



This special edition of The Denning Obiter brings you the highlights of the Denning League, an inside look at society life, and exclusive coverage of this year's elections, a true celebration of campus spirit and leadership.

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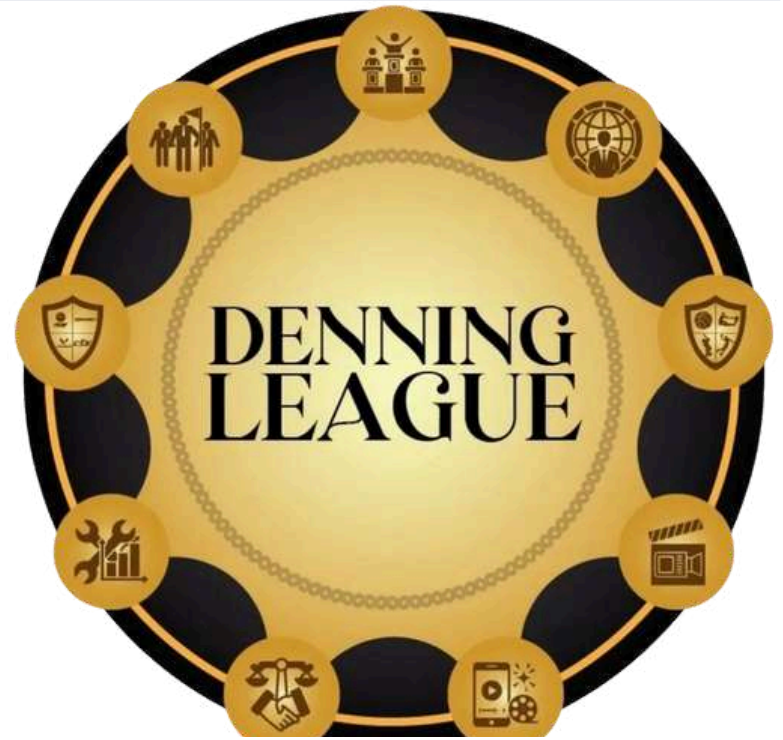
IN PICTURE: Mr. Ahmad Burney

ELECTION FEVER AT DENNING: BROWNIES, BANNERS, AND A BATTLE FOR THE PRESIDENCY

The much-anticipated Rumors of favoritism and Denning Executive Council procedural hiccups added fuel to the fire. A reportedly heated Election (2025-2026) finally concluded. This year, the competition was fierce between three panels: The Visionary Alliance, The Revolution, and lastly The Aristocratic Alliance. The closed-door meeting with Miss Erum only intensified the atmosphere. A few candidates claimed their campaigning materials were mysteriously removed.



THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DENNING TRADITION: DENNING LEAGUE 2025



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The excitement begins with Dialogues at Denning's "Mission Impossible," a three-day scavenger hunt blending mystery, teamwork, and creativity. From clue trails across Bahria Town to on-campus challenges and a final reel-making round, this event is designed to push boundaries and bring students together through shared discovery.

The Denning Debates Union will channel diplomacy and strategy in its Intra-Model United Nations (Intra-MUN). For many, it will be their first taste of the high-stakes world of international debate complete with formal sessions, global issues, and crisis committees.

What sets it apart is its focus on learning, offering new debaters a platform to find their voice in a supportive environment.

Meanwhile, the Denning Mooting Society brings the courtroom to campus with its Intra-Moot Court Competition, where participants will argue before panels of seasoned advocates and partners from top law firms. Intense and transformative, it's designed to test intellect, research, and advocacy under pressure.

On the innovation front, the Entrepreneurship Society presents The Founders' Factory i.e a fast-paced entrepreneurship challenge where students turn ideas into startups. Over a few days, they'll brainstorm, brand, design, and pitch, transforming imagination into enterprise. It's a crash course in leadership and creativity and perhaps the spark behind the next great Denning startup.

Further sharpening Denning's legal edge, Sir Shahid Shafique and his team will host an Intra-Advocacy Competition, while the Alternate Dispute Resolution Challenge tests negotiation and mediation skill, both required to be a good lawyer.

For those chasing adrenaline, Denning Esports will light up screens with tournaments in EAFC, Tekken, Counter-Strike, Valorant, and PUBG.

While the Denning Sports Society takes over the fields and courts with Cricket, Futsal, Basketball, and more. Whether it's cheers from the ground or the gaming room, we sense that tensions will be high.

The Denning BeyondTech Society adds a cerebral twist with its Power BI and Data Analytics Competition, where participants turn data into insight and strategy. Meanwhile, the Center for Law, Justice and Policy (CLJP) will host an Article Writing Competition, inviting students to express ideas through words, with winners announced at the closing ceremony.

Throughout the week, The Denning Obiter will serve as the official media partner, capturing every highlight and behind-the-scenes moment, while the Denning Task Force ensures everything stays organized, safe, and smooth.

And when the final day arrives, Denning will close the week with a grand concert night a celebration not just of victory, but of the collective spirit that brought it all to life. The singer is a surprise for everyone but all we will say is that he sure knows how to make the crowd sing along and vibe.

The first-ever Denning League is more than an event, it's the start of a tradition. It's a reminder that Denning is a community built on talent, teamwork, and unstoppable ambition.

CALENDAR FOR DENLEAGUE

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31 Training Workshop for Founder's Factory	1 Training Workshop for AMU, Mooting, Advocacy and Intra-MUN
	3	4	5	6	7 Training Workshop for Founder's Factory	8 Training Workshop for AMU, Mooting, Advocacy and Intra-MUN
9	10	11	12	13	14 Training Workshop for Founder's Factory	15 Training Workshop for AMU, Mooting, Advocacy and Intra-MUN
16	17	18	19	20	21 Training Workshop for Founder's Factory	22 Training Workshop for AMU, Mooting, Advocacy and Intra-MUN
23	24 Denning League Day 1	25 Denning League Day 2	26 Denning League Day 3	27 Denning League Day 4	28 Denning League Day 5	29 Denning League Social event and Concert
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MEET THE PRESIDENTS 2025-26



The President of Center of Law and Justice Policy (CLJP), Finaina Khan, is motivated by the society's unique identity as an, *"Independent research think tank."* Having previously served as a student researcher in this society last year, she witnessed its potential to move *"beyond classroom discussions"* and make a legitimate impact in the real world, especially through her own interest in international law and legal writing. However this year, her goals is to turn CLJP's detailed research and ideas into *"real, applied policy impact,"* establishing the Centre's reputation not just for academic brilliance, but for

building awareness and creating change on important legal and societal issues in Pakistan. Her main focus rests on three main goals. Firstly, she hopes to increase student engagement by giving more opportunities to actively contribute to the society's works and campaigns. Secondly, she is dedicated to creating *"high-impact work,"* including organizing and hosting a huge policy conference on significant legal issues and problems in Pakistan by authoring detailed research papers. Lastly, she wishes to *"broaden the conversation"* by connecting students with journalists, policymakers, and practitioners directly to tackle the gap between academic theory and its real-world application.



In a journey fueled by passion and purpose, for Zamin Ali, becoming president of the Denning Esports Society was a natural next step. *"Several factors inspired me to take on the role,"* He has shared. *"Having served as an executive member in the previous term, I gained valuable experience in management and developed a strong understanding of how the society operates."* But beyond experience lies a deeper motivation, a lifelong love for gaming. *"I've been actively involved in esports since early 2019, and I firmly believe in its potential to elevate Pakistan on the global stage."*

His mission this year is *"to ensure that Denning becomes a recognized name in the esports community."* Leading a society in a field that's still gaining gradual recognition and is often misunderstood, comes with its hurdles. *"The lack of awareness and recognition for e-sports within Denning has been one of the biggest challenges,"* Zamin Ali admits. *"While many students enjoy gaming, few understand its professional side."* Yet through it all, he has found strength in the society's purpose. *"Leadership is less about authority and more about inspiring commitment and shared purpose."* When not organizing tournaments or managing the team, this president recharges with music, long walks, and gaming sessions with friends. And when asked if Denning Esports had a theme song, without hesitation, he chose "Timeless" by The Weeknd. A fitting anthem for a society determined to make its mark, one game at a time.



After seven years of debating, this year's President of Denning's Debating Society brings both experience and heartfelt passion to the role. *"Somewhere between the shaky first speeches and the late-night prep sessions, I fell in love with the art of debating,"* Sadia Mushtaq shares. Debate, for her, has been a journey of growth, confidence, and community. *"Debate introduced me to people who challenged my thoughts, sharpened my perspectives, and became some of my closest friends. I wish to carry that forward and create an environment where every member feels included, supported, and empowered"*

Under her leadership, the team is expanding DENMUN into a larger, more dynamic event through collaboration with EuroMUN, thus bringing new perspectives and experiences to the society's new members. Beyond debating, the president balances a wide array of hobbies. Her favorites are crocheting, reading, playing video games, and watching cricket. For DenLeague, the society is gearing up to host its first Intra-MUN, a full-fledged Model United Nations simulation designed to give students hands-on experience in diplomacy and public speaking. With enthusiasm and inclusion at the core of her leadership, this president is set to make debating at Denning more engaging, accessible, and inspiring than it has ever been.



For Vaneeza Ilyas, stepping into the role of president of the Dance, Arts, Music, and Performance (DAMP) Society at Denning wasn't just about leadership, it was also about love. *"DAMP has felt like home to me ever since I joined two years ago,"* She shared, her eyes lighting up with nostalgia. Having started as a passionate music enthusiast who grew to embrace every aspect of the performing arts, this President describes their leadership role as *"a way of giving back to the place that's given me so much joy and growth."* Her dream? *"To make DAMP unforgettable. To make it so big, so grand, that by the time*

I graduate, the name DAMP echoes through campus like a legacy." But leading a society brimming with creativity also comes with its challenges like many other things. *"Being president isn't about being 'in charge' it's about being approachable,"* Vaneeza reflected. *"The biggest challenge is keeping everyone on the same page while juggling creative chaos... But I've learned that no society can survive without unity. We're a team first. Like a giant, slightly dramatic, super talented family."* When Vaneeza Ilyas isn't managing rehearsals or events, she recharges through quiet evenings, solo walks, and spontaneous outings with friends. Her ultimate escape? *"A beach day with my closest friends. Just existing, talking, and watching the sunset."* And as for DAMP's theme song? *"'Mauja Hi Mauja,' of course! The energy, the chaos, the pure fun. It's exactly what DAMP is all about."*

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For this year's President of The Mooting Society, advocacy isn't just an extracurricular, it's a defining part of their journey at Denning. Stepping into the role of President, her aim is to not only uphold the continuing legacy of the Mooting sphere at Denning, but to elevate it. *"I wanted to create more opportunities for students to engage with advocacy, refine their legal reasoning, and represent Denning at the highest level,"* Hannah explains. Her vision is clear, *"This year, my goal is to strengthen our international presence, mentor new mooters, and ensure that the society remain a space where passion for law*

meets purpose and teamwork." Leading such a driven and talented team comes with its own challenges, as per Hannah. Coordinating schedules, sustaining momentum, and balancing workshops as well as multiple competitions require both patience and adaptability. Through it all, this president has learned that, *"leadership isn't about doing everything yourself, it's about empowering others to shine and creating an environment where everyone feels valued and inspired."* Outside of her duties, the president finds balance in simple pleasures like spending time with friends.



The Task Force Society, acting as the center pillar for all the societies at Denning would have an individual no less than a very hardworking and mentally strong person, and as such Abdullah Sheikh fits perfectly into that mold. He does not require an elaborate introduction, him leading such a complex and work-oriented society speaks volume for itself. Abdullah, nevertheless, is an individual who has decided to think beyond himself and aims to serve the community within Denning as stated by him, *"Stepping up as a President was a chance to give back to a community*

that's given me so much." While already knowing how diverse Denning is, it might not be surprising to hear that the variety of student societies possess a bulk of different ideas and perspectives in the shape of its students or members and as such, it stood as one of the biggest challenges for this President to keep the society aligned on a shared vision that was unique from everything else already being advocated for by other societies. *"I have learned the importance of clear communication, trust and giving people the space to find their strengths forward."* Abdullah Sheikh says, describing how instrumental the presidency has been for the individual leading it.



The current President of Dennings Media Society, Arwa Kazi, is motivated by an intuitive objective, which is to harness the strengths of media for legitimate social change and not just for popular trends. She was inspired to take on the role by a *"strong desire to present the true picture of law and the often-overlooked realities of our society."* Her goals and objectives are obvious in her statements, to turn the society into a place that *"informs, empowers, and inspires,"* inspiring society members and students to think critically and engage with real-world issues. This dedication to meaningful

content, rather than what is merely *"popular or trendy,"* is the purpose of her term as president. Under her visionary leadership, the society has highlighted legitimate impactful initiatives that speak directly and challenge things that the general society overlooks. These include organizing a vital seminar on workplace harassment, a subject that *"demands greater openness and dialogue."* Alongside this, they are hosting DenX, an event designed to engage with students by bringing in distinguished and celebrated lawyers from fields like taxation and corporate law to share their professional journeys with aspiring law students. While focused on high-impact results, Arwa acknowledges the challenges of leading a team. She acknowledges that the biggest obstacle has been creating a group that *"not only possesses the right skills but also understands and shares the vision of the society."*



At the heart of Denning's Entrepreneurship Society stands Sufyan Shahid, president driven by an unwavering passion for growth, leadership, and empowerment. *"True entrepreneurship isn't just about building businesses, it's about building people, ideas, and confidence,"* Sufyan claims. This belief is the driving force that aids the transformation of this innovative society into a bustling center of collaboration, determination and creativity beyond measure. His mission for the year as president is clear, and that is to create an environment where every member feels

inspired to dream bigger, think bolder, and turn ideas into impactful realities. *"I want to lead a team that not only learns but also inspires others, breaks barriers, and sets new standards for what young entrepreneurs can achieve together,"* Sufyan states. His takes on the very idea of leadership too are reflections worthy of notice. *"Over time, I've learned that effective leadership isn't about having all the answers, but about creating an environment where everyone feels valued and motivated to contribute their best."* Balancing vision with execution and passion with practicality has been a defining part of this president's journey so far, teaching him the importance of structure, communication, and collaboration. Outside of his presidential role, Sufyan Shahid finds balance in simplicity. Sleeping, eating, running, and cycling to recharge and refocus. Even on a free day, productivity is still second nature, often spent on office work or planning upcoming society events.

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From her very first year at Denning, this year's role as the President of the Dialogues Society has been an integral part of her journey. Having previously served as the Director of Digital Production, stepping into the president's role marks, for her, the culmination of two years of hard work, growth, and dedication. *"I've always believed that Dialogues isn't just about hosting events, it's about building a real community and creating opportunities for students,"* Mariah shares. *"Leading such a creative and dynamic society is honestly an honor. This year, my goal is to make*

Dialogues more collaborative, more visible, and more meaningful, while keeping our culture inclusive and fun." Differences and clashes in her team's thinking and motivations has been this president's core challenge, quite obviously so!, and bringing the members of Dialogues on the same page remains no small feat. Outside of her society commitments and perhaps those internal society conflicts, Mariah finds joy in creating digital content, reading, cooking, and even learning a new language, activities that keep her creativity alive and that uncertified mediation exhaustion at bay. And if the society had a theme song? Her team agrees is "Dil Dhadakne Do" from Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara.

Unfortunately we were unable to speak to the president of the Sports Society, Muhammad Reyan, and thus he has no comment of his own to offer for this piece. And while, amidst these vibrant presidents, his own voice is notably absent from this feature, his leadership remains very much obvious and impactful through the Sports Society's active presence and thrilling sporting achievements, glorifying Denning's sporting sphere.

Muhammad Reyan's ongoing efforts to strengthen student participation in athletics, aided by his capable and strong team, are indeed recognized. His impact on our campus' sports continues to speak for itself. The Sports Society is visibly thriving under his stewardship.



Our very own The Denning Obiter, the Denning Law School's glorious and only student-led publication, has welcomed a president whose journey with the society began from the moment the idea took root last year. Zainab tells us, *"Obiter holds a special place in my heart as I saw it being formed and grow."* The vision she has for our society, her role as president and the publication is crystal clear. *"Our main objectives has always been to provide a common platform for Denning students to share their opinions and thoughts so that is what I aim to achieve this year as well."*

Leading a relatively new society, quite undoubtedly, comes with its fair share of challenges. From unexpected IT issues that delayed and even forced the removal of our entire previously published issue, the president has already faced a significant number of non-academic examinations. Yet, these tests have only made her stronger. *"I've learned that everyone in my team is so creative and all of them have amazing ideas, which truly gives me hope that Obiter can go a long way!"* If The Obiter had a theme song, she claimed it would be 'Bekhabar' by Bayaan, which she said is ironic because Obiter cannot really be Bekhabar about anything. Which, of course, we agree upon wholeheartedly.

Few societies reflect the true heart of our student community at Denning quite like the Public Services Society, which continues to champion causes of compassion through charity drives, donation campaigns, and its much-anticipated annual blood drive. The current president has guided these efforts with quiet determination and steady purpose this year after stepping into this leadership role.

Already the achievements have been remarkable to witness. Ali Shahbaz was unable to give an interview to us. Still, his leadership has helped the society grow and throb as a true symbol of service and generosity, reminding us of the value of true humanity.

Masla-e-khaas, Mashwara-e-aam

AAP KA MASLA

How are we half done with the syllabus already bhai abhi toh uni start hui

HAMARA MASHWARA

Honestly we think Denning's calendar runs on its own dimension of time. One second you're saying "orientation kab hai?" and the next thing you know, teachers are like "revise everything for midterms." Matlab mujhe toh abhi login karna seekhna tha

AAP KA MASLA

What's the best part of studying Equity & Trust?

HAMARA MASHWARA

The part where no one actually knows what's happening but everyone pretends they do.

AAP KA MASLA

Yeh task force ka maqsad kya hai?

HAMARA MASHWARA

Denning ke events jo famous hain, inn ke peechay sab se ziada effort task force ki hoti hai. They ensure everything runs smoothly and safely. As according to them, they are the avengers of Denning

AAP KA MASLA

Is UoG is far superior to UoL, asking for a friend...

HAMARA MASHWARA

Of course, UoG students breathe & have a good GPA. Meanwhile, we're here refreshing the portal like it's stock market data. Liken asal toh job-hunt ke time pata chalega ab

AAP KA MASLA

What should I do to relax after lectures? mere toh dreams may bhi lectures chalte hain

HAMARA MASHWARA

Normally we would suggest you to take a nap but yeh dreams wala masla out-of-syllabus hai, you should drink some chai and watch netflix instead.

AAP KA MASLA

Is it just me or does Dialogues give off phuppo of Denning vibes?

HAMARA MASHWARA

Always watching, always judging, and somehow tagging everyone in a post you didn't even know existed. Acha choro, humein kya... isse ziada bola toh phir agli video may feature hojaye gai

AAP KA MASLA

Koi aisa tareeqa batayen ke elections may vote diye baghair free brownie miljaye

HAMARA MASHWARA

Yeh toh easy hai, ask for a brownie in cafe and run as fast as you can. Bas yeh nahi bolna that Obiter ne suggestion di thi.

AAP KA MASLA

Mera dil kar raha hai Denleague may saare modules may ek saath he participate karloon. Then I wont have to do anything for the rest of the year.

HAMARA MASHWARA

Zaroor karein, there are no restrictions. Bas keep a redbull can and some snacks with you, and say goodbye to your social life.

AAP KA MASLA

Would love a quick recap on what is happening, was MIA cause oct/nov exams

HAMARA MASHWARA

Nothing much, bas Denning history ka sab se bara event is coming soon, DENMUN is coming soon, elections hogaye, weekly mocks ne reality dikha di and baaki choti cheezon ke liye aap Insider video dekhiye ga!



The Story of Ahmed Burney: From an Aspiring Doctor to an Accomplished Mooter

Few journeys take as unexpected a turn as that of Ahmad Burney, a Denning Law student whose path once seemed destined for medicine and we had the honor of interviewing him for this issue. A pre-medical student preparing for MBBS, Ahmad was ready to trade textbooks for scalpels until fate intervened. What began as a reluctant detour soon revealed itself as his true calling, guiding him toward the study of law. *“I did not initially choose law,”* he admits, *“rather, I grew inspired to stay in it after joining Denning.”*

The Puzzle of Law

For Ahmad, law is more than a field of study, it’s a puzzle that never stops challenging him. He’s fascinated by how a single legal provision can be interpreted in countless ways, much like a Sudoku puzzle where every number seems to fit, but only the correct analysis completes the picture. It’s this curiosity and love for problem-solving that drew him to Denning.

Recipe for a Winning Argument

When asked about his formula for acing moot competitions, Ahmad generously told us his strategy as an advice for all aspiring mooters, *“Firstly, you must know all factual details within the Moot Problem; secondly, you must be well-versed with the issues at hand and relevant law; lastly, you must practice the application of the law and the facts in combination.”* This method has helped him achieve success in prestigious competitions, including the FDI Arbitration Moot, Oxford Price Media Moot, Henry Dunant Moot Court, and the Denning Intra-Moot Court Competition, with many more to come.

Even before enrolling, he had heard of the renowned Denning Mooting Society and its record of excellence. *“It instantly clicked that I wanted to be a part of it,”* he says. That decision would soon shape the course of his law school journey.

The Start of his Mooting Journey

After attending his very first mooting workshop at Denning, Ahmad found himself diving headfirst into research, drafting, and passionately arguing complex legal issues. Through relentless practice and determination, he quickly mastered the art of mooting, earning valuable internships at Ali & Associates and Nuruddin Sarki & Co., two of Pakistan’s most respected law firms.

The Ultimate Comfort Meal

Outside the courtroom, Ahmad is a firm believer in one simple truth; good arguments require good snacks. His go-to spot? Nursery Super Burger. *“They’re out here selling a hoard of fries for just Rs. 150, and I swear it feels like daylight robbery against inflation,”* he jokes. Perhaps it’s not just the burgers but the comfort of familiar flavors that fuel his breaks between classes or his exhausting preparation sessions with his mooting team.

Learning Under a Legend

Ahmad credits much of his growth to Sir Ahsan Ali, whom he greatly respects and recognizes as the quintessential teacher and coach at Denning. *“During my time under his mentorship, I have learned not only the technicalities of law but also the values that shape a good human being”* he says. To him, Sir Ahsan embodies both dedication and humility, traits that inspire his students daily.

A Mooter with a Sense of Humor

Ahmad’s sharp wit isn’t reserved only for the courtroom. Whether he’s cracking jokes in class or lightening the tension before a moot, he has a knack for keeping things real. If his life as a law student were a movie, he says it would be titled *“The Burden of Falling Forward”* a story of ambition, exhaustion, and persistence. His one proposed “law”? A ban on loud music in the café. *“What’s the point of calling it a café,”* he believes, *“if the music drowns out your voice to the point where your friend sitting right next to you can’t even hear you?”*

Ahmad’s story is inspiring to many law students, as it is a journey of determination and discipline. It also serves as soft reminder that sometimes we should not be afraid take the most unexpected paths as they might just be the ones that will lead us to our destination

SOCIETIES AS PEOPLE

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT YOUR FAVORITE SOCIETIES WOULD BE IF THEY WERE PEOPLE?

DAMP

DAMP would be that one excessively talented and confident person we all know, they'd be known for the loud and flashy outfits they wear. with a loud and gigantic personality they would win over anybody's heart, making us all want to be them so bad, however even the greatest of powers come with limitations, their weakness would be a limited social battery that dies down after the first two events of the academic year, leaving them as the wall flower for the rest of the year.

Denning Media Society

Media society would be an ambivert. They would be classy but confused, trying to find a purpose in the whirlwind of projects going on at denning, they would always think "do i run a podcast, a news channel or a Instagram blog? Or perhaps do it all?" however they would not let this existential crisis come in the way of what they do, they would strive to achieve excellence which will slowly but surely make them go places.

Denning Sports Society

The sports society would definitely be that one nonchalant fitness influencer who has just started to market their talent, they may go a little overboard with branding but it would somehow always end up on our explore pages never going out of style and honestly we would all be there for it, they'd be fun, adventurous and loud but still loveable, winning competitions and our hearts simultaneously.

Public Services Society

DPS would definitely be an altruistic humanitarian with excessive empathy and will power, they would achieve everything they set their mind to with their dedication and initiative. Their actions would always restore our faith in humanity and bring joy to everyone around them. Once a year they'd host an elaborate fundraiser and we would all be there for it. DPS is that one bougee aunt that hosts lavish charity lunches and balls that everyone loves to attend,

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Dialogues at Denning

Dialogues would be the “chugli chachi” of the group, the one who thrives on gossip and would go to impressive lengths to get it. They’re excessively socially gifted, impossible to miss, and somehow always in the middle of the story, sometimes by coincidence and sometimes by design. This makes them divisive and rather predictable sure, but they also make them unforgettable. Because at the end of the day, Dialogues brings something Denning couldn’t function without... drama.

Denning Entrepreneurs Society

Always busy in a meeting or researching the market for new business/ investment opportunities, they would socialize and build a strong network while they hustle to achieve their goals. Their toxic trait would be that they would want to do it all without having to rest and take a breather every now and then. If you see them, make sure to get their LinkedIn and not their Instagram!

Denning Task Force

The bodyguard, always well suited and alert. They would always be paranoid, preparing for the worst case scenario and making sure they have all the essentials to control an emergency situation this need to take control would make them come off as dominating and rather unapproachable but it would all be so we rest assured that all our events run smoothly. There may as well be an extremely fun side to that tough exterior.

Denning Mooting Society

While everyone else would be arguing on who’s best, they would somehow prove it, every conversation would be straight out of a courtroom, their notes would be color coded and their sentences perfectly structured, they would believe in facts and would always come with screenshots, it would be impossible to have the last word in an argument with them. They would always have a binder ready for whatever argument you throw their way, and they can always prove you wrong.

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Denning Debates Union

You know that one friend who argues for fun? that would be this society, they would passionately argue a point they don't even believe in, every conversation or opinion would be an opportunity for them to show their skills, and they would get seriously offended being compared to mooters. However, their effortless charm and sophistication could do wonders in persuasion. They would be a stereotypical representation of a law student, one whose parents can proudly brag about in family reunions

Denning E-sports Society

They would be the quietest person in the room minding their own business, uninterested in whatever those other societies are upto, doing their own thing with headphones plugged in their ears and the gaming set up running. Caffeine and energy drinks would be their go to for gaining focus and discord would be the only medium to get them to acknowledge your existence. The only achievements that would matter are game trophies and kill streaks.

Center for Law, Justice and Policy

CLJP would be the over thinker of the group, they would like to know all and would spend all day researching cases, their time would be so occupied that we would rarely see them at events. From legal internships to legal research and drafting, they would do it all and make it seem easy. They would prefer to be out of the spotlight and would love a peaceful work environment. CLJP is definitely the class topper.

The Denning Obiter

They would be extremely clumsy and opinionated, yet somehow always act like they have everything under control, the textbook definition of "sorted." What nobody knows is that they're surviving on a caffeine rush and probably haven't slept in days, trying to figure out what to publish and how to meet that next deadline. Beware, they're sly when it comes to pulling you into conversations using your favourite topics, leaving you with at least four or five random educational facts in the process.

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The much-anticipated Denning Executive Council Elections (2025–2026) have finally concluded, leaving behind a trail of debates, drama, but most importantly, free brownies. This year, the competition was fierce between three panels: The Visionary Alliance, The Revolution, and lastly The Aristocratic Alliance

Before results were announced, Denning was buzzing with speculation, campaigns, and plenty of hallway politics. Tensions ran high, especially between Abdullah's Visionary Alliance and Qasim's Aristocratic Alliance, whose rivalry was the talk. From debates to disagreements, their exchanges could have given actual parliaments a run for their money.

Then came the banner fiasco. A few candidates claimed their campaigning materials were mysteriously removed, sparking a minor uproar. Amid all this, the dean of PECHS campus herself took charge, setting up a chair and sitting outside under the sun to

personally monitor proceedings, a sight that perfectly captured the intensity of this year's elections.

Campaigning was no less interesting. Some candidates apparently started before they were even officially selected after interviews, which left many students confused and others impressed by the sheer enthusiasm.

Despite the chaos, the energy around campus was contagious; flyers, speeches, posters, and "vote for us" conversations filled the halls all week.

One notable candidate, Taha Ejaz from The Revolution, reflected on the process in a thoughtful statement: *"While many of us were expecting elections, Denning took us by a pleasant surprise by introducing a novel merit-based filtration process which assessed panels and candidates wholly. I also suggest that Denning should apply such a process for all positions across all three years but let only individuals compete individually for particular seats simultaneously to ensure that only the most credible*

candidates win and mitigate undue influence from lobbies and eliminate 'seat trading.' Regardless, the new process was still wonderful enough to prompt third-year students like us to take part in the elections with the hope of winning... What should make us all content is the fact that these elections made no one losers but everyone a winner."

Finally, at 6 PM on October 16th, the results were announced: The Visionary Alliance emerged victorious. We would like to give our heartfelt congratulations to Abdullah and his panel.

This year's elections weren't perfect, few ever are but they were memorable. Between the blocked cards, missing banners, intense debates, and one free brownie, Denning's student body witnessed democracy in its most entertaining form. As the dust settles and the new council steps in, one thing's certain: if the election season is any indication, the 2025–2026 term will be anything but boring.



THE SPECTACLE OF LEADERSHIP

Why do students really run for power?

As part of the team here at The Denning Obiter, I was sitting having tea with my friend and the Vice President of Obiter in the cafeteria when, quite suddenly, our chat was interrupted and she was asked aside for a conversation with a group of people, that I got only to witness as a spectator. But of course I was filled in on everything as soon as it was over and my friend and tea companion was returned to me. For me, it was the first sign, like that of migrating birds punctuating the ends and starts of seasons, that Denning had officially entered its election season. I could tell by the way the conversation felt slightly more deliberate and confidential, every word spoken with intent and conscious weight, as though the whole thing had been incited for the seasonal purpose of it all.

Campaigning at Denning has always been more of a chess game with a foundation reminiscent of a staged play of Shakespeare's. Though you will not find banners blooming across walls, elaborate props, costumes or slogans echoing in the corridors. Instead, the tricks of one's campaign are played by skilled fingers and quick tongues, with eyes that promise promises unlikely to be kept.

The question that hovers above this fevered air is timeless. Why do students really run for power? Is it the lure of leadership performance in the seduction of limelight? Why such relentless maneuverings on the chess board of university politics for a title that lasts only a single academic year?

Campus politics, I think, mirrors the classical struggle between virtue and appearance that philosophers from Plato to Aristotle battled with. Plato's Republic warned of the "philosopher-king" replaced by the "demagogue," a leader who performs virtue only in light rather than embodies it. There's this ever-present conflict of serving and being seen as you serve. The modern campus student leader often stands on this knife's edge, wrestling the same conflict come every dawn.

Shakespeare's Julius Caesar and Hamlet show politics inseparable from performance. Caesar's ambition and Brutus's rhetoric unfold upon a public stage, where persuasion masquerades as sincerity. Our elections, too, become miniature theatres of democracy, decorated with rehearsed empathy and orchestrated debates.

Further, bringing the idea closer to home, classical Urdu literature offers its own mirrors to this drama.

Mirza Ghalib's cynical wit and Altaf Hussain Hali's moral earnestness capture two sides of the political self, one that sees through the vanity of power, and one that still hopes for reform through it. The mushaira, with its battle-etched rivalry masked in eloquence, isn't far from our election campaigns, where each candidate, like a poet, seeks applause while claiming higher purpose.

Still, it is unfair to dismiss all electoral ambition as mere vanity. Aristotle believed that *philia politikē* (political friendship) could lead to virtue. He also believed that humans are *zoon politikon*, which essentially means beings who flourish in civic engagement. Perhaps our student politicians, even amid theatrics, can reflect that leadership refines both soul and society when pursued earnestly.

In summation, student politics is not just a mere corruption of flawless ideals, though it can form the stage for such a thing. Still, the test is whether we can bind performance and purpose intricately together and transform the resultant applause into action. On the stage of politics, we must decide whether we're just there to play the part we were voted for, or to become that part.

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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY	Khichi Law Associates (KLA)	Law Students & Graduates	Internship	Karachi, Pakistan	sararezaabbasi@gmail.com (for internship application)
LEGAL INTERN	Federal Ombudsperson Secretariat for Protection Against Harassment (FOSPAH)	Law Students & Graduates	Internship	Karachi, Sindh	fospah.gov.pk
LAW GRADUATES SCHOLARSHIP	HEC Higher Education Commission	Postgraduate / LLM & maybe other overseas studies	Scholarship	VIA Pakistan HEC	https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/scholarshipsgrants/LGSP/Pages/default.aspx
LEGAL INTERN	SS Law Associates	Students pursuing a degree in Law	6 months Internship	Karachi, Pakistan	http://sslawassociate.com rozee.pk
LEGAL INTERN	MCA Law Associates	third year students, preferably pursuing a degree in Law	Internship	Karachi, Pakistan	MCA Law Associates
LAW SCHOLARSHIP	Sydney University – Law Scholarships for International Students	Law Students	Scholarship	On-Site, Australia	The University of Sydney
SZABIST SCHOLARSHIPS	SZABIST University	BBA and Law Students	Scholarship	Karachi, Pakistan	szabist.edu.pk
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