

Zombie Response Plan In the Works

Weapons Dispute May Cause Delay

Campus Safety and Facilities Services pride themselves on being prepared for any emergency and providing for the safety of the students in any sudden event. Not content with the usual earthquake drills, the school is going the extra mile by developing a Zombie Apocalypse Preparedness Plan (ZAPP).

The Plan will set out, among other things, the Rules of Survival, the location and type of weapon stashes, and the Chain of Command. The outlines of the plan are already taking shape, and the Committee on Responding Appropriately to Zombie Invasion (CRAZI) has reached agreement on several key points. These include the following:

*Boley's reference librarians will serve as defense strategists in the event of an attack. The ability to respond to a zombie attack has been a listed qualification for the position of reference librarian since the law school's inception, so there was little debate on this point.

*The main firearms cache will be located in the Career Services office.

*Prof. Bob Miller is not allowed to wield anything sharp, explosive, or mechanical unless all other humans have already died.

*Tenured faculty are not eligible for sen-try duty.

With these points agreed upon, the Committee is now debating the type of weapons to cache. Sources say that this is likely to be the most contested point, with law school staff favoring machetes and faculty preferring shotguns.

A minor disagreement also arose regarding whether zombies were more accurately classified as a hazardous waste or an endangered species. Committee members eventually decided, however, that in light of the fact-intensive nature of such a determination, ultimate resolution would have to wait until the actual zombie apocalypse occurred.

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Supreme Court Rules on Big Important Issue

In a landmark decision, announced just this morning, the United States Supreme Court tackled one of the most pressing problems in America today in an important constitutional ruling. The exact nature of the decision, set forth in thirteen separate opinions by various Justices, is generating robust academic debate.

"Clearly," said Professor Ernest Schnellbert "This ruling will create major upheaval of established precedents in several circuits. Federal judges will be tearing their hair out over this one."

Professor Janice Ostonsbry, however, disagrees. "The bottom line is: the status quo has once more been upheld. Circuit courts, with the exception of the Ninth Circuit, of course, can go about their business, secure in the knowledge that the Supreme Court will not interfere."

Many commentators in the legal arena closely followed this case's development, with several notables predicting that this would be the true measure of Justices Sotomayor and Kagan.

"It's too early to say, of course," said Levi Wassnom of the Bert Center for Studious Studies, a non-partisan think tank. "But it appears that Kagan in particular is defying expectations but still doing pretty much what we predicted. She appears to be setting the tone for her tenure, though maybe that tone will change and it won't be this one after all."

Justice Scalia, meanwhile, is drawing attention for his stinging and passionate dissent. The Court, he said, gravely misinterpreted the law to give judges a "despotic" authority over good, law-abiding citizens by "refusing to hold that Congress meant what I said it did." The result, said Scalia was "a prolonged and intense anguish" for which he personally would immediately file a worker's compensation claim.

Law professors across the country are responding valiantly to this upheaval or non-upheaval in Supreme Court precedent by feverishly generating article theses and lecture titles. The quicker professors have already written new editions of their casebooks to send out to publishers with this perhaps important addition.

The litigants themselves decided to settle rather than try to figure out what the various opinions meant for their case.

-Supremely Courtly Reporter

Once the ZAPP is finalized, Lewis & Clark College plans to adopt further emergency preparedness plans for other situations. Although there were some calls to come up with a logical response to snow, Campus Safety says that the next plan is likely to focus on ninja assassins.

-That Guy

New Parking Structure Planned

Structure will Highlight L&C's Commitment to Sustainability

This year, Lewis & Clark Law received a generous donation for a new parking structure from longtime rival professors Mike Blumm and senatorial candidate Jim Huffman. The Blumm-Huffman structure will represent a new era of sustainable parking structures. The pair of professors came to agree on one thing: we should pave paradise and put up a parking lot to promote the image of innovative and sustainable environmentalism here at Lewis & Clark. Students laud the proposal, citing concerns such as "I forgot how to walk from so much reading" and "I don't want to be over five minutes late to class." Everyone on campus and in the neighborhood has great things to say about the project.

Lewis & Clark will be the first school in the country to build a parking structure on top of the law library to save space. Dean Spence commented that "our students see this as a visual representation of how the impact of 20th century consumer culture and climate change perils are weighing down on future generations." The parking structure will be made from on-site materials, namely pulverized shuttle buses and locker rooms that will no longer be needed for cyclists. Professor Funk commented that students will contribute less to climate change because they won't drive in circles looking for parking. The SBA rallied volunteers to raise neighborhood awareness about the benefits of the project because of its local and sustainable design, and as a big push in the campus move towards an industrio-wilderness chic image.

Dean Weiss commented that the structure manifests the student body's recognition that majority rules and if-you-can't-beat-em-join-em. The consensus of the student body was that more parking was needed as close to the law school classrooms as possible, and the top of the library was the logical choice. Students had few concerns about potential adverse effects of

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the project, like less light in the library and increased possibility of the roof caving in. Popular student responses to these concerns were "I moved to Oregon because I cringe in sunshine," and "around finals I feel like it would be okay if the roof caved in." In all, the proposal is a win-win-win: students are happy that they can roll into class in even more of a rush, deans think replacing the wilderness look of campus with a concrete edge will push L&C into the forefront of sustainability and out of a two-year slump in the Environmental law program rankings, and staff are happy they won't have to hear more complaints about parking. The student voice has been heard – no walking, more parking. The structure, which will have a green roof, represents another triumph for sustainability here at Lewis & Clark.

-Erika Doot

Zombie Piranhas in Danger of Extinction



The Northwest Environmental Defense Center, ever at the forefront of environmental issues, recently announced that it would seek to add the Zombie Piranha to the list of endangered species. The Zombie Piranha (*Pygocentrus nattereri victus mortuus*) is native to certain areas of Latin America and to George Romero movies.

Despite having no natural predators, the Zombie Piranha faces a number of setbacks. First, the species is a member of the living dead, and dead fish float. This creates considerable problems for Zombie

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Piranhas trying to feed because they cannot swim under water. The Zombie Piranha's normal prey, B-movie actors and other crustaceans, have learned to avoid skeletonization by ducking under water. The species' population has plummeted as a result.

In addition to the shortage of its natural fodder, the Zombie Piranha faces serious mobility problems. The Zombie Piranha is limited to lurching movements, a method of locomotion ill-suited to swimming.

The NEDC petition for listing describes in detail the plight of this once widespread species: "Schools of Zombie Piranhas are decimated as the fish feed on the only other food source unable to escape: other Zombie Piranhas. This cannibalism, however, does not provide the Zombie Piranhas with an adequate supply of brains."

Despite the tragic situation of the Zombie Piranha, certain legal and industry leaders are questioning the species' eligibility for listing.

"The problem is that there's little man-made destruction or utilization of the species," said biologist Morris Daughtry. "The decline in population appears to be due entirely to the intrinsic nature of the Zombie Piranha."

The NEDC counters that the decline is directly attributable to the exploitation of Zombie Piranhas in Hollywood. Before such films as *Zombie Piranhas XI: Razor Sharp Swimming Death*, the species flourished, fed by a steady diet of unsuspecting college-age tourists in various stages of deshabelle. The popularity of these films, however, has deterred such tourists and starved the species as a result.

The petition for listing asserts that much can be done to protect the Zombie Piranha, including banning the production of horror movies featuring the fish and requiring travel agencies to offer discount fares to areas within the species' range.

A few Zombie Piranhas may still be found floating downstream, their razor-toothed jaws silently opening and closing pathetically, searching for an ever dwindling supply of brains.

-Staff Reporter

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Answers to Every Question Ever

"It depends" gets kind of old after a while. But who wants to actually answer a professor's question? We at the LotL feel your pain and have come up with the following non-exhaustive list of replies to have on hand.

*That's what the government did to my people!

*The terms of my parole explicitly prohibit me from answering that question.

*You know, I once asked my teddy bear that same question. He's had a funny look in his little plastic eyes ever since. I just wish I could make things right between me and Mr. Snuggles again.

*I'll get to that in a minute. But first, do you ever get sad?

*I once read a book that answered that question. It had lots of letters, all the prettiest ones, but they were all the same color. I wonder why publishers do that. Maybe they're scared of beautiful things.

*I don't see how that's an issue for oysters. That's what we were talking about, right? Oysters?

*I answered that question once before, and under the doctrine of *res judicata*, I must decline to once more decide that issue.

*Silflay hraka, u embleer rah.

*Man, I couldn't walk a straight line or say the alphabet backwards right now. Thinking is right out.

*On the advice of my attorney, I will not at this time answer any questions.

*I can neither confirm nor deny. Anything. At all. Including this statement. In fact, I may or may not exist.

*I am the kwisatz haderach!

*If I answer that question, the Flying Spaghetti Monster may smite me. I fear His noodly appendage and dare not answer.

*I'll answer that question, but only if you correctly guess what I had for breakfast today.

*Answer hazy. Try again later.

And there you have it: the answers to all your professors' questions. Or the important ones anyway. Don't you feel smarter now?

Contribute to the LotL!

Our next issue will be coming out before final exams. There are several ways in which the enterprising law student can contribute to this fine publication. In addition to the suggestions below, feel free to submit your works of genius and/or sarcasm to us. We may or may not publish them, but we always enjoy reading them. It makes us feel special. And you want us to feel special, right?

Please send all submissions to lotl@lclark.edu

Professor Quotes

Our professors' words of wisdom should not go unrecorded. Please submit such wisdoms to the LotL to share with the world. Truly, you can help greatly increase the knowledge of your fellow students with such gems as these:

"In the 8th Grade they gave us a list of 100 people to write about. I chose St. Thomas Aquinas because I thought he sounded like Aquaman. But it turns out he's not anything like Aquaman."

-Prof. Kroger

"So Erie was an evulsive case, which always sounded to me like someone ate too much sausage. Maybe that was all Erie was: someone ate too much sausage."

-Prof. Parry

"Who knows what's going through the toupees of people in Congress? There's no brains there, just raccoons on their heads."

-Prof. Bogdanski

Haiku

Do not let law school crush your creative genius! Rebel in seventeen syllables, and we will let others know of your literary prowess.

*Casebooks weigh me down
They make terrible pillows
But decent kindling.*

-That Guy

*Wednesday treats are proof:
Career Services loves me!
My dentist objects.*

-A 6L

*By writing haiku,
A student avoids study
If only briefly.*

-What's Her Name

New "Compost" Bin Sparks Debate

The addition of a large, green, trashcan-like container next to the normal trash and recycling containers in the LRC has generated intense debate. Students report widespread confusion as to what exactly is supposed to go into the container. A majority of the student body appears to believe that the sign directly above the container is supposed to indicate the appropriate contents of the container.

A minority of the student body, however, argues that the sign is entirely separate and applies only to the sign itself. These students see interpretation of the sign as limited to its plain language, and refuse to consider its context in determining what it applies to. Under this interpretation, the sign saying "Compost Only" is merely an abstract principle.

For those who believe that the sign needs to be interpreted with reference to its context and who believe that the new green container is the appropriate context with which to interpret it, there is still debate as to what exactly "Compost Only" means.

"Sure," said one second year, "It says no plastic. But it also says 'all food.' What if we eat plastic forks? How do we know what the drafters of the sign intended? And the whole 'no metal' thing? Did they really mean all kinds of metals? What about aluminum foil?"

Others point out that "compost" could refer to any number of compounds. They argue that interpreting the term restrictively could lead to an unintended narrowing of the right to place materials in the container. Still others contend that putting things in containers is a privilege, not a right, and has no bearing on the interpretation of the sign. So far, the one thing all groups appear to agree on is that common sense is not an appropriate interpretation mechanism.

-Henrietta Hopscotch

Lawyer Jokes

Because you don't hear enough of these from your friends

A lawyer called his client to tell him about his fee schedule.

"Alright," the lawyer said, looking through his papers. "You owe me \$5000 down and \$617.58 each month for the next thirty-six months."

"What! That sounds like a car payment schedule," retorted the client.

"You're right. It's mine."

What do you call a lawyer gone bad?

"Your honor."

An airliner was having engine trouble, and the pilot instructed the cabin crew to have the passengers take their seats and get prepared for an emergency landing.

A few minutes later, the pilot asked the flight attendants if everyone was buckled in and ready.

"All set back here, Captain," came the reply, "except one lawyer who is still going around passing out business cards."

A first year associate in a big law firm was sent to a far-away state to represent a long-term client accused of robbery. After days of trial, the case was won, the client acquitted and released. Excited about her success, the associate emailed the firm: "Justice prevailed."

The senior partner replied in haste: "Appeal immediately."

"How can I ever thank you?" gushed a client to her lawyer, after he had solved her legal troubles.

"My dear woman," the lawyer replied, "ever since the Phoenicians invented money there has been only one answer to that question."

PCounter Update: Added Disincentives



Students Disturbed by New Paper Waste Prevention Measures

In response to a hyperactive minority's outcry over minor paper waste, the controversial PCounter System has been revamped at Lewis & Clark Law School. In addition to continuing the current system, in which students navigate to a middleman website to release print jobs and are limited to 1,000 pages, students must now also view one of a series of propaganda videos directed at wasteful student printing.

"I clicked 'print job' and this video just explodes onto my screen," recounted a horrified 1L. "I was then forced to watch a screaming tree be chain-sawed by a law student, apparently unfazed or even delighted by the raging inferno all around him."

There are approximately thirty such videos, according to PCounter representatives. An advanced logarithm determines the shock value of the video a student is obliged to watch, weighing factors like whether a student uses double-sided print, or whether a memo contains lengthy synonyms of short, simple words.

There is also a strong disincentive to print entire court opinions under the new system. "I witnessed a student print a forty-five page Supreme Court decision when there was a three page Wikipedia summary of the same thing," recounted a visibly upset PCounter developer. "Luckily this student first had to watch a disgruntled piece of paper torture a student with a stapler."

Some campus environmentalists have touted the system's success: printing has already plummeted fifty-eight percent on the law school campus, they point out. However, students complain of receiving poor grades on memos written in a disjointed caveman-like narrative, a common page-shortening technique used to avoid the most horrifyingly macabre videos.

"Everybody is just scraping by," coughed a raspy-voiced 3L. "Students can only watch that disgusting levitating horse head so many times."

-Grant Wilson

