Ceyda Ozsayin

Ceyda is a determined and friendly person who always strives for the best. She is understanding and patient and knows how to offer her support to those around her. Ceyda is an ambitious person, however, she manages to accomplish many tasks and meet many responsibilities.

A mature person with a strong will power, she has set goals for herself which she wants to attain.

A vibrant person, Ceyda always offers friendship and support to her friends and acquaintances.

Profiles



Nicos Pavlides

At the end of each academic year, Nicos had a party. His lecturers and staff had a party as well. Usually sitting at the front rows of the theatres, Nicos would fire up questions relentlessly, at anyone he would see standing at the front, from lecturers to cleaners. His lecturers still try to forget the long, very long consultations he had with them. They will never do so. His favourite subjects were in the area of International and Comparative Law, evidenced by his affection for international beers and world-class wines. Coming to Oz from the island of Bachous and Veyces, he brought with him his own distinct style (and accent). Hopefully he will stick around for longer.



David Roache-Turner

David Roache - Turner is a twenty-four year old male type with a shock of blonde hair and piercing blue eyes.

David ('Roachey', DRT, 'Davey Crockett' or the highly amusing - 'cockroach' turner, to his friends) knew from his earliest years at fort st high school that was destined to stand out. While he has been a conscientious law student he does not fit the mould of a "typical" Sydney Uni Lawschool guy: he has a wide variety of other interests, is vibrant and colourful in personality and choice of attire, and he knows how to have a good time. He really enjoys witty repartee, and finds nothing more challenging or fulfilling than overanalysing a situation. For this reason he is very, very popular with the female population, particularly over coffee at Colluzi (where he can often be seen). David takes a great deal of pride in his large vocabulary and rapid-fire manner of speaking.

At university, David's more interesting pursuits included the creation of a broadcasting club through the Union on campus, serving as the Vice-President of the Sydney University Law Society, and providing invaluable assistance and direction with many Law revues with his deft camera work and clever ideas. This guy is talented and so full of life that we can hardly imagine what it is he'll end up doing. Whatever it is, he'll be sure to do it quirkily, with spirit and a sense of fun.



Stanislav Rot

Some people say the effects of law school are incurable, but Stas is proof of the contrary. This photo, taken barely two months after graduation, shows him to be in excellent health.



Tim Rowe

Time, or "surfs up" to his friends, admits that he was not really sure why he studied law, and now that he's graduating he still doesn't know! He would, however, like to thank his sponsors - Village, Greater Union and Hoyts without whom he would not have made it through the three years. He will be most remembered for the unusual habit of wearing shorts during winter and his ability to research and write essays on the day that they were due.

Most outstanding law school achievement: managing to stay away from "Palmy" long enough to pass Summer School.

Movie which best describes him: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Where will he be in 10 years: F1 test driver for McLaren and part-time movie critic operating from his remote South Pacific island.



Amanda Salmond

Amanda is a woman who is dedicated to her beliefs in a commendable manner. There is no half way in Amanda's opinion and that is refreshing. Amanda will be one of the few graduates who will actually make the world a better place to live for people and "animals", and is not concered with the financial return as top priority. Amanda will be successful in whatever she does and I wish her well.



Edward Sanders

Ed trailblazed his path through Law School, at times he seems to be everywhere and indeed, thanks to the Allens' advertising campaign, indeed he was.

Ed inspired fear as Captain of the interfaculty rugby team, as he did when appearing in fishnets as Brian Harradine opening the 1999 Law Review. And it was on the stage where Ed truly excelled starring in numerous reviews and attracting widespread acclaim for his role as singing director in 1999.

A regular feature in Hearsay gossip columns, Ed did his best to become fully involved in all aspects of law school life. An all-round talent Ed is certain to succeed.



Nathan Schmidt

While Nathan's attendance at uni is based on a 'quality not quantity' principle, he has nevertheless emerged as a strong student. This is despite the fact that Nath manages to forget enrollment every year, still doesn't have the readings two weeks before exams, and has a habit of mistaking closed book exams for open book exams. The flexibility of uni life has suited Nath perfectly, leaving plenty of time for Dutch exchange students, trips to Cairns, level 5 ping pong and (occasionally) work. While his speech can be puzzling, Nath's chuckle is contagious - his stories & enthusiasm have won him a million friends. His time at law school could be summed up in the words: "Nath had fun". We wish Nath luck as, armed with his science/law degree, he embarks upon a career in finance. Maybe one day he'll even be a doctor ...



Daniel Scotti

Formerly known as captain, Daniel convinced one of his close friends to eat an entire raw garlic. The man has powers of persuasion. He is known for his musical taste which borders on obsession, and his attempts to liaise with business associates when pissed. He enjoys telling anyone sitting on level 5 how big his ... ego is and how he checks himself out in other people's showers. Daniel lives out his sexual fantasies by watching Duckman with a 90% blood alcohol level. His diary entries reflect this. This ritual is usually followed by an attempt to do 60 one-handed pushups followed by a trip to hospital. His one memorable goal is to be crushed at a soccer game which has earned him the disgust of his drinking peers. Between mulching rabbits with his tractor and being a full-time sex slave lap dancer and toy boy, Daniel begs and whimpers to do everything his girlfriend says.

Profiles



Sharon Sekulic

The Often Reluctant Law Student, Sharon lived by that old Confucian saying "The chicken who crosses the road slowly will get to the other side first". Minimum effort for maximum results was her creed. Her aloof and laid back attitude at law school was the perfect antidote for the sterile and competitive law school environment. While always leaving everything to the last minute, she always managed to get her work done with finesse and to go remarkably well. The girl has panache! A witty girl who knows how to have fun, Sharon will be remembered for how she combined her two passions in life, law and food, in quotable phrases such as "Yummo Justice Gummow" and "Devine Justice Levine"! Sharon will no doubt succeed in life and in her career. Good Luck Shazza.



Nigel Semitecolos

Nigel cannot be reduced to a pithy little phrase. Whilst he is a gentleman and most certainly a scholar, he is also a host of other adjectives that unfortunately cannot be summarised in a few convenient words. Nigel likes Winnie the Pooh, red socks and sounding out opera tunes at the most inappropriate times. He is fanatical about his beloved Newcastle Knights and will hold you forever in contempt for suggesting, inferring or even thinking any thoughts that might vaguely be construed as being a slight on his favourite football team. Nigel is a gentleman, a scholar and all things in between. He is a colleague, a humanitarian and a friend.



Shoshana Shields

Shosh, or Little Miss Worried, as she is also known is one of the happiest people on this planet. She is the only person whose smile gets bigger the more she gets stressed. Shosh's diligence in attending nearly all her lectures is the envy of all of her friends, although she has been known to book an interstate holiday during semester. We will also remember Shosh for her unique style of taking notes during lectures, not only does she threaten the best speed writers, but she has almost created her own language. Beyond the dungeon of Phillip St, Shosh can be found roaming the grassy pastures of Sydney's finest golf courses. However, a word of warning when strolling near the 6th fairway at Woollahra - duck-especially if our lovely Shosh has a 6 iron in her hand. In 10 years time we know that Shosh will still be happy and touring the ladies PGA circuit whilst socialising as the President's wife. Movies for Shosh? - Princess Bride and Happy Days.



Jessica Simpson

Jess Simpson is the sort of girl that you fall in love with on sight (tall, blonde, slim, blue eyed) and then after a little bit of digging stand in absolute awe of. Behind the cool blonde exterior is a fierce intellect, drive and an individual with a heightened awareness of the world around her. Nowhere in the history of Sydney law school has there been anyone so committed to her causes - active member of the Vegan Society, Environmental Activist, Animal Rights Campaigner - or manifest of such a feisty determination to save the world.

Jess's glittering law school career has been peppered with adventure holidays - treks, sojourns by the sea... if it has to do with the great outdoors and water, Jessica Simpson is first in line. Her future was mapped out a long long time ago - Environmental lawyer extraordinaire, ideally in the Himalayas but perhaps, just perhaps she'll consider settling for Peru.

Unlayering Jess has been a complicated task. External calm, internal drive, a heart of pure gold and independence are all mixed up with what can only be described as Jessica-ness. It's a very very special cocktail - one that's bound to be loved by anyone lucky enough to sample it.



Jennifer Single

Jennifer Single is ambitious - which law student is not? However, she does not crawl over the bloodied carcasses of friends and foes to succeed. In sum, Jennifer is a nice person. Ambition and pleasantness - a rare combination, indeed, especially among law students. Oh, and Jennifer also has talent to match the ambition - rarer still.

Jennifer is also famous for her diligence. Not only does she do an extraordinary amount of work for her courses, Jennifer has been heavily involved in extra-curricular activities. She is a compulsive reader and I believe she has found an appropriate twelve-step programme and support group to help her come to terms with her addiction.

However, one should not get the impression that Jennifer is dull. Far from it - there is nothing Jennifer likes more than a flimsy pretext to party. The dress, the hair, the shoes, the nails, the build-up. Jennifer does all formal occasions (and informal ones, too) with flair and style.

So, in years to come, we will no doubt hear often of the exploits of Ms Single of counsel. I look forward to being able to pop into Chambers for a nice Pimms late in the afternoon or, maybe, just maybe, a Fluffy Duck.



Alexandra Skellet

Despite her affinity for leopard skin apparel, Alex laid claim to being one of the best dressed pussy cats at law school. Law School has provided the backdrop for the transformation in Alex from a sedate social sciences student to a cunning corporate lawyer. Alex applies herself in an extremely conscientious manner and is bound to succeed in whatever endeavours she chooses.



Caroline Spurway

Caroline is an exceptionally friendly/boisterous girl who takes a keen interest in her friend's lives. She keeps herself up to date with regular 'so what's happened' type conversations. Caroline has provided much needed 'life experience' in her advice to those at law school and is not scared to deal with people's 'issues'. She provides a regular psycho analysis/dream interpretation service. Caroline is refreshingly natural and uninhibited and has boundless energy (downtime is rare). She knows just about every bar in Sydney - her cash withdrawal slips prove it! Sydney's bars are in fact where a large portion of Caroline's life dramas are played out. She keeps in contact with four ex-boyfriends who share the same name and invites them out to socialise with each other! Caroline thrives on the drama of human relationships, whether her own or her friends'. Her proud claim to fame is that she has never kissed a law school boy! Caroline has been known to do very well in her studies, although she keeps a very low profile in this area. We never thought she had it in her, but she managed to conceal her 'inner nerd' until final semester at law school where she has become a bit of a teacher's pet. Caroline has succeeded in applying her 'work the room' skills acquired in Sydney's bars to the academic and corporate world. Caroline is a truly beautiful person and will touch the lives of many.



Peter Stephens

Peter's a guy with a surprising history - and some historical surprises! He is legendary for his collections of roman coins, antiquarian books etc and has rarely been spotted without at least one ancient volume on hand; Q: 'What's that book you've got there Pete?' A: 'Well this is a volume of Addison's Spectator that was presented to the statesman Charles Fox in 1774 by Dr Johnson. I just bought the set at a junk sale for \$30' - and he's not kidding!

Peter came to law after having 'a bit of luck' - when he sold his collection of Phonocards and bought a house with the proceeds! He chucked in his SES-level management career to live out a dream and study law (initially at UWS). His 'good luck' continued as he was elected Law Society President and then went on to Dux the year! In 1998 he came to join us here at SU.

Peter is passionate about developing international solutions to global problems - that's where he's headed. It's no surprise he's been an active member of several university committees such as the International Law Society, the Society for Comparative Law and Jurisprudence, and the Equity Committee. He's even thinking of staying on here for 'a couple more years'. We think that's tragic. 'Good luck' Peter - you don't need it!



William Tan

Malaysian Scholar brings along his energy and life to Sydney.... For is years at Sydney University, he has enthusiastically helped organise the Unibodhi and brings this society to life. Apart from societies, he also played games for Uni, i.e. ping pong.

He is a big guy who is hard from the outside, but tenderhearted indeed. He is generous with time and money and is popular as an easygoing person who gets on with all people. He spends a considerable time with his friends, bringing them good memories, telling jokes like a 'big brother', and winning the hearts of earnest young female students from everywhere. He is an absolute non alcoholic, but a 100% coffee lover. He has coffee on every occasion he can and is very determined about it, even in pubs.

He is a reliable friend who is well respected for his intelligence and diligence. Drop by and say hello to him if you have not yet got to know him.



Dan Taylor

If Dan Taylor is to be summed up in a word, it must be 'presence'. Tall, good-looking, tanned and eloquent, his presence can hardly go unnoticed. Having been victorious over the Jacaranda tree as one of the most beautiful things on campus, Dan can be assured that his presence will not be easily forgotten.

In 1999, he was present everywhere as Dan the Man, running for student union. Rumour had it that pin-up boy Dan's election posters became a trophy for some of the more repressed students. In 1996, he was acclaimed for his performance as an excited Darcy in the Law Revue's sketch of Pride and Prejudice. At other revues, he demonstrated a penchant for being naked. Dan, something to show?

More recently, Dan has become famous not merely for balancing a career, studying law and being president of the union, but also for balancing a gin and tonic with purchases from Gucci, Armani and Prada. It is perhaps this skill, or more probably his ever present smile, intellect and charm that have made him one of the most popular and respected people on campus.



Mark Teutsch

Arguably a strong contender for Law School's annual 'Golden Spader' of the Year award. A man of magnetic animal charisma of such an overpowering nature that he exudes a mysterious serie attraction akin to that fatal sort possessed by the Pied Piper of Hamelin as he led the innocents to their death.

Yet as was the case with young Caesar, fame and popularity have not corrupted Herr Teutsch. The High Life and the road to the Dark Side Beckon but Teutschy maintains a strict military regimen. Swimming and a diet of fruit, nuts and lichen keep this Zen Master's conscience clear, tranquil and razor sharp.

Herr Teutsch leave uni? I'd like to see that... His LLB is but a drop in a the ocean of respectable degrees that our Teutsch has sailed through, leaving the man equipped for anything. We wonder if the real world is ready for him. With more address changes than Clive James, Teutsch has seemed to carve out a cosmopolitan lifestyle on a long term student budget.

A catch indeed would Herr Teutsch be to any young woman. Many women try, but only a lucky few get through Mark's intricate web of psychoanalysis. Still, he is searching for that quintessentially European woman. Sophisticated, but not snobbish. Are you out there reading this?



Kristina Tomasovic

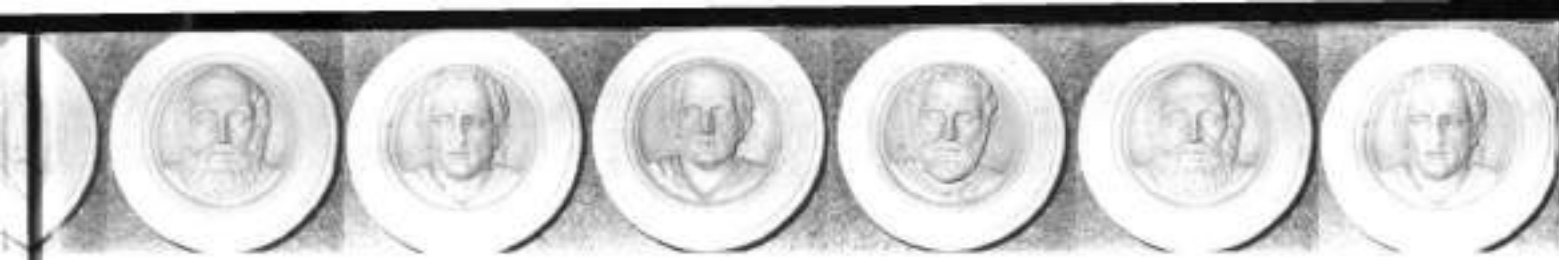
After a semester at Sydney Law School, Kristina discovered that in order to survive she had to legislate a set of her own regulations. Thus her survival guide consists of the following rules: Rule 1: One must not leave home without a 250g bottle of Nescafé.

Penalty — gravitational pulls of the head towards the desk or in more sever cases the floor!

Rule2: One must not look too excited or jovial at law school. Penalty — weird looks (namely; those reserved for extra-terrestrials), or in more severe cases, sneers from peers.

Rule 3: One must not cram for three exams in three days. Penalty - anxiety attacks or in more severe cases, complex insanity issues.

This guide has proven to be successful as Kristina is graduating with "mad" results, yet with her sanity intact. Kristina's favourite subjects consisted of; International Human Rights Law, Social Security Law and Intellectual Property.



Geraldine Tyrrell

Gerry is the keenest law student on the block. She loves shopping for corporate power suits and sipping coffee lattes with senior Freehills partners. She is also the only law student who can get into the supreme court without having her bag scanned because it is see-through. Her hobbies include sleeping on park benches and chatting to the guy who sells frozen yoghurt in MLC. She is deeply in touch with the ocean which is symbolised by her blue hair. Her favourite book is case and materials on personal property and she also enjoys browsing through the case citator. Her biggest contribution to law school was the Parkinson Rap.



Carolynn Vivian

The simplest way of describing Carolynn is easy going. She spent the first and second year of Grad Law being Johnny Carter's 'Miss Vivian'. Carolynn has been the subject of a few method actors. She was studied and then emulated by that little girl in the Commonwealth Bank netball development advertisement. Caz believed that semester really started in week 4 and therefore there was no need to attend Uni until then; Caz is the one you should seek if desiring netball analogies on life. Miss Vivian also possesses a rare skill of not being able to tell you all about a lecture she never actually attended. This mother hen could be summed up by a simple phrase... full time load, very casual attendance. It is quite conceivable to envisage Caz as Michael Schumacher's (and Shoshana Shields') lawyer in a few years time. This would not distract her from her busy timetable of netball games and her 'Healthy Choice' - yes I am looking after myself - dinner advertisements. Definitive Caz movie? Midnight Run because that's how all of her assignments get done.



Dave Weinberg

Dave's most memorable moments at Sydney Uni include the dail games of "ball in foot" with Marco, and staying awake through an entire lecture. Dave aspires to be the first and only American to be President of Australia in the hopes of making Australia the 51st American State. Dave would like to thank M & M for the many fun-filled hours of watching paint dry. He would also like to thank Amanda, the love of his life, for inspiring him to come to this tropical paradise and for her unwavering support throughout these past 3 years. Dave's advice to friends: If you can't convince them, confuse them; if you can't confuse them, beat them into submission.



Stephanie Werner

Miss Werner is a Corrs Babe Renowned about the place As one of law school's packages Attitude, brains & Grace Kelly face

She's done her share of activities With UN, Fems Rea & such As treasurer she has out-performed And spread her Midas touch

She's been christened various nicknames And STERN WERN knows them well She's WEINER THE CONVENOR Our STEFFA THE HEFFER goes through hell

Despite attraction to the other sex Who always aim to please She finds the time to syndicate And she's the queen of high, high Ds

She's a self-controlled young lady And won't party till study is done But despite a business-like appearance Our STEPHA IS LOADS OF FUN!!

Profiles



Martin Wong

Marty has always been the main candidate for paedophilia given his young and tender age. Being a bit of a prodigy, Martin is known for his ability to lie face down in ditches blinded due to his nocturnal habits. Martin lives in a fantasy where he thinks beer, cigarettes and crew-cut will get him women. He thinks he belongs in witness protection after his numerous, crude and pathetic jokes. If you find Martin stumbling incoherently please sell him to the nearest slave/paedophilia/porno-star/harem owner.



Katie Wrigley

Several hairstyles and colours later Katie Wrigley is leaving law school. With Glebe Market style she subtly seduced all around her with her charm and nonchalant attitude. David Harland a loyal devotee.

Katie has left her mark on Phillip St by defying convention and actually attending student/staff consultations. A student who cares, or at least cares that you don't, she has fought a mighty uphill battle for Fems Rea and for all students who couldn't care less about SULLS level 5 booze ups.

I will happily join her with my placard and shout "Let Donna Martin Graduate!!"



Geoffrey Yiu

Despite his record 98% class attendance Geoff has gained the reputation as the invisible man, not merely by virtue of his overbearing stature, but that he simply seems to disappear in a puff of smoke outside level 4 five minutes after the lecture begins. Softly spoken, deeply thoughtful and in constant touch with not only his own feminine side, his penetrating gaze leads friends to the conclusion that Geoff will eventually turn in his beloved cue stick to become a philosopher or a content programmer for a cable porn channel.

Cynthia Chan

Cynthia is a girl of quiet surprises who is amazingly loud when drunk. She has a sexy smile which she uses to excess and will go far. She has a sense of fashion which she usually discards at the closest Chinese laundry. With a propensity, beyond mere coincidence, to down cranberry and vodka with such prodigious haste we'll all see her at AA or The Bar. If found stumbling and incoherent please take her to the "bonding with animals" support group.



Georgia Dawson

International Woman of Mystery (minus the buck teeth and chest hair of course). George/Dawk was barely seen at Law School in between working for a barrister or law firm, going on exchange to Canada, doing volunteer work and studying like a woman possessed.

An unbelievably nice, down-to-earth and super-organised person, one could be forgiven for suspecting that George is a genetically modified super-human. But in fact, she is a self-made legend, having risen from the obscurity of Wamberal to defy her natural bloneness.

George is a classy chick who will succeed at whatever she does – whether it be running a catering business, practising law or being a professional dirty dancer.

Dawkosaurus – may you live long and always be merry.

Alex Ong

Alex is renowned in Law School for his abundant involvement in humanitarian causes.

A friendly, humorous person, Alex is not and has never been involved in any right wing Indonesian militia movements, in any way.

Alex's patience and high level of motivation is a beacon to all who walk in the hallowed halls of Level 4.

Combined with his exemplary attendance record, Alex Ong is undeniably one of the model law students that has enrolled in Sydney University.

Richard Pearshouse

Raised with sheep on a farm in New Zealand, Richard is not the commercial lawyer type. Rather he fancies himself as a Keatsian, consumption-ridden artiste who listens to Alanis Morissette in an attempt to discover a higher being. A generous, funny and loveable friend, Richard is nonetheless an attention-seeking prankster who tries to pull chicks by pretending to be a human rights activist. He is an outstanding tennis player and was not bad at squash either until he was belted in the leg by a ball. Richard is an acid traveller and will venture to South America. Richard has a large collection of plastic alarm clocks and is also a world champion debater, which explains his recent descent into alcoholism. He also enjoys rubbing other people's drivers licences under his arm pits.

Emily Nighjoy-Wong

Redolent like a fresh summer day, "M" breezes through the inner stair case of the concrete bowel movement we affectionately dub 'Law School'. For unlike those monkey's behinds who think that they can get elected onto SULTS & SRC by drowning the rest of us with a sea of a million flyers with their faces on every single one, 'M' has an impeccable sense of when & how much to amuse her with her presence. Unfortunately for her attendance record however, this has meant a rationing of no more than 3 hours a week at lectures. The rest of her time she presumably spends with her adorable, significant other, 'V'. We assume that they utilise this precious time to work hard together on producing an adorable brood of kids... who will presumably be named: "a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f" & "g".



David Adler

Ravi Aggarwal

David Ahn

Sonya Alechna



Steven Askew

Helen Amanatiadis

Rowena Besley

Niny Borges



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Bruce Chang

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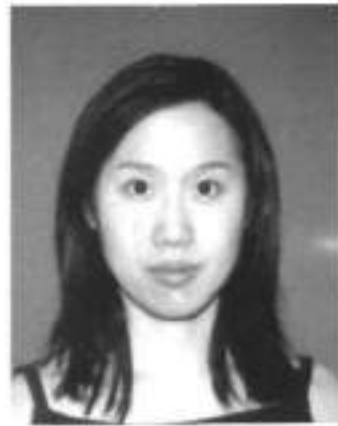
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