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Counselor

A newsletter for the New York Law School community

March 27, 1995

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First Annual Multicultural Festival

The Latino, Hellenic, Black, Asian and Indian-American Law Students Associations will present their First Annual Multicultural Festival on Friday, March 31 from 6:00 pm to 1:00 am in the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room and the Student Lounge. All NYLS students, faculty, administrators, and staff members are invited to enjoy different ethnic foods, drinks, as well as performances of salsa, merengue, modern Greek dancing, hip-hop, and other dance varieties. In addition, the event will feature several speakers, including Hon. Nicholas Tsoucalas '51 of the U.S. Court of International Trade and Faviola Felix-Soto '78, the first elected Dominican Judge. Please join this celebration of diversity.



Reminders:

Graduating Students:

Your information packets, which include Academic Regalia and ticket information, are due **today**, March 27, in the Office of Development & Public Affairs, 6th floor, A Building.

Police Corruption Symposium

The Hon. Milton Mollen, the present and former N.Y.C. Police Commissioners, and other special guests will be panelists at the Thursday, March 30 symposium, "Police Corruption, Municipal Corruption - Cures at What Cost?," co-sponsored by the NYLS Law Review and the Center for New York City Law. The event will be held in NYLS's Ernst Stiefel Reading Room from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Students and faculty members who would like to attend should contact Margaret Peckham of the Law Review at ext. 118.

Ernst Stiefel Symposium on the Nuremberg Trials

Telford Taylor will be honored on Tuesday, April 4, at the Fifth Annual Ernst C. Stiefel Symposium, "1945 - 1995: Critical Perspectives on the Nuremberg Trials and State Accountability." The symposium, which takes place between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm in the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room, will consist of three panels featuring participants in the 1945 Nuremberg proceedings as well as jurists and analysts in the field today. To register, contact the Office of Development & Public Affairs, ext. 800.

Center for N.Y.C. Law Breakfast

Edith I. Spivack, Executive Assistant Corporation Counsel, will discuss "Sixty Years at the Law Department" at the NYLS Center for New York City Law Breakfast on Friday, March 31 from 8:15 - 9:30 am in the Faculty Dining Room. Please make reservations at ext. 306.

Annual Fundraising Phonathon

From Monday, April 10 to Wednesday, April 12, members of NYLS student organizations will have the opportunity to support the Law School and win money for their organizations. Prizes will be awarded to participants of the Annual Phonathon who raise the most money by calling alumni/ae to ask for their support of NYLS. Calls will be made from the Faculty Dining Room Small Conference Room between 3:00 and 7:00 pm on the three days. To sign up for a phoning shift, contact Steve Johansen, Director of Alumni Affairs, in the Office of Development & Public Affairs, 6th floor, A Building, ext. 808. Beverages, snacks, and sandwiches will be served.



from the
Office of Student Services

Please contact the Office of Student Services, 5th floor, A Building, ext. 852, for more information on any of the following listings.

BLSA Breaks New Ground

Congratulations to Michelle Barnett '96 who was elected National Chairperson for the National Black Law Students Association. She is the first NYLS student to hold this position. Michelle will chair the organization of over two-hundred chapters. Her election culminates a successful year for the NYLS chapter of BLSA. Also holding positions on the Northeast Regional Board of BLSA are: Melanie Babb '96, Northeast Regional Director; Valerie Armstrong-Barrows '97; and Sharon Toussaint '96. The NYLS chapter of BLSA chapter thanks the entire community for its support.

Student Organization Meetings

The **Latino Law Students Association** will have a general membership meeting on Tuesday, March 28 in the LaLSA Office, Lower Level Student Center, from 5:30 - 6:15 pm. Please attend this important meeting, the agenda of which will include elections, the expansion of the Executive Board, and the Multicultural Festival. Members of AALSA, HLSA, BLSA, and IASA who are on the Festival Committee should also attend.

The **Public Interest Coalition** weekly meeting will be on Thursday, March 30 in Room A-600 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm.

ILS to Honor Dr. Otto L. Walter

The International Law Society announces the Second Annual Alumni Appreciation Luncheon honoring Dr. Otto L. Walter. Dennis Prah '89 will also be honored at the luncheon on April 5, from 12:30 - 2:00 pm in the Faculty Dining Room. Attending will be twelve attorneys from the following fields of international law: International Banking; International Trademark; International Entertainment; International Corporate; Customs; International Travel; International Tax, Trusts, & Estates; Maritime; International Commercial Transactions; Public International (Human Rights and the Law of the Sea); General International (Latin America); Immigration and Nationality Law; and Consular Law. Reserve your spot for the luncheon by April 3 by contacting Eileen McCrohan, ext. 114, or the Office of Student Services, ext. 852.

Jewish Women's Discussion

The Jewish Women's Professional Network invites you to join them for a talk with Sharon Shenhav, Chairperson of NA'amat, Jerusalem, on "Update on Women in Israel, the U.S., and Beyond: Approaching the 21st Century." The discussion will be held on March 28 at 7:00 pm, 15 East 26th Street, 10th floor, N.Y.C. Please make reservations by calling (212) 779-3932.

Hon. Frederick S. Berman '51 on Capital Punishment

How will New York's new death penalty statute affect lawyers and criminal defendants? The Criminal Law Society presents Hon. Frederick S. Berman, NYLS alumnus, adjunct faculty member, and Judge of the New York State Supreme Court, (Criminal) who will lead a discussion on Thursday, April 6 at 1:00 pm in Room B-400. Please contact David Brookstone at (516) 379-2993 or by mailfolder.

Instructional Seminar on Derivatives

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York presents an instructional program on derivative financial products from the perspectives of both regulators and users of derivatives. The program will

be on Wednesday, April 12 from 8:30 am - 5:30 pm at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street. Call (212) 382-6695 for more information.

Fellowship Opportunity

Georgetown University Law Center is pleased to announce the creation of the W.M. Keck Fellowship, established to increase scholarship and public awareness of legal ethics issues. The Fellowship will begin in August, 1995 and continue through December, 1996. The Fellow will receive an eighteen-month living stipend of \$43,492, a tuition waiver, and individual health insurance. Upon successful completion of the program, the fellow will be awarded a Master of Laws Degree. Come to the Student Services Office for more information.

Get Free Tax Help

The IRS has opened a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site at NYLS. NYLS students who have passed the IRS certification test have volunteered to help faculty, students, staff, and community members with their taxes. Please call Student Services, ext. 851, for an appointment.

Journal Write-On Competition

The NYLS Annual Journal Write-On Competition will be held May 19 - 22. The take-home essay competition is open to all first and second-year day students and second, third, and fourth-year evening students who wish to join either the *Law Review*, *Journal of International & Comparative Law*, or the *Journal of Human Rights*. Registration will be in the Student Center Cafeteria, April 10 - 12. Check your mailfolders for more information.

Alumni Get-togethers Planned for Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman '50, Chairman of the House International Relations Committee, will be the featured guest speaker at the Alumni Lunch in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, April 6. The Washington, D.C. Chapter of the NYLS Alumni Association welcomes Dean Harry H. Wellington, alumni/ae, and members of the NYLS community to the luncheon at the Capital Hilton at 12:00 pm. Later that day in Philadelphia, the Alumni Association will hold a cocktail reception for area alumni/ae and

friends at the Four Seasons Hotel from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Dean Wellington and Associate Dean Harriet Inselbuch will be special guests at the reception. If you plan to be in either of these areas and would like to join the events, please contact Steve Johansen, Director of Alumni Affairs, in the Office of Development & Public Affairs, ext. 808.

Faculty Activities

Professor Richard Beck testified before the House Ways and Means Committee on March 24 in hearings to amend the taxpayer Bill of Rights.

Professor Arthur Leonard spoke on AIDS and employment discrimination law at a program entitled "AIDS/HIV: Legal Challenges for the '90s," presented by the Suffolk University Law School Advanced Legal Studies Program in Boston on March 16. His letter to the editor about Henry Roth's new novel, *A Diving Rock on the Hudson*, was published in the *New York Times Book Review* on March 18.

Professor Jethro Lieberman was quoted about the importance of writing skills in the legal field in the March 20, 1995 *U.S. News & World Report*, "America's Best Graduate Schools" issue. The article was entitled "Combating Legalese: Law Schools are Finally Learning that Good English Makes Good Sense."

On March 6 and 7, **Professor Nadine Strossen** lectured at Elgin Community College and Quincy University, both in Illinois, in honor of Women's History Month. On March 7, she addressed the National Association for Women Journalists in Chicago. She spoke at a book forum sponsored by the Freedom Forum in Alexandria, VA, on March 8; the event will be televised on PBS. On March 9, she debated University of Calgary Law Professor Kathleen Mahoney at the 92nd Street Y in N.Y.C. on hate speech and pornography (moderated by WNYC's Leonard Lopate and televised by Canadian Broadcasting Company). Professor Strossen's article, "Civil Liberties," was published in 4 *George Mason University Civil Rights Law Journal* 253-273 (1993-94). She served as a narrator for "The Arguments on Abortion," live recordings and transcripts of eight oral arguments on reproductive rights of the *May It Please the Court* audio cassette series (edited by Stephanie Guitton and Peter

Irons), along with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and NYU Law Professor Sylvia Law. On March 10 at Columbia University, she was a panelist at a conference on "Self-Regulation and Ownership Regulation in TV: the American Experience," sponsored by the Columbia Institute for Tele-Information and the Bertelsmann Foundation. She spoke at the "Banners" cultural program on March 16 at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana in a dialogue with Chief Judge Richard Arnold of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on "Language, Gender, Power, and the Law." She also gave the keynote address at the March 18 Third Annual Symposium on Women and the Law at Tulane Law School in New Orleans, Louisiana. Professor Strossen was the subject of the March 5 *San Francisco Examiner* article, "Speaking Out Against the New Prissiness."



Career Services Update

Faculty Career Planning Luncheons

On March 29, Professor Carol Buckler will speak about balancing family life and law practice in Room B-500 at 1:00 pm. The lunch will have limited seating. RSVP with Simonne Bouyea in the Office of Career Services, ext. 345. Reserved seats will be given to students on the waiting list if you are not on time.

Graduating Students Luncheon

The Office of Career Services cordially invites all graduating third-year students to attend a luncheon on Wednesday, April 5, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in Room B-500. Special guests will include recent NYLS graduates who will discuss the creative strategies they used to obtain permanent positions. RSVP with Simonne Bouyea in Career Services.

Spotlight on the Evening Division Brunch

The First Annual Spotlight on the Evening Division Brunch will be on Sunday, April 2, at 12:00 noon in the Faculty Dining Room (Remember to turn those clocks ahead the night before!). Among the attending Evening Division alumni/ae will be: Lois Burke '76, Assistant General Counsel, The Dun & Bradstreet Corp.; Jacob Friedman '75, Partner, Proskauer Rose Goetz & Mendelson; Alicia Grace '91, Aviation Counsel, New York State Department of Transportation; and Hon. Douglas McKeon '75, Supreme Court, Bronx County. Don't miss out. RSVP with Simonne Bouyea in Career Services.

Important Announcement for all '96, '97, and '98 Graduates

Career Services will be mailing the Fall On-Campus Recruitment Packet to you over the summer. In order to receive this packet, you must give your summer address to the Office of Career Services or the Office of the Registrar. Please provide this information by Tuesday, May 30.

For Your Information

Did you know that Career Services has two binders filled with information about symposia, seminars and other events outside New York Law School? If you are interested in attending special seminars in a particular practice area or in having the opportunity to network with practitioners in your area of interest, check out these binders.

Congratulations to Andrea Barton-Reeves '97 and Elenor Reid '97 who are the **1995 City Bar Summer Fellows**.

Clerkship Opportunity

Hon. Adlai S. Hardin, Jr., U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge of the Southern District, seeks a third-year student to fill a law clerk position. Experience/interest in bankruptcy is required. Interested students should mail a resume, transcript, writing sample and references to Michael Gottfried, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District, U.S. Courthouse, 101 East Post Road, White Plains, New York 10601.

Spring Resume Referral Employers

A law firm specializing in banking seeks a '95 graduate to fill a full-time position starting this fall. Fluency in Cantonese is a plus but not necessary. Submit a resume and cover letter to the Office of Career Services as soon as possible.

Reminders:

Summer Funding Opportunities

- **Felix A. Fishman Summer Fellowship** applications must be submitted to Career Services by Monday, March 27.
- Applications for the **Joseph Solomon Fund** must be submitted to Career Services by Friday, March 3, 5:00 pm.

Loyola is coordinating and hosting its **Ninth Annual Patent Law Interview Program** which will take place August 4 - 6, 1995. If you have an undergraduate or graduate degree in engineering or

a technical science, you may want to consider registering for the program, which is offered only to students returning to school in the fall of '95. To register, come to the Office of Career Services and pick up a form which must be returned to Career Services by March 27.

Minority students in the classes of '96 and '97 who are interested in applying for the **Association of the Bar of the City of New York Fellowship Program** must submit a resume and writing sample to the Office of Career Services no later than March 29.

The "**Careers in Environmental Law**" Panel will take place on March 29 at 5:30 pm in the Faculty Dining Room. The following alumni/ae will be speaking: Lawrence Schnapf '84, Schulte Roth & Zabel; Jessica Nachman '85, Exxon Corp.; Robert Owens '80, Nassau County District Attorneys Office, Environmental Crimes Unit.

The **City Bar Pro Bono Symposium**, sponsored by the Law Student Perspectives Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, will be on Friday, March 31 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. RSVP with Simonne Bouyea in the Office of Career Services as soon as possible.



Security Update

On March 10, 1995, a bicycle was taken from the bicycle rack area in the parking lot.

Lost & Found

Several umbrellas, 5" and 3.5" computer disks, textbooks and notebooks, scarves, watches, and other items of clothing and jewelry were returned to Lost & Found. Stop by A-404, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm, to inquire.

Reminder

Before you leave your locker, check that the lock is fastened. Before leaving your office, lock all doors. Relock the door of a shared office area upon leaving.

Registration for 1995-96

Registration forms for the Summer 1995, Fall 1995, and Spring 1996 semesters may be submitted from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm and 4:00 - 8:00 pm as follows:

April 3 & 5: Ernst Stiefel Reading Room
April 4: Room B-100.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR HOURS:

During the week of April 3 - 7, the Office of the Registrar (A Building, 2nd floor) will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm only. The office will be closing early so that the staff may process the submitted registration forms. Members of the Registrar's staff will also be available to students in the Stiefel Reading Room and Room B-100 at the submission hours listed above.

From the Academic Affairs Office

Revised materials about next year's faculty and course offerings (including cancelled courses) are posted on the Academic Affairs bulletin board (across from Room B-100), above student mailfolders, and at the Registrar's Office. Students who want their own copies of these materials may pick them up at the Registrar's Office.

WAITLIST FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY:

Beginning Thursday, March 30, at 5:30 pm, students who did not request (during pre-registration) or pick up (between March 20 & 24) a lottery number for Trial Advocacy will be able to submit their names to a first-come/first-serve waitlist in the Registrar's Office. The waitlist will remain available for signatures until April 5 at 7:00 pm. Students who participated in the pre-registration lottery but were not offered a spot need not go to the Registrar's Office. These students will automatically be placed on the waitlist with priority over those who did not participate. However, students who either failed to pick up their lottery number or participated in the lottery but turned down an open spot will not get automatic priority and will have to sign up on the waitlist for a chance at any trial advocacy section.

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Submit items for publication to A-624, ext. 805, by 9:00 am on the Wednesday preceding publication.



Calendar of Events

beginning the week of March 27, 1995

Monday, March 27:

Weekly Library Lexis Class, 2nd Floor Lexis Room, L-214, 5:30 pm.

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First Annual Multicultural Festival, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room and the Student Center, 6:00 pm - 1:00 am.

Weekly Library Westlaw Class, 3rd Floor Westlaw Room, L-311, 5:30 pm.

Saturday, April 1:

Barrister's Ball, Sponsored by Office of Student Services, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room and the Student Center, 7:30 pm - 12:00 am.

Sunday, April 2:

"Spotlight on the Evening Division" Brunch, Co-sponsored by the Offices of Career Services and Alumni Affairs, Faculty Dining Room, 12:00 pm.