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wherever they be,
and censor their shit,
in the Land of the Free.
But listen up Hermes
don’t be no fool
we got a First Amendment
and it’s got some rules.

E Pluribus Unum
by Helena Prigal
In response to important issues related
to diversity in our educational program
and in the wider society, including con­
cern about incidents that have occurred
over the past year at New York Law
School, in New York City and around the
country, the Office of Student Services
formed a Bias Awareness Committee last
spring. The idea for hosting a “Bias
Awareness Week” was generated in dis­
cussions between the administration and
students who formed the Student Diversity
Coalition. It was agreed that some formal
program devoted to the subject of minority
student concerns and bias awareness would
benefit the entire law school community.
During the summer, a group of stu­
dents, faculty, administrators and alumni
met and decided that attention should be
given to these issues throughout the year
with a positive emphasis rather than one
focused on bias, and with the Bias Aware­
ness Committee providing a coordinating
role. Therefore, this committee will be
coordinating a year-long effort to raise and
address a variety of diversity-related is­sues.
We encourage all groups to consider
incorporating connections with the themes
of “Strength Through Diversity” and “Cel­
debate Diversity” as they plan their pro­
grams (the Lesbian and Gay Law Students
Association will be sponsoring a lecture
on October 30th by Dennis DeLeon, Com­
misioner and Chairperson of the N.Y.C.
Commission on Human Rights. He will
speak about his agency’s role in fostering
inter-group relations and enforcing anti­
uia laws.) We plan to have buttons and
T-shirts available throughout the year
and we welcome creative suggestions for their
design. All ideas should be submitted to
Helena Prigal, Office of Student Services.
2nd floor, 57 Worth Street.

Dworman Talks at NYLS
by Michael Wood
“W hen a banker and a builder first meet,
the banker has the experience and the
builder has the money.” So said low profile
developer and banker Alvin Dworman at
the second Executive Speaker Series lun­
cheon on September 25.
Dworman, NYLS ’51, credits his NYLS
education for helping him develop the dis­
cipline, development and focus to achieve
his entrepreneurial goals. He entered
NYLS following military service with two
years worth of post-secondary educational
credits. While in school he earned money
developing the “Jackie Robinson Barn­
towing Tour.” (He admits to cutting a
few classes.)
During the winter of 1951-52, Dworman
worked for “about thirty days” as a lawyer
in a small firm. Following graduation Alvin Dworman
worked for “about thirty days” as a lawyer
and for “about fifty days” as a real estate agent.
Later that year he went into the business of
brokering loans.
In his presentation, Dworman spoke
about investment opportunities for the pre­
sent and future. He sees growing oppor­
tunities for developers in building single
family apartments, which in many markets are
the only housing working people can af­
rord. Noting that the industrial develop­
manship in the United States is growing,
Dworman said this is fueled in part by the
lower value of the dollar. “We are ex­
cperiencing a credit crunch because of new
regulatory changes. Bankers are afraid to
make loans, opening the American market
to foreign banks,” he said. This is a posi­
tive change, according to Dworman, be­
cause the foreign banks are relationship
oriented, while American banks are trans­
cation oriented. “The new regulations are
the result of “naive” banking practices of the
seventies and eighties.

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Editorial

On Being Speechless and Artless

The ink on the last issue of the Reporter hadn’t even dried when someone came into the office and questioned why we printed an ad from the Marine Corps (see page 5). Recently, profanity spew out from the Reporter office as writers were trying to decipher the lyrics by the 2 Live Crew, who were acquitted by a Florida jury (see page 4). The question clearly just days before press time. "Bad ads" and "bad words" were our main concern, until an award came from the American Bar Association for an editorial cartoon—"good art" (see page 7). Confused as ever, our lonely eyes looked to the First Amendment for some politically correct answers.

I first read the lyrics to the songs by 2 Live Crew just several days ago, when two Reporter staff members were embarking on a piece about the rapping band, 2 Live Crew, and their rights to protection under the First Amendment (see front page). Despite their reputed popularity, the 2 Live Crew album has been banned from sales in Florida. What could be so bad about a song when we are building nuclear bombs?

We retreated to the inner sanctum of the Reporter office, equipped with digital technology, and listened to and dissected each word. None of us flinched at the words that were uttered, none of us blushed with the thought of Diana. We just wanted to enlighten East Coast law student readers about the rapping band, and their rights to protection under the First Amendment (see front page). Despite their reputed popularity, the 2 Live Crew album has been banned from sales in Florida. What could be so bad about a song when we are building nuclear bombs?

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am responding to comments made in the last issue of the Reporter regarding the last SBA Senate meeting. As a first year student and a student senator, I am very discouraged to hear the attitude of fellow students regarding the allocation of students' funds. I was surprised to learn that there is not more fundraising done by student organizations. I have come to understand the difficulty in accomplishing this and why organizations are not required to do so. In that light, need to remind anyone about biting the hand that feeds you?

Moving on, the purpose of our budget meeting was for the Senate to divide the student money fairly among 22 student organizations. Each organization described their planned activities. The Senate, using this information and the recommendations made by the Senate Budget Committee, voted on how to allocate the funds. Decisions were not made hastily. Our meeting lasted 5 hours. Decisions were not based on reputations of organizations. We allotted money to everyone. Our budget committee used a specific criteria to form their recommendations. I am sure certain senators used personal criteria but that’s our prerogative. Each senator brings something special to the Senate. We all have different interests and have links with different organizations. I believe these inconsistencies were not due to a lack of knowledge in the end.

There were definitely some activities we wished we could have given more money to as the outreach program, but our guidelines prevented us from doing so at the meeting. The SBA budget door is always open. If an organization can show a substantial need for more money, that organization is welcome to bring a proposal before the senate.

Give the Senate a little credit. We are being fair and equitable within our established guidelines.

I would like to end by expressing my mixed feelings about being a student senator at NYLS. I truly enjoy being involved in the law school community, making an effort to change the things I feel need to be changed, working with the administration to make NYLS better. How can I feel good about that when my fellow students attack the Senate after our very first week in office?

Joan Sutton

Dear Editor:

From little known diaries and other writings of the most noted revolutionaries of our time: Mao-Tse-Tung, V.J. Lenin, Fidel Castro, and Ho Chi Minh come the remarkable similarities including the little-known fact that they all tried to get financial aid from New York Law School. And now, from the adversity faced by students at the Financial Aid Office, is born a new generation of Molotov cocktail slingering revolutionaries.

It comes as no surprise, that once again, the Financial Aid Office has lived up to its tenets of law, or even in morality. The 2 Live Crew may evaporate tomorrow, but the debate between pro-banning and anti-banning will probably go on for a while. Perhaps there are no answers at all, but at least we can openly talk about it, maybe that’s the point.

The Reporter encourages the reader to use this space as a forum for your expressions of the First Amendment.

Editor-in-Chief

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Worst boy Christopher Di Girolamo
Boy, oh boy Evan Augostinaitis
Special Effects Diip Massand
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Camerawoman Susan Fleischman
Casting Elizabeth Nochlin
Set Design Larry Siry
Make Up Susan McCarty
Titles Philip Spypopoulos
Gaffer Michael Wood
Props Barry Block
Costumes Liz Ames
Ingenue Alpa Patel
Caterers Monica Coen and the Respite Crew

Extras: Otis Damslet, Shivaun Fuller, Jeryl Bruner, Caroline Gargione, Joan Sutton, Carla Varnale, Jay Krantz and a cast of millions

and Bradley Shaw as the Beaver.

Special cameo appearance by Helen Prigel.

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Meet John Farago

by Shivaun Fuller & Caroline Gargione

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Shivaun and Caroline are full-time first year students in section A. Shivaun is from North Caldwell, N.J. and Caroline is from Princeton, N.J.

New Director of Financial Aid

As a result of a lengthy search, a new Director of the Financial Aid Office has been identified. The new Director, Eileen Day-Le Surtinoff, will be joining us on Monday, October 22, 1990. She is currently the Administrator of New York University's Office of Student Employment. Prior to that, Eileen served, from 1985 to 1989, as Assistant Director of Financial Aid at NYU School of Law, and she has extensive experience in a career devoted to the administration of financial aid programs.

Professor Laura Stein

by Susan Fleischman

Professor Laura Stein joined the New York Law School faculty in August, 1990. She is currently an instructor in Labor Relations and Employment Discrimination. Raised in Sycamore, New York, Professor Stein studied Philosophy as an undergraduate at Yale and graduated from Harvard Law School. Upon graduation, she was a clerk for Justice Becker for the Court of Appeals in the 3rd Circuit. After her clerkship, she went to work in the labor department of Pepper, Hamilton & Scheetz of Philadelphia, Pa.

Professor Stein always knew she wanted to teach. She said her prior legal experience convinced her to move toward this goal. She feels teaching suits her temperament more so than private practice. As a professor, she has the time to think, theorize and write without the pressures of deadlines and partners common in private practice.

Professor Stein said she is "HAPPY" at New York Law School and she commented "It's a wonderful place to teach." She enjoys the mutual respect that exists between professors and students. In particular, she enjoys the ease the students take in preparing for her class, and their tendency to vocalize their views. As a new professor, she enjoys the new independence she experiences as her students. She finds this feedback, not only educational, but inspirational.

Upon arrival, Stein is in order for Professor Stein, not only for her new position at New York Law School, but for her recent marriage this past summer following the beginning of the Fall semester. "MAZEL TOV!" In fact, Professor Stein is so dedicated to her work at New York Law School that she was only willing to take a three-day honeymoon so it would not interfere with her teaching commitment.

On behalf of the New York Law School community, I am proud to welcome Professor Stein to our faculty. I am confident that her stay here will be a successful one (just as I'm sure her marriage will be)! We are pleased that she chose to join our staff and commend her excellent choice. We wish her the best of luck!

Susan Fleischman is the most energetic Law Student and the Spanx Queen!!

Jack V. Valinoti

Named Overall Winner

New York Law School's (NYLS) recent (010) intramural Frrccss Moot Court Competition was won by Jack V. Valinoti, a third-year law student from Manhattan. A distinguished panel of five judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals, the New York Court of Appeals, the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, and the U.S. District Court, selected this year's winner from among 140 participants.

Students argued whether the prohibition of begging on a subway system was constitutional—a topic particularly timely in light of the recent ruling on New York City Transit Authority v. Staehle. In the final round, Valinoti argued that the prohibition of begging fell outside the scope of the Constitution's First Amendment free speech protection.

Finalists for the Overall Winner Award were: William F. Kasten, a second-year student from Brooklyn; William Thomas, a second-year student from Forest Hills; and Ivonne Prisco, a second-year student from Montomery, New York. The team made up the team that won the Best Brief Award, Juan Fajardo, a third-year student from Randolph, New Jersey; was awarded the Oral Advocate Award. Mr. Valinoti and third-year student Albert J. Wollerman from West Orange, New Jersey were named Best Team.

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WHAT HAPPENED IN 1964?

- The Beatles made their first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show.
- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. won the Nobel Peace Prize.
- "My Fair Lady" won the Oscar for Best Picture.
- The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Congressional Districts should be roughly equal in distribution.
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An Open Letter to NYLS

The United States Marine Corps wants you . . . maybe. In its full-page advertisement in this newspaper, the Corps states plainly that it does not take "just anyone." But before you start getting excited about the challenge, consider exactly who the Corps takes, how it uses those people, and what it does to them.

The Marine Corps, like all branches of the U.S. military, imposes an explicit and absolute ban on all gay personnel. This admitted discrimination has kept the military off university campuses around the country, caused some schools to cancel ROTC programs, and has prompted warnings from many that the military must either change its policy or lose. Law schools, including New York Law School, have eliminated on-campus recruitment by the military. The military ban against gay personnel has drawn furor from dozens of members of Congress and countless civil rights organizations. Many federal judges, appointed by Presidents Carter through Eisenhower, have held that the policy violates constitutional rights of gay Americans. The discrimination continues however, due to military obstinacy and support from the many Reagan appointees in the federal judiciary.

The ban remains despite reports commissioned by the Pentagon itself that gay-applicants for military service are on average more qualified than their heterosexual counterparts. The most recent report, completed in 1989, included more than 42,000 personnel. If found that in some instances the military was discharging homosexual people who scored better than those it was keeping because of homophobia.

This year, a navy fleet commander issued a statement requiring officers specifically to seek out and discharge Lesbian personnel. To help his subordinates identify the Lesbians among their ranks, the commander pointed out that Lesbian officers earn the respect of their peers and are "among the command's top performers." He insisted that these excessively competent women be removed from the military. According to many observers, Navy "old-boys" want competent women removed because they might discredit military sex discrimination policies.

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Environmental Law Society Update

On September 20, 1990, Manhattan D.A. Robert Morgenthau announced a special telephone "hotline" set up to receive reports of illegal dumping of toxic wastes in Manhattan. The number is 212-335-9898.

Lecture on Environmental Litigation is scheduled for October 1. Speakers will be Ed Lloyd, Esq., and New York Law School Professor Moghrabi. The speakers will be discussing the aspects of an environmental lawsuit. Lloyd has represented cities as well as private individuals in environmental lawsuits and has been especially involved in clean water suits. Prof. Moghrabi will discuss international agreements designed to protect the environment.

A second event, tentatively planned for November 15, will focus on the proposed Hydro-Quebec proposal in the Alcan Bay region—the largest major wilderness acreage remaining in Eastern North America. The New York Power Authority has already signed a contract with Hydro-Quebec. At issue is whether this plant is actually needed and is it worth the cost of sacrificing these precious lands.

Please join us at our next post meeting in the Environmental Law Society lounge. The Environmental Law Society has had three meetings so far this semester. Further meeting notices will be posted around school.

The Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association

The EGLSA kicked off its membership campaign on October 12th with its off-campus membership party. The event was attended by faculty as well as students and, in keeping with the group's intention to network, representatives of the Manhattan District Attorney's office also attended.

Next on the EGLSA agenda is organizing a "bias motivated crime" program around school. The EGLSA has been in contact with representatives of the Lesbian and Gay law school organizations at Columbia, N.Y.U., Fordham, Brooklyn Law, Rutgers and Yale. While other groups have yet to be contacted, all of these groups have expressed their desire to participate. These events should be underway before the end of the semester.

On October 30th, the EGLSA will sponsor a panel discussion in association with the Manhattan District Attorney's Bias Motivated Crime Program. The group is also planning a program for its Lesbian and Gay membership being "out" on the job.

All who are interested in the EGLSA are asked to contact the group through the organization's mailbox located in the Student Lounge.

Common Threads

On Tuesday, October 9, the Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association presented HOB's Common Threads, a documentary film that seeks to present the human impact of the AIDS epidemic. Narrated by Dustin Hoffman, the film weaves interviews with people with AIDS and their families, TV news clippings, and footage from the NAMES Project Quilt into a historic chronicle of the path the disease has taken in America.

The Quilt was conceived by Cleve Jones and was first displayed in Washington, D.C. during the October 1987 march for Lesbian and Gay civil rights and actions against AIDS. The Quilt consists of thousands of panels sewn by the survivors of people who have died of AIDS, and travels the country as an expanding memorial to those the disease has taken.

In addition to interviews with people working on the Quilt, the film chronicled the devastating inadequacy of the American governmental response to AIDS. Unlike other health crises, to which the government responded swiftly, the AIDS epidemic appeared to be concentrated in "gay men." a group the Reagan administration disdained anyway.

Common Threads contrasts powerfully the cruelty of governmental inaction with the humanity of those brought together by the epidemic. Sewing together commemorative panels in San Francisco, travelling to Washington to share their loss with others from around the country, the people in the film represent the positive side of the American response to AIDS.

Otis Danselis is in his first year, Section C.

Asian American Law Students Association

The NYLS Asian-American Law Students Association is enjoying the largest membership since its inception. With the infusion of many enthusiastic first years, we have already embarked on many interesting events and issues concerning the Asian American community.

On September 16, about fifteen NYLS Asian American students participated in the first annual picnic sponsored by the Asian American Bar Association of New York in Central Park. We enjoyed balmy weather, six-foot sandwiches as well as the company of the Asian-American students from six other schools in New York City.

On September 25, current NYLS AALSA members dined with past AALSA members at the 20 Mott Restaurant. This informal dinner drew about 25 people, offering a unique opportunity for alumni to impart insight from their legal experience and for the students to question about life after law school. The revelry continued as the group trekked to Little Italy for dinner and extensive conversation.

Several members of AALSA will be representing NYLS at the 10th Annual Conference of the National Asian Pacific American Law Students Association at Harvard Law School during October 26-28.

AALSA's November docket includes a screening of the movie, Unfinished Business, which is about the Japanese internment during World War II. AALSA will also be participating in the Outreach Program for high school students in conjunction with BALS and ILFS, as well as the diversity awareness program in NYLS.

Asian American Law Students Association

New Law School Civil Liberties Union

On Wednesday, October 10, the New Law School Civil Liberties Union held a general meeting to plan events which we will be sponsoring this and next semester, discuss student internships with the Civil Liberties Union and discuss civil liberties violations throughout the country. This semester we plan to bring in public interest law employment law panel to discuss gender bias in the work place and free speech hour, which will take place every other week in the student lounge.

Currently the American Civil Liberties Union is seeking students to work a few hours a week on cases currently being litigated. Anyone interested should drop by the office in C-103, or leave a note in our mailbox.

The focus of our discussion was the erosion of First Amendment rights, with the 2 Live Crew being the core issue. It was an interesting meeting. If you would like further information about the civil liberties union, stop by! See you then!!

Coming Soon...

Asian American Law Students Association

Good food, good wine and good company...

American Civil Liberties Union

Public Interest Coalition

The Public Interest Coalition (PIC) is a new organization at NYLS. If you have been having trouble getting a boring, big firm job or if you have a genuine interest in public interest law, please join PIC!! We are planning to bring in public interest law organizations to do seminars so that we can learn about job opportunities and we would also like to raise grants for students who have low or no paying summer jobs in the public interest. If you are interested, please leave your name, address and phone number in Brenda Mahoney's mailbox. We need a group of enthusiastic students to give merely an hour a week!!

Criminal Law Society

On Monday, October 1, the Criminal Law Society of New York Law School held a general meeting. Richard Lauren, the chair of the Criminal Law Society scheduled this meeting to finalize activities planned for this semester, propose plans for activities for next semester and to discuss the society's goals.

The Criminal Law Society is sponsoring a symposium on drug related crime and society's response to this phenomenon. This symposium will take place on Monday, October 29, from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. Panelists include, Robert M. Baum, Attorney-In-Charge, Legal Aid Criminal Defense; Sterling Johnson, Jr., Assistant District Attorney; The Honorary Edward J. McLaughlin, New York State Supreme Court; and others equally impressive. Professor George of New York Law School will moderate. Immediately following the panel discussion will be a question and answer period. Refreshments, (including wine) will be served. An estimated 30 people are expected to attend.

On Monday, October 15, at 5:30 in the student lounge we will be showing a videotape of a nationally syndicated news program where Justice Schmeler of New York State Court discusses drug related offenses. We are showing this tape to better prepare students for our October 20 panel.

Also discussed at this meeting was adding a trial skills workshop to the NYLS curriculum. Additionally, we plan on having an end of semester party. Anyone interested in volunteering, drop by our office in C-201. We look forward to seeing you soon!
Reprint from March 1989 issue.

Congratulations to New York Law School Reporter Editorial Cartoonist, Shirley Wong, for taking third place in the American Bar Association Law Student Division Newspaper Contest. The New York Law School Reporter received the Award of Excellence in the “Editorial Cartoon on International Law School Affairs” category.
Women, Sex & the Law
by Liz Ames

The women’s movement lost its momentum during the Ronald Reagan administration. Anti-choice activists like Akin, who assaulted women’s right to abortion and other reproductive freedoms. Here at NYLS on September 26, Paula Ettelbrick, Esq. discussed these curbs with the twenty-five students who attended her talk on “The Law and Its Effect on Women’s Sexuality.” This event was sponsored by the Legal Association for Women (L.A.W.) and the speaker, Ettelbrick, is the legal director for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund to NYLS. Ettelbrick was also a panelist for the Senate committee conducting the confirmation hearings on Justice David Souter’s nomination to the Supreme Court.

“... What is at stake now is not only the right to abortion, but the individual’s rights.”

Finally, Ettelbrick addressed new reproductive technology and the questions that it has heralded. She is currently representing a lesbian whose ex-partner had a baby. Her client wants visitation rights and Ettelbrick is currently preparing her arguments for those rights for a New York Court of Appeals hearing. She concluded by urging the audience to involve themselves in maintaining and fighting for reproductive freedom and other forms of self-expression so “the government does not intrude on decision making.”

Liz Ames is a first-year, Section C. student.

Focus on Abortion
by Carla Varriale

Earlier this month, Eric Zohn, Susan Ajalat and I went to see the Art and Work Ensemble’s (AWE) latest series of vignettes and short plays, called “Ensemble’s,” which are a parody of an abortion clinic that had been closed. The skit used language from newspapers and magazines. Their titles were provocative. “Mine,” “Ohio Backdoor Boogie 63,” “Family Planning” and “Fugue for a Woman and Eight Vacuum Cleaners,” are a few examples. The program was confrontational by design. The moment we entered the theater we were approached with petitions. Later we learned that these petitioners were part of the cast and were getting into character.

Throughout the program, cast members tried to energize the audience from the stage or to be part of a demonstration which concluded many of the vignettes. The effect was unsettling. The line between the theater and reality blurred and we were drawn into the action. The debate at the end of the play seemed to draw energy from the reigns of outrage which had been percolating throughout the audience all evening. We concluded that the abortion vignettes relied too heavily on the emotion. For example, one of the plays focused on an unseen fetus confronting its mother who decided to have an abortion. Another featured a woman supposed to be body of an abortion clinic that had so many patients its crowds could have been “over one million serviced.” The skit used plenty of blood and dismembered dolls as is main props. It was incredible and outrageous and provoked much hostility in the audience. We agreed that the anti-abortion arguments ignored the plight of the potential parents when faced with an unwanted pregnancy. They focused instead on feelings of guilt or shame that a woman might have to feel when she had an abortion.

In contrast, the pro-abortion arguments stated that the feminist argument that abortion is a part of a web of interconnected rights. That, is a woman’s right to control her body and have access to medically safe care when she chooses not to continue her pregnancy, is tied inexorably to her power to control her life.

At first, Susan and I felt that abortion was strictly a woman’s issue; that only a woman could understand the terror and anxiety of an unwanted pregnancy could pro-voke. However, Eric emphasized that it was really a question of a right being taken away, that right being the power to choose. He felt outraged, just as Susan and I did, that women could be harrassed and degraded when they entered a clinic to terminate a pregnancy. He stated that this happened to a man before he entered a store to purchase a condom? Would we allow these men to enter if they were to vote? Ultimately he agreed that the rollback was an issue with significance for both sexes.

Eric, Susan, and I also talked about how the language used by both sides was revealing. For example, why don’t “pro-choice” groups characterize themselves as “pro-abortion”? It would seem that it is viewed as a stigma to be ardently for abortion, but less so to be in favor of letting someone choose it if she wants to. It also seems ironic that “pro-life” groups are more concerned about an embryo or a fetus than they are about the woman who is carrying it. In fact, during the debate the “pro-life” representative seemed concerned that if abortion is made illegal, women will simply have illegal, possibly unsafe abortions. She also denied that a significant number of women had died from illegal, unsanitary abortions. Also, it seems that “Operation Rescue” and its “sidewalk counselors,” a euphemism for people who chain themselves to clinic doors, pray and show women photos of fetuses before and after abortions before they enter a clinic, is more than unneeded more than they do the living; making their “pro-life” label ironic. Furthermore, to call a scenario like this, which seems like a modern version of a burning, “a safe, legal abortion” seems incredible.

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Hello. How was your day today? Not so good, huh? Did you get caught in the rain without an umbrella and thus suffered through the pain of watching your brand new, bright red, $45 constitutional law book get soaked in the mud when it fell out of your slippery wet hands? Did you get a parking ticket because you left the Honda prelude that your parents gave you for graduation at the No Standing Zone for that mere minute that you didn't think you were going to get a ticket? Are you overstressed from the claustrophobic limits of your casebook? Or simply, as per Murphy's law, did everything that could go wrong—go wrong? What's the matter, law school isn't what it's cut out for you criminal law class. You better start reading Supreme Court decisions. There he would find the key words that distinguish mediocre legal writing from greatness. (Please note that I did not say that the decisions are great. In fact, I'm implying perhaps it is the in- genious use of words which gives these decisions their apparent "glow.") So here they are, the words they didn't teach you in law school. Think about how grateful you should be for having your health, for being able to arrive at school alive, for being able to have the money to pay for the parking ticket you got, and most of all for being in law school. Think about all this the next time somebody asks you how your day was. Think about how good you have it before you answer how bad you might think it is. By doing this, your not-so-good day could become much better.
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Maria Schriver, so I would have all eminence of a Kennedy, and a successful career which exhibits both my intellect and beauty. I would be the beautiful wife of a man who could bench press more than I could ever dream of lifting. But most importantly, I would have all the nighttime privileges that come with being Arnold Schwarzenegger’s wife!!

Jim Brennan Class of ’92
Marc Capone, Class of ’92 (my roommate) so I could sleep all day, blow off work and watch baseball all night and forget that I am a law student.

Nicole Rossi Class of ’91
Justice Scalia, so I could show when I author the opinion overturning Roe v. Wade. Then I would invite Nadine to lunch.

Juan Fajardo Class of ’91
Joe Montana, because it would fulfill my childhood dream of being a great athlete.

Yitzchok Shuster Class of ’93
President Bush, so I would rescind my nomination of Souter as the replacement of William Brennan, which, to paraphrase Eisenhower, ‘was one of the worst decisions I ever made.’ And I would nominate Nadine Strossen to the United States Supreme Court instead!

James McElmonts Class of ’93
Jesse Helms, so I could refute everything that he spent his life doing, so when he gets the job back, he will have lost all his credibility.

Lorne Smith Class of ’93
Charles Bukowski, so I could wake up, drink a bottle of rye, go to the beach, drink another bottle of rye, write a few poems, then go to the bar on the beach, drink some more rye, rattle off my poetry, which does well with the ladies, have my pick and return to the beach with her and a bottle of rye. Then I would spend the evening drinking rye, playing cards and watching football with the boys. In the late evening I would have my favorite girl come by, drink another bottle of rye and . . .
Nancy-to-Stan’s: The Essential Tribeca Pub Crawl

by Trevor Swill

St. Patrick’s Day may be months away, and the exam proctor’s uttering within an earshot, yet the stressed NYLS student must not be deterred from roaming the local streets in search of libationary antidotes. Tribeca teems with cozy watering holes for those of us needing to take the edge off right about this time of year. A daring way to discover these drinking establishments is by doing the Nancy-to-Stan’s Pub Crawl (see map, supra; corresponding list infra). Though I strongly recommend reserving this bar-run adventure in toto for special occasions, anyone can do it piecemeal at any time . . . like this weekend. (Nota bene: This list is by no means exhaustive—conspicuously absent, for example, are Tribeca’s celebrated go-go and sports bars, as well as the remote, yet redbubble Printer’s Pub at 205 Hudson Street.)

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The Frugal Diner
South America, Take Me Away

by Jeryl Bruner

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This intimate Caribbean-South American restaurant is great to look at, unpretentious, lots of fun and totally satisfying. The soft upbeat music is a great accompanist to intimate conversation. The bar is inviting to those who wish to try many interesting drinks (Robert recommends the sensibly priced margaritas).

The food, which includes Cuban style specials, is wonderful. I must admit I was a bit apprehensive to review Boca Chica because I’m not a spicy food kind of gal, but I shouldn’t have worried. Boca Chica features a number of spicy and non-spicy entrees and appetizers. We tried Tostones (plantain chips battered and deep fried) as an appetizer with satisfying results. For entrées, Robert had the delicious Chicharones de Pollo (Broiled Dominican Chicken) and I had the sensational steak. All entrees come with a choice of black or red beans (both exceptional) and hot toasted bread. We were so full from the huge portion that we had no room for desserts (which I hear are delicious). Service was always prompt and pleasant.

All in all, Boca Chica is an inexpensive yet delicious place to go for South-of-the-Border food, drink, and fun.

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After two or three months of no money and no word from the school of bank, the student, who has nearly died of starvation twice, 2) still does not have the necessary books, and 3) may or may not be on the verge of suicide. Hussein, in the height of frustration, as

Students may at this time wander back up to the Financial Aid Office to find out what the hell is going on. The Financial Aid officer usually either swears that he sent it out or that it is normal for the office to take upwards of three months to get things sent out. It seems that the process of filling a stack and putting the forms in the mailbox is a lost art to the office on the fifth floor. If the forms do not materialize, he will be told that, "there are thirty-five hundred students in this school. What makes you feel that you are so special as to receive your loans?"

When talking to students about the office of Financial Aid, which has become known to some as "the black hole of Calcutta," one student suggested that maybe the process could be peacefully resolved by switching the staff of the cafeteria with the staff of the Financial Aid Office. The reasoning being that while the cafeteria can not make a good cup of coffee, they might know how to lick a stamp, and who knows, the people in the Financial Aid Office may know how to make a good cup of coffee.

Unified Policy

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Now that the United States is in urgent need of Syria's support, Syria threatens Aoun with a massive military invasion, flies its jet fighters over Aoun's troops, the media has also succumbed to the illusion they got murdered. "With deregulation," on a floating rate. When interest rates went pressive as Hussein's, is effectuating the out of the problem. Instead of looking at

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American banks lent long and borrowed short; they lent fixed rate and borrowed on a floating rate. When interest rates went up they got murdered. "With deregulation," he said, "the banks tried to grow their way out of the problem. Instead of looking at their balance sheet, they looked at earnings and fees. This problem was aggravated in the housing market—the savings banks and savings and loans—because there is very little spread in housing loans.

Lower Manhattan, near NYLS, is a disaster in overdevelopment, he said. The upper west side market is close to Bottomed out and the upper east side residential market is actually growing. Dworman expects that some regional banks will inherit the position now held by the money

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October 36: The Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association will host a lecture by Dennis DeLeon, Commissioner and Chairman of the New York City Commission on Human Rights. Mr. DeLeon will address his agency's role in fostering inter-group relations and enforcing anti-bias laws. The lecture will be held in the Faculty Dining Room from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

October 31: The Student Bar Association is sponsoring a Halloween Party in the Student Lounge from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you missed the last SBA party, the Halloween Party is an opportunity to meet and drink with your fellow NYLS students. A fun way to meet and drink with your fellow NYLS students and faculty.

November 5-9: The brand new Bias Awareness Committee will be sponsoring a week-long series of events throughout the week. Some events in planning are a multi-cultural food fair, and awareness training for student leaders. Students wishing to get involved with this committee should contact Helena Prigal at Student Services.

November 9: The bi-annual Outreach Program, during which high school students attend classes and discussion dines at the law school will be held all day. A room has not been decided upon yet. This semester's sponsors include the BLSA, the ILSPA, and the Urban Law Society.

November 13: The Trial Lawyers' Association is sponsoring a workshop on opening statement and summation strategies. The event will be held in the Faculty Dining Room from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Speakers to be announced.

November 19: The Media Law Project will sponsor a symposium on careers in Entertainment Law from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Speakers to be announced.

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