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MENDIK Library OFFICIALLY
Open For Business

by Daren R. Domin

It's official. With the cutting of the red ribbon stretched across the 240 Church Street entrance doors by Victor Kovner, Mayor David Dinkins' official representa-
tive at the event, the Mendik Library offici-
ally opened on April 5, 1990.
The April 5 festivities began with a com-
memorative address to a packed first floor room crowd. School trustees, faculty, alumni, students and former Mayors Ed-
ward Koch and Robert Wagner, Jr., Attor-
ney General Robert Abrams, and Second Circuit Judge and alum Roger Miner were among those in attendance. Mayor Dink-
kins was scheduled to officially open the library but an emergency budget meeting required his immediate attention. In his place he sent Victor Kovner, the City’s Corporation Counsel, to act as his official representa-
tive and to deliver the Mayor’s speech.

Dean Simon stated first and emphasized to those in attendance the important achievement the Mendik Library repre-
217ed to New York Law School and the hardwork, dedication and guidance which Mr. Mendik exhibited to make the dream of a new library a reality. Dean Simon stated that with the addition of a modern library facility, New York Law School re-
skip from its commitment to becoming the preeminent urban law school in New York and the country. Mr. Mendik, the “quintes-

tendental New Yorker,” thanked the alumni and the New York Law School community for generously providing the funds necessary to provide the school with a modern facility for legal study. Mr. Kovner, deliv-
217ering Mayor Dinkins’ speech in an easy manner, spoke of the important role that Mr. Mendik, New York Law School, and legal education in general played in New York City. Former Mayor Koch was asked to speak briefly. Mayor Koch stated his two reasons for attending: to acknowledge the achievements of Bernie Mendik and because he liked this part of town. The event was broadcast simultaneously in the student lounge. In sum, accolades were given to all, including the library staff and students.

The procession then moved to the Li-
217rary entrance where Mr. Kovner cut the ribbon, officially opening the library. Ber-
nie Mendik then unveiled the dedication plaque in the library foyer. The festive ac-
217tivities concluded with a tour of the library and a reception on the fourth floor.

Sex, Lies, and Elevators

by Jodi Gottesfeld

As I am sitting here stuck in the elevator, again, staring at the temporary inspection certificate which expired in December, I am inspired to write this article.
The pathetic part is that I spent so long to get in here. First, I joined most of my schoolmates on a line extending out the door and down Worth Street, constantly being knocked down by the students forced to exit through the same door. Each time I neared the front of the line, students would swarm from the other side of the elevator, and I was suddenly fighting for my life to get a space inside.

When I finally entered the elevator along with the dozen other competitors, a beep... beep... beep sounded. A sigh was heard throughout the crowd. It was that too familiar song of the overcrowded elevator. One by one we left our long awaited destiny, but the dreadful sound was still heard. It was only when the elevator was totally empty that it was will-
ing to move. The few of us who were able to reenter without sounding the dreaded beep did so, and finally we were off our clas
es which were already in progress. Each person exited at the appropriate floor leaving me alone on my want to class. I waited for the doors to open when I arrived at the floor my class was on. After a good five minutes of standing at the inside of the doors, I realized they were not going to open. 'Sweet began to pour down my face and frantically I hit every button displayed in the elevator. I searched for the emergency phones but realized that along with the operators, the phones were a thing of the past. After a useless attempt at pry-
ing the doors open, I sat helpless on the floor, hostage of the new elevator system.

If I had my way, I could have taken the freight elevator complete with an elevator shaft type air conditioner and a loop de loop rollercoaster effect. If the elevator was not sitting at a standstill on the first floor, with no operator to be found (the usual position) I probably would have arrived at class.

It would have been impossible to take the 'private' elevator considering it is only about to go halfway up the building. I suppose I should have taken my third-year friend's advice. He had nothing to say about which teacher or class subject was best but only these infamous words, "Never take a class above the third floor but there is no way I could have taken the
The Grippes of Worth
It Ain't Just Sour Grapes

This is addressed to the individual who, during the week of April 20, 1990, had the literary urge to scrawl "kill the niggers" on the inside elevator door of the Mendy Library.

It amazes me to think that it is possible that this individual, at this grade level of education, could be such aainless coward with his or her ideas. Hidden behind a white sheet of anonymity, this person (and all others in this position) who chooses to show how deeplly unhappy he is with his own miserable existence.

One of De Plume's articles that might there be something to be being part of the school law "elite," since many of us have worked hard to get here. Aparentant to the privileges that a school law education bestows, are the responsibilities of justice and fairness which we are responsible to being a lawyer who contributes to society in a positive way.

In my cases you (i.e. members of the law school community) will find yourself in positions of considerable power, within and outside of the school. It angeres me that there could be someone who feel like this in our school and that he could be given the tools of power.

I sincerely hope that at some point prior
to this person graduating, while walking down an unfamiliar street, he hears from behind him or her the words "kill the white boys; kill the (whatever it is you are)". For just a split second I would like that person to begin to experience the horrible fear of being singled out and hated just for being different.

Remember that being a minority is rela-
tive and that every day that passes, today's minority could be tomorrow's majority. You could be talking to the person who is the white boy or black boy of tomorrow. In court lawyers are supposed to extend professional courtesy to each other. It is not an absolute. It is something that the legal system permits, not something that the legal system requires. To this person I ask that he identify himself if he wishes to make his views public, or as a courtesy to us, to keep his racist, bigot mouth shut and confine his hate of himself to himself.

Finally, I'm not only angered that this person could possibly be sitting next to me in class but that he or she was even bold enough to do it. I suggest that if in the future, a more careful screening of the incoming class. It is not just that the school gets a bad reputation in general but because that the individual student is not even acquainting.

So why is all this of any importance now? The reason is because the same intolerant self-righteousness that permitted the

City Council Throws a "Gay" Bash
by Jerold Levine

There is camaraderie in hatred. Hatred always feels comforted knowing it is being enjoyed by as large a cross section of society as is possible. Perhaps that is why the Cincinnati City Council held hearings on housing discrimination due to sexual orientation, it was an unusual op-
portunities for White, Black, Catholic, Jewish, Fundamentalist Christian and every other manner of organized human-
kind, to stand firmly united in their sworn opposition to anti-discrimination laws where sexual orientation is concerned. Spokesmen and followers that would never tolerate such discrimination if it were inflicted upon them, or upon any other organized and herefore "legitimised" entity, are perfectly willing not only to impose it upon homosexuals, but to proclaim its heavenly justification as well. Borrowing a phrase from a movie made about fifteen years ago, "We'll take the Niggers and Chinks, but we don't want the Irish!"

All that hangarizing took place in 1987, and the City's housing discrimination law was finally enacted by the Council, albeit not the law that homosexuals would like to see. The Council's bill exempts four-family and smaller homes from the anti-
discrimination requirement. (Homophobic citizens still convinced enough officials in government that while they cannot stop homosexuals from living everywhere, they can at least try to keep their children from even knowing that such people exist. They are afraid that homosexuals out of small housing units.)

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REPORTER Editors under fire—more accusations of incompetence, irresponsibility and insensitivity
by Yolanda Castro-Arce

It appears that despite the apparent negative response to Noame De Plume's latest artic.

ant there is still a desire on the part of the school newspaper to continue printing articles by the anonymous author. The question is: Why?

When I first read the article I was ou-
raged and insulted. However, having written for my community newspaper and knowing what a newspaper looks for in an article, I realized that the anonymous author was not the only individual insulting African-American students. "That was all," I thought. Then I was further disappoin-
ted that he might have another article printed in which might be the school year's last newspaper. I again considered whether or not this might be accomplishing anything. The newspaper's editor claims that he is not a proponent of the ideas expressed in Noame De Plume's article but it is pos-
sible that he is pleased with the secondary gains the damaging article has brought about. At my own place of employment, the article has brought about so much controversy that people with whom I am not even acquainted feel included in the article, the issue of the race with the article and then the issue with the responses. It is obvious that Noame De Plume, who we are told is a reporter, has an article with the same race, political response to the issues involved in this school, it is

No matter how small a newspaper might be, it is important to the success of the person who makes the decision to publish an article. A published article can conform to the author of the article's desire to see it published. If the newspaper's editor claims that he is not a proponent of the ideas expressed in Noame De Plume's article but it is possible that he is pleased with these secondary gains, then the issue with the responses. It is obvious that Noame De Plume, who we are told is a reporter, has an article with the same race, political response to the issues involved in this school, it is

THE REPORTER CIRCUS

Ringmaster
B. Shaw

Tightrope Walker
Diane Wolfson

Trapeze Artist
Shirley Casper-Wong

Knife Thrower
Dilip Massund

Umbrella Cane Ball
Evan Augoustiatis

Bearded Lady
Daren Domina

Fire Eater
Dan Muulem

Prestidigitator
Barry Block

Clown who emerges from a tiny car:
Dana Simonette, Jodi Gottesfeld, Rebekah Khan, Fran Chan, Arnie Kaas, Jerold Levine, Tom Mallon, and Mike D'Angelo

The Flying Pendegos:
Elizabeth Nocchio, Donna Santiago, A.J. Wollerman, Susan McCarthy, Chris D.G., Larry Siry and Jack Valthom

"Have the greatest summer on earth!"
State of the School Address

by Cynthia Hanahan, SBA President

After two campaigns, four SBA parties, a lot of missed classes, and several administrative changes, my tenure and that of the SBA Executive Board has come to an end.

The past year has been very memorable, as the SBA has undergone many moments but more often than not, this year has been a pleasure. When the 1989-90 SBA Executive Board was so eloquently inducted last April, we had high hopes for the coming year and we strove to accomplish the goals we had set for ourselves.

Throughout the past year, the SBA was able to effectuate several changes and improvements. The major advancement made by the SBA Budget Committee was to streamline the budget process, thus eliminating a lot of unnecessary expenditures as well as making the SBA expenditures equitably distributed. An ad hoc committee was formed by the SBA to help distribute the financial responsibility for panels between student organizations, Student Affairs and Placement.

The SBA Student Senate also had the opportunity to discuss solutions to the spring term class schedule fiasco. Thanks to the diligent efforts of the Student Senate committee, with the dedicated cooperation of Steve Goot and Dean Zeigler, several classes were scheduled better and the Academic Affairs committee has made efforts to ensure similar problems will not arise in the future. In addition, we have made the spring semester class schedule to the senate which will in turn try to make schedules to determine if there are any serious class conflicts and/or problems.

With the dedication of, and continued input from, the spring semester representatives, eventing student concerns are finally reaching the attention they deserve. We can only hope that the summer students will continue their great work in the fall.

In the past year, the SBA has not addressed the exclusivity clauses of student organizations. However, the Student Organization Policy Committee was formed last spring to deal with the issues. Through the hard work of my co-members of the SOP Committee, Prof. Sirosen, Prof. Chen, Prof. Estricher, Heliga Briga, Monica Coon, Randolph Iannaccone and Daryl Wesby, these issues have been addressed and a fair process is now in place.

As a result of the efforts of both Mark Rothenberg (ABA/LSA Rep.), Student Affairs, a public interest scholarship fund has been set up for the following year. The most efficient use of this fund for a student who works in a public interest field during the summer is funding made by fellow students.

Since the fall semester of 1988, the SBA has had its way, thanks to the positive vote of the student body in its constitution. We acknowledge the super human efforts and patience of Ed Intraule, the SBA’s president, in helping us get this organization on the road. Hopefully your affirmative vote on the upcoming referendum will make Ed’s dream of having a successful NYLS SBA Thomas Jefferson come true.

Throughout this past year, many people have been affected by the battle for equal rights in the community and the SBA would like to congratulate and thank them for their efforts as most of our progress would not have been made but for them.

We thank Simon Arrau for all his help in setting up and arranging the first two parties of the 1989-90 year, Alainde Kness for her wonderful dedication and attention to the attentive, and Jack Frohlich, who was notified of the usual student complaints. As a result of the efforts of Professors Simonetti, Prof. Tomasso, Prof. Glucksman, and Prof. Dezenio, it has been very reassuring to many faculty members and students who have difficulties with the quality of life for these people who have difficulties with the quality of life for these people.

Yet another disappointment is that the media law clinic at 66 Leonard Street is becoming dissolved and integrated into the Civil Mediation library, since mentioning a media law library would have cost $2500.00. Thus, important media information which was in the legal library and in the Civil Mediation Library and which was not accessible to the public.

If any of this information upsets you, let the administration know. You could also get involved in the Media Law Project which is a student organization in room C102 dedicated to the proliferation of media law and other related fields both in the law school and in the community.

In the meantime, may all your airwaves be free from interference.

LLSS NEWS

Effective May 1, 1990, the new officers of the Latino Law Students' Society will be:

Chairperson: Lea Porfiri

Vice-Chairperson: Clar DeRico

Treasurer: Elisa Velasquez

Secretary: Michael Capparino

We also wish the best of luck to Graduates Jose Ortiz, Celestina Ortiz-Jeferson, and Ed Intarule, and best wishes to Dominique Sama, who will be finishing her legal education at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

URBAN BARD

(Translated from the English)

by Phillip D. Spyropoulos

The Birds of Autumn

Their red and pink wings glide slowly to their final rest.

With a light sorrow in their little hearts of the passage of spring and summer and the first promise of fall.

As the coming cold rains and frost surround the forest with a peaceful sleep, the bony sparrows glaringly release them to their final flight

Into a sea of delicate beauty, filled with an endless pageant of colors.

Their spirits soaring one last time, before they kiss the chilly ground

and resign themselves to tranquill decay.

The March of Time

Those who are closest to her are best prepared

The old man with three legs.

Or the child-soldier who waits for torch flesh

Yet we too are close, and we are not prepared.

We wish him continued success with what we know to be a very unique and fantastic staff.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my fellow officers on the SBA Executive Board, Michael Issacs, Day V.P., was an asset this past year and had a lot of impact on SBA issues. Glen Miller, Eve V.P., was invaluable in the forefront of our attempt to get student concerns and a strong SBA dedicated to the future.

No one is quite sure what "Kirt, non-faculty", Delhi, Attty. Gen., has had to do this past year, but we are sure that he has given the SBA a lot of help, support, and ever present smile and any other attorney general, except Ed.

Joan Whelan, Sec., engineered the complete eradication of the previous administration campaign to ban smoking in the SBA office, she also lended an ear of calm and quiet advice to the SBA’s agenda. Mark Rothenberg has single handedly increased the ABA membership of the NYLS student body, he has been most recognized by the ABA for his achievement.

Finally, I would like to give my sincere thanks and gratitude to my second husband, Michael Capparino. As Treasurer he performed his job brilliantly thus taking a lot of pressure off of me. He also greatly contributed to their final flight

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The ABA/Law Student Division:
Tomorrow's Lawyers Make Up Today's
L.S.D. (Law Student Division)

Written by Paul Cohen, Division Delegate, adapted by F. Chan

The energetic and involved lawyers of tomorrow can be found among the members of the American Bar Association's Law Student Division. With close to 40,000 law students, the Law Student Division is the largest student professional organization in the U.S., and one of the largest dues-paying entities within the ABA.

The Law Student Division was created 27 years ago in 1967 to enable law students to participate in the activities of the ABA. Through direct membership in sections, committees and forums, students are introduced to the work of the ABA and are given the opportunity to attend meetings and to contribute to the ABA. Over 80% of the Law Student Division members remain active members of the ABA.

In addition to acting as a recruiting ground for increased ABA membership, the Law Student Division sponsors several educational programs and addresses a wide variety of law student concerns. The governing structure of the Division is analogous to the ABA, with an Executive Council and Governors, which comprises the Board of Governors. The Assembly is composed of two voting delegates from each ABA-approved law school.

The Assembly meets in conjunction with the ABA's Annual Meeting. This year's Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago, August 2-5, 1990. Students are encouraged to attend. Registration is $55.00 and you must fund your own way there (and back!).

Circed, the infringements on a woman's rights continue. It announces all upcoming events. Chapter 1987 will have voting rights in the governing structure of the ABA. Contact either Glenn Milford or Terry Kinney, respectively, for more information.

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Two on the Aisle . . .
The Grapes of Wrath

As timely as it was 50 years ago...

by Jeryl Brunner

I have often felt that the best theater succeeds when the play permits the audience to truly experience the characters—to feel their emotions, passions, joys and sorrows. The Grapes of Wrath, now playing at Broadway's Court Theatre on 45th Street, victoriously does that in every capacity.

Joe Stump's adaptation of John Steinbeck's Pulitzer Prize-winning poetry in adapting this masterwork captures the essence to truly experience the characters—by being determined to survive with a blessed relief from canned sound!

Sinise's performance by Terry Kinney, silently bearing the ugly grip of poverty.

Sinise's playing of the Joad family as a saw and jaw's harp, is an impressive feature of landing in a closetlike room in the elevators. It is probably for the best anyway as signs which indicate that you should not use the elevator is quite similar to the elevator is simply not running. Knowing the quality of those elevators, Mr. Wonka could not be reached personally for comment but his spokespeople are encouraged to submit articles for publication.

Concerns currently addressed by the Division include discrimination against the handicapped, the infringements on a woman's rights, and the need for uniform anti-discrimination statutes. Students are also concerned about recent standardized tests in legal education and the expansion of the curriculum. Some examples of recently passed resolutions include the establishment of Loan Assitance Programs, access to information and the return of Viet Nam Veterans Mission in Action, and the need to define "Minority Torts" in the next Restatement of Tort.

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The Division also administers three regional and national competitions: the Client Counseling Competition, the Negotiation Competition and the National Appellate Advocacy Competition.

In 1987, 15 Division Projects began to promote community service activities. Events include projects for the Homeless and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

For academic year 1990-91, Glenn Miller is the ABA/LSD Representative to the Student Bar Association. Frances Chan is Chair of the Commission on Minorities and Women in the Profession. Please contact either Glenn or Fran for the ABA Office if you have any questions.

Elevators from page one...

"b" or "c" elevator considering the convenient architecture of our school which makes it impossible to get from the "a" building to any other building without first going outside and taking a different elevator. It is probably for the best anyway knowing the quality of those elevators.

The "c" elevator gives you the effect of rock climbing as it opens midfloor presenting a cement wall or a ten foot drop from your desired floor. It also gives the added feature of landing in a closet like room in the basement and the security of knowing the doors will not close unless you push at least two buttons. I suppose this has something to do with the cement wall or the cement block which is a part of the floor. The "c" elevator also has a waving area for about the same amount.

I am starting to believe that our law school only accepts defective elevators. Our brand new library has elevators which make the others look adequate. Most of the time, the elevator is simply not running. However, if you are lucky enough to grab the elevator to bring you to a certain floor, you will probably end up waking down. The second floor displays a sign which indicates that you should not call the elevator from that floor, and the panel with the calling buttons on the fourth floor hangs by wire from the wall. If I ever get out of here and you ever read this article, maybe those in charge of the elevators will realize that with all the money we pay for tuition riding the elevators should not have to suffer a downer.

The Reporters have it on good information that the administration, trying to respond quickly to the distressing condition of the elevators, has contacted none other than Willy-Wonka—inventor of the "won- kavader" for advice on creative alternatives. Mr. Wonka could not be reached personally for comment but his spokes- person told that the recluse chocolate magnate and inventor believes this is nothing but simple ease of balance of warranty. Eds.
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Non-Debate on Cyprus—Turks Chicken Out

by Thomas L. Mallon

The Turkish/Greek debate on Cyprus, which promised to be a heated debate of a current international problem seldom recognized by the rest of the world, turned out to be a one-sided affair due to a no-show by the Representative of the Turkish Cypriot community, Mr. Illias Iliaidi, Counselor of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations, who did speak, laid down the history of the island of Cyprus, gave us his views on the conflict and attempted to present a few points that the other side would have given. Cyprus is an island in the Mediterranean Sea near Turkey. The population is comprised of about 80 percent Greek Cypriots and 20 percent Turkish Cypriots. Cyprus was under British administration until 1960 when it formed its own constitution that attempted to balance the interests of both the Greek and Turkish Cypriots. To accomplish this the constitution empowered a Turkish Cypriot Vice-President with veto power over a Greek Cypriot President. The two sides were unable to work together under the constitution and eventually fighting broke out between the two communities in 1963. Allegations were made that Turkey was trying to interfere in Cyprus’s internal affairs which they denied. The United Nations set up a peace keeping force in Cyprus to try and restore law and order and to keep the peace. Talks have been held but led nowhere. In 1974 the National Guard led by Greek officers seized power in Cyprus. Turkey, through the use of military force, then occupied 37 percent of the island. A cease-fire was called by the UN Security Council in mid-August of 1974. Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced with the Turkish Cypriots occupying the north of the island and the Greek Cypriots the south. In 1983, the Turkish Cypriot authorities proclaimed a “Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus,” which is not recognized by the US. Talks still continue, most recently in February and March. The leaders of both sides claim that they are now committed to finding a solution to the problem through intercommunal talks, but it seems that the Turkish leader, Rauf Denkislak, is preventing progress by insisting on the Turkish Cypriot’s desire for self-determination, even if the two sides are united by a federal bi-communal constitution. Witness to the tearing apart of Cyprus is the fact that Mr. Iliaidi and the missing Turkish Cypriot representative were both from the same town on the island before the split and now are on opposing sides of the conflict. Mr. Iliaidi’s presence was informative in giving a general scope of the Cypriot problem but any support for the Turkish Cypriot side was lacking. It’s time that the people of the world realize it is not the ethnic background of our neighbors that makes them worth fighting for but their thoughts manifested by actions (or lack thereof) and words against others.

Corliss Lamont Speaks on American Civil Liberties Struggle

by Alme B. Kaas

To celebrate its first year at New York Law School, the ACLU concluded this year’s program with a lecture given by Corliss Lamont, Ph.D. on Tuesday, April 17, 1990. Despite the indendent weather and rush for exams, Dr. Lamont drew an impressive audience in the student lounge, which rapidly became standing room only. The lecture itself was both a warning and a message of hope.

Corliss Lamont has been a champion for civil liberties for nearly seventy years and he continues to strongly defend them in his books and advertisements, “The New York Times,” and speaking engagements. His work with the American Civil Liberties Union from its beginning has made him a primary source of information and a legend. For twenty years a Director of the ACLU, he is now Chairperson of the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

“Civil liberties are still being threatened vehemently on a daily basis.” Those liberties include the right to free speech, due process of law, and equality before the law. They seem quite innocuous on their face but periodically the American government, to advance its policies, has either displaced or subverted its own Bill of Rights.

Dr. Lamont’s personal struggles exemplify such governmental intrusion into an individual’s life. Beginning in 1924, he was excommunicated from the Harvard University administration when they vetoed his choice of speakers, Eugene Debbs, the leader of the American Socialist movement. However, the furor led to liberalizing academic freedom and the right of students to hear speakers whom they wanted and were interested in.

Ten years later in 1934, Lamont was arrested and briefly jailed for picketing on the picket line of the Furniture Workers Union in Jersey City. His actions collided with the policy of the city’s Mayor, Frank Hague, whose motto was “I am the law.” Hague’s laws included no trade unions in his town. Lamont’s lawsuit against other actions eventually won the right to organize workers in Jersey City and also resulted in the New Jersey high court cracking down hard on the renegade Mayor.

In 1946, Lamont was subpoenaed by the Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives. The only possible menace to American civil liberties.” He was subsequently cited by the Committee for contempt of Congress when he refused to produce correspondence and financial records of his organization, the National Committee of American-Soviet Friendship. However, the U.S. Attorney General dropped the case because it lacked merit.

The Rose, The Cape, The Sword and The Swan

by Philip D. Spyropoulos

Where have those days of gallantry gone?

Of the rose, the cape, the sword and the swan.

When virtue and beauty spoke through the pen?

And God lived within the bold hearts of men?

When a young warrior was slain with a dancer in his noble soul?

That his destiny was complete, that he had served his heroic role.

When a maiden was a flower of a silken soft petal?

Whose soft-petals hands launched epics of clashing metal?

Now urine and semen in darkened bus stations.

Are the symbol of our times and the purpose behind our Creation.
All Quiet On The Evening Front

by Barry H. Block

"All Law Students Are Equal. But some Law Students are More Equal." If you think that this is an article about a frustrated night student disenfranchised with his term at NYLS, think again. Contrary to the common opinion, evening students, despite their "minority" status, do quite well. In addition to sharing parking spaces on an equal basis with day students, we also have our own respite. Tokenism aside, the point of this piece is to bring out some of the positive experiences of late night classes and to suggest some ways that day and night students can interact in a mutually beneficial way.

Identity is critical to any interaction. This problem became obvious to me the other day. While running for evening student-vice president, I asked the staff of The Reporter if they knew any evening students. The half-joking response was "We thought you were the only one," which leads me to the point and says that the parental view of the world is still that of the feelings of the society that uses them. Evenings are not that they are going to turn the homo- heterosexual fear of homosexuality is a deviation from "straight," a deviation from "the correct." Now, I am not suggesting that this character towards words was a consequence, only that the choice of words is indicative of the feelings of the society that uses them. The evening front can be quelled. I am not suggesting that the fear is more that we needed to be told by our parents that we were "good" kids. The effect of such official pronouncements makes some people feel "correct" and "good" is very comforting to its beneficiaries. It is also a deterrent to its administrators, if the beneficiaries are a voting majority.

So while the homosexuals cannot be denied all that some would like to deny them, they can be denied the same official protection of government that all others are entitled to. They can be forced to remain, at least "officially," illegitimate. This is precisely why Senator Jesse Helms was quick to condemn the Supreme Court holding, in a piece of social legislation that came before Congress, that homosexuals being not in a protected class of individuals for the purpose of that legislation. That recognition, for Jesse Helms, an official recognition of homosexuals as something that some people are, and it is the fear of allowing such a recognition that prompted the Cincinnati Grand Jury to indict the gallery curator. Obviously, photographs hanging on the wall of a gallery are not a destructive influence on the community, especially when the community has already been alerted to what is hanging on the walls. It is the recognition of a lifestyle that some refuse, and it cannot, recognize that drives homophobic hatred. Recognition means that homosexuality is no longer the only right way to go.

An end to most of this needless hatred will come someday. The fear, which leads to anger, which leads to violence, all this will be quelled substantially. But it will happen only as more homosexuals speak up for their legitimate interests and make their permanent character known. Heterosexual fear will yield, but like all other special fears, it will yield very, very slowly.

We look forward to seeing you on May 5th or May 6th.
CONGRATULATIONS
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