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A lot has happened in the past few months for me. There have been amazing things and there have also been depressing events that seem to be some of the unavoidable aspects of life.

Something we forget in law school is that life keeps happening no matter how far along we are in school, no matter what our grades are, and no matter where we are ranked in our class. When I started school, I thought I would be able to live in a law school vacuum, as if other things that happened before would not happen while I was in school. However, I seem to be constantly reminded of the fact that the world is still spinning while my many law school plates are also spinning.

So, with the sad events that came into my life in the past few months, I reminded myself that I need to still cherish everything else around me. In learning how to use my time wisely, I am not only allotting my time to law school, but also ensuring that I spend time with my family, with my friends, and on myself. As 1L Susie Grigoryan points out in her article, it’s all about balance. It’s important to remember that law school will come and go, but it’s the times we have with our family and friends that we will remember.

I hope that all of us can cherish this time we have in law school as a time of self-improvement and not just as going to school to learn a trade. It’s a time for us to learn as much about ourselves as it is for us to learn about the law. Enjoy spring break and cherish the last few months of our 2013-2014 year!

“A healthy attitude is contagious but don’t wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier.” - Tom Stoppard
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By Michelina Perani  
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There has been recent outcry in the community following the “Santa Ana nightclub beating” incident that occurred on January 18. The victim, recent Chapman graduate 23-year old Kim Pham, was rushed to an area hospital, put on life support and died from her injuries on January 21. The Orange County Coroner would later announce that the cause of death was due to complications of blunt force trauma to the head. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, a friend of Pham’s initially told them the fight arose from an argument between the attackers and Pham after she allegedly “photobombed” their photo.

On January 21, a female suspect, later identified as Vanessa Tapia Zavala, 25, was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon causing great bodily harm. By the time Zavala appeared for her arraignment at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana, Pham had already succumbed to her injuries. Zavala was subsequently charged with one count of felony murder according to the Orange County District Attorney’s Office. Zavala, who pled not guilty at the hearing, is being held on bail of one million dollars, and faces up to fifteen years in state prison if convicted.

On January 24, a second suspect, Candace Marie Brito, 27, was later taken into custody. Brito pled not guilty to one felony count of murder and continues to be held on bail of one million dollars. Following a two-day preliminary hearing last week, Orange County Superior Court Judge Thomas Borris ruled that the two women should be tried for murder in Pham’s death.

Among the first witnesses who provided testimony at trial were the Orange County Medical Examiner and Santa Ana police officers who described the 911 call. The case took a strange twist when Santa Ana police detectives testified that Pham threw the first punch. Cellphone videos show Pham throwing what investigators allege is the first punch of the fight and Pham kicking and punching a woman on the ground. The woman on the ground, who was then seen being pulled away by her legs by a man, was identified as Emelia Avila, who remains a person of interest in the case. Zavala’s defense attorney, Kenneth Reed said that Zavala kicked Pham in defense of her friend who was being dragged away. Part of Zavala’s defense will include the failure of Santa Ana detectives to photograph her injuries once they were aware that she was injured in the fight.

More legal issues for the prosecution arose when a Santa Ana detective testified that, on orders to go undercover to obtain information, she went undercover in Zavala’s jail cell. This was only after Zavala had already refused to talk to police and invoked her right to an attorney. The detective said she never disclosed her identity to Zavala when she secretly recorded their conversation in the jail cell trying to get Zavala to make incriminating statements. Legal experts say that the secretly recorded conversation will be very difficult to introduce at trial because, while the law allows law enforcement to listen silently or eavesdrop on conversations, all questioning must cease once a suspect has invoked her right legal counsel.

Initial reports by leaders of the mainly Latino city of Santa Ana assured residents that the incident was not a race related incident. One of the men who was with Zavala and Brito that night, Alfonso Magana, has come forward as Emilia’s boyfriend. He alleged that he also was beaten and chased away by Asian gang members who were with Pham. Defense attorneys for both Zavala and Brito say these statements could alter the outcome of the entire case.

On February 21, prosecutors added a charge of assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury against Zavala and Brito who both pleaded not guilty at their arraignment and are due back in court for trial set for February 24.
By Sam Morgenstern
Senior Editor

By “this band understands me” I mean those songs you listen to on the way to finals; when life feels like it sucks; when you end a relationship because law school is clearly the better boyfriend; when you just landed the “it” externship/job; and when you finally realize that law school will eventually end and some semblance of real life will start.

Check out these tunes, dance in the car to them, listen to them before you hit “Begin Exam” in Examsoft…whatever you want. To download this playlist, visit http://thechapmanlawcourier.com/ for the Spotify link.

1) Grouplove, “Ways To Go” (Spreading Rumours)

2) The Decemberists, “Calamity Song” (The King Is Dead)

3) Fitz and The Tantrums, “The Walker” (More Than Just a Dream)

4) Lorde, “Team” (Pure Heroine)

5) Sky Ferreira, “Everything Is Embarrassing” (Ghost EP)

6) Oscar Isaac and Marcus Mumford, “Fare Thee Well” (Inside Llewyn Davis: Original Soundtrack Recording)

7) The Menzingers, “Gates” (On the Impossible Past)

8) Ellie Goulding, “Anything Could Happen” (Halcyon)

9) Bruno Mars, “Runaway Baby” (Doo-Wops & Hooligans)

10) Kings Of Leon, “Rock City” (Mechanical Bull)

11) The Weakerthans, “Aside” (Left and Leaving)

12) Jason Aldean, “Dirt Road Anthem” (My Kinda Party)

13) Hot Hot Heat, “Middle Of Nowhere” (Elevator)

14) Free Energy, “Dance All Night” (Dance All Night)

15) Robyn, “Dancing On My Own” (Body Talk)

16) Against Me! “New Wave” (New Wave)
Spring semester: for us 3L’s, it is the beginning of the end of our long slog through law school, a time of hammering out our papers for that long-neglected Scholarly Research requirement, desperately trying to remember our 1L classes as we study for Select Topics, and battling against the self-sabotaging impulses brought on by the inevitable senioritis (or is that 3L-itis?). For you 1L’s, however, this semester marks the end of a beginning: two whole more years of this adventure/ordeal lie ahead of you. You’re probably sick of hearing it at this point, but yes, these will be the most formative years of your life, and they will be gone before you know it. But fear not, little 1Ls! This article is here to reassure that you will be able to graduate without regrets! And, as Heidi Post (3L) tells us, “remember to breathe: it’s not as life or death as it seems!”

1. **Get a job, externship or even an internship!**

Practical legal experience is key to getting the most out of the next two years. Ideally, you’ve already lined up a summer job, internship, or externship. I know a summer inside an office may not be your preference after a year living in the cool glow of the library’s banks of fluorescent lights. Welcome to the real world, sucker! Honestly though, you have two years between now and graduation to build a decent résumé, and the more experience you have, the easier it will be to come by future internships, externships, and eventually real, “pay-your-federal-loans-back” jobs.

Educationally-speaking, you’ll also learn a lot in employment. It’s one thing to read the Restatement of Torts or memorize the Rule Against Perpetuities; it’s another thing entirely to draft a complaint in a slip-and-fall case, or draft a will that complies with the RAP. Practical experience is vital to learning your profession, and to practicing in it. Think of it like this: medical students work on cadavers and in hospitals, and have to complete years of residency throughout their schooling, but it is possible that a law student can go all three years without ever drafting a real legal document or appearing in court. Don’t be that law student!

The type of work you will do will really depend on the employer. Many of the jobs you will get will be research and writing intensive; they are time-consuming and not very exciting, so of course this is the kind of work that attorneys will pass on to interns. Some jobs will involve a lot of client contact; work at the family law clinic at the Legal Aid Society of Orange County, and you’ll spend a lot of time talking to clients and helping them fill out court paperwork. If you become a certified law clerk, you can even make limited appearances in court while supervised by an attorney. You’ll have to be enrolled in evidence before you can be certified, but if you can get it, you’ll be able to represent real clients in a real court. I can’t stress the importance of that kind of experience, both as a law student and as a future attorney.
2. Law school is the time to explore all areas of the law!

From a personal, vocational standpoint, working while in law school will also help to reaffirm your dedication to law school. It will remind you that the daily stress that you are putting yourself through is worth it. If you’re wondering if a certain field of law is for you, the best way to find out for sure is to get a job clerking, interning, or externing with a lawyer, firm, or agency that practices in that area. I was personally very wary of Family Law until I externed at the Legal Aid Society. Just by helping clients with their divorce paperwork, I felt like I was helping people solve their problems, and it felt good. In a class, your reward for a job well done is a good grade, maybe a CALI award. However, when you are working, your reward is a successful motion, or case, or the smile of a client who appreciates your respectful manner. An internship or clerkship can teach you the immaterial benefits of the legal profession, something that you cannot learn in classroom.

As a final plus, while you may not be getting paid, you may get credit for your externships, which are taken pass/fail. These units are invaluable because they help you complete required course work while you gain valuable real world experience.

3. Plan Your Classes Wisely: Make Sure You’re on Track to Graduate!

After your 1L year, your class schedule will be up to you. This freedom comes with a lot of responsibility. Plan your classes wisely, make sure to also consider factors like traffic and days you would like to work. Don’t wait until the last minute to register, like I did, it almost always resulted in me having a crazy schedule. Don’t repeat my mistakes!

You also need to make sure you’re on track to graduate with all your required classes. It’s tempting to put them off, but it’ll make your life harder in the end. I would also strongly consider taking every class, even if it’s not required, that covers a bar-tested subject. It’s easier to review for the bar when it’s actually reviewing and not brand new material.

According to Kelsey Osborne (3L), “I think it is really important to plan your class schedule wisely. If you knock-out the required courses early on, it provides you with a lot of flexibility in your third year to take electives that interest you based on work you have done over the summers, or take advantage of work opportunities without being stuck to the timing of certain required courses.”

Clinics, like externships, are another great way to get practical experience while earning units. The difference is that they’re graded, so you have more incentive to do well. One of my best experiences in my past three years was the Elder Law Clinic/Class, where I represented a client at my first jury trial and drafted my first will and advanced health care directive. All of the clinics at Chapman are wonderful opportunities for hands-on learning while in law school. I highly recommend taking at least one.

4. Take Advantage of Networking Activities, like En Bancs and Guest Speakers!

Although it may not seem like it, in law school, you still have many opportunities for social enjoyment, and you should take advantage of them. Our school brings in a wide range of awesome guest speakers. Take the time to go to the En Bancs: you’ll meet potential mentors, employers, and future friends. Go to Bar Reviews, bar-sponsored networking events and Barrister’s Ball, even join clubs, which are for the most part, easy resume builders! Use these resources! You will learn something, and as an added bonus, you often get a free lunch (or alcohol) as well.

Another often untapped networking opportunity is competition teams. They are a fun way to learn practical experience while meeting judges and attorneys. Steven Tanizaki (3L), says that “one of the things that I have enjoyed most about going to law school, besides meeting so many great people, has been having the opportunities to travel for our competition teams. I would recommend to the 1L and 2L’s to try and make it onto any of the teams.”

The next two years will be full of tears, frustration, and, if you persevere (which don’t worry most of you will!), sweet triumph. Make the most of them. It will be over before you know it!
UPCOMING EVENTS

THE ORANGE COUNTY HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER AND INSTALLATION GALA
MARCH 1, 2014

The Orange County Hispanic Bar Association (OCHBA) will hold its 36th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser and Installation Gala on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County in the City of Garden Grove. The black-tie event will begin at 6 p.m. with a silent auction and cocktail reception hour.

Diana Lopez, Class of 2009, will be installed as President of the OCHBA on March 1. The installation gala will take place at the Hyatt Regency in Garden Grove and feature a keynote by Sergio Garcia, the gentlemen whose case was recently heard by the California Supreme Court. Mr. Garcia, the son of an American Citizen, was granted the right to be a practicing lawyer in spite of the fact that his own legal/immigration status is still unresolved, so the keynote is especially timely.

The gala event will also include the presentation of $10,000 scholarships to four law school students, as well as recognition of several members of the legal community for their respective achievements and contributions.

BARRISTER’S BALL
MARCH 15, 2014

Get ready for Barristers’ Ball! This year’s event will include tray-passed hors d’oeuvres throughout the night, an outdoor fire-pit lounge area, live band (featuring Fowler Law alumnus, students and professors), and DJ, glow sticks to get the party started, and a complimentary photo booth!

Tickets are $35 and will be on sale during lunch beginning February 24. Tickets are limited so make sure to get yours early! Barrister’s Ball will be held on Saturday, March 15 from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the chic Shorebreak Hotel in Huntington Beach.

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Fowler Law: An Evolving Perspective on LGBT Rights

By Ravyn Rowland
Staff Editor

Prior to his deanship at Fowler School of Law, Dean Tom Campbell wrote an op-ed in *Reason*, entitled ‘Ending Marriage Discrimination in California.’ In the article, Campbell advised members of his party, the GOP, to vote against Proposition 8 because he felt that, "the Government has no business making distinctions between people based on their personal lives." The dean’s powerful and simple stance is one that is gaining momentum among the dean’s political party and at Fowler School of Law as public opinion rapidly continues to shift in favor of LGBT rights and equality.

The change in perspective that has emerged at Fowler Law may at times be overshadowed by the highly visible professor John Eastman, who is the chairman of the board for the National Organization of Marriage, a prominent organization that opposes LGBT rights. When concern was voiced to a member of the administration about the continued employment of this particular faculty member, it was simply stated that every individual is entitled to his or her free speech rights. This response, although on its surface is somewhat disheartening, is something that everyone could use a reminder of, as the purpose of tenure is to provide academic scholars the freedom to voice and advocate all positions – even those that are unpopular. Without this grant of freedom, the LGBT rights movement itself would have taken much longer to reach its position as an important issue in mainstream American politics, as LGBT allies could have been pushed out of their respective academic positions for holding what the now predominant opinion that “the Government has no business making distinctions between people based on their personal lives.”

Academic freedom may justify the continued employment of those who oppose LGBT rights, but history will serve to be the final arbitrator of how those individuals and the stances they took on civil rights issues will be remembered. With this in mind, I am happy to say that the Fowler Law School, which fosters an LGBT rights advocacy group, OUTLAW, and boasts many faculty members who proudly and inclusively post “LGBT safe zone” signs outside of their offices, is unlikely to be remembered for the views of a single individual who opposed certain LGBT rights at one time, but instead for the zeal with which the students and faculty alike have taken in opposing and minimizing these hurtful views.

As members of the legal community, it is imperative that we remember that “moral,” intelligent, upstanding individuals once sanctioned slavery, racial discrimination, and gender inequality. If we forget this fact, we risk losing the awareness that our own moral judgments are fallible. As lawyers and aspiring lawyers, we, more than almost any other profession, must stay vigilant in monitoring the fairness and justness of our personal views, because the beliefs that we hold can have lasting effects on the rights and lives of others.
10 MOVIES EVERY LAW STUDENT MUST WATCH

By Professor Hugh Hewitt
Op-Ed

Movies are America’s second language. Like many second language, fluency requires use. I recommend a movie a week.

Here are ten movies every law student should see to prepare themselves for their lives in the law, in ascending order of importance. A brief explanatory note is attached.

The asterisked flicks are the three I offered when tasked more than a decade ago by the Los Angeles Times to name the three movies that would best explain America to a foreigner who had never visited here.

1 AND 2. “ALMOST FAMOUS” AND “THAT THING YOU DO”

Law firms are very much like bands. Some are hugely successful for long stretches of decades, marked by ups and downs, and are held together by shared culture and aspirations. Some last weeks. Some partners are lead singers. Some are bass players. Lots of behind-the-scenes types are required by both, and many of those folk resent not being rewarded like the lead singer. These people are easily replaced, and often are.

The people who cover them for the media never really know what is going on inside.

3. CADDYSHACK

I’m not saying most or even many judges are like Judge Smalls. But there are a few and you will appear in front of him or her. Just be ready for it.

4. HOOSIERS

It doesn’t happen very often, but the underdog can win State, and a one man or woman “firm” can once in a great while beat the Bigs or even the government.

5. COOL HAND LUKE

Every lawyer thinks he or she is Paul Newman in this film. Clients really are George Kennedy.

6. CHARIOTS OF FIRE

“I can’t put in what God left out.” An all purpose explanation for clients on why they might lose because their case isn’t so great. Quote the film early and often to them.

7 AND 8. THE GODFATHER PART I AND II

Even the best lawyers get trumped by family, and fired for all the wrong reasons. Even when they think they are part of the family, they are not.

“This is the business we have chosen.” The all purpose silencer of whiners around your future office.

Never side with someone outside of the firm against the firm and then go for a canoe ride with someone in the firm.

9. LOCAL HERO

Don’t try and cheat a Scotsman. Treat all your clients as though they were Scotsmen. Visit Scotland as often as you can and stay as long as possible.

10. TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

The ideal, and, however unlikely, the role all lawyers would like to play at least once.
Giving Students What They Deserve

By Arthur Arutyunyants
Staff Editor

Every semester the registrar releases a grade distribution report to all Fowler Law students, and every semester students express their concerns. However, this past semester created a bigger outcry than usual. Leigh Steinberg’s Sports Law class saw ten students receive a 4.0 with no grades below a 3.0. Students and professors across campus were left puzzled and frustrated. Fowler Law’s grading standards have been consistently strict, but in the wake of this controversial median increase, students rallied to find answers. SBA President Ray Genneway addressed the faculty regarding student concerns and requests for some clarity on the issue of grade distribution. Chapman’s SBA representatives will request that the Academic Standards Committee take certain issues under review. Based on the concerns of students and a handful of professors, the following constitute points of priority.

Firstly, SBA would like the registrar to publish the median for each class in the distribution report. This would allow for some transparency. The reality is, regardless of what the median is or should be, Fowler Law professors take their jobs seriously. Frankly, grades are earned with hard work. The professors who have expressed concerns about the grading requirements tend to be the ones with the smaller class sizes and no final exam. They find themselves unable to give out much deserved above average grades because that would require giving out undeserved grades below the median to adhere to the standards. Publishing each class’ GPA allows students to see this important information without undermining a professor’s freedom to grade his or her students accordingly.

Secondly, SBA seeks an inquiry into allowing a different standard for clinics. These courses are much different than regular ones: there are only a few students enrolled, no final exam, little if no anonymity, and no easy way to differentiate the students. Take a class of 8 students - each demonstrates a solid understanding of the material, and the professor finds it difficult to differentiate those students. Sure some are better than others, but are they really one entire grade point better? Allowing certain courses, such as clinics or very small classes, to adopt a much less stringent median would be beneficial to students. The point is, students want to feel like their school is in their corner. Years after we graduate, these are the things we think about when we look back.

Lastly, SBA has asked for some clarity in the handbook. For upper level courses, the mandatory maximum median grade is 3.0. According to the Student Handbook, exam courses with twenty or more students require a cumulative 20% of grades to be a 2.4 or lower and 10% to be a 2.2 or lower. Exam courses with less than 20 students only need to maintain a 3.0 median. A professor may request an increased variance, which may be approved by the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Specifically, what is the process and the criteria that is taken into account when an increase in variance is given? Apart from a high student GPA average, the handbook does not detail much of the grading process.

Students’ worries deal with the long-term affects of a median that is not competitive in a highly competitive job market. The justification for such stringent standards is a matter of reputation: Fowler Law wants the legal community to know that it doesn’t hand out unearned, above average grades. A 3.4 grade point average at Chapman is a big deal. Although this reasoning is rational, in practice it doesn’t seem to apply. A law school is only as reputable as its students. With employment numbers down in California, local law schools have seen their rankings negatively affected. The primary focus for students is securing steady employment after passing the bar.

Now this does not imply policy-shifting to encourage professors to grade favorably. The truth is, and this can be seen in the distribution report, the professors give students the grades they feel are deserved. Problem students have it simple - it is unlikely that when an employer is comparing job applications of a student who went to Chapman and another who went to a school with a 3.3 median for example, that employer would say to himself, “Chapman’s standards are much more strict so this student’s GPA is more impressive.”

GPA and class rank are important factors for employers. Job opportunities that stand out to students are the ones that only a handful can apply to due to certain GPA requirements. Of course the better jobs will be available only to the better students, but the point is the students need to feel like their school cares about their future. Chapman graduates compete for jobs with students from some of the best schools in the nation - the USC’s, UCLA’s, Pepperdine’s, etc. Some of these schools are known for grade inflation, making it increasingly difficult to compete for employment when grades are such a dominant factor.

Naturally, the school must maintain a form of uniform grading that correlates with a student’s ability to grasp legal concepts and pass the bar. At the same time, some flexibility and clarity would go a long way. Students have voiced their concerns, and a lengthy discussion is the least that students deserve.
I remember my first day in America. We landed at LAX airport, exhausted and tired, after a challenging 24 hours in planes and airports, looking around at the strange place full of strangers. We came here as four people: my husband, our two young daughters, and me, accompanied by 4 suitcases, 2 strollers and one dream – to study abroad and experience the dream country everyone is continuously talking about – America.

I came to America about seven months ago to become, once again, a law student. I left my house in Israel, my job as a practicing attorney, my friends, and my family, for new experiences.

My fancy, formal suits stayed at home. I left the high heels in the closet. I took out my old school bag, highlighters and pencils, and assumed the persona of a law student at the Dale E. Fowler School of Law.

As a foreigner, the first thing I noticed about Americans, and in particular, people in Orange County, is that they are very nice, even extremely nice. Everyone smiles at me, holds the elevator door for me, and greets me with “Hello”.

The first few weeks here were full of logistics. Considering the fact that I came here with children, I have learned always to prepare myself for the worst-case scenario. As I anticipated, the motel room I had reserved in advance folded because a pipe exploded a few hours prior to our arrival. Then, we ran out of baby food and diapers, so we quickly had to run to the closest store to buy some. All of this while searching for the essentials: an apartment, a car, medical and drivers insurance and many other things.

In my home country, Israel, I had already practiced as an attorney for several years, so most of the classes that I am now taking are repeats, but I see it as an opportunity to gain information and learn as much as I can. Even after graduating from law school once before, I still have so many things that I did not know before and are new to me.

I have been asked a lot whether it was the right decision to make, to come here and “start over” after having a pretty good life back home... but my answer

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is that I can never know what is a right decision or not until I try it. I do not want to spend my life wondering whether I had made the right move and what my life could have looked like. I just do the things that seem right to me at that moment, and trust my instincts that I have enough tools to deal with changes and to adapt.

Some days I feel like “an alien in Orange County”, as if I landed here from a different planet. As a foreigner, the language barrier is a serious issue, and at first, everything can seem intimidating. I get nervous ordering food in a restaurant, I am the only student in class who does not understand the professor’s joke, and when a professor calls on me in class, I can only hope that I do not make funny language mistakes when answering.

However, eventually I started feeling at home here. The weather is nice, the people are wonderful. It became the perfect place to adapt my new reality.

**The Key to Surviving as a 1L**

By Susie Grigoryan
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Prior to attending law school, I heard all sorts of horror stories: “you’re going to be stressed like never before;” “there’s going to be too much assigned reading;” “you’re going to lose sleep;” “you’re not going to see your friends and family anymore;” “forget about having fun.” Then, along with those horror stories came the advice: “always stay on top of your reading;” “outline your notes as often as possible;” “make time to read the supplements;” “schedule in time for exercise;” “maintain a healthy diet;” “don’t stress about the competition. “It doesn’t sound too bad when you’re told what to expect, right?
I thought being an organized person before starting law school would make a huge difference. To my dismay, I quickly learned that I did not truly know how to approach the challenges ahead. Before law school, I had a lot more time on my hands, so I had become accustomed to completing all of my tasks to perfection. I had the same expectation of myself for my new journey, but I did not realize how much law school would shake up my views and change my approach to nearly everything I had grown used to.

When school began, I was excited to see that I was doing a great job keeping up with the reading assignments. Little did I know that reading would be the least of my worries. When I began outlining, reading some supplements, practicing test problems, and actually studying in preparation for the final exams, I neglected my exercise routine and stopped paying attention to what I was eating. Law school became the sole concern on my mind. Pretty soon, the stress crept up on me so badly that I became sick with a fever twice during the semester – one of those times during finals.

Lesson learned for the second semester. The key word? Balance. Too much of one thing inevitably creates stress. Yes, putting in your best effort for school is vital, but it isn’t everything. During this semester, I make more time to exercise – even if it’s only for twenty minutes. I cook healthier meals – even if it takes a few minutes away from my studying. I watch my favorite shows because it helps me detach myself from the law school mindset. I put in more effort to communicate with my friends and family because I do not have the opportunity to see them as often. I take longer breaks over the weekends. The end result? I’m tremendously happier this time around, which has also resulted in a noticeable improvement in my schoolwork. Now if anyone asks me what my secret is to handling life’s challenges as a law student, I’m going to respond with my magic word: balance.
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Study Law in Cambridge this Summer

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If you did not get a chance to study abroad while you were an undergrad, do not miss your chance now. If you were one of the adventurous ones who did spend a semester studying abroad in a foreign country, you already know what an amazing experience it is and do not need convincing. Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law hosts a study abroad program in Cambridge, England during the summer semesters. Students can earn up to six units while exploring Western Europe for a month, which can also include the directed research requirement.

Why would anyone want to miss out on an opportunity like this one? Many students, especially 1Ls, are concerned with going abroad over their first summer because they think that they need to find a legal internship or job instead. I understand these concerns and commend these students for their ambition and drive. Ali Razavi (2L) chose to spend the Summer 2013 semester following his 1L year studying abroad in Cambridge. When he first applied for jobs through OCI, he did not receive interview offers. He then applied for the last session of OCI while he was already studying abroad and he received a handful of interviews and job offers; the only addition he had made to his resume was “Study Abroad Cambridge Summer 2013.” Employers like to see something different on a resume; they like to have experiences catch their eye to separate the applicant from the rest. Choosing to live in a foreign country for a month shows an adventurous spirit, courage, and excitement for new opportunities, while still demonstrating that you have a passion for the law. While interning at a law office is a great addition to a resume, the experience is not as unique as living and taking classes abroad. Once students graduate, they can choose to travel but will most likely never again have the chance to feel like they are living in another country. The experience is incomparable to regular traveling.

On top of that, Fowler Law offers a handful of amazing clinics that students can join during their 2L and 3L years that will provide more hands-on experiences than many intern positions. For those who are choosing to study abroad over their 2L summers, consider signing up for a clinic in the Fall when you return so you are not missing out on any “work” experience that you might not have from traveling over the summer. There are also many externships available to students through OCI for the Fall semester, so there are plenty of opportunities to gain work experience and further build your resume before the 2L summer.

Still not convinced? If you take summer classes at Chapman, you will be paying almost twice as much than if you were to be taking those units in Cambridge. The reason is simple. Chapman is offering a lower price for units for students studying abroad because they will be covering the costs of living expenses and traveling. The Financial Aid Office also assesses the loan amount that will cover all summer abroad expenses. Classes are only four days a week, and financial aid provides enough funding for traveling to other countries on weekends as well. The cost of the program includes your dorm for the month, tuition, and breakfast and lunch on weekdays. William Zakis (2L) studied abroad last summer and enjoyed it so much that he said he will be studying in Cambridge again this summer and fulfilling his directed research requirement. Students who have gone to Cambridge say it is an unparalleled experience. The city is beautiful and rich with history and architecture, and it is close to London and other English cities worth exploring.
By Michelina Perani and Ravyn Rowland  
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Miley Cyrus has been on the receiving end of numerous scathing critiques of her performances and sexually charged antics as of late, however, after attending the third show of her Bangerz tour on February 20th at the Honda Center in Anaheim, a defense for her particular aesthetic should be offered.

Cyrus's show offered her audience an “in your face,” original, and wacky performance that juxtaposed her overt sexuality with sheer ridiculousness, and somehow, she managed to pull it off flawlessly. The high-energy atmosphere in the Honda Center was one of the better concert experiences to be had; concert goers did not stop dancing for the entirety of the show, and any time Cyrus ‘twerked,’ her audience went wild.

The show’s song list adhered very closely to the track list of her newest album, Bangerz, only deviating to perform ‘Can't be Tamed’, ‘23’, a cover of Dolly Parton’s ‘Jolene’ and Outkast's ‘Hey Ya!', and her encore, ‘Party in the USA’. The night was complete with backup dancers dressed as brightly colored fuzzy animals, a huge flying hotdog, and kittens. Cyrus’s costumes were as racy as one would imagine, including a marijuana leaf printed thong leotard.

However, Cyrus’s performance was not tailored for the male gaze, an observation that became acutely obvious when the Honda Center reassigned some of their men’s bathrooms as women’s to accommodate all of the females present. Cyrus’s repeated assertions stating her feminist outlook helped her to pull off even the most vulgar elements of her performances simply because it felt like she really believes in what she is doing - giving a sexually charged performance that is heavily tinged with irony, self-awareness, and campiness, which all in all makes Cyrus come off as an empowered woman who is purposefully branding herself as weird and unique among a sea of Top 40 pop princesses. If there is anything to be learned from last night’s show, it is that Cyrus has hit her stride.
If you are interested in staying at the Shorebreak Hotel the night of the event, SBA has a room block at a discounted rate of $179/room for reservations made by February 28 using this link: https://www.jdvhotels.com/book/reservations/SBH?start_date=2014-03-15&end_date=2014-03-16&promo_type=group-code&promo_code=1403CHAP

**PILF SILENT AUCTION**

**MARCH 27, 2014**

The Public Interest Law Foundation’s Silent Auction and Gala is the biggest event of the year for the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF). The money they raise from the event goes towards funding grants, which PILF awards to students who take on unpaid public interest positions over the summer. This allows students to put their skills and knowledge to work in helping clients who otherwise cannot afford much needed legal services.

At the Silent Auction and Gala, PILF will also honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the legal public interest field. This year, PILF is honoring Renee Gabbard, an attorney at Bryan Cave LLP, who chairs Chapman’s Cortese Elder Law Clinic. PILF is also honoring Bill Tanner, head of the Legal Aid Society of Orange County.

This year’s Silent Auction and Gala will be held on Thursday, March 27th, 2014, at Turnip Rose Celebrations, 1901 Newport Boulevard, Costa Mesa, CA 92627. The event will begin at 6:30 PM and dinner will be served at around 7:30. Tickets are $25 for Chapman students, $50 for all other attendees. Anyone who cannot attend can also support PILF by donating items to the auction, such as hotel stays, sports and entertainment tickets, celebrity memorabilia, artwork, fine wines, etc.

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