2/20  President’s Day
   President’s Day holiday, no school

2/23  Constructive Monday
   Please follow Monday Class schedule

2/24  Strollers
   Aalfs Auditorium. $10. Song and dance show.

3/3   Spring Break
   Begins 5 p.m. 3/3, classes resume 8 a.m. 3/13

4/14  Easter Recess
   Begins 5 a.m. 4/14, classes resume 8 a.m. 4/17

4/21  Last Day Law Class
   Finals begin 4/24. Please refer to Spring 2017 exam dates and times located on the law school website.

If you have a meeting or other event for the calendar or would like to highlight an upcoming or past event or achievement with a story, please email Cody.D.Raterman@coyotes.usd.edu. All submissions welcome.
The Future of Space Law

The presentation began with a few simple statements: Who owns stuff found in space? Why do we regulate the aerospace industry? How do we control those millions of pieces of space debris from smashing into operational satellites?

Elsbeth Magilton, the Executive Director of Space, Cyber, & Telecom Law Programs at the University of Nebraska Lincoln presented an overview and potential career pathways into space law to approximately thirty USD Law students on January 18th. Magilton explained that the initial development of international cooperation in space law began with the 1967 Outer Space Treaty. The treaty sets forth nine principles examples include: exploration of space shall benefit all, that celestial bodies may only be used for peaceful purpose, that states are liable for the damage their space objects cause, and that international states must avoid harmful contamination of space.

The present activities of private businesses launching satellites (SpaceX), celestial body appropriation (asteroid mining), regulation of telecommunication, and the militarization of space all fall under the broad topic of space law. Magilton believes that celestial body appropriation will be a growing field within space litigation, as mining is a direct violation to the 1967 Outer Space Treaty.

Government positions tend to flow towards working at the U.S. Strategic Command, the Pentagon, and Vandenberg or Lackland Air Force Bases.

So, who owns the moon? Magilton opined, “Nobody. We all agreed not to own the celestial bodies. However, interestingly, we have a property claim on the flag and pole that we placed on the moon.”

Magilton discussed the possible career pathways that a specialization in space law may present: Government, private, and military. Alumni of the Nebraska program have secured prominent positions working for government organizations like the Federal Aviation Administration, the State Department, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Other graduates have gone on to work for SpaceX, Google, and numerous other private law firms specializing in space law.

Magilton invited USD Law School students to an upcoming conference: “What happens if there is a cyber-attack in our region?” The conference will include lectures, war games, and discussion on how to overcome regional issues in terroristic attacks on major utilities and local governments. The conference will be on March 17th in Lincoln, Nebraska. Students interested in attending should notify Devra Hermosilla (Devra.Hermosilla@usd.edu).
Demonstration Draws Students

Thousands marched protest in various cities across South Dakota on January 21st, 2017. The purpose? To protect legislation and policies regarding human rights, women's rights, immigration reform, healthcare reform, the natural environment, LGBTQ rights, racial equality, freedom of religion, and workers' rights. Amongst the protesters in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, were staff, faculty, and students of USD School of Law.
Losing Weight in Law School

The academic stresses on law students can be crippling if coupled with poor diet and lack of exercise. Making serious lifestyle changes are a process that take time and require support. Rhys Campbell, without the prompting of a New Year resolution, decided last July to jettison unhealthy behaviors; the results speak for themselves.

"After returning from the Law School Abroad trip to China with Professor Simmons, my roommate (Tanner Jackson, 2L) commented on my poor diet and encouraged me to make changes. Actually, he scolded me. I was working out all the time, but eating out for most meals, and the meals I made at home were insanely over portioned. He told me that I’ll never see returns on my workouts if I don’t change my eating habits. So I did."

In committing to eating smaller portions and eating more nutritiously, Campbell has lost over thirty pounds in the last six months.

“It was so easy to head over to the Muenster University Center and eat a quick chicken sandwich or bowl of queso. There is this joke by Louie C. K. that a meal isn’t over when the plate is cleared, the meal is over when you hate yourself. I’d hate myself after lunch every day. It was time for a change.”

After making the choice to commit to a healthy lifestyle, the difficult part for Campbell was sticking to the plan. Careful planning and setting small attainable goals was the bedrock of Campbell’s plan. He had to

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take things one step at a time and not expect to completely transform his body in mere days. With encouragement from classmates and friends, little-by-little Campbell made meaningful strides towards his goal of feeling better, losing weight, and having more confidence.

“The biggest mental block I had was trying to overcome the notion of instant gratification or feeling better later. If I eat this box of honey-buns, it would feel awesome for ten minutes. But after that ten, I’d be miserable. Choosing to have a light and healthy meal makes me feel amazingly better. I have more confidence and feel sharper mentally. Plus, by losing weight I am able to do workouts I was unable to perform earlier. For example, in July I couldn’t do a pull-up, now I can do five in a row without stopping. My next goal is to be able to do 10, then 20.”

Campbell gives much of the credit to his classmates and their compliments, which encouraged him to keep striving to reach his goal of maintaining 180lbs for a year.

Campbell’s advice for others?
- **Portion**: Make your own meals, and make them smaller. You’ll save money and learn to cook at the same time.
- **Eat a stable lunch**: Have the same thing for lunch 3 or 4 times a week. Cook it up on Sunday and bring to school in a lunch pail. Here’s what I eat: 1 portion of brown rice, 1 portion of black beans, 1 portion of grilled chicken, and go crazy on the veggies.
- **Stop drinking liquid candy** (soda).
- **Workout**: Not everyday. But sweat when you are in the gym.
- **Compliment yourself**: Look into a mirror first thing in the morning, tell yourself you are an awesome person, because you are. Smile.
- **Run outside**: Put Pokémon Go on your cell phone. It’s childish, but the game is fun when jogging around Vermillion and keeps you engaged.

Rhys invites anyone to ask him questions or to join him at the gym (USD Wellness Center) if you need help getting started or feel awkward working out on your own. “Just remember, you are running laps around everyone that is sitting on their couch!”

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**Moot Court Announcement:**

The Moot Court Board is pleased to announce its newly elected officers. Please assist us in congratulating them on their achievements!

**President** - Branden Nethken

**Vice President** - Laura Hodson

**Business Coordinator** - Erin Scott
NALSA Events

The Native American Law Students Association has many exciting upcoming opportunities for students to make an impact in the South Dakota community:

“Water Protectors Panel”
February 22nd — Noon — Courtroom
Cheyenne River Chairman Harold Frazier, Dion Kills Back from Rossette L.P., and USD School of Law Professors Kammer, Dellinger, and Pommersheim will discuss environmental impacts of DAPL, as well as treaty rights.

“25th UCLA School of Law Federal Indian Law Moot Court Competition”
March 4th & 5th
Moreau and Jessica Four Bear will represent USD School of Law at a National Moot Court Tournament regarding Indian Law. For more information, see http://www.nationalnalsa.org/moot-court.

“South Dakota Lawyer Warrior Award Ceremony”
April 12 — Noon — Courtroom
NALSA students will nominate and select the next SDLW. Nominee requirements include:
- Works in Indian law field
- Is an active South Dakota Lawyer
- Advances Tribal Interests

Staff Spotlight: Travis Jensen

The school of law welcomed Travis Jensen as the new Director of Admission this past December. Originally from New Underwood, South Dakota, Jensen left West River for higher education opportunities. After earning his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Education at SDSU, Jensen went on to be a Middle School Teacher in Todd County School District. He then worked for National American University beginning as an Admissions Counselor and ending as Campus Director. Most recently, Jensen was a Graduate Enrollment Coordinator at USD. In his current capacities, Jensen represents USD in all stages of recruiting prospective students to the law school program. “We have a tremendous program and more people need to know about it.”

Jensen’s goals include expanding current marketing and promotional efforts built by his predecessor, Nicholas McInerney.

Jensen is a family man. “Unfortunately, I don’t have time for hobbies. My hobbies are my three kids.” His youngest, Lucas (aka “Cool Hand Luke”) is seven months old. Fun fact: Jensen’s grandmother takes great pride in genealogy and can trace family roots back to 1400s Denmark. “I have especially enjoyed learning about the driving forces behind each student, and why they want a legal education. If any students have free time, please feel free to stop by my office (Dean’s Suite) and chat. I want to learn more about your experience at USD’s School of Law.”
A Long Way From Home

In addition to the commitment to South Dakota students, the School of Law believes that out-of-state students bring a diversity of experiences that add an important dimension to the educational community here at the Law School. The purpose of this section is to highlight three out-of-state students and discuss why they chose USD Law.

New Mexico Cowboy Heads North For Law School

Dillon Martinez hails from the small New Mexico town of Las Vegas (pop. 14,000), due east of Sante Fe on I-25. The western outpost was notably famous for being a temporary home to outlaws like Doc Holliday, Jesse James, Billy the Kid, and Wyatt Earp for a short time in the late 1800s. Now it is home to a small university (New Mexico Highlands University) and is a popular film destination for major Hollywood films (e.g., No Country For Old Men, Easy Rider, Wild Hogs, etc.).

In searching for a Law School, Dillon wanted to find somewhere small, affordable, and in the Midwest. “I don’t like big cities. Las Vegas is small enough where everyone knows each other, and there is emphasis on being part of a neighborly community. In big cities, it seems like you are just a number.”

Martinez applied and was accepted to various school in the Midwest, including Western Michigan University Thomas Cooley Law School, the University of Oklahoma, Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, and the University of South Dakota School of Law. When asked how he found USD Law, Martinez noted that he looked through LSAC, U.S. News, and Princeton Reviews for affordability, small student population, and high professor to student ratio. He also valued a small-town feel and a location that was close to outdoors activities like fishing and hunting. Martinez applied online without ever visiting South Dakota.

“I came to visit Vermillion once I was accepted to make sure that the community was a right fit for me. The people in the town were just really kind hearted. I went to the law school and the first person...

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person I met was Sara Kammer (Law Librarian); she was extremely helpful in answering questions and guiding me around the school. I knew right then that I’d like to go here.”

For Dillon, the people and community were only one of the many factors he was looking for in a law school.

“Even though Oklahoma gave me a pretty good scholarship package, the low cost of living in Vermillion and kind hearted community is what made me stay. Plus, you can walk everywhere in town. There may not be an overabundance of places to eat, but it’s nice not having to take a cab everywhere. What I like most is that classes aren’t taught by TA’s or GA’s, and you have opportunities to meet professors outside of class. For example, Professor Van Patten (Torts) invites students over to his home for small cooking demonstrations and a to get to know students outside of class. Plus, if you like hunting like I do, there are spots just a few miles from town, and great fishing, too.”

An avid sportsman, Martinez has participated in numerous fishing and hunting adventures during his rare downtime from school. But these are just hobbies. Getting his education is paramount to all other activities.

“My favorite thing about Vermillion is that I can keep my educational goals in mind. I’m not being drowned by all the hustle of what’s going on in the big cities. I can focus on my work. There is a strong community here that is willing to accept outsiders.”

Overall, Martinez has transplanted nicely from his New Mexico home to his South Dakota home. The only downside that he has identified are the unusual winter weather storms. Or more simply:

“The winter weather sucks here.”

Martinez wishes he would have invested in winter gear other than a light jacket when he made his long journey from Las Vegas, New Mexico, to Vermillion, South Dakota.
A Voice for the Voiceless

Natasha Triplett is a nontraditional student with a passion for international relations. In her previous capacity as an intern for the International Justice Project (IJP), a group that supports and assists victims seeking to participate in the International Criminal Court (ICC) case against Sudanese President Bashir and the Darfur Genocide, Triplett developed a desire to use the law to advocate for the voiceless.

Triplett worked directly with Raymond Brown, esq. and Wanda Atkin, esq., a husband and wife duo who are internationally renowned human rights lawyers and are two of the fifty American attorneys admitted to practice at the ICC in The Hague, Netherlands. Triplett discovered a passion for working with victims of atrocities and seeking justice for those harmed.

Triplett holds a B.A. in Psychology from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a Master’s Degree in International Relations and Diplomacy from Seton Hall University, New Jersey. So how did Triplett decide to come to the Midwest for law school?

Numerous factors assisted Triplett in making her decision to attend the USD School of Law. Indian Law or International Relations were coursework that were major attractions to Triplett, based on her professional background and aspiration to correct injustice. She also was interested in attending a smaller school with professors actually teaching the class; being a faceless number at a large school and attending classes taught by TAs was out of the question. Scholarship packages, cost of tuition, bar passage rates, and professor credentials are all important factors, too, but Triplett also wanted to live in a peaceful and affordable community.

Having already visited South Dakota to see her father, a former OB/GYN on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, Triplett had base knowledge of the region, but had never been to Vermillion. Having been accepted, Triplett decided to visit and sit in on classes prior to committing.

Triplett’s visit solidified USD as her number one choice for law school. In each class, the professor made sure to introduce themselves to her, answered questions, and offered to meet individually after class. This was drastically different than other campus visit experiences.

In tandem to the friendly atmosphere, Triplett was also astonished to discover that...
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each law school student has their own carrel in which to study; larger law schools require students to jockey for position at conference tables or reserve spots daily at the library.

“USD School of Law is probably one of the most underrated Law Schools because of its location. It is the most affordable school, with the best and accessible professors anywhere that I visited. Students are treated as a member of a small and insulated family, and given much personal attention by faculty and staff. Plus the carrels. It’s just more personable here.”

Arizona to South Dakota

Moving from Peoria, Arizona, to South Dakota can be a culture shock for many, but for Hawar Sabir the move was just the beginning of a new chapter in his life. Peoria, the home of spring training camps for baseball, and just a few miles from Phoenix, is unsurprisingly drastically different than the rural lifestyle of Vermillion, South Dakota. In fact, the change in scenery was expected to be so extraordinary that Sabir was warned by a sibling, “Make sure to wear sunglasses because there is so much green that it can stress your eyes when you are used to seeing only desert.”

When looking for a law school to attend, Sabir sought an institution that would empower him to make a difference in the world. He sought a small class size that offered one-on-one relationships with professors both in-and-out of class. The lynchpin that sold Sabir to USD School of Law was the affordability as compared to the high national ranking.

Sabir obtained his B.S. in Communication Studies and his Master’s in Communication Studies with an emphasis in Advocacy from Northern Arizona University. At the time, he planned to continue on with his Ph.D. in Jurisprudence of Social Policy, but after fateful day of listening to PBS NewsHour, where South Dakota Chief Justice Gilbertson was promoting the Rural Practice Program, Sabir decided then and

Hawar Sabir, First Year Law Student

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there that South Dakota was somewhere he’d like to go to law school.

Sabir’s first impression of USD, after flying to Sioux Falls and driving down, was that the campus seemed perfect; not too small or too big, but just right.

“After walking through the doors of the Law School and going on my official tour, I observed a large group of students studying and noted that the this was truly a small school that nurtured a culture of collaboration.”

Sabir is from a close-knit family rooted in supporting each other in their endeavors. Being in Vermillion for this past semester has been the longest he has been away from his family in his lifetime. The move to South Dakota has challenged his ability to keep in touch with family and friends back home. However, technology like Apple’s FaceTime has been essential in keeping him connected even though he is fourteen hundred miles away. Forcing himself into a new situation has also allowed him to build new relationships, many that he hopes last a lifetime.

“I have developed some meaningful relationships with my cohorts that have propelled me to become a better student; whether it is studying for a final or completing a brief, we challenge each other to be the best selves we can be.”

Sabir’s advice for any prospective students is to renew yourself daily and remember why you are going to law school. Why? Because “Law School is without any illusory or jest a stress inducing environment.”

After gaining a well-rounded education at Brigham Young University in Classical Studies, Shaffer dedicated herself to volunteerism post-graduation. She spent over a year volunteering in Italy before deciding to move to New York City to attend pastry school. After a few years as a pastry chef in the Big Apple, Shaffer moved to Idaho and worked at Brigham Young University for three years in its career services department. Prior to accepting the Finance Officer position, Shaffer was a Program Administrator in Admin. and Technology at USD.

Shaffer is married and has a 9-month-old daughter named Lizzie. Other fun facts include: “I have a goal to read all the Pulitzer Novels and my favorite food is cheese. If I ever need to be bribed, a baguette and some brie is as effective as money.”
Law Review Announcement:

The South Dakota Law Review is pleased to announce the following students have been selected for publication in Volume 62, Issue II:

Shad Christman
Brigid Hoffman
Loranda Kenyon
Jennifer Michlitsch
Ashley Brost (Issue III (Symposium)

Women In Law Group Raises $600 for Student Scholarships

By Rachelle Norberg, WIL President

This fall USD’s Women In Law hosted its annual clothing store for law school apparel. This year, Women In Law partnered with CF Promo in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to offer a web-based store to provide a variety of law school apparel and gear to current students, law school faculty and staff, and alumni across the country. Women In Law was able to raise over $600 for student scholarships from the store, in part due to the convenience of online ordering. Women In Law would like to say thank you to everyone who purchased clothing and for your continued support of Women In Law!

Any students who are interested in joining Women In Law please add yourself to our Facebook page or send an email to:

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