



Good Luck: In Your Career and During Repayment

Last week, reports of strange student behavior were confirmed when the administration recovered several bottom-halfers wandering through the halls in a hallucinogenic trance. Fearing drug usage or pr0n overdose, the administration called the wanderers into the office for further investigation. It was learned through urine tests, which like other exams they had not studied for, the cata-



tonic state of said students was not caused by narcotics. Rather, the strange behavior was the result of a new kind of mental awakening: ******Their student loan debts.** Following last week's Exit Loan Interview hosted by the Financial Aide Office, students have been traversing the campus in a zombie like state. After receiving full disclosure of their financial obligations, many of the students felt they had been deceived by the school with a classic bait and switch scam.

Frustrated by the administration's tactics, the students have filed a class action lawsuit against Pepperdine for breach of the educational contract and misrepresentation. As the result of the lawsuit, Pepperdine sent in its ADR henchman, **Peter Robinson**, to try and derail the litigation train. However, the Dispute Resolution professor gave up after finding that bottom-halfers were not competent enough to understand how negotiate a settlement. The General Counsel's office issued a statement in the LA Times stating that, "No students had ever been misled. We provide full disclosure of what the school's duties are on our webpage. If one simply clicks on the SOL home page under campus community they

will find a link to the library, then take the link to the journals section, which will show a hyperlink to California legislation. If you scroll to the bottom of the page there will be a link that is entitled, "adjunct faculty," this link will take you to a list of names. If you click Prof. Sloan's bio you will find a link to the Pepperdine SOL web cam. Click on the cam and after you maneuver the cam for one minute, a list will appear in a separate window describing all the appropriate disclaimers." Under protest from the administration, the Lowreview has released the disclaimer for the first time in print. The list reads as follows:

We teach students how to think like lawyers. Not to become Lawyers. . .
 - We do not teach students. We teach students to teach themselves. (It is up to the students to purchase and memorize black letter outlines on their own. We will provide these outlines at a reasonable expense at our bookstore but do not guarantee their success);
 - We do not teach students to pass the bar. (It is up to the students to pass the bar on their own. There is a separate school and expense to learn

how to pass the bar. We do not guarantee success);

- We do not provide students with jobs upon graduation. (It is up to the students to find their own employment. We teach the students how to bother their family and friends for work and/or go on information interviews to get job offers. We do not guarantee success);

- We do not teach students how to write law school exams. We simply tell them whether or not they did it correctly. (It is up to the students to attend essay writing and black letter law supplemental courses offered during the school year through BarBri, Barpassers or PMBR. These are available at a separate expense and we do not guarantee success);

- We do not teach students how to write a memo. We simply tell them whether or not they did it correctly. (It is up to the students to learn memo writing skills during first year summer employment. We do not guarantee employment {see aforementioned statement on employment} nor do we guarantee memo writing success);

- We do not teach students legal research (It is up to the students to enroll in Westlaw or Lexus training. While this is usually a free course we do not however, guarantee success);

- This notice overrides any verbal promises or agreements. We do not guarantee that a student will pass any class, will graduate, will receive any type of financial aide, will be able to pay off any portion of their student loans, will receive any job opportunities, will pass the bar, will be a successful attorney or businessperson, or will even be a lawyer. We merely guarantee that upon completion of all requirements, a student will think like a lawyer.

No student shall have standing to enforce any promises, contracts or be permitted to bring suit against Pepperdine, the faculty, the administration, or any of its affiliates unless he has enrolled in, passed and received credit for "Life in Lawyerland."

In response to Pepperdine's disclaimers, bottom-halfers have rallied outside the atrium with signs reading "Pepperdine Unfair! Students want money back!" 3L **Shadrick King** explains, "There is very little in this life that is worth \$150,000. I went in to Dean Saxer's Office and asked her directly, 'Which class was it that helped me to think like a lawyer?' She just smiled and offered me some m&m's from the trophy as she escorted me to the door." Students hired former Pepperdine graduates to bring this cause of action against the school. The case was however, dismissed with prejudice because the complaint was poorly written. Unfortunately the issue was never decided on the merits. Intent on discovering the reason that the suit was so easily discarded, **The Lowreview** conducted its own study, which surprisingly revealed that Pepperdine graduates are not ready for practice. In a related case, the sun rose out of the east today.

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NEWS BRIEFS:

- Ancient Babylonian ruins discovered in archeological dig on new Pepperdine Trancas campus.
- Lowreview Poll Reveals Startling Spring Semester Statistic: Studying down 2%
- Remember Sammy Jenkins
- Law Review Editor-Elect Jack White asserts his strong stance against Bottom-Halfers; Moves to have solitaire removed from Law Students Laptops.
- Dean Phil Philips refuses to read The Lowreview, claims "I don't believe that there has been one true representation in that publication."
- Oh - no thanks, the SBA is buying me one.

Niddy Merchandise & Weinerschnitzel Spin Web of Intrigue

A web of intrigue, including disappearing posters and other promotional items, has taken over Weinerschnitzel, Inc. as news of its partnership with Holographic Record's upcoming release of the new gangsta movie "Die Without Issue" reaches fans of the popular rap sensation P-Niddy.



Weinerschnitzel's Niddy antenna toppers are selling out in so many locations, the company has double-ordered additional toppers to meet the demand. Meanwhile, online auction sites are swarming with collectors clamoring for the unique molded-plastic P-Niddy figures featured in the kid's meals. In addition, several Weinerschnitzel restaurants have reported the large P-Niddy cut-outs and poster displays missing, likely the victims of Niddy's ardent fans. Those

same fans have even been offering to buy the P-Niddy promotional T-shirts off the backs of the chain's restaurant employees.

"We knew that the release of the 'P-Niddy' film would be a major event, but, we seriously underestimated the response from fans," says Adolf Heirklothes, executive vice president of marketing for Weinerschnitzel.

"Weinerschnitzel has had some very successful promotions throughout its history, but this looks like it is going to be our most successful ever. Our new **Chillin' Cheese Dog** is the fastest selling meal deal we have ever had. I know some have been hesitant to partner with Niddy but he is a marketing gold mine"

Television spots featuring never-before-seen footage from the film plus new original scenes have garnered significant attention from Internet and trade media. Weinerschnit-

Quote the Franchise

• **On office hours:**
"No one really comes by to see me, I'm not that friendly, I'm not that nice, I'm not that helpful...but if you wanna kind of buck the trend, odds are you can get in."

• **On office hours during week before finals:**
"I don't know if I'll be here on Thursday or Friday, I have some pressing other things...depending on what the weather in Palm Springs is like."

• **On Food and the lack thereof:**
"The only food group I have in my refrigerator is beer...and I don't even like beer that much. I know it's a bad sign when I've been out of milk and orange juice for 4 weeks. Truth be know, I think I have butter too. Is there anything that can be done with Pacifico and butter? ... I have an entrée."

• **On Handbills:**
"I am annoyed by those people who hand out flyers which tell me I am going to hell... You don't know me, I wasn't on the cruise."

• **On defamation:**
"...moral opprobrium...it would be more helpful if we knew what in the hell that meant."



• **On Missouri:**
"You can take someone out of the Ozarks, Missouri but you can never take out that questionable taste."

• **On HSC:**
"Gee we think that most people that watch the homing shopping network are pathetic, that most Americans wearing spandex already have enough porcelain figurines..."

• **On Monday Morning:**
"By the way, I'm seeing double this morning, I expect to puke any moment."

• **On Mobile Homes . . .**
"You think about this when you get older...that there's a certain level that you want your life to...I always thought that if I lived in a mobile home park I would have to have a double wide. People that live in mobile homes are kind of like the homeless with better paneling. Also, if I had a blue-collar job I would want one with machinery...and if I'm ever subject to bodily searches, I hope it doesn't include bodily cavities."

• **On The Lowreview:**
"I used to be kind of fascinated by it, before it began to bore me."

SLUM LORD KLEIN RECIEVES COVETED AWARD

After fierce competition, **The Lowreview's** Annual Alpha Male of the Year Award goes to **Ryan Klein**. **The Lowreview** awards the award to the man on campus who best captures the motto: *"Women want him and men want to be him."* Clearly **Mr. Klein** is the essence of desire. The former Mr. Canada and Mr. Texas beat out **Nathan Aman** and **Tyler Kratz** by the slimmest margin ever. With the Fifteen inch bronze trophy **Klein** plans to kick a world tour starting May 17th as the graduation keynote student speaker. **Kratz** could not be found for comment and no one wants to tell **Aman** of the results. He may be awarded a consolation prize of \$500.

[By request of Mr. Klein, not a thing was changed in this article, thus, **The Lowreview** was unable to extend the articles and surrounding facts to fill this space.]



In some of the bloodiest fighting Pepperdine has seen, top-half armies invaded bottom-half territory in the library basement this week during one of the bottom-halfers most holiest of holidays: Saturday. The conflict over this piece of land has spread over centuries of bloodshed. Both top-halfers and bottom-halfers claim it as a holy site. Bottom-halfers have maintained ownership of the basement almost exclusively for the past three years as a cabaret, watering hole and cigar bar. Granted only limited use licenses to top-halfers seeking worship. Top-halfers claim that the territory was promised to them by God.

Outgoing Law Review editor **Dan Droog** claims that withdrawal from the occupied land will not occur until the suicide terrorists are stopped. Suicide hackers have been terrorizing top-halfers by shutting off their laptops during class, changing their wallpapers to Britney Spears pics and distribution of false viri. Violence has spread past well known battle

grounds as the atrium and to lesser known areas such as SR4 and the School of Public Policy offices. The Bottom-halfers continue harassment of the Top-half in occupied bottom-half territory, but law review editor-elect **Jack White** claims that under his leadership the top-halfers will not engage in a chaotic withdrawal in the near future. However, **3L Puzder**, leader of the bottom-half regime held up in his well known compound, **the**

John Weeden Stall for two weeks, claims that fighting will continue until there is an immediate withdrawal from bottom-half territory. In **Puzder's** weekly statement on Sunday he stated that he will not give up this precious land without a fight. *"I do not support top-halfers, and I will not leave other bottom-*

halfers worse off when I graduate in two years!" **Puzder's** leadership is not without controversy. Recently he has been accused of encouraging terror by promising bottom-halfers *free six dollar burgers* for those who help in the struggle.



Bottom-Halfer Puzder

Dean Lynn issued a report this week revealing demonstrations all over universities against the administration and the top-half. He is amazed that both parties cannot work out their religious and ethnic differences. The bottom-half regime thusly accuses the administration as being pro-top-halfers for supplying them with an arsenal of outlines and tutorial sessions.

In an attempt to create peace in the region, expert Mediator and international diplomat Secretary **Shadrack King** was sent by the ad-

ministration to meet with both **Puzder** and **Droog** to bring peace to the war torn region. **Mr. King** expects results here and called all parties to be accountable for their responsibilities in the region. *"Each side needs to . . . recognize the long term consequences . . . of their actions."* **Mr. King** said last week in an exclusive interview with **Lowreview** staff. The administration has given **King** broad latitude to see what he needs to see and do what he needs to do. *"The top-halfers . . . must recognize the bottom-half's right to exist . . . and thus maintain normal relations in the region."* If he is not successful it is because the parties in the region were not cooperative. Chances of success are high, however, **Mr. King's** intimidation tactics: proven leadership, wonderful manners, articulate mastery of the English language and his incredible sense of fashion. Secretary **King** will utilize his best judgment in helping these warring parties acknowledge the benefits peace.

Class of 2002 Graduates 3 #1 Students amidst misconduct.

The Dispute was settled by giving the 3L bottom-halfers, **Brent Daub** and **Christian Puzder**, their number one rankings Friday night. Standing next to **Dan Droog**, the two former bottom-halfers accepted their number 1 rankings in an extraordinary move by the Dean's Suite. "We were just kind of laughing," **Daub** said after Friday night's ceremony. "It was a moment to be the three of us: The Big 3." 2 years of bitterness, turmoil and tears was erased in a celebration of 3 very different students, all 3, number 1 in their class. "I am so happy because I think now it is finished," **Puzder** said. "Both of us have had a hard time ... and it is not fair to us as students," **Daub** said.

Daub and **Puzder**, who are also friends outside of school, finished last in their class behind number 1 **Droog** by the slimmest of margins. What followed the fall 1999 semester were allegations that First year professors were pressured to award **Droog** 'first in class.' Pepperdine knew it had to do something extraordinary. Following a 2 year investigation prompted by **The Lowreview**, **Daub** and **Puzder** accepted their grades from the **Dean Lynn**, who made the recommendation to award the duplicate grades and suspended professors **Jim Gash**, & **Jernard Bames** in the middle of the uproar for misconduct. But the magnitude of the moment didn't seem to sink in for **Daub** and **Puzder** until scholarships were

handed out and they watched their student loan accounts drop. Tears of joy filled **Daub's** eyes and **Puzder** began blinking rapidly, as if to keep from crying. When a camera closed in on **Daub**, his grin spread a little wider and he winked. "This was better than I expected," **Puzder** said. "The 3 of us were part of history. It was a tough few years, but now we're happy to put some closure to it and we can go on and be happy with our grades." When the ceremony finished, the 3 turned to the cheering crowd, waving their yellow roses in acknowledgment. **Puzder** and **Daub** hugged; **Droog** 'Perrin-pointed' to the two and giggled to himself. Then **Puzder** put his arms around **Droog** as if they were the best of friends. Afterward, the former bottom-halfers gave **Droog** gifts, tokens of a camaraderie forged in the midst of a nightmare.

Daub stated. The tears Friday night, however, were different. Law School has a long history of questionable decisions, but this one was bigger than any other. Thusly, at **The Lowreview's** request, the Dean's Suite on Friday awarded number 1 rankings to **Daub** and **Puzder**, making them all co-champions. "It's really a deflection of the real issue of Law School grades" **Professor Caldwell**, said before the ceremony. 3L **Ryan McNamara** complained, stating "Yeah, that's great, I'm happy for them, but where the hell is my job?"

"It was just a bizarre moment, it was so weird," **Daub** said. "But we said we will make the best of it, and we smiled and went out and had fun." **Puzder** closed the ceremony with poignant words about Law School: "We are never going to experience that again. We hope not, anyway."

"We cried after our first year grades."

Dean Lynn to Reap Rewards of New Bound Edition of The Dicta

A compilation of **Dean Lynn's** weekly Dicta e-mails will be compiled into a text available at the book store for this summer's Evidence course taught by said **Dean Lynn**. While Pepperdine students enjoy the weekly messages, they are concerned about the \$85 price tag put on the compilation. 3L **Gordon Hvolka** explains, "I have all this year's dicta still on my Pepperdine Webmail. They are all there in mint condition unread and untainted by soiled hands. Why should I have to purchase a bound copy for so much?"

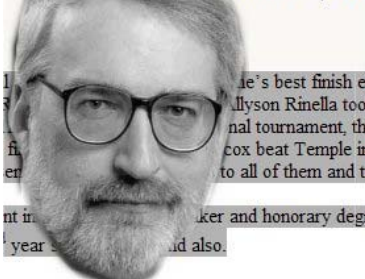
In an effort to keep student costs at a minimum, **The Lowreview** is selling used copies of the text for only \$38 but the selection is limited. When asked about the new course requirement, the administration explained, that while demand is high, supplies of the Dicta are low. Further, the text and the price of publishing pushes the cost of the books higher and higher. **Dean Lynn**

said on Monday morning at an 8:00 a.m. unveiling of the new course text, attended by early rising **Prof. Jernard Bames** and a few faculty Secretaries (whose attendance was mandatory), that "[t]he royalties from the sale of the books are almost nothing because of the high printing costs associated with releasing a first edition text. I chose the text because it is a wonderful resource for students. I have reduced my royalties and the price of the book reflects this. I am more interested in passing the savings to the students and keeping the prices down rather than making a profit on my book. I understand the financial burdens that students face. I've been saying this entire year: I am not the enemy, the real enemy is insufficient student budgets. If the students could borrow more they wouldn't worry about higher costs." **Prof. Bames** responded by asking Lynn whether he "[a]ctually believed this."

Pepperdine Publishing, the same group

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which publishes **Prof. Ogden's** non-returnable yet reusable bound Remedies supplement, agrees with the Dean's analysis and praises **Lynn's** actions as courageous and honorable. "To see a writer more concerned about learning than turning a profit is something we would love to see more of in this business." A Pepperdine Publishing representative stated. 3L **Ryan McNamara** has agreed to print "READ MY DICTA" tee-shirts featuring a likeness of **Dean Lynn** behind common text found in the dicta for sale to the stu-

dents at a discount price of 20.95 per shirt (baby-doll sizes will be available next semester.) The administration has also unveiled a plan to release four more faculty texts over the next year. The authors have yet to be named, however topping the list is "How to coach flag football by **James Gash**," to accompany his Torts I & Torts II class. Additionally **Prof. "The Franchise" McGoldrick** is in consideration for the publication of his users text "Cinema, The Constitution and Dating: An 11th Amendment Perspective." Although these publications will no doubt raise Pepperdine's intellectual value in Law School rankings, the library staff is concerned that purchasing a larger glass case will cause congestion through the metal detectors, **Katie Kerr**, Associate Director for Library Services told **The Lowreview** that "we already are overloaded with Law Review articles, transcripts from **Ruth Bader Ginsberg** lectures and **Caldwell's** baseball books, expanding the glass display case will just be an additional expense."

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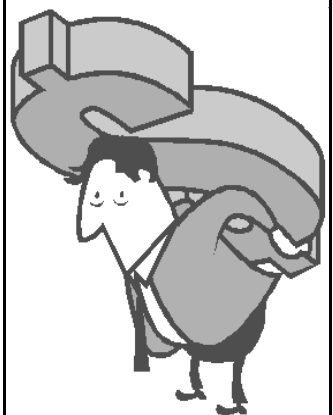
This week we asked students and professors what they think about student loans

- "Student Loans are a necessary evil. I plan to file bankruptcy the first business day after graduation." - 3L **George Matula**
- "I am not too worried about payback, Clippers ticket sales are up this year" - 3L **Joanna Miller**

- "Law School loans are like watching a dog chase its tail: not really good for anything, but fun to watch." - 3L **Dan Droog**
- "My deal with Satan does not require repayment. Rather I simply had to promise my soul to eternal damnation" - 3L **Suzanne Baker**
- "I had to pay for this?"

Crap, I want my money back" - 3L **Russell Higgins**

- "I Double dog dare the bank to try and collect!" - 3L **Margeux Mernick**
- "My family has me covered." - 3L **Paul Matiasic**
- "The SBA's got me covered." - 3L **Joe Orabona**



Never borrow for a depreciating asset

Graduates Cash Experience Checks

After years of holding the runner up position to Loyola, Pepperdine University School of Law finally takes first place in the unofficial job placement competition that has brewed between the two schools since the early eighties. The competition rewards the school with the highest percentage of students that graduate with job offers with a silver plate. The administration praises Career Services with two new critical programs which were implemented in March. The Salary Optional Employment Plan and the Post Graduation Externship Program have resulted in a 40% increase in job offers for the school. This programs benefits everyone. The students get great jobs with top employers, the employers limit their expenses, and the school gets a higher job placement percentage. Career Services Director **Carol Allemeir** explained, "At this rate we may have half our students graduate with jobs by next year. These programs take OCI to a new height. I tell students, 'Imagine getting a paycheck from a top 100 firm. You get to cash it for 100% experience. We used to tell students

they might have to work for free for the first couple of years until they get their name out there. But now they get much, much more, school credit after graduation and/or networking contacts. The experience is invaluable"

HEY 2002 GRADS!

The lowreview has started the class of 2002 mailing list so we can all keep in touch following graduation. Go to:

http://genesis.eccentrichosting.net/mailman/listinfo/classof2002mailinglist_lowreview.com

Or look on www.lowreview.com for a link!

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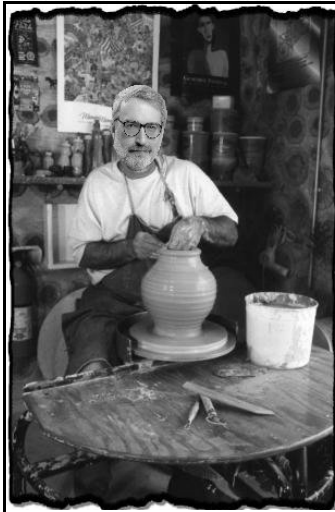
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Before
The Professor

After
The Man



Lynn at the wheel

Dean Lynn Announces New Curriculum Expansion

In an ambitious curriculum expansion program, entitled "I Think I Can," **Dean Lynn** announced that several new courses will be added to the fall schedule. According to the **Dean**, in order to better equip postgraduates with practical skills they can use, Pepperdine will take a dramatic step into what he calls "Alternative Legal Practicum." Under the program, students will be encouraged to apply the legal knowledge they have learned to other fields of endeavor in order to foster what he calls, "jurisprudential creativity." Included in the new courses are *A Chip off the Old Bench: Potting with Potter Stewart*, a course that will encourage students to translate legal concepts into clay creations, and also *Wood the Defendant*

Please Rise, a legal carpentry class. "Many of our graduates, particularly those in the bottom half, are going to be looking for jobs outside the legal profession. This new program will help prepare them for the outside world," said **Lynn**. Other new classes will include the musical course, *Duke of Earl Warren*, auto repair course, *Attorney General Motors* and the culinary course *The Burger Court: Grilling, Flipping & Flame Broiling*.

When asked about the course Bottom-Halfers seemed ecstatic at the least. Bottom-halfer and 3L **Sebastian Lee** quipped that "These are the kinds of classes which give students a reason to come to school! It's also a great expressive outlet. I have been stuck playing

SimCity 2000 for months because of an inadequate arts department in the school." When asked to quit commenting, **Lee** continued. "I wonder how all this will figure into the rankings for Pepperdine. Maybe our standing with the academia at those liberal institutions will now improve."

Legal Thoroughbred **Skippy McDermott** stated that although he was excited about the new programs "There is a void in the athletics area. Pepperdine would do well by having a sanctioned Tennis team." Prof **Tim Perrin**, however, scoffs at the idea of having classes which distract from the absolute study of law. "This is not Jr. High. Just because we won the Blue Ribbon award does not mean we have

Plans Revealed to relieve law school parking crunch

The Low Review has uncovered plans by the Administration, in cooperation with the Career Services Office, to relieve the law school parking problem by assigning parking spaces according to class rank.

Dean Lynn revealed to The Low Review that this will help students who arrive at school after large classes have already started. "The plan will take students in the Top 10% out of the race for parking spaces," **Lynn** said. "These students will be allowed to park in the new Top 10% parking structure, which will be constructed next to the Top 10% Sports and Country Club." The Top 10% Sports and Country Club is currently being built under the Career Services Office and is set to open next semester. This facility will be open to students who reached the Top 10% after their first year in law school, and be strictly forbidden to students who enter the

top 10% during their second or third years, and all other students in the bottom 90%. This is nothing new to those in the bottom 90%, since they are currently not allowed in the top 10% dining lounge, catered each day by Wolfgang Puck.

"The parking structure will be fitted with the newest technology in identification procedures, including retinal scans and hand print verification devices," **Lynn** added. "We don't need those other students with their bottom 90% attitudes milling around in there. They should be revising their resumes anyway." The structure will also have a "Bottom 90% Alarm" which will sound if one of those "other" students attempts to enter the garage. A camera placed strategically in the structure will photograph the violator from all angles. These photographs are then sent directly to Honor Board Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where the Board's

members already have drafts of ways to ruin the person's law school career.

Those other students will be stuck with the large lot across from George Page, where most students currently park. The students in the top 11% will be assigned a space closest to the stairs, and from there on the rest of the spaces will be assigned, with the most desirable spaces going to higher ranking students. First-years will have to park in a lot across from campus off of PCH, and will not only be forced to write a paper over their spring break, but will



also have to walk up the hill without shoes.

Although this may sound far-fetched **professor Popovich**, speaking on behalf of the administration commented that this idea "is not pie in the sky stuff. This is real life stuff."