

Law Games

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two or three times our size and defeating them soundly in dodge-ball, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and badminton. Calgary was left on their own, as the first night of partying had given them a bad case of defaultitis—failing to show up at all for all their events on day one.

The All-Stars, in contrast, won all but two games that day. Os-Bad team's all-star goalie, and his goalie coach massaging his legs during intermission, showed that dedication to a sport, and a bench of 30 players, is more than enough to trounce the 8 of us who played. Dodgeball proved the most crushing defeat, but in hindsight it was inevitable. Somehow, drunken 6'3" tall, mulleted, Western men sporting wedgie Speedos were critically distracting, and more so when hurling balls at us from behind.

With those failures behind us, we returned to the hotel to prepare for a night of intra-mural pub crawling. From golf to cycling, Team Alberta did Ralph Klein proud, but no matter how hard the seven tried, it was not enough to keep up with teams of over 30, and Dalhousie eventually

won the night, allowing a quick glimpse into what they actually do there in Halifax.

The Snow Party on the third night gave us an excuse to finish our remaining supplies and ruin nice white clothing. Bud-light on special, an empty warehouse, and everyone in white made for a night that was definitely felt by the All-Stars in the morning. If you have never played soccer at 9 in the morning after a night of heavy socialising, remember that you may prefer not to.

All was not lost, however, because as the day progressed, and stench of sweat snapped Team Alberta out of any hung-over state, the All-Stars continued to do well, playing in the semi-finals for both basketball and volleyball. After a close loss to the Western bballers, the Western All-Stars defeated U of M to win a place in the volleyball finals. Ultimately, the event was won by the Western All-Stars, and we are now the reigning and defending Volleyball Champions of the 2006 Law Games, although we courteously allowed U Vic (bastards!) to take

home with them the celebratory banner.

At the closing banquet, Laval won the coveted overall spirit award—singing, dancing, and gesticulating only in Quebecois. Much like some political movements, their French wailing was loud with little true substance, and when presented with their trophy, they cheered like Duceppe winning 50%+1. Needless to say, the language barrier between the West and Quebec schools was insurmountable, as indicated in the moot competition when Sandra and Caylee were asked to respond to the twenty minute argument of foreign gibberish that Moncton had just thrown at them.

Instead of failing to communicate for another night, Team Alberta headed to Montreal for an interesting documentary at the Peel Pub on the mating habits of cougars. Thankfully, no one in the delegation was attacked and all arrived home safely and fantastically hung-over.

Thank you to everyone who supported our club-night at the Standard and our Pub-Crawl. The experience was invaluable.

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Welcome back and Happy New Year! 3Ls let the countdown begin; 2Ls you are half way done; 1Ls...well...at least you survived first semester! This semester promises to be just as busy as the first one.

For upcoming LSA events keep an eye out for the **Carbolic Smoke Ball** that will be held on **February 16th** at the Crowne Plaza. Tickets will go on sale **February 6th-8th** from 12-2 at the couches. There are only 350 tickets and they will go quickly so make sure you get yours as soon as they come on sale. See posters for more details.

The **LSA Winter Carnival** will be held on **March 3rd & 4th**. It will include a curling bonspiel, tubing, and various snow activities (weather permitting). The much-anticipated **Med/Law Mixer** will be held on **March 24th**, and our annual **End of the Year Bash** will be held at the **end of April**.

UPCOMING LSA EVENTS

FEB 16: **CARBOLIC SMOKE BALL** - Videos for each year should be about 5 minutes long, and can be handed into the LSA office no later than **Monday Feb 13th**. Details are on the webboard, or just ask one of the LSA exec.

Also, a huge thank you to everyone who came out to the LSA Turkey Lunch last month in support of the Edmonton Food Bank!

Other events to keep an eye out for are the **Ski Trip**, **Grad 2006 Ball**, **St. Patrick's Day FABS**, **Girl's Rugby FABS**, and **LSA Elections**. There will be many more events planned throughout the semester so keep watching the LSA white board and the webboard.

If anyone would like to have a FABS or any other event please contact the LSA. Please keep in mind that we have a master calendar with all the events to try to minimize any overlap so please let us know the events you are planning. See you at the next event!!

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Law Games: TEAM ALBERTA CONQUERS QUEBEC

Victor Alfonso (1L)

After a one year absence, and in a spirit of revival that certain senior editors at the Canons can sympathise with, our faculty has once again been represented at the internationally recognized Law Games (note the absence of 'Canadian'). From the 4th to the 8th of January, the U of A was represented by 7 stoic athletes with a deep commitment to assorted fermented grains: 1 Calgarian, 1 guy from Red Deer, one country girl, one small town girl, 2 BC kids, and a Maritimer. Team Alberta duly represented the diversity of the province's multiplicity of European populations.

In principle, the Law Games is an opportunity to grow solidarity among 600 law-nerds from Ontario to Nova Scotia. Thankfully, however, 23 spots were given to the Western law schools, allowing delegations from UBC, UVic, and Alberta to keep to themselves. Oh, yeah, Calgary came too. Together, 14 schools converged on Sherbrooke, Quebec, in an alcohol propelled trip to nostalgically recapture the high-school class trip—much like law school, just without the class.

With a core group arriving in Montreal, from Calgary, to meet the rest of the squad, Team

Alberta was complete and headed by van through Magog into the hole known as Sherbrooke. Much like Edmonton, Sherbrooke is cold and infested with awful drivers, but at least in Edmonton we know how to order a pizza. After checking into the non-ghetto hotel, everyone was herded onto public buses and forced to drink übercheap Molson Exports and attempt to speak French.

But onto the sports! In a true show of comradery, UBC, UVic, and U of A joined forces to create the Western All-Stars, taking on teams

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Hometown: Vancouver.
Undergrad Studies: Geography at UBC.

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

Lulu Lemon (pink of course)!

What was your favourite gift you gave/received this Christmas?

The favorite gift I gave was a book about the Philippines to my friend Barbara who is going there to volunteer next week!

The best gift I received was going home to see my family... and a new bed and... an I-pod shuffle!

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

I would spend the afternoon with the boy of my dreams! (I'm still looking for him...)

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

To Africa; I would go on a Safari and lie around on the beach in Kenya.

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

Rainbow Bright.

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

Bungee jumping.

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

Ohhh! I don't even own a TV!

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

Catherine Zeta-Jones (she could dye her hair blonde)

Name a fashion faux pas that drives you crazy.

When people just try way too hard to look stylish! Also, boys who wear jeans that are tighter than mine! Yuck.

Law Girl: Christine Murray



Law Guy: Rob Connolly

Hometown: Victoria, BC
Undergrad Studies: Major in Commerce with a minor in Frisbee golf.

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

You're allowed to wear clothes under that thing?

What was your favourite gift you gave/received this Christmas?

A gift certificate to Superstore with which I bought many groceries.

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

Hard to pick just one. Front-runners include Napoleon, Billy the Kid, Socrates, Beethoven, Genghis Khan, Sigmund Freud, Joan of Ark, Bill S. Preston, & Ted 'Theodore' Logan.

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

With Edmonton now off the list, I'd like to see the Himalayas.

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

Having recently been made aware that *He-Man* was extremely lame, I'll go with *Scooby Doo*.

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

I recently entered a trike race against a group of rowdy and inebriated French Canadians.

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

Used to be *90210*, then *Melrose Place*, but since then nothing has really grabbed my attention, not even *The O.C.*

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

A *Knight Rider*-era David Hasselhoff, or if he's not available a *TJ Hooker*-era William Shatner.

Name a fashion faux pas that drives you crazy

Another tough call, but the number one faux pas I see out there is mismatched Lulu Lemon accessories.

Men, It's Time to Make the Most of Your Law Degree (IN THE SINGLES SCENE)



Ryan Lee Chee (2L)

So, over the Christmas break I spent some time hanging out with a friend in the Faculty of Medicine. Like any typical night out, we had a few drinks before heading out for the night. At the bar I was astounded to see how quickly and how loudly some people would be dropping the "I'm in medicine" bomb in order to attract members of the opposite sex. It made sense I suppose: I mean, if you're out selling a product you accentuate its features and downplay its weaknesses. To be honest, these guys were not going to be on the cover of *Physical Fitness*, so why not show off their biggest muscle, in this case their brain?

It got me thinking: Shouldn't law students start making better use of their prestigious education? One may find it lame, if not pathetic, to try and impress someone with academic credentials. But in rebuttal, do single law students not deserve a reward for all those hours spent in the library? I highly doubt all the fluorescent lighting in the library is actually good for the skin complexion so using the "L" bomb might be the equalizer. But how do you compete against those in medicine?

I contend that using the "I'm in law" can be appreciated on the same level if not higher than that snotty med student who is bragging about how he intends to save lives. However, this statement must be used wisely, and strategically to ensure that you don't spend Friday night alone with that casebook. Declaring yourself a law student without thought is the equivalent of using performance-enhancing drugs without flushing your system before testing. **Absolutely useless.**

Picture yourself in the situation. Doctor boy is ranting about his boring factoids on human

health, or on the latest intern drama. Pretend to be interested as you stand there. If he mentions a story about helping a sick child or elderly person you have the dubious pleasure of going against a med student veteran.

Now, the attention has turned to you.

Q: So what do you do?

(Read this to mean two things. One: the person is trying to be polite after being wowed by Doogie Howser on your left. Or two, they really care about what a stranger does for a living. I'll let you decide what is most likely the case).

A: Oh right now I'm studying law at the U of A.

Q: Really? I have a friend doing law. What are you majoring in?

Alright, its game time. This is the maker or breaker. Remember, everyone has a friend in law, this is important for future conversation. And more importantly, do not roll your eyes when they ask what you're majoring in. Rather, politely correct them that you just focus your courses in one area.

Let's take a look at some areas and what this will mean to your target audience.

Criminal Law – you're interesting but morbid. Possibly lacking morals. And the conversation will quickly turn to either a "friend" who has committed a crime or has been victim of a crime. A real mood-killer. Let's move away from that.

Intellectual Property Law – what does this even mean? And no matter how cool it seems, it's not interesting to anyone but yourself. Forget it, I'm sure even Thomas Edison didn't care for the intricacies of intellectual property law.

Bankruptcy Law – Depressing. You're competing against a guy who has comical stories of human ailments and his future ability to mend people back to life. You have just come across as a glorified debt collector. And don't try explaining what bankruptcy law really is – this is neither the time nor the place.

Oil & Gas Law – While this is a staple answer in an interview situation, it does not apply here. This translates to one word...boring.

She can find out how boring you are over a series of dates, don't give it all away in one line.

Family Law – Seriously? You're trying to impress this young lady by stating that you want to help people divorce. Honestly, you may as well bust out pictures of your old girlfriends while you're at it.

Corporate Law – It sends the message that you're all about money. You have just painted yourself as a vain shallow person. However, all is not lost. If in a scenario with shallow vain people, this may keep your head above water. But beware, a corporate lawyer means you're going to be rich but it also signals that you're poor right now.

International Law – Sounds exciting. You like to travel and see the world. You're a person on the move, not constrained to the suit. You have opened the door to the possibility of many conversations. Do you want to close the deal and get that number? Add a touch of wanting to use your education to help those who are in need, and advocate for those who cannot defend their own rights. You have just painted yourself as an adventurer, idealist, and a caretaker. This is your money-maker.

A: I'm really interested in using my skills on the international stage helping organizations that support the causes of the needy and the poor in other countries. I want to help those who can't help themselves, kinda give back y'know?

This is good. From this point on, you lay back in cruise control. You have successfully planted your law bomb. Now turn the attention back to her. Something Dr. Dolittle neglected to do with all his bragging earlier. You can expect the future surgeon to try and get back in the conversation by trying to relate to your conversation. Like a dazed boxer throwing a punch after taking a left hook to the temple, he has no control over the situation. Simply brush off his comment. The med student has become an isolated third wheel. This is a position to which he is not accustomed. Why else do you think they always have so many people in those operating rooms? After 3 or 4 minutes of face time, the future doctor from the ER will slink away leaving you one-on-one time and hence victorious.

Just don't screw it up.



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Is This Asking For Too Much? SOME MODEST REQUESTS...

Allison Eng (2L)

And the Dean said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. Thank you, Dean Percy, for drawing our attention to the newly-installed lights at the beginning of Oil & Gas law! This might explain why I kept developing sleep-inducing headaches in class last semester – it was the lighting, not the professor.

We’ve also noticed that the room brighteners made it to the stairwells and a few other classrooms. Did anyone ask them to make a stop in the Gavel? Wait a minute – they probably didn’t have a ONEcard to get in.

If I might say so myself, the CN Room on the 3rd floor (is that the new faculty lounge?) is looking awfully modern and chic these days, with new furnishings and, of course, the bright blue skies of Edmonton sweeping through the window panes. Perhaps the same concept of natural lighting could have formed part of the plans when the Gavel was being designed. To

be sure, some of us are grateful for the parking lot view; as we might want to keep our eye on our fuel guzzlers. Oh, and by the way, whatever happened to the old brown leather chairs that used to fill the CN Room? Has anyone considered moving them down to the Gavel?

On the topic of furnishings, I won’t lie about the dreadful classroom curtains. Even Sister Maria from The Sound of Music wouldn’t be able to turn them into outfits for children. Perhaps a curtain replacement project could be initiated in partnership with the technology committee, whose plasma screen success makes me wonder whether there’s more in that piggybank.

You know, I’m just a down-to-earth student. I could have made it through law school without the plasma screen. I could have made it through law school without the rusting structure in front of the building. Heck, I could have made it through law school without knowing that the CN room ever existed, or that the room had

exceptionally comfortable brown leather chairs. In fact, it would have saved me from my envy over the recent upgrades in the room.

I realize that curtains probably don’t top the faculty’s list of priorities, but here are a few **basic needs** that will help accommodate students this semester:

*** Extension cords / plug-ins for rooms 201 and 207, especially for evening classes. Can the technology committee invest in a couple for each classroom?**

*** Air fresheners for washrooms (or whatever it is that others use to overcome strong odors)**

*** Replacement of the wobbly chair in room 207 (second last “long” row, on the far left)**

*** Properly functioning clocks (my first Restitution class went from 9am to 6pm – seriously)**

Is this asking for too much?

Thou Shalt Not... EAT POUTINE?!

Corey Sandquist (1L)

We are all (or at least we should be by now) fully aware that the *Charter* allows us life, liberty, and...well, unless s. 1 comes into play. Great. I think one would be hard pressed to find your average person who would not vehemently disagree with a private member’s bill that sought to restrain our liberty. That is, unless it sounded like a “neat” idea. I recently read an article about a student in Ontario who is seeking to introduce a private member’s bill that would ban unhealthy foods from school cafeterias.

Consider this: food is energy. An individual’s very existence relies on the intake of energy. We all have choices regarding how we want to take in this energy. It is simply an everyday liberty that is of vital importance to our survival, much like breathing. While perhaps at this point it is a bit of a stretch, this bill is seeking to restrain our


liberty beyond mere restraint of movement; it is seeking to restrain our choice in one of the most basic activities of survival. And yet, the student sees this as a good idea. I agree that it would be beneficial to expose children to healthy eating and exercise regimes, to explain the benefits of healthy eating. It would be tremendously beneficial to have things such as vegetables, chicken breasts, rice, and fruits available for children.

It is not a question of what types of foods should be available to children. This private member’s bill illustrates a tendency to cry out for their right to liberty and, on a whim, proclaim the government as saviors for telling us that “thou shalt not.” It falls to neither the government nor the judiciary to tell people that certain foods can not be made available to them. Standards in food quality are understandable. Restrictions on certain additives and chemicals

in foods are understandable, if there is some scientific reason for them. However, banning poutine in a cafeteria for no other reason than that it may not be the healthiest energy source is not justified. It is a restriction on an individual’s liberty and a restriction on business that has no merit. It simply takes away the responsibility of an individual over their own choices.

Of course, that is the crux of it. Are we leading towards a society that will tolerate gross and unjustified infringements on everyone’s liberty because the loudest do not want to take responsibility for their own lives? I would say they may want their cake and eat it too, but then cake has a lot of saturated fats and simple sugars that the government might want to take away from them.

At least we still have the choice to breathe in air that isn’t of the highest quality.




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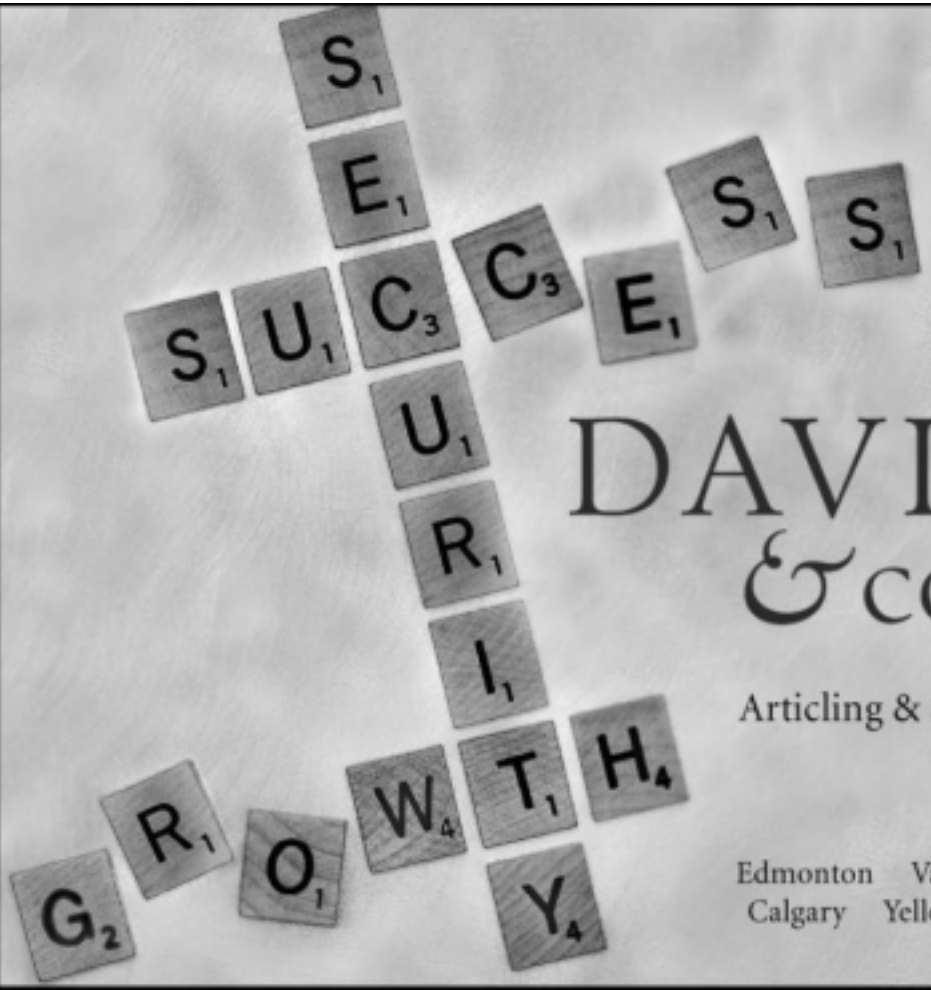
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U of A LAW HOCKEY VICTORIOUS OVER HOLIDAYS!

James Koizumi (1L)
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Drew Broughton (1L)

While most U of A law students enjoyed a well-deserved holiday break, fourteen of the faculty's finest hockey stars returned early to compete in the 2006 Western Canadian Law Hockey Championships on January 5th. U of A Law did not disappoint the fans by defeating U Vic in the ceremonial opening face-off administered by Dean Percy. The physical and emotional sacrifice required for the key face-off triumph understandably overwhelmed U of A Law team, leaving nothing in the tank for the remaining three hockey games.

U Vic, UBC and U of S Law enjoyed competitive round-robin games, culminating in a dramatic final between U of S and UBC on January 7th. After being tied 2-2 at the end of the third period, U of S scored in the second round of a sudden-death shoot-out to claim the 2006 BD&P Cup. At the awards ceremony the UBC goaltender was voted tournament MVP, while the U of A did not go away empty handed; receiving free hockey pucks and commemorative posters from the sponsors.



On a serious note, Tournament Coordinator Chris Bruce and the countless volunteers deserve full credit for their hard work in making this event possible. Corporate sponsors and out-of-town participants alike were truly impressed with our ability to host a fun, first-class event. They believed U of A Law was represented in a professional and respectable manner and are excited to support us when U of A Law wins the BD&P Cup (and some dignity) in 2007.





Dancers backstage



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