by Evan Augoustiniatos

In response to a controversy concerning exclusionary policies in the constitutions of several student organizations, the Student Organization Policy (SOP) Committee has recently formulated four proposals from which future school policy may be chosen. The controversy arose over a year ago when Martin Schnabel, an SBA senator at the time, discovered that the SBA was refusing to fund organizations whose constitutions excluded students from membership or executive positions based on race, color, creed, national origin, age, gender, or sexual orientation. Mr. Schnabel brought suit against the SBA through the legal arm of 57 and 55 Worth Street into the spacious new Mendik Library at 240 Church Street. Approximately 330,000 volume-equivalents were moved. In the words of one librarian, for a job of such magnitude, this is considered quite "amazing." According to Marie Newman, the Learning Center Director, "Overall, the library staff is very pleased." Generally, student reaction has been favorable. Sources. The 240 Church entrance is used for Mendik Library. The library is not closed weekends. Entrance is obtained through 57 Worth. There is also a strict policy regarding various "vices." Smoking is confined to the third floor smoking room only. No food or drink is allowed anywhere in the library. This is to ensure a cleaner, healthier library facility.

A quick guide to the new library might prove helpful. The basement contains the state reporters, located in sliding compact bookcases. The addition of WordPerfect 5.0 is currently in use in the library. The Lexis permanent terminal room was also increased due to acquired learning center, and two small rooms used for seminar classes. The third floor contains the federal reporters, a room with (eventually) eight P.C. terminals, the Lexis permanent learning center. The fourth floor contains all the bound periodicals (that were scattered in the old library over two floors), another room with (eventually) eight P.C. terminals and a LegalTrac terminal. All floors contain bathrooms, copier machines, pay phones and group study rooms. Many things are currently on order. These include clocks, pencil sharpeners, and garbage cans.

According to Marie Newman, the Learning Center's involvement with Westlaw and Lexis training sessions on an ongoing basis by NYLS student representatives. These classes no longer need to be signed out for time slots and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are presently twelve Lexis and ten Westlaw terminals open for student use. The number of Personal Computers were also increased due to acquired learning center, and two small rooms used for seminar classes. The addition of WordPerfect 5.0 is currently being discussed.

Of course, the new library is not without its problems. The move itself was not without its share, but these were mostly expected difficulties. Perhaps the biggest problem were the delays caused by the shelving contractors. Frequently, books were moved onto shelves that had been constructed only minutes before. Now that the library has been moved, the emphasis is on the consolidation of resources, facilities and staff.
The Reporter would like to wish everyone in the NYLS community a be-

You Take the High Road We'll Take the Low Road

Thanks, Evan. Not only are you a tough act to follow, but now you've actually left me with nothing to hang on to. On a seri-

THE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL READER
Letters to the Reporter

NYLS Racist Allegations: More Responsible Reporting Needed

by Anthony S. DiNota

The December 1989 issue of the Reporter contains two articles that suggest the NYLS is either a racial institution, or at least a law school biased against the interests of certain minority groups. These are serious allegations that warrant responsible and thorough investigation.

In "NYLS Racist Allegations: More Responsible Reporting Needed" (p.13), is far more vitriolic than Mr. McDonald, the president of the Urban Law Society, vituperatively accuses NYLS of being a racist institution. He lists eight racist-tinged statements, which according to unnamed minority students, were made by members of the faculty and student-body, who are also unnamed. He concludes that these examples of insensitivity and ignorance reflect the attitude on NYLS in general. Such a bold affirmation deserves much better evidence than Mr. McDonald offers.

Mr. McDonald is unreasonable, about venting out his anger and frustration. His concern, like Mr. Siry's, is validly pre­ mised, but he is running on emotion, so does Mr. McDonald on specifics. One has to wonder why, when Mr. McDonald is so hell-bent in his diatribe to list instances of racism, he was not the one to call forth an expert in statistics to help him analyze the statistics? Why, in all his forthright rage, does he also spare his readers any details of the prejudiced statements? Why, when Mr. Siry informs us generally of McDonald's use of demagogic tactics, does he also spare his readers a discussion of the racism issue at NYLS, should not the pool of applicants for NYLS be placed on the drafting of constitutions.

The NYLS admission policy has a goal to achieve a 15% minority representation. Mr. McDonald does not see why, if the organization shows a commitment to hold NYLS responsible, as Mr. Siry has decided to do as they please. Let an organization have a "compelling purpose", the one that all organizations are free to determine membership and governing policies.

NYLS Students To Participate in National Conference To Diversify Law Schools

by B. Shaw

On February 16-18, 1990 the National Law Student Coalition for a Diversified Legal Community will sponsor a conference entitled "Unifying Treatment Under the Law: Racism, Sexism, Classism, and Homophobia in the U.S. Law Schools." The conference, hosted by CUNY Law School at Queens College, will attract law students, organizations, faculty, civil rights activists and lawyers from across the United States to discuss ways in which the newly formed coalition can mobilize and strengthen the national law student movement to diversify faculties, student bodies and curricula.

During the three day event, participants will attend workshops, seminars and group discussions designed educate stu­ dents on techniques they can use to protest the under representation and treatment of women, people of color, and lesbian and gay men at their law schools. The goal of the student activists, consisting of forums, rallies, sit-ins, boycotts of classes, and civil disobedience, is to initiate a dialogue between students and administration which can result in the reform of tenure criteria, admission policies and traditional curricula which is entrenched in an "affirmative, straight white male perspective."

In a letter to Dean Simon, the leaders of a number of NYLS organizations have invited NYLS to sponsor a panel at the conference on behalf of the School. Since questions have been raised recently regarding NYLS tenure policies, the paucity of Black and Latino faculty, and what appears to be an actual decline in enrollment for some already significantly under-represented racial groups at NYLS, the student organizations responsible for the letter to Dean Simon believe that "a financial contribution would not only help defray costs of the conference, but it would be an indication of our school's commitment to equality in the legal community."

In response to the request for funds, Mr. Simon, Assistant Dean Matthew Wilker and Helena Prigel, Dean of Student Affairs have contributed $235 in support of student participation in the conference. NYLS students, including Daniel Simonette of BALSA and Anne Aycoc of LAW, are planning to attend the conference representing their organizations.

Other student groups from NYLS who also plan to attend the conference include National Lawyers Guild, Asian American Law Students Association, The Latino Law Students Association and the Urban Law Society. NYLS students from these organizations also have participated in the planning and organization of the conference.

Though the conference is the first major project of the National Coalition for a Diversified Legal Community, the coalition began in March 1988 when a group of students attending Brooklyn Law School at Berkeley formed the Coalition for a Diversified Faculty to protest the "gross under-representation of women, people of color, and lesbians and gay men on their faculty." When their protests resulted in a limited effort on the part of the University of Southern California to diversify its faculty, the Coalition decided to make their organization national to give their movement more visibility.

On April 6, 1989, the National Coalition organized a nation-wide boycott of classes at 36 law schools to demand increased faculty diversity. The strike, which consisted of action including forums, rallies, petitions, sit-ins, boycotts of classes and civil disobedience, intimated some dialogue between students and administration. Other student efforts however were suppressed with arrest and censorship when few faculty members supported the issues or the strike.

The cost of the conference per person is $20 if you register before Feb. 9, 1990 and $25 after Feb. 9. NYLS Students are encouraged to participate in this important event and need not be affiliated with any school organization to attend. For more information please contact Dan Simonette of BALSA, Frank Chan of AALS, Anne Aycoc of LAW, or contact Dan Simonette at 212-966-5000. Students may also obtain more information by contacting Richard Bartha at the National Lawyers Guild, 55 Ave. of the Americas, New York, New York. (212) 966-5000.
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Spotlight on Hammond

by Susan Fleischman

This issue faculty spotlight is on Professor Allen Hammond who joined NYLS in the Fall of 1989. Professor Hammond teaches the Media Law Clinic and Communications Law.

Since his first transistor radio, Professor Hammond knew that he wanted a career in communications. He discovered black oriented radio stations which aired a variety of artists from Motown to Delta Blues and during the 60's, the assassinations of civil rights reformers like Martin Luther King, The Kennedy's and Malcolm X, and the turbulence in America created by the Viet Nam war led Professor Hammond to the conclusion that he should go to law school so he could help write better laws.

As a youth, Professor Hammond moved often and recalls that within a two years period he lived in a housing project in Brooklyn, a house in Queens and an apartment building in Harlem. Though there was family, he was conscious of his color and the working class.

He was encouraged to take a bias related speech and bias motivated behavior class. Small Group Discussion and Free time/Group Caucuses.

At Boston University, Professor Hammond notes that there is strong encouragement from his grandparents and parents, as well as his own strong determination allowed him to achieve the goals he set for himself.

As an undergrad at Grinnell College, Professor Hammond was a DJ for his school radio station. He actively realized his interest in music and radio could make him a leader in the broadcasting industry.

Recycle—Recycling is going to be an important process for the 1990's and beyond, and it's about time. America is a society in which recycling is a concept that we rarely think about. Actually from what I see in the garbage cans around schools, recycling practically never crosses our minds. For when I do look into the garbage I see 4 or 5 cans and a newspaper or two. And that is just what is on top. I am sure it is like that all the way through.

The kind of mindless thought process to our recyclable garbage is totally unacceptable.

As the highly educated people that we law students are (top 50-50 in the nation) we must realize that we should lead the way.

Women, Minorities Should Take Separate Tests, Researcher Says

(CPS)—Women and minority students should take their own separate college entrance exams, a Howard University researcher recommended to a national conference on bias in standardized tests.

Such tests—which women would be judged against other women, minorities against minorities, and men against—would tell a truer picture of students' aptitudes than the current system, which many critics say is biased in favor of white males, said a Howard University professor who conducted the research.

Last February, a U.S. District Judge ruled that New York could not use Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores as the sole criteria for awarding scholarships to students because it effectively eliminated many women and minority men from receiving those scholarships.
Dear Fellow Student,

Towards the end of last semester some fellow students and I organized the Hellenic Law Society of New York Law School. The general purpose of HLS is to create a forum for Greek, Greek-American, and other New York Law School students in order to enrich their academic and extracurricular experiences as well as to provide a support group and a place to meet others of similar backgrounds and interests.

Late last semester, we were busy with the logistics of creating this organization, though we did manage to have our first meeting. Spanakopita, baklava and other delicious foods were served, and the Berlin Film Festival's award winning "Rumbiitko" was shown. Also, an after-finals party was co-sponsored by HLS at 40 Worth Street. Yet this semester will really be our first "active" semester, and I hope you will join us in pioneering its beginnings.

The primary purpose of the Hellenic Law Society is to serve its members as best as possible. I refuse to let HLS become an organization where its officers serve as shepherds and its members as sheep. The quality of events really does depend on your involvement; on using HLS as a tool to serve your own needs.

"...which you would like to see realized in the Hellenic Law Society and which you would be willing to actively participate in. Our Constitution has been written to allow for extensive initiative by HLS's members. For example, you can start your own committee and have "the title of Chairman of that committee" (VII. 2); for example, a committee on organizing a reunion food event. This would not only facilitate a more serious approach to organizing events, but it would also make for good resume material. You can return this information along with anything you might want to add, to either my mailbox or HLS's mailbox in the Student Lounge, opposite the SBA's office.

Sincerely,

Phillip D. Spyropoulos, President

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**LLSS**

Latino Law Student Society will have its annual Law Day on February 17, 1990. The Law Day's speaker will be Justice Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick, the first Puerto Rican woman elected to a court in New York State, and Judge Luis A. Gonzalez, a New York City Civil Court Judge and a member of the Executive Committee of the Real Property Section of the New York State Bar Association.

Any interested in attending the Law Day can contact Jose Luis Ortiz, chairperson of LLSS at our office C-105.

Since our next meeting will probably be on Thursday, I would really appreciate it if you could return this information as soon as possible. Also, please include your name, telephone number, mailing address, after what time on each weekday you are available, and whether you would earnestly be interested in the following events:

- a) School reprieve featuring Greek food (also, can you or any relatives provide some of the food?)
- b) A tour of the Greek Mission to the United Nations
- c) A tour of NYU's EEC headquarters

Three events which are already being planned include having a Greek speaker from the U.N. speak on 3rd world problems and solutions, co-sponsoring a symposium between Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot speakers, and having a Career Night as a source of information about different fields in the legal profession.

I hope you are interested in the Hellenic Law Society. We are eagerly awaiting your participation. You will receive more definite information about our first meeting in your mailbox in a few days. Thank you for your time and I am looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Rios, President

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The library staff is aware of many of the current problems in the new library. According to Bill Mills, Associate Librarian, new service contracts are being examined for the copier machines. The old exam file in the reserve room will be put either behind the reference desk or in convenient binders. The freight elevator in the new library will be renovated for students to use.

The new library will be renovated for student use. Many books have recently returned from the bindery (where they were bound). The pictures from the old library should all be hung by the end of February. Other problems will be addressed by the library staff as they arise.

Student reaction has been typical. Students are pleased to study in a new, spacious environment and recognize the difficulties in running the library smoothly. However, problems remain. Many volumes are still missing. Smokers feel they need a quiet room to study and smoke. Many first-year students complain that too many students talk too loudly and too often. One student commented that the library "lacked character." A mid-year student, while lounging uncomfortably on a second floor couch, wished for the "melting couches" which were on the seventh and eighth floor of the old library.

Joyce Salabakachia feels confident that the Mendik Library will be able to grow adequately to accommodate the future needs of the New York Law School community. Many students are equally hopeful. All in all, the new library seems an excellent investment in New York Law School's future. We can only improve.

What of the old library? Gradually, the old library facilities are being renovated.
Public Interest Fellowships

The Charles Revison Foundation has announced the availability of Law Students Public Interest (LSPIN) Fellowships for law students interested in working in 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 1990 LSPIN Fellowship Program is being administered by the Root-Tilden-Snow Program at New York University School of law. Up to 50 grants will be made to students working full time for ten weeks during the summer of 1990. 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 Thursday, March 15, 1990. Awards will be announced by Monday, April 9, 1990.

Student of the Month

The Office of Student Affairs would like to recognize Angelo Aponte as “Student of the Month” for the month of February. Mr. Aponte, a third year evening student at the Law School, has recently been selected by Governor Mario Cuomo to be the new Executive Director of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

Mr. Aponte has a long record of public service in New York City. In the past, Mr. Aponte served in high ranking positions at the New York City Board of Education and as an administrator at Hostos Community College in New York City. From 1984 to until just this month, Mr. Aponte held the position of Commissioner of Consumer Affairs for New York City.

Mr. Aponte’s new position carries with it an enormous amount of responsibility. The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal is a governmental department with a budget of $180 million and 1,284 employees. It is responsible for community development, rent administration and housing management, all areas of great concern in New York State. On behalf of the entire Law School community, the Office of Student Affairs would like to wish Mr. Aponte the best of luck in his new position.
Dear Fellow Students:

In approximately four (4) weeks there will be an extensive in-class vote conducted in an attempt to ratify the proposed Constitutional amendments of the Student Bar Association of New York Law School Constitution. The Constitution has been the subject of thorough debate and revision during the past two (2) Student Bar Association (the “SBA”) administrations. In order to be ratified the amended Constitution must receive a majority affirmative vote from at least half of the current student body. Copies of the proposed Constitution will be posted outside of the SBA office, the student lounge, and will be on reserve in the library. Additionally, copies will be available for your review in the SBA office. Please take your time to review the material. If there are any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any SBA official.

Thank you.
Michael S. Isaacs
SBA Day Vice-President
SBA Election Commissioner

Midyear Senate Election Results

The following students have been selected to represent the midyear class for the 1990 spring semester.

Giordano, Chris
Kweit, Lori
Parks, David

On Friday January 26th. On Wednesday January 24th you need to pick up materials for the SBA budget meeting on Friday.

Congratulations!

SBA Election Commissioner

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SBA NEWS

An Open Letter to All New York Law School Student Organizations

New York Law School is home to over twenty student organizations devoted to the interests and causes of various factions of our student body. Each semester the organizations work hard to provide events which will benefit the students, faculty, administration, and hopefully the staff of NYLS. The organizations submit proposed budgets to the SBA to obtain the necessary funds to carry out the events. During my first semester as an SBA Senator, I have noticed that most of programs the organizations plan are in the form of panel discussions and sessions with faculty speakers. Although many of these such events are worthwhile, educationally and socially, it seems that the creative and financial resources of NYLS are not being fully utilized. This semester the SBA has allocated approximately $22,000.00 for refreshments to be served at the different panel discussions being planned. This is your money being spent on cheese and crackers!

We should all try to utilize the funds available to us in ways that can further benefit not only ourselves but the resources and strengths of NYLS itself.

B.L.S.A. requested that the SBA allocate $570.00 to the purchase of the video series "Eyes on the Prize," to be kept in the library for use by all members of NYLS. The request was recognized by the SBA as an innovative way to contribute to our school and the money was granted. The members of B.L.S.A. should be commended for their thoughtfulness and we should all use the idea as a model to really put some creativity into the use of our funds and to the replenishment of our school.

Additionally, organization members should keep in mind that events need not be limited to those that require SBA funding. The outside community can benefit from events initiated by NYLS, it can help our reputation as a motivated, productive law school community. As prospective professionals, we lack the experience of bring leaders outside our school and it is not too early to show that we have a commitment to those who need our help.

So let's put our minds to it and get some great work done!

-Brenna B. Mahoney

Spring Semester Panel Presentations

Public Interest Career Panel

Thursday, February 15
4:30 p.m. - Faculty Dining Room

The speakers will include representatives from:
- The New York City Department of Health
- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund
- New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
- a NYLS alumni working for a private law firm engaged in public interest work.

Dress for Success
Tuesday, March 6th
4:30 p.m. - Faculty Dining Room

Featured Speaker:
Mortimer Leavitt, owner of the Custom Shop and author of the bestseller
"The Executive Look—How to Get it, How to Keep it"
A twist of fate led her to read an errant crumpled-up, faded copy of a career placement newsletter on an obscure bulletin board. The flyer heralded the Pro-Bono Legal Symposium at NYU that day. By happenstance, Tammy was carrying her updated resume, and was dressed in a suit. A quick hop on the subway landed her an internship with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, in Washington, D.C., becoming the only first year law student in their program that year.

You need not carry your resume and wear a suit all year long to take advantage of Tammy's experience. The Pro-Bono, Legal Symposium is being held at NYU again this year. Check the Placement Office for dates and times. Many of these positions offer righteous bucks as well as quality legal experience.

Then there is the story of Uther, a quiet, studious type, occasionally breaking into fits of rambunctiousness, who prior to law school delved in the black arts of medicine. Uther wished to combine the nether world with the legal world and actually searched for a position where his medical skills would be useful. Scanning the clerkship positions at the career office, Uther discovered a position where a science background was actually a must. He needed a previous life prior to coming to law school. The skills you've learned you've had a previous life prior to coming to law school. The skills you've learned could be applicable in a legal environment. But don't leave such fortuitous happenings to chance, be active in your job search.

Our next story begins with a car and a dream. The car, a 1985 Mercury Grand Marquis, Interceptor: the last of the V-8's. The dream, purely American, to tear up the highways and get paid for it. This is the story of Gloria, last fall's last vestige, human transportation through the Tri-State area. But as we continue, we must stress that this job is not for those of weak constitution. Gloria entered into the prepared food delivery market with much trepidation. Working weekends to develop the business, the skills you've learned could be applicable in a legal environment. But don't leave such fortuitous happenings to chance, be active in your job search.
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The Genesis of an Organization

by Michael Arce
Jose Luis Ortiz

Of 120,694 students in 174ABA- approved law schools in 1988-89, 4,342 (3.6%) were Latinos. Presently at New York Law School the percentage of Latinos is 4.5%. In this group there are 28 males and 32 females, for a total of 60 students. This total is less than the number of students encountered in the average first year law course.

Even though the rate of Latinos in law school has tripled over the past 17 years from (from 536 to 1,643) the pace of that growth has decreased in recent years. While there has been an increase of Latinos in law school over the past nine years totaling 40%, this number does not compare to the rate of increase during the period of 1971 to 1980 of 200%. If one looks at the increase in the participation of Latinos in law school over the past three years the numbers are even more anemic. The number of Puerto Rican-Americans increased by 2%, for Mexican-Americans the increase was 13%, and for other Latinos the increase was also 13%. While the percentage of Latinos in law school has increased from 1.5% in 1971 to 4.5% in 1989, there has been virtually no change in that number over the past four years.

According to Federal statistics for 1987, of the 672,000 attorneys employed in the nation about 12,000, or 1.7%, were Latinos. The same year The National Law Journal conducted a survey which showed that in the nation’s 250 largest law firms, less than 1% of the attorneys were Latinos, and less than half of these were partners. In a law firm comprising of 200 attorneys, one might find two Latino lawyers, and maybe one Latino partner in a group of two or three of such firms. The composition of Latinos in the legal profession parallels that in the socio-economic structure. LATINOS ARE AT THE BOTTOM OF BOTH. There is a disproportionate number of Latinos in the lower stratum, as well as a gross underrepresentation in positions of influence.

The state of Latinos in the judiciary does not fair any better. Figures provided by the U.S. Justice Department for the year ending 1989 indicate that out of 1,476 Federal judges only 41 were Latinos (2.8%). Located at the State and local level, out of 27,576 judges, 553 were Latinos (2%).

In the field of academia, there is also a gross underrepresentation of Latinos. In 1988, law school faculties had a 6% minority composition, of that 6% only 0.5% were Latinos.

Increasing the percentage of Latino participation in the legal profession is not the only solution to this problem. Latinos who are in the legal profession continue to fight a daily battle against the prejudices and stereotypes. Examples of these prejudices and stereotypes are: 1) A Latino attorney enters the courtroom and the judge addresses him as the defendant. 2) many North American continue to treat Puerto Rican-Americans as foreigners even though they were granted U.S. citizenship in 1917. 3) the Latinos who speak English (which in some cases is their second language) with an accent are criticized. 4) that all Latinos come from disadvantaged backgrounds and are accepted into law school solely on the basis of an affirmative action program. 5) that all Latinos are people of color (this comment is encountered by the white Latinos who are told “but you don’t look Hispanic”).

These figures and examples demonstrate that even though there may have been little progress in the legal field Latinos who seek to enter the legal profession continue to face many obstacles and barriers. The Latino Law Student’s Society (“LLSS”) of New York Law School, was created with the purpose of addressing these, as well as other important issues which affect the Latino community and the Latino Law Students in particular. LLSS, has the obligation to promote the progress of the Latino Law Students and to facilitate the transition into the law firm environment. For example we have offered our services to New York Law School in order to increase Latino enrollment, additionally we hold a Latino Law Day at which we invite perspective law students to the school in order to provide them with a first hand experience of law school. This years Latino Law Day will be held on February 17, 1990, and our guest-speakers will be New York Supreme Court Justice Carmen Cipriano, and New York City Civil Court Judge Luis Gonzalez.

Most importantly, The Latino Law Student Society wants to educate the NYLS community, in order to better understand Latinos, and to establish a viable presence at NYLS. We also believe true equality not just in the classroom but outside of the classroom as well.

The Reporter News van. Somewhere in the City roams The Reporter News van.

Conferences of a Bar Review Rep

by Barry H. Block

My memory of the first day of law school was, Signs. They were posted everywhere. Signs for bar review courses. BAR/BRI, painter, PMBR, etc. So I asked a student in the SBA office “What’s the story?”

The reply, “you need to take a bar review course to pass the bar”. Well, for a third-year student, who had set up a minute”, I naively probed. “I thought "sales" table in the student lounge. I was shown a “first year” review book (similar to Gibert’s) and told that for a nominal $50, you could purchase a review book. That unfortunately, is not enough to pass the test which is essentially two days in the classroom. The student attempted to explain “Well, these are only 100 questions, and you have a minute”. I realized “Forget about a bar review course”. I signed up for the pass the bar test which is essentially two days in the classroom. The student attempted to explain “Well, these are only 100 questions, and you have a minute”. I realized “Forget about a bar review course”. I signed up for the bar review course. It was a series of taped courses, it’s a healthy rivalry. My only advice is, sign up early. Every year prices go up and organized and efficient. The student who put in a strategy, wins. I don’t mean you remember all the rules when you take your final exams, but how much will you remember the next time?”. The student who put in a strategy, wins. I don’t mean you remember all the rules when you take your final exams, but how much will you remember the next time?”.

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If this all sounds like a subliminal advertisement—well you were warned by the test (caveat emptor). Yes, it’s all true. Last year former SBA President A. Riberio (then head Bar/Bri rep) recruited me to head the evening division rep staff. It seemed to make sense to me, but I Most bar review courses employ the same figure “what’s the rush?”. I signed up for the pass the bar test which is essentially two days in the classroom. The student attempted to explain “Well, these are only 100 questions, and you have a minute”. I realized “Forget about a bar review course”. I signed up for the bar review course. It was a series of taped courses, it’s a healthy rivalry. My only advice is, sign up early. Every year prices go up and organized and efficient. The student who put in a strategy, wins. I don’t mean you remember all the rules when you take your final exams, but how much will you remember the next time?”.

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Attention First-Years

The fact pattern below will be the basis for this year’s Write-On Competition. Your papers will be scored on the basis of your knowledge of the law and writing ability. Outside sources may be useful but not necessary. This is to be an individual effort. Collaboration is cause for immediate disqualification. Submission deadline is March 15, 1990. Winner to be announced in April.

The authors of the top ten papers will be invited to write for this prestigious publication.

The New York Law School Reporter Annual Write-On Competition

Fact Pattern:

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Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Naya received word of her priceless Steinway reed to get her to Chicago in 30 minutes. Arriving in Chicago, Naya quickly paid Greyhound, a Delaware Corporation with its headquarters in Nevada, was totaled. Each of the tourists complained of whip lash, herniated discs, multiple contusions and an inoperable bus toilet. When the police arrived at the scene, they issued a summons to Naya for recklessly driving and a summons for displaying a pro-choice bumper sticker on her car, which they felt was obviously the distraction which caused the accident. Naya’s insurance policy was a basic two bit 10/20, and her insurance company immediately investigated alternative transport to Chicago. She contracted with “John,” a Dominos Pizza driver, who agreed to get her to Chicago in 30 minutes or it’s free. “John,” who developed a multiple personality disorder while in Vietnam, whose periodic flashbacks made her way to the federal detention center and were cited for public lewdness. Maya and Naya quickly proceeded to their former apartment buildings, where they were mugged and raped in the dimly lit lobby by the security guard. The security guard had been undergoing psychiatric treatment under Dr. Froyd, and had previously revealed to Dr. Froyd his intention to mug and rape two twins in the building where he worked. Maya and Naya were just one of the many sets of twins in that building. You are an associate attorney at the firm which represents everyone’s interest in this case, and Senior Partner, a junior partner just back from a tour of the Chinese Wall, asks you to write a memorandum of law outlining all the possible claims, crimes, legal issues and defenses arising from the above set of facts.
The Welfare State and Self-Determination

Noame De Plum

This is the third of a four part series dealing with the issue of equality. The two articles attempted to define the term "equality." It was concluded in these articles that the modern notion of equality has perverted the original idea of equality, which neither assumed natural equality between races, genders, or any group of human beings, nor did it allow for a duty on government to abolish conventional inequalities. The Founding Fathers had a strong notion of limited government, which is perhaps the most important principle of the republic they created. Modern liberalism on the other hand have unwittingly made government more intrusive and oppressive. In an attempt to fulfill what is perhaps a social values, perfect social and economic equality. Most liberals place great faith in the democratic process. But they fail to realize that the equality they seek to achieve is based on the status quo. They may not realize that any progress made on behalf of the underprivileged in our country's history has resulted in great distortions by the federal government: intrusions on state sovereignty, on employer-employee relationships, on the will of communities, even on the will of individuals.

In the last article it was suggested that those social hierarchies along racial lines are formed because the social elite meets out its opportunities to its own members and other insiders, mostly white, mostly those who tend to be of a homogeneous racial lot. Breaking intimate conventions like these obviously requires government intervention of a totalitarian nature. Liberals fail to realize that it truly takes to fulfill the ideals they profess, but most of them fail to realize that either through stupidity or hypocrisy continue to push forth their ineffective, if not counterproductive, measures surrounding themselves in a cloak of morality and compassion. This article will attempt to expose the failure of liberal maladjustment to our underprivileged racial minorities, particularly Blacks.

(The next article will deal with the problem of gender classification which is of a much different nature, and therefore should be approached from a different perspective.

Many once underprivileged minorities have come a long way and consequently occupy a high place in today's social hierarchy. Many examples are Jews, Italians, Greeks, and Irish. (Asians constitute today's budding group). What do these groups have which today's underprivileged minorities lack?

The claim that easily perceived racial characteristics create a larger degree of hindrance is not valid. Today there are many progressive minorities with easily distinguishable racial characteristics. Hindus, Arabs, Orientals, Most Jewish, Mediterraneans, and Slavs have racial characteristics easily distinguishable from Anglo-Saxons. Moreover, these groups are easily identifiable through their dialect, and their names. Granted, white minorities have an easier time assimilating into the Anglo-Saxon mainstream than Blacks, Hispanics, or other non-white minorities. But all minorities have had a tough time, sometime or another, and in-Black minorities have rarely been afforded political safeguards. Besides, the success of the white minorities cannot be attributed to their ability to assimilate, because most members of these minorities have made little attempt to assimilate. They maintained their cultural identity, their religion, their mores, their dress, their unique sounding names. They maintained a separate existence in communities isolated from the mainstream whites, in places like Little Italy, Bensonhurst, Williamsburg, Astoria, Chinatown. These communities flourished and prospered while Black and Hispanic communities degenerated.

What distinguishes the successful minorities from the unsuccessful ones is something very simple: a strong sense of self determination. This is reflected in their work ethic, and their sense of dignity and pride, manifested by their refusal to accept any aids or hand-outs from public and private sectors alike. Although the social structure tends to promote members of the privileged classes with little regard to merit, the social structure is not completely unbreakable. Hard working, talented people tend to be rewarded in our society, and they tend to succeed even without the opportunities made available to the elite. But the key is hard work, and the faith that all things are attainable through it are values conducive to success, and these values were the cornerstones of a group's culture or they do not. The simple fact is that Blacks and other currently underprivileged minorities lack this necessary ethic.

The lack of a sense of self-determination and motivation in the Black community is due to the fact that this has been stripped away from them. They originally lost their dignity when they were forcibly removed from this country as slaves. Since acquiring their freedom, however, the liberal has managed to completely emasculate the Black and to perpetuate his lack of self worth. Black person's "progress" in the last century has been characterized by an exclusive reliance on government in the development of the benevolent white liberal. Any rights or privileges which Black person have acquired have been mostly through their reliance on liberal benefactors in the government. Effectively, the Blacks have formed an almost exclusive dependence on the government and thus become wards of the state. They are addicted to welfare, affirmative action, and other opiated measures. These measures effectively create a disincentive to develop that spirit of self determination which enables others minorities to attain progress. As beneficiaries of government charity they become stigmatized, and probably develop a sense of inferiority about themselves. Blacks must inevitably question their self worth when they realize that their livelihood and achievement is so dependent on the white government's charity.

I do not doubt that many a liberal is so diabolical as to actually will these effects of his policy. Let us not forget that the founder of the Great Society program was in his private life a typical Southern racist. But most liberals are simply misguided "feel good" who get a sense of moral satisfaction through an exaggerated concern and compassion for the underprivileged, thus making the underprivileged objects of their pity and their big-hearted charity.

The solution for Blacks and other underprivileged groups is not an easy one. An unilateral withdrawal of all government supports to the Black community would only be barbaric, but might even provoke rebellion. Part of the solution, however, would involve Blacks coming to certain understandings, most important of which is that liberals are not their allies and do not represent their interests. No one can understand the predicament of a Black person better than a Black person, consequently, no one can represent Black interests better than a Black. Greater political representation by Blacks is indeed being effectuated, but that does not constitute a total solution, especially when the Blacks in power are liberal hacks implementing a liberal policy, in which case all they do is help to cut their own throats. Blacks would do much better to follow the example of the other once underprivileged minorities, which became absorbed into the social mainstream after they earned its respect by becoming productive members of the community. Blacks do not need more rights and more privileges; they need their dignity. As liberals, if they truly wish to help, they should stop offering charity and compassion, instead they should offer respect.

Campus South Africa Divestment Movement

Wanes, Study Shows

Several factors contributed to the drop in divestment activity, including the South African government's decision in 1986 to crack down on the flow of information. News network programs were no longer inundated with the graphic pictures of white policemen beating black protesters with rubber whips and truncheons that had served so well to focus the U.S. public's attention on the problem of apartheid and the report notes.

A new federal law banning new U.S. investment in South Africa and the continuing exodus of U.S. firms from the segregationist country also dampened college divestment activities.

Student activists, then, seem to be the victims to their own success, the report said. They have "found it hard to convince their fellow students of the need to continue exerting pressure on their boards of trustees to adopt divestment measures." But Richard Knight of the Africa Fund, which college activists still are pressing for divestment, and, whose work has been ac­nowledged, are getting their school's drop companies like IBM, Coca-Cola and General Motors that still distribute their products in the country.

Divestment Activity

Down from 1986

(CPS)-Fewer colleges and universities have adopted new policies to sell their investments in segregationist South Africa since 1986, the peak of anti-apartheid activities on U.S. campuses.

Year

Colleges That Adopted New Investment Policies

1985 32
1986 29
1987 14
1988 8
1989 4

Source: Investor Responsibility Research Center
Flick Buddies. . .

Facing Facts

"I went down to the riverbank." An attorney is sitting at a typewriter. She looked up at the clock, set off the hour, beginning a short letter. The rest of the letter is immaterial. These few words are all that is needed to sum up the effects of a recent case: a case that didn’t make all that are needed to sum up the effects of a recent case; a case that didn’t result in precedent.

It was an appeal for neutrality was another weird moment was when Ms. Lange’s turmoil over whether she really knew her father as she thought she did. Problems as law school students are, I guess we can’t help but wonder whether she doesn’t know more about her father than we do.

Evidently, the idealism of this character’s last words: "I enjoyed it as both an individual and a law student empathizing with her portrayal of a character.”

Credit: It’s my "flick-buddy" who noticed the movie’s depiction of the following realities: the central character is a successful, divorced female—who has custody of her son, (although she’s a young prince); their two black attorneys working at the firm; and her new world father had a female doctor. Refreshingly, the production avoided the stereotypes we’ve been accustomed to from such movies as Beverly Hills Cop II. Such attention to detail was a refreshing dip into the warm waters of the real troubles we may face in our lives.

Defending someone accused of being a Hungarian-born immigrant, against the pressures of having a family member represented his emotions and personality. I lose sight of my legal-internship writing bench more and more, and see another person entirely. She’s certainly come a long way since her debut as a blonde hors d’oeuvre in the palm of King Kong’s hand.

The trial itself was not as dramatic as anticipated. The film’s dramatic conclusion was the test of one’s self. How does one deal with the strength, determination and wonderful process of introspection of an individual faced with one of Life’s often-referred to as “test of one’s self.” How does one deal with the pressures of the Holocaust. It is about the Holocaust. It is about the horrors of war.

Albert J. Weilman, Raving Reviewer
Karla.
You are an inspiration and the best boss
I've ever had.
Love, Stefan

M&B.
The cousin thing has gone too far.

Donna.
Just because he's got a job doesn't mean
you have to move.

Mr. Mendik.
Thanks for the library.

Dean Simon
How about that swimming pool?

Prof. Perlman.
You're starting to look like a twinkie.

God's Mountain.
Regardless. I still like you. Will you be
my valentine? Respond!

Dilip.
I am the big tree. Bring your small axe
my way.

Jellybean.
I think about you. You're still beautiful.
(know what I mean)

Jeff Dickye.
I need to meet you

to talk with you

to slap your silly face

Professor.
Got any gossip for me? I'm willing to
negotiate! Tell me when! Looking forward
to it!

Sue Davis.
It's so weird so far going through a
semester without hearing a professor say
"Yes Miss Davis" or simply "Davis Com-
ment" that means I miss you! Happy Val-
entines Day

Duckie,
Happy Valentine's Day to my favorite
"counselor." I love you!

Gia.
Why did you dislike me so much. I like
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You're hugs keep the warmth of life's
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The Pizza Man

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Dear R.L.T. and J.T.S.,

Keep the separation.

Justice William Brennan

Rainy Train Stations. Let it rain on me.

Gina Regards.

Justice William Brennan

Still crazy after all these years.

-Nelson Chris Marsala,

Hey Cutie! We Love You!

J.D.

Brown cascading hair blowing in the wind? Wise up it's mutual. Eternally.

R.I.

Love.

The little red-hair boy

Michelle

Eternally. I'll never forget our night of sock sharing.

RL Viva Las Vegas

Jodie

Pauline

Susan J.W.

Susan

I have the major hots for you. Get in touch soon.

Your nuclear reactor

Jamie

Marsha . . .

Eggs.

Thanks for everything! Have a happy Valentine's Day!

M.C.

Kelly Gold:

Where have you been. I want to hang out.

The King

Kerri.

Where are those brownies you promised. If they are yours they're great.

Big Guy

MMC. Every second without you is agony! Wish you were here.

C-101 Lonely hearts

Prudeep.

Oh the duck in Denmark, better than Gumbo.

Dave Wind.

Where the hell are you?

SWM seeks same

Wanted: Nymphomaniac who owns a liquor store

Young virile law student seeks recently divorced multimillionaire

Regrets,

Sergio

You're the best!

Gina

Chris Marsala,

Hey Cutie! We Love You!

Love.

Michelle

Josie

Pauline

Rosa

Susan

Jill

Jamie

Rosa

You're the greatest clerk partner. I love You! Happy Valentines Day

Guess Who

Jack Val.

You Italian wonder stud. I've been watching you from afar. Please leave a yellow ribbon on your mail box.

Your Secret Admirer

Chuckie Goldstein.

Hey we hear you're the NYLS star Basket Ball player. We love you!

See message to Chris Marsala

Alex.

You can't parallel park. I hate your mustache. and you never go out. But I love painters with a great sense of humor.

Be Mine

Mr. Wollerman,

I really like those baby blue's! Be my valentine!

Love N.W.B.
The Utilitarian Deception of Legal Paternalism

by Philip D. Sparrowson

Whenever whoever realized that and wrong is a man-made creation, whoever controlled the levers of society did not let it. There seems to be more of an exception to that historical guess now that thoughts flow free, yet the greatest revolution, people still seem to feel that their sense of right is unconditionally right, and at least they act that way. I see no need to accuse or excise them, because they, for functional incompatibilities without this mindset: life on earth and peoples' order within it are not practicable without the illusionary yet deep sense of stability offered by an underlying belief in a set of values. Without a certain basic level of values, one would become a human perversion with blinding insight, unable to coexist with nature's way of things.

Regardless of one's insight or ignorance on the matter, values are at least a practical, if not spiritual, necessity to living here. Considering the myriad of values the human race could have embraced, like planting one's fingernail as the ultimate act of goodness, it is a remarkable, and probably fortunate twist of fate that every human being, indeed every animal, understand the world in so many fundamentally similar ways. It is a fortunate twist of fate if you believe that complete chaos somehow spontaneously coagulate into order.

Although a "natural" approach to explaining why we believe some things to be right and some things to be wrong is not very fashionable nowadays, a better guess is the "order by chance" argument that we were built for what we believe in, and the way the world works for us was built on our being built for what we believe in, or visa versa. Now in English, our common value base is user friendly with our existence, and structures for the development of these fundamental value bases must exist, and have probably evolved into their present form, on the physiological, psychological, sociological spiritual, ecological, and who knows what other levels.

An immature understanding of all this would probably not be too harmful. But a thorough and intellectually honest understanding of these concepts, and an unconditional appraising of their awesome implications, would probably reek havoc on the unprepared psyche of our population very quickly.

At best, it would lead to such horrifying and destabilizing practices as people consciously choosing values for themselves and justifying an intense belief in them solely on the basis of personal choice and will. Even better, it could lead to people starting to realize the old differences and adopting a unified approach to living together in peace through consciously agreeing to a similar set of consequential values. At worst, people would fail to replace their old, and deeply held, justification mechanisms with new ones (based on choice or self-will), and even on some other external illusory surrogate but would leave this necessary motivating force of all "higher-level" value systems void, instantaneously undermining faith in the legitimacy of not only personal values but institutional and communal values as well. The result would be an annihilation of our social fibers, as people would become dominated by their base-level value systems (food-good, sex-good etc.), irrevocable givers by all but a moreful of transcendentalists.

It may be that whoever has been controlling the levers of our Supreme Court, presumably the justices themselves, has adopted this more pessimistic view as to what to expect if the cat is let out of the bag. Pessimistic, but probably very wise.

Our legal system is a highly visible institution, and a willful manifestation of our communal values, which is constantly tinkering with fundamental questions concerning our value system. Consider the situation of the Supreme Court justices, who not only have to rule on the large, perhaps, but very powerful, legal rules of the Constitution, but most probably reek havoc on our entire system of government, and then some. Ignoring the real factors that embody the justification of our Supreme Court decision, we have to play the fool and turn a blind eye for our country's sake. "Oh yes, it says it right here, Amendment XIV, Article 1. All persons in these United States, and subject to the -jurisdiction thereof, can have abortions."

Although this is a very compassory-oriented type of idea (you know, the type of idea that is overly simplistic and has very little to do with the real world), it may give some explanation as to why courts insist on claiming that their radical departures from all prior precedents and statutes are actually based on precedent and honest statutory interpretation. Even the most dedicated fundamentalist, who for consciously implementing this utilitarian deception of legal paternalism, it probably figures in the process somewhere, whether in the middle of their unconscious thoughtwork, or in the middle of our legal process.

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NYLAB* and Dreams

*(New York Law and Beauty)

by Marci Goldstein and Tina Fisher

For those of you who missed Tracy’s bash, the hostess with the mostest sported a look—a Larry Siry original. The design was developed by Chris B., the final product was created by Mr. Tom D.. and it was easy until Valentine’s Day.

Speaking of the holiday season, Melanie Chang wins the award for Best Chauffer for putting up with The. Marci G., Tom D., Jenifer M and Brian R. on their trip to that paradise known as Jamaica. Highlight of the vacay, Brian, alias Boca Joe’s escapade with toilet paper on the side of the road... Speaking of the road—have you seen highway animals Jessica and Nicole out hunting for men in red trucks on the FDR lately? Our Caly-connection reports that Mr. R. (also known as Sandy) was spotted out on Hwy 280 doing 95 mph and hunting for vension in the family roadster. Slow down girls and wear your belts...Valentine’s Day is creeping upon us. Word had it that the tune of Steele will get Heath, but who knows which one?

Rumor has it that the Square Diner is of Feldman, you know the kind, is only $2.099--great place to bring that special someone for Valentine’s Day! Semester kicks off it is time to see what Jessica W., the ultimate sadist, has enrolled in yet another Strassen Cabaret Act. Yet Melanie Bros is enrolling in a new act. David Chang withdrawal clinic for no change elections are offered this semester in all years. Seems to fit with the NYLAB scene, they found Puffys to be the place to prepare for legal writing. For those 1st years who found themselves at that fateful watering hole after their 1st exam, that false sense of confidence is deadly. Noble Kathy B. however, has already continued the NYLAB partying tradition where she can be found at the Bear Bar (along with Kathy, Gary and me) boggles the mind for women, (we know Gary does get away—do I sense an Equal Protection protest here)?

Eugene T. Maleka will be assisting in the preparation of the spring ‘90 Final Schedule. A crossword puzzle will be offered for those who work better in crossword form rather than standard bluebook form. The crossword exam will still be a new look—a Larry Siry printed puzzle. Meanwhile, downtown, Mr. Trendy Tribeca, Tony D., eagerly awaits the opening of Robert Niro’s new ch-ch bar and grill. Look for an update in ‘Tone’s sequel to ‘Tribeca for the Law Geeks, Foreign Film Buffs and Associated Pseudo-Aficionados"...

The Utilitarian Deception of Legal Paternalism

by Philip D. Sparrowson

Whenever whoever realized that right and wrong is a man-made creation, whoever controlled the levers of society did not let it. There seems to be more of an exception to that historical guess now that thoughts flow free, yet the greatest revolution, people still seem to feel that their sense of right is unconditionally right, and at least they act that way. I see no need to accuse or excise them, because they, for functional incompatibilities without this mindset: life on earth and peoples' order within it are not practicable without the illusionary yet deep sense of stability offered by an unifying belief in a set of values. Without a certain basic level of values, one would become a human perversion with blinding insight, unable to coexist with nature’s way of things.

Regardless of one's insight or ignorance on the matter, values are at least a practical, if not spiritual, necessity to living here. Considering the myriad of values the human race could have embraced, like planting one's fingernail as the ultimate act of goodness, it is a remarkable, and probably fortunate twist of fate that every human being, indeed every animal, understands the world in so many fundamentally similar ways. It is a fortunate twist of fate if you believe that complete chaos somehow spontaneously coagulate into order.

Although a "natural" approach to explaining why we believe some things to be right and some things to be wrong is not very fashionable nowadays, a better guess is the "order by chance" argument that we were built for what we believe in, and the way the world works for us was built on our being built for what we believe in, or visa versa. Now in English, our common value base is user friendly with our existence, and structures for the development of these fundamental value bases must exist, and have probably evolved into their present form, on the physiological, psychological, sociological spiritual, ecological, and who knows what other levels.

An immature understanding of all this would probably not be too harmful. But a thorough and intellectually honest understanding of these concepts, and an unconditional appraising of their awesome implications, would probably reek havoc on the unprepared psyche of our population very quickly.

At best, it would lead to such horrifying and destabilizing practices as people consciously choosing values for themselves and justifying an intense belief in them solely on the basis of personal choice and will. Even better, it could lead to people starting to realize the old differences and adopting a unified approach to living together in peace through consciously agreeing to a similar set of consequential values. At worst, people would fail to replace their old, and deeply held, justification mechanisms with new ones (based on choice or self-will), and even on some other external illusory surrogate but would leave this necessary motivating force of all "higher-level" value systems void, instantaneously undermining faith in the legitimacy of not only personal values but institutional and communal values as well. The result would be an annihilation of our social fibers, as people would become dominated by their base-level value systems (food-good, sex-good etc.), irrevocable givers by all but a moreful of transcendentalists.

It may be that whoever has been controlling the levers of our Supreme Court, presumably the justices themselves, has adopted this more pessimistic view as to what to expect if the cat is let out of the bag. Pessimistic, but probably very wise.

Our legal system is a highly visible institution, and a willful manifestation of our communal values, which is constantly tinkering with fundamental questions concerning our value system. Consider the situation of the Supreme Court justices, who not only have to rule on the large, perhaps, but very powerful, legal rules of the Constitution, but most probably reek havoc on our entire system of government, and then some. Ignoring the real factors that embody the justification of our Supreme Court decision, we have to play the fool and turn a blind eye for our country's sake. "Oh yes, it says it right here, Amendment XIV, Article 1. All persons in these United States, and subject to the -jurisdiction thereof, can have abortions."

Although this is a very compassory-oriented type of idea (you know, the type of idea that is overly simplistic and has very little to do with the real world), it may give some explanation as to why courts insist on claiming that their radical departures from all prior precedents and statutes are actually based on precedent and honest statutory interpretation. Even the most dedicated fundamentalist, who for consciously implementing this utilitarian deception of legal paternalism, it probably figures in the process somewhere, whether in the middle of their unconscious thoughtwork, or in the middle of our legal process.
Gripes of Worth

Glenn Miller

Why do some students feel that the P.A.D. symposium will be better than what the Placement Office could do, if they were actually doing anything. (Why do 90% of the students feel that Placement’s answer to the question: “How do I find a Summer Job?” will always start with: “First, are you in the top 10%?”).

When will Placement adopt the policy of prestigious law schools like Georgetown: firms interviewing on campus must interview all students expressing an interest in the firm, regardless of grade point average. (By the way, isn’t our acquiescence to such hiring practices, what allows them to do this?)

Isn’t there a more creative way to apply by Phillip D. Spyropoulos

the life and work experience of evening students, doesn’t this encourage employers to use the narrow hiring criteria? Have issues of age discrimination concerning evening students been forthrightly thought through by Placement, or are they using models of placement planning which reflect the myth of evening students, which Placement Office has begun to meet with all first year students. Shouldn’t this be made retroactive? Why not meet with all students to track their interests, goals, interviews, and work history.

8. Why is it that evening college complaints about the overflowing trash cans late afternoon filth in restrooms by the cafeteria were referred by an Administrative Officer to a Student Government Representative? (“Students are complaining. You should do something about it.”)

Isn’t it the responsibility of Maintenance, to keep the school clean? (albeit, with student cooperation).

9. Why is it that our parking lot, a veritable treasure in Manhattan real estate, goes virtually unused during the week? Why was entry into weekend parking last term only during the magic time of every hour on the half hour? (A gesture silly and awkward was intended for those who couldn’t synchronize with this opening in time). Why are evening students who win the parking lottery not allowed to enter until a half hour before their standard six o’clock class?

10. Why is the parking lot so closely monitored in the oversight of the Administration, to the keep the school clean? (albeit, with student cooperation).

11. Why is it that the scheduling term seems to lead to conflict in the recommended “A list” or “B list” courses? Is it that many major courses from the list have exams scheduled back-to-back?

12. Why was the exam reading period for the fall semester so short?

5. Why does the accounting office, the registrar’s office, the copy center, and the copy plants at the Copy Center itself? Why couldn’t a fee be levied for copying which would allow students to pick up their supplements and materials at one place? Why not, as some professors have done, distribute materials in the class?

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5. Why does our small but high quality law school, training attorneys for the twenty-first century, in one of the most creative cities on earth, cling to the all or nothing exam method? Why can’t our training on which future lives depend, reflect what education now knows about learning styles, types of intelligences, memory, and cognition? Isn’t the profession of law a victim too of the attitudinized necessity of “do well or die” exams? Do exams truly measure student knowledge-solving, or the complex skills necessary to be effective attorneys? Is creativity or knowledge the attributes most rewarded on exams? Why tabs on this?

6. Why are student organizations, like the Latino Law Society and the Asian American Law Society, seeking funds to recruit more minority students at New York Law School? Why isn’t the admissions office seeking to cooperate or fund these efforts? Why does it seem that the number of Afro-American students admitted or attending is on the decline? Why aren’t minority students represented here at New York Law, especially when the legal ideal of cultural pluralism (from Federalist #10 to rational interpretations of the (14th amendment) suffer from the realities of racism, bigotry, stereotyping, discrimination, and blind ignorance? Why does P.A.D. plan to put on a “Finding a Summer Job” when our Placement Office should be taking care of this?
The Roving Reporter

Question: What do you like best about the new library that you didn’t like about the old one?

Jason Oshins
Class of ’91
Oh I haven’t been there, where is it? You know I was wondering where all the books went. Now it all seems so clear.

Debbie Dorfman
Class of ’92
Chairs are more comfortable; the old chairs were too hard & hurt my back & I could not sit on them for too long.

John Hays
Class of ’90
I like the lounge area on the first floor. It’s better than the smoked filled Popular reading room on the 10th floor in the other library. Also I really like having the ability to crush certain students between the movable shelving in the basement. Thats really positive.

Joyce Saltalamachia
Associate Professor
Library Director
It is apples & oranges; there is no comparison.

Rhonda Feder
Class of ’91
I like the fact that the study areas are more conducive to studying. There are places to be totally quiet and places to meet and congregate. The copy machines are separate from the study areas and there are places for people to study in groups.

James Claffey
Class of ’90
The added Lexis & Westlaw machines because now there is no wait. Also, I like the shelves in the basement ("compact shelving") because they all rotate together. I call it “Darth Vader Shelving.” I especially like the fact that copy machines no longer go off in my face when I’m studying.

Gary Saxtow
Class of ’91
The research materials are more convenient now that they are consolidated into one place. The study areas are more comfortable and more conducive to studying. Now maybe I’ll get straight A’s!!!

Jim Shoemaker
Class of ’91
Great place to scam for babes!
The smiling Civil Libertarians.

New York Law School
Civil Liberties Union

On Tuesday Feb. 6, The New York Law School Civil Liberties Union held its first meeting of the spring semester. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss upcoming events that the New York Law School Civil Liberties Union plans on participating in throughout the semester.

Among the many activities the New York Law School Civil Liberties Union discussed were:
1) Joint sponsorship with BLSA & ULS on a panel on the legalization of Drugs.
2) Civil liberties lobbying Day (Tues 5/8) N.Y.C.L.U. will send people to Albany to lobby for civil liberties. And
3) Student working for the ACLU on a voluntary basis on cases or programs of present concern.

We are always looking for new members any on interested in becoming a new member, or in participating in an upcoming event or just to chat, stop by the office (we're in C-102) or drop us a note in our mail box . . . . . . 

Susan Fleischman

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