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Week of May 7, 2013

News and Notes

The 2013 exam schedule is available online here.

Set your DVRs! Rick Garnett appears in the PBS show Constitution USA with Peter Sagal Episode 2 – It’s a Free Country, which airs May 14 at 9 p.m. ET. Additionally, the following interview segment, What does separation of church and state mean?, is featured on the Constitution USA website which also features extra content not found in the series, educational resources and much more.

Don’t forget that the last day the Crossings is open for business until re-opening for the new academic year will be Friday, May 10th.

Bike-to-Work Week is back! If you already bike to work, or if you’d like some encouragement or motivation to do so, please join the Notre Dame Law School team for the annual Michiana Bike to Work Week this month! To register, go to this website, scroll to the bottom of the page, and select the “Join this Team” button next to the Notre Dame Law School team name. (If you have any questions, contact Beth!) The Bike to Work Week festivities go from May 13th through 19th, and include a free pancake breakfast in downtown South Bend (7-9 a.m. on May 14) and a boxed lunch sponsored by Fiddler’s Hearth (May 17). The capstone event of the week, of course, is the annual Bike the Bend event, which you can register for here if you are interested. Feel free to participate in any or all of the events, or simply join the team and log your commuting miles.

Parking Lot Closure. To help facilitate the Move-Out process, several parking lots will be closed for faculty and staff use. There will be no faculty/staff parking in the DPAC
West Lot (‘B’ Lot south of the Hesburgh Center), which will be **closed on Saturday May 11, 2013**. During this time, please find alternative parking on campus. Parking Services, Stadium Ushers and NDSP will be staffing areas of campus to facilitate move in.

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**News from Admissions**

The Admissions Office is in the final stages of completing a [Greenbelt Project](#) with the Office of Continuous Improvement. The project focused on decreasing the average cycle time for reviewing applications. For the 2011-12 application cycle, the average application took 44 days to receive a decision. The goal for the 2012-13 cycle was to have 95% of applications receive a decision within 30 days of file completion. We are happy to report that this project was a huge success! The average application took 16 days to receive a decision this cycle and 98.5% of all applications had a decision within 30 days. To make this possible, the Admissions Office and Committee had to complete a great deal of work and adjust many tasks to ensure the time was devoted to reviewing applications to meet this goal.

**Melissa Fruscione** made a quick weekend trip to Louisville, Kentucky to attend the 139th Kentucky Derby this past weekend. The trip included a free concert by Third Eye Blind at Louisville’s famous 4th Street Live and of course Churchill Downs. While it was a cold and rainy day, she enjoyed watching the Run for the Roses from under her covered seat. There is nothing like seeing the greatest 2 minutes in sports live!

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**News from CCHR**

Celebrating its 40th anniversary, The Center for Civil and Human Rights has announced the next stage in its development. While maintaining its traditional, close ties to the Law School, the CCHR now enjoys a new status as a collaborative effort of the Provost’s Office, the Law School, the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, and the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies. While the process to find a new CCHR Director is underway, the Directors of the Kellogg and Kroc Institutes, ex officio, will serve as
Co-Directors and CCHR will continue with its existing staff located at the Law School. 

**J. Nicholas Entrikin, Vice President and Associate Provost for Internationalization**, explained the significance of CCHR’s new role. “The contemporary challenges of global justice provide a unique opportunity for the University, and a university-wide CCHR is now positioned to meet those challenges,” he said. “We look forward to CCHR’s leadership and distinctive interdisciplinary contributions to Notre Dame’s work on human rights.”

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**Comings and Goings at NDLS**

**Jill Donnelly** has left the Law School to join the East Region Development team as an Associate Regional Director of Development on May 1st, 2013. Because Jill so loves the Law School we know that she will be a fantastic ambassador for us, educating her fellow development officers in the Eastern Region about law school programs and needs and making new friends with Notre Dame lawyers in that region. We wish her all the best in her new position.

**Patti McLaughlin**, JD ’90, Associate Director, Law Annual Giving, will be responsible for the general management of the Notre Dame Law School’s Order of St. Thomas More Recognition Society and Annual Fund including designing, planning, and executing fund-raising programs, marketing communications, volunteer engagement, brand management and the donor experience required to achieve the revenue and participation plans for OSTM and the Law School Annual Fund. This position works closely with the Dean, Associate Deans, Alumni Relations Manager, and Directors at the Law School to plan and achieve the goals for OSTM and the Law School Annual Fund. Patti received her BA in Spanish and Political Science from Wellesley College and her J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School. Patti started her career as an attorney at Carter, Ledyard and Milburn in New York. Prior to joining the staff at Notre Dame, she taught Spanish at multiple institutions of Catholic education. Please help us welcome Patti to the NDLS family! Her office is 1150 Eck Hall of Law, and she may be contacted at (574)-631-7936 or pmclaugh1@nd.edu. Welcome, Patti!

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**News from the Library**

Please help the Kresge Law Library welcome
intern John Davis! John is a graduating Master in Library Science student from IUPUI who will be working this summer at the library for his fieldwork experience as his final degree requirement before graduation. Although John is new to the Kresge Law Library, he already has ten years of library experience. He was a reference assistant at the Warsaw Community Public Library from 2001-2003 and then worked at the Fulton County Public Library from 2007-2011 where he was eventually promoted to head of reference and adult services. John’s 1997 undergraduate degree from ISU is a Bachelor of Fine Arts. From 1997-2007 John produced, marketed, and sold fine art paintings and reproductions across the United States, Canada, and Australia. As a result of his interest in both art and library science, John has focused his research and writing on issues related to copyright, trademark, trade dress, and other aspects of intellectual property related to the creation and reproduction of contemporary and historical art work and other cultural property. Please give John a warm NDLS welcome when you see him. He will be with us Tuesday through Thursday for May, June, July, and possibly part of August. Welcome, John!

Katherine (Kate) McGovern was awarded the 2013 Kresge Law Library Student Service Award at the annual law library student worker appreciation breakfast Thursday, May 2, in the Hospitality Room of the South Dining Hall. Kate is a graduating senior who has worked in the technical services department since her sophomore year at Notre Dame. She has a strong work ethic, a fantastic attention to detail, and is also a friendly and kind colleague to her fellow students and to the faculty and staff of the law library. Kate has a double major in Biology and Medieval Studies. She keeps very busy with classes, tutoring other students, and an additional job on campus working in the mail room for her dorm. Congratulations, Kate!

In addition to Kate, the law library would like to thank all of our senior student workers,
graduates and undergraduates, who worked tirelessly on our behalf. They are: Erica Parkes, Research Services; Caroline Kelleher and Russell McFall, Technical Services; Betsy McGovern, Marti McGraw, Kathleen Monahan, Megan Zagger, Lesley Chmell, Max Gaston, and Sam Sarofeen, Access Services; and Brian Mahoney, Lamar Winslow, and Matthew Treadwell, Information Technology. Congratulations and best wishes in your future endeavors!

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**Dean’s Bookshelf**

Rick Garnett just contributed a volume of the Journal of Supreme Court History, containing his essay on *Kedroff v. St. Nicholas Cathedral*.


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