The New York Law School REPORTER

Volume IX, Issue 4

The newspaper for reasonably prudent law students everywhere.

February 14, 1992

Dean Farago leaving NYLS
Page 2

Valentine’s Messages Inside
Page 7

Achtung Baby
Page 6

Simon Sez:
Bill Meredith Interviews Dean Simon
See page 3
New York Law School Grad Elected Pres. & CEO of ITT Consumer Financial Corp.

by Michael Wood '93

Gerald C. Crotty, New York Law School '76, has been elected president and CEO of ITT Consumer Financial Corporation. During his tenure at NYLS, the 40 year old Buffalo native was an editor of the New York Law School Law Review.

ITT Consumer Financial Corporation is one of the largest consumer finance companies in the United States. It is a subsidiary of ITT Corporation. Previously, Mr. Crotty worked as an attorney with Hawkins, Delafield and Wood, where he specialized in securities and municipal finance. He later served as Governor Mario Cuomo's chief legal officer. He most recently served as the Governor's chief of staff.

Mr. Crotty joined ITT Corporation in June, 1991 as a vice president. He became president of ITT Consumer Financial Corporation on February 1, 1992. He presently lives in Albany with his wife and six children, but will be moving to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where ITT Consumer Financial Corporation is headquartered.

Dean Farago-ing

by Joseph Conway '93

On February 6th, the Office of the Dean announced that Associate Dean John M. Farago will be leaving New York Law School. Dean Farago, who is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, will be succeeded by Dr. Ellen Ryerson.

Dean Farago, who has been at New York Law School a short time, came to NYLS in 1990 on leave from CUNY Law School. He immediately made his mark on the school, by revamping the entire day and evening class schedule. In a recent memorandum to the school community, Dean Simon praised Dean Farago, saying that he "fulfilled the responsibilities of [Dean of Academic Affairs] with high intelligence, energy and creativity."

Dean Farago received his B.A. and M.A.T. from Harvard in 1972, and his J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1978. He is a member of the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy and the Conference on Critical Legal Studies, and has specialized in such subjects as information privacy, the legal profession and public monies.

Michael Wood, 2L and former Editor-in-Chief of the Reporter said that Dean Farago "made the class schedule predictable for students." Mr. Wood said that the improved schedules "finally allowed students to make long-range academic plans while at NYLS, rather than being forced to merely choose from a menu every semester."

Mr. Wood believes that the Dean's imprint on the school will remain for many years.

Dr. Ryerson, who was appointed by the Board of Trustees last month, will assume her duties on July 1, 1992. Dr. Ryerson comes to New York Law School on the highest recommendation of incoming Dean Harry Wellington.
New York Civil Rights Coalition Seeks Student Volunteers

The New York Civil Rights Coalition is looking for law students interested in volunteering to teach its Civil Rights and Race Relations Course to high school students in the Manhattan area. Commitment time is approximately two to three hours weekly, including transportation. Volunteers will be split up into a two-person team and will teach the same group of students for the semester. The course will focus on fostering conversation across racial lines and encourage cooperation among the students. Volunteers should have an interest and knowledge of the civil rights movement and the effects of racism in our society. Volunteers do not need an extensive education background, but rather a strong desire and commitment.

Training sessions will take place Thursday, February 20th or Saturday, February 22nd for approximately three hours. Teaching will commence the last week of February or the first week of March. For further information, please contact JOEL JOHNSON of the New York Civil Rights Coalition at (212) 382-0557.

Student Bar Association News

The S.B.A. Executive Board would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back. We hope that you have all enjoyed winter break and are ready to begin the 1992 Spring Semester.

For your information, the S.B.A. has scheduled seven (7) general assembly meetings for the Spring Semester. All S.B.A. meetings are open to the entire student body, and the executive board encourages your interest and attendance.

SPRING SEMESTER SBA MEETINGS:

1) General Assembly: Thursday, January 23, 1992 (5:00-6:00)  
2) Budget Meeting: Friday, January 31, 1992 (5:00-10:00)  
3) General Assembly: Monday, February 10, 1992 (5:30-6:30)  
4) General Assembly: Tuesday, February 25, 1992 (5:30-6:30)  
5) General Assembly: Thursday, March 10, 1992 (5:30-6:30)  
6) General Assembly: Monday, March 23, 1992 (5:00-6:00)  
7) Final Meeting of the School Term: Wednesday, April 8, 1992

The S.B.A. has also scheduled two school parties this semester. The first will be held on Thursday, February 13, 1992 and the second will be held on Thursday, March 19, 1992. Both parties will commence at 6:00pm, and will provide food, beer, dancing and fun!!!

Also, the S.B.A. is currently planning an event on "Crime Awareness in an Urban School Setting." The seminar is being scheduled for early February to provide students with information on how to avoid potentially dangerous situations in commuting to and from school. And, the executive board is working with student services in formulating a "Group Walk Program" to and from local subway stations and bus stops.

The executive board would also like to remind the student body that we are eager to receive any of your comments and suggestions on improving NYLS. Please do not hesitate to contact your section representatives with any ideas, or you may contact the executive board directly in C-101 (431-2125). We would like to wish you much success throughout the 1992 Spring semester, and remain

Sincerely yours

Liz, Kathy, Jack, Doug, Dineen, Val, and Glenn.
An Interview with Professor Stephen Massey

by Brian Neville '93

Professor Stephen J. Massey brings to New York Law School an interesting, if not unique, background. He earned Bachelor's degrees at both the University of Notre Dame and Oxford University, a doctorate in philosophy from Cornell University, and his law degree from Yale Law School.

Professor Massey has taught philosophy at Loyola of Chicago, served as clerk to the Honorable Walter R. Mansfield of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and was an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore before teaching at New York Law School.

A casual interview with Professor Stephen Massey is exactly what one would expect - a low key, but very interesting talk about his past and about what he hopes to accomplish and bring to the students of NYLS. Massey sets his students at ease with his relaxed style of teaching, but at the same time he has earned respect through his demanding approach.

With this in mind, I approached Prof. Massey and asked him for an interview, prepared with five questions. Massey liked the questions, so, after finals and the holidays, we had an enjoyable interview. The first question we discussed was:

1) "How has your educational experience at American institutions compare to your experience at Oxford University?"

Massey feels that two things stand out as being different. One is that at Oxford there was an intense emphasis on writing. He would have to prepare at least one essay a week. These essays were then presented "one-on-one" to the assigning professor, who would then critique the essay and work with each student to improve individual writing skills.

Secondly, at Oxford, there was much more close personal contact between the students and the faculty. In Massey's particular areas of study - Politics, Economics, and Philosophy - he had to talk with each professor for at least two hours a week. Massey feels that for the student this is a very helpful practice, as faculty can be a great contact for many things, especially for employment opportunities. Massey hopes that at NYLS he will be able to increase student/faculty contact. Consequently, Massey has invited all the students in his classes out for group lunches and has an "open door" office policy.

Another area where Massey feels the educational styles differ is in the American educational institution's ability to accept student's initiative and input. For example, in his Professional Responsibility class this semester, Massey was able to ask students which particular areas of the course interested them, and to then adjust the focus of the remaining semester's curriculum on those areas. At Oxford, the curriculum was much more set in stone, and the school had very strong ideas about how classes were to be taught. Massey definitely prefers the American style.

2) "Compare your teaching experience at Loyola University of Chicago to that of your two years here at NYLS."

One thing that Massey feels is very similar about the two schools is the student body. Massey has a great respect for the fact that at both schools, most of the students juggled classes and heavy work schedules. Massey, who never worked while in school, gained his respect for working students while driving a bus in Chicago during summer to finance his Oxford degree. He feels that both NYLS and Loyola students are better off in the long run for the difficult experience.

A difference between the two schools is the level of teaching autonomy. At Loyola, the professors were under much more administrative control in how they structured their curriculum. Here at NYLS, however Massey feels that the administration has a great amount of trust in their faculty and, as a result large amounts of deference are given to individual curriculums.

I asked if he felt that this difference could be attributed to the inherent differences between law schools and undergraduate programs. Massey replied that when interviewing at different law schools, there was a marked difference between the levels of teaching autonomy. He feels that the NYLS approach is excellent and gives the students a choice of diverse professor teaching styles.

3) "How would you compare New York City to Chicago?"

Massey was raised in Santa Barbara, and living in Chicago was his first exposure to a major city. He recently moved to New York, and, coming from a "baseball family", feels the difference between the two cities can be summed up by looking at Wrigley Field and then Yankee or Shea Stadiums. He finds Wrigley smaller, and more friendly, while Yankee Stadium, like New York, is huge, and intimidating, but very rewarding to the star player.

4) "How does your experience as an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore help you as a law school professor?"

Massey was on the litigation team for several of the cases that he now teaches. He feels this litigator's perspective can help students gain a better understanding of the major underlying corporate cases. Massey said some of the national law schools (e.g., Harvard & Yale) would not value this litigation experience or perspective because they stress a more theoretical approach than NYLS.

Another area where Massey feels his experience at Cravath helps him today is in the emphasis on ethics. At Cravath, there was always an expectation not only for high quality law practice, but also for highly ethical law practice. Cravath has a unique personnel structure; every partner has several associates assigned to him/her, and thus a partner helps in the development of every associate. Cravath stresses a high level of ethics from the top partners down to the newest associate. Massey feels this is very important because, as firms become larger, areas of possible unethical lawyering increase, especially in the areas of discovery and conflicts of interest. Massey feels that the Code as modified by New York is a very helpful guide, but feels that a firm's hierarchy needs to stress ethics to its newer associates.

5) "What type of message do you feel is important to get across to the students?"

Massey feels that the one message he would like to convey is that law is a serious business. People come to see you when they are in dire need - accidents, wills, divorces, - and, as a lawyer, you must be very serious about your work, because these people are depending on you when they are at their worst. Massey also feels this seriousness must be balanced with an ability to keep the law human. You will all only be here for a few years, so enjoy practicing law and make it enjoyable for as many others as you can.

6) Massey on the students, faculty, and the deans.

Massey admires the students here for all their diversity and ability to work while going to school. He feels that the students will be helped immensely in their job search by the addition of Deborah Howard. Massey says she is a real asset for the students.

After two years at NYLS, Massey says he really likes the faculty, and finds them to be a very talented and supportive group.

Massey feels that Dean Simon has done a fine job, and that the new period of respect and leadership the school is entering will only be furthered by the leadership of Dean Wellington. It is a strength that NYLS is a regional school, and it would be unreasonable for NYLS to be a "Yale", but the school could be improved by increasing its national visibility.

Good Luck To You,

This semester we will say goodbye to Kevin Downey, Director of Admissions at New York Law School. For those of us who have had the pleasure of knowing him personally, it will be hard to let go. All of us wish you luck and success at Fordham Law School and we will miss you. Thank you for all you have done for New York Law School.
J. Gardiner Pieper will be your coach for a 7 hour lecture starting at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on:

February 23, 1992  New York University Law School

Video tape lectures will be available on the following dates at the following locations:

February 29, 1992  Hofstra University
                  Boston University Law School
                  Buffalo Marriott
                  Georgetown University Law Center
                  Syracuse University
                  University of Bridgeport

March 1, 1992  New York University Law School

The MPRE will be given on March 13, 1992.

The regular application postmark deadline is February 14, 1992. The exam fee is $25.00. Late application receipt deadline is March 4, 1992 but the exam fee is increased to $75.00. If you are unable to attend the March MPRE, the exam will be given on Friday, August 14, 1992 or Friday, November 13, 1992.

Please call (516) 747-4311 to reserve a seat.
U2 is at a crossroads. The Joshua Tree made them the most popular rock band of 1987. Now they must strike a balance between keeping their old fans happy and progressing musically. Also, since radio stations are less willing to take chances, they must make their records radio friendly. In recent years, only REM has accomplished this feat.

**The Album**

**Achtung Baby**, U2's first album in three years, is not a commercial record. The title, translated from German, means caution baby. The album is a warning to optimistic youths. Try to save the world and you may spread the tree since radio stations are less willing to make them the most popular rock band.

**Warning to Optimistic Youths**

Think globally, act locally. As always, The Edge adds new guitar lead and Bono's singing, which is a temple. Love is higher law.

**Background Noise and Bono’s Vocals**

The Edge's guitar are the heart of the World, and The Sanctuary. His guitar are also influenced by The Rolling Stones; and the rhythm tracks for "Mysterious Ways" contain the years most original use of power chords to enhance a dance beat. However, The Edge's most impressive work on this album is the keyboard and string arrangement in "So Cruel." While U2 has used string arrangements before ("All I Want is You"), this is the first time The Edge has written an arrangement.

**Achtung Baby** will not become a classic album like The Joshua Tree. There are no political songs or stadium sized anthems such as "Sunday Bloody Sunday" or "Bolero in the Blue Sky." The music is inventive, and the lyrics are dark and personal. Old fans will be unhappy and radio probably will not play anything but "Mysterious Ways."

**Low Keyed Release**

Since the release of Rattle & Hum, Bono has separated from his wife. On a few songs he attempts to come to terms with this loss. In "One" he begs for her forgiveness and he doesn’t get. ("Love is a temple/ Love is higher law/ You ask me to enter/ But then you make me crawl.") "So Cruel" and "Love is Blindness" love is pain instead of a reason for rejoicing. To love someone is to blindly trust, and trust is easily betrayed.

**Achtung Baby** could have been filled with such songs, berating Bono’s wife for everything. However, Bono has the humor and perception to also blame himself. In "Until the End of the World" he Spikes his lover’s drink, while in another song he tells her she is "even better than the real thing." Bono sheds his innocent image. He may exhort the virtues of peace and love, but he is not a saint. In "Acrobat" he admits that what he says and what he does are not the same. ("And I must be/ An Acrobat/ To talk like this/ And Act Like That.")

This album covers much musical ground. As they did on Rattle & Hum, U2 borrows from many styles. "Even Better Than The Real Thing" has a Motown feel. "One" is influenced by The Rolling Stones; and the rhythm tracks for "Mysterious Ways" could have been lifted from the last Soul II Soul record. U2's production gang, Daniel Lanois, Brian Eno, and Steve Lillywhite, succeed where other producers fail. They make the music sound fresh without making the band sound like a different group.

Although the quality of Bono’s voice peaked on The Joshua Tree, he continues to use it as an instrument of pure emotion. With the exception of the low mix in "The Fly" and the canned vocals in "Zoo Station," layers of his vocals dominate each song. If he had been born in America’s heartland instead of Ireland, he may have been an evangelical preacher instead of a pop singer.

As always, The Edge adds new tricks to his minimalist guitar style. The album opens with a chain saw guitar riff reminiscent of Sonic Youth, and "Mysterious Ways" contains the years most original use of power chords to enhance a dance beat. However, The Edge's...
MUSIC REVIEW

ERASURE: CHORUS

by Pete Wagner '93

The latest CD from England's premier alternative music duo Erasure will please both die-hard fans, as well as those who have not yet learned to appreciate both the brilliant artistry and haunting vocals of this flamboyant and unpredictable band.

To people who listen to Long Island's New Music Station 92.7 WDRE, or have danced to the mega-hits "Chains of Love" and "L'Amour," then you are well-known. Those who have not yet discovered their work are missing some very upbeat and energetic music.

Erasure was formed in 1986 by keyboardist Vince Clark and singer/composer Andy Bell. Clarke, a founding member of Depeche Mode, wrote the enormously popular "Just Can't Get Enough." In 1982 he left Depeche Mode and formed Yaz with Alison Moyet. Their first album Upstairs at Eric's featured such Clarke classics as "Don't Go," "Only You," and "Situation." In 1984 Yaz disbanded, and Clarke and Bell released Erasure's first album Wonderland. This album contained "Oh, L'Amour," and "Who Needs Love Like That?"

Perhaps Erasure's greatest success came in 1988 when they released the critically acclaimed album The Innocents. It contained the aforementioned "Chains of Love" and "A Little Respect," which were played on "mainstream" radio stations across the country. However, these songs demonstrate merely one aspect of Erasure's dynamic personality. The reverberating vocals of "Ship of Fools" and the melancholic mix of "When I Needed You" demonstrate this duo's diversity. Listening to Erasure will broaden your musical horizons. If you like Depeche Mode, but don't like the feeling of wanting to slash your wrists after hearing a deeply disturbing albeit brilliant song, Erasure will certainly surprise and/or enlighten you to the world of alternative music.

Chorus was released in October 1991, and it is one of their best. Presently, four songs off the CD have been chosen as WDRE's "Shriek of the Week." The most popular song of the week as determined by the listeners. Top 40 stations usually begin playing songs after they receive this honor. Past winners have been U2's "Where the Streets Have No Name," Depeche Mode's "Enjoy the Silence," EMF's "Unbelievable," Jesus Jones' "Right Here, Right Now," Yaz's "Love Shack," and R.E.M.'s " Losing My Religion."

The title cut, "Chorus" is certainly recommended. The keyboard work is pure Vince Clark. It contains MIDI-controlled sampled bass lines and overlapped digital melodies. Andy Bell's vocals are superb and his multitracked harmonies showcase his spectacular range and control.

The next "Shreek" is "Love to Hate You," a pure dance song in the tradition of "Stop." The chorus of "Stop" (from Circus) and "Who Needs Love Like That" (from Wonderland). The song opens with a "live audience" screaming and yelling to a bouncing bass line. This song emotes an enigmatic theme... hating the one you love, and loving the one you hate. One verse states "oh you really expect me to believe/every single letter I receive/Sorry you what a shameful situation/send ing shivers up and down my spine." The song is upbeat enough not to be depressing, yet leaves you questioning the health benefits of "long term" relationships. Hot and cold, day and night, love and hate... what beautiful combinations.

The song "Waiting for the Day" captures Erasure's sarcastic yet optimistic attitude. Andy Bell sings, "It was only for a fight that I asked you to come in. But you brought me tumblin' down and the walls came cinning in. Won't you help me dry my tears help me roll away the years/then perhaps I will forgive you and the hurt will disapp ear." He hopes that his lover, who he chastises and chides, will return to him so that he can prove that his love will satisfy his lover's every fantasy and desire. The optimistic yearning shines through even though he knows that it is an impossibility. Storybook stuff. "Breath of Life" tells a story about a young man who was never able to make a decision for himself, and left the choices up to others. This "lifestyle" has left him feeling unloved and alone, so he chooses to start anew and live life to the fullest in the hope of finding love, peace, and happiness. The keyboard work and vocals are great, and capture the feeling of hope.

The final cut, "Home," is one of Erasure's best songs, and is sure to become a favorite. The melody is staggeringly beautiful and the harmonies chilling. It tells the story of a man who is sure that it's time to leave his home, but keeps putting it off because of the sentimental safety that his home holds for him. He tries to leave in the winter, but cannot, then he tries to leave in the spring, and finds he is unable. He is torn between the opportunities and unknown challenges in the "outside" and the calm and predictability of the "inside"... Sort of sounds like law school doesn't it.

If you haven't guessed already, I want you to buy this album. If you are leery about laying down $15.00 on a CD that you've only heard of because of this review, don't be. But if you have doubts, buy The Innocents because I will guarantee you will like that. (This guarantee is only a figure of speech and not a bargained for exchange!!!) If you like Erasure, you will soon discover that Chorus ranks up there with The Innocents and Two Ring Circus as one of their best.

The New York State Bar Association offers great opportunities to be updated on New York law.

But did you know that New York State Bar Association also offers members valuable insurance coverage? For example,

TERM LIFE
- Up to $750,000 benefit available to members and their spouses;
- 10% volume discount offered on a policy of $250,000 or more;
- Annual dividends — paid to policyholders since 1962.

MEDICAL
- Comprehensive and Excess Major Medical coverages available;
- Competitive benefit provisions and rating structure;
- Your choice of benefit plans and deductibles.

NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
Membership Services Department
One Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207
Phone: (518) 463-3200

February, 1992
Valentine's Day Greetings from

Hey Andy, We Knew The Honey- 
man Was Over, But Can We All 
Sleep With Our Eyes Open? If Not, We 
Want A Divorce.

To Airine: Keep asking. Maybe I'll 
finally say yes. Love your favorite Listigator.
P.S. I love your "Black Velvet 
B-bush"!

K. Antos: You are so serious and 
stubborn. I would like to study with you this 
year too. Janet Abisch: I hope we can 
study together this semester.

David A.: Let's do corporations 
together.

L. Alamo: You are the best 
woman in the section. I am totally 
infatuated. The guy with 
grey eyes.

Alexa J. & Shame We Ruined A 
Friendship. After All The 
Three Of Suns Is A Card Like Any 
Other.

Monica Ashton: I'd like to be 
your study partner.

A. I.: Do NOT Go To West-
ington, Be My Valentine Instead. See 
You In Jl.

Hey Andy, We Knew The Honey- 
mom Was Over, But Can We All 
Sleep In The Same Bed? If Not, We 
Want A Divorce.

Jebante: Be my valentine, at 
least for one night, you know who 
I am, you know what I'm like. Stop 
tasting and start pleasuring. Looking forward to it. Miss California.

Dear Susan Ajalat: How I long to 
threaten to burst until I can finally 
 Demand as you pass by. They 
 COUNT!

Brian, Give Me A Wet 
Kiss...Thurgood.

B. If you don't ask for 
 It, I won't lie.

Gary Axisa: Do you prefer 
Eggs and 
Ham? or 
C. (<quotes>what's the point</quotes>)

Rudy Badwal--I'd like to get to 
know you better. You have 
really great eyes.

To My Albanian Love GOd: Stop 
I/cfoll

You have 
"Black Velvet 
B-bush"! I love you.

Dear Susan Ajalat: How I long to 
I get closer?

I couldn't hear the Robins sing, 
from the guy with blue eyes who 
will never take 
you home.

Jeff Berger: With love and 
appreciation, I love you.

You're Not At School...Da Do Run 
Miss You!!!

You On 

To the Bitch In The Library Who 
Really Are A Nice 
Gin.

Eric Bowen: Tall, dark 
and handsome? let's share a drink one 
night by the copier and we'll do a 
lexis search. I know you are shy.

A Good Wife You Would Be .. . 

To The Bitch In The Library Who 
Really Are A Nice 
Gin.

Alex Cooper, be my valentine and I 
want to preserve my privacy, so 
I can't believe you 

I miss you, Love Rosie

Flora D.: I love to 

dominate! C?

D.: I love to 

Dogs are cuddly and friendly... I 
love animals... Though I did get 
locked up once for it...In 
this opportunity to tell you what a 

I miss you, Love Gentleman.

The winter would hold no spring, I 
couldn't hear the Robins sing, 
I'd be sad and 

You Know who.

Dislike Professor Cerruit: 
How in the hell did you come up 
with those grades for Crim Pro? I 
think it should be investigated! "D man"

Professor Cerruit, So nice in 
class, so tough afterwards. I'll remember 
you always.

Dear Chan S Anytime, Anywhere, 
Anyplace. All You Have To Do Is 
Ask! Love Kostich-Kostich-Koo

Aleta Estreicher: 

Roses are red, violets are blue, 
property is tough, and so are you. 
Elizabeth C: Your smile is beauti-
ful, your lips are sweet, since 
you're probably not a 
love animals...

Dear Dr. C. Thanks for Nothing 

Patrick Benn: I love you when 
I come out of your shell after a few 
months of looking for you at Stary's. I 
looked for a while. But then I realized 
with you.

K. Brady: Here's to the most 
 Attractive woman in our class-
our somewhat secret admirer.

Enough? Be my valentine from the guy with blue eyes who 
sits next to you.

Brent Burns--I burn with desire for you-let's get our acts together! 
look for me at the SBA meeting.

Joseph Brennan: What is the 
difference between a libertarian 
and a libertine? Would you 

I got closer?

Eric Bowen: Tall, dark 
and handsome? let's share a drink one 
night by the copier and we'll do a 
lexis search. I know you are shy.

Dear Dr. C. Thanks for Nothing 

Patrick Benn: I love you when 
I come out of your shell after a few 
months of looking for you at Stary's. I 
looked for a while. But then I realized 
with you.

K. Brady: Here's to the most 
 Attractive woman in our class-
our somewhat secret admirer.

Enough? Be my valentine from the guy with blue eyes who 
sits next to you.

Brent Burns--I burn with desire for you-let's get our acts together! 
look for me at the SBA meeting.

Joseph Brennan: What is the 
difference between a libertarian 
and a libertine? Would you 

I got closer?

Eric Bowen: Tall, dark 
and handsome? let's share a drink one 
night by the copier and we'll do a 
lexis search. I know you are shy.

Dear Dr. C. Thanks for Nothing 

Patrick Benn: I love you when 
I come out of your shell after a few 
months of looking for you at Stary's. I 
looked for a while. But then I realized 
with you.

K. Brady: Here's to the most 
 Attractive woman in our class-
our somewhat secret admirer.

Enough? Be my valentine from the guy with blue eyes who 
sits next to you.

Brent Burns--I burn with desire for you-let's get our acts together! 
look for me at the SBA meeting.

Joseph Brennan: What is the 
difference between a libertarian 
and a libertine? Would you 

I got closer?

Eric Bowen: Tall, dark 
and handsome? let's share a drink one 
night by the copier and we'll do a 
lexis search. I know you are shy.

Dear Dr. C. Thanks for Nothing 

Patrick Benn: I love you when 
I come out of your shell after a few 
months of looking for you at Stary's. I 
looked for a while. But then I realized 
with you.

K. Brady: Here's to the most 
 Attractive woman in our class-
our somewhat secret admirer.

Enough? Be my valentine from the guy with blue eyes who 
sits next to you.

Brent Burns--I burn with desire for you-let's get our acts together! 
look for me at the SBA meeting.

Joseph Brennan: What is the 
difference between a libertarian 
and a libertine? Would you 

I got closer?

Eric Bowen: Tall, dark 
and handsome? let's share a drink one 
night by the copier and we'll do a 
lexis search. I know you are shy.

Dear Dr. C. Thanks for Nothing 

Patrick Benn: I love you when 
I come out of your shell after a few 
months of looking for you at Stary's. I 
looked for a while. But then I realized 
with you.

K. Brady: Here's to the most 
 Attractive woman in our class-
our somewhat secret admirer.

Enough? Be my valentine from the guy with blue eyes who 
sits next to you.

Brent Burns--I burn with desire for you-let's get our acts together! 
look for me at the SBA meeting.

Joseph Brennan: What is the 
difference between a libertarian 
and a libertine? Would you 

I got closer?
friends & enemies at NYLS

Dear Feminists: Please, no more nasal bashing at NYLS. Now that I think of it, you, warm beach, cool drinks and god friendship...

Because you're a shining basis of morality and my ethical idol!... The Dunkin Donuts Crew

Orcid Fireman: I don't believe in Valentine's but I do like you. Dear Mr. Fish Eggs, The ACLU always use intelligent, young and ambitious lawyers. If you know any, send them our way.

Prof. Stromer

Glenn Fisher—let’s work on that a little more, OK See F. Your Thr Great!!!

John L. I want you now!!!

Alex Lee: I love you. Give me your love. Drop the ice princess and come with me and be my love. U NO WHO

To: The Laws Review Love Pig: Your lips keep saying no but your eyes say yes.

Prof. Lang: I worship you! Love Bill

For: Kim: The evidence is all in an I would be egilgant if I failed to disclose you are the best. Your

Secret Admirer

Anna: Thanks for the help. Good friends are important. You are a very good friend.

Linda: I want your hair to tickle my thighs

Alexander Lee: Remember our secret rendezvous at the Racoon Lodge and Rosie O’Grady’s? I’ve longed for you ever since. Dreaming of you, serenading me in front of the entire bar, I’m ready for a serious relationship now. Please let me make your life a living hell once again. Hugo & Kusse Shawna F.

Lee: Wo at on. From You know who, else could it be.

Marcy Levy: Please be my Valentine.

To: My Lamb Chop. Be My Valentine.

Jennifer: How about a nice drink and a quiet evening away from the city? Your not-so-secret admirer

Mike Isaacs, Still Large

Mary Isaacs, please be my valentine. I know, you are the smartest person I know. You are my idol. Happy Valentine’s Day, Love lan Jonathan Beer: I’d like to see you in a swimsuit

To Professor Johnstone, Have a happy Valentine’s Day. Is that a hair on my coke can? Love and kisses, your buddy, Clarence Joe, Pat, Mike, Joe M. Hathaway to the finish line! Maybe I’ll even go to class! A.

Tudy: How about some clam chowder? Arthur

Prof. Jonakal: The evidence shows that you are a great teacher. No exceptions, no #6!

Patti Be My Mine, Valentine Your buddy

Mike M. Z. I—1 noticed you when you exposed your true self at the bar the other night. I liked what I saw. Stop back. I’ll show you mine if you show me yours!”

Marry Me!!!

Dear Secret Admirer: Do you want to know if I could, HD

K. Petrolino: Meet me at Stan’s for a drink some night and we’ll compare notes.

Anthony Piaciotto: Wear Red For Me Baby

Dear Charlie P I really enjoyed the hot tub, I’m glad we worked through that little hesitation, from your loving admirer

Rick Pasquarello: You’re my secret fantasy

Mr. Vappos, NYLS59—play with me at Puffy’s.

Valerie M: You are a beautiful person and a great classmate.

To My Favorite P.F.O. Just To Let You Know That You Have Made This Past Month And A Half Very Exciting. Your Dear

Patli And Corey Be My Valentine A Small Guy With A Big Heart.

F. Polkowski: working day and night, I admire you. Can we study together?

To The Girl With The Blasted Blonde Hair And Sexy Suit, Who Are You? I Have To Find Out For Myself What Color Your Hair Really Is!!!

To My Favorite P.F.O. Just To Let You Know That You Have Made This Past Month And A Half Very Great. I Would Like To

Charles Pekin And Mr. X: Hey big guys, how about another night in the jacuzzi? We promise to take our teeth out this time. Love “The Golden Girls”

P. E. To: You: do a great “Chicken Dance”

Dear Professor Perlis: I wrote the perfect Valentine for you, but the Reporter wants to charge me $100 because it runs 16 pages and contains 52 actors, there is only three hours to press time, and there is a small question of jurisdiction.

Nick P I hope you have a good semester. Your Partner

Joanne Valletti: Here’s to the most attractive woman in Administrative Law.

M. Crosby: I don’t see much of you this year, but please be my valentine BO

www.nyls.edu
S.
Dear Paula S. When are we going to ride the subway home again?

Dear Robin S., You are such a cutie A.L.

Dear Prof. Strossen, Best of luck, Thanks for everything, Robert Bork To Skimmy: I told you I could get them off with just my teeth—love Thunsier

Seth: PDF has now been stated. So you don’t start up me.

RTI guess I’m just a civil libertine E.S. Your co-op or mine? Gazman

Dear Seth, I love you, Wentlaw trainer

Dear Brian S. Roses are red, Violets are blue, If you don’t stop the trash slurs, I’ll pay someone to kill you. B

Karen Shelton: Congratulations on your promotion

Joan Singer—Here’s to a good friend! Happy Valentine’s Day! XX

Seth: A pretty smile, a beautiful face, you’re the best thing about this place!

Dear B.S. Roses are red, Violets are blue, If you kick my feet, I’ll lick yours too!

Sandtrap” I loved the single pair of used underwear you sent me. But now what will your family use?

S - All Those Women Don’t Know What They’re Missing Because Good Things Come In Small Packages. Happy Valentine’s Day!! - C

From: Bea “Now That John’s Out Of The Picture, Let’s Connect!!!”

Jeff Slate: Will you take me for a ride on your motorcycle? I’ll fix breakfast if you’ll be dinner. Let’s do it!

Karen Shelton: Be My Valentine. I’d give up reading the New York Times. (and the Post!) (and the News) (and Newday)

Corey Steinberg - Your Shiny Hair Is So Neat, Can I Please Take You Out To Eat? I Love The Way You Look In Class, And Especially I Love Your Ass. Love Perry

Mike Simone: Will you be my Ski-instructor? We can sit in the warm lodge with our cast and compare notes—Bival Kneivel

Tom Smith: I’d vote for you—litigator of the year

Douglass Stern: Please be my Valentine! I adore you. You know who

Peggy Sue: Let’s slice. I’ll buy a ladder. George

Karen Shelton: You are a great friend

Prof. Strossen, Thanks For The C. I Got A’s In Everything Else. Thurgood

Dean Simon: I Love You

Tom Smith: You’re very cute, if your wife gives you the boot, I’ll take you in SH

Karen S. You Light Up My Life. Love you for C.

S - All Those Women Don’t Know What They’re Missing Because Good Things Come In Small Packages. Happy Valentine’s Day!!! - C

From: Bea “Now That John’s Out Of The Picture, Let’s Connect!!!”

Jeff Slate: Will you take me for a ride on your motorcycle? I’ll fix breakfast if you’ll be dinner. Let’s do it!

Karen Shelton: Be My Valentine. I’d give up reading the New York Times, (and the Post!) (and the News) (and Newday)

Corey Steinberg - Your Shiny Hair Is So Neat, Can I Please Take You Out To Eat? I Love The Way You Look In Class, And Especially I Love Your Ass. Love Perry

Jeff Sorkin: Let’s try it again. I get hot just thinking about it.

Steve S kolevsky. You Hunk!!! I Love You!!! You know who!!! You Know What To Do!!

S:

Karen Shelton: Congratulations on your promotion

Joan Singer—Here’s to a good friend! Happy Valentine’s Day! XX

Seth: A pretty smile, a beautiful face, you’re the best thing about this place!

Dear B.S. Roses are red, Violets are blue, If you kick my feet, I’ll lick yours too!

Sandtrap” I loved the single pair of used underwear you sent me. But now what will your family use?

S - All Those Women Don’t Know What They’re Missing Because Good Things Come In Small Packages. Happy Valentine’s Day!! - C

From: Bea “Now That John’s Out Of The Picture, Let’s Connect!!!”

Jeff Slate: Will you take me for a ride on your motorcycle? I’ll fix breakfast if you’ll be dinner. Let’s do it!

Karen Shelton: Be My Valentine. I’d give up reading the New York Times. (and the Post!) (and the News) (and Newday)

Corey Steinberg - Your Shiny Hair Is So Neat, Can I Please Take You Out To Eat? I Love The Way You Look In Class, And Especially I Love Your Ass. Love Perry

Mike Simone: Will you be my Ski-instructor? We can sit in the warm lodge with our cast and compare notes—Bival Kneivel

Tom Smith: I’d vote for you—litigator of the year

Douglass Stern: Please be my Valentine! I adore you. You know who

Peggy Sue: Let’s slice. I’ll buy a ladder. George

Karen Shelton: You are a great friend

Prof. Strossen, Thanks For The C. I Got A’s In Everything Else. Thurgood

Dean Simon: I Love You
...So, Who Loves You?

Tori, Connie, Rose, Michelle, Tony: What a long strange trip it's been, so far. Happy Valentine's Day The singing hippie

To Terri D., I'll watch you in those sleepy early classes and it wakes me up!

T. Thumper—My best friend. What else but you would join me in South Dakota searching for a singing hippie. So far, Happy Valentine's Day The T. Thumper—My best friend. Who I'm game to Tampopo? Matt Dillon, Chauncy's, all the Alaina Walls: at your house at 5 AM, Much To on Christmas Eve, studying at Dear H.W., Never Have I Thought awards shows games, drinking at the Trash(?) Island, running to Tiramesu to see married man!

J . Tan: Europe (well almost), softball games, drinking at the Mc Donalds on my birthday (you Found that drooling, Tune. Let This Just Be Beginning)

Greene

To All those Great Women In The section! Thanks for being a friend! R . Z . H . d

You are my own. I hope I've been • you an • d I' 'd ed d wakes me up. you own. I've recons1 er an

You've been there for me. All those broken hearts, broken cars, and I Can Be This Closer To

W .

Stacy W: Give up the other two and be my valentine. You know who?

W .

Richard D. V.: I'm sorry I turned you down. I've reconsidered and I'm game if you are. Ask me again.

W .

You wanted: The man who clipped my fur that dark, drunken night in Pearl River.

Dear H.W., Never Have I Thought I Could Be This Closer To You. Nor Have I Imagined I Meant So Much To You All These Years, Nor Have I Felt So Passionate And

W .

You: Will you be my valentine. The man who clipped my fur that dark, drunken night in Pearl River.

Phanta! Can you come out to play with me?

W .

You: Will you be my valentine.

R . Zuckerman: How do you doin Big Guy? Got some time to play with me?

Ziegler: I A, 40's out of 115 students!!! Section B

Zimbalist: Let's study together

Prof. Ziegler—That section B curve was no curve, it was a spiball!! Mike Zhu: I love you! Guess who?

Prof. Ziegler—the reason I recommended Brooklyn Law to my friends and NYLS to my enemies! Steve Zorowitz: Please be my Valentine, love, F.C.

February, 1992 
New York Law School Reporter 
Page 11
One libertarian's commentary on issues facing individuals at NYLS and in the world at large.

**Libertarianism Explained**

Some of you have asked for an explanation of basic libertarian philosophy. Originally, I had hoped that those of you not yet familiar with libertarianism might begin to understand the philosophy from reading this column, where the philosophy is discussed and applied. From this exposure, I had hoped that those of you who developed a desire for a deeper understanding of libertarianism would be motivated to utilize those sharply honed, New York Law School research skills, which we have acquired, to familiarize yourselves more fully with libertarianism.

As promised, libertarian philosophy is fairly straightforward and easy to understand. However, in its application, libertarianism sometimes challenges conventional viewpoints on the role of government; viewpoints which have been instilled by years of socialization and slanted education in government-approved curricula. Therefore, in order to overcome the prejudice of tradition, it is necessary to become familiar with the natural rights of all men as described in the three minimalist functions government should be permitted. Mandatory draft registration, mandatory seat-belt laws, mandatory school attendance, anything mandatory violates the non-aggression principal and should not be permitted.

Currently, requiring membership in a bar association in order to practice law should not be permitted.

Interestingly, a pattern seems to be developing here. Using non-aggression analysis, we find that most violations of people's natural rights are acts committed by governments. With this in mind, I wish that everyone try that one out here in the U.S. Don't let anyone fool you, we don't have a free-market economy here.

There are one type of libertarians familiar with the non-aggression principal, it's logi­cally difficult to keep from becoming a libertarian, given that a libertarian is simply someone who believes in the non-aggression principal. But, things are rarely that simple. There are different types of libertarians and, although the choice does not have to be permanent, one must choose which type one wants to become. I won't go into all the different classes of libertarian views, because, in the opinion of others, there are the only functions which minimalists feel government should provide.

First, there are the minimalist libertarians. Minimalists believe that government can perform the functions of national defense, providing police protection, and providing a court system. Those are the only functions which minimalists feel government should provide.

The other major type of libertarian is the anarcho-capitalist. Anarcho-capitalists believe that government cannot perform even the three minimal functions mentioned above without violating someone's natural rights and, if it would, you would want to eliminate these services. By eliminating these services, the public is provided better by private sources. The "anarchist" in the anarcho-capitalist, signifying any belief that means that anarcho-capitalists believe in a society without government, but with the spontaneous order which comes from voluntary cooperation. Anarcho-capitalists refer to themselves as capitalists because they favor a free-market economy, as opposed to some form of command economy, as the only economy which allows for voluntary cooperation. I started out as a minimalist, but, over the last eight months, I have become convinced that anarcho-capitalism is better, and more consistent. However, I would be very pleased if we could achieve a minimalist government, in this country, in my lifetime.

Libertarians have formed a vast array of organizations through which to express their libertarianism. One of these is the Libertarian Party, which is working towards bringing about a free society through political means. You don't have to be a member of the Libertarian Party to be a libertarian, you just have to accept the non-aggression principal and believe that a free society is desirable. To individuals, other humans to live in. Other libertarian organizations include the Objectivist Society, the In­ternational Society for Individual Lib­erty, the Cato Institute, the Institute for Humane Studies, Nomos, the Foundation for Economic Education, the Reason Society, and the Libertarian Futurist Society.

So there we have it; libertarianism explained. For those of you interested in reading further about libertarianism, its history, and comparisons between the functioning of a free society and our present society, I have a long reading list (too long to publish here), which I would gladly share with any of you who are interested. Simply stop me in the halls, or contact me through the Reporter.

The founding of the United States was a good attempt at forming a free society, but it wasn't completely successful. It allowed slavery, which belonged to every one of us, no matter what our race, sex, sexual orientation, or age. Only a truly free society can protect the rights to security of individuals, and libertarianism can give us a truly free society.

**Memorable Quotes**

"A really efficient totalitarian state would be one in which the all-powerful executive of political bosses and their army of managers control a population composed of slaves who do not have to be coerced, because they love their servitude. To make them love it is the task assigned, in present-day totalitarian states, to ministries of propaganda, newspaper editors and schoolteachers." — Aldous Huxley

"The sole end for which mankind are warranted, individually or collectively, in interfering with the liberty of action of any of their number, is self-preservation. The only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised over any member of a civilized community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others." — John Stuart Mill.
Fear The "Thought Police?"  
Tom And The Comics To The Rescue

The new terms and descriptions proffered by the politically correct and intellectual elite purports their use will ensure that no one is offended. In my view, their goal is to ensure that no one thinks different from the proponents of newspeak.

The "Thought Police" (enforcers of newspeak) have transcended every segment of our society. Their methods have created havoc on our nation's campuses. Foot soldiers of the politically correct army, under the guise of positive social change, practice psychological warfare. Newspeak indoctrination is achieved through bombardment with new phraseology, distortions of history, and enforced by labeling non-conformists racist, sexist and the like. Regrettably, they have managed to brainwash some of our own. If this is any indication of a trend, newspeak lawyers may well ambush their client's defenses, linking my butt in front of a judge to brainwash some of our own. If this is any indication of a trend, newspeak lawyers may well ambush their client's defenses, linking my butt in front of a judge to brainwash some of our own. If this is any indication of a trend, newspeak lawyers may well ambush their client's defenses, linking my butt in front of a judge to brainwash some of our own.

Milwaukee - Last October a 17-year-old girl killed another teenager for her leather coat. This week, a judge will hear what the girl's lawyer calls the "cultural psychosis" defense, linking the accused's state of mind to her inner-city upbringing. (U.S. News and World Report February 3, 1992)

Sounds good to me. I must admit to wanting a lot of things in my life. Like lower taxes. Let us assume that come April 15th I decide not to pay my taxes. Assume further that the IRS sends me an invitation for an audit. Assume even further that I decline their invitation. No need to assume that I won't finish law school. Get the picture, we'll know what the word ass-e-me means. In any event, the Smiths will pay up on the 15th.

Distortion of acts, events, and meaning by creative use of vocabulary and revisionist history are the latest weapon of left-wing extremists. Newspeak terms are mind-boggling. Glancing through contemporary publications I found a few, now in vogue, terms (randomly selected as so not to offend anyone): "vertically challenged" (formerly short people); people who lead "alternative lifestyles" (formerly gays, formerly homosexuals); "sensual butt-fondler" (formerly Mike Tyson); "economically disadvantaged" (formerly poor people); "medical specialists" (formerly doctors, formerly people who didn't get into law school); "mentors" (formerly role models, formerly people you looked up to); "new traditionalist" (formerly home economist, formerly oppressed wives, formerly housewife, and, to some of us, just good old Mom!); sense of empowerment (formerly employed, formerly pulled your own weight); community.
by Seamus S. Murphy '93

On October 24, 1991, I attended the "THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS" symposium sponsored by the Legal Association for Women (L.A.W.). The talk was to focus on the rights of victims of domestic abuse and rape... I attended the symposium because I felt that this is a worthy cause and because there is a great need for this service in today's society. Without a place to turn for help, many people will stay in abusive relationships no matter how severe the consequences may be. As a society, we may not be able to protect against every malevolent loose in public, but we should be able to do something about those in the home.

What I found, instead, was that this symposium had more to do with male-bashing than it did with helping victims of domestic violence. Prior to the start of the discussion, I was approached by a high-ranking member of L.A.W. who asked if I would like to sign up for the "Battered Women's Clinic". I informed her that I would, but only if the name was changed to "Battered Spouse Clinic". I will not tell you what her snide reply was, but it amply demonstrated to me her ignorance and her bias.

The first speaker was Susan Herman of the Victim Services Agency. She was probably the most open-minded female in attendance that afternoon. She gave some very interesting statistics (e.g., 50% of all women are battered by their intimates, 75% of battered women have battered children, 95% of domestic violence is done by men, etc.). The major problem with these statistics is that only women are mentioned. By not producing any statistics in regard to men as victims, these statistics show an obvious bias. Each of her statistics will be addressed later in this column.

The second speaker was Kristian Miccio, an adjunct professor at NYLS. While the first speaker had a bias tinge to her speech, I found Professor Miccio's speech to be blandly bigoted and hate-filled. It was so bigoted and hate-filled that it brought to this listener's mind speeches by Dr. Jeffries (chairman of the Black Studies Department at City College who is known for his anti-white and anti-Semitic comments). I am amazed at how many people use "historical data" in order to justify their present-day bigotry.

Assuming, arguendo, that all of Ms. Herman's statistics are correct, I will quickly demonstrate the bias and other weaknesses with her statistics. The statement "50% of all women are battered by their intimates" does not state how many men are battered by their intimates. Also, this statement hides the fact that not all females are battered by intimate partners (heterosexual relations). Many women are battered by female intimates (lesbian relationships).

The statement "95% of battered women have battered children", in addition to suffering from the same infra-mites as the prior one, does not state if these children are abused by the mother or the father. It also does not tell what percent of children are abused, or by which parent.

The statement "95% of domestic violence is done by men" is both confusing and misleading. First, by using the term "domestic violence", we do not know if this means only spouse abuse or does it also include child abuse. Second, this figure may only represent "reported" instances of domestic violence. Men, generally, are not willing to admit that they have been assaulted by their female partner. Even if they were willing to admit it, there are seldom any places designed to handle their situation. A survey of Manhattan and Queens telephone books shows numerous organizations designed specifically for women but only one designated for men, not just gay men. And if certain narrow-minded feminists in this school have their way, this school will not be allowed to help victimized males.

There were several other beliefs and comments that were made which I took offense to. Two in particular need to be addressed: "Only men commit domestic violence" and "Men can be victims of domestic violence, but these men are over sixty and are abused by their children". Both statements show a dangerous mind-set and have more to do with bigotry and hatred than with facts. Below are two recent instances in which a man was victimized by a woman. Craig Hodges, a guard for the Chicago Bulls, was doused with gasoline by his wife and she then threw matches at him (December 20, 1991, N.Y. Post, p.104, col.5). A woman fatally stabbed a man to death at a Christmas party (N.Y. Post, December 27, 1991, p.5, col.1). If anyone is interested, I have documented several other such instances.

Further support for the propositions that 'males can be victims of domestic violence' and that 'females can be the perpetrators' can be culled from literature published by the N.Y.C. Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. This organization's subway placards state that gays and lesbians can be victimized by their partners. Their literature also mentions the reporting problems men face when they are victims of crimes. In one of their pamphlets, which used to be tacked to a bulletin board in the B building, it stated "Thousands of men are raped each year in the United States,... Male rape is one of the most underreported crimes,... among the most under-served crime victims,... frequently encounter unsupportive or even hostile reactions from... social services providers...." (I cannot give more evidence, but I think that I have ample demonstrated that men, both heterosexual and homosexual, can be victims of domestic violence and should not be excluded from any clinic that this school may set up.

While I agreed that it would be an excellent idea to set a specific Domestic Violence Clinic, I vehemently disagreed that it should be set up as a "Battered Women's Clinic". The clinic should be called either "Domestic Violence Clinic" or "Battered Partners Clinic". The exact name would be depend on who we would provide service to (e.g., parents, partners, and children; or just partners). The clinic should be open to all that need it, regardless of their sex or sexual orientation, because domestic violence is not limited to any one group. The clinic should not be under the control of L.A.W., or any other group or person who wishes to use it to further some hate-filled or discriminatory agenda. This includes discrimination against men.

I call upon Dean Simon to investigate and determine if Professor Miccio has brought her beliefs to the classroom. If she has, I then expect this school to take the appropriate action against her. If anyone has any such information, please contact Dean Simon directly or if you wish, you may contact me. Any information given will be handled with strict confidentiality.

I call upon the SBA to monitor the funds that they disburse to see if the funds are being used to espouse hatred or promote discrimination. If any group is using their funds for such purposes, future funding of that group's activities should cease until they demonstrate otherwise. I do not wish to have my student activities fees used to promote hatred or discrimination, and especially not when such hatred or discrimination is directed at me.

Who's Doing What at New York Law School

by William Meredith '93

An article by Gerard Mackey, NYLS '93, entitled "But You Already Hired Me", was published in the January 1992 issue of The National Jurist. The article, a humorous account of Mr. Mackey's job search, was previously published in "Troll and Detour". Professor Michael Perlin's article, "Tarasoff and the Dilemma of the Dangerous Patient: New Directions for Mac•κey's job search, was previously published in the National Jurist. The 1992 editorial board consists of: James P. Horan, Managing Editor; Fernando Cruz, News Editor; Michael Simone, Arts & Entertainment Editor; Joseph Conway, Features Editor; Douglas Stern, Advertising Manager; Cheryl Williams, Copy Editor; William Meredith, Publisher.
Finding a Career . . . or at least a Summer Job
By Heather Brownlie '94

Just When I thought it was safe to think that I had survived the first semester of law school, something happened to mention the phrase, "So, have you found a summer job yet?" Those eight words have begun a flurry of activity in my life. I have to come up with a resume and learn how to write a cover letter. I've already missed so many deadlines!

The first dilemma has been deciding where I want to work this summer. Should I stay in New York City or go back home? Maybe I want to relocate somewhere else. I know New York City can be really hot in the summertime, but I suppose Washington D.C. is worse.

Really, the thing to do is apply to a lot of different places and see what turns up. The second problem is deciding what area of law to practice in. After only one semester of law school, most first years don't have any idea of what area to specialize in. For example, after the first week of Criminal Law, I thought of becoming a District Attorney. Then I read some of my Constitutional Law assignments and thought about defending everyone's constitutional rights, including those criminals which I earlier wanted to prosecute. Afterwards I realized that property presented more options: I could become a real estate lawyer and help people transfer land ownership, or better yet, I could become a divorce lawyer and help them fight over it. So many possibilities!

The next step in the arduous process, which takes up more time than any substantive law course, is stopping by the Career Services Office. The people there are friendly and there is tons of material to search through, however, it helps if you already know what you are looking for.

Optimism is also important. Knowing that I completed the first semester without failing any courses is a confidence booster. I only hope that this confidence it will come in handy when and if I ever get interviewed. I am still lost in the mire of where to look; each day brings another option. My mailbox overflows with opportunities -- all sorts of programs and internship opportunities to choose from. The only problem is that each new possibility brings another deadline!

Another obstacle is obtaining recommendations and references. It's not enough that I believe in my ability, now I have to find other people who believe it to put it writing.

The search goes on . . . and perhaps with any luck, in a matter of weeks my life will have a clearer focus -- or at least I will have found a job!

A New Bar Exam? Committee Report Spurs Discussion
by Michael Wood, '93

Does the Bar Examination adequately test competence to practice law in New York? Does the Bar Exam have a disproportionate impact on the entry of minorities into the legal profession? What use is an exam, such as the Multistate Bar Examination, which tests applicants about "majority-rule" law, which is sometimes the opposite of New York law? Many critics have made complaints and criticisms.

The Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York has issued a discussion draft of its "Report on Admission to the Bar in New York in the Twenty-first Century: A Blueprint for Reform." Chaired by Anthony Davis, the committee's report examines the problems with the present New York and is intended to stimulate discussion of possible solutions. An all day public forum will be held to discuss the report at 42 West 44 Street on March 5, 1992.

The Committee reviewed the current Bar Examination, examined its process, shortcomings, costs, and issued several conclusions and suggestions for future improvements. Because the Bar Examination purports to be an examination of minimal competency to practice law in New York, the committee examined both the components of minimal competency, and current means of training to reach that level of competency.

Among the suggestions for improving the Bar Exam: the elimination of the Multiple-State Bar Exam and the introduction of a practical exam which would expose bar exam candidates to tasks of the sort routinely performed by attorneys. In several appendices, the report covers the practical components required by several states' Bar Exams. The California Bar Examination, since 1983, has included a performance test. Alaska introduced a practicum in 1982. Colorado has required a performance component since 1989.

Among the conclusions likely to arouse public interest, the Committee concluded that:

A. The New York State Bar Examination, in its present form, does not adequately or effectively test minimal competence to practice law in New York.

B. Information reviewed by the committee very strongly suggests that the current examination disproportionately excludes minority applicants.

Join us
We're the New York Law School chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union
At an open house
Wednesday, February 26, 1992
5 to 7 PM in Student Lounge

Meet Nadine Strossen National President of the ACLU as well as other NYLS students and teachers

February, 1992 New York Law School Reporter Page 15
SPRING SEMESTER DISCOUNTS

1992 AND 1993 GRADUATES

Registration fee of $75 = Discounted tuition of $1195 (NY), $995 (New England), $895 (NJ)

1994 GRADUATES

Registration fee of $75 = Discounted tuition of $1095 (NY), $945 (New England), $845 (NJ)

***DISCOUNT DEADLINE TO BE ANNOUNCED***

NOTE: Full tuitions are $1325 in New York; $1095 in New England; $995 in New Jersey

MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM (MPRE)

EXAM DATE: Friday, March 13th
APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE: Friday, February 14th
BAR/BRI MPRE LECTURE
NEW YORK CITY (LIVE PRESENTATION)
DATE: Sunday, March 1st
PLACE: Ramada Hotel at Madison Square Garden
TIME: 11AM to 3PM
OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY (VIDEOTAPE PRESENTATION)
DATE, PLACE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED
TUITION: Free for BAR/BRI enrollees.
($75 payment required - FULLY CREDITED towards your bar review tuition)

NEW YORK PRACTICE & PROCEDURE MINI-REVIEW

NEW YORK CITY (LIVE PRESENTATION)
DATE: Saturday, March 7th
PLACE: Ramada Hotel at Madison Square Garden
TIME: 10AM to 4PM
OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY (VIDEOTAPE PRESENTATION)
DATE, PLACE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED
TUITION: Free for BAR/BRI enrollees.
($75 payment required - FULLY CREDITED towards your bar review tuition)

For more information, stop by the BAR/BRI table at your law school or call the BAR/BRI office at (800)472-8899.