

Law School loses profs to rival institutions

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The University of Chicago Law School is undergoing some faculty turnover with a number of professors departing for other institutions in 2006 and 2007. U of C Law professors Philip Hamburger, Tracey Meares, Alan Sykes, Albert Alschuler, and Adrian Vermeule have all accepted new positions.

Sykes accepted a position at Stanford Law School, Vermeule at Harvard Law School, and Alschuler at the Northwestern University School of Law.

Hamburger, a law professor and director of the Bigelow Program and the Legal History Program, has relocated to Columbia Law School, according to the Columbia Law

School website.

Meares will move to the Yale Law School in January 2007, according to the Yale Law School website.

The U of C Law School administration was unavailable to confirm these departures at press time.

David Strauss, law professor and the chair of the faculty appointments committee, said that the increase in faculty departures will not spark a major change in recruitment.

"It is an unusually large number of departures, but I don't foresee a dramatic change in our approach to hiring; these things tend to even out in the long run," he said.

Anup Malani, currently a visiting associate professor of law at the U of C, will join the University full time in the fall from the University of Virginia Law School, said Strauss.

The U of C Law School also hired Alison LaCroix, who received a J.D. and Ph.D. in history from Harvard for an entry-level position for the upcoming year, Strauss said.

Strauss said that he expects an offer currently being made by the U of C Law School to be accepted. He anticipates that the faculty appointments committee will make more offers in the upcoming months that will likewise be accepted.

The faculty appointments committee is a group of law faculty who search for both hires from other law schools and entry-level hires. The committee also looks for visiting professors to the Law School, who often become hires.

"We learn about potential lateral hires from people on our faculty

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Chronically plagued by its low ridership, the #173 bus route is one of many University bus services the CTA plans to alter in the near future.

New, improved CTA routes in sight

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New transportation proposals—including additional and altered CTA routes—are some possibilities that the University is considering for the growing U of C campus.

Transportation and Parking Services held a town hall meeting Wednesday at the Biological Sciences Learning Center for staff and students to discuss new commuting initiatives.

The proposed CTA change would add a Red Line/Green Line shuttle that would provide direct service to the El stations, unlike the #55 bus that continues to Midway Airport. The proposed CTA bus will be open to all and will not be free to students.

Brian Shaw, director of Campus Transportation and Parking Services, said that the CTA is examining this proposed route and determining

which stops are viable on the proposed shuttle route and how much money it would cost to operate.

The CTA is also considering altering the #173 bus line in order to improve service.

"The #173 is the lowest ridden route in all of Chicago," said Deb Garfi, transit operations administrator for the University. "But its ridership is heaviest during its first runs when people are commuting to downtown in the afternoon, and it's only available during the school year. We're looking to potentially change the #173 to a commuter route year-round that services during peak rush hours, not into the night."

Citing the construction on the Dan Ryan Expressway and the rise of gas prices, Shaw said that the University is trying to make public transportation a more attractive alternative for staff. The proposed strategy will provide funding for other

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Class of '06 gears up for future after University

BY SARAH HETHERINGTON
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With graduation time for the Class of 2006 drawing near, fourth-years have been faced with the inevitable question: "What are you doing next year?"

Not only does the impending job hunt characterize the next step of this year's graduating class, but it also indicates how the job market intends to greet those who have studied the life of the mind for the past four years.

According to Meredith Daw of the University's Career Advising and Planning Services (CAPS), "not much has changed" in the job preferences of this year's group of graduating fourth-years, apart from a "definitely more active" interest in government jobs on both state and federal levels.

"Perhaps the interest [in government jobs] stems particularly in relation to the war and Hurricane Katrina, but students want to see how they can help out," Daw said.

Keri Robertson, a fourth-year English Language and Literature concentrator, is one example of a student taking an interest in community-based leadership and service organizations. Robertson will be teaching secondary English to students in grades 7-12 in lower Manhattan for the next two years as part of the Teach for America program.

Robertson learned of the program, which places recent college graduates in teaching positions in underprivileged schools for a period of two years, during her senior

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NYC's Bloomberg, College's Chandler to speak at convocation

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Michael Bloomberg, mayor of New York City and founder of Bloomberg LP, will address undergraduates at the University's 485th Convocation on June 10.

The convocation address, delivered by a U of C faculty member, will be given by James Chandler, professor of English in the College.

"We are honored and will welcome the mayor of the city of New York to our convocation and will be interested in what he has to say about contemporary urban problems," said William Harms, U of C spokesperson.

Bloomberg was elected mayor of

New York City in 2001 and reelected in 2005. As mayor, Bloomberg oversaw the integration of New York's school board into the mayor's office in order to increase accountability and improve performance.

Since its founding in 1982, Bloomberg LP has become a leading financial information service with over 8,000 employees in over 100 offices around the world. Bloomberg LP operates a news service and radio, television, Internet, and publishing operations.

Bloomberg received his B.S. in electrical engineering from Johns Hopkins University in 1964 and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1966.

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Polish art shows its true colors at Smart Museum



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The Colors of Identity: Polish Art at Home and Abroad, 1890-1939, a new exhibit featuring more than 60 paintings, sculptures, and drawings from Polish artists, opened Thursday evening at the Smart Museum. The exhibit will run through September 17.

Children of younger moms see benefits

BY ZACHARY BINNEY
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Being a young mother might have at least some benefits, according to a new study from the Center on Aging at the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University. The study found that children whose mothers were under 25 when they gave birth are approximately twice as likely to reach age 100.

The study, conducted by Leonid Gavrilov, a research scientist at NORC, and his wife, Natalia Gavrilova, a research associate at the center, looked at a wide range of data on about 198 centenarians born in

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Living to 100 years could depend on mom's health

RESEARCH continued from front page the U.S. between 1890 and 1893.

For each child, they looked at the age of the mother and father at birth and the region where the child was born, among other factors. The researchers hoped to explain why first born children have a better chance of living to 100, which they found in a previous study.

"The 'young mother' effect on exceptional longevity is surprising to us because it is a new finding, because it is so strong and statistically significant...and because it explains the 'first-born order' effect," Gavrilova said.

She added that she had not expected a single factor—in this case the mother's age—to nearly double a child's chances of living to 100; she usually sees an increase or decrease of 20 to 30 percent from a given factor.

The researchers want to investigate the "young mother phenomenon" further to determine why it has such a strong effect on a

child's potential longevity while other factors, like the father's age, have comparably little impact.

The researchers are considering a range of biomedical hypotheses. One idea is that a mother's best eggs are used early in life, so those children born in her younger years have a biological propensity to live longer. Another theory suggests that younger mothers tend to be healthier and less susceptible to infections that could be detrimental to a child's longevity.

Gavrilov and Gavrilova are also looking at a set of social explanations. One possibility, dubbed the "mothering hypothesis," posits that children of younger mothers are exposed to maternal care and supervision for a longer time than children of older mothers and so are more likely to live longer. Similarly, the "younger siblings support" theory suggests that children of younger mothers tend to have

a greater number of younger siblings who can care for them in their old age.

All of these ideas, however, are simply speculation, said the researchers, and further studies are required to untangle all the possible factors.

"The results of this study demonstrate that childhood conditions are indeed very important in determining the chances of exceptional longevity and justify...large-scale research efforts in this direction," the report concluded.

Gavrilova noted that this and subsequent studies could have a great impact on perceptions of motherhood.

"This may have important social and actuarial implications, because so many women now decide to postpone childbearing due to career demands," she said.

So should women be rushing to have children straight out of high school or college? Not so fast.

"This is the mother's choice," Gavrilova said. "If she is concerned about child health and longevity, then perhaps she may wish to have a child sooner rather than later. All we can do is help to make the mother's choice become an informed decision."

As for Gavrilova herself, the results are encouraging.

"I have a daughter, and I was 22 years old when she was born," she said. "I have never thought about this biographic fact in a context of our study findings. But now...I think that it perhaps was not a bad idea to be a young mother."

—CRIME REPORT—

May 22, 8:18 p.m.—A woman was standing in front of Kent Hall when a man snatched her ID holder containing cash and miscellaneous ID cards. The offender is white, between 24 and 35 years old, between 5-foot-7 and 5-foot-8, 165 pounds, and was wearing a dark turban. Police are investigating.

—Ethan Frenchman

New routes aim to lighten traffic on campus

TRAVELING continued from front page modes of travel for staff and adopt a blanket parking rate across campus by 2007. Currently, parking rates south of the Midway are cheaper than north-of-the-Midway spots.

"With the master plan, we are increasing the demand for parking," Shaw said. "As we follow the directions of the master plan, parking spaces are going to turn into more buildings, which means more people, and that means more demand for parking."

Transportation Services will encourage staff and faculty to avoid driving, Shaw said, promoting Metra, CTA, carpool, walking, or U of C-sponsored shuttles as better alternatives for making the commute to campus.

Other proposals include lengthening the CTA schedules to 8 p.m. to serve Shoreland residents who eat at Burton-Judson dining hall and lengthening the schedule of the #170 CTA bus for residents of Breckenridge, International House, and the future residents of the dorm south of the Midway.

Donny Copeland, a third-year in the College and the incoming vice president of administration for SG, served on the College Council committee that met with Shaw and Grafi to discuss transportation issues.

Copeland said that improving transportation has been a major priority for College Council. The council has proposed redesigning the late-night buses to be directionally based and to provide more runs.

Copeland cited several problems with the late-night buses, saying that they do not run often enough and have inconvenient stops, "put[ting] an unnecessary strain on the drunk van and creat[ing] a security risk," he said.

Copeland said the CTA buses "are not well synched with class start times—they arrive consistently three minutes after your class starts."

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