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Dear Reader,

Welcome back all!! Thank you for picking up this edition of The Courier. I am so grateful to be continuing as your Editor-In-Chief and cannot wait to see what this year entails.

As the 2011-12 year begins, I find that many of us are bogged down with the Bar looming on our horizon, the dismay many of us are feeling, and The Courier as your Editor-In Chief and cannot...
**FILM REVIEW**

**Drive: I Will Pull This Getaway Car Around!**

Zach Begle

*Drive*, winner for best director at Cannes, is a dangerously thrilling ride. Of course, it takes place in Los Angeles and only one of its major cities is shown, but that doesn’t matter. **The Drive** is a fascinating ride.

The plot is an experiment in extreme juxtapositions. The sweet mechanic/ factions driving, baseball-bat-beating, curb-stomping self at night. Similarly, the stark mob heist gone wrong with the getaway driver (Ryan Gosling) reeling from the consequences to save his love. Or is he? Thomas Sigel’s cinematography revolves around extremely long close-ups of Gosling’s brooding face, leaving it up to the audience to decide his “drive.”

And the brutally surprising, graphic violence of the mobsters with their backs against a wall. Much of the plot harkens back to Tarantino’s True Romance, with a similar eighty-glitz musical score by Cliff Martinez underpinning the action in practically every scene (Narc, Traffic, and most recently The Lincoln Lawyer). The effect is to create a dream world, complete with fuzzy daydreams and haunting nightmares, easy to slip into as a viewer. These are just some of the many interesting themes operating in the film. Since the director, Nicolas Winding Refn, doesn’t coddle his audience we are forced to analyze every aspect of each character’s acting, as well as the way we receive the plot. This allows for a much more interactive viewing of the film. The film lacks extensive dialogue, making it a challenge for the audience to determine exactly what motivates the characters. 

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**Harry Potter: The Boy We Grew Up With**

Jessica Schned

Friday, Nov. 19, 2010. I bet quite a few of you remember that date. I personally remember it as the Friday night before my second LRW paper was due. For all those 2Ls out there, I assume your night was spent in the library or at your home desk relentlessly proofreading that beast of a paper worth 70 percent of your grade. While you have a flashback of those happy memories, do you want to guess what I was doing? Preparing for my first set of finals in the library! Having a philosophical conversation with my roommate about why the color blue is called “blue?” Getting a waffle sandwich at Bruxie? No. Instead, I shamelessly spent my night seeing Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1 in IMAX with my fellow law school friends who dressed up as the Golden Snitch and Hermione while I wore my awesome “Wizard Wanda” costume, which is pretty much the Hogwarts uniform but with enough differences as to not violate J.K.‘s copyrights. I thought so.

My love for Harry Potter is so extreme I flew to Florida specifically to visit the new “Wizarding World of Harry Potter” at Universal Studios, Orlando. For those of you who are Harry Potter fans and have not visited yet, I urge you to go and buy the “Potter Package Deal” through Universal. Feel free to look up all the details and then, after you, truly is that great of a deal. Who wouldn’t want to eat a free breakfast at “The Three Broomsticks?” Voldemort, that’s who. However, even if you are not a Harry Potter fan (I am not entirely sure this is possible to be, honestly), the fact that you are in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter is... well, truly magical. People all over the world come to Florida just to catch a glimpse of the Hogwarts Express in person, to walk the corridors of Hogwarts as if you were a student, to get the experience of choosing your own wand (or having the wand choose you) in Ollivander’s wand shop, and to drink some Pumpkin Juice and Butterbeer just like Ron, Hermione, and Harry.

Regardless of how old you are, I am positive that seeing this world come to life will be a magical experience. However, I do believe that our generation is more fascinated with Harry Potter and has more die-hard fans than any other age group. The first Harry Potter novel came out when I was nine years old, and, with the exception of a few, the majority of you are probably around the same age as I am; therefore, you are the audience for whom J.K. likely intended to write her children’s novels. And, yes, I feel I have earned to privilege of being on a first-name basis with J.K., thanks to how much I have contributed to her wealth.

There are various reasons why I am obsessed with Harry, one being the sense of camaraderie characterized by various Potter-centric events, including: attending with my fellow Potterheads, mid-night launch parties for the final book of the series, recognizing that none of us would wait a second longer to see how our ten-year journey would end, making the easiest decision of my life to go see the first of the last two films with my friends during opening weekend instead of being a good law student; begging my mom to see a midnight showing of the last film because Carmageddon had prevented me from reuniting with my “Part 1” viewing cohorts, i.e. the Golden Snitch and Hermione; and, knowing when Harry Potter weekend is on ABC Family because of all the Facebook status updates. Thanks, Zuckerberg. Once again, I spend so much time on Facebook that I feel I have developed some clout with Marky Mark and am able to call him whatever I want.

Another reason for my obsession is the fact that Potter fans, and J.K. herself, are intelligent. Even if I were older when the first book came out and did not grow up with the books and films, I firmly believe that Harry Potter would still be a huge part of my life. Unlike another book series which tries to rival Harry Potter with its passionate fan base and involves a possessive vampire boyfriend and an idiot girl who thinks that his controlling nature is adorable, J.K. uses words in such a deliciously poetic ways. Well, with the see Potter, page 9
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Geoffrey Lerew

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 Earn Two Degrees in Four Years with JD/MBA Joint Degree
Geoffrey Lerew

The JD/MBA joint degree program offers Chapman Law students the ability to earn both degrees in four years, while it would take five years to earn them separately. An additional year of graduate-level courses is a significant investment of time and money, but the advantages of such an education can be valuable to graduates seeking to expand their marketability. It offers a unique set of skills in an increasingly competitive job market and strengthening economy.

Although, the business-minded subject matter of the Argyros School of Business and Economics is quite divergent from that of the Law School, students in the program agree that the additional year of degree improves and enhances their law degree. 4. Hannah Elhala says the dual degree will make her a “more dynamic and versatile professional,” while Cheyse Newsom wants to be “more marketable” in today’s challenging job market.

JD/ MBA graduate Jason Waite says the dual degree has given him the skill set to “handle almost any situation” in the increasingly intersecting spheres of law and business.

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You Can Study Abroad ... But Should You?

Luke Salava

Exotic locales and beautiful people. History brought to life and new friends made for life. Inside views of world-class cities and outside classes with world-class view. Tranquil self-reflection and carefree celebration — perhaps graduate sooner; probably pay off loans later. Such is the lot of the student who studies abroad; should you consider becoming one? The answer is eyeball-rollingly lawyerish: it depends.

The popularity of study abroad programs is obvious: students travel to the exotic locales and beautiful people. But you could also score and wind up the following in mind:

- Have a back-up plan. Avoid being stuck at home, jobless, because your program was canceled due to low enrollment.
- Logistical challenges also surface: Are you the type who longs for practical experience in the way of internships, clinics, competitions, and the like? You might regret depleting available Pass/Fail credits by studying abroad. Will you have credits available for a full-time externship after transferring in all your study abroad credits? Likely not. Further, some programs’ grades transfer as Pass/Fail, whereas others’ grades count toward GPA. How hard do you want to work? If you need to boost that GPA, officially sanctioned programs can be just the ticket; if you prefer to experience a more “cultural” immersion, you’ll need to seek that Pass/Fail program.

Still interested? Consider some of the following factors when examining program offerings (try to speak with students who have participated in prior years; if you know none, ask for references): How many cities to visit? Most are in one locale, others visit multiple cities, offering more breadth—but perhaps less depth. Where will you stay? Having to arrange your own housing can be terrifying if you don’t know the neighborhoods, but you could also score and wind up the envy of everyone. Some programs place you in their accommodations, which can range from average to inconvenient to unpalatable.

How about the quality and quantity of field trips? Is your program replete with opportunities to visit courts, law firms, legislatures, museums and diverse organizations—all fabulous opportunities that non-students may never get—or will you be planted in a classroom nearly every moment?

Will you have foreign or American professors? Native professors can offer fascinating perspectives—but their lecture styles can also leave you pining for the good of Socratic Method.

Who will be your classmates? Bear in mind that some destinations attract mostly a certain demographic, and that few winter or summer programs put you in class with locals.

If you’ve made up your mind to go, have been accepted to the program, and are about to buy your tickets, congratulations! You’ll likely have made one of the happiest decisions of your life. Just keep the following in mind:

BEFORE YOU GO

Get approval from home. Check with the registrar, and know that you may need to submit a petition to have your program approved. Pro bono work is good; pro bono study (with tuition) is unfortunate. Have a back-up plan. Avoid being stuck at home, jobless, because your program was canceled due to low enrollment.

Potter, from page 5

exception of the last sentence of the series. If you have read the book, then you know what I am talking about. When you read the books, you are immersed in a magical, influential fantasy world full of Thetralbs, Nargles, Deltamaniac and Sorting Hats. Each flip of the page is increasingly exciting. Add in the witty displayed on Potter fansite and Lord, Voldemort’s 7½ Twitter feed, and you can see the intelligence of other members of the Potter community.

Lastly, the books are timeless. I re-read the last book over the summer after seeing the last film so I could compare the two. The movies do a brilliant job of capturing the magic of the books, but there is always something to be said about using your own imagination. Although it has been four years since I first read this book, I still just as engrossed in it as the last time. For a children’s book, there are thought-provoking themes that people of any age can ponder, such as the meaning of life and death: "why had [Harry] never appreciated what a miracle he was, brain and nerve and bounding heart. It would all be gone...or at least, he would be gone from it" (692). Frankly, no one can deny the awesomeness of a book when both ten and seventy-year olds can appreciate the complexity of the characters and experience pure joy in reading it.

I personally could not imagine my life without Harry Potter. But, since I have him, “all is well”.

Working Abroad: Vietnam

Jessie Brownell
Senior Editor

While almost anywhere one I know in law school was preparing to have a long summer of local law firms, a colleague of mine from Virginia was taking a flight to Southeast Asia; Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to be exact.

It all started on a warm November afternoon in Southern California. I was sitting in a meeting listening to a speaker promise “summer travel” “for credit” and, especially enticing, “loans will cover it”. I couldn’t believe my ears. The speaker was Alane De Luca from Suffolk Law School in Boston. She was talking about the opportunities for those interested in international law or those interested in working and studying abroad. She boasted a 99 percent placement rate and stated that all you had to do was apply. Nothing could have sounded better than a summer abroad, learning, working, and gaining experience. I turned in everything and handed over all and one very big decision to make.

I ended up choosing Vietnam for the cultural experience and for its close proximity even greater cities that I could travel to. I was placed at an international investment banking firm where I worked directly under the general counsel. It was an amazing experience to say the least. I worked on board resolutions, power of attorneys, and reviewed internal documents. I met people from all over the world and from all walks of life. While in Vietnam, I was able to travel all around the central and southern parts of the country, seeing cities such as DaNang, Ho An, Da Lat and Nha Trang. I saw beautiful beaches, breathtaking pagodas, and met people I would have otherwise never had the opportunity to meet. I was working at a large firm and so while the majority of employees were Vietnamese, there were also Canadians, Singaporeans, Australians, Americans and Malaysians working with me. Most of the Vietnamese employees spoke English and were more than willing to assist me with learning a few words. This was essential as being another American law student working for a local firm and had an instant travel buddy, which I found to be safer and more enjoyable than doing everything by myself. My summer last six weeks in total, though it really flew by. After I left Vietnam, I had the opportunity to travel to Indonesia and Australia, both of which were amazing.

I know it seems impossible to gain experience while doing something as exciting as travelling, but here’s how I told my parents that not only is it possible, it is actually relatively easy. Later this year the Internaional Law Society is going to Vietnam and the same speaker back and you too can see what a wonderful opportunity this is. If you wish to know more about this opportunity or other cities discussed above, please feel free to e-mail me at: brown211@mail.chapman.edu.

PHOTO BY JESSE BROWNELL

Needless to say, my first couple weeks I had a lot of difficulty getting around. With help from my boss, who was born in Vietnam but grew up and/or my experience doing everything by myself. My summer last six weeks in total, though it really flew by. After I left Vietnam, I had the opportunity to travel to Indonesia and Australia, both of which were amazing.

I would end my article here, but, in my opinion, those three words are not a respectable ending to any writing. They even go so far as to leave a horrible taste in my mouth that I cannot get rid of. Here’s how I would have ended it: “Hedwig looked down from bird heaven at the young wizards and witches below and gave a satisfying ‘hoot’! Harry looked up toward the sky; as if he heard it, and then felt a sense of peace. Harry’s scar has not hurt him for nineteen years, and this hoot heard yonder in the distance was an affirmation that it would never hurt again.”

Perfection! Speaking of Hedwig, I am still waiting on my Hogwart’s acceptance letter, even though it has been ten years... no big deal...
Catherine Conroy

On the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, Chapman Law students gathered at the Angels vs. Yankees game to take a break from the demands of school and, of course, to commemorate and honor the lives of those lost on that infamous day.

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