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N.Y.S. A. G. Lefkowitz Holds
17th Summer Intern Program

by Jim Pagano

For the seventeenth consecutive year, State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz has staffed the Department of Law with highly talented students from all parts of the county for their summer vacation. The students were employed on a temporary basis, reporting for duty prior to the opening day of school. They are listed below:

- Todd Easter Consumer Frauds & Protection
- Janisline Burke Consumer Frauds & Protection
- Arthur P. Flach Litigation
- Alan Fred Pafe Special Projects
- Sandra Kevorkian Consumer Frauds & Protection
- Joseph Latwin Anti-Monopoly
- Jules Levin Estates & Trusts
- James Pagano Consumer Frauds & Protection

The program has a two-fold purpose. First, it gives law school students valuable experience. Second, it augments the work load of the men and women who are employed in the Bureau in which they serve.

In an exclusive EQUALITAR interview, Attorney General Lefkowitz said of the program, "... the program has become popular, and students from all parts of the country apply... They get practical day by day chances to see a law office in operation, that's very different from law school."

This reporter found the experience to be invaluable. The students felt that their work was extremely important because they were treated as if they were attorneys by the Attorney General and his staff. Many of the students went on vacation during this period and the students took over many of their duties. They were given a wide latitude of discretion in the handling of their assignments.

There are 26 Bureaus within the Department of Law.

In the Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection, for example, Bureau Chief Barnett Levy gave the students a direct view of the students. The students handled cases, in addition to many other tasks, such as legal research, legal writing, and preparing reports.


Prizes were distributed to many students. A special touch added to the ceremonies was the presence of two of our own students, both Rabbis.

Rabbi Mark Offer gave the Invocation, and the Benediction was offered by Rabbi Solomon Bible. Rabbi Offer's ceremony was quiet and dignified. It started on time and ran smoothly. Judging by the happy faces of all who attended the graduation, it was a huge success.

The graduates included students from the following law schools:
- New York Law School
- Michigan
- Boston University
- St. John's University
- Hofstra University
- New York University

The graduates were offered positions in the Department of Law after graduation. Many of the graduates are expected to remain in the New York area.

Worst Fears of First Year Student Allied by SBA Run Orientation

by Ed Sanocki

Law school orientation begins a day early for me. While my bus was on route to New York from Ann Arbor, Michigan, I worked up enough courage to sit next to a rather attractive girl who seemed to be grappling with some problem that deeply troubled her. But with the type of circumstance that one normally associates with final exam week at most colleges and universities, could anyone be worried about school this early in the year?

My curiosity got the best of me, so I cautiously started the conversation by asking if anything was wrong. Indeed, as I had originally assumed, college was the cause of her problems. Law school in fact. She had been attending classes at the University of Pittsburgh College of Law for two days and was now returning home for good.

I explained to her that...
Older Students Form Caucus

Dear [Name],

As a group of older students, we are writing to express our concern about the recent developments at Brooklyn Law School. We understand that our school has faced significant changes in recent years, including budget cuts and restructuring of various departments.

We believe that these changes have led to a shift in the school's priorities, focusing more on short-term survival rather than long-term goals. The School of Law has a long history of excellence, and we are committed to preserving its reputation.

We are particularly concerned about the recent changes in the Dress Code. We understand the need for a uniform dress code but believe that it should be flexible to accommodate the diverse needs of the student body.

We urge the administration to consider these concerns and to engage in meaningful dialogue with the student body. We believe that a collaborative approach will lead to a better institution for all.

Sincerely,
[Name]

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

At the last meeting in Chicago, I had the opportunity to meet students from most of the law schools throughout the country. Intractably, discussion turned to physical plant, especially the library. I think that for students to be able to study in an excellent library, one that exceeded at least the AALS accreditation standards, I never realized just how well off we are. Most other schools do not have their library open as many hours as we do. At many schools, students do not have the free access to stacks that we enjoy. With the great improvements being made, we will truly have a first-rate library.

Ronald Goldfarb
5d Yr. Day

To The Editor:

As different minorities at school identify themselves and band together, nonminorities, though in the majority, now wish to be heard.

It is our intention to see that No Smoking signs are placed prominently in every room, so that newcomers will know the fire regulations from the outset. It is shocking to see a student put a cigarette out on the carpet.

It is one thing to smolder, and another to disregard the rights of others. People who aspire to be attorneys ought to be especially sensitive to the rights of others.

If you will let us know when you would find a meeting most convenient, we will arrange for time and date.

Ron Goldfarb
5d Yr. Day

Diane Imweth
6d Yr. Day

Phyllis Winkler
5d Yr. Day

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SCHOLARSHIP

PHI DELTA PHI TO AWARD $100 SCHOLARSHIP

Later this month, Phi Delta Phi will award a $100 scholarship to a high ranking student who has completed between 30% and 60% of the requirements for membership, and an identical award to a student who has completed 70% or more of those requirements. Those wishing to apply must be a member of Phi Delta Phi, and have given evidence to the Admissions Committee that they are making satisfactory progress toward membership. The award will be divided: This is an annual award.

Joel Weinstein
Tuesday, October 15, 1974
**First Year S.B.A. Rep. Elections**

Each section (A & B) is entitled to five S.B.A. representatives. Evening also gets five.

A simple nominating petition with 10 signatures must be placed in the S.B.A. mailbox on Monday, Oct. 14. The list of nominees will be posted by October 16.

Short speeches and balloting will take place on Monday, October 21 as follows:

- **Section A:** 10:00 (Civil Procedure)
- **Section B:** 1:00 (Contracts)
- **Evening:** 6:00 (Torts)

Each class member may vote for 5 reps. Results will be posted by Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Joel Weinstein
S.B.A. President

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**Phi Delta Phi Plans Semester Activities**

New York Law School's chapter of Phi Delta Phi will be undertaking a full complement of activities during the fall semester. The semi-annual dinner dance, tentatively scheduled for early December, is now in the planning stage.

Phi Delta Phi, for the information of new students, is an international legal fraternity with chapters at over one hundred law schools. New York Law School's chapter, Dwight Inn, under the leadership this year of Magister Ron Goldfarb, fulfills certain social, cultural, and educational needs peculiar to a commuter school such as NYLS.

Interesting and informative speakers are brought to NYLS under the aegis of Dwight Inn. The Professor of the Year is elected each spring by the membership. Professor Koffler was last year's award recipient. The leading social events of the school year are the dinner dances sponsored by Phi Delta Phi. Additionally, Dwight Inn functions as a school service organization. Members serve as orientation counselors in the fall, and graduation ushers in the spring.

All students are invited to become members and participate in the activities of Dwight Inn. Notices of meetings and events will be posted throughout the building. Meetings are rather lively affairs, customarily punctuated by the intake of wine and cheese. All are welcome, and the officers and members of Phi Delta Phi look forward with pleasure to the renewal of old friendships and the initiation of new ones.

EMPLOYMENT... (Continued from Page 1)

out at a time when more firms are hiring.

Dean Roem reminds all graduating students to submit resumes to her administrative assistant Mrs. Esther Cognato in Room 201. The office will then send copies to those firms in which the students have shown interest and for which they qualify.

Also new permanent notice boards will be installed in the main hall of the 57 Worth Street building. There are temporary notice boards there now and these must be checked daily, particularly by third year students. These interviews which have been set up for students will be posted about one week in advance.

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OLD CATALOGUES WANTED

Do you have any old NYLS catalogues? NYLS would like to add these catalogues to the historical collection of our library, it is especially important as we are considering having a history of the law school written.

If you have any old catalogues of NYLS please contact:

Prof. Andrew Simak
Librarian
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EQUITAS

Equitas Editorials

No Whitewash

One need only cross the threshold of 57 Worth St. to know that change has taken place. The smell of paint, the sound of workmen, the tucks left behind by the car- pet installers are evidence of the cosmetic changes taking place at NYLS. But this is no whitewash. Substantial changes have been made in the internal operation of NYLS. New courses, new professors, a new curriculum are further evidence that Dean Shapiro is well on his way toward accomplishing the goal of making this the foremost urban law school in the United States.

Another step in that direction is AALS accreditation. An inspection team from the American Association of Law Schools will be at NYLS shortly as part of the accreditation procedure. Accreditation will bring added prestige to our school. It is a benefit which will accrue to past, present and future graduates. We owe it to ourselves to make the best showing possible when the AALS visits our school. This includes adherence to smoking and eating restrictions.

NYLS bookstore. Beginning with next sem- ester all required texts will be available at our own bookstore. With NYLS being the only school Gil has to be concerned with there is hope that we will be able to have our powers of selection be the third or fourth week of the semester.

We wish the new cafeteria and bookstore the best of luck. EQUITAS urges all of the student body to patronize our own facilities. As an inducement we understand that the NYLS bookstore will be offering a five percent discount on textbooks and all other study materials.

Better Book Service

It is getting increasingly more difficult to remember the time when you couldn't get a freshly brewed cup of coffee or a freshly made sandwich at the NYLS cafe- teria. In a short period of time Gil's Sand­ wich haven has become an integral part of the NYLS scene. Well you ain't seen nuttin' yet folks! We have had the opportunity to see what Gil is planning in our new build­ ing at 47 Worth St. A spanking new pan­ caked cafeteria which will be serving hot food as well as the current line of sand­ wiches. Of greater interest to us however is the fact that Gil will be operating a new

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Air The Grievance

Disputes have arisen in the past years between students and members of the fac­ ulty regarding grades and examinations.

While we recognize the question of aca­ demic freedom involved in asking that all examinations be screened before students are subjected to them, we also recognize that this is an area in which a problem ex­ ist.

Perhaps the solution involves two sep­ arate areas. A faculty or administration group could set up guidelines to be followed by professors to insure that examinations are adequately and fairly cover the course ma­ terial. Another and perhaps more important

area involves the establishment of an ade­ quate grievances procedure under which a student could appeal his/her grade. It should be recognized that in such a proce­ dure a grade could, of course, be raised or lowered. It seems self-serving for a profes­ sor to review his own examination and the grade he/she gave a student.

We would like to see the administration investigate the possibility of such a griev­ ance committee. It might go a long way to­ ward pointing out areas where students have legitimate gripes which bear correc­ tion, or those instances where the com­ plaint is just sour grapes.

Too Many Caucuses

We are amazed at the proliferation of CAUCUSES at NYLS in the past years. Not too long ago there were none. Soon we will need all ten fingers and maybe a few toes in order to count them. We wonder if they all are really necessary. While we rec­ ognize the necessity for certain minority groups to have official spokespersons, we wonder if every splinter group which de­ cides it is being discriminated against

should, without having to observe some for­ mal chartering procedure, be entitled to funding, room and an official voice. The question of which organizations are offi­ cial and recognized seems to us to be gov­ erned by the SBA and the SBA Constitu­ tion. We would welcome a definitive ruling from the SBA representatives as to how this matter should be handled.

Tuesday, October 15, 1974

POINT OF VIEW

TOO MANY MEMOS

Arthur P. Fisch

I have begun to wonder if the Dean is going to find it nec­ essary to walk around campus to inform him or her that there are rules which must be followed not only in classrooms and which bar smoking in areas other than those designated as smoking areas. Two notices already have been posted --- the second twice as long and consider­ ably more emphatic than the first.

Dean Shapiro is a great believer in treating graduate stu­ dents in a law school as responsible adults. I have begun to think that he is in for a rude awakening. I also am amazed at the fact that a few irresponsible individuals will we all end up being treated like uncaring irresponsible juveniles.

For those of you who think that a miracle is going to happen upon graduation from the law school which is going to imbue you with the maturity and responsibility you will need to compete successfully both as a lawyer and as a person --- forget it! If you haven't got it yet --- you had better start working on it quickly.

Fortunately this is not directed at the great majority of NYLS students who realize that they have a responsibility to their school, to their fellow students and most impor­ tantly to themselves to act as responsible adults. And those students realize that what they do reflects upon how they will be able to cope with life outside our hallowed halls.

I find it hard to believe that a fellow student would walk into the library, take out a law review article which just happened to be on the exact topic assigned by his/her pro­ fessor, copy that law review almost word for word and then hand it in to the professor. If the professor didn't check up, that student wouldn't have to worry about a failed paper. As an aside, did I mention that the student, to cover his/her "tracks," also ripped the pages out of the book? Couldn't have been posted --- the second twice as long and consider­ ably more emphatic than the first.

For those of you who think that bringing that cup of cof­ fee up to the third floor doesn't come close to being the same as plagiarizing a paper or ripping a page out of a re­ porter you are very wrong. They all are irresponsible acts --- the results of which the consequences may be dif­ ferent but they all have a striking similarity.

The newly painted and carpeted classrooms were won by the Dean from the Board of Trustees after many hours of negotiation. How does it feel for a member of Prof. Simak's library crew to walk in and see stains on week-old carpet caused by an accidentally spilled cup of coffee which didn't belong in the room? How does it feel for a member of Prof. Simak's library crew to have someone come over and where they can find an­ other copy of this case which is assigned reading but which someone has cut out of the reporter. How does it feel to a person to whom cigarette smoke is a health hazard (to walk into a room where smoking is barred by regulation and find a half dozen people blowing smoke and putting their cigarettes out on the carpet?"

If you don't want offensive regulations and faculty disci­ pline committees, wise up. If all of us take the time to do a little self-evaluation and realize that the rules which still exist at NYLS are there to make our environment a com­ fortable place for all of us to live. Unreasonable rules are quickly changed by the current administration. (i.e. attendance taking)

The laws we do have have been formulated so that all of us who are part of this law school community can live to­ gether with the least discomfort to one another. It isn't even really necessary to refer to the specific wording of the rules and regulations. Common sense, a sense of decency, and a sense of responsibility are all you need.

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English Barrister Appointed As NYLS Assistant Dean

Davis Will Continue to Teach

by Renee Stetts

Anthony Davis was happily living in England when he got an offer from Dean Shapiro to teach at New York Law School. "I knew many others who have been, despite the objects of the装置er's simulation, Davis decided to accept the invitation and to come to the United States.

A Barrister's Education

Davis is a graduate of Trinity Hall College of Cambridge University, which, he said, was traditionally a lawyer's college. Once, it taught laws law primarily, but today, of course, it produces lawyers as well as doctors.

"Cambridge," said Davis, "is one of the most beautiful places on earth, and there was wondrous experience.

Before Cambridge, Davis went to Tonbridge, a public school. Americans frequently want to know about English public schools had any basis in reality; also, many of them were too far, there used to be a kind of institutionalized viciousness with the younger boys acting as the servants of the older ones and quite completely at their mercy. There really were bullies, teachers, and me.

"Just along with this, went the most wonderful kind of educational experience. My last two years at the school were spent under the guidance of two extra-ordinary masters. One couldn't have gotten a better education.

"Though I hated school at first, I began to like it when it became intellectually stimulating. Also, I must admit, many of the 'harsh' have gone. Reforms have been initiated, and, only in my school but in most public schools. A new kind of teaching was being tried. I was there, and the school changed quite drastically under my stay."

"And, awful as the system might have been, there was a reason for it when England was an Empire and a world power. Those

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FOUNDING OF NYLS: Born in Turbulence

by Arthur D. Friedman

NYLS was born in a turbulent era of legal education, and it was founded by a set of men who had very definite ideas about how best to educate lawyers.

The conflicts of the era were two, of which one has recently returned to the forefront of speeches and articles about legal education. One conflict was whether it was better to train lawyers by the treatise method (a.k.a. - the "Dwight method") or by the case method. Today, this conflict has been almost universally resolved in favor of the case method. The second was whether law school should last two years or three.

Before 1901 Columbia Law School was a two year law school which utilized the treatise method under the strong influence of Professor Dwight. About that time legal education was revolutionized at Columbia when the curriculum was expanded to three years. The problem of instruction was adopted as a transplant from Harvard Law School. These changes met with strong resistance from the faculty and student body. In fact, of the second year class at Columbia in 1891 refused to return for their third year and withdrew from law school. The most famous of those "drop-outs" was Benjamin N. Cardozo.

A group of graduates and professors of Columbia Law School attempted to establish a competing institution to perpetuate the Dwight method. Thus, on June 11, 1901, the State of New York chartered The New York Law School. Professor Chase was to be dean and devote full time to this new law school. Professor Poli

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Equitas Gets Honorable Mention:

ABA Law Student Div. Announces Winners of Three Annual Contests

* Cumberland School of Law of Samford University and the University of Florida School of Law are double winners in this year's contests sponsored by the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association.
* Cumberland won the Class B competition for "Outstanding Student Bar Association" and "Outstanding Student Bar Association Project.
* The University of Florida won the Class C contest for "Outstanding Student Bar Association Project" and was a joint winner in Class A for "Outstanding Student Bar Association Project.

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* There was no winner in this category in Class C.
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NYLS Rep. At LSD Meeting

The Law Student Division of the American Bar Association held its annual meeting in Chicago August first through fourth. New York Law School was represented by Ron Goldfarb, our elected LSD representative.

Like last year, the House of Delegates, the Divisions’ ruling body, spent a great deal of time debating a problem almost unknown in the East — unapproved law schools. A Blue Ribbon Committee, appointed after last year’s meeting, recommended that students at these schools, chiefly in California, be denied membership privileges of the Law Student Division. Despite strong opposition, the committee’s report was adopted with most of the support coming from the southern law schools.

Among other resolutions passed were those supporting abortion rights as guaranteed by Roe v. Wade, deleting sexist language from American Bar Association publications; eliminating questions about minor psychiatric treatment from law school application and admission committee questionnaires; and one supporting a national women’s right group.

These resolutions will now be presented to the ABA House of Delegates at their next meeting in February.

David W. Fedman of Georgetown University Law School was elected president and Howard Kane of Brooklyn Law School as LSD President.

More than one hundred law schools were represented at the meeting. In addition to the business meetings and other events, the participants at the meeting found time for a good deal of informal note swapping.

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12 NYLS Students In Lefkowitz Program

(Continued from Page 1) to the cases assigned by the attorneys. The students were required to submit a report at the termination of the internship.

The students who worked on Special Projects had an interesting summer. One of the special projects involved a public hearing on the subject of tape piracy. This involved the poor quality tape reproduction of records. Recording artists and producers were among the witnesses who testified. The purpose of the hearing was remedial legislation, as the present legislation is deemed to be inadequate. The hearing received much publicity, notably in Variety.

Six of the twelve NYLS students worked in the Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection, perhaps one of the most active Bureaus within the Department of Law. The work of this Bureau receives much publicity. The students did field investigations, notably the closing of an abortion clinic, took complaints, worked toward the resolution of the complaints, and did legal research. Cases ranged from utility complaints to travel agencies, automobiles to collection agencies.

The Bureau of Trust & Estates is involved in several fields of law, almost all of which involves adversary litigation in the Surrogate's Court and the State Supreme Court. The finest litigation emerges out of the representation of the ultimate beneficiaries of charitable dispositions in wills, trust agreements, deeds and corporate purposes. The Attorney General’s power in this area is now recognized by statute, article 8 of the EPTL. The students who were assigned to the Surrogate’s Bureau assisted in field work, investigation and hearings.

An added benefit of this year’s program was the lecture series initiated by the Attorney General. Once a week, a Bureau was selected to discuss the work with which it is charged. The students were addressed by David Glurman, Bureau Chief of the Surrogate’s Bureau. He spoke on the subject of condemnation, an area in which he is well known. (See N Y L S 477.) Stephen Mindel, formerly a professor at NYLS, has written extensively in the field, most recently in the New York Law Journal. Other Bureaus which were represented were: Labor, Chimes, Environmental Protection, Civil Rights, Special Prosecutor Ministries, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Attorney General himself, addressed the group at several times during the session.

The end of the program was marked by an address to the students by the Attorney General who awarded the students a Certificate of Appreciation.

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Orientation:

“We Are A Family... We Can All Take Part in Helping One Another”

(Continued from Page 1) would only last two days as well.

Fortunately, as the orientation program progressed, I realized that my fears were totally groundless. The SBA, which organized the whole affair, did a magnificent job in an effort to relieve us of the anxieties and the fallacious beliefs that plague all first-year law students. On Wednesday, we were introduced to the upper echelon of the school: the Dean and President, former graduates, members of the faculty; and representatives of the various student organizations. Thursday we heard from our future professors in a series of short lectures and afterwards, we were given a tour of the library.

Both sessions were very helpful. One could sense a feeling of friendliness and comradeship that was extended to the entire first-year class. I was especially gratified by the fact that everyone explicitly stated they would be happy to help us in any way they could during our stay at NYLS. We were assured that with all the faculty, students, and the school will benefit from it.

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