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NYU Law's Raid on Columbia's Law School Faculty Continues: Catherine Sharkey Comes Aboard

By BEN KLEINMAN '08

Professor Catherine Sharkey probably qualifies as a legal rockstar. NYU Law has had plenty of them grace us with their presence – Yoshino, Feldman, C-Rod... And based on what I know of those professors and what I heard from Professor Sharkey during our interview, she shares not just their impeccable qualifications but also their passion for teaching. What came through when she and I spoke was both a personal interest in students, and also a scientist's or experimentalist's (an empiricist's, she might have me say) interest in how best to engage with students.

First, the credentials: Yale undergrad with a rindoculous GPA and two national lacrosse championships to her credit. Rhodes Scholar. Yale Law School. Clerkships for Judge Calabresi and Justice Souter. Temple Bar Scholar in London. A few years of litigation work at a firm for seasoning, and then a mere four years at Columbia before becoming a full Professor. After visiting at Harvard and NYU last year, Professor Sharkey is now all ours, joining a number of others who have made the move downtown from Columbia Law, including Issacharoff, Estlund, and Waldron.

It's clerkship season, so let's go there first. With two prestigious clerkships under her belt and her experience as co-chair of Columbia's clerkship committee, it's no surprise that we've tapped her to serve on our clerkship committee. Sharkey values clerkships for the same reasons many others do – in addition to the experience itself, the judges become mentors for life. But she does have some advice for those of you out there who may be contemplating the clerkship process in a year or two, and it's relevant even to those of you who aren't: relax.

"Enjoy yourself and immerse yourself" when you first start law school, she advises. First semester grades will be what they will be and, while they matter, they're not completely determinative of whether or not you can get a clerk-

ship down the road. Of course, if your grades aren't where you want them to be, it never hurts to show an "upward trajectory." If you're interested in clerkships or an academic career, or simply getting more out of your time at law school, Sharkey recommends that you develop a relationship with your (or any) professors.

We spoke a lot about how to develop that relationship. With her experience at Yale, Sharkey was familiar with a smaller student body and smaller classes. But NYU, like Columbia, is huge. Professor Sharkey and her colleagues struggle with the same problem faced by many students at NYU: how to foster an atmosphere of collegiality and approachability in a law school the size of ours. Sharkey, whose torts class this semester has 112 people in it, has tried different ways to "foster engagement."

One method she's trying here after past success is TA-sections. These are optional weekly sessions, run by the TAs, where students can explore issues in more depth or work out issues they may not have grasped the first time around. Sharkey also relies on her TAs in brainstorming sessions to come up for new ways to engage students. For example, she's varied her office hours so that once a week she has open sessions when small groups of students usually come in to discuss issues, and once a week she has appointment office hours that target students who want the benefit of a one-on-one meeting.

Sharkey is less fond of email as a way of connecting with students, basically because it doesn't give her enough insight into how students are thinking. She "like[s] face to face contact in an electronic age." The ideal would be to have students talking about issues in the lounge, with professors occasionally popping in or walking by, joining in the general conversation. This is the kind of atmosphere Sharkey encourages through her student lunches (a program dear to most NYU students), which she holds on cam-

pus to maximize the time she has to meet and talk with her students. But the winds of technological progress are strong, and this year Sharkey's experimenting with online discussion boards that are linked to the TA-sections.

Of course, being a law professor isn't all about teaching, and Sharkey has come to appreciate the "biorhythms" of the job. As classes wind down and summer approaches, she gets to indulge her "passion for ideas and writing" with a season of "fervent reading and writing." Anyone interested can find a sample of her work, but lately she's been most interested in the intersection of law, particularly torts, and institutions. Her illustrative example was that the pharmaceutical industry can be subject to common law actions, tort legislation, or FDA regulation (at the very least). Lately, larger industry players have been agitating for regulation to preempt legislation or common law claims, perhaps on the theory that it's easier for them to capture one federal regulatory body than to lobby national legislators or, especially, a multitude of states. These questions of intersectionality and preemption are fertile ground for Sharkey. In fact, one of the reasons she made the move to NYU was the strength of the research programs in and the collaboration among the torts, civil procedure, and administrative law disciplines.

Law isn't all teaching and writing though – Sharkey travels a surprising amount, largely to workshop and present on research. All of which keeps her from her 8 1/2 month old son Caleb, whose picture flits across her screen with regularity during our interview.

During her time as a Rhodes Scholar and a Temple Bar Scholar, Sharkey had the opportunity to step outside the boundaries that sometimes constrain our ability to think critically about the institutions that we're most familiar with. In sharing her daily life with people from around the world and immersing herself in traditions different from those she grew up with and studied, Sharkey seems to have gained an appreciation for the idea that inertia is not always sufficient justification for proceeding with business as usual. Her experiments with teaching and engaging students mirror her current academic interests. If there's a better way of doing things, Professor Sharkey is likely to give it a shot.



Louisiana's Jena 6 Find Support at NYU

By BOBBIE ANDELSON '08

On Thursday, September 20, the Black Allied Law Students Association (BALSA) held a fundraiser in support of the "Jena 6" from 9 am to 5 pm in the Vanderbilt Courtyard.

During this time, BALSA members collected donations for the Jena 6 Defense Fund, a legal defense fund for six black teens charged in an alleged assault against a white classmate in the tiny town of Jena, Louisiana. The group of six teens has become widely known in the media and throughout the country as the "Jena 6."

The Political Action Chairs of BALSA, Philip Desgranges '09 and Krenice Roseman '09, planned the event at the law school to coincide with the Jena 6 National Day of Action. On September 20, the NAACP led a rally in Jena in support of the Jena 6.

Students who donated \$1 or more to BALSA members fundraising in the Vanderbilt Courtyard received a black ribbon to wear as a show of support for the Jena 6.

BALSA does not have a total count on the number of ribbons handed out, but they raised \$336 to give to the Defense Fund.

Roseman considered the event a success for two reasons. "First, we were able to raise [money for] the Jena 6 legal defense fund," she said. "Second, we were able to generate some discussion and awareness about the Jena 6 within the NYU School of Law community with fact sheets describing the situation in Louisiana. Many people were generally unaware about what actually happened in Jena, Louisiana and became more interested in the

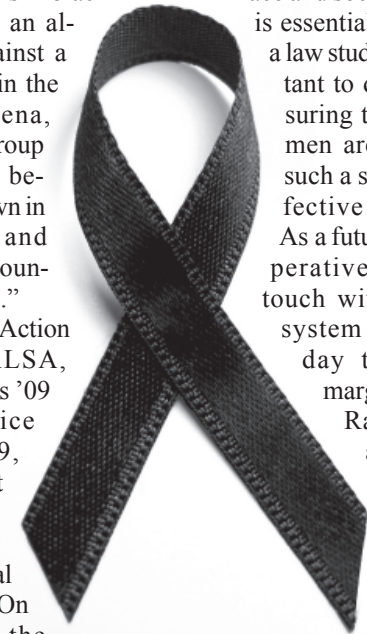
story of the young men after dropping by our table."

Roseman continued: "[Planning the event] was important because the situation in Jena, Louisiana is a reminder of why I came to law school in the first place. Understanding that even in 2007 a dual system of justice continues to exist that harshly defines 'fairness' and 'justice' on the basis of race and socioeconomic status is essential to my growth as a law student. It was important to do our part in ensuring that the six young men are able to combat such a system through effective representation. As a future lawyer, it is imperative that I not lose touch with how the legal system is affecting the day to day lives of marginalized peoples.

Raising awareness about the Jena 6 was just one of many ways the Political Action Committee hopes to heighten the awareness of these issues in the NYU law community."

The town of Jena was wracked with racial tension prior to the Jena 6's assault. Nooses were hung from a tree at the local high school, allegedly as a symbol that the tree was to be congregated at only by whites. A potentially racially motivated arson was committed the weekend before the assault, and that same weekend fighting erupted between groups of blacks and whites.

The Jena 6 have received national attention in part because they were charged with attempted murder, and the lethal weapon cited by the district attorney to justify the charge was their sneakers. The first trial of one of the boys also resulted in his being convicted of aggravated battery and conspiracy to commit battery after a two-hour deliberation by an all-white jury.



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De-D'Ag-Ifying EIW: Not Everyone's in Favor of It

BY THE EDITORIAL BOARD

As reported in the last issue of the illustrious newspaper you're currently holding in your hot little hands (or, perhaps, looking at on your laptop because – that's right – we've got a digital edition), the law school is considering moving next year's Early Interview Week (EIW) out of the unoccupied dorm rooms of D'Agostino Hall and into a fancy-shmancy hotel. While perhaps a hotel would provide a more businesslike ambiance than can really be achieved when a twin extra-long is leaning against the wall (I, for one, certainly associate the highly commercialized modern-contemporary abstract/landscape art found on the walls of most hotel rooms with professionalism), I can't say that I'm unequivocally in favor of the proposed move.

I imagine the reason stated above is one of the major motivations – if not the only motivation – for transplanting EIW to a new locale. But I'm not sure it's a very good reason. Having just gone through the sometimes rather harrowing process to which the acronym "EIW" has been assigned, I never once heard from any of my fellow participants anything like the following: "Gee, these interviews are just too relaxed. I really wish this thing were in a more stifled environment so that none of us could for-

get for even a moment that our future careers depend on our performances this week." Sure, maybe our peer schools that hold their interviewing weeks in hotels do come off as more professional, but who's to say that's a good thing? (As far as I can tell, we're doing a damn fine job in getting recruited by law firms, even when compared to the aforementioned schools.) Who among us could resist not once taking a good-natured jab at the thumb-tack holes in the walls or the desk etched with "Clyde wuz here"? Don't even try to tell me that having the interviews in D'Ag didn't make for a pretty good icebreaker at least once.

And imagine what it would be like to actually have to do the interviews in a hotel. Now, I've never seen an interview week in a hotel – and I neglected to do anything even remotely resembling research for this article – so I don't know exactly how it would go down. But I can think of two possibilities. First, it might be structured exactly as it's structured now, with the interviews taking place in individual rooms normally used

for overnight guests. At that point, you're still lacking a sense of professionalism (due in large part to the bed in middle of the room), but you're still stuck in a stuffy environment, and you don't have the have the minor imperfections that make the D'Ag rooms so easy to deride without coming off as snooty. It also seems as though there would

be a hugely prohibitive cost associated with such an arrangement. There were 14,600 interview slots available at this past year's EIW. Figuring that each room can accommo-



date 20 interviews per day, the interviews would take up 146 rooms for 5 days, meaning that the school would have to rent a total of 730 room-days. Using a conservative \$250 cost per night per room in a reasonably upscale New York City hotel room, we're talking \$182,500 in expenditures. Granted, I don't know how much money the school is losing by not being able to rent out those rooms in D'Ag for the week, but I'd be willing to bet it's not that much.

The second possible way I see things going down in a hotel is to

make use of those giant conference halls they've got. I'd feel comfortable calling that milieu actually professional, and in all likelihood it'd be less expensive than renting out the hotel rooms (though I won't even pretend to have any idea how much it costs to rent out a hotel conference hall). But those benefits come at a cost: things would

have to be set up like the PILC interviews at Spring OCI are set up, meaning that a number of interviews are taking place in the rooms simultaneously. While I am curious to hear where Johnny Law Student sees himself in five years, it's more than a little distracting and – here I have to backtrack a little bit – antithetical to the much sought-after professional atmosphere. Also it's just weird to have people hovering around your interview table as they wait for their turn to sell their souls; I far prefer there being a door to keep them out of sight and out of mind while I'm attempting to differentiate myself from every-

one else that, honestly, I'm exactly the same as.

One final consideration comes to mind. We've held EIW in D'Ag before. Many times before. We know the score. The operation is smooth, and if any hiccups arise, there are people and resources on hand to take care of them. Holding EIW in a hotel would be a new experience, and while I'm not totally opposed to changing the status quo, there's always a significant risk associated with those changes. Namely, you've got to fumble around in the dark for a while until you know where the light switch is. Mistakes aren't necessarily earth-shattering, but they could potentially affect a student's future career, and that's certainly something to be wary of.

So you know what the punchline is: I think EIW should stay in D'Ag. Maybe my plea comes too late to do anything at this point. The wheels might already be in motion, the deposit already laid down. But if not, let's not follow the crowd and move everything to the corporate sterility of a business hotel. Our EIW has personality that stems from its residing in a dormitory, and it should stay that way. But if it is too late, and we can't back away from the move, just remember in the future, after my predictions about how much more miserable things are going to be in a hotel are borne out, that D'Ag is still an option.

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Continuing Series: Educating 1Ls

Being a 1L can be tough: you've paid a fortune to be here, had to pay another fortune to buy your books, now you have to read those books, and God only knows what Civil Procedure is about at this point. And no one else is making things easier. All they do is throw around law school jargon that's littered with acronyms and normally familiar words being used to convey new meaning. The Commentator wants to help ease your transition, with this (sort of) helpful guide to learning the lingo.

"A" paper – the law student's wannabe-thesis

Although Amanda's "A" paper contained original scholarship, it was still boring as all hell.

Callback – a painfully extended

interview conducted at a firm, often accompanied by an overpriced lunch

"I just got back from an 8-hour callback at Cravath, and all they gave me was a lousy lunch."

C&S – "cite and substance" checking, journal grunt work largely relegated to over-eager 2Ls

"Boy, I sure am looking forward to spending this beautiful Saturday in the library C&Sing!"

EIW – "early interview week," the week preceding the first week of classes, when screening interviews are conducted to determine who will receive callbacks at which firms

Having spent the week before classes in Aruba rather than at EIW, Roy knew he'd chosen wisely by opting for a career in public interest.

Golding vs. Greenberg – Golding is a lounge, and Greenberg a hall; you eat in the former and meet in the latter

Golding is upstairs, Greenberg is downstairs.

"Hide the ball" – obfuscate or otherwise obscure the point that's being driven at

No professor thinks he or she hides the ball, but they all do.

OCI – "on-campus interviews," when firms looking to hire students interview them – cryptically enough – on campus

Spring OCI is most useful for increasing the size of your pen collection.

Summer (v) – to work during the summer

"I chose the non-traditional path and summered at McDonald's."

Summer associate – glorified intern

"I'm going to be a summer associate at White & Case." "You mean you're going to be an intern there?"

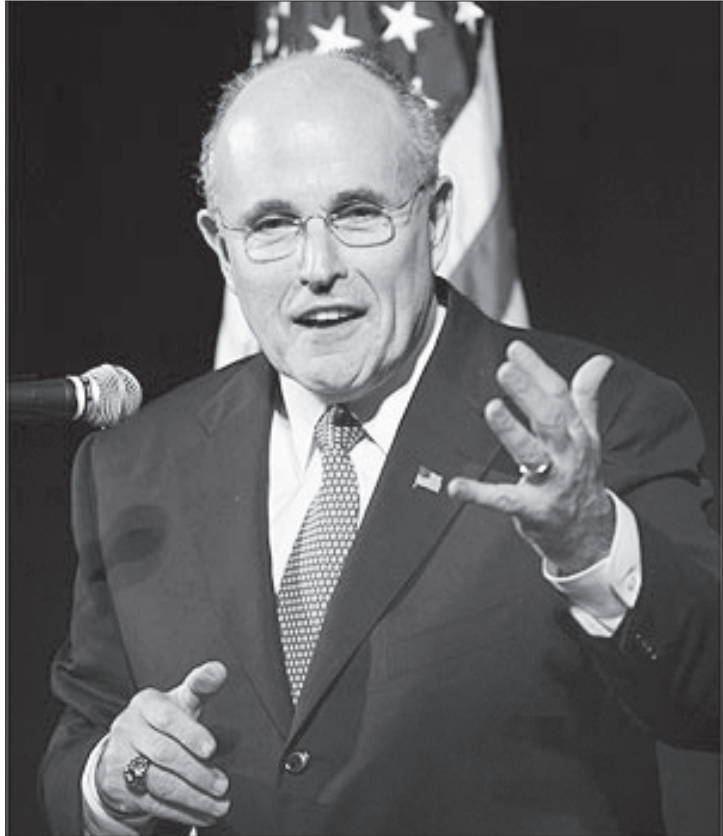
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Rudy Giuliani: It's All About Foreign Policy



BY NOAM HABERMAN '08

My vote for President in 2008 will be based on who I feel can be trusted to conduct America's foreign policy. Presidential candidates can promise appealing things like universal health care coverage, better schools and social security reform – but the glaring failures of our past few Presidents to deliver in those areas should make it clear that their power is limited to deliver on such promises.

However, foreign policy is almost purely the President's to decide. I plan to vote for Rudy Giuliani because he is the candidate I trust most to conduct America's foreign policy in a period where the United States cannot afford to repeat the mistakes of the previous two administrations.

Over the past thirty years, the US has committed errors that have been costly (e.g. the handling of the Iranian hostage crisis, the reactions to the USS Cole and African Embassy bombings, the re-

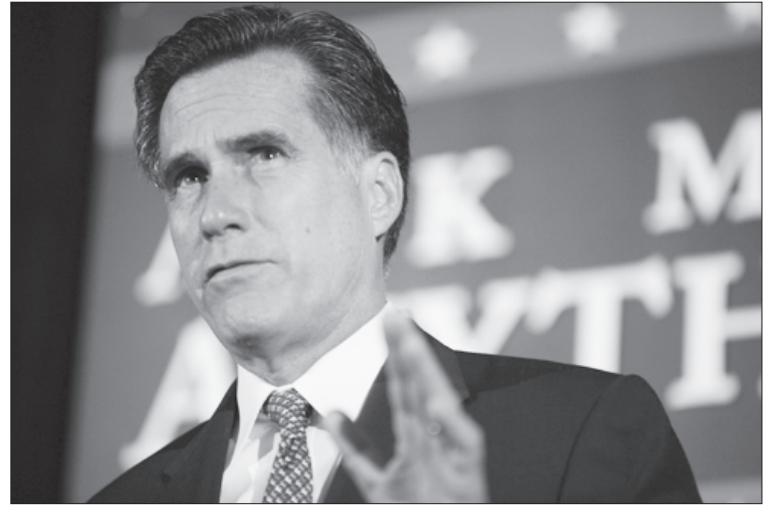
treats from Beirut and Mogadishu) and were a direct result of leadership that was unwilling to be stubborn and draw red lines against a new kind of threat. Although Giuliani has had limited opportunity to demonstrate actions in these areas, his rejection of Yasser Arafat's presence at a New York City-hosted UN party and his refusal of \$10 million from Saudi Prince Alwaleed after 9/11 provide a glimpse of a value system that is unwilling to entertain the idea of moral relativism and fully willing to eschew political correctness if it means going against the interests of this country. Most importantly, if Giuliani is elected President, Americans will be able to live knowing that countries like Iran and Syria will not get their hands on nuclear weapons – something I honestly cannot say with conviction regarding any of the other candidates of either party.

Mitt Romney: A Man with Experience

BY JOHN POTTER '08

Managerial competence. These two words have permeated my thoughts this last week as I have considered why I am supporting Mitt Romney for President. Perhaps some of our recent heartaches as a country are due to a lack of presidential managerial competence. How much suffering could have been avoided in New Orleans and how many lives could have been saved in Iraq had we a President who could effectively and wisely run Washington? Mitt Romney has the leadership skills that we as a country are looking for.

Romney's experience is importantly not confined to politics. After graduating *cum laude* from Harvard Law School and in the top 5 percent of his business class at Harvard Business School, Romney served as vice president of Bain & Company, Inc. and later co-founded and led Bain Capital, a private equity investment firm that helped Domino's Pizza and Staples achieve success. Throughout his years in the private sector, Romney devel-

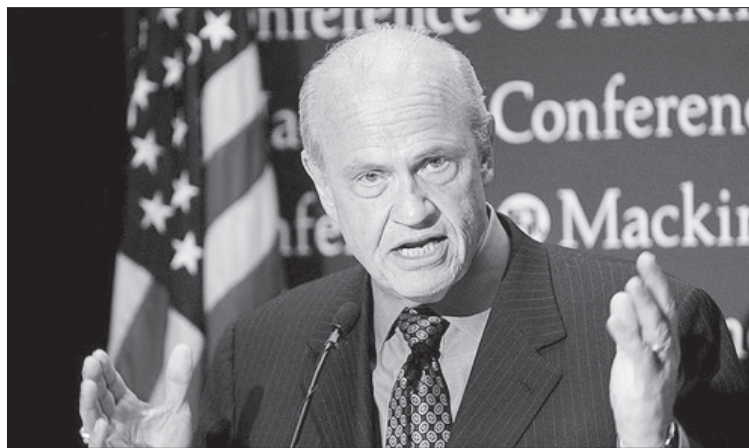


oped a reputation for delving into data and surrounding himself with advisors who disagreed with him so that, through rigorous debate and analysis, the best solutions could be reached. When the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics were scandal-plagued and steeped in financing woes, Romney stepped in and led what is widely regarded as the best Winter Olympics ever. Romney's resume also includes an impressive term serving as governor of Massachusetts, where he signed the nation's

first universal healthcare law.

Now, of course, I am not endorsing Romney simply because of his resume. We share many political viewpoints and ideals, which I would go into if I had space. But the fact is, there's a reason why this country has not elected a Senator as President in almost 50 years – we need a President with managerial competence, which is best gained and demonstrated through gubernatorial experience.

Fred Thompson: Brought Down Nixon



BY ANDREW KLOSTER '10

During the 2004 Democratic National Convention, I saw Barack Obama deliver a speech that spoke to me – a vision for a unified America based on transcendental values and a common vision for the future. I would be supporting Obama if I hadn't been paying close attention to his political career; the vision is compelling. Yet I hail from Chicago, and I know that Obama believed not a word he read off that teleprompter at the DNC.

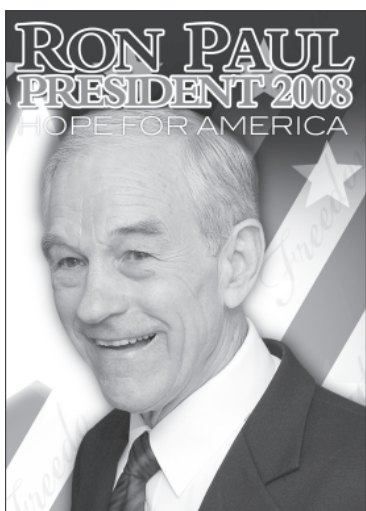
This disappointing fact left me for some time undecided, but I've got my guy now: Fred Thompson. You know him from *Law & Order*, where he played a bulldog of a New York DA. But the question lingers: was this just an "Obama" role, or is Thompson really that competent in real life?

In 1973, Senator Howard Baker from Tennessee asked the Watergate Committee, "What did the President know, and when did he know it?" Many credit this question with the downfall of

Nixon, and the man that wrote it was none other than Fred Thompson, doing his part by crossing party lines in the interests of public decency and accountability. Since that time, Thompson has garnered more experience in government and private practice than Hillary Clinton at the very least, and many of the other candidates on both sides. He has been Special Counsel to several Congressional committees, not to mention a US Senator. As Senator, he voted with the American people time and again, regardless of party lines.

As Senator Susan Collins of Maine once remarked, "I believe that Fred is a fearless Senator. By that I mean he was never afraid to cast a vote or take a stand, regardless of the political consequences." That's the type of guy I'd like in Washington, and he's the only candidate on either side I see capable of living up to this high standard. Visit Fred08.com if you'd like to get more information or to learn how to help Fred and America.

Ron Paul: Delivering Freedom, Prosperity and Peace to America



BY JOEL NYBECK

If you look at the three above words, freedom, prosperity, and peace, you may think these are the typical political promises thrown around by the standard arrogant, power-hungry politician. However, if elected, Dr. Ron Paul, a Congressman from Texas, would deliver on these promises. He is proven. He doesn't really care about money. He is genuine and sincere.

If you were to meet Dr. Paul you would find him to be a man who evades typical politics. He will talk with you, not at you, while remaining down to earth. Dr. Paul started

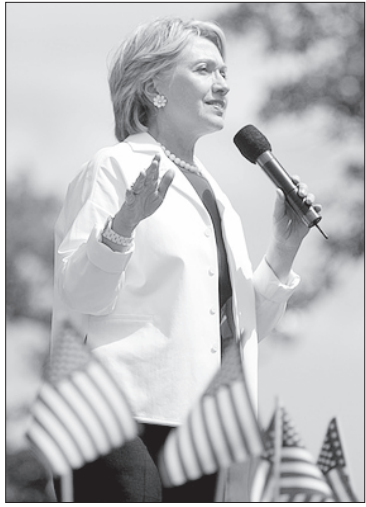
his career as a flight surgeon for the Air Force before beginning his own medical practice. As a specialist in obstetrics/gynecology, Dr. Paul has delivered more than 4,000 babies. Wait, a politician that didn't get his money from oil or his parents? Maybe there is hope here.

If you like the Constitution, Ron Paul is your man. Congressman Paul's consistent voting record prompted one of his congressional colleagues to say, "Ron Paul personifies the Founding Fathers' ideal of the citizen-statesman. He makes it clear that his principles will never be compromised, and they never are." Another colleague observed,

"There are few people in public life who, through thick and thin, rain or shine, stick to their principles. Ron Paul is one of those few." And to back up these statements, here's a sampling of his voting record:
 ·Paul has never voted to raise taxes.
 ·Paul has never voted for an unbalanced budget.
 ·Paul has never voted for the Iraq War.
 ·Paul has never voted to increase the power of the executive branch.
 ·Paul has never voted to raise congressional pay.
 ·Paul has never taken a government-paid junket.
 ·Paul voted against the Patriot Act.

·Paul votes against regulating the internet.
 ·Paul voted against NAFTA and CAFTA.
 ·Paul votes against the welfare state.
 ·Paul votes against reinstating a military draft.
 ·Paul votes to preserve the Constitution.
 ·Paul votes to cut government spending.
 ·Paul votes to lower healthcare costs.
 ·Paul votes to end the war on drugs.
 ·Paul votes to protect civil liberties.
 ·Paul votes to secure our borders with *real* immigration reform.
 ·Paul votes to protect religious freedom.

Hillary Clinton: Passionate and Pragmatic



By ARIEL GLASNER '08

The last eight years of the Bush administration have turned the Oval Office into the consummate fix-it project. With a comprehensive approach grounded in her years of experience in government and public service, Hillary Clinton has detailed proposals to restore the executive branch and repair America's image at home and abroad, by ending the war in Iraq and by embarking on a campaign of diplomacy and good will. She

has also announced her plans to revive fiscal responsibility at all levels of government, promote stem cell research and combat global warming.

I am voting for Hillary because of her political drive and intellect, because of her courage in testing and breaking social and gender barriers and because of the concrete policy proposals that she has put forth. Most recently, Hillary announced her plan for expanding health care coverage to the 47 million people still without insurance in this country. Using her previous attempt at healthcare reform as a building block, Hillary has presented a plan that offers the most realistic possibility of passage in a Congress where no single party is expected to have a huge governing mandate, no matter the results of next year's elections. (Details of her plan are available at <http://www.hillaryclinton.com/feature/healthcareplan/>.)

Dismissing Hillary's chances at defeating the Republican nominee because she provokes polarizing emotions is a mistake. Hillary is inspiring precisely because of

the passion she brings to our political process. As the junior Senator from New York, she has consistently worked across the aisle to accomplish legislative reform. The presidential campaign Hillary has run also demonstrates why she will excel in the Oval Office. She has taken on the heightened scrutiny she attracts as a female candidate with the last name Clinton readily and ably. She has displayed her pragmatism and personality in using the internet to reach out to her audience and build support for her campaign. And she has surrounded herself with a brain trust that does not merely nod its collective head in royal submission to her ideas.

When Hillary Clinton declared her candidacy for the presidency, she announced that she was joining the race to win. Hillary Clinton's experience, the policy proposals she has presented and her passion for the job make her the Democrats' best candidate to take back the White House.

John Edwards: A Bold Progressive Who Can Win

By TERRY McMAHON '08



First off, if you're a solid progressive, you should vote for John Edwards. How many times have you had to choose between the candidate you like and the candidate who can win? This time, you can do both. Amazingly, John Edwards is the boldest progressive running for president, and he's got the best chance of winning. It's not just the polls that show him doing the best against the Republican field: John Edwards can inspire the base, appeal to the swing vote, and stand up proudly for Democratic values. That's a formula that will win.

The John Edwards story is familiar but revealing. He grew up in a mill town, saw what happened when the mill left and specifically became a lawyer to fight for people like those from his hometown. He then spent the next twenty years as a tireless advocate for those who had been unfairly injured by big institutions and faceless corporations, eventually becoming one of America's premiere trial lawyers. This is relevant because, although the time is right for a transformational president, Washington is a powerful force against change. Our Democratic nominee should be a candidate with a visceral connection to the people

who have been forgotten across America, so that we can be sure, right now, that when the establishment fights back, the next President won't buckle.

So, sure, John Edwards has served in the Senate, he's worked with world leaders, and he's become an expert on the details of the progressive agenda. The difference, though, is the motivation. It's not about politics with Edwards. There's something inside him that keeps pushing, onwards and upwards, until we have a country that lives up to our ideals. If you want a candidate who can win, a President with the right values and a fighter who will never give up, then it's time to support John Edwards.

Barack Obama: Fearlessly Vociferous

By MEAGAN SWAY '08

Let's face it: Democrats are obsessed with electability. We fear Barack Obama's inexperience will lead voters astray; Hillary is the more experienced candidate and Edwards the charismatic southern white man in a suit. If you think Obama's inexperience is an issue, I point you to the obvious analogies to John Kennedy and George Bush. Neither was experienced, but their diligence and awareness of the consequences of their actions set their administrations apart. Obama is charismatic, thoughtful, and aware, and he wants to take this country in a better direction. These traits will win over voters without producing the high negatives other candidates have.

The next President of the United States will also need exceedingly good judgment, not only in running the country day-to-day, but also to reverse course on policies at home and abroad that are detrimental to our nation's future health. Obama has shown such judgment, as is illustrated by his early opposition to the Iraq war.

Obama is impressive not only in that he believed from the beginning that invading Iraq was a mistake, but also in that he voiced his opposition before any of the major Democratic presidential candidates, he predicted the disastrous aftermath of the invasion we see today and he has crafted a sensible exit strategy to the deepening quagmire. What is remarkable above all, however, is that just days after Congress – with negligible dissent – wrote President Bush a blank check to invade Iraq, Obama showed up at a rally in Chicago and declared the impending invasion a “dumb war.”

Why do I make such a big

deal out of this? In a culture of acquiescence, Obama dared to voice a very unpopular sentiment, while most other politicians remained silent for fear of their careers. We can speculate about what he would have done had he been in Congress and not the Illinois state senate, but the fact remains that as a politician aiming for a national campaign, it was a gutsy move. He demonstrated his good judgment and his imperative to speak truth, and we can expect and demand that of him when he is President.



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