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Like Communism, New UNIQLO Robot Is Cool in Theory, Lame in Practice



Robert Gerrity

UNIQLO's SoHo location is now home to Mitsubishi Heavy Industries' "Wakamaru" humanoid robot. While Wakamaru is supposed to respond to a variety of English commands and assist (or at least amuse) UNIQLO shoppers, he prefers to lead shoppers in four second "let's exercise" routines. What does this have to do with law school? Very little—until Wakamaru learns to review discovery documents and complete due diligence research, eliminating the need for first-year associates.

Legal Briefs

O.J. Simpson was convicted of armed robbery and kidnapping on October 3, exactly 13 years after he was acquitted of the murders of Ron Goldman and Nicole Brown.

The University of Michigan Law School has announced the creation of its Wolverine Scholars Program, which will allow undergraduates at the university with a GPA of 3.8 or higher to apply to the law school without taking the LSAT.

The Commentator made its first ever appearance on the popular law-gossip blog Above the Law (ATL). The site lambasted an editorial run in these pages on October 1. Reached for comment, Andrew Gehring '09, the piece's author, said, "I guess no one read my editorial last year about how I wish people would stop submitting inane NYU news to ATL."

On October 7, NYU Law held a mock trial for Luis Posada Carriles, former CIA operative and anti-Castro Cuban. Carriles was given asylum in America despite having admitted to being involved with terrorist attacks in Cuba. In real life, charges against Posada were dismissed in May of 2007.

Constitutional Scholars Argue Over Presidency, Don't Come to Resolution

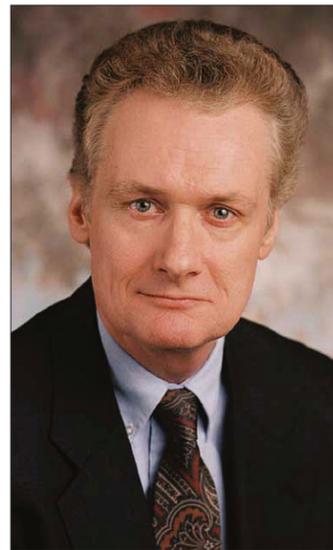
By Andrew Gehring '09

Hours before the presidential debate on Tuesday, October 7, two giants in the field of constitutional law—Roger Pilon, Director of the Center for Constitutional Studies at the Cato Institute, and Geoffrey Stone, professor at the University of Chicago Law School—were brought together by the Federalist Society for their own debate about the presidential candidates' potential effects on the makeup of the Supreme Court. Their discussion, and the free cupcakes, filled a Vanderbilt Hall lecture room to capacity.

Stone, who is currently a visiting professor at NYU, opened the debate in a relaxed fashion, jokingly declaring that he was on "the side of truth, justice, and the American way." Though nominally defending Obama, Stone's opening focused on his interpretation of the current makeup of the Supreme Court. He dispensed with the notion that, simply because a number of recent decisions have been decided by 5 to 4 votes, the Court is balanced. Rather, he argued, any Court would have a number of split decisions because it decides hard cases, which—by definition—are those that would divide the justices.

Stone moved on to contend that the current Court is extremely conservative by historical standards. He asserted that Alito, Roberts, Scalia, and Thomas are the four most conservative justices to have ever held the bench and quoted Justice Stevens as saying that every appointment since the 1970s has moved the Court further to the right. Given that Ginsberg, Souter, and Stevens—typically considered the more liberal justices—are anticipated to be the next to step down, Obama's replacements could only hope to preserve the current balance, while McCain's would continue the rightward progression.

The upshot of Stone's argument became apparent as he began talking about what it means to be "liberal" or "conservative"



Roger Pilon, left, defended the conservative side of the spectrum in his debate with Geoffrey Stone, right, about how the candidates' potential Supreme Court appointees should affect for whom people vote in the November election.

on the bench. Neither label suggests that a justice is not activist; rather, they simply indicate how the justices make use of the law. Liberals, he claimed, use their power to help the oppressed. In contrast, conservatives strike down laws in an unprincipled fashion to advance the aims of political conservatism.

Pilon was the near physical opposite of Stone: a shorter and thinner man with half-moon glasses, he wore a full suit, presenting a stark contrast to the jacketless flamboyance of the orange-shirted Stone. Despite their differences in appearance, Pilon was equally laid back as he opened his half of the debate, jocularly indicating that his "enthusiasm for the Republican party is inversely proportional to the enthusiasm that Sarah Palin shows for it." He continued by gently ribbing his opponent: "Stone has managed to get himself to the left of the *New York Times* editorial page."

When he moved on to the substance of the debate, Pilon made clear the central thrust of his argument: the most important function of the Court is to apply the law, which may or may not coincide with helping the under-represented. As he warmed to his topic, he began speaking rapidly, giving credence to his

claim that his speech would be like "a trip through the Louvre on roller skates," inasmuch as he didn't have nearly enough time to say everything he wanted to. He nevertheless managed to throw in a number of offhand remarks that sparked interest in the crowd, as, for instance, when he claimed that *Lochner v. New York*—notorious for the limits it placed on government power—wasn't wrongly decided.

Essentially, Pilon's contention was that the Constitution provides only enumerated and limited powers to the government. The federal government of today has strayed from that state as a result of the 1937 court-packing plan. The only way to recover governmental restraint, Pilon argued, is through originalist justices.

Though the debaters hardly mentioned the election itself or the candidates' names, the implications of their arguments were clear: Stone saw the conservative progression of the Court as endangering protection of rights for minorities, while Pilon saw liberal activists as empowering the federal government to a dangerous extent. Despite their obviously divergent views—at one point, Stone exclaimed "I couldn't disagree more!" after Pilon finished a thought—the debate ended with a handshake and on friendly terms.

Infra

Every day you're inundated with news and opinions about the upcoming election. *The Commentator* has been silent on the issue until now, and we're sorry about that. We've now rectified the mistake.

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Getting drunk in the Village isn't something people typically have a hard time doing. Doing it cheaply, though, is another matter.

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There's something special about flag football, especially when it's played by soon-to-be lawyers. Get all the gory details.

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SBA Planning Parties, Elections, Another Party

By CARLY LEINHEISER '09

Fall is a busy and exciting time for the Student Bar Association (SBA). Our social chairs, Nish Chari '10 and Natalie Reyes '09, have put together a great social committee to keep bringing you Thursday night parties. And we have elections coming up! On October 15 and 16, we'll be holding elections for 1L, LLM, and transfer representatives. We'll also confirm the appointment of our treasurer Jeff Greenberg '09 from last year. We're really looking forward to welcoming new members to the SBA and hearing the perspectives of NYU Law's newest students.

We have several candidates running for 1L and LLM representative, but currently no one has submitted a completed election packet to run for the transfer representative position. So, transfers, if you're interested in running, shoot me an email and we'll get you all set up. And, if your class is electing a representative, please look out for the link to vote that I'll be sending out by email when the voting opens. You can view the candidates' statements on the SBA website now. To those of you running, good luck!

The other big event that happens in the fall is, of course,

Fall Ball. The Office of Student Affairs will graciously be putting on this event for us in Vanderbilt Hall on Thursday, October 30. Ah, the glory of Fall Ball—there really is nothing like dancing awkwardly with your Lawyering T.A., dressed in an ill-advised law school pun costume, in the very same room where you saw Justice Breyer deliver a speech. Fall Ball is a great chance for the entire law school community to come together, unwind, and show off our oh-so-clever costumes. While Student Affairs puts on the party, the SBA is continuing to work with the administration to make sure that community-building events like Fall Ball are safe and fun places for NYU Law students to celebrate together and work out their law school-related stress by unleashing their mad dancing skills in Greenberg Lounge.

If you have any suggestions for how to improve these events, please feel free to contact me or your representative on the SBA.

Lastly, I'll leave you with a suggestion: start working on your costume immediately. If you think you can get away with leaving it to the last minute, writing some clever things on your palm and telling everyone you're "Learned Hand," I'm here to tell you, it's been done.

Obama Is Change, But He Needs Your Help

By DANIEL HUGHES '09

Eight years of Bush economic policies have been an abject failure. Since 2001, 1.6 million Americans have lost their jobs. Unemployment and poverty are both on the rise. Income inequality is at its highest level since 1928. Home foreclosures are reaching unprecedented levels. The federal budget has reversed from growing surpluses to massive deficits.

Senator John McCain has supported this ruinous policy during his long tenure in Congress and has no plans to change it now. Somehow, McCain plans to balance the federal budget while he gives a \$300 billion tax cut to corporations and the wealthiest executives, increases defense spending, provides a \$700 billion bailout, and continues a \$10 billion-per-month war in Iraq for an indefinite period. Those are the policies of the past eight years. Those are the policies that have failed America.

McCain once said, "The issue of economics is not something I've understood as well as I should." This glaring shortcoming on the Republican nominee's resume was in full view on September 15. When McCain stepped up to a Jacksonville microphone at 9:30 AM, he said that the "fundamentals of the economy were strong." Most cable news networks carried the speech live with

the plummeting Dow Jones Industrial Average displayed prominently on the screen. Within three hours, McCain reversed course entirely, saying that the fundamentals of the economy were "threatened." While McCain was busy collecting his thoughts, the Dow dropped 550 points.

Rather than erratically shifting his policies, Senator Barack Obama has consistently offered a plan to put American back on track. First, an Obama administration will stop corruption and create transparency both on Wall Street and in the federal government. Second, Obama's tax policies will reward hard work rather than greed, giving a tax cut to nearly every American earning less than \$200,000 per year. Third, Obama's spending plans balance the federal budget by ending the war in Iraq, auditing government programs, and closing tax loopholes for large corporations. Fourth, Obama will use that recaptured money to invest in math, science, and engineering education to create a new generation of well paid, environmentally friendly high-tech jobs.

Americans are ready for change. A recent *Newsweek* poll indicated that 85% of Americans think that the country is on the wrong track, with the vast majority stating that the economy is the most important issue facing us today. Americans also favor Obama's recovery plan by

nearly a 2-to-1 margin. With just a few days left before the election, the time has come to turn that support into votes.

As students, each of us has a role to play in this election. If you haven't already, register to vote or request an absentee ballot. If you are from New York, find your local polling place. Talk to friends, family, classmates, and neighbors about voting and even help them get to the polls. Convince your professors to reschedule class so that students have time to vote or volunteer.

The Law Democrats will be providing dozens of opportunities to volunteer before Election Day. This past weekend, many of your classmates campaigned in Philadelphia while Obama paid a visit. You can get involved in future trips to battleground states to get out the vote. If you stay in New York, you can sign up to provide legal assistance at your local polling place to prevent fraud and ensure voting integrity and equal access for all voters. You can also volunteer for one of the dozens of local assembly, senate, or even congressional campaigns that still need your help.

While the polls have swung dramatically in Obama's favor, it's votes that win elections. America knows that it is not time to debate the fundamentals of the economy anymore. It is time to actually change the way America does business. Your efforts over the next several days can help make that change on and well after Election Day.

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Don't Want Another Four Years of Bush? That's Exactly Why You Should Vote for McCain

By JAY BUCHMAN '10

Considering the many benefits of a McCain administration, it is unfortunate how John McCain's failure to run a disciplined and honest campaign has hidden his virtues. McCain chases media cycles, focusing on whatever topic the media is jabbering about that day. One day it's "lipstick on a pig"; the next it's Bill Ayers or a claim that Barack Obama would rather win an election than a war. Focusing on these issues is not only divisive and morally wrong, it also creates the misimpressions that these are McCain's strongest arguments (they're not) and that he has nothing substantive to offer (he does).

McCain is willing to take political risks; Obama isn't. McCain has courageously broken from the conservative Republicans on many issues; I can't think of a single issue where Obama disagrees with the liberal orthodoxy. Why is the willingness to eschew one's party important? Several reasons. For starters, our next president will need to reach across party lines to get things done. Also, breaking with one's party is evidence of open-mindedness, which, generally speaking, is a good quality in politicians.

McCain is also in a better position than Obama to win respect overseas. Foreign respect is based on American policy, not personality. Foreigners may fawn over Obama now, but that will end quickly when he adds details to his vaguely articulated plans. For example, Obama has promised to unilaterally renegotiate the NAFTA treaty. He also votes against free trade, most recently against a trade agreement with South Korea. Note to voters—Obama's isolationist approach on trade will not earn America respect or admiration in the world. And just in case you thought that Obama's huge popularity in Europe will lead to more cooperation in our war on terrorism, think again. A German politician has commented that "Obama should only ask of us what we are able to deliver," later adding, "We won't increase our number of troops." You mean that the thousands of Germans who came to see his speech don't want to enlist? Maybe Obama can still "inspire" them to change their minds.

For those who say that Obama would provide more of a "change" from the Bush administration than McCain, consider Obama's inability to admit when he has been wrong and his self-serving at-

tempts to justify his actions—for instance, his attempt to explain his statement that he would be willing to meet with foreign heads of state without preconditions. Instead of admitting that this statement was a mistake and moving on, he became defensive and dug in, claiming that his critics were "afraid to talk to our enemies." In fact, the Bush administration has never been afraid to have low-level talks with Iran, North Korea, and other rogue countries.

Other examples include Obama's breaking of pledges to take public financing if McCain did the same, and his vow to hold a series of town-hall meetings with McCain around the United States. As for his decision not to accept public financing for his campaign, Obama refused to even consider the fact that he was being hypocritical—his website called the decision "patriotic" and said that he was "declaring his independence" from the broken system. Forget the fact that he has now done more to break the public financing system than any other candidate in history. If Obama continues to show this dangerous inclination toward arrogantly believing he is always right, he could be as dangerous a president as George W. Bush has been.

Cliques, Teetotalers, and Orcs—Oh My!

Part of "Growing Up Law School," a continuing series on the life of a 1L

By MICHAEL MIX '11

"Who wants to go get a drink and talk about our Torts professor?"

I'm sure this is a familiar refrain for many of my fellow 1Ls. People generally bond around common issues—particularly stressful ones—and law school fits that bill perfectly. While going out and gossiping about class and section-mates seems to be a weekly occurrence these days, at the beginning of the year, I was concerned about the difficulty of forging such relationships with other 1Ls.

In new situations, making friends and developing a social circle is one of the most critical aspects of living a happy life. For instance, I remember feeling alone and isolated my first week of college until I began to hang out with the guys who would soon become my best friends. Back then, however, I had the added support of living on a floor with 90 other people; not surprisingly, my best college friends all lived on my floor freshman year.

Going into law school, I wasn't sure what to expect in terms of social life. I had heard that city schools like NYU had reputations of being "commuter schools"—that people hung out with other law students during the day, but at night they went back to their college/high school/work friends. At least that's the idea that some rural law school propaganda machine put into my head. Given the possibility that the rumors could be accurate, I was slightly nervous; while I have a few college and high school friends in New York City, there wasn't anyone whom I could count on to hang out with on a regular basis. My fears were assuaged somewhat when I visited NYU Law for admitted students day and my tour guide told me about how often he went out with other law students (and that he had just gone out for drinks that Wednesday).

When I began my 1L year this August, I was content to find a social mechanism akin to my freshman year floor in college—my section. The first day, though, just finding other section-mates proved to be a tough task. The night I moved into the law school, there was an unofficial class of 2011 mixer at a local bar. I attended, but by some weird coincidence, I didn't meet a single person in my section. This lack of section-mates was definitely unnerving, and my mind raced to come up with explanations. Were they all at home watching *Battlestar Galactica*? Were they all ardent prohibitionists, teetotalers, and members of the Anti-Saloon League? Was I in a section of orcs?

Luckily, I found out later that there were other people in my section around that night, and I coincidentally had just not met any of them. As orientation week passed and classes began, my section began to come together as a cohesive unit, to the point where many of us regularly go out together. Take that, rural law schools!

While the section system definitely aids social life among 1Ls, it also creates an interesting dynamic. I spend an absurd amount of time every week among my fellow section-mates, so I know many of them very well. Unfortunately, it is much more difficult to maintain a friendship with someone from another section. I met plenty of students from outside my section during orientation, but it's almost impossible to keep in touch considering that I never see them.

The section dichotomy also makes me uncomfortable when I'm with members of other sections. If, for some reason, I find myself hanging out with people that aren't in my section, I automatically become worried that they think that there's something wrong with me. I imagine them thinking something like the following about me: "What's this kid doing hanging out with us? He's not even in our section! What a loser! Is there something wrong with him? Let's break his kneecaps with a tire iron."

In retrospect, this line of thinking is probably ridiculous, and I actually enjoy it when someone from another section hangs out with my section. But, even though I'm exaggerating, my fear acutely illustrates the biggest problem with the section system. While it definitely fosters relationships in-class and out-of-class, it automatically creates cliques among the 1Ls. In high school, the cliquiest place known to mankind, the cliques were at least based on some aspect of one's personality, fair or not. In law school, however, the cliques are based on an arbitrary number that NYU Law assigns to you. The other illogical aspect of the section system is that different sections somehow get reputations as the "party section" or the "un-social section" or the "drunk section." I do not know who makes these distinctions, unless there is some sage, goat-herding wise man who sits on the top of Vanderbilt Hall. In reality, usually the people within each section are the ones to designate their section with an adjective. Since no one really has a basis for comparison, these section descriptors are useless.

All in all, the social life in law school isn't that much different from the way it was in college. People go to class, and they go out after class on weekends. Luckily, my concerns about being in a city turned out to be completely unfounded. And as far as I can tell, no one in my section is actually an orc.

Bar Review Happy Hour Round-up

Part of The Commentator's New Student Guide to the Village



Robert Gerrity

By ROBERT GERRITY '09

While the first installment of *The Commentator's* Guide to the Village pointed out where thirsty new students can find a drink close to the law school, finding a cheap drink (and maybe some cheap food to go with it) can be even more important. Rather than leaving you to rely on SBA drink tickets, *The Commentator*

has prepared a multi-part series detailing local happy hour specials.

1849
Bleecker St. between MacDougal and Sixth Ave.

Wing Special: Everyday, 3:00 PM–6:00 PM 20¢ wings. (The list of specials that an 1849 employee will happily provide for you actually advertises ".20 cent wings"—kudos to any-

one who successfully buys 500 wings for \$1.)

Happy Hour: Everyday until 8:00 PM Half-priced beer and well drinks (\$2.50-3.00)

Nightly Specials: (all starting at 8:00 PM) Sunday and Monday: Happy Hour until 1:00 AM; 20¢ wings all day (until the kitchen closes around

midnight) "Loco" Tuesday: \$2 Coronas and \$2 Cuervo Shots (until 1:00 AM) "Mid-Week Madness" Wednesdays: \$7 Pitchers; 20¢ wings during kitchen hours "Thrillin'" Thursdays: Ladies' Night half-priced beer and well drinks; 5¢ draft with any appetizer during kitchen hours



Robert Gerrity

The Half-Pint
Corner of Third St. and Thompson

\$15 buckets (5 cans) of PBR and Rolling Rock

No happy hour or nightly specials, but a good selection of beers on tap and bottled.

SCHUDOKO!

Below you'll find a variation on a standard sudoku grid. Fill in the missing boxes such that each row, column, and three-by-three box contains one of each of the following letters: N Y U L A W S C H. One of the rows or columns will contain the preceding letters in order, spelling "NYU LAW SCH."

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Solution on page 4.

Flag Football Firsthand



Joseph Jerome

BY JOSEPH JEROME '11

Law students at NYU must play flag football on Fridays. I heard this maxim a dozen times within the first two weeks of my 1L existence. Born without any appreciable athletic ability, the prospect of handling a pigskin caused me great concern, but when my Lawyering section formed a team for the SLAP light-contact flag football league, I accepted my fate: I would take the field.

This was how I found myself jogging in place outside Vanderbilt Hall on a gorgeous albeit chilly Friday afternoon, waiting with an odd assortment of would-be football players. Several teammates were still recovering from another exciting SBA Thursday night, and we joked about our collective lack of football talent. After a rival asked if our team had been “training” for the league, we hurriedly recalled our experiences playing *Madden* and participating in powder-puff games in high school. I retorted that the only play our playbook needed was “touchdown.”

Resigned to defeat, the mighty “Lawyering Section 16” (now known as “Betsey’s Ballaz”) marched the mile and a half to East River Park for our inaugural contest.

When we arrived at the field, we were joined by a few others eager to run around wearing a flag belt and roll around on fieldturf. Because we enrolled in the light



Joseph Jerome

contact league, we were required to have two girls on the field at all times. Fortunately, our team had three of the fairer sex, though one was quickly siphoned off by our opponent, who had only one. Energized by the necessary defection,

“Jenny sucks” became our team’s rallying call.

I strapped on a belt of red flags, put my hand to the turf, and haphazardly hiked the ball to our team-appointed quarterback. Then I proceeded to run around, diving at flag belts and stubbing my toe. After a few drives indicated the game would be a close one, I jogged off to the sidelines to take up cheerleading; I was happy not to showcase my natural inability for the full forty-minute contest.

My final stat line: one “tackle” to stop an interception, and one dive onto the turf to break up a pass. Hardly the glory of a touchdown, but I was more concerned with avoiding some dead leg like poor Andrew Vosburg. (Clever torts reference, no?)

As the battle raged on the field, I walked the sidelines talking to fellow twenty-somethings about how old and sore we felt. While other teams stretched before their games to minimize this pain, my team opted not to for fear of “pulling a hammy.”

game of baseball and thereby helping the Red Sox to yet another World Series disappointment, this time in the sixth game of the 1986 World Series, Buckner reportedly threw himself in front of the 7 train. But don’t worry, it went through his legs.

2. Everyone likes an underdog. The Mets are the highest paid underdogs, which is a new level of pitiful deserving of your sympathy cheers.

3. The Mets have made some of the best trades ever in baseball. They’ve traded away the likes of Nolan Ryan, Tom Seaver, and Scott Kazmir. This kind of foresight should definitely be lauded.

4. In order to win, the Mets once needed help from the supernatural realm. En route to the 1969 World Series title, the Mets conquered their closest rival that season after a black cat ran across the field and placed a jinx on the Cubs.

5. Mets ex-manager Bobby Valentine, after being thrown out of a game one time, thought that nobody would notice if he put on a fake nose and moustache when returning to the bench. People noticed.

6. They have a home run apple. It pops up out of a hat when a Mets player hits a home run—how awesome is that? Really awesome!

7. In 1962, the Mets only won 25 percent of their games—that’s impressive.

8. The Mets ain’t the Yankees. I hope some of you nouveau New Yorkers take this list to heart and can see the joy in being a Mets fan. When the Mets open their new state-of-the-art stadium next spring, I look forward to seeing some more Mets gear around campus. And if you do convert, always remember that if you didn’t laugh, you’d have to cry. Let’s go Mets!



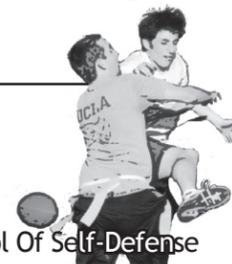
Light Contact League

Record	Team	Point Differential
1. 3-0	Baby Choppers	+66
2. 3-0	Kabuki Theatre	+40
3. 3-0	Betsey’s Ballaz	+32
4. 3-0	Ben Schaefer’s Team	+31
5. 2-0	SchMaltz	+64
6. 2-0	Todres Tortfeasors	+32
7. 2-0	PDREF	+9
8. 2-1	Unestoppelable	+74
9. 2-1	Issy’s Angels	+20
10. 2-1	Dicta in a Box	+7
11. 2-1	Bob Loblaw’s Law Blogs	+6
12. 2-1	Daddy’s Dearest	-18
13. 1-1	Spider Pigs	+9
14. 1-1	Stiff-Arm Statute	+6
15. 1-1	Lawyering Section 9	-12*
16. 1-2	Boxes of Foxes	-6
17. 1-2	Trannies	-7
18. 1-2	Uno Cinco	-13
19. 1-2	Team Ramrod	-21
20. 1-2	Starger’s Chargers	-26
20. 1-2	Touchdown Jesuses	-26
22. 1-2	Don’t Hassel the Hoff	-28
23. 1-2	Corrective Justice	-30
24. 1-2	Dancing Pandas	-47
25. 1-2	Christmas Critters	-55
26. 0-1	Ruckamuck	-10*
27. 0-2	Andrew Gish’s Robot Army	-12
28. 0-2	Balendra’s Baller	-26
29. 0-3	Teem Wolf	-26

* Pending game 3 outcome.

Full Contact League

1. 3-0	Man Crush
2. 2-0	TBA
3. 1-1	Suck my Dicta
3. 1-1	The Angry Dragons
5. 0-2	Javon Walker’s School Of Self-Defense



Fortunately for us, our valiant opponent took the game a bit too seriously, disputed a few too many calls, and never figured out how to defend against a quarterback taking off for twenty yard runs each and every play. After forty minutes, Lawyering Section 16 emerged victorious, 36-30 in an overtime thriller.

As we high-fived the other team and wondered if we should

go get some orange slices and Gatorade, the therapeutic value of flag football became apparent. Being outside, running around unencumbered by the weight of bookbags full of casebooks and laptops alleviated many of the aches and pains law school provides. It wasn’t that law students had to play flag football on Fridays; it is that they need to.

The Yanks? No Thanks! Let’s Go Mets!

BY ANDREW SIMON '09

After watching fans’ bitter-sweet reactions at the Mets’ final loss at Shea Stadium, I got to thinking about how much people around the country like the Yankees. Sure, there are some bastions of Yankee antipathy, but for whatever reason (probably because they win) people just want to root for the Yankees.

Forget the Yankees. Bandwagon fans are just the kinds of new recruits a team like the Mets needs. These people are ripe for conversion to a more appropriate way of thinking—being a Mets fan. Therefore, I’ve created the following list to explain why a person with no other serious baseball loyalties should probably be a Mets fan.

1. Boston’s pride and glory, ole Bill “ball through the legs” Buckner. After botching the easiest play in the

SCHUDOKU!

Solution
See puzzle page 3.

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