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L-R: Laura Inglis, Suzanne DeBow, Maeve Cahill, Charma Stang at Grad 2006 Banguet

## "Perks" for LSA Exec Voted On

Matt Vernon (3L)

A couple weeks ago, a motion dealing with the availability of "perks" and other benefits for the LSA's executive members was tabled for a vote. The motion has produced a considerable amount of discussion since then, and I have followed its recent development in the interest of bringing us all up to speed. To better explain what's been going on, a little of the motion's factual history might prove useful.

Traditionally, apparently, large enough purchases - such as the LSA outlay for the Carbolic Smoke Ball - have been used by past members of the executive to accrue reward points on their credit cards. Rather than paying the perennially chosen Crown Plaza directly, cheques were written to the members of the LSA executive in order that they could then in turn use their credit cards personally, divvying up the

available points among the participating recipients. Last year, in a slight deviation from the norm, the entire payment in the amount of \$17,872.64, was paid through one individual executive member with the acknowledged intent of awarding the consequential reward points in their entirety: the VP Finance - for both this and last year - who wrote the cheque initially explained that "it is important that people are aware of the fact that there was so much pressure put on one individual on the council in getting the work done that the Executive was at risk of losing that person. As a way to avoid a potential resignation, the opportunity to take advantage of these points was offered to this person instead of them being taken by the council as a whole." Another, and more recent, explanation is that the recipient of the cheque was the only executive member with a high enough credit card limit to bear the entire expense.

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To illustrate the inherent value conferred through the transaction, many credit card plans offer "air miles" or equivalent points on the ratio of one to one dollar spent. The conventional estimate is that such rewards, generally, are worth approximately two cents per point, or two percent of the monetary value spent with the card. Last year's transaction consequently worked out to a bonus equivalent to \$357.44 in cash.

This issue became the topic of discussion again when this year's executive faced similar expectations from some of its members. When the LSA President refused to pass the Crown Plaza payment through an executive member as per last year's new precedent, instead paying the Crown Plaza directly, it lead to the drafting of the following motion, published with some unrelated portions omitted:

### **From Your VP SOCIALS**

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



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With LSA Elections in full swing, this should prove to be an exciting week. Candidate election speeches will take place this Wednesday, and voting will be held on Thursday and Friday. Please don't forget to vote! Election results will be emailed out over the weekend. Make sure to check out the Jeopardy Tournament in the Gavel this week as well.

The much anticipated **Med Mixer** will take place this Friday, March 24th in the Gavel. The LSA will be holding a party and **Food Bank** Fundraiser in conjunction with the Medical Students Association. The FABS will kick off at 3:00pm with this week's Law Jeopardy Final. Special guest bartenders will include Dean Percy, Professor O'Byrne, and three deans from the Faculty of Medicine. The FABS will be a great chance to meet some med students before hitting the bar. The party will move to the Iron Horse with buses leaving the school at 9:30pm.Tickets for the after party will be handed

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- Shoot his or her hunting partner? 3)
- Abandon the law for a profession 4)
- 5) Become a Justice on the Supreme
- Become a Traffic Court Judge? 6)
- Be held in contempt of court? 7)
- 8) Devote their career to Pro Bono
- Never devote a minute to Pro Bo 9)
- Become a law professor? 10)
- 11) Become a Legal Research and Wr
- 12) Be disbarred?
- Declare bankruptcy? 13)
- Never leave Edmonton? 14)
- Repeat third year? 15)
- Become a personal injury lawyer? 16)
- Become Premier? 17)
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- 19) Become Dean of the law school?
- Be the first to earn a QC? 20)
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- 23) Be the first to stop practising law a bartender?
- 24) Be the first to win the world poke
- 25) Be the first to play a professional
- Be the first to be a Canadian Intel 26)
- 27) Be the first to own a brewery?
- 28) Be a Human Rights lawyer?
- Be the first to join the UN? 29)

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Heather Grab

exams are fast approaching, the infamous Year End Party on Saturday, April 29th will be an event to look forward to. Stay tuned for details to come from next year's Executive. Best of luck all to candidates this week and we hope to see you all on Friday!

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Law Girl: April Schulze

Hometown: Grande Prairie, Alberta Undergrad Studies: History If you were allowed to wear whatever

you wanted under the robes in court, what would it be?

Russell sweats and an oversized t-shirt What weird exam rituals do you have? Not eating anything but coffee and peanut m&m's (until I get the shakes)

If you could have an afternoon with one person dead or alive, who would it be? Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

The Virgin Islands

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

The Jetsons, but I'd settle for The Flintstones.

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

Drive to Calgary last weekend.....if there's a tow truck ban, just stay home!

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

I'm too busy cramming!

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

life?

Tina Fey Name a fashion faux pas that drives you crazy. Socks with sandals.....just wear shoes!!

Transformers and He-Man.

## Law Guy: Ameen Tejani

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during exams?

both worked out okay.

Hometown: Edmonton or London (after a few at the pub)

Undergrad Studies: B.Sc. Psych/B.Ed. If you were allowed to wear whatever

you wanted under the robes in court, what would it be?

Superman tighties

What weird exam rituals do you have? I don't sleep in my bed during exam time. I can't get up in the morning to go study if I'm in it so I sleep on the couch.

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

Maria Sharapova – I heart tennis.

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

Bora-Bora/French Polynesian Islands (I'd want a big bank role and some good peeps along for the ride).



(he's famous right?). Name a fashion faux pas that drives you crazv

Sweat pants with dress shirts.

#### UPCOMING LSA EVENTS

Mar 23 & 24:	SU and Law Faculty Elections - Voting at the Couches 9am-5pm
Mar 24:	MED/Law Faculty Mixer. FABS, followed by afterparty at the Ironhorse. Tickets in exchange for food bank donation.

Attention 3Ls - CoD orders can now be made at the LSA office or online at http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/lsa/ COST \$40

## **Hockey Playoff Preview**

Cam Bowman (3L) - Oilers & Flames lan Moes (2L) - Canucks

#### EDMONTON OILERS

You may have noticed that it is I, one of the Flames fans among you, which is writing the playoff preview for the Oilers. This may strike you as strange, but I try as I might, I just couldn't find an Oilers fan that was capable of any communication other than random grunts and the phrase "I love Ryan Smyth's mullet". But don't fret, I assure you that I will be nothing but professional in describing their complete lack of talent. Ok, that was just my two Oilers shots that I need to fulfill my quota. Seriously, I think that I can give an objective view of their chances. I'll even try to think like an Oilers fan.

I'll start with the much-discussed deadline deals by Kevin Lowe. Dwayne Roloson is most of the things that the Edmonton media say he is – a consistent, veteran goaltender who will solidify the Oilers back end and give them better goaltending than they received from any one of their three-headed monster that tended net for most of the year. He is not, however, capable of walking on water (see Kiprusoff, Miikka), contrary to some reports. Whether or not he is

about it.

I'll be the first to admit that the Sergei Samsonov trade was a good one. He is a talented, exciting player capable of putting pucks in the net. It remains to be seen whether that will continue in the playoffs, although his current playoff stats should be a source of confidence for the fans -24 points in 35 games. A good pickup that is hard for even me to knock.

The Oilers have a respectable defense corps, headlined by Chris Pronger, captain Jason Smith, and the talented Marc-Andre Bergeron. This crew is capable of contributing offense and, at least on most nights, giving their goaltender a

### Introducing the Student Arbitration & **Mediation Society (SAMS)** Kathleen Matte (1L)

Litigation is consistently shown to be a long and expensive process and it can have very negative effects on the relationship and confidentiality of the parties involved. If you are involved in a dispute and are interested in avoiding, or at least minimizing, some of the disadvantages of litigation, SAMS can provide very useful information and services to help you come to an appropriate resolution. Mediation and Arbitration are commonly used in many areas of law, including civil, family, labour and corporate law.

SAMS is the Student Arbitration and Mediation Society, a new group on campus that has come into re-existence this year after a previous lapse. Having hosted a Speaker Panel event in the past week, SAMS is attempting to increase its visibility within the law school. It has a long term vision to provide networking opportunities and training to students at the

University of Alberta. The Society has already taken some steps towards accomplishing its other goal: getting trained students to offer mediation and arbitration services to members of the community. At the Speaker Panel it was announced by Sylvia Begin of the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society (AAMS) that students who have taken Law 516 (ADR) at the university will be given credit for one of the courses that they offer.

So what's so great about arbitration and mediation anyway? At the Speaker Panel Professor Farrow explained several clear advantages that arbitration and mediation have over litigation: they're cheaper, faster, more flexible, more private, and they may help to maintain relationships between parties. There is however, no precedent set by any decisions reached through either arbitration or mediation, and there's a lack of formality. Despite some of

able of performing the feats that are normally required of a Stanley Cup winning goaltender

remain to be seen. The goaltending has been upgraded from awful to solid, but for the Oilers to win a cup it has to be spectacular. As of yet, it has not reached that stage. Judging by the "Rollie, Rollie" chants at the recent Flames -Oilers game many fans seem to have convinced themselves that he is the answer. I think they have to be careful -- they want a top-tier goaltender so bad they are trying to convince themselves that they have one, instead of being objective

chance. If they continue to play the way that they have all year, Oil fans can rest easy with this crew

Especially with the Samsonov addition, the forwards are capable of scoring, and most of them don't feel the need to totally shirk their defensive responsibilities in pursuit of adding to their point totals. Again, they are a talented crew that the Oil faithful shouldn't have too many problems with.

The Oilers are going into the playoffs (and ves, I think that they will go into the playoffs) playing just slightly above .500 hockey as of late. However, they seem to have an (annoving) ability to win games when they absolutely need to, and it is this trait that will serve them best in the playoffs. Personally, I'm predicting a loss in either a 6 or 7 game first round series. Failing that, they won't make it past game 5 of round two.

#### CALGARY FLAMES

The Flames are looking to recreate the magical run that they took the city of Calgary on in the spring of 2004. Many of the same pieces are in place: Miikka Kiprusoff, Jarome Iginla, a solid ...Continued on page 6

the significant problems that do exist, arbitration and mediation provide two excellent alternatives to litigation, and they are alternatives to which the public is turning more and more frequently. SAMS is trying to mirror the shift in public attitudes, which has turned to embracing some of these new ways of settling disputes. This student group is trying to be on the cusp of new developments in this field and is trying to find an active role within the university setting. So come out and join and support this new organization that's trying to advance some of these different ideas into the law school.

SAMS will be hosting their Annual General Meeting at noon on Wednesday, March 22 in Room 105. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend, or to email SAMS at sams@ualberta.ca. You can also visit our website at www.samsalberta.ca

#### "Perks" Voted On

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#### The Original Motion: March 7th

Whereas s.5.10 the Constitution of the LSA currently reads "No officer of the Executive shall receive any remuneration from the Association for services rendered as an officer of the Association"

Whereas a recognised definition for remuneration is *compensation/other benefits* received in return for services rendered esp. salary or wages

Whereas Visa points, Air Miles and other such points are not provided to committee members in return for services rendered, but rather are a function of how services are paid for, and thus are not remuneration nor are they provided by the LSA

Whereas ancillary perks offered to, but not sought by, members of the executive, such as a free room or two at Carbolic, are not "remuneration from the Association for services rendered as an officer of the Association" nor are they an abuse of office

Whereas for time immemorial the LSA has allowed its executive to take advantage of Visa points, etc in connection with carrying out LSA business

Whereas personal collection of Visa points and other FBC points is standard practice for many businesses where individuals carry out business on behalf of corporate or non-corporate entities

#### Be it resolved

-that personal collection of Visa Points, Air Miles or any other form of points be permitted in relation to individual expenses where such expenses do not exceed \$3000

-that, for individual expenses exceeding \$3000, that personal collection of Visa Points, Air Miles or any other form of points be permitted and shared as decided by the council and, in the event the council cannot reach a majority consensus, the points may be collected by the individual(s) responsible for organising the event/ incurring the expense

-that additional "perks" provided by third parties to individual members of the executive be permitted as long as those perks are not solicited and that the fair market value of those "perks" do not exceed \$200 annually. voted upon at an LSA meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>. It was deferred the duration of a week so that all the executive could have a chance to have input; it was appreciated that the issues raised by the motion could have repercussions not only on this executive, but on future incarnations of the LSA. Over the course of the next few weeks, the motion changed drastically, particularly on the basis that since un-incorporating last year, the LSA as an unincorporated association holds its funds in trust. The ramifications of that relationship led to an overhaul of the motion as originally presented and to discussions regarding the annual LSA "changeover dinner".

This motion was initially scheduled to be

#### The Annual Changeover Dinner

The LSA changeover dinner is apparently a dinner held annually at the end of the academic year for both the outgoing LSA executive, and the newly elected incoming representatives. This past year's executive was welcomed with a dinner at the Keg and drinks and the Billiards Club which totalled \$1649.63 for 22 participants. Dinner, which included five and a half bottles of wine, a bottle of champagne and seventeen individual drinks cost \$1032.40, and was followed with an open bar tab at the Billiards Club, which ran to a tune of \$617.23 for 81 various drinks, 21 of which were doubles. This event too is something of a tradition; the previous year's event ran a total of \$1377.60. That means that last year's executive attended two dinner events totalling \$3027.23, albeit from funding raised over two separate years. Considering that an LSA membership costs \$55, that means the total spent on the two dinners equates to, coincidentally, 55 members worth of benefit package membership fees.

When asked about the nature of those expenditures, the VP Finance described the event as being designed to "break the ice between executives and have a good time." Accordingly, he explained that the intent was to have an outing that was "a little bit special". The financial reality behind the event, he explained, was that with an operating budget of approximately \$60,000 and a year-end surplus of around \$10,000, the executive had felt that there was "no issue of being able to afford things at the end of last year". While standing behind the expenditures as reasonable, he affirmed that the LSA will of course be responsive to student concerns and comments: when asked about a lesser event cost being accrued at this year's upcoming transition dinner, he agreed that "if that's what students want, we'll do that".

With input and debate from this year's executive since the original motion, the motion tabled on March 21<sup>st</sup> bears virtually no similarity

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whatsoever to its predecessor. The collection of reward points has been restricted only to situations where it would be unreasonable to make a payment by means other than a credit card, and the transition dinner has been set to an amount to be decided annually and voted on by the executive:

#### The New Motion: March 21st

Whereas the Law Students' Association unincorporated in 2005 and is now a trust in law;

Whereas the executive has always considered itself accountable to students notwithstanding the technical existence, or lack thereof, of a strict "fiduciary" relationship;

Whereas changes in the past year have caused the executive to evaluate past practices *inter alia* 

-permitting executive members incurring expenses on behalf of the Association to pay for such expenses as that member sees fit resulting in the occasional personal collection of Visa points, Air Miles or other reward points;

-permitting an executive changeover dinner as a way of "breaking the ice" between outgoing and incoming executives to facilitate smoother responsibility transitioning;

#### Be it resolved

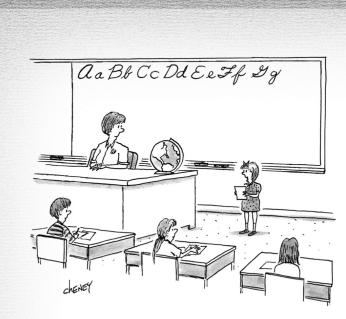
 that, based on the principle that trustees must not benefit from the use of trust property (aka profit rule), individual members of the executive shall not personally collect Visa Points, Air Miles or any other form of points in carrying out LSA business except where it is unreasonable to pay for the purchase other

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than by way of credit card in the circumstances:

·that, wherever reasonably possible, LSA purchases will be made directly by cheque from the LSA bank account;

·that, as it is impractical and often impossible to determine from receipts whether points have been collected, each member of the executive will accept responsibility to ensure compliance with this policy and it will not be the sole responsibility of the VP Finance to ensure compliance;

·that any possible perks, beyond a negligible amount, provided by third parties to individual members of the executive be refused, but that benefits to the Association, such as a room at Carbolic being provided for the purposes of storage, etc, or benefits that can be passed along to student beneficiaries (ie something that can be raffled), be permitted and dealt with by decision of the executive;

·that the VP Finance and President, as signing authorities and trustees, invest surplus funds in reasonably conservative liquid investments;

·that the executive, in exercising any financial decision making powers, be impartial in its treatment towards all student beneficiaries;

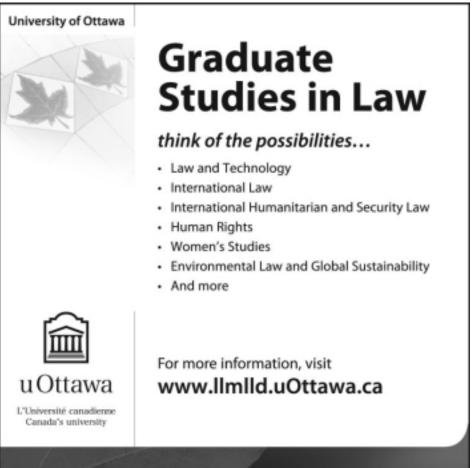
·that the trustees, as volunteers, waive any rights they may have under the Trustee Act, RSA 2000 c.T-8 to "fair and reasonable allowance for the trustee's care, pains and trouble and the trustee's time expended in and about the trust estate;"

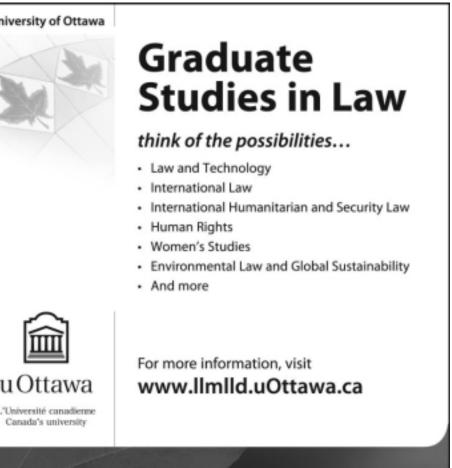
•that the annual transition function be limited to a reasonable per person amount as determined by a vote of the executive council.

This final motion, passed on Tuesday, is now the policy of this year's LSA executive. Future LSA executives would have to adopt the motion by a vote before it would have anything other than a potentially persuasive effect on future decisions pertaining to these issues. If you find yourself curious about how your future elected representatives feel about these policies, I encourage you to contact them prior to this year's election dates. Additionally, the budget for this year's transition dinner has been set at \$1000, subject to approval by the membership at the Annual General Meeting on Monday the 27th of March. If you would like further clarification as to that approach, please attend and have your concerns addressed.

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### LSA Executive Response

In response to the preceding article, the LSA Executive would like to add a few

The current year's Executive takes no position on decisions made by previous Executive councils. We would, however, encourage students to seek an understanding of the contextual facts before passing judgment on decisions made by any executive

This year, we are fortunate enough to have an Executive which has decided to undertake a comprehensive review of its practices, only in part motivated by the new trust issue which has arisen since the date of the Association's "un-incorporation". As a result, we have proposed the motion as outlined in the preceding article which we expect to be passed shortly. This will assist in providing guidance to future councils.

Furthermore, in response to the surprise some students have taken to the past Changeover Dinner expenditures - notwithstanding the fact that this is an annual expense - the VP Finance will modify the budget, to be presented at our AGM, from our usual format to one of more detail.

We hope our actions will alleviate any student concerns. We extend an invitation to students to approach us with any concerns they may have or with suggestions of further actions we could take.

- LSA Executive 2005-2006

#### **Playoffs Preview**

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corps of defensemen, and a coach that seems to know how to push the right buttons. Now, what the Flames have to guard against is having their players remember the glory but forgetting the hard work. They should be wary of taking playoff success for granted. Thankfully, Flames fans can count on coach Sutter to ensure that that will not happen

As every hockey fan knows (except for Kevin Lowe, apparently) there is one crucial aspect to winning in the playoffs: goaltending. Calgary is lucky enough to have one of the best in the game in the aforementioned 'Kipper'. He is certainly capable of winning a game, or even a series, for his team. A lot of Flames games are won by 1-0 or 2-1 scores, and Calgary needs him to be on his game for this trend to continue. Perhaps one of his most impressive characteristics is the way that he always plays his best after a loss in the previous game. Going on a 2 or 3 game losing streak in the playoffs is often fatal, and with Kipper in net that is a rare occurrence. It's like the popular saying goes: only God saves more than Kipper.

The playoffs have been aptly described as a war of attrition, meaning that depth at all positions is important. Calgary is lucky enough to have this, after some astute moves by Darryl Sutter during the year. The early season pickup of Bryan Marchment is not to be ignored as it provides an experienced defenseman who is capable of filling in in case of injury. In addition, players such as Chuck Kobasew, Matthew Lombardi, and Tony Amonte have shown that they can play a variety of different roles. Also, I think Stephane Yelle is the type of player that every GM in the league would give his right arm to acquire. He is the prototypical Flame, and his game is perfectly suited to the playoffs. Calgary always has another foot soldier that is ready and

willing to step in should someone else go down.

Finally, there is one more factor that seems to arise in the playoffs, but often is overlooked. It helps if there is a veteran player that the team can rally around in a 'win one for Lanny' type of way that the 1989 Flames used. Of course, this is not something that will make or break a team, but any extra motivation that can keep you going in the playoffs is valuable. If you examine past champions, included with Lanny McDonald you will see names like Raymond Bourque and Dave Andreychuk. Sometimes these players play central roles on the team, and sometimes they don't play much at all, but that doesn't mean that they don't help the team. In Calgary, I would suggest that Tony Amonte might be filling this role – a veteran player who has been around the league and enjoyed personal, but never team, success. He is the player that can motivate the younger, faster legs with stories about being around the league for years and never getting another shot. Don't underestimate the effect that this type of player can have.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't remind Edmonton and Vancouver fans of all the reasons why they won't win. It's hard to squeeze all the reasons inside my word count, but I'll try. Actually, come to think of it, one reason is enough; go re-read the paragraph about the importance of goaltending. Then compare goaltenders. Repeat these two steps until it sinks

#### VANCOUVER CANUCKS

Regretfully, the Vancouver Canucks have been inconsistent this year. They started strong with an 8-2 record, leading the Western Conference, but since then have barely played at a .500 level. Just recently they ended a five-game losing streak. Injuries are a big part of the reason, having sidelined Dan Cloutier, Ed Jovanovski, and Sami Salo

As I write this, Vancouver's record is 36-26-

6. They are sitting twelfth in the league and are tied for sixth with the Oilers in the Western Conference. But with 14 games left (including 3 against Edmonton and 1 against Calgary), don't count them out just yet!

In order for this to happen though, the "big line" (Markus Naslund, Todd Bertuzzi and Brendan Morrison) has to get their act together. They just broke their five-game pointless drought, so hopefully that will give them the spark they need. The real "big line" has been Anson Carter and the Sedin twins (Daniel and Henrik) who have been carrying the team as of late.

That being said, the Canucks secret weapon is Dwayne Roloson. Unofficial rumour has it that Dave Nonis (GM of the Canucks) paid the Wild off to send him to Edmonton. As long as the Oilers have Roloson (his record this year is 6-17-1), the Canucks should be safe.

On the trade front, while it was highly speculated, the Canucks did not make any major trades involving Bertuzzi. They did, however, make a number of last minute deals at the trade deadline, largely focused on strengthening the defence. They acquired:

• goalie Mika Noronen from the Buffalo Sabres for a 2006 second round draft pick;

 defenceman Sean Brown from the New Jersev Devils for a 2006 fourth round draft pick;

· defenceman Keith Carney and Juha Alen from the Anaheim Mighty Ducks for a Brent Skinner and a 2006 second round draft pick;

• defenceman Eric Weinrich from the St. Louis Blues for Tomas Mojzis and a 2006 third round draft pick; and

• a 2006 fourth round draft pick from the Atlanta Thrashers for Steve McCarthy.

The remainder of the season will be great hockey for Canuck fans as they battle for a playoff spot. So long as the team pulls together they stand a good chance of making the playoffs.

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#### Maybe Kevin Lowe should hire one of these guys to take over:

1) Greg Pratch – 711 points 2) Adam Elwi – 709 points 3) Matt Staric – 703 points 4) Vincent Kurata – 700 points 5) Josh Stachniak – 693 points

6) Steve Heagy – 690 points 7) Travis Lidstone1 – 688 points 8) Travis Lidstone2 – 687 points 9) Sebastian Mak – 682 points 10) Dean Hitesman – 680 points

And the Pittsburgh Penguins of the Law Hockey Pool:

99) Michael Klaray – 464 points

## A Sportingly Good Update

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A couple of weeks ago, some of you may have heard a faint shout of "Hurry hard" wafting across the city and wondered what was going on. I'm here to explain it - the Law School held an afternoon of curling, and fun was had by all. Some were better than others (actually, Mike Sharp and his vellow crew was better than everyone else) but everyone got the chance to throw a few rocks and can definitely attest that it is way harder than it looks on television. Having said that, I think that we can hold our own in the most important part - the beer drinking that goes on before, during and after. Of course, law students have always had a special talent for that. As a prize for their special talents of giving up 7 points in one end, one team was awarded nice beer glasses to use next time they hit the curling sheets. That team shall remain nameless here, but if you see 4 girls enjoying a beverage out of an "Alberta Law" cup be sure to complement them on that one rock they managed to get in play. Hopefully next year the tradition will continue, and maybe in a couple of years we will see one of ours at the Brier or the Tournament of Hearts. Until then, keep practicing - say it with me: "SWEEP" "HURRY HARD".

On a random note: For those of you that like to keep tabs on former professors/friends of ours, James "Stribby" Stribopoulos has been hired by Osgoode Hall Law School and will be one of their numbers next year. Congrats to him.