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Bye & Congrats, Graduates

Notice!

Funny *FORUM*--

Be careful what you take seriously.

We know that exams are near, but relax a moment and enjoy the last edition of the *FORUM* for this year!

VLS REFUSES ENORMOUS DONATION AT THE LAST MINUTE DUE TO DOLPHINS

Shockwaves rippled through the VLS community last week when it was announced that VLS turned down a \$1 Billion gift during a ceremony that was supposed to be for the actual giving of the gift.

The gift was from Winston Gould Percy III. Mr. Percy is an incredibly wealthy individual who amassed a huge personal fortune in a number of industries.

Mr. Percy has a successful media empire including cable television, newspapers, magazines, and pay-per-view ultimate fighting networks. Mr. Percy also owns two chemical reclamation facilities, a T-Shirt factory, a shipping company, an alternative energy company, and a factory that makes miniature models of factories. Mr. Percy also owns three fishing companies, two canneries, and several seafood restaurants.

Ironically, it was the fishy business at Mr. Percy's fish empire that proved to be

the gift's undoing.

Mr. Percy first contacted VLS about giving a gift in 2001. After touring the school, meeting with the administration and faculty, and hosting a student town hall meeting, Mr. Percy decided to give \$1 Billion dollars to VLS. The gift was intended to give VLS some much needed funds and to bolster Mr. Percy's own reputation as a philanthropist.

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In a press release, Mr. Percy stated that he was sick of Ted Turner getting all the publicity for that United Nations thing. Mr. Percy believed that giving VLS \$1 billion

dollars would punch his ticket into the Philanthropist Hall of Fame with Turner, Andrew Carnegie, Bill Gates, and John Rockefeller.

Mr. Percy and VLS planned an elaborate ceremony to celebrate the giving of the gift. Mr. Percy rented the Lincoln Center and planned a star-studded evening for all VLS students, faculty, and staff.

Before the actual giving of the gigantic check, dinner was served. During the main course, Professor Elron P. Dininger made an alarming discovery. The tuna being served was not dolphin safe tuna!

Professor Dininger made his discovery known to the VLS administrators sitting at the head table. Professor Dininger did not say how he made the discovery, or what facts his allegations were based on, but the administration took him at his word without doing any further investigation of their own. In a shocked and frenzied rage, Dean Wroth collected all of the VLS contingency present

and stormed out of the hall. Just before exiting, Dean Wroth told Mr. Percy that he could take his dolphin killing tuna money and shove it up his ass.

In somewhat related news, the Board of Trustees voted to approve a new budget reinstating the annual 6.5% increases in tuition.

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~Final Edition~

So here it is, the end. It's not as much of jubilation as I had thought it would be. While I am still fretting over getting my AWR approved, finals, and moving- there is a strange sense of numbness. No more berating emails about some worldly issue. No more tuition increases. No more VLS. When I began to think about these things I actually got sad...yes Shannon is capable of emotion contrary to public perception. So as my final goodbye, I wanted to tell all of you what I would miss about my time here at VLS.

I'm going to miss editing the Forum, playing on the best women's rugby team ever, being The Republican on campus, the Javaprudence family, being stalked by PF McD, swimming at Macintosh Pond, Oktoberfest, checking my school mailbox for goodies, teaching kickboxing, men in heels, getting called on by Professor Dycus, going to work in Montpelier, midnight doughnut runs to West Leb, hosting cocktail parties, being a Moulin Rouge girl, having a great roommate with a tendency for concussions, "hey baby I'm disease free", skiing 20 minutes after my last class, skipping my last class to ski, eating breakfast with my best friend at Wilson's, the White River in the summer, Wynterfoest, the smell of Autumn, crashing Prom- I mean Snow Ball, Crossroads, furry woodland creatures, heckling the men's basketball team, my days as a couple, WLG, my D.C. insta-date, the cast of Vagina Monologues, the bell tower of OCB, my big brother looking out for me, late night conversations in the library loft, the Principal's office, Chelsea 108- we touch all your food, SBA parties, moose, van-smashing, the first snowfall, Ruggerfest, the Spring Gunning' Pimps, the night sky, the friends both old and new, the laughter, the tears, the past...

I wish all of you the best of luck in your endeavors from here on out. Stay in touch if you with those special connections, you'll never know when you'll need a good friend. May you be blessed with love, luck, and hope.

Shannon Maher

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Tree in Memoriam

I am planting a tree on the Green in memory of Andrea Tibbets, a local South Royalton girl who died last summer just two weeks short of her 16th birthday.

I would like to thank the following groups who have donated thus far:

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Men's Rugby

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Women's Law Group

and others

- Steven Riley, '03

GOOD TIMES AT VERMONT LAW HIGH...

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND YEAR STUDENTS (AND A BIT OF NOSTALGIA)

Melissa Armbrister '03

When I first started classes in the fall of 2000, I was concerned with one thing, and one thing only – having the best

Anyway, the point of my story is that the dreams of being an attorney will be realized for most of you...

grades in the class. For much of the first semester I stayed at home or at my friend Leslie's house studying for contracts or torts. I consumed so much black letter law and legal theories, that by the end of the semester, I was certain that I was going to be at the top of the class. After taking my first final, Contracts, with Professor Smiddy, I cried. I had completely forgotten what remedies were and how they should be applied in different situations. Then I went home and started studying for my upcoming Civil Procedure exam. After that exam, everyone was either crying or complaining about the last

question... which looked like an *Erie* Doctrine question, smelled like an *Erie* question, but just did not fit the *Erie* requirements. Needless to say, it caused most people to go to Crossroads and get completely trashed. It was around midnight that night when I decided that grades were not everything. Yeah, they could get me the right job, or help me meet the right people, but were they really that important. As I was sitting at a table in the smoky bar, chatting with my new friends (as you will soon find, they will become your family), I realized that the law school experience was not just about getting the right grades, it was about the entire experience. If I would have gone home to work on my take-home exams right after the Kreiling exam, I would have missed out on all of the bonding and debauchery that took place afterwards.

The next semester resumed, and I forgot about that memorable night at Crossroads. Yet, pressure from my neighbors (the outdoorsy and always mellow Chantal and some loud Irish bloke from Alaska) kept trying to tempt me out of my hole with promises of a good time. Good times? What was

that? Well, it only took for the grades to come in the following January for me to allow myself to taste the "good times" at Vermont Law School— pot luck dinners, barbecues, bonfires, and long conversations with random people about things other than "easements" or the infamous

...regardless of the grades that you get over the next three or five semesters...

and ever-so-boring "commerce clause." (Of course, we always had time to talk about "adverse possession." "Hehehe...I adversely possessed your beer.")

Anyway, the point of my story is that the dreams of being an attorney will be realized for most of you, regardless of the grades that you get over the next three or five semesters (I knew someone who graduated pretty low in his class, who passed the New York bar and is now a practicing

attorney in up-state NY). So, once you feel like you have studied enough, then close those books and go play. Embrace the fish-bowl, take a swim, and enjoy the good times that lie ahead. Oh, and for those future Anthony Iarrapinos and Joslyn Wilscheks...the present ones know how to schedule social time, and so should you. If you have any questions about how to have "good times," then please contact the following people who have showed me a good time on numerous occasions over the last three years: Rory Malone, Leslie Campbell, Chantal Simonpeitri, Dave Pocious, Anthony Iarrapino, Joslyn Wilschek, Gene Slusher, Rich Bianculli, Diana Dascalu, Brian Joffe, Lina Alameddine, Dan Orlovski, Colin Reilly, Brent Roberts, Mark Longfield, Michael Zywicki, Shazia Khan, Elana Baron, Sarah Schreck, Kelly Mooij, and any person who you see at the bar or the pub at least once a week (including the locals...I am sure most of them could show you a good time too). Thank you all for entertaining me over the last three years. And as the Cars have poignantly sung, "Let the good times roll."

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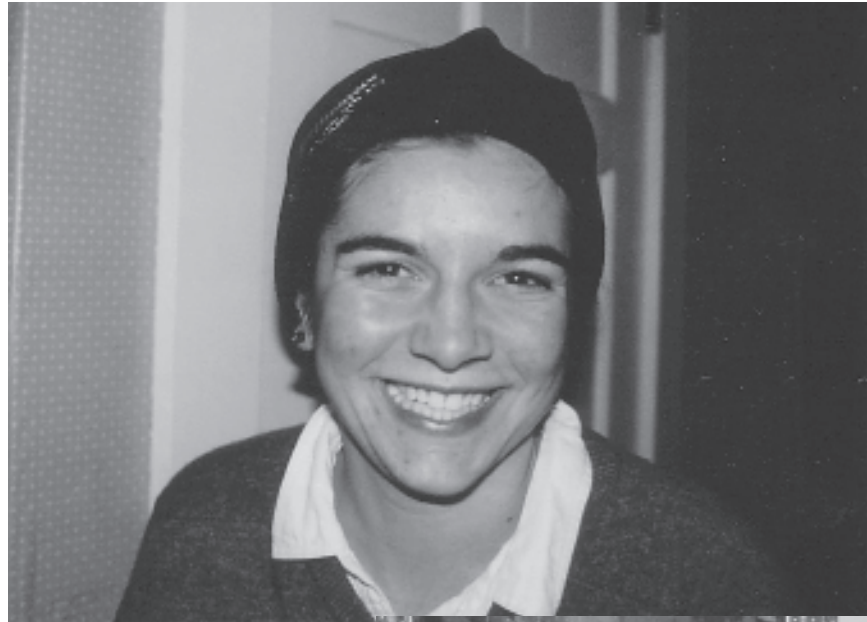
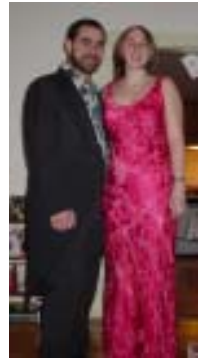
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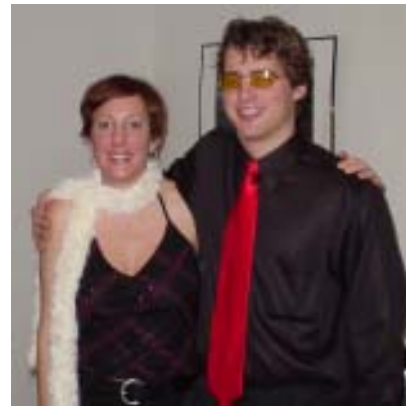
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Left to right: Judge Greg Eaton; Stacie Duncan; Marie Legrand; Sarah Bandomer; Molly Mimier; Judge Keith Aten.



The Class of 2003



Dear Fellow Graduates,

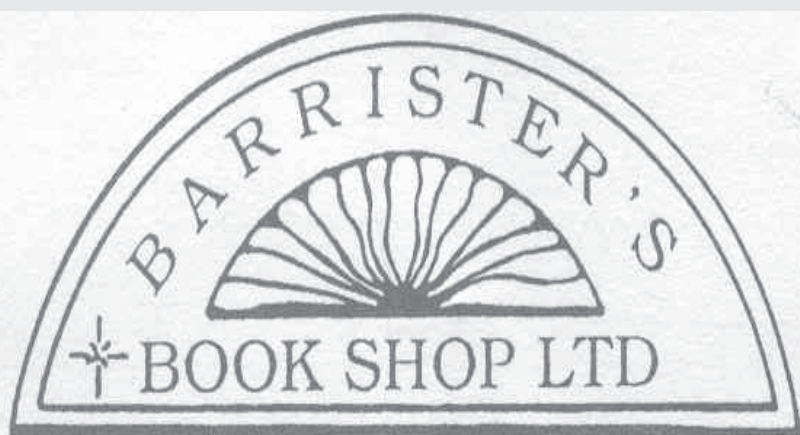
As we approach graduation day, when we are released out into the real world with diplomas in hand, I hope you take a moment to reflect on the lessons learned at VLS. Every single one of us has had different experiences and challenges over our 3 years here, but we are all arriving together at graduation. The greatest lesson that I have learned is that perseverance and determination can get you through just about anything. Many of you may not be aware that one of your fellow third years has been fighting a battle with cancer. This student has been able to keep up with her classes, work, and extra curricular activities all while going through radiation, chemotherapy, and over Christmas break getting a bone marrow transplant. Amazingly enough, he/she was able to do all of this without most of those at VLS aware of the situation. Those of us who know this student have been amazed by his/her ability to persevere through such trying circumstances. This student wants to remain anonymous, but for those of you who don't know this student, I wanted to share this story with you. We may not be entering the real world in the best of times, but we should enter it knowing that if we have determination and perseverance we can navigate the speed bumps in the road of life. I wish all of you the best of luck in life in all that you do. **Congratulations!**

Sincerely,

Kelly McMichael

P.S. And for those of you have haven't heard me say it enough, "I hate snow."

So, I'm going home.



Congratulations Graduates!!!

Barrister's wants to wish all the graduates the best of luck and remind them that diploma frames are currently available at the bookstore.

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THE FORUM AWARDS

In the spirit of T-Ball (every wins an award and no one strikes out), the Forum has decided to give out its own awards to the Class of 2003. However, due to a lack of possible candidates, the editors decided against giving out the most likely to actually have a job award. So, fill in your nominees for the following awards. Winners will be announced at a future date; probably at some function at Crossroads where the beer is free.

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| Most likely to sleep with the partner's wife | Most likely to be incarcerated |
| Most likely to be the partner's wife | Most likely to be living at home with parents (no allowance) |
| Most likely to die at the Buffet Bar at Ponderosa | Most likely to be living at home with parents (with allowance) |
| Most likely to be on Abby Armstrong's speed dial | Most likely to own an emu farm |
| Most likely to quit the law and become an organic farmer | Most likely to show up at 25th Reunion as a different gender |
| Most vagina friendly | Most likely to show up at 25th Reunion with mother |
| Most likely to be a party in a paternity suit | Most likely to be a MILF |
| Most likely to be working for Marc Nemeth next year | Most likely to spread Chlamydia to their firm |
| Most likely to be disbarred (Kimberly Carnot Award) | Most likely couple to break up by the Dean's BBQ |
| Most likely to live in a home with wheels | Most likely couple to be "expecting" by the bar exam |
| Best hippie style beard | Most likely to return to VLS for an LLM |
| Most obnoxious person in class award | Most likely to be regional manager for The Gap |
| The "I know more than the professor" award (can be same as above) | Most likely to be on the run from the feds at some point |
| Most likely to "find" Jesus | Most likely to "go postal" |
| Most likely to be found in contempt of court | Most likely to return to VLS as a staff/faculty member |

FINAL SEMESTER LUST: 3L'S ESCHEW SEARCHING FOR "THE ONE"; SETTLING FOR THE "HERE AND NOW."

Trojan Man, '03

As the snow melts and winter slowly gives way to the always lovely mud season, a very different sort of seasonal change is taking place among the 3Ls. The search for true love and meeting that one special person has given way to a semester of unbridled lust and never ending hook-ups.

"...Carharts, no-necks, no bathing, it really doesn't seem to matter to these girls anymore."

- Scott Durkee

Some 3Ls have likened it to the second sexual-revolution.

"Its been great," said Rex Hardware, 3L, "I've been able to sleep with a different girl every weekend and none of them want a relationship. They just want a good time."

"I just gave up on meeting any normal guys here" said Mary-Ann Tinkleberg

about sleeping with Rex following a particularly lusty Friday night at Crossroads. "I waited for my Prince Charming, but he just never came to rescue me here at camp VLS. I was so sexually frustrated that I figured I needed to be crazy and break out of my celibate rut."

Final semester goodbyes also figure prominently in the spreading wave of lust.

"I just tell girls that I had been attracted to them since first semester but just never worked up the courage to act on it," said Justin Morris, timid 3L. "I tell them that I just couldn't live with myself if I did not act on my incredible attraction to them. Chicks always fall for crap like that."

Jenny Thompson, 3L debutant, is just one of the girls to fall for Justin's line.

"Justin came up to me one night at Crossroads telling me about how much he has been in love with me since first semester. I figured what the hell; he isn't totally repulsive, doesn't have any sores on his lips, and I needed a good release. I mean, the line was stupid but I figured what the

hell."

One peculiar phenomenon is how some of VLS's social elite are sleeping with people that could only be classified as "so beneath them."

"I've been able to sleep with a different girl every weekend and none of them want a relationship. They just want a good time."

- Rex Hardware

"It is really amazing," said Scott Durkee, owner-operator of Crossroads. "I've watched these girls who think they are so above all the guys here blow off one guy after another for 3 years. Now, they go home with someone different every night they are here. Carharts, no-necks, no bathing, it really doesn't seem to matter to these girls anymore."

Scott Durkee also reported that he more than triples his order for condoms for the

bathroom condom dispenser every March.

"I think people just take on a 'love the one your talking to' approach before they graduate," said Scott.

Scott Durkee also noted that there has been an increase in both customers and hook-ups during Crossroad's infamous "Wing Nights."

"I think after three years of eating these disgusting, greasy wings, and drinking cheap beer, a lot of these people figure they better hook-up now before it gets too warm and beach weather sets in. Then, most of them will have no chance of 'intimacy' after sitting on their asses writing AWR's and studying for three years."

Scott Durkee was unsure if the buffalo sauce, blue cheese dressing, and Long Trail Ale combined to form some sort of super powerful 3L pheromone or aphrodisiac.

Dartmouth Hitchcock has not reported any significant increase in the number of visits for STD's or pregnancy's. Visits for birth control pills is up 47 percent, however.

Graduation Movies 2003

Here are some tips for film entertainment relating to your upcoming Vermont Law School graduation from your friendly New England Video clerks...

- * * If you plan on facing great moral dilemmas in your field and/or plan on going to hell, try **"The Devil's Advocate"** starring Keanu Reeves, Al Pacino, and Charlize Theron.
- * * If you are graduating after seven years of skating by with minimal effort, you may find humor in National Lampoon's **"Van Wilder"** starring Ryan Reynolds and Tara Reid.
- * * If you prefer a comedic coming-of-age tale of a young law student, you should see **"The Paper Chase"** starring Timothy Bottoms and Lindsay Wagner.
- * * If you expect to find success through mob-related criminal law, perhaps you should first review **"The Firm"** starring Tom Cruise, Gene Hackman, and Jeanne Tripplehorn.

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SELF-IMMOLATION GARNERS STEIN STUDENT SUPPORT

Eli Mamby

Notable 2L activist Dan Stein finally got people to listen last Thursday by lighting himself aflame in the Quad to protest the pending graduation of nearly one hundred and sixty VLS third years. "This is unfair," Stein hollered as his organic clothing began to flicker, "these are some of the finest students this school has ever seen, and we're just letting them go. Something must be done."

Hundreds of students gathered in support of Stein's actions, but not his cause. Campus conservative Tony Rospert was spotted observing the protest, commenting, "that little bastard has been a thorn in my side for the last two years, it's about time he's done something good with himself." Many echoed Rospert's sentiments.

Students rejoiced as Stein's flesh began to bubble, but their laughter was short lived. Sadly, Stein survived the stunt relatively unscathed and nearly immediately began his next email campaign. This time Chelsea Station was the target of Stein's misguided wrath, being accused of unprecedented support of the oil industry. "I don't have any hard evidence," Stein typically wrote from his hospital bed, "but I've seen some of the crap they cook and they've got to be consuming tons of cooking oil every week." When asked to comment on this new level of activism, Rospert stated, "This is the best form of protest these damn hippies have come up with yet. Saffold take note, and be a little more thorough than Stein."

By: Tom Demers, one of the Video Guys

