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# WITAN

St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue 24      March 3, 2003      By VRJ&LW

## REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Maribeth Novak (2L) and Bradley Clark (3L) won the ABA Regional Mediation and Negotiation Competition by beating the University of Texas in the final round. Novak and Clark now advance to the national championship, where they will compete against the best schools in the country.

## PHI DELTA PHI

A reminder to all new Phi Delta Phi candidates that the rescheduled **general meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, March 4, 2003 in Room 102 of the Law Classroom Building** for **all new members at 4:30 p.m.** Details of the initiation ceremony and following social will be discussed. Any **new members** who cannot attend, please contact one of the officers listed on the Phi Delta Phi board or put a note in Mail Box 109 so that the information regarding the initiation ceremony will be passed on to you.

The **Initiation Ceremony** for **all new members** will be held on **Tuesday, March 11, 2003**. Further details to follow.

## CAPITAL PUNISHMENT SYMPOSIUM

The *Texas Law Journal on Civil Liberties & Civil Rights* at the University of Texas Law School invites all St. Mary's law students to attend the of the Capital Punishment Symposium to be held on **March 19**. There will be a celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> year of existence as Texas' only law journal devoted solely to civil liberties and civil rights issues. Below is the news release regarding the Symposium.

*"The Death Penalty: Modern Developments"*

**WHERE:** Eidman Courtroom, Connally Center of the UT Law School

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 19, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**COSTS:** Free Students & Faculty; \$50 Practicing Attorneys for CLE Credit (Late Registration Fee of \$10 applies after March 14, 2003). Free General Public (\$6 for lunch).

AUSTIN, Texas BB The Texas Journal on Civil Liberties & Civil Rights (TJCLCR) at The University of Texas School of Law, in association with the Individual Rights Section of the State Bar of Texas, is hosting its annual symposium on March 19, 2003. The Symposium is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with breakfast and lunch provided, and will offer 5.5 hours of CLE credit and 1 hour of ethics credit. Please contact the journal to register as seating is limited to 150.

Please feel free to contact our journal staff with any questions or requests for additional information. The staff can be reached by phone at (512) 232-1278, by fax at (512) 471-6988, or by email at [TJCLCR@mail.law.utexas.edu](mailto:TJCLCR@mail.law.utexas.edu).

**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS**  
**ExamSoft Service Pack Must Be Installed Prior to Exams**

ExamSoft has posted a Service Pack that **MUST** be installed **PRIOR** to taking any additional exams. The Service Pack is available at the link provided below and will only take a few minutes to download, even on a slow dial-up connection. If you are using the same computer and already took the Qualification Exam when you initially installed your software, it will not have to be retaken.

Please use the link below to install this Service Pack.

<http://www.examssoft.com/servicepack.html>

Please note: From this day forward, all updates and communications regarding ExamSoft will be sent to your St. Mary' s e-mail address. If you registered using an e-mail other than your St Mary' s email, please update this information as soon as possible. In order to update your e-mail address (or other account information), please visit [www.examssoft.com/stmaryslaw](http://www.examssoft.com/stmaryslaw), click on the ' Exam Takers' tab and enter your username and password, then click on the ' Change Account Information' tab (your username and password are included below, for your convenience).

## NEW STUDENT E-MAIL SERVER

*Starting February 16, 2003, you need to log into **rattler.stmarytx.edu** instead of **eagles.stmarytx.edu/exchange**. (Note: you do not have to put "/exchange" on the end of *rattler.stmarytx.edu*.)* You retain your current login and password assignments. Your email accounts now have a capacity of 50 megabytes of email space. The previous setup only allowed 5 megabytes of space. This increase in space will allow more flexibility with files and miscellaneous attachments.

It is the responsibility of the Law Students to maintain their email accounts. **Accounts not in use for more than 90 days will be cleaned out automatically. In other words, if your account has not been viewed or modified within 90 days, your INBOX, OUTBOX and DELETED folders will be cleared out.** Your accounts will remain with you throughout your Law School enrollment.

Please check your law school e-mail account regularly.

## OFFICE OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Mardi Gras :** A Mardi Gras reception will be held on **Tuesday March 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the Law Plaza.** Campus ministry will co-sponsor this event with SBA. A dinner for two at the Plaza Club will be chanced off. All law faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

**Ash Wednesday, March 5:** A Mass will be held in the **Law Alumni Room of the Law Library, at 12:00 noon.** Father Terry Weik will preside. Sponsored by Law Campus Ministry

**Spring Break:** Again, this year a trip is being planned to Las Vegas, New Mexico (one hour drive outside of Santa Fe) for Habitat for Humanity. If you would like to sign up or need more information, contact Law Campus Ministry at 431-6063. This event is co-sponsored by Dean Bill Piatt.

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for Eric Riester on **Monday, March 10, at 4:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room of the Law Library.** There will be prayer, reception and *Law Journal* Memorial Plaque Presentation.

## PHI DELTA PHI

A reminder to all new Phi Delta Phi candidates that the **Initiation Ceremony is Tuesday, March 11, 2003.** The Honorable Leif M. Clark's courtroom is located at 615 East Houston Street, downtown. Directions are posted on the Phi Delta Phi board. Please remember to be there at 4:15 p.m. sharp. The dress is business attire. If you are in need of a map, please put a note in box 109 with

your name and box number.

**ATTENTION 3Ls**  
**\$200 PMBR REBATE**

PMBR has determined that it cannot enter into a special contract with St. Mary's before summer 2003. Therefore, the usual rates will apply, but St. Mary's will, as announced earlier, rebate \$200 to any graduate taking the Texas Bar Examination for the first time in July 2003 who registers for the combined 6-day and 3-day workshops.

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## ***THE SCHOLAR: ST. MARY'S LAW REVIEW ON MINORITY ISSUES***

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues* will be holding various recruitment sessions in the coming weeks. Look for information in student mailboxes, announcements in classrooms, and an informational meeting to follow. Applications will be available as early as **March 14**, though the recruitment process will continue after spring break.

Membership on a law review is an excellent teaching avenue for sharpening legal research and writing skills. Employers place a high premium on law review membership, and it is sometimes a threshold question for employment.

Contact the *Scholar* office in Room 215 of the Law Library, if you have any questions.

## **SIXTH ANNUAL KOMEN SAN ANTONIO RACE FOR THE CURE**

On **Saturday morning, April 5**, thousand of supporters will gather at the Alamodome for the Sixth Annual Komen San Antonio Race for the Cure. The annual event is a co-ed 5k Run/Walk and a 1-mile family fun walk to raise awareness and funding to benefit the national Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and its San Antonio affiliate.

St. Mary's is supporting this important cause by organizing a team of runners and walkers to enter the event. Awards will be presented immediately following the Race to the largest team, the top fund-raising team, and the largest non-corporate team.

If you are interested in joining St. Mary's Law School team, or in sponsoring someone on St. Mary's team, please call Gloria Valenzuela at ext. 3525 or come by the Law Journal office located in the library, room 223 for the entry form. Each individual must turn in a SIGNED registration form and their fee (\$18 per adult and \$15 per child (14 and under)). The deadline for receiving team applications is **Monday, March 10**.

Thanks again for "teaming up" with us.

## **OFFICE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**Endowed Scholarship Applications:** The St. Mary's University School of Law Endowed Scholarship applications will be available on March 10, 2003. Applications may be requested at [nluna@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nluna@stmarytx.edu) or in the Financial Aid Office, Room 109 of the Law Faculty Building. The deadline for submitting the completed application to the Financial Aid Office is **5 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2003**. No exceptions will be made.

**FAFSA Reminder:** If you have not yet renewed your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2003-2004, please complete and transmit online immediately. The website address is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The FAFSA for 2003-2004 covers the academic periods Summer 2003/ Fall



2003/Spring 2004. The recommended date was February 15. Grant and scholarship opportunities will be missed if this process is delayed.

### **ATTENTION 1L'S**

The Student Bar Association's "1L Spring Orientation" will be on **Wednesday, March 12, from 11:30 to 12:20 in Room 101 of the Law Faculty Building**. Hear the questions you want to know, hear the answer you need to hear. Learn about registration, classes, internships, jobs, hints and much more! A panel of 2Ls and 3Ls will be available to field and hopefully answer your questions. For those with class at 12:30, lunch will be available. For more information, contact David Courreges, Box 475 or davidcourreges@yahoo.com

### **FACULTY ACCOLADES**

Assistant Professor Jeffrey Addicott's article, *Proposal for a New Executive Order on Assassination*, was published in the March 2003 University of Richmond Law Review. The article traces the history of Presidential Executive Order 12,333 which bans assassination and argues that the war on global terrorism necessitates clarification of this important rule of law.

### **COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS INTERNSHIP**

A summer internship with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2003. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should send a resume and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The deadline for applications is **12 noon on Monday, March 31, 2002**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

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### OFFICE OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Time for Peacemaking: The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** A priest will be available in the Law Campus Ministry Office for confession or pastoral counseling on **Wednesday, March 26, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

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There will be an informational meeting on **Monday, March 31 at 4:00 p.m. in the Atrium of the Law Administration Building.** Current and former law review Editors and Staff Writers will be present to answer questions. Professor Rey Valencia will speak briefly on the benefits of law review membership. All students are welcome for food and drinks.

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### HLSA Announcements:

LAST CHANCE TO BECOME A HLSA MEMBER FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR!! All law students who wish to become HLSA members, for this academic year, can do so until **Monday, March 24.** Remember, the \$25.00 annual fee pays for your HLSA t-shirt, and your non-transferable ticket to HLSA's Annual End-of-the-Year Banquet, as well as voting privileges during HLSA elections. Membership forms can be picked up at the HLSA bulletin board and returned to Jessica Gomez, Box #298. Questions? Contact Jenee at [jeneemargo@msn.com](mailto:jeneemargo@msn.com).

CELEBRATION! RECOGNITION! FUN! HLSA's Fourth Annual End-of-the-Year Banquet will be on **Saturday, March 29, at 8:00 p.m. at the Menger Hotel** in downtown San Antonio. All paid HLSA members are entitled to their own non-transferable ticket. Tickets for guests are \$25.00. Tickets will be passed out and sold Tuesday through Thursday, March 25th – 27th, in the LC Foyer; Tuesday and Thursday from 11:15 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 10:20 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Jenee at [jeneemargo@msn.com](mailto:jeneemargo@msn.com).

SPEECH, SPEECH!! Please join HLSA on **Monday, March 24, from 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. in the Atrium of the Law Administration Building for HLSA Candidate Speeches.**

LETS ROCK THE VOTE!! HLSA Elections will be held Tuesday through Thursday, **March 25th-27th**, in the LC Foyer; Tuesday and Thursday from 11:15 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 10:20 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. All paid HLSA members are encouraged to come out and vote! Questions? Contact Jenee at [jeneemargo@msn.com](mailto:jeneemargo@msn.com).

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**Attorney-CPA Foundation 2002-2003 Essay Contest:** This essay contest has a specific topic for students in the graduate/professional degree and is listed in the material regarding the contest. The grand prize will be \$2,500, Runner up will received \$1,500, Third and Fourth, each \$500 and 4 Regional Prizes, each \$250. Essays must be received by **May 16, 2003**.

**The Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing:** This award is sponsored by the Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. This year the stipend has increased to \$7,500. The submission must be postmarked no later than **April 25**. The recipient will be notified by July 18, and the award will be presented at the American Bar Association convention in San Francisco, California, August 8-12.

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## OFFICE OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Peace in the Family:** On **April 3, at 12:15 p.m.**, there will be a lunch program sponsored by University Ministry and Counseling Center on improving family communications. Fr. Terry Weik, S.M. and Dr. Kurt Weber will facilitate the program. The program will be presented in the Campus Ministry Office/Life Directions Building adjacent to Law Faculty Building.

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Come have a good FREE meal and listen to music by a local DJ as you visit with representatives from these organizations! Sponsored by St. Mary's Law Students for Diversity in Higher Education, HLSA, SBA and BALSAs. For more information or to help out contact Griselda Ponce at 325-7090 or Griselda@justice.com.

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**The Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing:** This award is sponsored by the Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. This year the stipend has increased to \$7,500. The submission must be postmarked no later than April 25. The recipient will be notified by July 18, and the award will be presented at the American Bar Association convention in San Francisco, California, August 8-12.

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**by Dean Bill Piatt**

This is a particularly busy week for all. Fiesta Farewell (Wednesday, April 9) and the finals of the first year Moot Court competition (same day) are always an exciting time. On Friday, April 11, you will have some unique opportunities to meet the alumni whose support you can count on during your time here as a student, and in your careers after graduation. During that day, we will have alumni on campus to attend our Continuing Legal Education Program. At 5:30 in the evening, in the Alumni Room of the Library, we will have an alumni reception and a brief recognition ceremony for some of our recent donors. I have been telling you of the wonderful support our alumni offer; I hope you will take the opportunity to get to meet some of them in living color. Business attire would be appropriate for the evening event. Take some time to introduce yourselves to our alumni. You will soon be their colleagues in the alumni association. Networking is always a good career move, and you will reap personal and professional benefits from getting to know the fine men and women who preceded you at St. Mary's.

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The **Democratic Law Student Association** invites you to attend a panel discussion on the tort reform and medical malpractice bills (Hb4 and HJR3, respectively) that have recently passed the Texas House of Representatives, on **Friday, April 11, at 12 noon in the Atrium of the Law Administration**. The panel will include District 125 State Representative and local attorney, Joaquin Castro, a local Medical Malpractice/Personal Injury attorney, Ernest Valdez, and Toxic Tort/Personal Injury attorney David Leibowitz. The panel will talk about the debate surrounding the bills, the significance and scope of the bills, and how these changes might affect this area of the law in the future. Lunch will be provided.

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**First-Year Section Candy and Plastic Easter Egg Competition:** The section that brings in the most bags of candy or plastic Easter eggs receives an end of the year social. Barrels are located near the Law Campus Ministry office for donations. Any Phi Delta Phi member who

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### **Holy Week Schedule:**

**Holy Thursday** - April 17 - 7:00 p.m. Mass - Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel

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**Easter Sunday** - April 20 - 11:00 a.m. - Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

#### **Hosted By**

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues*

Mr. Xavier Rodriguez, Former Texas Supreme Court Justice and Fulbright & Jaworski, Partner, will give an update on the status of labor and employment law in the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit on **Thursday April 17, at 11:00 a.m. in the Alumni Room of the Law Library. CLE Credit: 1 hour.**

For more information, contact Karla Jackson, Associate Editor of *The Scholar* at (210) 431-4229.

### **FACULTY KUDOS**

During the recent events of the St. Mary's University President's Peace Commission, Professors Ana Novoa and Lee Teran were presented with the Alice Franzke Feminist Award. The St. Mary's Women's Caucus established the award in 1990 to honor members of the University community who promote peace, empowerment, cooperation, equality, and respect of all persons. The award commemorates the work of the late Dr. Franzke, a sociology professor at St. Mary's from 1982 to 1989, in the field of civil rights and civil involvement.

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## **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

**Vote for the 2003-2004 WLA Board:** Vote for next year's Board on **Monday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Law Classroom Building.** The 2003-2004 WLA Board will be announced at the End of the Year Party.

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*The St. Mary's Law Journal* extends congratulations to Bob Kraemer. In a recent mandamus proceeding, the Fourth Court of Appeals cited Bob's comment, *Attorney-Client Conundrum: The Use of Arbitration Agreements for Legal Malpractice in Texas*, 33 St. Mary's L.J. 909 (2002). Kramer is a third-year law student and Solicitation/Articles Editor for Volume 34 of the St. Mary's Law Journal.

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