Tenured Professor At NYLS
Elected As First Woman President

by Susan Fleischman

It is probably not a surprise to anyone that when we, the editors had our first meeting of the semester, I was unanimously elected to report on Nadine Strossen’s most recent accomplishment: her election to the presidency of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The rationale behind this editorial decision had nothing to do with the fact that I attended this quintessential event which took place at the Princeton Club on January 26, 1991. Rather, their collective reasoning was that there was no other student who would enjoy writing about Professor Strossen more than I. And those who knew me would probably agree. For I am proud and extremely vocal of the high esteem I hold for Professor Strossen. I feel she is the paradigmatic role model. And it is not only me who feels that she is an extraordinary woman. NYLS obviously believes strongly in her. I say this not only because they asked her to join our faculty (in the fall... Continued on page 3.

KENNEDY WILL BE SPEAKING AT NYLS

Yes, that’s right Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. will be lecturing at NYLS on April 11th, 1991. This promises to be one of the biggest events sponsored by the Environmental Law Society (ELS) this year. Robert Kennedy, Jr. is Senior Staff Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council, Clinical Professor of Law at Pace University Law School and Supervising Attorney for the Hudson Fisherman’s Association. He will be speaking on “Citizen Action on the Hudson River”. The discussion will be held on the 5th floor Faculty Dining Room from 4:30-6:30. Everyone is invited and tell all your friends, as Robert Kennedy, Jr. is a dynamic speaker. Also, if you are concerned about the water you drink and whether it is really potable, you should attend.

In response to the Persian Gulf War ELS is sponsoring an event that can address and discuss the environmental horror and possible legal implications. As you may already know, there is a huge oil slick 12 miles wide and 60 miles long in the Gulf. The size of this oil slick is 20 times that of the Exxon Valdez spill. Many Environmentalists/Scientists—including Carl Sagan and friends—are seriously concerned about the possible effects of the oil refineries that are burning out of control.

The impact of these environmental catastrophes may have significant effects on the entire Earth, not to mention the middle east region, for years to come. On the home front ELS is working with NYLS in an attempt to get office paper recycled throughout the school. This would be a big accomplishment and environmental benefit which may be implemented soon, thanks to the efforts of the Facilities and Management Office. Here are a few things students can do to improve the NYLS environment:

1) Clean up after your self (we suppose learned this in kindergarten).
2) Recycle your aluminum cans and newspapers (don’t just throw them in the garbage).
3) If you see someone break rule 1 or 2 let them know, spread the word (let’s get with it—this is the 90’s).

Obviously there is a lot going on at NYLS concerning this growing field of environmental law. But we would like to get even bigger. So if you are interested in getting more involved, or you just want to know what is going on, come to the next ELS meeting. Signs are posted as to the time and place, or you can always stop by the ELS office at C-105. Until then, keep the Scene Clean!

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Strossen Elected ACLU Prexy

Succeeds
Norman Dorsen

New York Law School Professor Nadine Strossen was elected president of the ACLU by the national board on January 26, 1991. She took office on February 1. Professor Strossen teaches constitutional law. She is the first woman president in the history of the ACLU. Strossen is a graduate of Harvard Law School and previously practiced in Minneapolis and New York City.

Strossen replaces Norman Dorsen, a professor at NYU Law School, who served as president since 1976. She will preside over the Civil Liberty Union’s policy-making activities. Day to day activities of the ACLU are handled by the Executive Director.

The ACLU achieved momentary notoriety in the last presidential election when George Bush attacked Michael Dukakis as a “card-carrying member” of the American Civil Liberties Union. The Civil Liberties Union presently handles almost 80% of all reproductive freedom cases in the country. It also handles 90% of all federal prison cases. At any one time, the ACLU and its 51 affiliate offices have approximately 6,000 law suits pending.

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The Reporter Staff

salutes the men and women
presently serving in the Military
forces in the Middle East.
We hope they all get home safely.
Perhaps someday we can just
"give PEACE a chance."

"Under the First Amendment, there is no such thing as a false idea. However pernicious an opinion may seem, we depend for its correction not on the conscience of judges and juries but on the competition of other ideas. New York Times v. Sullivan, 376 U.S. at 270, 84 S.Ct. at 721.

"And they wonder why we never answer their signals... I'm telling you Marge, these people are bad news."
Otis R. Dannelet, 1st year

On January 29 the Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association presented a taped episode of the Phil Donahue show on the case of Bowers v. Hardwick, in which the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of a Georgia statute that criminalizes all forms of noncoital sexual activity. In a rare television appearance, Michael Hardwick told the story of his arrest, his subsequent journey through the courts, and the 1986 ruling that bears his name.

Hardwick’s tale began in 1982 when he was ticketed by officer R.K. Torick for drinking in public after leaving a Gay bar in Georgia. Hardwick paid the fine on the date required, but one hour late. Officer Torick, an active member of the local Ku Klux Klan, reacted immediately and obtained an invalid warrant to arrest Hardwick.

Three weeks later Torick arrived at Hardwick’s home. A houseguest opened the door, and Torick proceeded to the bedroom. After watching Hardwick and another man in media res for nearly a minute, the officer arrested the two on charges of sodomy.

In a civil suit against Georgia attorney general Michael Bowers, Hardwick alleged that the statute deprived him of his constitutional rights to privacy, and equal protection, and that the twenty-year maximum sentence was cruel and unusual punishment.

The Federal District Court dismissed the suit, but the Eleventh Circuit reversed, holding that the statute violated rights of privacy and intimate association. Bowers appealed, and the case of Bowers v. Hardwick went to the Supreme Court.

Numerous civil rights organizations, religious institutions, and other parties, together representing several million people, filed briefs in favor of respondent Hardwick. Several groups, describing themselves as moral watchdogs, filed briefs in favor of appellant Bowers.

Following oral arguments the plurality vote of the Supreme Court was five to four to affirm the opinion of the Eleventh Circuit. But when the time came to sign opinions, Justice Powell changed his mind and the final decision was to reverse the circuit court, five to four.

The Donahue episode was taped shortly after the Supreme Court published its ruling. The Donahue audience, like most Americans, almost unanimously opposed the decision. Phil Donahue read statistics indicating that 97% of all Americans are guilty of some violation of the Georgia law, and heartily suggested that civic-minded citizens should turn themselves in and serve their twenty year prison sentences. Callers and audience members spoke of the death of privacy, the intrusion of the state, and the arrival of Big Brother.

Several objected to the waste of police, court, and prison resources that resulted from the law.

(One caller said that the Constitution does not mention privacy and that therefore states could regulate any private activity.)

The decision in Bowers v. Hardwick surprised most observers and has drawn widespread criticism. Scholars have objected to the virtual absence of legal reasoning in the controlling opinions. Civil rights organizations have pointed to the effect that the Georgia statute and others like it have on Gay people, particularly in parent custody cases and government employment. The law encourages a perception that Gay people are inherently criminal.

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of 1981, but they were wise enough to grant her tenure after only one semester of teaching here. This support is buttressed once her term begins.

Those who are fortunate enough to know her are aware of her deep commitment to civil liberties. She recalls being a civil libertarian for "as long as I can remember." After all, active civil libertarianism is deeply rooted in her family history. Her father grew up in a "Half-Jew" in Hitler's Germany. He was extremely active in anti-Nazi political movements during his youth, and he miraculously survived a year in a concentration camp.

Professor Strossen entered law school with the specific goal of doing civil liberties litigation. Following her graduation from Harvard Law School (magna cum laude — top 5% — and Editor of Harvard Law Review), she became a cooperating ACLU lawyer immediately after being admitted to the bar (in 1976), in her then home state of Minnesota. And when she moved to New York in 1978 she promptly became a cooperating lawyer for the national ACLU.

Professor Strossen's leadership positions in human rights organizations include General Counsel, Executive Committee Member, and National Board Member of the ACLU; Vice Chair of Asia Watch; Executive Committee Member of Human Rights Watch; and Board Member, The Fund for Free Expression and the National Coalition Against Censorship. She has lectured extensively on various human rights issues throughout the U.S. and overseas. She has also been a frequent media commentator on constitutional law issues.

As a tenured law professor, she has a great deal of discretionary time at her command. And for the past several years, in addition to teaching Constitutional Law, Federal Courts and International Human Rights at NYLS, she has spent an average of 20 hours per week on ACLU work. Additionally, since her arrival at NYLS less than three years ago, she has had 11 of her works published, won three national and international awards, held (and still holds) positions in 16 different civic groups, and has given more than 43 formal speeches — in 7 different countries and 35 national (over 20 different states). All this is revolved around her busy academic schedule for she feels that "teaching is my highest priority" and would never let anything interfere with her commitment to her students.

This article is already too long, yet not long enough. I hope that by this point you are saying to yourself, "Wow, Nadine Strossen is truly an incredible woman. If so then I have done my job successfully. I know that I speak on behalf of the entire NYLS family when I say how proud we are of her. Congratulations Nadine! I have full faith that you will accomplish anything you set out to do on the ACLU agenda, with the same grace and ease we have seen so many times that seems to come so naturally to you!"

Susan Fleischman is a graduating third-year law student at NYLS, and is President and Executive Director of the Nadine Strossen Fan Club.
Labor & the Law
The Legal Aid Strike: A City for Help

by Michael Wood

Members of the Association of Legal Aid Attorneys staged a one-day walkout against the New York Legal Aid Society on Tuesday, January 29. The members intended to demonstrate their frustrations with the lack of progress in contract negotiations. The previous two-year collective bargaining agreement had expired in July. Negotiators had been taking place throughout the past seven months, but no new contract had been signed.

During the walkout, clients who were on trial continued to be represented by Association members. Oral arguments for appeals were also presented. Supervisors covered arrangements.

The union is asking for a 15% pay raise and increased affirmative action. According to the union, management is negotiating to cut costs to the workers. In the past, 100% of medical insurance was paid by the employer. The employer wants to change that to a system of 60% employer paid coverage, 40% worker paid coverage. The union contends that this increase in cost, added to the present employer offer of 1.5% pay increases, will result in a lower wage for Legal Aid attorneys.

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The Jewish Law Students Association

The Jewish Law Students Association is an organization designed to introduce the law school community issues affecting Jews in relation to the law and society. By way of speakers and lectures, the organization tries to bring light to the different ways that law affects Jews as a whole.

Last year, there were four speakers who came to speak on various issues. The first was General Amnon Strashnov, who is the current chief of the General of the Israeli Defense Forces in the occupied territories, who spoke on the manner in which the Jewish Defense Forces were ensuring the human rights of the Palestinians living in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. Issues relating to the three-year-old uprising in the West Bank were discussed.

Elizabeth Roth, a survivor of the Holocaust, came to talk about her experiences in the concentration camps. She was able to vividly describe the events of that period, along with the atrocities laid upon her and her family.

This past semester, the course of the general election year for members of Congress, congresswoman Carol Koeppel spoke on her electoral positions and aspirations. Running against Ted Weiss, a Democrat in the 18th Congressional District, she related her views on the current budget crisis and the Middle East and Israel.

Students also had the privilege last year of participating in a discussion with Berttram Zweibon, the current counsel to Americans for a Safe Israel, on his experiences in starting the Jewish Defense League more than twenty years ago. The event was very timely for vibrant discussion on theories of terrorism and unjust and just acts of violence in light of the brutal killing of Rabbi Meir Kahane, the founder of the Jewish Defense League, by El-Sageh Nasif.

A letter writing campaign was also a very successful last year in bringing to the attention of our country's legislators the plight of Soviet Jews. Facing discrimination and violent racism, the Soviet Jews are fleeing the Soviet Union in great numbers for Israel. The letters written by over two hundred and fifty students of the school urged the Soviet Union to permit direct flights to Israel, rather than by way of Eastern Europe.

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The Latino Law Student Society

The Latino Law Student Society's main event during the Fall Semester was the successful Outreach Program coordinated with the Black Law Student Association and the Asian Law Student Association. This yearly event solicits a few hundred minority high school students to participate in actual law school classes conducted by New York Law School faculty. The program encourages the students to continue their formal education. To further the goals of outreach, LLSA members and other law school students devoted several weeks to helping minority and disadvantaged students in applying for college.

The final event for the Fall Semester involved a panel discussion on the possibility of Puerto Rico becoming the fiftieth state. The panel included influential party leaders representing the major political views. The event was well attended. This semester we have planned a Law Day to encourage prospective Latino students to attend New York Law School, a panel discussion on voluntary segregation in schools, as well as a high school tutorial program for minority students.

The Environment:

Extra Help

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by Pete Wagner

Greenhouse effect — Deforestation of the Amazonian Rain Forest — Acid Rain — Ozone depletion — Dolphin-safe Tuna ... Saddam Hussein. These are the environmental issues that most people on the street are able to recognize without much difficulty. They are also the areas of the environment that are most often highlighted in the media. After Earth Day, our awareness of these and other environmental problems has been enlightened, but people continue to wonder what we can do about these troubling problems in our world. That is the purpose of this column. This column will help you to make a positive impact on our world, and will show you how to save energy, water and natural resources through common sense, conservation and recycling. Here are some helpful facts and tips about how to protect our environment.

FACT: When you throw away a soda can, it is like throwing away 6 full of gasoline. SAVE ENERGY BY RECYCLING!!

FACT: Brushing your teeth with running water wastes 2,000 gallons of water per person per year. MOISTEN, BRUSH, SPIT, RINSE!!!!

FACT: Lighting consumes 25% of American electricity. If you convert to fluorescent light fixtures, you can save more than 80% of the electricity used for lighting. CONVERT AND CONSERVE!!!

Peter Wagner, NYLS Class of 1995,
Dartmouth College, Class of 1989 is a member of the Environmental Law Society.

The Reporter: We're Looking for a Few Good Writers—Room 102, C Building
Note: The Sirys’ Peace Plan

by Lawrence and Anastasia Siry

Over the past month I, as many of you, have had one thing on my mind: the Gulf War. I have watched CNN from dawn to dusk read the New York Times, and gone but we have a few for starters. On any have had one thing on my mind: The Gulf the World’s favorite family vacation spot. Hussein lies, Bush lies: and the biggest Airports. Beautiful hotels on the West compliance. (Look who owns the major At the entrance to the park would be the constitution saw the right of free would be exquisite (just like the Polyne­ ing for answers, in a sea of lies. Saddam fly into Baghdad, Ben Gurion, or Ryad Washington or the contract­ors). could see Calvary. The amusements would tric, one of the largest defense derella’s Castle). In the background one the Dome of the Rock (instead of Cin­

Anastasia, a first year student at Florida the “Almighty- Framers” of happy tourists and the accommodations Anastasia, Florida State University. I have always thought tickets. “The Holy Family Tree House” take three purple tickets. There would be lifesized stuffed charicatures of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Mohammad, Noah, Ab­ raham, Job, and Ruth for the children’s entertainment. We would have Arabs and Jews selling hot dogs and cotton candy, while the Catholics would work the fish­ry. There would be balloons with crosses, stars of David, and Islamic crescents. Mecca would be a day trip and tickets would be purchased in advance of the ride. People could ride the Disney­world’s largest roller coaster. People could see Mosques’ part the Red Sea in the morning, look the Rainbow of Arabia’s camel ride in the afternoon, and watch the World’s most beautiful fireworks each night. It would be a good capital investment and would bring peace to the Middle East—Peace in the Middle East—won! Maybe it is just a fantasy.

New York Law School
Guidelines for Students Called To Military Service

by Michael Wood

Responding to student questions about possible consequences of being called to active duty, the Office of Student Services has been working with the following guidelines. Student Affairs Director Helen Friel has emphasized that deci­ sions will be made on an individual basis, but offered some general guidelines for students called up for military service:

1) Tuition will be credited to the next semester the student is able to return to school.

2) If course work has not been com­pleted, a student should expect to start over in the new semester.

3) If a student has been called up, the student has the opportunity to take an incomplete exam and may audit the course at a later date. The course must be taken during the next semester of attendance before taking the exam.

4) The timing of the call to service will determine that possible actions. Students who are concerned should contact the Office of Student Services, on the second floor of “A” building, or should call 431-2318. The Office of Student Services is open from 9:30 to 5:00 on Monday to Friday. The school will arrange for a mid-week class.

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Nadine Strossen wishes to express her deepest thanks to the students, faculty and administration of NYLS for their support during her campaign and the events following her election to the Presidency to the American Civil Liberties Union. “My only regret is that I have not been able to personally thank each and every one of you yet.” –Nadine Strossen

Viewpoint:
“Diversity or Exclusion”

by Seamus Murphy, IL

Nowadays, certain groups find it chic to claim that they want certain changes to be made because of their alleged belief in “Diversity or Inclusion,” but—is this really the goal of these activists? Is it their goal to replace one hierarchy of bias that they feel discriminates against them with another hierarchy of bias that discriminates in favor of them?

When Jesse Jackson claims that he wants to set up a “Rainbow Coalition,” is this really what he and his supporters want? If so, then how does one explain the criticism by many non-African-Americ­ans that the color of the Rainbow Coalition is basically black? How does one explain the criticism by many African-Americans that he has sold out Black America, as the Rainbow Coalition is not black enough; or explain the “Hymie” comments by Jesse Jackson himself? (I believe his apology to be sincere and I apologize to him for any embarrassment this letter may cause him.)

For those who did not attend the confer­ence, you missed an informative presenta­tion. What was clear from the presentation is that the determination of whether an act is bias or not, may depend on subjective beliefs instead of an objective standard. For example, one panelist felt that during a robbery, in which one of the perpetrators called one of the victims “Bruce Lee”, that this name-calling made it a bias inci­dence. Another panelist felt, otherwise, since the original motive was robbery not racism. Three of the speakers appeared concerned enough with bias and had worthwhile opinions to present to the audience. The fourth speaker was so blatant­ly anti-white and anti-black, it was appalling. This per­son even felt that people, whom she described as hate-mongers, possibly should be denied the constitutional right of freedom of speech.

I hope that if this coalition ever holds another conference, that they will be sensitive enough to make it obvious that all NYLS students are invited. Also, they should consider if panelists like the fourth speaker are there to enhance the discussion or are there merely to use it as a forum to spread their bigotry. Furthermore, maybe they should consider whether all students at this institution should be asked into the discussion or are there merely to use it as a forum to spread their bigotry. Furthermore, maybe they should consider whether all students at this institution should be asked into the discussion or are there merely to use it as a forum to spread their bigotry.
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Real Women Don’t Kick Butt

by Liz Amor

The war in Iraq was over for three or four days when my classmate asked me if I thought women should be drafted. Yes, I answered. Then I pointed out how injust it would be for my male twin to go and not me. Our parents would be just as heartbroken, if not more. The question was, why the sex equality? This idea has always been in my head, but it is not an easy concept to accept, especially in a war that is the price women pay for equal protection. Though there is no reason why I shouldn’t be drafted and ending a war is the price we pay for equal protection, it is always easier for me to accept why others are drafted than to accept why I am not drafted. Instead, it is a respect to brutality.

Ever since, I have wondered at my own “what if” scenario. What if I was a mother to six war, six weeks previously, and I had been breast-feeding her baby. Shouldn’t we be ashamed and horrified at a new mother in a fatigues? To find a suitable answer, I went out and bought a copy of Virginia Woolf’s Three Guineas, which was written in response to a question similar to the one my classmate asked of me. The question put to Woolf was: “How is your answer to being a woman?” She replied, “Why fight?”—is not an answer of any value. Obviously there is for you some glory, some necessity, some satisfaction in fighting which we have never felt or played. Woolf wrote many wars ago but her words still pertinent.

Suddenly it was a ludicrous idea for women to fight a war on behalf of equality. War is too long a private affair to ensure that their affairs are in order if they should not return from combat. On the home front, the JAG provides legal advice to dependents with financial problems. After active service is over, the employer is obligated to reinstate the employee if they have volunteered for service with their units. The JAG’s primary job is to maintain discipline within the military. One Judge Advocate prosecutes violations of military law before a court-martial, while another Judge Advocate represents the defendant. Since the beginning of Operation Desert Shield, the JAG has commenced court-martial proceedings against reservists and national guardsmen who have not reported for active duty as ordered. Some examples of these cases are: officers who are unwilling to honor their reserve commitment after receiving Reserve Officers’ Training School, training on the JAG also tried to persuade other sectors of the military. To handle the extra work, the president has activated reservist Judge Advocates, while others have volunteered for service with their units.

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This protection only applies to employees if they are self-employed and they bear all of the costs themselves. The JAG reserves and guardsmen, who are sole practitioners, are likely to have a great deal of state economically. By indiscriminately attacking civilians and soldiers alike, the United States has killed innocent people. The JAG is the JAG’s most significant contribution may take place after the war. James P. Horan—

Riding home on the bus; the black bus driver was singing tunes—tunes of hard work and pride. I realized that not too long ago I took this same bus with the same bus driver while the 16th Avenue bus was going on. At that time, months earlier, Yusuf Hawkins was killed in Bensonhurst and I wondered back then if the black historian was apprehensive about driving through Bensonhurst because of the racial tension which had developed. I wanted so much to ask him, but I looked away, not wanting to draw attention. I thought he lived in safe times. I thought he lived in safe times.

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The Few . . . . The Brave

Phillip Spyropoulos

Though a system of beliefs may often be burdened with stifling notions of self-perpetuating constans, eternal and static ideals, made so through the simple vehicle of eternal and static consensus, are too rare and delicate to tinker with. One such ideal is that of Bravery. Bravery is a universal ideal that has been respected by the ancients, by our pre-historic ancestors, and even by fellow animals, transcending cultures, gender, and widely disparate mindsets. Since we are slowly but surely reaching a level of intellectual sophistication where, based upon the simple discovery that we are ultimately the architects of our own meaning, we can actually consciously and collectively decide to embrace or reject any particular Fundamental Idea (i.e.—an idea resting on no other grounds or legitimacy than its own existence), or even create one to suit our needs. Once we decide to embrace Bravery as such a universal (whether based upon a collective, conscious decision to do so or upon beliefs legitimized by other means) we have a responsibility not to compromise the very thing that makes it a universal, its universality. By not protecting its universality such an ideal ceases to be a universal ideal and any advantages it would have given us as a universal would be lost. It is just this sort of damage that we are presently inflicting on the universal by Bravery.

I get a very deliberate impression from the media and my fellow Americans that bravery is a thing reserved exclusively for ourselves and our allies. As of the writing of this article, only (and I must say it in this tasteful manner to serve the semantic flow of this argument, respecting full and deep respect for our soldiers on the sands) a handful of Coalition combatants have been killed by enemy fire, and their positions up until now have been relatively secure. A handful of pilots shot down every few days after thousands of “victory” missions. “They are the brave” we say. Every few days a Scud will land in Israel, very few people are hurt or killed, and damage is relatively minimal. The Israelis, and specifically the Tel-Avivians, bravery, at least in the press, has been hailed to the point of epic heroism.

What about the Iraqis? What about the Iraqi citizens who must endure the incredibly massive shower of bombs rained over their heads, day after day, hour after hour, throughout the nights, throughout the days, no relief, no calm, just thousands upon thousands of tons of bomb-tearing, skin flapping, eye-popping, explosives relentlessly splattering brains and shattering lives. If living through the comparatively inconsequential token damage inflicted by the pitifully impotent Scud attacks on Israel merits such strong bestowals of bravery, then what of the Iraqis living through their bloody hell. Yet I have heard not one member of the press, not one fellow American, not one human being being remotely allude to the bravery that the Iraqi people must have to continue living under such circumstances. Unlike their Israeli counterparts, this living term is exacerbated by the fact that Iraq is being deprived of everything from food, water and electricity to freedom. It is true that Israelis are dealing with a ruthless and unpredictable enemy and must always fear the threat of a chemical attack. Yet it is clear that the Iraqis do not have the capability at this point to cause Israel any serious harm, and most of the population will hopefully be protected from chemical attack through the use of gas masks and “safe rooms.” The fact that one nation is purposely attacking civilian targets while the other side seems to be doing its best to avoid them is a relevant issue for purposes of accountability, but the real issue to be reckoned with is the actual effects and casualties of the bombing and the quantity and quality of attention that is paid to the terrors and claims of carnage that I am making, but I have no doubt that civilian casualties resulting from this war will be the four digit range. Neither Hussein nor our own people have told us anything about this that doesn’t look at the hundreds of fatalities resulting from the limited bombing we effected in Panama as a good indicator of how many Iraqi civilians we expect to lose (despite precautions taken to protect civilian targets).

Assuming that we have decided to accept Bravery as one of those universal ideals that are to be applied with equal effect universally, we must also serve the exigencies of the situation, which we should value our society’s ideals, the very ideals that we are supposedly fighting for in the Gulf, by not compromising their integrity, by giving the Iraqis their fair dues; by admitting that they are a brave, brave people. Again, the fact that they might be considered by many as warmongers, hatefull, fanatic or ignorant can not in any way compromise their bravery and I fail to disagree with any simplistic notion holding that war-mongers, and hateful and ignorant people can not be brave. Although I consider their nation as an enemy with a set of values that have a long way to go before maturing into anything remotely approaching a decent society, I respect them, their pride and their bravery and I can sense the depth of their culture and their suffering.

The same course of can be said of Iraq’s fighting men. They are hungry, undernourished, lack medical attention and face overwhelming odds, as evidenced by the high numbers of soldiers they lose for every one we lose. They are also being subjected to direct and massive bombardment the likes of which Asia has never before seen in its history. Being slowly and relentlessly mauled by huge concentrations of explosives (including the use of the brain-damaging cluster bomb). The barrages are of immense, may very well seem like an Alien war to us on the dropping end, but I would appreciate it if every one of you tried to imagine the horror that thousands of their soldiers are going through probably at this very moment (need some help? you feel your skin crackle under pressure as the room is etched out with orangy flames that burn the skin off your eyes before you have a chance to blink, with just enough time for you to witness your own annihilation. A young soldier screams in agony as his exposed and brittle fingers, burned by the blaze, are roasted in a raging fire, the stretch of scorched flesh smelling like a burnt steak). One exercise you can perform to help you understand where I am coming from is simply to pretend that you did not have the good fortune of being born on this side of the line. That the daily events that result in these decisions are not the product of measurable, justifiable, and lucid thought. But the instinctual, emotional, and instinctual moral justifications, and put yourself in their shoes.

It further seems to me that our media is trying to undermine any notion of our accepting our enemy’s bravery through reports of how keen our soldiers seem to be to surrender. Yet I could only hope that our soldiers would comport themselves similarly under such unbearable circumstances. Bravery is not belongs to our soldiers, for the Israelis, for our own. Bravery is reserved for the brave. And the more we ignore this simple idea, the more we risk losing it."
Roving Reporter
by Susan Fleischman

What would your dream Valentine’s Day be like?

Karen Emma, 3L
A nice quiet day upstate in a log cabin, with the fireplace on and the snow falling outside. I would be with a very affectionate man like Michael Isaacs, and doing nothing but sitting in front of the fireplace just cuddling and talking all day and all night about anything but law.

Benjamin Setareh, 1L
A ski vacation weekend, warm weather and a hot tub.

Jim Shoemaker, 3L
Frolicking in the waves of Wai Ki Ki with my favorite tanned surfer-babe, Sue Fleischman.

Lawrence Siry, 3L
Valentine’s Day is just another ploy of the capitalist system used to further suppress the workers—After the revolution, there will be no Hallmark.

Brian Neville, 1L
I would be with my girlfriend alone in a winter cabin in a Jacuzzi with a fireplace and lots of champagne.

Susan Fleischman, 3L
It would be filled with chocolate from all my favorite people. No flowers. No champagne. I will just be fed lots and lots of chocolate! (hint, hint!!!)

Brian Becker, 1L
A horse and carriage ride through Central Park with champagne and roses. Then going to a Broadway show, then dinner.

Eric Levine, 1L
A nice day of skiing and then warming up in front of a fireplace and drinking a bottle of champagne and exchanging massages.

Kim Potter, 3L
Not seeing a single person wearing red or carrying flowers.

Joseph Cella, 1L
Sleep late with my wife and relax & frolick in the king size bed at least until noon. At which point breakfast would be delivered to our room with a yellow rose in a small vase to symbolize the romance of the day.
Summer Courses in Environmental Law & Policy

Vermont Law School's nationally known Environmental Law Center is offering 27 courses in environmental law, policy and dispute resolution this summer. Two credit, two-week and eight-week courses are open to law school students to transfer to their JD programs, or as candidates for the Center's unique Masters program in environmental law. Courses begin May 31 and conclude August 9.

General environmental law courses being offered include an overview course in environmental law as well as individual law and policy courses covering wildlife, forestry, agriculture, solid waste, animal rights, energy, coastal zone management, and international and comparative environmental law, ecology, and environmental management.

Land use and planning courses include introduction to planning and zoning as well as specialized courses in the politics of land use, environmental problems in real estate development, issues in affordable housing, land use controls administration, and conservation land trusts. Technology and the environment courses include two overview courses, risk assessment and the law, and the law of toxic and hazardous substances; specialized courses include biotechnology law and policy, dispute resolution courses include environmental litigation, alternative dispute resolution and the environment, negotiation, and mediation.

The summer faculty is drawn from nationally known environmental lawyers, managers in scholars. New faculty this summer includes Allen Miller from the University of Maryland's Center for Global Change, Robert Irvin of the National Wildlife Federation, Chief Counsel of the US Senate Agriculture Committee James Cline, and Albert Meijerhoff, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council.

Law students may apply to the Center's two-summer Masters program. Credits may be earned through coursework, optional internships are available. For further information about the Summer Session or the Masters program, contact Leslie Staudinger, Environmental Law Center, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT 05068; phone 800-227-1395 ext. 2212.

Public Interest Fellowships

The Charles Revson Foundation has announced the availability of Law Students Public Interest (LSPIN) Fellowships for law students interested in working public interest positions. Stipends of $3,250 are available for first and second year law students attending law school in New York and New Jersey who have secured volunteer summer placements with public interest organizations in the New York metropolitan area.

The 1991 LSPIN Fellowship Program is being administered by the Root-Tilden-Snow Program at New York University Law School. Up to 50 grants will be made to students working full time for ten weeks during the summer of 1991. Applications and more detailed guidelines have been forwarded to both the Dean's office and the Placement Office of your School. LSPIN encourages all interested students to apply. Deadline for applications is Tuesday, March 12, 1991. Awards will be announced by Thursday, April 11, 1991.

CAREER OFFICE HAS APPLICATIONS.

CELTIC CELEBRATION

Pride in Peekskill wants you to THINK GREEN and come March 14 for the biggest St. Patrick's celebration ever seen in Northern Westchester!

Everyone is invited to join us in Peekskill for a St. Patrick's parade and listen to the rhythm of outstanding pipe bands famous for their magnificent talent. The parade will kick off promptly at 6 p.m. with Col. Patrick Garvey of Camp Smith leading the way.

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Robert Kennedy, Jr. Lectures On:

"Citizen Action on the Hudson River"

Thursday, April 11th at 4:30

15 Steps to Sue Another

Due process really is so easy, can't you see,
Just weigh the matter and see if the court can grant relief,
Then tell your client he must wait so patiently
There must be 50 steps to sue another.

(refrain)
Just select a court, Mort
File a complaint, Nate
State your claims, James
Just listen to me,
Depose your party, Hardy
Get it to trial, Lyle
Convince the jury, Murray
and the matter decreed
Selecting jurisdiction really isn't rough,
over the person or subject matter is enough,
Whether it's federal or state court the case will see,
There must be 15 steps to sue another
If you don't like the judgment, file an appeal,
Hand it a brief stating why it should be repealed,
All it takes is a writ of certiorari,
There must be 15 steps to sue another.

by Suzanne Spink
Questions
Not Cleared by C*NS*RS

1. Why do most people spend more time in face-to-face negotiations to buy a home or a car than Secretary of State Baker spent in negotiating a peaceful settlement?
2. Has every avenue for peace really been explored?
3. Does three weeks of playing golf and piloting speed boats count as doing everything to negotiate a peaceful settlement?
4. Where is April Glaspie, the former U.S. Ambassador in Kuwait?
5. While the nation's infrastructure of money before you spend it?
6. Can the United States also stand against the most dangerous course in the world's history?
7. Is invading a smaller nation justified upon the most dangerous course in the order?"...
8. Why are sanctions given years to decimate a nation?
9. Why was an impending Iraqi invasion of Kuwait none of our business in July, but by the beginning of August it became the defining issue of our nation?
10. Is invade a new line of designer outerwear or a polite way of speaking of something you don't want to say?
11. Where is Nicholas Penkovsky, an outspoken defense spending?
12. Are the interests of still another first son, a la Neil Bush, behind another mass exploitation of the citizens of the United States?
13. What, exactly, is the "new world order?"
14. Has the United States embarked upon the most dangerous course in the world's history?
15. Why are Scuds inaccurate weapons of terrorism and not simply weapons that also cause collateral damage?
16. More specifically—what is "collateral damage?"
17. Are casualties a new line of designer outerwear or a polite way of speaking of something you don't want to say?
18. Why was an impending Iraqi invasion of Kuwait none of our business in July, but by the beginning of August it became the defining issue of our nation?
19. Is decimate defined as one-tenth, or a large part?
20. Aren't there any better ways of negotiating an OPEC contract dispute?
21. How does using force to remove constricted troops from an occupied nation suggest killing their families at home?
22. Is war is good for the economy, how do you account for the strength of the Japanese economy in light of its minimal defense spending?

Nicholas Penkovsky is an outspoken Section C student.
Personal Messages

Valentines and Otherwise

Bev C.: 1-A: I love you, you beautiful sweet young thing!

To Beverly Chow: You stoke my fires! Be my Law School Valentine! Love Bingo the Wolf Boy.

To C., B., & A.: I hope we’ll always be friends. From S: 1-A.

C.G.: Sorry I ripped your stockings. My passion overwhelmed me. M.

C.G.: (1-A) Sometimes in Torts I would get lost looking at your beautiful eyes and long black hair. Across the room.

C. "Chained Heart": G. Be my Valentine!! Love Whoopee and Squarrillosaurus Rex.

C. "Kiss my Whip": G. You drive us wild.

You are truly the sexual magnet of section A. Spanky, Blinkkey, and Thruster.


Claudine: Your boyfriend seems nice, but I'll ditch him and run away to Brazil with you this summer.

Clifford "LoCuto: Thanks for the memories. Maybe we can do it again next year. STNY

C.G.: We both did well in torts. Glad we studied together.

Caroline: When all is said and done, we’re true. Meet you at Stan’s for a revival of the 3 Virgins. Wanna share a marguerita? Shianne.

Chris Luongo: Me so horny. Love from the 3 Virgins. Wanna share a marguerita! True red rose.

Chris: When all is said and done, we’re true. Meet you at Stan’s for a revival of the 3 Virgins. Wanna share a marguerita? Shianne.

Chris in Career Services: Forget about the books, we’ll get together at my place. Chris in Career Services.

Clunjed: You have such interesting lips.

To Daren: Let’s go to an Irish weekend at Stan’s on Thursdays.

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Debbie Metzger: You are so sweet. I’ll always be your friend.

D. McDonald-Garcia: Meeting you has been one of the most pleasurable experiences at New York Law School. You certainly help me stay awake in class. Your secret admirer.

Dr. F. (IL): Can you tell I have a crush on you? How about a video at your apartment one night? You make the popcorn, I’ll make the breakfast. Let me know (#6622) R., R.P.

PS: This is no undergraduate joke!

D’Aleena S.: We’ll be fit and trim by summer. Meet you at Jillian’s. Or is it Lucy’s? No, no, it’s Lillian’s! Shianne Debbie Barnett: Be my Valentine. The guy up front.

Mr. Donner: Once just wasn’t enough. I hunger for you. I long for you. When I dream of you I hear wolves howling in the wind. Please Call: E-mail: susburgundycarpets@worthboy.ml. Word: Budge

Edith Prickly: Sometimes you rub me the right way.

Elsa H.: Happy Valentine’s Day from your secret admirer in section B.

Elizabeth Edwards: Whenever you speak in class it is so interesting. I just wish you’d speak up. Your secret admirer. P.S. Can we study together next semester?

Elizabeth N.: Roses are red, please be my true red rose.

E. Rose: Will you study with me at Stan’s next week on Thursday? Let’s drink a few big ones and get real.

Eric Levine: I worship your body and your mind. Come lie with me and be my love and we shall all live life’s pleasures prove.

F. Menice: Happy Valentine’s Day, keep up the good work.

 Fern: You know you are my favorite!

Ms. Fuller: Let’s spend some time together.

G.A.: The communications between us bring us closer together.

Green Eyes: Aren’t you glad you had that pipe in your car? Now I know who to turn to when there’s trouble! Happy Valentine’s Day “Big Guy.”

To G. "Captain Crunch": G. Thanks for all the great times at spaz. You can be my rear admiral at any time. Love Mobol Dick.

J. Gaier: Happy Valentine’s Day to the "3 Slurpis, the Magnet and Bambi) Thanks for the memories. From the Marine Am-bitions Light Tactical Division, Dhanar, Saudi Arabia.

J. LeC.: Definitely the most handsome guy in first year. From the women in the row behind you.


Mr. Kiernan: Always have something interesting to say, when you say it. Why not go out to Stan’s with us for a good time? L.

Tracy Kohlman: Happy Valentine’s Day from your special friend.

Joseph Conway: I like studying with you. Let’s do some more of it. Your friend behind the locked door in the library.


No, no, it’s Lillian’s! Shianne Debbie Barnett: Be my Valentine. The guy up front.


Jason: Get off the God damn phone! Jason: You looked so adorable in your hat.

Jennine: I love your cowboy boots and earrings. You brighten up my day. Seated in front of you in Contracts.

J.G. (Section 1-A): Happy Valentine’s Day you beautiful sexy woman you.

Jennine: You have such a pretty smile, it lights up my life.

Jackie F.: I wish you’d sit next to me in every class. Your friend.

J.C.: Better luck next time. You are very cute. Are you married? I’d like to get to know you better.

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Tracy Kohlman: Happy Valentine’s Day from your special friend.

Rebecca Koch: What do you say we slip away for spring break in Bermuda and forget to bring our books. Your best study partner.

To the four Law School Love Pigs: (Trixie, Shirlie, the Magneto and Bambo) Thanks for the memories. From the Marine Ambitions Light Tactical Division, Dhanar, Saudi Arabia.

Mr. A. Lee: Definitely the most handsome guy in first year. From the women in the row behind you.

Laura O.: Be my Valentine. From the guy w/ blue eyes behind you.

Laura O.: You brighten up every day. Happy Valentine’s Day.

Laura O.: You drive me wild with your quiet smile. Love C.

Laura: I love your boots. Mike

Mr. Hollands: I think you are the best dres-ser in our class. You add a lot of style. Thanks and happy Valentine’s Day.

In memory of our late beloved William L. Presser. Love and admiration forever. K.L.
Dear Mike Isaacs: When are we having our hot tub jello-fuffed party? Your babies
Dear Ms. M-G: If you weren’t so darned beautiful, I’d have been able to pay attention in class. Remedial.
Mr. Moses: I love your mouth. Wolfboy.
Mr. Moses: You seem to put so much thought into class. How about showing some class and thinking about me. I miss you.
Nancy Nissen: You have such piercing blue eyes. My spine turns to jelly when you look at me. Chris.
Mr. J. Puckas: Roses are red, violets are blue, you’re very quiet, but I really like you.
Patrick O’Thewod: Happy Valentine’s Day from your dad. I love you and miss you. Dad
Patrick: You know you’re my favorite.
Patrick Bens: You are the sexiest, especially in dim light. Let’s try a serious date and start some serious action. Happy Valentine’s Day, you know who.
Paddy: All is cool. Be good! The Bitch.
Prof. MLP: You can have jurisdiction over my persomany at any time.
Paula S.: You are as sweet as pumpkin pie. Love, Chris.
On or after this date, I am not responsible for dumb or idiotic statements which I have previously made. A’D’Amato.
Otis D. Roses are red, violets are blue, your eyes are pretty and I love you.
Mr. Mitchell: Can We recapture it? or is it too late? Your morning library partner.
Mike Wood: How about a big one at Stan’s? Keep cool. SF.
Mike Woody: How about a big one at Stan’s? Keep cool. SF.
Mike Wood: I love your cheesy mustache. D.
Mr. Morgan: I’m sorry I laughed. Perhaps if you showed it somewhere besides Stan’s you would have an admirer.
Mr. Mike Woods: Down with the union. To My Valentine: Roses are red, violets are blue, if it weren’t for good friends what would we do? D’Aleasa S.
Mr. Schwartz: Let’s do it again. next week. We’ll both do better next semester. Have fun. A. D’Arnato
Mr. Mike Woods: Happy Valentine’s Day to the lead of the pack. Meet you in Stan’s for a big one. Love All We.
Mr. Mike Woods: Down with the union. Be a capitalist and support management. Mike Woods: Don’t get any splinters up on the light post.

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Social Register

SWF 2nd year law student, petite. I love cowboy boots, motorcycles, bikers and handcrafts. Looking for an open pillion pal. Reporter Box 1

SWWM (NR) seeks platonic companion for theater and concerts. Reporter Box 2

SWM 1 yr. looking for good times. seeks SWF for intergalactic travel. I love tattoos, high heels, long hair. Reporter Box 7 (MP)

SWM, Florida guy seeks attractive bimbo to play rodeo and king for a day. Reporter Box 8 (MM)

SWM, 1st year, sometime construction worker, sometime professional wrestler (Hillbilly Jim archtype). Sometime professional Santa Claus, looking for SF to go to Hong Fu movies, bowling, demolition derbies, eat Pizza and walk Dog. Reporter Box 3

SWMF 20-something, 3rd yr. looking for good times. seeks SWWM 20-something, 3rd yr., short, sweet, and our memories dim. please read this letter. We’ll do it again sometime. J. A. M.

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