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SBA Organized at NYLS; Adler Elected 1st Pres.

Association to Function as "Voice" of Students

BY MARVIN ROY RASKIN

The Student Bar Association, organized after a year of activity which included writing a constitution and formal approval by the students and Board of Trustees, officially began operating this semester as an integral part of New York Law School.

After promulgation and approval of the Constitution last April, elections were held in each class section for Student Bar representatives. The students elected then became candidates in a school-wide election for the executive positions on the Student Bar.

A third-year student, Charles Adler, was voted first President of the Student Bar Association. Al Braun, a night student, was elected Vice President. The other officers are Michael Guerrero, Secretary; Alie J. Schurman, Treasurer; and Anthony T. Riggio, Law School Division Representative.

Work on the constitution began in the summer of 1968 when two representatives from each class met and formed a constitutional committee. Guided by student bar executives, the committee constructed and ratified our new Constitution, which was later approved by the Board of Trustees and students.

"The Student Bar Association will establish a closer relationship between the students and the administration and faculty," Mr. Adler, the new President, said. "The Association hopes to install in the students...

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Affiliation With Pace
Begins 2d Successful Year

Goal is Permanent Merger

BY WILLIAM NOLAN

In November 1967, agreement was reached by the Board of Trustees of New York Law School and the Board of Trustees of Pace College for the affiliation of these schools for the period beginning September, 1968 and lasting through June, 1972.

The concept of affiliation isn't new. It had been discussed unofficially for many years both here and at Pace, going back to the days of Deans Runkle and Gutman and to Mr. Charles T. Bryan, one of Pace's founding fathers.

During a recent interview, President Mortola of Pace College stated, "the affiliation is the most natural kind of thing that could have come about, between two institutions with related concerns, and a similar student body, which exists so close to one another."

It shows that the two schools in mind and welfare of their students and are trying to provide the best possible educational relationship for them.

The affiliation is, at present, a very loose concept. New York Law School continues to be operated as a separate entity, while Pace has been a common goal for the two educational institutions.

The Student Bar Association of New York Law School is concerned with preserving its identity and maintaining a relatively separate existence while providing Pace with a common goal for the future. The maintenance of our own Board of Trustees and an exchange of Trustees with Pace evidence our desire for a separate identity while still seeking affiliation. At present, Judge Frossel, General Goldstein and President Smith,

Robert L. Young of Toronto, Canada, is President of the International Fraternity, Richard J. Kane, of New York, is the Secretary, and Mr. Kane is a member of the firm of Dewey, Ballantine, Robert, and Wood, and President of the Phi Delta Phi Association of New York City. His action will be held prior to the Christmas recess in order to permit the elections for officers for final examinations.

The purpose of the pledge program will be to inculcate in the students the history, ideals and functions of Phi Delta Phi.

The Brotherhood welcomes all students to participate.

Student Fraternity Officers Attend Biennial Convention

By FERN SEIGEL

The New York Law School chapter of Phi Delta Delta, the International Legal Fraternity for women, will hold its first welcoming meeting for the women in the freshman class on October 10, 1969 at 2 p.m. on the fourth floor.

Phi Delta Delta is a professional fraternity for women in the legal profession. It was chartered as a non-profit corporation in 1912.

Phi Delta Delta was founded to promote high standards of scholarship, professional ethics, proficiency and achievement among women in the legal profession. Moreover, it seeks to unite women of character and outstanding ability in the bonds of affection and sisterly love.

Membership in Phi Delta Delta is based on the above-the-ordinary desire to know and fulfill the responsibilities and ideals of the legal profession. It means the lifelong challenge with women sharing ambitions and objectives, love and understanding, the continuing effort in achieving a place in the legal profession.

Our Beta Sigma Chapter was established at New York Law School last year, and was until last year that there were enough women at the law school to begin such a chapter. The first step was taken to link with the national legal fraternity for women.

Although the chapter is young, because of the large number of female students in the freshman class, its current members expect the organization to grow into an active one.
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Dean Rafalko believes that a closer interaction among student and faculty, and Dean and Administration is necessary in a school of our size. The Dean of Law College should not be aloof or inaccessible to students. The Dean stated that he welcomes students to see him whenever they have a problem and need advice. He urges students to freely express any suggestion that they feel would be beneficial to the school. Student ideas will be considered and used to develop programs and policies representative of the entire school.

In addition, Dean Rafalko stated that as Dean, he should represent the interests of the school generally, and not those of any small group. Whatever programs will improve the school in the academic and general community, will be the special interest of the Dean at this point of his tenure. The recent organization of the Student Bar was also of interest to him. He was surprised to learn that one did not exist in the past, and felt that it was important to have such a body as an official voice of the students. It is his opinion that the officers of the Student Bar should represent the "pulse beat" of the students. It should communicate student problems and thoughts to the Administration. This will create a more viable connection between the students and Dean, to our law school's benefit.

Furthermore, the Dean discussed programs which he hopes to implement as soon as possible. Fast, he has already started on an expanded placement program. His goal is to eventually establish an independent placement bureau. This will result in individual attention being given to the problems that students may have in seeking employment after graduation. There is no reason why a school of our size should not be able to place all of its graduating seniors. He hopes to accomplish this in conjunction with the senior class this year. However, finances are a problem, and all programs must be developed within a realistic economic range.

The Dean also discussed the school's participation in the Urban Corps, an organization which would make available funds and part- and full-time job opportunities to our students. He felt that joining was a desirable step, but that it involved matching funds by the school and that to participate at the present time, would strain the school's financial resources. This problem must be discussed with the Board of Trustees before anything can be done. At any rate, the Dean would like us to soon become a member.

Since finances are always a problem in a private institution like our school, the Dean hopes to increase alumni activity in order to obtain greater alumni financial support. The Dean feels that since students spend three years of their life at a law school, once they graduate, they should maintain an interest in their Alma Mater's development. Moreover, increased alumni activity will help our school to achieve greater status in the academic community. The Dean was also impressed with such progressive innovations as Professor Schwartz's Electronic Court and Professor Koffler's Law School Society Participation Program.

DR. WALTER A. RAFALKO
In his opinion, both programs have helped bring financial and academic interest to New York Law School.

Future Role of Law Forum

BY JOHN GIFFORD

Since its inception in 1955, The New York Law Forum has been constantly progressing toward its goal of excellence. In 1969 it has achieved the status of "being among the Top twenty-five percent of law reviews in the country."

No doubt its quality will always remain superior since the caliber of its members is constantly on the rise. The question is whether it should remain a general law review as we now know it, or should it become a symposium-type law review, or possibly a law review which specializes in a certain area of the law.

Each kind of publication has its own set of problems and advantages, but both are being considered by law reviews across the country. The forces behind these ideas are twofold: one is to be as useful as possible to the legal profession, and the other is to sustain an optimum subscription rate. Both of these ideals are sensitive nerves with the smaller law reviews around the country.

Their general issues are of the best quality, but the demand for them leaves much desired. It is felt that specialization in one form or another will enhance the usefulness of our product.

With the initial publication of this student newspaper, the New York Law Forum wishes to invite comment from all readers on this aspect of the Law Forum as well as others. We especially would like to invite all alumni of New York Law School to write in comments and suggestions for the law review. We also feel that the alumni has a responsibility to aid the law school and the law review by subscribing on a regular basis to the law review.

It is time for us all to join in a quest for achievement and excellence.

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11 Students "Live-In" At Pace College Dorm

BY JOHN HILGEMAN

"We are only a ten minute walk from class." "The library is available at any time."
"We are in the heart of a legal and educational community."

These are just a few of the comments of New York Law students living in the new Pace College dormitory. The consensus among them is that the dormitory provides comfortable and convenient accommodations.

One of the primary benefits is living close to New York Law School. The dormitory is directly opposite City Hall on the east, thus making the whole trip from room to class no more than six blocks. Of course, there are other contingent benefits, such as being able to go to the library at any time, not having to worry about the consequences of forgetting notes, living in an academic atmosphere and having an opportunity to meet many different people. Moreover, there is always an available place to study without interruption.

Within the area are several courts, Federal Plaza, The Municipal Building and City Hall. Many restaurants are also readily accessible from Nedicks to Longchamps. Within walking distance is Chinatown and within a short subway ride is Greenwich Village. On the east side, near Houston Street, are baseball diamonds and tennis courts. A few blocks downtown is the Wall Street area.

The Pace dormitory contains classrooms, a gymnasium, a student center and garden. Many of the facilities will be open to New York Law students in the future.

The room rates - $650 per student per year for a double room and $800 for a single room are reasonable. Each unit has wall to wall carpeting and air conditioning. There are study lounges on each floor, and a kitchenette and washer and dryer on alternating floors.

Of course, there are disadvantages. The most common complaint is over parietal hours. However, there is a possibility that either within this year or the next, New York law students may be granted their own section of the dormitory. Another problem that exists is insufficient parking space. The only available garage is one block away.

These problems will probably be resolved within the year. In any event, the New Pace College dormitory is certainly worth consideration by any New York Law School student looking for an apartment in New York City.

EXPANDING GIANT: Construction has not yet been completed on the Pace complex, but the tower housing the dorm is finished and is now occupied by law students.

DORM LIFE: New York Law School students living at the Pace College dormitory are (left to right) M. Gates, C. Levine, L. Parker, R. Diego, B. Cotter and R. Macaluso.

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GREETINGS
All who are part of the N.Y.L.S. Community welcome Dr. Walter A. Rafalko as Dean of New York Law School. Dr. Rafalko, who was the EQUITAS Dean of Duquesne Law School and an educator for over twenty years, arrives eminently qualified to lead our law college in the future.

He comes to us at a time when New York Law School is taking a new direction in the area of student participation, evidenced in the existence of a Student Bar Association and our new student newspaper.

Both the Student Bar Association and EQUITAS have the full approval and backing of the Dean. New York Law School looks forward to a long and prosperous future under the leadership of Dean Rafalko.

STUDENT BAR
At the last meeting of the Student Bar Association, it was obvious that the work of this organization is fundamental to New York Law School. Whatever reason there is or was for not having a student bar in the past, it is indeed necessary at the present time. For example, the business of meeting ranged from the establishment of a student directory to the creation of this newspaper and other activities. These activities are essential if the experience at law school is to be valuable. The Student Bar Association is the only organization which can coordinate them and it is urged to do so with deliberate speed.

Moreover, and of most importance, the Student Bar serves as a symbol of greater cooperation. The voice of the students accepted a large responsibility. All at New York Law School invites its readers to write and participate in the activities of the new Student Bar Association.

ON ADVOCACY
Our profession bequeaths the need for more experienced trial lawyers. The reason for this alarm is the rapidly diminishing number of competent individuals willing to risk success by attempting to master the creative art of advocacy. Underlying this crisis is the glaring fault of the majority of law schools in failing to adequately train or, at least, stimulate interest in this bold venture into what has been called the legal disaster area.

The vast majority of entering law students is overcome by the Perry Mason Complex--the feeling that he is a gift to the legal profession, the protector of rights in the courtroom. Yet, they quickly lose their fervor of becoming a second Clarence Darrow and find the comfortable feeling of security by working for a large firm. They either leave the courts to the "experts" or they enter the increasing ranks of social oriented poverty lawyers.

New York Law School has taken large strides to bridge the idealistic gap between the fervor of the entering law student and the disinchantment of the graduating senior by instituting a program for developing basic skills in the art of advocacy.

This program should be encouraged and enhanced with the help of the administration by making advocacy classes smaller and more realistic by presenting actual cases in a "mock" courtroom and by working for a large firm. They will keep the thrill of trial excitement in the student-lawyer alive throughout his law school career.

The senior entering the course in Trials and Appeals will then be a veteran of trial by combat, armed with the blade of experience, and prepared to tackle through the underbrush of courtroom delay.

EQUITAS invites its readers to write "Letters to the Editor" on any topic relevant to the New York Law School community. The right to edit letters to conform to space requirements is reserved by EQUITAS. Letters should be either mailed to the Editor of EQUITAS, New York Law School, 57 Worth St., N.Y.C., N.Y., 10013 or deposited in the EQUITAS mailbox on the main floor of the law school building.
FROM THE PRESIDENT

SBA-ACTIVITIES

On this, my first opportunity to formally communicate with the entire student body, I feel obliged to justify the existence of the Student Bar Association. Many of you will recall the skepticism which surrounded the birth of this organization. Those doubts were not unreasonable but were the inevitable product of the students’ experience. Now, after almost two years, I would like to attempt to reevaluate the potential of the S.B.A. in the light of its record.

The S.B.A., participated in fraternities and other organizations established the “Big Brother” program to provide continuing assistance, and with the students throughout their first year at the Law School. We submitted a proposed budget which we thoroughly reviewed with the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees. Although it must be finally approved by the entire Board, we expect an appropriation of more than $2,200.00 plus the assumption of certain other expenses by the School where we have opened an office on the fourth floor of the Law

We have been allocated space on the fourth floor of the Law School where we have opened an office which we are presently sharing with EQUITAS.

EQUITAS is a project sponsored by the Student Bar Association, justly and Phi Delta Phi, the legal fraternity.

Student participation, as well as recognition, that the entire student community benefits by the addition of responsible student opinion in decision-making processes, is increasing. For the first time, student representatives have addressed the Board of Trustees, Faculty meeting, and Faculty conference meetings. I have proposed that there be a voting student membership on certain faculty committees, which deal with matters of vital interest to the students, as for example, the curriculum and disciplinary committees. These proposals are currently being discussed with the administration and the Board.

We are developing a comprehensive course and instructor evaluation questionnaire which will be distributed late this semester. This survey will be specific enough to be of great value in formulating proposals in such areas as required curriculum, elective courses, requirements in to face changes, anonymous examinations, and determining student interests.

We are working with Dean Rafalko to establish an effective service center for service students and graduates. The Dean has had great experience in this field and a report will be made in the next issue of this magazine.

Those second and third year students who attended the Mentorium program on October 15, know what a great departure.

CHARLES ADLER

it was from prior years at the Law School for the Freshmen, students, it was a beginning to be proud of.

Extracurricular clubs are being formed and appointed to student and student-faculty committees will be made. Information concerning these activities will be posted on the S.B.A. bulletin board in this major.

The above has been a brief outline of some of the more important programs and objective accomplishments of the S.B.A. in its first few months of operation. Truly though, the most significant and far reaching effects of our existence are subtle and intangible.

1. For one, our existence is justified by the communication among the various elements of the Law School community; a feeling that things are improving; a sense of student unity, purpose and achievement.

FRATERNITY PRESIDENT

PHI DELTA PHI

BY KENNETH ZEBROWSKI

It is a gratifying privilege and honor to be the first Dwight Inn, Phi Delta Phi. President to write a column in the first true student newspaper of New York Law School.

This paper and the creation of an active and viable Student Bar represents a commendable education of the student body of the New York Law School. It is particularly significant to me because it represents a concurrence of effort by Dwight Inn and the Student Bar Association. My belief is that the first true student newspaper of New York Law School.

In addition, it is essential that lawyers in today’s society have an increased sense awareness of social problems and of professional responsibility. They must be prepared to accept the challenge of involvement in the legal, political and social problems of the present day. The time to begin is, as the preamble suggests, while, one is still in law school. It is then that Phi Delta Phi, as professional fraternity, has a duty to foster these ideals.

The role to be played by a fraternity in a law school is that of a service organization which provides the student body with activities and programs which will broaden their competence in the legal field, in addition to that gained by academic training. This will prepare them to accept their roles as leaders and teachers in our society.

As we lawyers have no discretion about community and professional service, it is our duty to become involved. There is no better place than that of the law school to begin to express this responsibility.

In pursuance of this philosophy, the fraternity will sponsor programs, which include men of noted ability in the legal profession as guest speakers, a

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ANTHONY RIGGIO

was a voting delegate, as I was, candidates for national office, voting delegates were treated hospitably by the candidates, who tried to impress upon us that a wonderful job he would do if elected. As one became convinced of the candidate’s abilities, our involvement expanded to active support. Consequently, I had an opportunity to give the nominating speech for Sam Eisenberg, who was elected the national treasurer, a position which oversees a budget of about $150,000. I strongly feel that the responsibilities incumbent on national officers produce a sense of involvement on which large national corporations and law firms will look favorably. In addition, it elevates and enhances the status and prestige of the school which produces the officers.

I sincerely hope to see a student from New York Law School become involved in the American Bar Association activities on a national level. The contacts, friends, and activities of the conventions are of important value to the student in law school, who someday will be practicing law.

ANTHONY RIGGIO

By Anthony Riggio

national level, leadership and policy.

There were three days of conferences which dealt with a plethora of subjects and problems ranging from “Reforming the law school curriculum” to “Institutional racism”. Nights were spent in political concerts, and if one

ADVISING SCHEDULE

By Kenneth Zebrowski

course and instructor evaluation, placement service and book exchange. I hope that through these programs, and with the cooperation of the Student Bar, the fraternity will make significant contributions to the school, and to our prestige.

KENNETH ZEBROWSKI

is a voting delegate, as I was, candidates for national office, who attended the convention, was an example of constructive student involvement.

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"President Nixon Wants Peace."—Four redundant words this writer never expected to utter.

Yet, while walking on lower Broadway on October 15, I was accosted by a young man (judging from his appearance, he must have thought the date was October 31), who thrust before me a "petition" headed: "Nixon: We Want Peace!" It was then that I told him: "President Nixon wants peace, too." Bizarre! The poor thing was dummistruck. I had deprived him of his favorite fantasy, the feeling that he was courageously defying the embodiment of all things evil, that most terrifying war-monger since Attila the Hun: Richard M. Nixon.

I continued my walk. For a moment I was impressed by our commitment to Israel, by the worth of our contribution to West Berlin. These are questions which, on the other hand, have been raised with the knowledge of their responsibilities as citizens, must put pressure on the government to respond and act in accordance with that will. A government that negates the very nature of the American tradition of government is never acceptable.

There is no question that the people in Hanoi were working hand-in-glove with those whose solicitude for our "boys," they were dutifully impressed. They considered American public opinion a potent fact that could force the Nixon Administration into concessions. (The New York Times, October 15, 1969, p. 16, col. 1.)

To reiterate: President Nixon wants peace. Unquestionably, he is working toward that goal. But he needs time. Eight years of Executive incompetence cannot be undone in as many months. The deep thinkers on "M-Day" screamed that we can get out of Vietnam "No ships." Such was the worth of their contribution.

But the President of the United States must consider the total picture. What would be the effect of a precipitate American withdrawal on our allies fighting for disengagement were discussed as all students were given an opportunity to express their views on the Vietnam War.

A DAY OF CONSCIENCE: Students attended the October 15th Moratorium symposium held on the fourth floor. The legal issues involved in the war and proposals for disarmament were discussed as all students were given an opportunity to express their views on the Vietnam War.

If the "M-Day" crowd is suggesting an abrupt end to the interventionist policy we have pursued for the past three decades, let them say so. If they would have us return to the foreign policy of Calvin Coolidge, let them say so.

On the other hand, if an sober, analytical, they are unwilling to accept the unacceptable consequences that attend an implementation of their "foreign policy," let them stand firm behind their elected leader. President Nixon wants peace. A decent, honorable, enduring peace he will achieve, if only the sophomores give him the chance.

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A TALE:

'Foibles Of A Freshman'

BY JOEL HARVEY SLOMSKY

It rained lightly on my first day of law school, but its chilly presence certainly could not be significant. After all, rain always appeared the first day of every school I attended, as I recall. I ignored its current intrusion; not intentionally though, but because THIS time I was diverted by something more urgent: pursuing my new-found distaste attached waveringly to my arm to stretch ... and ST-T-K-E-T-C-4!! The pain multiplied; but somehow I endured it. Why? Because in my arms the familiar cover of blue Foundation Press publications were years of condensed knowledge - written for bewildered beginners with only they remembered their orientations, aimed at stimulating and motivating our novice now-distorted draped with rueful smiles, gave spirited talks intruded; maybe they would realize that this ritual, from burdensome an affair as meeting relatives. But its misty presence certainly could span the student's viewpoint with doubts. The challenge spanned three years.

Yet, the experience confronting me caused a strange, but welcomed anxiety. I was clothed with doubts. The challenge spanned three years. No rainbow would appear at the end of that path, nor would there be an instant "pot of gold" awaiting. But the lawyer "mythique" had so absorbed my imagination that I felt compelled to follow the path ahead and proceed.

"What is the Law?" was the giant, simple question pressing me. In college I had taken such courses as Constitutional Law, which had introduced cases written by eminent Supreme Court jurists. I understood that "a law was, as the revered Holmes had succinctly pronounced, that a man cannot yell "fire!" in a theater. Yet, I wondered, why did it take an isolated instance of Holmes' brilliance to state what plainly appears to be a common sense assumption?

The first day of classes burst upon me as suddenly as sunlight pierces through an open window. I entered the law school building, swept by the vast majestic structure facially adorned by famous quotations. I felt engulfed by a strange omnipresent phenomenon; by an unfelt pressure that subconsciously controls my conduct; by a tacit compassionate noun - the law.

I sat in class silently, at times glancing at President, addresses freshmen. If this is true, then why did I remember, courageously An alert mind, I remember, courageously weathered two days of orientation. The atmosphere was boringly friendly. Professors, draped with respectful smiles, gave spirited talks aimed at stimulating and motivating our novice afloat on the concepts of the legal mind which works syllogistically as follows:

1) I am presumed to know what I am certain that I do not know.
2) My ignorance of what I do not know is no excuse for not knowing what I am presumed to know.
3) Therefore, I am presumed to know that I am ignorant of that which I do not know and of that which I am presumed to have no excuse for.

EXACTLY CORRECT!!!! However confusing this may be, these meager excursions in logic consummated a great deal of my time that first year until subliminally I became mesmerized by their frequency. Passively, I tolerated their presence.

Finals confronted me as May arrived. The "hazy hand," "Davies' ass" "Mrs. Palsgraf," all greeted me at the exams tortuously tested my fledging ability. I discovered - by way of necessity and panic - how to assume more facts than were given, and I wrestled with each final until all were part of my immediate past. The day I received my grades my mother called. I explained to her that I possessed "premature" mainly because I passed all my courses, and that I would be home tomorrow.

She said it was raining at home, and inquired as to whether I had found a summer job. I told her that I did - with Good Humor Ice Cream. She asked me other questions concerning the job, but regardless of my efforts to explain, somehow she could not believe that "my lawyer" would not be writing briefs for them... I won the bet, wittily, assigned to other duties - in a white uniform!

Sir . Yes, I understand it now, Sir. . Thank you!! I sat down, forever staking like last night's jelly.

The days passed as the concepts materialized. Analyzing some cases was as simple as reading Dickinson's poetry; others required thought. THOUGHT, I THINKING, exorcising logically the delicate fibres in my brain through a foreign method called inductive reasoning - that God-forsaken systematic approach contrived by the seers of the past. This method was to guide me, as it does every law student, in my quest for a legal education. Under its protective logic, principles are piled high as they develop into rational knowledge - civilization's backbone.

Indeed, I reflected, what a brilliant way to learn the law! But, BUT, why am I - why is anyone required to learn the law? It has been instilled in us from birth that we are "presumed" to know it, and that ignorance of it is no excuse. If this is true, then why did I learn so much of something that I am presumed to know? What was the rationale behind this curious phenomenon? Was this presumption valid? The answer can be found, I thought with curiosity, in the utilization of our friend - the inductive method: to wit, the analytic procedure of the legal mind which works syllogistically as follows:

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DEAN GREETS STUDENTS: Dean Rafiako spent time during the orientation program acquainting himself with students

CHARLES ADLER, S.B.A. President, addresses freshmen.
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Sincerely,
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the student newspaper. At Duquesne, where the Dean previously taught, he had urged students there to begin a student newspaper. He has brought this same enthusiasm to New York Law School, as he informed the leaders of the Student Bar early in the semester that he supported the idea of a student newspaper at our law school.

The newspaper will be financed through contributions from the Student Bar Association, Phi Delta Phi Fraternity and solicited advertisements.

The Student Bar has received a grant from the Board of Trustees to be used toward the publication of EQUITAS and the fraternity will contribute from its own funds.

Since one goal of both organizations is to achieve for the student newspaper, four thousand copies of this issue are being mailed to New York Law School alumni. Moreover, over five hundred copies are being circulated at Pace College with which New York Law School is affiliated.

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The future goals of the new Student Bar also include the formation of a Student Faculty Grievance Committee, and the representation of students on both the Board of Trustees and Faculty Curriculum Committee. Recently, the Board of Trustees approved the Student Bar's budget for the present school year. Among other items, funds were appropriated for publishing EQUITAS.

The Student Bar has a bulletin board in the main lobby on which all communications to the students will be posted.

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From The Class Of '71-Day
Legal Aid Offers Practical Skills To Law Students

BY LEE MILLER

An elderly woman comes and tells you that her husband has died and that she has been denied Social Security benefits because her husband had received a California divorce ten years before of which the woman knew nothing.

A man explains that he had a job as a merchant marine but didn’t work because of a dock strike. He applied for unemployment insurance, but was denied benefits because, it was charged, he was unavailable for employment when called.

These problems are examples of what the law student working for the Legal Aid Society may face. The student prepares his case and then actually represents the client at the administrative hearing. The Legal Aid Society at 11 Park Place, in downtown Manhattan, provides an excellent opportunity for the student to escape from the theory of law and experience the practical side. As a student, one may have heard of an Order to Show Cause, a stipulation or a deposition. But the student, in helping the poor, must actually draw up these legal papers and file them in the proper court. Thus, the student witnesses the theory he has learned applied in a practical manner.

The poor of this country are often stifled by our legal system. They are the prey for every traveling salesman, neighborhood furniture store owner and dishonest finance company. There are laws and procedures whereby these unfortunate individuals may be protected. Many times a problem can be solved by making a telephone call to the opposing attorney. Negotiation is also one of the greatest tools of the attorney, and one can learn to develop this ability through actual discussion with other attorneys.

Moreover, an opportunity to address the bench and learn the art of getting to know the reactions and personalities of different judges are also a part of the law student’s training. As a student, a valuable contribution to the community can be made while receiving experience by devoting a few hours a week to the Legal Aid Society. Second year students especially are urged to apply for a position at 11 Park Place, Manhattan, five blocks south of the school, and to see Mr. Fleischman or Mr. Ripps in Room 809.

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