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Alumni and Friends

A Newsletter for alumni and friends of PLNU's political science program

San Diego, California

Fall 2002

LIBERTY DEFIANT Critical Issues in the New US Foreign Policy

The assault on America a year ago September not only killed innocent Americans. It has also led to an historic reorientation and assertiveness in American and military policy, in government organization, and in civil rights.

To commemorate the victims and to explore the meaning of these new assertive policies, the Institute of Politics and Public Service organized a dinner speaker series called *Liberty Defiant* to take us behind the headlines and personalities to the issues and controversies these new policies have generated. Students and community guests filled The Forum for catered meals and insightful presentations from academics and professionals.



The anchor of the series was the presentation by Dr. Kamal Beyoughlow, and co-sponsored by for the US Department of State. Beyoughlow discussed the new emphasis on taking the initiative, the difficulties of stemming the flow of funds to terrorist groups, and the legal issues involved in the detainees. The presentation was both deep and clear at the same time. Students are likely to remember it for years.

In an appearance co-sponsored by the US Central Intelligence Agency, agent Dwaine Darrah, Chief of Middle East Group, Counterterrorism Center, CIA, spoke on "*Personal Integrity in a Capital in Crisis.*"



The Bush Administration has linked the war on terrorism to a war on Iraq. Dr. Dan Caldwell, Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Pepperdine University, has been a NATO Fellow this fall, working on an analysis of NATO policy in the Balkans and the war on terrorism. He presented an outline of the report he is preparing. In his remarks Caldwell noted how Europe strongly supported the US after the 9/11 attack, and his fear that a war with Iraq will damage the cohesion of the NATO alliance.

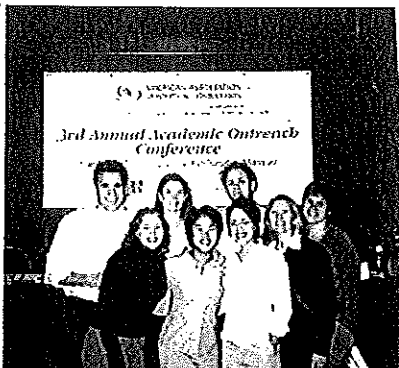


A major domestic impact of the new foreign policy is the Patriot Act, a 350 page law that Congress passed immediately after the attack. Constitutional scholar Steve Shaw invoked the principles of Justice Louis Brandeis to raise questions about what he considers to be dangerous new powers of the government. Dr. Mark Clark from the National Security Studies Program talked on the continuing relevance of nuclear weapons.

The question and answer periods and lingering discussions afterward testified to the high level of student interest in this topics and speakers.

STUDENTS ATTEND CAMPAIGN CONFERENCE

Meet the masters—not just read the masters. That is an enriched education. The American Association of Political Consultants comprises the top political and election consultants in the country, and they offer their expertise and insights to university students at an annual Outreach Conference. It is a chance to meet the masters.



Dr. Linda Beail took several students from her Campaigns and Elections course to Washington, DC for that conference. They attended panel

discussions on topics like “The Worlds of Political Consultants and Lobbyists” and “Keys to Working in the Industry,” and “Perspectives on Campaign Ethics,” and, from Karl Rove, Senior Advisor to President George W. Bush, “The Future of US Campaigns and Elections.” A special feature was attending a taping of CNN’s *Crossfire*.

“The DC conference brought me into the hard reality of Washington politics,” Kala Caruthers said. “Seeing the correlation between what we learn in the classroom and what actually happens in the real world is an essential part of a good education.”

NEW STUDENTS JOIN THE MAJOR



The fall semester saw the arrival of several new students into the major. Some came as freshmen and some came as transfers. Many of the new students are in the Introduction to Political Science class, but not all of them. Pictured below are Rachel Menkal, David Miles, Courtney Hale, Zach Burton, Robert Gonsalves, Karlie Bennett, Curtis Lillie, Rachel Ingersol, and Nicole Ballew.

Dr. Kirkemo and most of the new majors joined together for a dinner at the wonderful Buca di Beppo restaurant.



Among those attending were Forrest Mandeville, Richard Cortez, Zach Burton, Scott Grover, Lydia Heberling, Megan Ekard, Robert Gonsalves, Rachel Menkal, Curtis Lillie, Wendy Wellman, and Nicole Ballew.



Transfers include Dana Brown and Erik Trickett.



Also joining the program are Owen Clemmons and Deslee Gonzalves and Katie Wrench.



Semester thought: American leaders need to recognize the return to prominence of public service. “For it is to the public sector, not the private sector so gloried during the past generation, that our nation has turned in its moments of crisis.” Timothy Clark, *Government Executive*, October, 2002

MODEL UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM

Outside the campus and after graduation students in their careers will need the skills of teamwork, of defending ideas while finding common ground among opposing ideas, and of speaking before groups. They need to compete and cooperate, defend and persuade, and they need to do all that with the social graces of self-control and respect for others, of easy conversation, and self-confidence.



The Model UN program is one means to enhance those skills. Students represent specific countries. They study those countries and their policies toward specific international issues. The students practice in class simulations, learning parliamentary rules and how to write resolutions. They attend a one day mini-conference in October, and a three day conference in November. They have three roles. As a player they must fulfill their obligation to accurately represent that country. As a student they need to demonstrate that they contributed to the development and passage of a resolution. As a person they compete for recognition.

The students pay all their own travel, hotel, and meal expenses, which runs about \$400 for each of them.

Kala Carruthers represented Brazil on the International Court of Justice. There she and the other representatives had to work through a specific court case. "I learned first hand how law can be both precise and ambiguous," she said. "I realized the power of interpretation is amazingly controversial."



Janae Parker represented Norway on the Security Council. In that role she learned "what it is like to be small and powerless, which was a new perspective for me."

Jeff Hegness represented Sweden on the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. There he discovered it "is important for political science majors to comprehend and be good at lobbying skills with others you have never met before." Jeff, who changed to political science from another major, noted the difference between "other departments that simply teach material and don't teach students how to resolve issues through lobbying and higher level thought processes."

Matt Klemin, who represented Norway in the General Assembly, found that "writing policy and strategizing on how to get it passed," and "critical reading, forming an in-depth opinion, and public speaking are all skills applicable to other areas of life."

Not only does the Model UN program enhance career-related skills, it also injects competition into education. The students must achieve some success in passing or influencing resolutions, and they compete for awards. It allows them to measure themselves against other students and programs, and to appreciate the work, practice, and skill necessary, in the words of Matt Klemin again, to strive to protect the national interest and find appropriate compromises for the common good.

NEWS OF STUDENTS, ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

August Petropulos is back from Greece where he spent his Capitals program and interned over the summer for the State Department. Besides taking classes he participated in a NATO simulation. But it was that soccer match he attended—smoke bombs, seats ripped up, bottles thrown, police in riot gear and tear gas!

Eli Williams won a David Boren National Security Education Program Scholarship last year and is spending this year studying the Middle East and Arabic Language in Cairo. He writes:

Egypt is an experience I have yet to find words to describe. I have talked to Islamists, people who have signed up to be suicide bombers, professors who lived through the Lebanese civil war, and Christian Arabs! I made contact with the diplomat I met on my summer trip with Archer, and who is now in Cairo. I asked him about internships and he said he thinks I could begin next semester doing part-time work and stay on for a full-time position over the summer.

There are several NSEP people here. They mean business, and they totally raised the bar for me. They are here and are driven with high hopes and goals. It is also nice to be able to sit and talk with people about politics from Georgetown and various Ivy League schools. I always thought these people were so far beyond me and now I am finding that while they are incredibly intelligent, I think I could see myself able to make it through one of those schools. The fear of intimidation has been relieved. I could not imagine myself not taking this opportunity.

Last night for Thanksgiving a girl from Mongolia invited a friend and me over for Thanksgiving dinner. Obviously she doesn't ever celebrate the holiday, but she studied in the US and knows what it was like to be away from family on special holidays. Besides my friend and me, she had a girl from Iran, an Egyptian girl and a boy from Russia. It was a great time of sitting and talking about our different cultures and customs and history.

Kelly Robinson is interning in the British House of Commons. In a couple of e-mails she wrote:

This e-mail was composed at a computer inside the wall of Westminster Palace...

Lastly, next Wednesday is the official opening of this next session of Parliament. This is when the Queen gives her opening speech inside Westminster Hall...I am invited to attend!!!

Jason Parks is studying in Denmark and Joy Adams in Cairo. Next semester Adam Price and LeAnn Wiley will study in China.

Jeff Sturak (94) works for the San Diego City Manager.

Rebekah Yaeger (99) is in New Jersey and is Executive Director for the National Foundation for Life

Sean White (2000) recently began his career with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Brian Cramer (2001) began graduate work in international relations at New York University.

Jennifer Tracy (2002) works for the San Diego Regional Task Force on the Homeless.

Since 1997, 46% of our graduates have gone into public service—government, politics, advocacy. Another 17% have gone to law school and 15% to have gone to graduate school.

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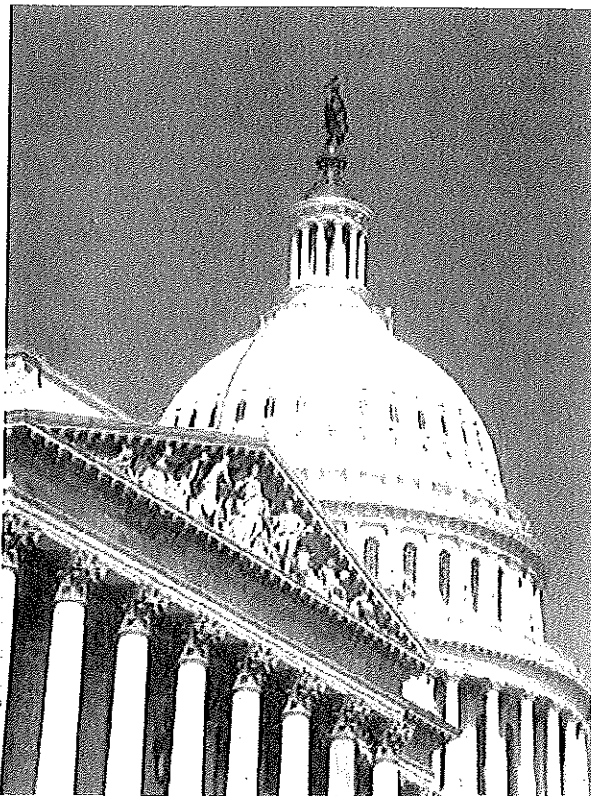
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Spring 2004 Speakers

Please check back.

The Forum
Clara Colt Hall

POLITICAL SCIENCE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Charter of Organization

Political Science Alumni and Friends Association comprises graduates and friends of the political science program of Point Loma Nazarene University, and exists to promote the interests of that major--its students, faculty, and activities. It is related to the university as an auxiliary of the Alumni Association.

Article I NAME

The name of this organization is Political Science Alumni and Friends Association of Point Loma Nazarene University.

Article II Purposes

The purposes of this organization are:

1. To provide contact, communication, and activities for the alumni and friends of Point Loma's political science program.
2. To provide contact points for students needing information on career choices and entry points.
3. To be a presence at campus and political science program events when appropriate.
4. To be a resource for the recruitment efforts of the political science program.
5. To support efforts at developing endowed scholarships for political science majors.
6. To work in conjunction with the political science faculty to understand and better serve the needs of the program, and provide such activities and services the association decides would be appropriate for alumni and for the political science program.

Article III Membership

All graduates and friends of the political science program of Point Loma Nazarene University shall be eligible to become members of Political Science Alumni and Friends. The membership fee shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Article IV Leadership

The leadership of the Political Science Alumni and Friends shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board shall be elected by members of the Point Loma Associates for a period of two years, and a faculty representative appointed by the political science faculty. The number of

Directors shall be determined each five years by the membership of the Association. Leadership for the Board shall be vested in a President, and decision-making for Political Science Alumni and Friends shall be by vote of the Board of Directors. The Directors shall determine the roles and responsibilities of Board members, and shall nominate candidates for election to the Board. The Board shall meet at the discretion of the President, but at least twice a year. Electronic conferencing may be utilized for meetings of the Board.

Article V Annual Meeting

The regular meeting of the membership of the Association will be held during Homecoming Activities. The President of the Board or a designee shall be in charge of the meeting.

Article VI Amendments

This Charter may be amended by a simple majority vote of the paid membership in a formally constituted election arranged by the Board of Directors.

Current Board

President

Evangelos Koutalas

Directors

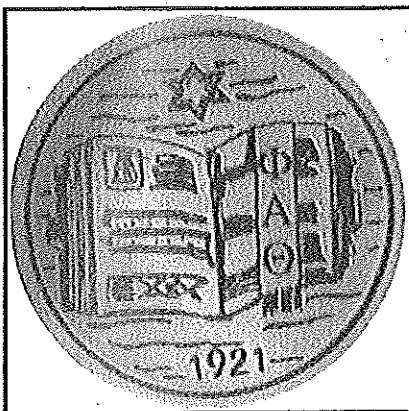
Danielle Cervantes

Enrique Guajardo

Julia Juarez

Ashley Smith

Robert Stagner



Phi Alpha Theta
Point Loma Nazarene University

Phi Alpha Theta: National Honor Society in History

Phi Alpha Theta is a national honor society for students from any major who love the discipline of history. The society encourages historical travel, discussion, research, writing, and presentations. We have made road trips to Cliff Dwellings, Central Coast Missions, the Huntington Library, the Getty Museum, and various other places. We encourage participation in the yearly regional conference where students present their research to students from Southern California universities. We also support other historical conferences and bring speakers to the Point Loma campus.

To contact the national office please visit: [*Phi Alpha Theta*](#) This site includes opportunities for conferences, presentations, and national awards.

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Pre Law Program

*History & Political Science Department
Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego*

Who directs P.L.N.U.'s Pre-Law organization?

Dr. Dwayne Little, Professor of the History & Political Science Department of Point Loma Nazarene University, is the Director of the Pre Law Program. Dr. Little is assisted by Dr. Michael McKinney, Professor of German and Literature, in the Department of Literature, Journalism, and Modern Languages of Point Loma Nazarene University. Dr. McKinney is also a practicing attorney. You may reach Dr. Little at (619)849-2568 and Dr. McKinney at (619)849-2294.

What are the purposes of P.L.N.U.'s Pre-Law organization?

We strive to inform those interested about the wide variety of options in law-related careers, as well as to prepare them for success in those careers. We provide information about law schools, the LSAT, application procedures, the bar exam, placement and practice realities, paralegal training and more. Several PLNU students have served as interns at the U.S. Supreme Court.

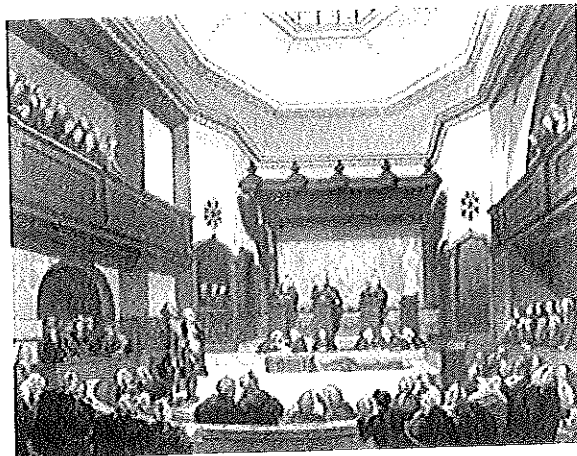
Does my major make a difference?

Contrary to popular opinion, virtually any major can provide the basis for a good preparation for a law-related career. The traditional majors (History, Political Science, English) have been supplemented in recent years by a growing demand for graduates in the sciences, business, foreign languages, social sciences and others.

If you are thinking about a legal career, you should join us as early as possible in your academic career. Most of our programs are open to freshmen through seniors (though a few will be more applicable to juniors or seniors).

How do I join?

Just show up at one of our meetings, or, better yet, call Dr. Little (849-2568) to be sure you get on our mailing list, which provides information regarding pre-law activities.



| Pre-Law Program Dates | Chi Delta Chi |

Friday, February 20, 2004

PLNU PRE-LAW PROGRAM

Chi Delta Chi Chapter of Christian Pre-Law Clubs

Advisers: Drs. Dwayne Little (H/PS) and David McKinney (LJML)

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- **Personalized Pre-Law Counseling**
- **Scholarships: Hiepler and Nagel (\$14,300 annually)**
- **Campus meetings on Topics of Interest**
- **Analysis of best law school options**
- **Applications for LSAT and LSDAS**
- **Meetings with law school representatives**
- **Visits to local law schools**
- **Review of LSAT preparation options**
- **Copies of prior LSAT exams in Pre-Law Center**
- **Assistance in writing "personal statements" for applications**
- **Place students in internships in government and law firms**
- **Invitation to annual PLNU Law Alumni Breakfast at Homecoming**
- **Opportunity to serve as an Intern at the U. S. Supreme Court**
- **Students placed at UCLA, UC Davis, McGeorge, Pepperdine, USC, Denver, USD, California Western, etc.**

EXAMPLES OF LAW ALUMNI SUCCESS

- **Larry Burns – presently before U. S. Senate for confirmation as a federal judge for Southern California**
- **Mark Hiepler—listed in "America's 100 Best Attorneys"; won a \$78 million judgment against Blue Cross**
- **John Vander Feer—Circuit Court judge in San Bernardino County**
- **Bryan Vess—Attorney at Mazzarella, Dunwoody & Caldarelli in San Diego who won two important local cases within last month**
- **Harold and Patricia Potter—two history majors now married and practicing in public and private practice in Orange County**
- **Dennis Dollar—Graduated 1st in class at University of San Diego Law School; offered jobs throughout the U. S.**

Pre-law--

Dwayne Little and D. Michael McKinney, Co-Advisors

The Pre-Law program is designed to provide those considering legal careers with all the information and support they need to assist them with accomplishment of their goals. While most of the program centers on the concerns of those planning to attend law school, help is also available for those contemplating paralegal, government, and other law-related careers.

There is no "Pre-Law Major" as such, since the American Association of Law Schools and almost all ABA-approved law schools discourage such practices. Instead, the Point Loma program focuses on assisting students of any major with information on the best preparation for law school, including: the Law School Admissions Test, application procedures and strategies, internships, the bar exam, and practice and placement issues.

The Pre-Law program brings speakers to the University in small-group settings and provides a wide variety of programs. Guests include law school admissions officers, practicing attorneys, judges, and others involved in legal careers. In addition, the advisors (one a practicing attorney) provide individualized counseling for all Pre-Law participants. The advisors also administer an internship program through which selected Point Loma students are placed for a semester with the Curator's Office of the Supreme Court of the United States. Students interested in any aspect of the Pre-Law Program should contact the advisors early in their academic career.

Pre-medical/Pre-dental--Darrel R. Falk, Advisor

Students may prepare themselves for admission to medical and dental schools by pursuing a four-year program of study as suggested by the Pre-Medical Advisor. Medical and dental schools make no requirements regarding the choice of major for Pre-Medical students but encourage a broad liberal arts background in the humanities, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics. In addition to a bachelor's degree, the specific requirements for admission into medical school include one year each of general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology, physics, and calculus.

A Pre-Medical Committee of the faculty follows the progress of each student and is available to advise the student and write recommendations when the student applies to medical school, usually at the beginning of the senior year. The Pre-Medical Program is designed to aid and encourage student candidates through a visiting speaker program, orientation meetings, suggestions in preparing for entrance exams, practice interviews, special experiences such as research opportunities, and critiques of application materials. Prospective students are advised that high grades and entrance exam scores are essential.

Pre-Physical Therapy and Allied Health--

Leon Kugler and Rebecca Fletstra, Co-Advisors

Students of various academic majors intending to attend physical therapy school must prepare adequately for the rigors of graduate school and groom themselves for the application process. Interested students will receive advisement on accredited programs, prerequisites, and admission standards. The advisors assist in internship placement, preparation for the application process including letter of recommendation decisions and the admission interview paradigm. Graduate Record Examination preparation strategies and course sequence advising are offered. Prospective students are advised that high grades and entrance exam scores are essential.

Interaction with professionals in the physical therapy and medical fields is encouraged through two or three clinical internship placements, the first of which occurs as early as the second semester of the sophomore year, the biannual distinguished lecture series, contact with the University sport team physician and original research leading to Graduation with Distinction honors. These interactions are beneficial to personal and pre-professional development and enhance the prospect of graduate school admission.

AFROTC, AROTC, and NROTC Programs

Scott Shoemaker, Advisor

Two- to four-year programs in Air Force, Army, and Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps, are offered in cooperation with San Diego State University and the University of San Diego. Upon completion of the program and all requirements for a bachelor's degree, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force, Army, and Marines, and as Ensigns in the Navy. In addition to the leadership courses listed on the admissions office Web site, all students are required to take a four to six-week Field Training Camp or cruise during the summer. Further information on these programs may be obtained from the ROTC advisor at Point Loma Nazarene University or from the Aerospace Studies Department, 619.594.5545, and the Military Science Department, 619.594.4943, at San Diego State University or the Department of Naval Science, www.acusd.edu/nrotc, at the University of San Diego.