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## SPECIAL VALENTINES ISSUE

Excerpt from "Secret Love"

*"I hid my love till I  
Couldn't bear the buzzing of a fly;  
I hid my life to my despite  
Till I could not bear to look at light:  
I dare not gaze upon her face  
But left her memory in each place;  
Where'er I saw a wild flower lie  
I kissed and bade my love goodbye."*

John Clare 1793-1864

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# Are We Drowning In A Sea Of C's?

## NYLS' Grading Curve

By Anjali Singhal '95 &  
Robert Henry Johnson '94

What is the story behind our grading system? That is what we tried to find out, and what we learned may enlighten you. The goal of this article is simply to inform, and to spark a healthy debate concerning this issue.

We first note that the answers to some of our questions depend on whom you speak with. For example, students, some professors, and even the Registrar told us that NYLS employs a mandatory "C" curve.<sup>1</sup> However, Ellen Ryerson, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, emphatically told us that the curve "is not a 'C' curve."

*"Whether NYLS uses a 'C' curve or a 'B' curve, most students find themselves facing a 'sea of Cs' when they check their grades on the bulletin board."*

According to Dean Ryerson, NYLS uses three "grading distributions": one for first-year required courses excluding Legal Writing/Research, one for electives with 20 or more students, and one for electives with less than 20 students and Legal Writing/Research. She told us that the curve is completely voluntary, that she does not impose it on any professor, and that she does not return grades to professors, nor force them to give "Cs." She also said that if she sees a pattern of regularly high or low grades, she will point it out to the professor.

Notwithstanding the Dean's assertions, several professors, on condition of anonymity, have disclosed to us that the school requires them to adhere to the curve. They say that the curve is mandatory and that any deviation from it warrants a call or memo from the Dean's office.

Dean Ryerson explained that NYLS' curve was adopted in 1984. After conducting its own research and consulting with the SBA, the Academic Status Committee recommended it to the faculty. The faculty approved it because they hoped it would make grading among teachers more comparable or what Dean Ryerson termed "internal fairness." Faculty members felt that the wide discretion given to professors when grading exams resulted in a popularity contest in which students opted for professors known for giving high grades. Although high grades in some courses may have been justified, faculty members allegedly wanted to prevent injudicious grading. The faculty was also concerned that grade inflation would damage the school's credibility.

To assess the effects of NYLS's grading curve, we compared it to the grading policies of other schools. Law school grading policies are complex and must meet the individual needs of each school, making a straightforward comparison difficult.

We first surveyed the policies at Brooklyn, Cardozo, Columbia, NYU, and CUNY. We found that Brooklyn and NYU grade its students on a "B" curve. At Cardozo, the average grade for the class must be between a "B-" and a "B." Columbia uses Excellent, Very Good, Good, Poor, and Unsatisfactory. CUNY grades all courses on a pass/fail basis, leaving it up to the professors of upper level courses whether to curve the grades. We then surveyed the policies at Buffalo, Cornell, Hofstra, and Touro. Touro grades on a "B/B-" curve, Hofstra grades on a "B/C" curve, Buffalo uses a hybrid of pass/fail and letter grades which are: Honors, Qualifies, D, F. Cornell grades on a "B" curve.

NYLS uses the lowest curve of all the schools surveyed. We would like to note that while we were able to ascertain the grading policies of other schools, we were unable to find out whether their grades actually conformed to their stated policies. Dean Ryerson pointed out that grading policies and actual grades are two different things. Although the Registrar's office told us that NYLS has a "mandatory 'C' curve," she claimed that the actual grades at NYLS reflect a "B-" curve, not a "C" curve.

Whether NYLS uses a "C" curve or a "B" curve, most students find themselves facing a "sea of Cs" when they check their grades on the bulletin board. Thus, an average NYLS student will be in the "C/C+" range whereas the grades of a comparable student at NYU or Queens will be in the "B/B+" range. As we noted above, the curve was adopted to ensure uniformity and fairness in grading among the professors. However, it appears that this goal has not been met. A look at the bulletin board reveals that differ-

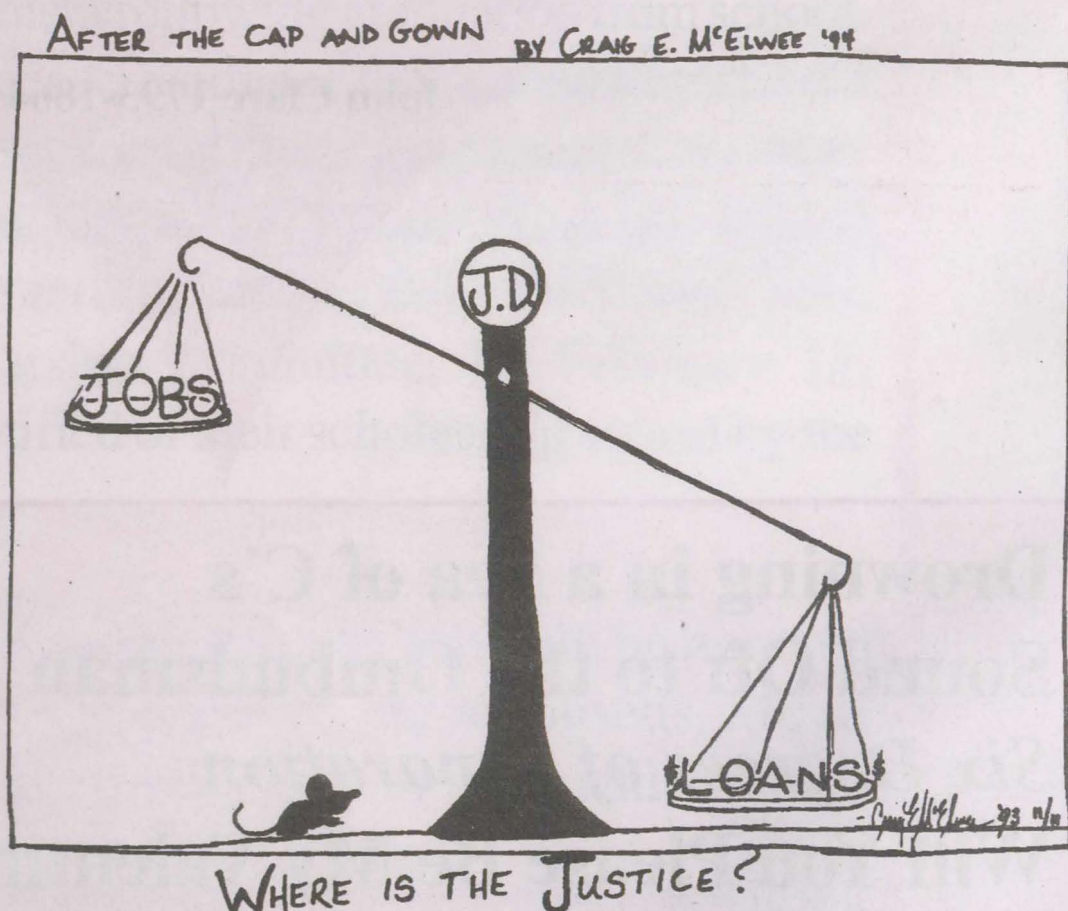
ent curves have been applied, not only among different courses, but also among the different sections of the same course. For example, two of the Fall 1993 Constitutional Law II sections indicated a "B" curve and one section indicated a "C" curve. As for Corporations, one section

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appeared to be a "C" curve, another a "C+" curve, and the third a "B" curve.

With such a haphazard application of the curve, the popularity contest will continue. This school should apply its curve uniformly, or not at all. It is one thing for NYLS students to be at a competitive disadvantage with students from other schools. It is quite another thing if, depending on the professor, NYLS students are at a competitive disadvantage with NYLS students enrolled in different sections of the same

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## Editor's Note

Traditionally the Valentine's Day issue has proved to be the Reporter's most read issue. In past years, many people, students and administration, have complained about the content of the issue mainly because the valentines were sometimes lewd or disgusting. In this issue, the editorial board exercised its editorial right much more than in the past, although some valentines retain the theme of the message with some slight modifications in the language. While I am a strong proponent of free speech, the purpose of the valentine's issue is to let students express their feelings to fellow students, staff, faculty or anyone else they wish to send a valentine. For those valentines that are not quite so flattering, the reader should note that the messages are submitted by your classmates and while some are not exemplary, the authors have a right to air their thoughts.

This month's Reporter contains an article on the grading curve at NYLS. The purpose behind this article is to dispel myths about the

curve and to inform the NYLS community about how other law schools in New York assess their students. The reader should note that this article is not an exhaustive study of every facet of the curve at NYLS or other schools. The article is presented to because it is a topic of discussion that's on the minds of many in the NYLS community. Grading curves serve a purpose - the questions that remain however are whether NYLS has a C+/B-curve, how does this compare to other law schools, and whether the curve is an appropriate way to assess students?

Included in this month's issue is an accounting of the monies spent by the SBA for student organizations and a graph depicting law school applications throughout the U.S.

Finally, for our newest alumni, there is a list of their fellow graduates who passed the New York and/or New Jersey bar exams. The list was compiled by Seamus Murphy who graduated in June, 1993.

Rupi S. Badwal, Editor-in-Chief

## Institute Offers Patent Bar Review Course

By Peter Moulinos '94

For those who are preparing for the registration examination administered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Institute for Patent Studies, a non-profit organization, is offering a local patent bar review course as preparation for the test. The live review course will be offered from March 10 - 13 at New York University Law School in four intense 12-hour sessions.

Patent law has rapidly become one of the hottest fields of law. Applications for the exam have increased threefold over the past three

years according to David Everett Meeks, who is the program director and lecturer of the review course. Mr. Meeks attributes this dramatic rise in applications to the decision of many large companies, such as Texas Instruments and IBM, to assimilate patent law into their general business strategy. As a result, becoming a member of the patent bar is a worthwhile credential in a very competitive job market.

The fee for the bar review course is an affordable \$695.00, with law students receiving a discounted rate of \$495.00. For further information regarding the Patent Bar Review course and a 1994 Program Guide, students may contact the Institute directly at 1-800-392-6512.

### Quote of the Month

*"If my love for the law could  
be measured in length, it  
would stretch from here to  
the moon and back."*

Peter Moulinos, 1994



# Sound Off To The Ombudsman

An Ombudsman is [a person] that investigates reported complaints (from students or consumers), reports findings, and helps to achieve equitable settlements.<sup>1</sup> The Reporter's column "Sound Off To The Ombudsman" is presented for entertainment purposes only.

Dear Ombudsman,  
How is it possible that Columbia was able to get David Dinkins to teach there and New York Law School couldn't?

Signed,  
Disappointed

Dear You should be relieved not disappointed,

I guess the school's offer to the former mayor wasn't tempting enough. But then again, what could this school offer to actually entice someone like Dinkins to come teach here? Could they brag about the alluring C curve, the new moving parking lot gates, or the outstanding school newspaper which is so widely acclaimed? The only chance the administration stood to land the big cheese was to confuse him into believing he was being offered a position at some other law school. Imagine the first day of classes when his limo pulls up to Worth Street and Dinkins sticks his head out to say, "Hey, this isn't NYU!"

Dear Ombudsman,  
One of your reporters, Victor Muallem, wrote in the last issue that he will present a series of articles "designed to introduce the organizations on the eighth floor to the entire student body." Can you stop him?

Signed,  
Scared Student

Dear Frightened,  
Mr. Muallem seems to have too much free time. Little does he realize that the only way to introduce the organizations on the eighth floor to the entire student body is on a firing line. If the eighth floor organizations truly wanted to greet the common student, they'd hold a carnival in the Steifel Reading Room, complete with booths and balloons, and tell everyone how many of last year's "eighth floor" graduates failed the bar or are still unemployed.

Dear Ombudsman,  
On the last day of finals, everyone went out together for a few drinks and seemed very friendly. I mean extremely friendly. Now that we're back in school, those same people are back to their old bitchy selves. What's going on?

Signed,  
A bit bewildered

Dear Dopey,  
Don't you understand, everyone was drunk. They were bombed. Plastered. Smashed. They didn't know what they were doing. People can hate you all semester, but suddenly they become your best friend. Anything can happen that night. Didn't you stop and look around to see how many students were making out with each other, or leaving hand in hand for each others apartments? It's as if cupid struck like Tonya Harding. By the way, write me a follow up letter if you scored.

Dear Ombudsman,  
What does LEXIS stand for?  
Signed,  
A Westlaw user

Dear Get a life,  
LEXIS stands for:  
Let Every Xerophyte Into this School.  
EDITORS' NOTE: A xerophyte is a plant adapted for life with a limited water supply.

Dear Ombudsman,  
Why was your column in the November issue better than the one which appeared in the December issue?

Signed,  
Your biggest fan

Dear Flattery will lead you no where,  
I'm glad you noticed the disparity in humor between the two columns (I thought it was only me). Often, a good ombudsman column depends on the quality of questions. Ironically, the quality of questions in the December issue was better than any previous issue. Appropriately, the answers which I originally submitted for the column were more absurd and whimsical as ever. Unfortunately, the Reporter's editorial board [sic] felt otherwise. Someone close to the board told me that when those five browbeaters, and I don't mind naming them (Mssrs. Badwal, Barry, Moulinos, Muallem, and Tarzia) laughed their heads off at my original column, but later wimped out and edited some of the best parts because they felt certain parts may be deemed offensive by the administration. Who cares what the administration thinks, aren't we allowed to think and speak for ourselves? Whatever happened to free speech? Maybe the paper should go back to printing stories about the registrar's efficiency in handling everyone's change of schedule forms. The editorial board's actions are unwarranted and reek of censorship. As a result, the ombudsman's hands are being tied. My reply to your question will probably be edited so much, I won't even recognize it when it is printed. Screw the censorship of the editorial board and the administration! Next question please.

Dear Ombudsman,  
The various choices of Snapple in the cafeteria are getting worse and worse every week. The flavors

## "I Recognized 35 Questions On The MBE..."

October 4, 1993

Robert Feinberg, Esq.  
National Director  
PMBR  
1247 6th Street  
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Dear Professor Feinberg,

I just received my bar examination results from the Colorado Board of Bar Examiners and learned that I scored 172 on the July, 1993 Multistate Bar Examination. As a result, I was AUTOMATICALLY ADMITTED IN COLORADO and my essays were not even graded! Although Colorado doesn't release percentile scores, I'm quite certain this is one of the HIGHEST "MBE" scores in the entire state.

In preparation for the bar exam I took both BAR/BRI and PMBR. Although BAR/BRI was adequate for the Essay section, I relied exclusively on PMBR's Multistate materials for the "MBE". I found the PMBR Multistate questions to be outstanding and truly representative of the types of questions tested on the actual exam.

In fact, I recognized at least 35 questions on the "MBE" that were similar to nuances covered by PMBR! There is no question in my mind that PMBR added at least 40 points to my MBE score!

Incidentally, all of my friends who supplemented with PMBR passed the bar exam. I also know of at least two classmates who didn't take PMBR and they both failed the bar!

Sincerely,  
David Bond

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aren't any good any more (no raspberry, pineapple). Sometimes, you try to find a cold bottle and you have to reach way in the back to get it, causing the removal of 10 or 12 warm bottles and annoying a lot of other people. Please do something about this issue as soon as possible.

Signed,  
Mr. Tea

Dear Tea Bag Brain,

This is the third question which you've written addressing your dissatisfaction with the cafeteria's sale of Iced Tea. Don't you realize that the selection and quality of the Iced Teas are diminishing because you keep bitching. The cafeteria personnel are so annoyed with your idiocy, that they decided to make you pay. Maybe if you stop writing these silly questions, the quality and selection of Iced Teas will improve.

Dear Ombudsman,

If your identity is secret, how are we to assume that you are the man in Ombudsman? Why isn't it dear Ombudsperson? Or maybe Ombudswoman? Huh? did you ever think of that? Please be as sarcastic in your response as possible!

With love,  
A gender/sex conscious student

Dear Perplexed,

If you haven't realized by now, the Ombudsman does not believe in political correctness. The truth is I am a man. Yes, the kind feminist activists like you dread: a football loving, beer guzzling, hairy mongrel who would care less if people criticize me for not being gender neutral. If you had this job, you could call yourself the Ombudswoman, or Ombudsbeing from Outer Space, which ever you chose. Don't tell me what I should call myself. Besides, if you've been keeping up with this column, you'd already know that in the first issue last semester, I let everyone know my gender.

Dear Ombudsman,

Why do people from New York make fun of people from New Jersey just because they're from New Jersey?

Signed,  
Your Mom's Exit

To your dog's entrance,

Let's put it this way, everything in New Jersey is a cheap outgrowth of New York. Whatever is useless or cannot succeed in New York migrates to New Jersey: failing professional sports teams (maybe the Giants are an exception), chemical waste and New York's unemployed. New Jersians are so stupid that they think they own the Statute of Liberty. Their water comes from the sewers of New York and its biggest city, Newark, is the carjacking capital of the world. How can you not make fun of such

losers. The people smell, and if they built a fence around New Jersey, they could call it the world's largest outdoor zoo. The only reason that you don't pay a toll when you enter New Jersey, but have to spend four bucks to enter New York is because the citizens of New Jersey are dumb enough to pay it.

Dear Ombuds(man or woman?),

My question consists of the following: I recently ran into one of my professors from last semester and told him how happy and pleased I was with his class and the material which was taught. However the professor blatantly accused me of merely being interested in getting a good grade when I asked him a question regarding the substance of our final exam. I was outraged and insulted given the fact that my inquiry had nothing to do with my grade, but was of legitimate concern. I was tempted to fire back at this demeaning insignificant excuse for human life but did not do so because of Dean Wilkes' recent memo entitled "How we treat others" which asked students to treat faculty members with due respect. I feared that if I expressed my true feelings I would be subject to some form of discipline. However, I now feel burned and disgusted that this professor got away with the things he said. What should I do or have done?

Signed,  
Passed Off

Dear Lucky you didn't fail,

Your tale is truly a sad one, if what you've said is true. This professor should be embarrassed and ashamed of his behavior. Who would ever think that a professor would accuse a student of merely being interested in his grade, rather than the magnitude of academic knowledge which he has acquired. However, more significant than your trivial experience is the double standard which exists between faculty and students in this school. When will this cease? The only way to obtain justice is to unionize! Next semester, before any tuition has changed hands, students should boycott classes until their demands are met and they receive equal treatment and respect from the faculty and administration. Tuition money, not the mind, is the strongest asset which students hold.

Without it, this school cannot function and the Deans and professors cannot get paid. They will be unemployed probably panhandling and squeegeeing.

Dear Ombudsman,  
Do you go clubbing?

Signed,  
Thursday Night Fever

Dear Tonya Harding,

I don't know what this "clubbing" thing is. If you mean, "do I go around clubbing people on the head and taking their money," the answer is obviously no. What kind of a sick person do you think I am? Further research into the meaning of the term "clubbing" has discovered that trendy people use it when they go out disco dancing. I personally am not into such a craze, but by the looks of some people around this school, it seems they go "clubbing" a lot. I can't dress like the cool kids do, with the cordurouy suits, crocodile belts, the hole-in-my-groin jeans, and the steel toe boots. I'd rather stay home and write this column.

<sup>1</sup> WEBSTER'S NINTH NEW COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY, 823 (9th ed. 1983).

**The Ombudsman invites all comments, "beefs" or questions for publication in this column. Letters will be selected, published and addressed as the editor sees fit. Send all submissions to the Ombudsman, c/o of the New York Law School Reporter, 57 Worth Street, NY, 10013, or drop off your submission at the Reporter office located in the student center -- the basement of the "C" building.**

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## Features

# Eating Around - A Food Review

By Dale Tarzia '94

Where and what to eat is a question you hear often at NYLS. There are many places to choose for your dining experience, however a satisfactory choice is sometimes hard to find. The following review of some local establishments is by no means complete and will be expanded in issues to come. The ratings consist of excellent, good, edible and just plain bad.

### The NYLS Cafeteria 47 Worth Street (Between the Basement and the Second Floor)

The first place to start a food review is our own cafeteria. In the past the food in the cafeteria was passable, however it always had some short comings such as the coffee. Since new management took over this eatery, things have turned for the worse. No longer can you order a bagel with a topping of your choice but now you have the unique opportunity to consume a bagel that is left out in the open to

be pawed over by other students (yum). Among other drawbacks are the very dry roast beef sandwiches, greasy french fries and something they try to pass off as chicken salad which contains

*"If you must go to the cafeteria open up your wallet and turn off your taste buds."*

more gristle than a 30 ounce steak. The coffee is still bad, and the increase in the prices of both fresh and packaged food does not appear warranted. Prices are cheaper outside the school. If you must go to the cafeteria open up your wallet and turn off your taste buds. Rating: Just Plain Bad.

### Raimos Pizza 137 Duane St.

This seems to be a popular place for many NYLS students, and for good reason. While this is not the least expensive place to eat, it has some of the better tasting pizza in the downtown area. The average slice has a decent amount of cheese, a palatable sauce and a fair crust although the pizza with toppings and their "pops" (crust-covered fillings with meat and sauce inside) look a little tired, especially in the afternoons. They offer a 10% discount to NYLS students on purchases over \$5. Rating: Good.

### The R Bar Church St. between Franklin St. and White St.

Believe it or not one of the better eating establishments in this area happens to be the R Bar. The food is very good and the prices are very reasonable given the quality. Among some of my favorites sampled here were the grilled pork chops special of the day, which were outstanding in texture, taste and presentation. The mashed potatoes are homemade and the vegetables are never overcooked. The chef salad is a variety of fresh greens on a large plate and is quite good. The burgers are attractive, although the charring from the grill was a little too heavy for my taste. I felt as if I were eating a charcoal briquette. Fresh bread is served at the table, and the specials change daily and are quite varied. Prices for lunch are \$6-8 and about \$1 more for dinner, however there is no discount. Rating: good - excellent.

### Square Diner Leonard St. and West Broadway

Every time I go to "the Square" something different seems to happen to me and it is never good. The tables are way too tight to fit anyone over 5 feet tall and there are never enough tables for the people who want to eat. This place presents you with familiar diner fare such as burgers and some greek food. The quality however is often disappointing, such as the greek salad which had too much "rust" on the iceberg lettuce. In addition there seems to be some lack of personality to the dishes that they serve, whether I order a grilled cheese sandwich or burger they taste the same. Questions as to the diner's cleanliness also come to mind when dining at the Square. Last time I was there, a roach

crawled on the table and when I tried to kill it the waiter scolded me! What they do offer is quick food, and most orders are served in less than 10 minutes and there is a 10% discount to NYLS students. Rating: edible.

### Tribeca Diner Chambers St. and West Broadway

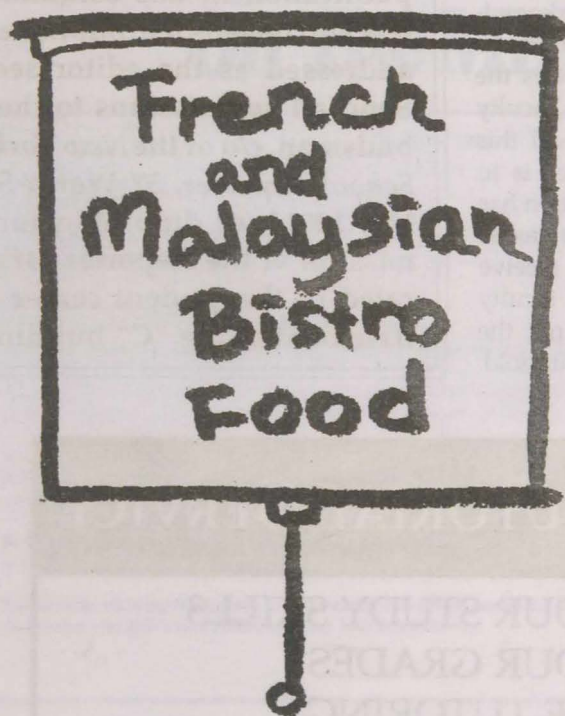
This was among the worst experiences I have had at a diner. Not only was the service awful, but the food was bad and the prices high. First, a guy at the table next to us asked if they had coke, the waitress said no, but when someone in my party asked the same question she said yes! Things became more

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confused when the same guy asked for a cola float they brought over a plain glass of Pepsi and when he asked where the ice cream was they brought over a glass of water! When my party finally ordered I asked for scrambled eggs and toast, one of my companions ordered a burger and another ordered french fries with vinegar. You would expect these things to be standard diner fare, but were we ever wrong. The potatoes that came with the eggs were as oily as the Valdez slick. By the time I was three quarters through with my "heart attack" plate, they finally brought the glass of water that I had requested when I first ordered. Even worse than the potatoes was the vinegar that was brought over to the table which contained some floating matter that resembled mucus. The final horror was the bill. They had the nerve to charge \$1.35 for a small Coke and we're talking a real small fountain soda. Rating: just plain bad.

If you have any other additions or comments regarding this review please feel free to drop me a note.

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## Features

Movie Review - *Six Degrees of Separation*

By Tamara Espinel '94

*Six Degrees of Separation* is a brilliantly-written satire about the

(Stockard Channing) and Flan (Donald Sutherland) Kitteridge, a well-to-do Fifth Avenue couple who live in an "upper-crust" luxury high-rise boasting spectacular panoramas of Manhattan. Flan is a suc-

tions with others in their social circle the Kitteridges soon learn that Paul is an imposter. The distinction between an imposter and a con man is important because Paul does not have criminal intentions. He does

cause they are not really "upper crust"; they are merely hustling at a higher level. He reflects heightened idealism, youth, and promise. More importantly, he gives the Kitteridges the grace of imagination and shows them what they have truly lost. At one point, Ouisa and Flan, by knowing someone on the inside, go to the Sistine Chapel where Ouisa "touches" the hand of God by jumping and slapping Michelangelo's painting. This becomes Ouisa's jump into her own alternative reality.

Towards the end Ouisa begins to question her life and the choices she has made. She realizes that Paul has given them more by wanting to be like them than their own children ever have. Ultimately, Ouisa refuses to let her experience with Paul become another anecdote.

The title of the play and film is summarized in Ouisa's speech that everyone in the world is just six people removed from any other person. Everyone is a new door. You can find anyone you want through the chain, but you must find the right chain. *Six Degrees of Separation* is ultimately about humanity and how we deal with separation and connection.

Much praise goes out to John Guare, and Fred Schipisi the director/producer who captures every aspect of New York City life where blacks, Jews, WASPS, men, women, young, old, gay, straight, the wealthy and the homeless are all represented.

*Six Degrees of Separation* will make you laugh, but when you leave the theatre you'll realize that there was much more going on beneath the surface.



DONALD SUTHERLAND AND STOCKARD CHANNING AS FLAN AND OUISA KITTERIDGE

similarities between society's "haves" and "have nots". Stockard Channing and Donald Sutherland bring their characters to life and strike a nerve as the Kitteridges

successful art dealer whose collection includes works of Degas, Cezanne, Basquiat, Warhol, Salle and Mapleshorpe.

One evening, Paul (Will Smith) cajoles his way into the Kitteridge's home by pretending to be the son of Sidney Poitier and a college friend of their children. He stabs himself and fakes his own mugging in order to get into their home. His natural charm and charisma

not steal from the Kitteridges. In fact, he didn't even eat any of the food he prepared for them the night they took him in. Paul's intentions go deeper. He actually becomes the role he masqueraded in. He thinks that if he has what the "upper crust" has then he will be noticed.

Paul's entrance represents the barreling of race and sexuality into the Kitteridge's safe little world. Paul appeals to the Kitteridges be-



WILL SMITH STARS AS PAUL

who seemingly have it all. Will Smith's performance in his first major dramatic role is excellent.

John Guare's celebrated chamber play opens in the home of Ouisa

inspire the Kitteridge's to take a chance and open their home to him. He convinces them to cancel their dinner reservations so that he may repay their hospitality with a home cooked meal. Through conversa-

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## EDITORIAL

## Our Profession Deserves Better

By Rupi S. Badwal '94

Upon my arrival at law school, I envisioned an experience similar to that depicted in the movie *The Paper Chase*. I anticipated Kingsley-type professors and prepared students participating in class with insightful questions in generally stimulating conversations. I actually feared that I would not be able to "make the grade." However to my surprise, my experience at NYLS proved to be much to the contrary.

While some of NYLS' professors fit the Kingsley role, the students and the atmosphere are cavalier and relaxed. I suppose my ideas stem from the British legal system. As a British citizen, I recall

how Barristers and Solicitors are revered, not looked down upon. They are treated with respect and dignity since they are the intellectual scholars who seek justice in a society of grave wrongdoings. Somewhere along the line, the austerity of the heritage of Barristers and Solicitors was lost in the classrooms.

In recent ABA and New York State Bar Association newsletters there were letters and commentary on the image of lawyers in America. In particular, practising lawyers expressed disdain and disgust with their image as perpetuated by the media - an example being the Budweiser rodeo-lawyer commercial where one group of viewers wanted to watch L.A. Law while another group wanted to watch the

rodeo; the compromise was lawyers being hog-tied by cowboys. On the surface I consider the commercial funny, but its underpinnings represent something much more disturbing - Lawyers are not respected. While this is nothing new, as future lawyers we have a stake in how the public perceives our future profession. Soon we will be the ones the media portrays as lecherous parasites preying on the ignorance of our clients and society.

Oddly enough, I believe that part of the blame lies with law school. While some courses teach us to respect our future clients, we are taught to think like lawyers. Inevitably we learn how to be opinionated and stick to our guns. In my first year, my behaviour

changed, but I didn't realise to what extent until my friends back home told me I had become overly critical, opinionated and basically, an ass. Although this change has occurred within all of us, to a certain degree, the time spent with other students in law school makes it more difficult to perceive.

Given this theory, I think one way to enhance the view of our historically-revered profession is to start with ourselves. Treating clients and our colleagues with kindness and respect should be the norm, not the exception. If we keep this goal in mind, inevitably enough people will recognise it and help restore the respect the legal profession rightly deserves.

## Glued To The Tube

By Brendan A. Barry '94

January was a fabulous month for T.V. The news media did what it does best. Prey on the tragedies of others. It captured the agony and suffering which made us feel better off than those unfortunate people that were killed or injured in an earthquake, had their penis cut off (or were on trial for cutting off a penis) and so on. Why do we watch anymore? Are we just a bunch of sick people that love to see death and tragedy? For those of you who are not interested in see-

ing pain and suffering, sorry, but January was not your month.

The riveting programming began with coverage of the "Storm of the Century" (the 1994 version). We all remember it. All of the news programs began their newscasts by panning to the weatherman for the latest storm-tracking reports. Then the anchor recited stories about little old ladies freezing to the floors of their kitchens. There were also stories concerning people who became homeless because their space heaters burnt their apartments to ashes. What great stories!

The Tonya Harding / Nancy Kerrigan-beating conspiracy

"show" is still going on. How many more times will they show a picture of Nancy Kerrigan kneeled over and crying and then cut to Tonya skating like a Wheaties champion and "categorically" denying everything under the sun? As the month dragged on, the story began to revolve around how Tonya was abused by her mother and should be given a break — (but not the same kind given to Nancy). Tonya's husband / ex-husband / boyfriend / co-conspirator, and all-around "good guy" Jeff Gillooly began singing like a lovesick canary. Who needs soap operas with this kind of T.V. "programming"? I can hardly

wait to see if she will be going to jail or the Olympics.

L.A. Earthquake! Live coverage throughout the day! Quick, send a camera crew to L.A. at once!

*"The news media did what it does best. Prey on the tragedies of others."*

Why do the local stations need to send a reporter and crew to earthquake ravaged L.A.? Were the aftershocks which were caught on T.V. real or were the crews simply shaking the cameras?

Too much news for the average person to comprehend! But wait, Michael Jackson held a press conference in Neverland. Weeks later we were told that he parted with \$10 to \$40 million to make a little boy go away. Is the gloved-one guilty or not? Did he successfully buy his way out of our civil and criminal justice systems? Will he claim that he's not guilty by reason of being abused by the plastic surgery profession?

Flash! "The next 'Storm of the Century' is about to hit N.Y.C. Brace

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## Sea of C's Cont...

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course. This unfairness is magnified if the disadvantage results from professors applying different curves in different sections of required courses.

Some professors and students assert that the grading policy is detrimental to students when they seek employment. They claim that the policy puts NYLS students at a competitive disadvantage because employers conduct their initial screening of students based on GPA, and have little interest in class rank or percentile. Additionally most employers are not aware of our C-curve. Other professors claim that the policy does not disadvantage NYLS students as long as all law schools rank their students. They also claim that employers are aware of the differences in grading standards among law schools, and that they use class rank as a uniform basis of comparison.

We asked Deborah Howard, Director of Career Services, to respond to this difference in opinion. She told us that employer hiring practices cannot be easily generalized because they consider many other factors besides a student's GPA and rank. However, she did explain that large firms generally screen applicants first by rank, and then by GPA. She would recommend either that the curve be changed or that it be explained to employers if it could be shown that: 1) NYLS's curve is lower than that of other schools; and 2) NYLS students are at a competitive disadvantage.

Real life experiences have convinced most students that employers are primarily concerned with a student's GPA. In fact, one student told us that an employer expressed its doubt that a GPA "as low as" 3.25 could fall into the top 10% of the class. Thus, a low GPA and a high ranking reflect poorly upon the school and quality of our students. The general consensus among the student body is that NYLS students are at a competitive disadvantage.

Some professors we spoke with also assert that the grading curve inhibits them when they grade exams. They say that it forces them to place artificial boundaries on the grades. For example, to comply with NYLS's grading policy, a professor who has a class of 100 students would have to give out about 36 "Cs." If this class was comprised solely of law review students, i.e., the top 10% of second and third year students, the professor would still have to issue a total of 36 "Cs." On the other hand, if the class comprised solely of the bottom 25% of the second and third year classes, the professor would have to give out 9 "As" to comply with the policy, despite the quality of work from those students.

We believe the Administration when it tells us that it does not implement policies to hurt NYLS students. However, we also believe that much of the confusion surrounding this issue results from conflicting explanations of the curve, and from the Administration's reluctance to discuss it openly.

Writing and researching this article has raised more questions than it has answered: For example: Why is there so much secrecy surrounding this issue? Is it a "C" curve? Is it mandatory or voluntary? If the curve is voluntary, why have professors who oppose the curve asked us not to reveal their names? Will the Administration reevaluate the present curve's effectiveness? Is NYLS's curve really necessary when the bar passage rate among our students is consistently high?

Sometime next month, the Dean's Office will release a memo on the grading curve. We hope this long-overdue memo will address some of the students' and professors' concerns.

<sup>1</sup> A "C" curve means that the majority of the grades must be in the C-range, which consists of C+, C and C-. The further away the grade is from the C-range, the fewer the number of students receiving that grade.

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From: A Graduating Student  
Thank you for changing the name of the school. "The New York Law Clerk School"

To: A.H.  
From: M.C.  
You are my one and only.

To: Jennifer Abrams  
From: A fellow female wanna be  
Nice eyes. Bad breath.  
Happy Valentine's Day

To: Adrienne  
From: BAB  
All my love, now and forever.  
Happy Valentine's Day.

To: Soji Adu  
From: All NYLS women  
You got it goin'on!

To: Ali Agha  
From: A Secret Admirer  
I don't discriminate against sore losers.

To: Ali Agha  
From: Riker's Cell Block D  
We wish we could have you for Valentine's Day!

To: Anal Boy  
From: Anonymous  
What's up?

To: Anjali  
From: Guess Who?  
I wish I could get *in personam* jurisdiction over you. Even minimum contacts would surely be fair play and substantial justice.

To: Janine "Rosebud" Azriliant  
From: A.C.  
Happy Valentine's Day. You have certainly kept me on my toes for the past two years. Can three be far behind? P.S.- Good luck with the Bar Exam!

## -B-

To: Bill B.  
From: Love 3R  
Somewhere in the concept of ordered liberty it's implied that of putting "what?" "where" you are denied  
And while "you stink to me" by being so vain  
I'll forever pontificate on what's "candy for the brain"

To: Frances Bajada  
From: Man with the tools  
Can we do it in the back of your Jeep?

To: Frances Bajada  
From: 3L  
I want to sex you up!

To: Frances B.  
From: The wild ride  
I want you, you want me. Can you handle two hours of foreplay?

To: Frances  
From: Lee  
Even though you know nothing about the law, we can still go out.

To: Barney  
From: B.  
I love you, you love me, we're a happy family.

To: Barrington Barrows  
From: Valerie Barrows  
You are the love of my life and the strength of my conviction. One hundred kisses for supporting me and paying my tuition! Happy Valentine's Day.

To: She bra, Wayne Barrington II and Saheem Barrows  
From: Valerie Barrows (mommy)  
You're my sweet morning sunshine and my fragrant May blooms. You're my blessings from God and I love you all - but can't you clean up your rooms!

To: Barry M.  
From: Your New York Dolls  
We're still waiting to tag-team you in your Porsche.

To: Barry M.  
From: Anonymous  
Cuff me!

To: Rich Becker  
From: Anonymous  
Sticks and stones may break my bones but your hairy chest excites me.

To: Professor Robert Blecker  
From: Your students  
We hope you find a "girlfriend" at Lawton! Good Luck!

To: Becker  
From: The Eastern Bloc Babe  
Thanks for a quick night.

To: Brendan Barry  
From: The Women  
Gee we are all happy for you yet we will all miss you!

To: Brendan  
From: My love and my tongue  
Your blue eyes melt my soul.

To: Brendan Aloysius Barry  
From: Your concerned friends  
Remember her name at the altar. It's Adrienne.

To: Brendan Barry  
From: The Source  
You could've gotten what you lusted for.

To: Jeff Berger  
From: Rich B.  
Why don't you talk to me anymore?  
Let's be friends.

To: Betsy K.  
From: Justice Happy  
It's been three years now. How about cracking a smile for me?

To: Heather B.  
From: Mickey Mouse  
I am caught in a mouse trap and I need your help.

To: Adam B.  
From: Your Friends  
Try to read this without moving your lips

To: Buddy's Friend  
From: Buddy's Other Friend  
Happy Valentine's Day. Loves ya!

## -C-

To: Fredrik C.  
From: Stumer  
You and me, in the alley, for a brawl.  
Brass knuckles are allowed. Enjoy your last Valentine's Day.

To: Stephanie C.  
From: Jeanne F.  
Thanks for your friendship, optimism and dedication. They helped me! Congratulations we're almost there!

To: Cas  
From: Sue A.  
I'm your private dancer, a dancer for money, do what you want me to do. . .

To: Professor Chen  
From: An Authoritative Decision Maker  
The world has changed five times over since 1985. Please update your book.

To: The Chenster  
From: Myres McDougal  
Your theories are awe-inspiring. Love ya babe.

To: Michelle Claudio  
From: Frances B.  
Thanks for being there when I needed you — at exam time.

To: Emily Conant  
From: Your friend  
You are a dear friend!

To: Cookie  
From: V.M.  
I love you!



To: Craig  
From: Anonymous  
Congratulations - All the best to you and Gina oldhouse!

To: Andrew Craner  
From: Your Lover  
May I borrow your dental floss?

To: Professor Cuevas  
From: A Bankruptcy Student  
Thank you for the great grades!

#### -D-

To: Susan D.  
From: B.J.  
I'm shameless!

To: Dale & Rupi  
From: MPL  
I'll see you both in hell!

To: Danielle in the "5"  
From: Someone in the other "5"  
Thanks for making me smile! Happy Valentine's Day.

To: Penny D  
From: Couch Potato  
You look like Becky from "Life Goes On". Happy V-Day!

To: D.L.  
From: The Century Shopper  
Did you get a set of red valentinos too? Ouch! Happy V-Day.

To: David with the Blue Eyes  
From: Your fans in Commercial Transactions  
You're very cute. You look like Elvis. You're the only thing keeping us awake.

To: Jacinto Davila  
From: Angela Davila  
To my husband, the most supportive man I will ever know. Thanks for always being there.

To: Dean S.  
From: Anonymous  
You hunka, hunka burning love. Take me, A-900! Lights, camera, action!

To: T. DeRoberts  
From: C. Chen  
I find you elegant and graceful, and it is a rare pleasure whenever I catch sight of you.

To: Luis Diaz  
From: Your not so secret admirer  
Happy Valentine's Day to the best looking guy in NYLS.

To: Doug the Writer  
From: An older woman  
I love your little round glasses, I love your wavy hair, and mostly I love the way you make me lush when you look at me.

To: Carlie Draper  
From: Ronald White  
You know what I like to do for fun. Happy Valentine's Day

To: Deb Duseau  
From: Anonymous  
Dump Steve. Will you be my Valentine, please?

#### -E-

To: Edward  
From: Theresa  
Here's to our second Valentine's Day together. I can't wait to go away again. I love you.

To: Rachel Ehrlich  
From: Tom, Dick and Harry  
Thank you. . . Just thank you.

To: E.H.S.  
From: Anonymous  
You're all that I want; I'll never stop loving you.

To: Tamara Espinel  
From: The Guys  
Don't forget - if all else fails you have at least one pinch-hitter in the dugout.

To: Tammy Espinel  
From: Hot for you  
I'd like to spin you like a top. Happy Valentine's Day.

To: Dom Esposito  
From: Sean Malatesta  
See you at next year's family reunion.

#### -F-

To: Jill Falcone  
From: X-man  
Regardless of what the other guys say, I'd still love to get one night with you.

To: Professor Feig  
From: Too Busy  
Can I meet Donny Most?

To: Stephanie Fox  
From: Big Guy  
I'm so close, but yet feel so far.

To: Frederick C.  
From: Anonymous  
You are the Ombudsman.

To: My friends  
From: Susan  
I will miss you next year - Shioban, Angela, Sonia, Meredith, Rupi, Phil, Soji, Ronnie, Wandy, Laurette, Genevieve, Phil, Ali, Rhona - but I, like you, cannot wait to leave anyway! Thanks for making it bearable!

To: Frances B.  
From: Let's get naked  
Next time, let's go to St. Lucia together.

#### -G-

To: Sharon Gasparo  
From: Throbbing Genius  
Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
You got an A+ in U.C.C.  
Only because I tutored you.

To: Mr. Gelman  
From: Chester  
Even though many years separate us, I still love you.

To: Mr. Gelman  
From: The Wicked Witch  
You look like one of my winged monkeys. Did you escape?

To: Mr. Goldsmith (the one with the wild mustache and parka)  
From: Appreciative  
You are truly the light of our law school career!

To: Grandma Lori  
From: The Bitch  
Happy Valentine's Day! Hope this is the one.

To: Susan Greenberg  
From: Meredith Simpson  
I love you Sue Letta!! Happy Valentines Day to all three of you.

To: Susan J. Greenberg  
From: A.C.  
Congratulations on your recent marriage! Now that you are graduating, I will miss you very much. I shall always have fond memories of being in Feminist Jurisprudence with you. Good luck with your legal career!

To: Susan G.  
From: The Reporter staff  
Congrats on your expected bundle of joy.

#### -H-

To: Paul H.  
From: Jeanne F.  
Since that first day in Prof. Perlin's Civ Pro, when we met at the top, you've been an excellent friend and law student. Congratulations / last semester!

To: Miss Harkin  
From: Miss Forster  
Congratulations on your engagement and surviving Prof. Lee, first row, W, T, & FL.

To: Sheryl Hecht  
From: Ian  
I want to ride with you on the slopes.

To: Mr. Hightower  
From: A fan  
Coach me baby!

# Be My Valentine



# Be My Valentine

To: Harriet, Jeanette, and the rest of the Office of Development and Public Affairs  
From: Reed  
Thank you all for the help you've given me during my job search. It's because of people like you that alumni are willing to give something back to NYLS.

To: Ms. Held  
From: Joey  
Yo Baby! Come on by and I will do some body work on you. Wanna chew on some bics?

To: Henrietta Hudsons  
From: Anonymous  
Can we watch or even participate?

To: My Husband Bear  
From: Your Wife Bear  
I love you! I love you! I love you! I love you! I love you!

To: Jim Iniguez  
From: A Catholic School Girl  
You don't know me, but I'm wearing a pleated skirt and I'd love for you to straighten me out!

To: Jim Iniguez  
From: R.P.  
Do you screw like Joan Sutton too?

To: James  
From: Rocky  
Through 500 packs of cigarettes and still breathing, a few more months, we can make it.

To: Jannine  
From: Marc  
Your product is my liability!

To: J.C.  
From: Your friends  
Geronimo! So few like this.

To: Jeanne W.  
From: Astonished  
Does caffeine really do that to you? Happy V-Day!

To: Joanna T.  
From: Mr. M.  
Que linda tu estas!

To: Professor Johnstone  
From: Alert Student  
ZZZZZ! Is it over?

To: J.R.F.  
From: George Washington  
May the flowers always be on your mind.

To: Steve K.  
From: Jeanne F.  
Thanks for your friendship and your good nature. I want that cactus! Congratulations on your last semester!

To: Laurette K.  
From: Jeanne F.  
Thank you for your friendship and for remaining the voice of reason. Congratulations, you're almost finished!

To: Karen  
From: Anonymous  
You are my erotic dream!

To: Kathleen D.  
From: Not Bluebeard  
I can't believe you ate the whole thing!

To: Kathy  
From: Gerry  
Thinking about you, as usual. Happy Valentine's Day!

To: Joe ("Killa") Kennedy  
From: The Hoboken police  
Thanks for the visit

To: King William III  
From: Duke of Black Hightop  
Stop playing with yourself in the bathrooms.

To: Christina Kousi  
From: Anonymous  
You are the best looking girl in NYLS. Be my valentine.

To: L.A.W.  
From: L.A.M. (Legal Association of Men)  
Go to the kitchen and start cooking. I want more food. And I want it now!

To: Professor Lang  
From: A student  
Nice Buzz! Happy Valentine's Day.

To: Professor Lee  
From: Hopeful  
While you still can, ask Professor Lang for a date!

To: Danielle Levy  
From: Evidence Junkie  
Do you dress for Valentine's Day all year round?

To: L.F.  
From: Someone you might suspect  
Your licke a fugacious mineral. I can only claim you for as long as I can hold you.

To: L.F.  
From: 90210 Not  
Sorry about the red teddy! Just burn it!

To: Liz and Joanna  
From: Your Favorite Storyteller  
Thanks for the nights together!

To: L.R.  
From: Your favorite muffin  
You are the sweetest, the kindest, the nicest, the most caring and adorable person I know.

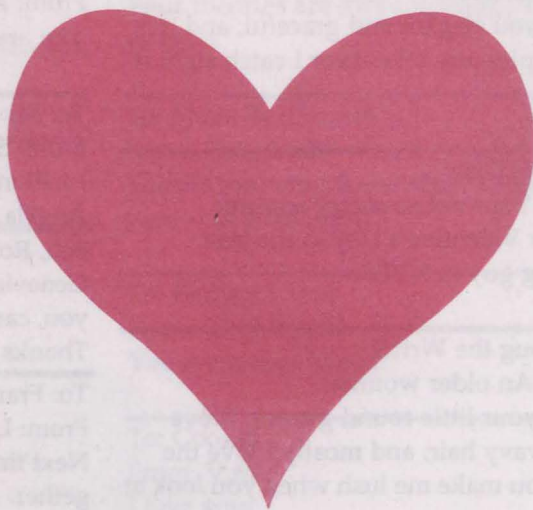
To: L.J.  
From: D.F.  
Everyone knows what we did.

To: Lori F.  
From: Anonymous  
What are you, an equal opportunity lover?

To: Angela Lurie  
From: Meredith Simpson  
We should have taken the damn exam! Happy Valentine's Day Sweetie!

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**-M-**

To: John Mac.  
From: A Secret Admirer  
You look really good on a Harley —  
by the way, I am a female!

To: Marc  
From: Brian  
I can no longer maintain the facade.  
Living together as long as we have, I  
must be honest. Leave Jen. I need  
you to myself.

To: Mark  
From: Farnsworth  
You put the wag in my tail!

To: Mark G.  
From: Your twin  
Eat me.

To: Debra Marvin  
From: RUI  
You are the choice amongst 11s. I can  
teach you what you need to know.  
Let's do it.

To: Mary, Mary Quite Contrary  
From: Little Bo Peep  
While your garden may be wilting in  
the present, your flowers will bloom  
and grow when touched with a kiss.

To: Mary P.  
From: Waiting in line  
When is it my turn? Happy  
Valentine's Day!

To: Charles Maslin  
From: Meredith Simpson  
I'm glad you're back. Happy  
Valentine's Day!

To: Maureen D.  
From: Soprano  
I've admired you from afar so long I  
finally decided to approach you. But  
when I did and you kneed me you  
broke more than my heart.

To: Laurie Mayer  
From: The C.P.A.  
Sorry to hear things weren't that good  
in wills, trusts, but tax yields future  
interest!

To: Media Law  
From: Administration  
Enjoy your last semester at NYLS!  
Happy V-Day!

To: M.H.  
From: B.  
Clear your mask; a purge valve you  
should have asked; Now your diving  
will be fine; Have a happy Saint  
Valentine!

To: Michelle, Judy, Leslie, and the rest  
of the beautiful women of Financial  
Aid  
From: The men at Balsa  
You make every visit to financial aid a  
pleasurable one (if you know what I  
mean)!

To: Mo  
From: The Fish  
See you in court! 1991 to 1994 to 2094!  
Love you!

To: Moot Court E-Board  
From: Moot Court Candidates  
Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
Despite the abuse,  
We still love you!

To: Wendy Morgan  
From: Concerned Friend  
Will a man ever satisfy you? Let me  
know.

To: Moulinos  
From: Kan B. Yours  
That attitude just kills me. I love it so  
much it makes me wet!

To: Mr. Moulinos  
From: Thanks much  
Your sexy tan makes the other law  
school guys bearable!

To: Kurt Moudy  
From: Alma & Sue  
Will you be our valentine too? Happy  
Valentine's.

To: Pete Moulinos  
From: Tiffany Orsini  
Do you get your tan from the same  
place I do?

To: Pete Moulinos  
From: Friends of the fourth floor  
Library  
Will you stop calling?

To: Mrs. Palsgraf  
From: I wish I was your lawyer  
You should have claimed LIRR was  
negligent in the way they placed the  
scale. You entered the circle of risk  
when you walked into your lawyer's  
office.

To: Victor Muallem  
From: A Needy Student  
Please tutor me for the Bar this  
summer.

**-N-**

To: Ricky Newman  
From: NYLS  
Shut the F\*\*\* up!!

To: Dick Newman  
From: Anonymous  
(Editors Note: Content too vulgar to  
print)

To: Nicole & Joe  
From: Your Friends  
Congratulations on your recent  
engagement and all the best to the  
both of you in your life together.

To: Dick No-man (Newman)  
From: Hippie of the 90's  
Do you dress up in diapers like the  
rest of the brats on Donahue?

To: NYLS Security  
From: The Thief  
Thank you for making it so easy and  
profitable to work at NYLS.

To: NYU Law School  
From: NYLS student  
Thank you for having a similar name.  
My employer thinks I am in NYU. He  
probably would not have hired me  
had he realized I am in NYLS.

To: Nina M.  
From: Anonymous  
Your attitude is my aphrodisiac.

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# Be My Valentine

To: Nick K.  
From: Kim L.  
Now that your shooter is working,  
how about a stick-up? I love it when  
you let me wear your holster.

-O-

To: Olga Rox  
From: Uncle  
Happy Valentine's Day!

To: Ombudsman  
From: Anonymous  
You must be the loneliest person in  
school

To: Ombudsman  
From: DT  
You truly (mis)represent the worst of  
NYLS.

To: Tiffany Orsini  
From: Jeff Gillooly  
Need me to do a job on anyone?

To: Tiff O.  
From: A sexual awakening  
I know your secret and now you are  
more attractive than ever. Wanna  
play with it again?

-P-

To: All P.A.D. members  
From: Us  
Get a life.

To: Niloufar Pajoochi  
From: Anonymous  
You are so sweet. Are you good in  
bed?

To: Gus Panopoulos  
From: Sandra Costa  
Happy Valentine's Day to my  
longtime friend and fellow student.  
Let's keep those gossip mills churn-  
ing. Hugs & Kisses.

To: Phil Parlante  
From: Fifi Dushay  
Voulez-vous couchez avec moi ce  
soir?

To: Penny D.  
From: Couch Potato  
You look like Becky from "Life Goes  
On". Happy Valentine's Day.

To: Rosie Perez  
From: Your Mirror  
I'm getting real tired.

To: Pete  
From: Jenn  
I love you and miss you! Come back  
soon!

To: Stacy Pashcoli  
From: Eye me more  
You definitely have the "hottest"  
body in school. Smokin' baby!!!

To: Peter M.  
From: You know who  
Gee its almost over. I'm glad that we  
became friends. Does that sound corny?

To: Pete M.  
From: Exhausted  
Let's do it again! Happy Valentine's  
Day!

To: Peter  
From: Lori  
I adore you! Happy Valentine's Day.

To: Phil D.  
From: Myself  
I love you more than anything or anyone  
else.

To: President Ilene Sacco  
From: The Reporter (NOT!)  
We are so sorry about the negative  
comments they wrote about you and the  
SBA. We strongly encourage you to keep  
up the great work that you and the rest  
of the SBA Executive Board are doing!

To: Preethi  
From: Anonymous  
I love you. Happy Valentine's Day!

To: Helena Prigal  
From: The boys (except you know who)  
Congrats on the announcement.

-R-

To: Rachel  
From: Dick Richards  
I'm sorry - - I'll try "harder" next time.

To: Rachel  
From: Me  
For Valentine's Day may you have a cab  
ride with a "worried fella".

To: Dave Raskin  
From: Bud Selig  
It's time for you to report for Spring  
training (in the Minors).

To: R.E.  
From: L.F.  
I love you just the way you are. Stay so  
sweet.

To: Reda  
From: The Faculty  
Who are you? Are you still enrolled in  
school?

To: Reggie & Mel  
From: The Dynamic Duo  
Hope your damn valentine's day will be  
better than our pathetic, lonely, depress-  
ing, uneventful, loveless, sexless,  
heatless, wintery lives.

To: Robert Luzzi  
From: Anonymous  
You are a trip!

To: Reggie & Mel  
From: Your sweethearts A.M. & B.R.  
To two of the sexiest and handsomest  
men. Thank you for being such  
gentlemen. Happy Valentine's Day!!

To: Richie Rich  
From: All the girls  
Why don't you hit on us anymore?

To: Karen Robertson  
From: First Year Love  
I've admired you from the first time I  
laid eyes on you. As I told you before,  
if you're ever free give me a call.  
Happy V-Day.

To: Rose  
From: Smoke Stax  
From: Happy V-Day! Did you get the  
carton of cigarettes I sent you?

To: RB  
From: SD  
Roses are red,  
Violets are Blue  
I'm very lucky  
to have found you.

To: Rupl  
From: Computer Illiterate  
Thanks for all your help with my  
software - it's a good thing we are so  
compatible!

To: Rupl  
From: Anonymous  
You can pick me up anytime, but no  
lips.

To: Rusty T.  
From: K.T.L.  
You're Slammin' baby!

-S-

To: Howard S.  
From: Jeanne F.  
It has been a pleasure and an honor to  
be your friend and co-worker. Thanks  
for everything! Congratulations, we're  
almost there!

To: S.S. Nik  
From: T. Rub  
I miss lying in the sun with you and  
rubbing oil on your bod.

To: Stacy Sabitini  
From: Sweaty for you  
Wow, our Comp Con Law room is hot,  
and so are you!

To: Ilene Sacco  
From: Chad Karp  
Thanks for the mid-day bathroom  
excursions.

To: Ilene Sacco  
From: The Classes of '92, '93, '94, '95 &  
'96  
Thanks for the memories!!!



To: Leslie Shannon  
From: Reed  
Thanks for all your help. You found money and employment for me when I thought neither was available. You're a saint!

To: Stacy  
From: Anonymous  
My office or yours? Happy Valentines Day.

To: Susan Schumer  
From: A person with a headache  
Please Shut the F\*\*\* up!

To: Ann Shrekast  
From: Jim Glavin  
All my love, on this, our third Valentine's day together. Happy Valentine's Day Annie! Love, me.

To: Murielle Steven  
From: Anonymous  
Hot Body — Bad Attitude

To: Scott Stopnik  
From: A Secret Admirer  
You are so hot. I love the way you talk in class. I will rock your world. That Dutch-Boy haircut turns me on so much.

To: Sonia  
From: Bobby  
So when's that new pad gonna see some action!?

To: Sonia  
From: The Queen  
See you on the balcony for 10 weeks! Happy V Day!

To: M. Spataro  
From: Long Distance Lover  
You are one of the best.

To: Stacy O.  
From: The elder Fisher  
Now that Joey's in jail, why don't we get it on!

To: The Supreme Court  
From: A NYLS Student  
*Marbury v. Madison* was wrongly decided. Pack up and go home. You people have no business telling others what they can and can't do.

To: S.W.  
From: Anonymous  
Do you like to play with fire? Remember to always keep my secrets, and no blackmail.

To: Swati & Pat  
From: Peter  
Best wishes for a happy, healthy and sex-filled life together.

To: Swati & Pat  
From: The Reporter  
May your life together be filled with joy and happiness.

To: Sweetness  
From: Cheeky-Monkey  
Always & forever will you be my muse.

To: Mr. Stud Muffin  
From: Ginger Snap  
I'm still loving you after all these years! Let's try for 22 more!

To: Mark Stumer & The NYLS Reporter  
From: A Member of Fall '93 Landlord & Tenant Law Class  
Thanks for causing our curve to take a dive because of your moronic comments and irresponsible reporting. F\*\*\* you both.

To: Stumer  
From: A Beaver  
Forget about it!

-T-

To: Tall, Dark, Handsome  
From: The Girls  
What is your name? Be our Valentine? (Or at least a ride in the Porsche). Ride me?

To: Dale Tarzia  
From: Your Friends  
You'll get your grades when they're ready.

To: Teddy, Joe, Michael & Mike  
From: Alma & Sue  
Will you guys be ours? Happy Valentines!

To: R. T.  
From: Former student  
My suggestion - learn how to write an exam.

To: Terry  
From: Jameson  
On this the occasion of sweet valentine, Can a friend, just a friend, beg a piece of your mind? Can a friend make an error or commit a faux pas, without suffering forever your charm from afar? After all we're both human and to err is no crime, I'm asking only t'remember that to forgive is divine.

To: Tesoro  
From: Gioia  
Every day with you makes life worthwhile. 6/1/91 is the day I made the best choice of my life. I love you

To: Yanic Thomas  
From: The Mon  
Wopp'nin G'yal. Ya see, ya still the lickle pickney till mi leave dis school!!!

To: Tony & Alaina  
From: Your library friends  
Thanks for keeping us company!

To: Debbie Todres  
From: The real #1 Rank  
I got all the cases, niah, niah, niah!

To: Tonya Harding  
From: Jeff  
Break a leg in Lillehammer!

To: Susan Tracy  
From: A 3L who likes you from afar.  
You mystify me. I'd like to get to know you.

To: Triple "T"  
From: The Bad Boy Table  
We hear you are working at "Dolls". Show us your act! Be our Valentine.

-W-

To: Julie Waterman  
From: Your Ideal Mate  
You would make a perfect wife. Marry me instead.

To: Amy Wecker  
From: He who wants you  
For 2-1/2 years I've watched you from afar. You are so hot! Are you human? Drop your man [sic] and wait for me outside the library on March 2nd at 1:00pm. See you then.

To: Dean Wellington  
From: 50 Percentile Student  
Thanks for the 'C' curve, my 'B' gets me everywhere

To: Dean Wellington  
From: Anonymous  
Are you the Ombudsman?

To: My Wife  
From: Your Bear  
You make life fun and bear-able. I can't begin to tell you how much I love you and want to be with you forever. Love always.

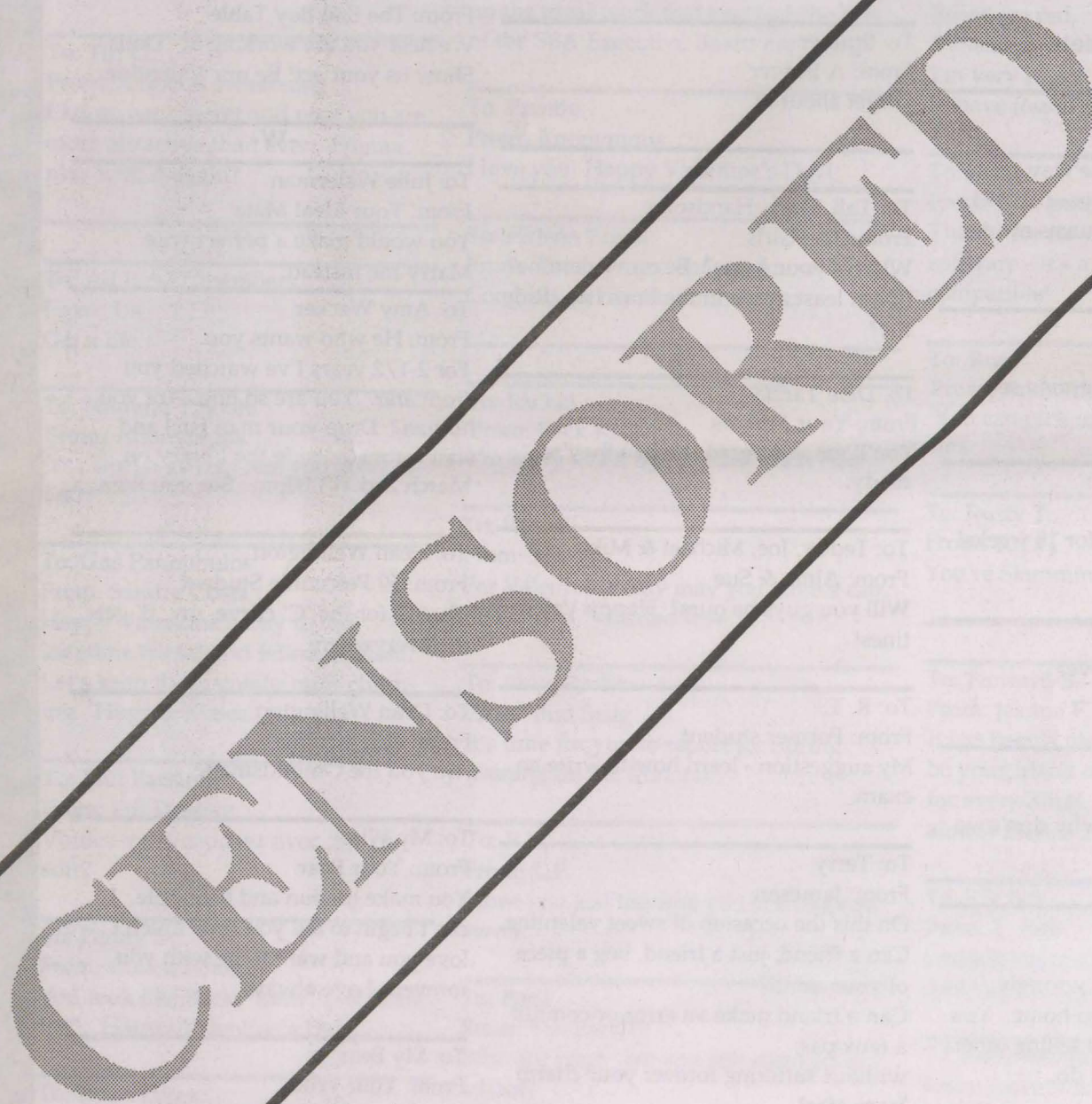
To: My Bear  
From: Your Wife  
Bear..Bear..Bear..Bear..Bear..I love you! Happy Valentine's Day!

To: Mike Wood  
From: Weight Watchers  
Have you lost any weight yet?

To: Mike Wood  
From: Jeanne F.  
I miss you big man

# Be My Valentine



**Commentary****NEGATIVISM or IS IT JUST THAT YOUR OX  
IS BEING GORED?****By Seamus S. Murphy '93**

**CENSORED**<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Since nearly any statement can be interpreted as being "negative", I have tried to write a column that could not be considered "negative" by this institution's administration or by anyone else who may have ever disagreed with anything that has been written in this paper in the past. For those readers who feel that administration's complaints about the "negative" articles in this newspaper is nothing more than the administration indirectly trying to censor its critics, I must point out that this is a non-negative column and we will not allow such thoughts to occur. Instead, look at censorship in a positive light. For example, I find that censorship makes writing articles for this paper extremely easy.



# Practitioners, Scholars To Debate Merits Of Controversial Civil Forfeiture Action

Civil forfeiture, one of the most important and controversial legal topics today, will be the focus of a symposium at New York Law School next month featuring practitioners on both sides of the criminal bar as well as prominent scholars.

The program, "What Price Civil Forfeiture? Constitutional Implications and Reform Initiatives," is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 1994, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at New York Law School, 47 Worth Street. The forum is sponsored by the *New York Law School Law Review*.

Civil forfeiture is an action by the government designed to recover property connected to a crime in addition to the ill-gotten gains. It is used to seize such things as yachts and condominiums in which illegal narcotics have been found. Most recently, the New York Police Department used civil forfeiture to seize cars driven by "johns" while soliciting prostitutes.

Advocates contend that civil forfeiture is an effective law enforcement tool to strip criminals of property used in a crime. Opponents say it endangers civil rights and violates the constitutional protection against government deprivations of property without due process of law.

In speeches, debates, and informal dialogue, ten experts will analyze the benefits and dangers of civil forfeiture, suggest reforms, and discuss recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings on the subject.

The panelists are George M. Fishman, legislative counsel to U.S. Rep. Henry J. Hyde,

sponsor of the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act of 1993; Roger Pilon of the Cato Institute; private practitioners Steven L. Kessler and Terrance G. Reed; prosecutors Stefan D. Cassella, Cameron H. Holmes, and Ellen Silverman Zimiles; Terrence P. Farley, director of the National Drug Prosecution Center; Professor David Schoenbrod of New York Law School; and Professor Mary M. Cheh of George Washington University. For registration and program information, call Deborah Duseau at (212) 431-2118. Students are admitted free.

## Inefficiency As Usual

Commentary By Peter Moulinos '94

After the coldest day of the year, when the temperature in New York dropped faster than Jesse Jackson's popularity, NYLS brought back by popular demand something students long yearned for... heat.

Who would have guessed that on the most brutal and grizzly day of the year, NYLS would fail to provide heat for its highly esteemed students, who not too long ago submitted \$8,000+ tuition payments to the accounting office. The reason why the school turned into an ingloo was that the boiler broke down. So if tomorrow, by some freak accident, the Ukraine fires missiles at the Pacific Rim of the United States, then someone can say the computer broke down. Why not blame it on the machines?

Unfortunately machines don't run NYLS. There used to be a time when students, through a wild and nail biting process called "a lottery," would be able to win a space in the school parking lot and park at any time. (Not even Bill Clinton got so lucky back in Arkansas.) But now, NYLS has decided that lottery winners can only pull into the lot after 5:30pm. With tuition being so high, the school should have a valet parking everyone's cars. To allow parking only after 5:30pm is an ill-considered idea.

The list of NYLS' ill-considered ideas seem to be coming more frequently this year than the sleet, snow and cold. Who could forget the security guards, with a somber tone and smile, coming into the library at 9:30pm during finals to ask students to move their cars from the parking lot so they can close the gates early? No wonder Louis Provenzano is driving a Mercedes Benz 500SL. His indoor garage is doing so well that he refuses to advertise in the *Reporter*.

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### HEAD START PROGRAM

(For LLM's, MCJ's and anyone else who would like to begin the BAR/BRI New York Bar Review course early in Manhattan only.)

#### INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM:

- ➡ Lectures begin in late February consisting of videotapes of the following multistate subjects:

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW  
CRIMINAL LAW  
EVIDENCE  
TORTS

CONTRACTS (including SALES)  
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE  
REAL PROPERTY (including FUTURE INTERESTS)

- ➡ Essay Writing Workshop

- ➡ 3 Graded Essays

- ➡ 50 Question Multistate Diagnostic Exam

- ➡ Attorney-advisor (not a tutor) to counsel on study techniques. (If tutor is desired, BAR/BRI will provide the names of qualified attorneys who will work with BAR/BRI students at a discounted rate.)

- ➡ PLEASE NOTE: This program is in addition to the services & programs provided in the regular BAR/BRI New York Bar Review course and is available in Manhattan only.

- ➡ Students who participate in this program must be enrolled in the BAR/BRI New York Bar Review course and have paid at least \$850 towards their bar review tuition by the first day of the Head Start Program. This payment is fully credited to the student's bar review tuition and is non-refundable.

- ➡ Additionally, any student may sit through the full BAR/BRI New York Bar Review course twice. Their bar review course tuition must be paid in full at the beginning of the first course they participate in and this tuition is non-refundable. The student must also obtain a letter from the New York Board of Law Examiners, prior to the beginning of the second course, stating that they have not taken the New York Bar Exam.

#### 1994 MANHATTAN SCHEDULE

Sat., Feb. 26	Intro/Criminal Law Criminal Procedure	9:30am-1:30pm 2pm-6pm
Sun., Feb. 27	Torts I Torts II	9:30am-1:30pm 2pm-6pm
Sat., March 5	Evidence I	2pm-6pm
Sun., March 6	Evidence II	2pm-6pm
Sat., March 12	Constitutional Law I Constitutional Law II	9:30am-1:30pm 2pm-6pm
Sun., March 13	Real Property I Real Property II	9:30am-1:30pm 2pm-6pm
Sat., March 19	Contracts/Sales I Contracts/Sales II	9:30am-1:30pm 2pm-6pm
Sun., March 20	Contracts/Sales III Essay Writing Workshop	9:30am-1:30pm 2pm-6pm

LOCATION: This course is offered only at the BAR/BRI Lecture Hall, 1500 Broadway at 43rd Street, New York City.



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# 1993 SBA Budget Review For The Fall Semester

Every semester, a portion of our tuition is allocated to student activity fees. These fees comprise the budget of the Student Bar Association ("SBA") of New York Law School. Last semester, the budget was \$19,574.00 which included approximately \$400.00 from the previous academic year. Of this amount, \$14,487.73 was spent as itemized below as of December 15, 1993.

The first total (\$1,069.50) represents the amount spent by the SBA for the September party while the second total (\$1,236.53) represents the amount spent by the SBA for the October party. The total remaining in the account (\$5,761.72) is subject to change pending the remittance of receipts by student organizations.

## Budget Review Fall Semester 1993

Funds Available	\$19,574.00
(Collected in SA Fees)	\$19,174.00
(remaining from last semester)	\$400.00
Total Spent (through 12/15/93)	\$14,487.73

Postage	\$196.49
Copying	\$1,609.90
Catering In House (Billed)	\$2,790.45
Catering In House(Not Yet Billed)	\$320.50
Cheques Issued	\$9,570.39

Break down of cheques issued:	
AALSA NAPALSA Conference	\$478.00

ACLU Book Purchase	\$3.00
ACLU Roundtable travel	\$12.74

Basketball Fees	\$1,495.00
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BLSA National dues	\$350.00
BLSA Regional dues	\$185.00

Hellenic Law Pizza	\$55.00
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ILS Chapter dues	\$125.00
ILS Jessup Comp	\$650.00
ILS panel speaker travel	\$25.00
ILS Prof. Belly Snacks	\$12.93

JLSA Middle East Catering	\$315.00
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LAW Luncheon soda etc	\$45.36
LAW Luncheon catering	\$440.00
LAW Luncheon Balloons	\$6.50

Media Law Toner	\$66.99
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Media Law panel Catering	\$200.00
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NLG Takeover speaker travel	\$100.00
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SBA NYSB Conference	\$180.00
SBA Washington D.C conference	\$306.78
SBA speaker series	\$27.00
SBA meeting pizza	\$143.00
SBA Meeting Pizza	\$90.00

SBA September Party:	
liquor license	\$30.00
food and Travel	\$185.00
DJ	\$300.00
delivery tip	\$20.00
beer	\$494.50
taps	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$1,069.50

SBA October Party:	
prizes	\$100.00
chips, soda	\$170.00
wings	\$300.00
liquor license	\$28.00
travel	\$35.00
beer	\$403.53
DJ	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$1,236.53
SBA Ranger Tickets	\$1,116.25
SBA Food Drive Donation	\$100.00
SBA Developing	\$40.36
SBA Cups	\$175.45
SBA Mugs	\$500.00

Yearbook Refund	\$20.00
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RETURNED TO ACCOUNT	
SBA Cups/Mugs	\$675.45
Ranger ticket sales (to be returned)	\$846.00
TOTAL REMAINING IN ACCOUNT	\$5,761.72
(this number does not include ticket sales returns)	

## National Lawyers Guild To Hold Conference

On Friday, February 25, 1994 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., the National Lawyers Guild Chapter at New York Law School will commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. The conference, entitled "The Impact of Impact Litigation: the Relationship of Social Movements on Social Litigation," will consist of speakers and workshops discussing the impact of four significant United States Supreme Court decisions. These cases include: *Brown v. Board of Education* (school desegregation), *Bowers v. Hardwick* (gay and lesbian rights), *Batson v. Kentucky* (race and jury selection) and *Collin v. Smith* (the First Amendment and free speech).

Guest speakers include Arthur Kinoy, Bill Kunstler, Mark Tushnet, Ruth Harlow, Steven Ralston, Eugene Cerruti, Arthur Leonard, Evan Wolson, and others.

Refreshments will be served. Free admission to all.

For additional information, please contact New York Law School at (212) 431-2852.



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# PIEPER FREE MPRE REVIEW

**ANNOUNCING OUR LOCATIONS FOR THE MARCH MPRE EXAM**

**\*\*\*NOTE: All classes will run from 9:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.**

**Sunday, February 13, 1994:**

**LIVE Lecture**

**Amphitheater, Main Floor**

**Fashion Institute of Technology**

**Saturday, February 26, 1994:**

**VIDEO-TAPE Lectures**

**Albany Law School**

**ROOM E 7/8**

**Buffalo Law School**

**ROOM 108, O'Brian hall**

**Boston University Law School**

**ROOM 734**

**Hofstra University**

**ROOM 217, Breslin Hall**

**Syracuse Law School**

**TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**Georgetown Law School**

**ROOM 154**

**Tulane Law School**

**TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**Sunday, February 27, 1994:**

**VIDEO-TAPE Lecture**

**NYU Law School**

**Room 110**

**PACE Law School**

**Room 403, Preston Hall**

***To reserve a seat, call 1-800-635-6569. This course is 100% free of charge whether a Pieper student or not. All students are welcome NO MATTER WHAT BAR REVIEW COURSE YOU ARE REGISTERED FOR!!!***



## GRADUATES

JUNE 1993 NYLS GRADUATES PASS STATE  
BAR EXAMINATIONS

The Reporter is proud to announce that the following 226 June 1993 New York Law School graduates have passed the New York State (205) and/or the New Jersey (135) bar examinations. 114 graduates passed both states' bar examinations.

## - A -

Thomas Joseph Abernethy	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Gerianne Abriano	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Marcia Ajayi-Obe	(NY/2nd Dep't)	
Craig Aldo Andreoli	(NY/2nd Dep't)	
Steven Richard Antico	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Katerina Mae Antos	(NY/1st Dep't)	(NJ)
David E. Aronow	(NY/1st Dep't)	
Anthony Xavier Arturi		(NJ)
Gary Anthony Axisa	(NY/2nd Dep't)	

## - B -

Peggy Jo Barbanel	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Nathaniel Hurd Barber	(NY/3rd Dep't)	
Debra Elene Barnett	(NY/3rd Dep't)	
Arthur George Baumgartner, II	(NY/2nd Dep't)	
Patrick Gerard Benn	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Elenora Lynne Benz	(NY/1st Dep't)	(NJ)
Maria Christine Bielesz	(NY/1st Dep't)	
Nevena Amy Bilbija	(NY/3rd Dep't)	
Andrea Blair	(NY/1st Dep't)	
Guy Michael Bowman	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Kathleen Brady	(NY/3rd Dep't)	(NJ)
Michael Sean Brady	(NY/2nd Dep't)	
Michael Stuart Brown	(NY/2nd Dep't)	
Faye-Marie Morgan Brownfield	(NY/1st Dep't)	
Robert Gerard Bruechert	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Richard John Brunje	(NY/3rd Dep't)	
Brent Adam Burns	(NY/1st Dep't)	(NJ)

## - C -

Laura Lynn Caffaro	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Christopher John Capelli	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Nicholas Raymond Caputo	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Melissa Ann Carner	(NY/3rd Dep't)	
John Francis Carroll	(NY/1st Dep't)	
Laura Louise Casulli	(NY/3rd Dep't)	(NJ)
Leonard A. Cecere	(NY/1st Dep't)	(NJ)
Joseph G. Cella		(NJ)
Michael Evan Chasen	(NY/1st Dep't)	(NJ)
Vincent Chirico	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Michael Angelo Cifelli		(NJ)
Jeffrey Howard Clott	(NY/3rd Dep't)	(NJ)
Cristina Cobb	(NY/1st Dep't)	(NJ)
Fernando Luis Cruz		(NJ)
Frank Joseph Cuccio	(NY/1st Dep't)	(NJ)
Anne Mary Czelusniak	(NY/4th Dep't)	

## - D -

William Murray Dailey	(NY/1st Dep't)	(NJ)
Otis Reidar Damslet	(NY/1st Dep't)	
John Bruce David	(NY/2nd Dep't)	
Alfred De Ingeniis	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Peachetta Sabrina DeFreitas	(NY/1st Dep't)	
Joseph Sebastian DeGaetano	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Richard Del Vacchio		(NJ)
Charles Marcus Dickson, Jr.	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
John Theodore Dillon, Jr.	(NY/2nd Dep't)	
Aileen Marie Doherty	(NY/2nd Dep't)	

## - E -

Judith Anne Eisenberg	(NY/3rd Dep't)	(NJ)
David Jeremy Evan	(NY/1st Dep't)	

## - F -

Anthony Robert Falisi		(NJ)
Natalie Feinstein	(NY/3rd Dep't)	
Susan Faye Feldinger	(NY/1st Dep't)	
Kevin Anthony Felix	(NY/3rd Dep't)	
Michele Lynn Fenice	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Daniel James Fitzpatrick		(NJ)
Aaron Paul Flaherty	(NY/1st Dep't)	(NJ)
Nicole Stephanie Foster	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Bradley Charles Franco	(NY/3rd Dep't)	
David Charles Friedman	(NY/1st Dep't)	(NJ)
Jack T. Frohlich	(NY/1st Dep't)	(NJ)
Moshe David Fuld	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)

## - G -

Jeffrey Gaier	(NY/3rd Dep't)	(NJ)
Gizelle Maria Galang	(NY/2nd Dep't)	
Caroline Gargione		(NJ)
Glenn Thomas Gavan		(NJ)
Rebecca Geffner	(NY/1st Dep't)	
Richard B. Gess	(NY/2nd Dep't)	
Daniel Solomon Gewirtz	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Pauline Elizabeth Glaser	(NY/1st Dep't)	
Mary Catherine Gleason	(NY/1st Dep't)	
Robert James Goerke	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
James Brendan Golding	(NY/3rd Dep't)	
Ivy Michele Goldstein	(NY/2nd Dep't)	(NJ)
Manuel D. Gomez	(NY/1st Dep't)	
Kenneth Anthony Gray	(NY/2nd Dep't)	
Robert J. Greenstein	(NY/1st Dep't)	(NJ)
Neil Evan Guthrie		(NJ)

## - H -

Elisa Wendy Hallerman	(NY/1st Dep't)	
Ann Marie Hayes	(NY/2nd Dep't)	
Kerri I. Hisiger Schwartz	(NY/2nd Dep't)	
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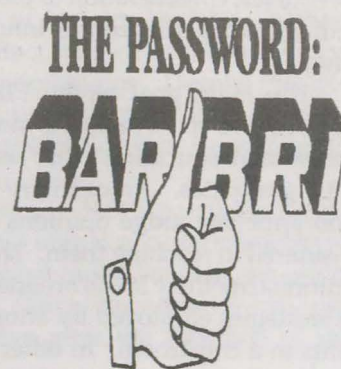
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The above information was compiled from: (1) New York Law School's commencement bulletin (June 14, 1993); (2) New York Law Journal (Wednesday, November 24, 1993); and (3) New Jersey Law Journal (Monday, December 13, 1993). If anyone has the results of other states' bar examinations, they should contact the Reporter so that we may publish the information in a later edition.





# A Conversation with . . . Professor Jethro K. Lieberman

## Director, NYLS Legal Writing Program

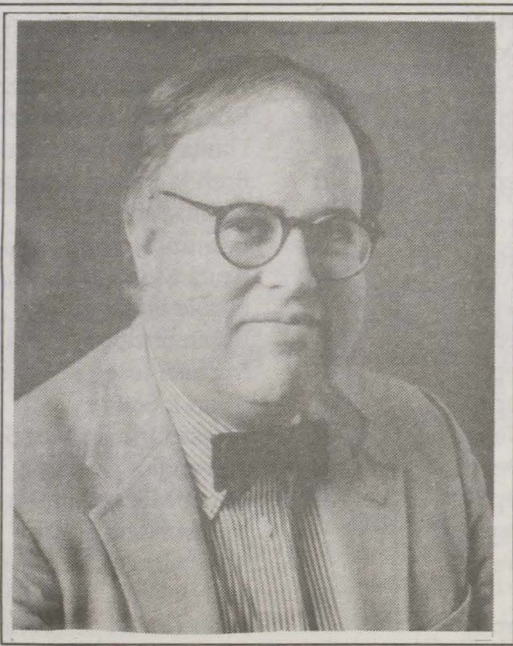
By Henry Robert Johnson '94

Recently I had the opportunity to speak with Professor Jethro K. Lieberman. In the Fall 1993 semester, I had the privilege to take Professor Lieberman's course, *Advanced Writing Skills for Lawyers*. I highly recommend this course to students who enjoy writing, and for those who find writing to be torture. Both will benefit from the experience. This course teaches students how to write sharp, clear prose, how to edit, and how to become more comfortable with the art of composing and organizing written material. During the course, we worked with an endless number of examples to improve all aspects of our writing. We also examined some of the causes of "writer's bloc" and the many ways to overcome it.

Professor Lieberman graduated from Yale University in 1964, and from Harvard Law School in 1967. He worked at *Business Week* for six months after law school and then became a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps, an experience he thoroughly enjoyed. As a JAG Corps Lieutenant, he worked on issues such as pension and disability, AWOL personnel, military personnel caught fighting, and those charged with drug violations. He was initially stationed at the Patuxent River Base in southern Maryland, an astronaut training facility, and was eventually sent to (JAG) Corps headquarters in Washington, D.C. After the JAG Corps he worked in the field of antitrust as an Associate in the Washington, D.C. law firm of Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn.

In 1973, Professor Lieberman returned to *Business Week* and founded its Legal Affairs Department where he strove to cover legal news intelligently at a time when legal journalism was at its infancy. He was Editor of Legal Affairs at *Business Week* from 1973 until 1982. In 1982, he began his teaching career at Fordham Law School as Visiting Professor of Law. He taught Administrative Law, Dispute Resolution, and developed the school's Legal Writing Program. He was its Director until 1985, when he came to NYLS. Since then, many law firms have asked him to conduct workshops to improve the writing of their attorneys.

Professor Lieberman has published 22 books on various topics such as writing, constitutional law, and business law. He has always been a writer: he wrote for his high school and



PROFESSOR JETHRO K. LIEBERMAN

college newspaper. His first book was published while in his third year of law school. His best seller, *The Complete CB Handbook*, took him three weeks to write and sold 750,000 copies. This accomplishment is even more noteworthy when you consider that Lieberman has never owned a CB radio! His other well-known book, *The Litigious Society*, received the ABA's Silver Gavel Award in 1982 and has recently been translated into Japanese. In 1988 he again received the Silver Gavel Award for *The Enduring Constitution*. He also wrote an espionage-thriller under a pseudonym in 1978 or 1979. In keeping with the covert nature of the genre, Professor Lieberman has refused to reveal the pseudonym or the book title. His 23rd book, for which he will earn his Ph.D. from Columbia, is about John Stuart Mills' "mistake" (read the book to find out what the mistake was). In it he explores the nature of harm, and the theories about what constitutes injury.

I asked him to tell us why he believes law students should improve their ability to write well. He gave several reasons. First, it improves

the student's chances of finding a job. He said that those who write well "have a leg up" on those who don't, and that this is true wherever the student applies for a job. In fact, many law firms have in-house writing specialists whose sole purpose is to screen the writing samples submitted by applicants.

Second, as he told our class, "lawyers are, in a sense, the best paid writers in America. Writing is, by and large, what lawyers do." In addition to helping lawyers, this skill also helps clients because, ultimately, they are the beneficiaries of a lawyer's ability to persuade a court of the claim's merits.

He also gave a more subtle reason for the importance of writing well. "When we read a court opinion, law review article or brief and encounter difficulty understanding the material, it is frequently the writer's fault, not the reader's. . . . Although sometimes the difficulty is due to the complexity of the subject matter, it is often a result of bad writing and not of an inability to understand the material." The solution, Jethro Lieberman says, is to learn and understand what writing is: how to tear it up and then put it back together.

Aside from his work at school he relaxes by watching movies and reading. One of his hobbies is "high-end" desktop publishing. In pursuing this hobby, he has published the first in a writing-related series of pamphlets entitled "Diploma Series." Jethro Lieberman's favorite book is "Jurgen," a novel by James Branch Cabell. Although it was briefly banned in New York State, he says it is a brilliant allegory about people trying to do the right thing.

Professor Lieberman is married and has two children, who are both college graduates. His wife, Jo Shifrin, is Assistant Vice President for Planning at Montefiore Medical Center in (this reporter's hometown) the Bronx. His daughter, Jessica, writes position papers for a NYC Public Policy Institute. His son, Seth, an avid rugby player, is earning a graduate degree in Sports Management.

Professor Lieberman is unquestionably a valuable asset to this school and its students. I suggest you enroll in one of his writing courses since the experience is bound to enrich your writing skills.

## Lawyer-Centered Education at NYLS

Timothy Wedeen '95

The NYLS Planning Committee, chaired by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Ellen Ryerson, met during the 1992-93 academic year to forward recommendations to Dean Wellington. One of the recommendations, which has been adopted by the faculty, called for modification of New York Law School's curriculum. The outcome of their tête-à-tête is a plan to enhance legal education at NYLS by including in the traditional law courses, consideration of the practicing attorney's perspective. Dean Wellington has dubbed this innovative approach "lawyer-centered education."

The main goal of the Planning Committee, according to Dean Ryerson, was to "develop a more focused and distinctive approach to professional education" that would also increase the marketability of NYLS graduates. An ordinary legal education focuses almost entirely upon appellate judge opinions and findings, and the rules and issues considered in reaching them. The "new" approach will not eliminate the traditional method. It will broaden this methodology by teaching students the strategies employed by attorneys when preparing a case or arguing points in a courtroom. In other words, when students are examining a

given judicial decision, the focus will be on the "how" and "why" aspects of the outcome, and the "what" aspect, in relation to the methodology used by counsel in preparing the preliminary complaints, motions, arguments, and the effect of such preparations on the outcome of the litigation.

The faculty plans to introduce approximately 15 new courses over the next three years, many of them workshops that will combine a seminar in a field of law with a supervised field placement at appropriate law offices. Several workshops are already being offered, including: the "Environmental Practice Workshop," with Professor Schoenbrod and the "Bankruptcy Policy Workshop," with Professor Gross. Next year, the faculty will begin to introduce workshops in copyright law, with Professor Samuels, mental disability law, with Professor Perlin, New York City Law, with Professor Sandler, employment law, with Professor Meyer, and alternative dispute resolution, with Professor Rothschild. Courses without a placement component will also adopt the lawyer-centered approach. Some courses already use this approach such as "Constitutional Law and Appellate Advocacy," with Professor Strossen, "Complex

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Litigation," with Professor Purcell, and "Persuasion," with Professor Newman. Next year, one of the new lawyer-centered courses in connection with Corporate Law is titled "Corporate Law: Perspectives of the Practicing Attorney," with Professor Kahn. These courses will enable NYLS students to not only study the theories and regulations governing the various areas of law, but also learn "real-world" principles and practical applications of. Learning the law is only part of becoming an attorney; learning how to apply it is another.

The workshops will be four credits each, with two credits as a graded seminar or course, and two credits as a pass/fail field placement. Although students will enroll for both the seminar and the externship, in some cases it will be possible to take the seminar or course without doing an externship. For example, the "Alternative Dispute Resolution Workshop" will be offered without requiring enrollment in the workshop. However, all students who enroll in one of these workshops for field placement enroll in the classroom portion of the course as well.

These subject-matter oriented workshops will compliment the current Externship Program. That program offers the Externship Course, which combines a two-credit lawyering skills seminar with two-credit externships in a wide variety of law practices and agencies.

The placements for each of the new workshops will be pre-arranged by each professor with the appropriate agency or office, depending upon the discipline covered. The professors have discretion in determining the criteria to be used when placing students. Dean Ryerson stated she would urge faculty to adopt the general policy of giving preference to graduating students in choosing among several equally qualified applicants for a workshop. Otherwise, professors will probably consider various factors in determining whether a particular student can be placed. These factors may include, but are not necessarily limited to: grades, courses and prior experience. All workshops will require pre-registration and the permission of the professor conducting the program.

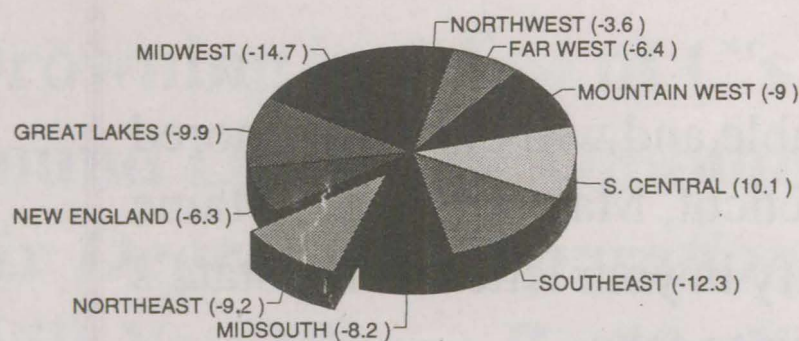
Dean Ryerson indicated that the ultimate goal is to offer enough workshops and other externship opportunities so that all students who want one can have it. All of the workshops are offered as electives. These programs are being established for the benefit of students interested in focusing on a specific area of law seeking to take advantage of the practical applications of the subject.

In a recent report entitled "Legal Education and Professional Development - An Educational Continuum," the American Bar Association pointed to many of the same concerns that Dean Wellington and the Planning Committee have. These concerns highlighted that many graduating law students lacked so-called "professional skills." The Report stated that recent graduates of law school were often unprepared in areas such as assisting their clients in defining their goals; properly analyzing the facts presented; designing problem-solving strategies; and resolving the myriad of ethical problems facing a practitioner in today's legal arena. The recommendations of the ABA article closely mirror the resolutions of Dean Wellington and the Planning Committee thereby placing New York Law School in the forefront of the push for "lawyer-centered education."

Details about these new courses will be available in the new Academic Catalog and registration materials which will be available in early March. For further information or comments, please contact the appropriate professor or Eileen Quinn, Director of Academic Affairs.

### REGIONAL APPLICATION VOLUMES

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yourselves New Yorkers, we'll see 23 to 32 inches of snow and life will be impossible." What a great story! How much salt does Dix Hills, Long Island have on reserve? What about Yonkers? I would love to see an interview with a salt truck driver (and his family). How are they able to cope? I guess we will never know, the snow never came. Not even a flurry. The weather was in the mid 50's and sunny. Play Ball!

Court TV! Lorena Bobbit and the infamous Menendez brothers are set free. Everyone, take the law into your own hands. Kill or maim at will and be protected by your legal system. Remember the great interviews with Lorena's neighbors? What a gripping story! However, this was overshadowed by the amazing conclusion of Act IV of the Buffalo Bills Tragedy.

Who knows what awaits us in the months to come, Elvis sightings at the White House? (some claim he's already living there). Isn't technology and instant communication grand?

In the mean time I just have one thing to say....

One large screen cable-ready Sony T.V. for sale. Must sell, best offer.

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It sometimes feels as if the administration has hired a private consultant to figure out ways to torment students. Last year, students were allowed to file an initial change of program, free of charge, months before classes began. This was intended to prevent the regular "change of program gridlock" that hits the Registrar during the first week of classes. NYLS was just as accommodating this year, but in line with their motto "Life Isn't Free", requested a \$25 fee for the first change of program. Many cash-strapped students wound up changing their program twice because of conflicts beyond their control (i.e., employer, spousal, social, etc.) and were unfairly forced to contribute to the school treasury twice.

The school, and whoever is in charge, rarely goes out of its way to accommodate students. Sorry, but the free lunch distributed on the day the new cafeteria was unveiled was not a good faith gesture, but a clumsy marketing gimmick. Students can make do with stunts like those, but on the coldest days of winter they earnestly beg the school to keep the heat on.

## Applications To Law Schools Down

By Rupi S. Badwal '94

In the October 1993 issue of the *Reporter*, an article appeared about the grades of the entering class and the drop in applications at New York Law School. At that time the drop in applications for NYLS was almost nine percent (9%). Recent statistics, as graphed below, indicate that the drop in applications to NYLS is on par with the average drop in applications for the entire Northeast region.

The graph represents the percentage change in applications to law schools throughout the U.S. regions as of January 14, 1994. Although these figures are not conclusive they reflect a downward trend in applications for all areas except the South Central region. Despite this trend, the Midsouth, Northeast and the Great Lakes regions still received the highest number of applications at about thirty thousand (30,000) applications to each region.

At press time, the drop in admissions at NYLS paralleled the drop in applications throughout the Northeast region at approximately nine percent (9%). Unlike most other Northeastern law schools, the application deadline at NYLS is April 1, 1994. Thus, the office of admissions expects additional applications to arrive after the deadline of other schools has passed.





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