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MOOT COURT NEWS...

The John Marshall Harlan Moot Court Competition is now underway. Twenty teams have signed up for New York Law School's annual intramural criminal law competition. This year's participants will argue issues concerning the admissibility of evidence recovered from a communal trash bin and whether police have a duty to inform a defendant of the nature of the crime for which he/she will be questioned. **Mr. Sean Dwyer** and **Ms. Helen Miller** are the authors of this year's Harlan fact pattern. Following is the schedule of dates for this year's Competition:

Preliminary Rounds - Monday 9th through Friday 13th;
Quarter Finals - Tuesday 17th; Semi-Finals - Thursday 19th;
and Finals - Tuesday 24th.

The Committee invites interested students (particularly, First-Year students), to consider being a part of this most important Competition. It's a good way to get invaluable "competition experience." For further information, please stop by the Moot Court Office (A403) or call 431-2175. Time Keepers are needed for this competition.

Ms. Dawn DeWeil, Moot Court Association Chairperson, thanks Dean Jonakait, Professor Leonard, Ms. Elizabeth Segal and Ms. Claire Voulgarelis for their assistance.

The Robert F. Wagner, Sr., Memorial Moot Court Competition will be held Thursday, March 26th through Sunday, March 29th. This year's fact pattern addresses timely issues in current conflict among the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The Wagner competitors must resolve those issues which concern the effect of a no-strike clause in a collective bargaining agreement, and whether this constitutes a waiver of the right to participate in a sympathy strike as well as the National Labor Relations Board's present standards regarding deferral to an arbitrator's decision.

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With the issues being debated and the schools and jurists participating, this year's Wagner Competition promises to be an exciting and informative competition. Students are welcome to sit-in on any of the arguments. Also, anyone interested in timekeeping, can sign up in the Moot Court Office, A402. Following is the schedule of dates and times for the competition:

Opening Rounds - Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27th; Saturday, March 28th, Elimination Round - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Quarter-Finals - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and Semi-Finals - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 29th, Finals - 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

STUDENT CLERKSHIP PROGRAM: STATE COURTS

There will be a meeting for all students interested in student clerkships in the state courts for the Summer 1987 or Fall 1987 semesters. The meeting will be on Tuesday, March 24th at 5 p.m. in room A301. At this meeting, the application process and the student clerkship program will be explained. Students are encouraged to ask questions about the program.

Opportunities will be available for students to be placed as student clerks to judges in the New York State Supreme Court, the New York Surrogate's Court, the New York Family Court, the New York City Civil and Criminal Courts, and the New Jersey Superior Court. Judges expect a commitment of 25 to 30 hours per week during the summer and 15 hours during the fall. It is possible to receive academic credit for serving as a student clerk.

Students interested in applying for the program for either the summer or fall semesters should:

- Bring five (5) copies of an up-to-date resume to the meeting of March 24th or submit five (5) copies of their resume to **Amy Grossman's** office prior to the meeting on March 24th.

- Pick up a copy of the memo outlining, in detail, the Student Clerkship Program and the application procedures and requirements (copies available in the Placement Office and in **Ms. Grossman's** office).

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS PROGRAM

On Wednesday, April 1st, there will be a Substance Abuse Awareness discussion on the personal and professional implications of this growing social problem and the kinds of treatments that are available. Student Lounge, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

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MARCH EVENTS

- Mon.
2nd Reception for mid-year students in the Student Lounge at 4:30 p.m. **Dean Simon**, members of the full-time faculty and administrators will meet with mid-year students to celebrate their first semester at NYLS.
- Wed.
4th Asian American Law Students & International Law Society are sponsoring a film series on China, as a prelude to **Ambassador Jiahua Huang's** visit. The three films are: "Bird's Eye View of China; The Great Wall; and Yangze River." Room A604 at 4:30 p.m.
- Thur.
5th Media Law Project Lecture Series. **Edward Greenberg, Esq.**, will discuss some of the legal issues concerning the photography industry. Student Lounge, 6:00 p.m.
- Wed.
11th Discussion with **Ambassador Jiahua Huang**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations. Student Lounge at 4:30 p.m.
- Thur.
12th Student Bar Association Investiture. S.B.A inaugurates new officers. Student Lounge at 5:00 p.m.
- Wed.
18th International Law Society Spring Amnesty Writing Campaign. Time and location to be posted.
- Thur.
19th Media Law Project Lecture Series. **Marc Jacobson, Esq., Berger & Steingut**, will discuss legal issues concerning the motion picture industry. Student Lounge at 6:00 p.m.
- Tues.
24th Student Clerkship Program meeting. Room A301 at 5:00 p.m.
- Wed.
25th **Dean's Coffee Hour**. Coffee and conversation with **Dean Jonakait**, Student Lounge at 4:30 p.m.

LEGAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN

L.A.W. is sponsoring two evening lectures. At the first lecture the speakers will discuss the challenges faced by female litigators in the contemporary courtrooms. The second lecture will focus on how our legal system views the victims of domestic bondage. Information regarding dates, times and location, will be posted as soon as available.

NYCLA NEWS

Forum Evening. A panel composed of members of the Committee on Professional Ethics of the New York County Lawyers' Association will discuss "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do --Or-- Ethical Considerations When Partners Part," a topic of current interest. **Honorable Howard E. Goldfluss**, Chair of the co-sponsoring Forum Committee, will be the moderator. The participants will also comment on related issues such as mergers, dissolutions, job changes and lateral transfers. With the recent spate of business mergers and realignments, the program should suggest protective approaches when a firm or individual contemplates a change of status.

Luncheon Forum. On Wednesday, March 11th, NYCLA will hold a Luncheon Forum which will discuss the "Rights of Patients to Refuse Treatment." This discussion comes at a time when the rights of patients and their families to determine the course of treatment is a matter of debate among the legal and medical professions and the clergy. It is truly a matter that may confront any family, unpredictably, at any time. The speakers are: **Bert Pepper**, M.D., Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health of Rockland County, and **Ronald N. Gottlieb**, Esq., Director of Mental Hygiene Legal Service. For reservations please call: 267-6646. NYCLA Forum Evening and Luncheon Forum will be held in the Association's Auditorium, 14 Vesey Street.

FACULTY NEWS

Professor Arthur S. Leonard recently spoke to the Social Work Department at Long Island College Hospital on the subject of legal and ethical issues surrounding AIDS Antibody Testing.

Professor Peter Margulies gave a presentation at the Brandeis University National Women's Committee (Gotham Chapter) on the topic "Pornography and the Law," last month. His article, "Pandemonium Between the Mad and the Bad: Procedures for the Commitment and Release of Insanity Acquittees after Jones v. United States," 36 Rutgers L. Rev. 793 (1984), has been cited in Ellis, "The Consequences of the Insanity Defense: Proposals to Reform Post-Acquittal Commitment Laws," 35 Cath. U.L. Rev.

Professor Robert Perry was guest speaker last month at the annual INTV convention held in Los Angeles. INTV is the trade association for independent television stations. The panel on which he spoke included a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and was moderated by Dean Burch, a communications lawyer who formerly was Chairman of the Republican National Party. The topic was "monopolistic practices in the cable industry." Professor Perry discussed, in particular, the Media Law Clinic's antitrust lawsuit on behalf of cable subscribers in lower Manhattan against Manhattan Cable Television, Inc., Home Box Office, Inc. and Time, Inc. (the "Time defendants"). In addition, he appeared before a panel in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union in American Civil Liberties Union v. FCC (and consolidated cases) to argue against the FCC's decision permitting deregulation of basic cable service rates in most communities within the United States.

STAFF NEWS

Joan Fishman, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, and her husband, **Gregg Lerner**, are the proud parents of a boy. The baby was born February 23rd, 1987, weighing 7 lbs. and 4oz.

Ms. Marsha Fordham is the new Clerk Typist in the Registrar's Office. Ms. Fordham worked as a cashier and bank teller before coming to NYLS.

Ms. Mildred Johnson has joined the staff of the Public Affairs Office as Alumni Assistant. Ms. Johnson has worked in the private sector as a secretary and office manager.

Mr. Richard Ross-Fosu has been appointed to the position of Copy Clerk in the Copy Center. Mr. Ross-Fosu began working at NYLS in August 1986 as a Mail Clerk.

Mr. Granville Steverson is a new Mail Clerk in the Mail Room. Mr. Steverson has an A.A. degree in Liberal Arts from the College of Staten Island and work background as a copier and typewriter technician.

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Ms. Junis Warren, Administrative Assistant for the Legal Writing Program, is an Adjunct Professor at the College of Staten Island for the spring semester. She's teaching a course in "New York City Government and Politics."

Ms. Celis Whyte has been appointed to the position of Administrative Assistant in the Office of Facilities Management. Prior to taking this position, Ms. Whyte worked as an Administrative Assistant in the Office of Public Affairs. She began working at NYLS in May 1983.

The next issue of The NYLS Counselor will appear on Wednesday, April 1st. Items for that issue should be sent to **Fermin Garcia**, Editor, Office of Public Affairs. Deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 25th.