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To look at the Honorable Charles Froessel, Chairman of the Board of the New York Law School, it would be hard to believe that he was once a law school student. Froessel said, "I wasn't easy. "It's been a challenge, a struggle," he said. "But I feel that the law has been an unconstitutonal application through various stages of the school's history."

"A chance to relax. New York Law Fourteen," Judge Froessel said, "is today You knew what was going on, at least. But now, you are more settled with the law."

"I remember a case in which one side was represented by a distinguished, experienced attorney and the other by a young, inexperienced one. But the older attorney had not done his homework. The young attorney was so enthusiastic, diligent — he had everything at his fingertips."

"Reflections On Orientation. No, it's not like Rutgers at all. It's different, with new changes and different teachers."

"The incoming class is a scholastically superior one, with the highest median LSAT scores (around 600) and under-graduate point averages in the school's history."

"The first session began punctually at eleven o'clock on Monday morning, with greetings from Dean Walter A. Rafalko, who discussed reasons for the heavy increase in law school enrollment during recent years, in which hundreds of law students change the social system within and an influx of new students."

"Nevertheless," he says, "there has been progress already. One emphasis will be on summer jobs, which are sometimes lead to permanent positions."

"Starting from scratch also isn't easy. "It's been a challenge," Sabatino says. "But I like it."
CONTROLLING TERROR

The recent tragic events at Munich are not an isolated event, but are another strand in the web of terrorism which, with increasing frequency and violence, is being spun about the world.

Though Arab terrorist programs are aimed at Israel, they inevitably affect everyone who holds or cherishes the important relationship of Israel and the Arab world. Arab terrorists make no distinction between the Middle Eastern countries, both social and commercial, which depend upon and support them, and Israel.

The terrorist disruptions of the Middle East affect worldwide commerce, and without doubt will have an important impact upon the future of the world. As long as the world continues to lend its support to the Arab terrorist programs, we will all suffer the consequences.

The practice of law is a public service and the responsibility of those who practice it should be considered a public service.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Purcell Changes Course

DEAR CLASS OF 1974:

Hello, how are you? I hope that you had a fine summer. The reason that I am writing this letter to the class is that I have decided to retire from New York Law School this year.

In the spring of 1972, I ran for Representative of the bar. I feel that I am letting down, in a way, as a result of my decision. I can assure you that at the time of the election I had no plans other than New York Law School for this year.

However, in the course of the summer, I have had time to take a look at my own path in life. I feel that I am utilizing all of my talents in law school.

In a way, I feel like "fish out of water." I wanted to tell the class personally of my decision before I met with all of you and I am certain that I will not tell my intuitions and experiences that we shared together as a group. It was definitely a rewarding period in my life.

I would like to wish all of you the best in your future at N.Y.L.S. and in the noble field of law. Thank you for everything that you have done for me.

Sincerely,

Thomas Fitzgerald Purcell

TO THE EDITOR:

The time has come, believe those studying the law to stop and think. Cheating is unnecessary as a practice for exam giving. But that age bestowed upon it no vulnerability.

My purpose is neither to pass judgment nor to stand in self-righteous indubitable, but I do want to express my own-consternation, to; propose the problem requiring both personal and community solution.

The law adversely affects everyone. It never appears to have always been burdened with a poor public image. This is increasing dialogue in this country today concerning issues of public trust and community responsibility. And I contend that cheating on exams not only does violence to it, but it may seem.

I do not espouse naivete on the subject of cheating. I have seen it before. But there is no place for it in this school — or in the law. I do not presume to declare that this practice does not go to himself by the act of cheating.

And I am concerned not at all with reasons or rationales for its practice. For there is no purity, I consider it unaffordable to the individual, to the profession, and to myself that colleagues and classmates practice or even condone cheating. And unless we, or we have not cheated before is at issue. What is at issue is our honor. An arch-demon, however, I hope not. Too strong a term for what I am attempting to here? Not nearly.

The practice of law is a public trust. Your reputation, competency, and prestige, suspected, together with some measure of your success will be determined on what level of ethical conduct you practice. A man with high ideals and high moral actions can never be taken for granted or allowed to be undervalued. Many of us have commented about the practice of proctoring exams. I wonder how far we might progress towards the goal of this system. As a [student] body if we worked for the implementation of an honor code, our previous supplications for anonymous grading might well be integrated into such a code.

Any of you who have lived under an honor code before should remember the greater dignity you enjoyed. Regardless of whether or not this honor code dream journey is normal it is not allowed to be challenged. We should be concerned with what do to about cheating. That requires cognition of the problem as a problem. Many of those with whom I have spoken have responded disinterestedly, even apologetically. I do not understand how we can be challenged by what I, think, so serious a problem.

I do not understand

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Graduation Attracts Enthusiastic Audience

Graduation '72 from New York Law School was a strange combination of the dignified, the touching, and the absurd.

For dignity, there was a fine modern auditorium, the procession itself -- rows of black clad figures marching down the aisles always look solemn -- and a commencement address of far more power and substance than the usual pious mumbadings about selfish service.

Whitney North Seymour, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, who was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, used this occasion for a blistering attack on corruption and governmental complacency.

The most touching aspect of graduation was the look of undisguised love and joy on the faces of the audience. They were, after all, graduates.

The fact of the candidates themselves wore a more complicated variety of expressions than this writer can describe. Some looked joyful; some merely relieved to have the ordeal over; a few had a rather sad, let-down look on their faces -- as if they fully understood that education was to be rather an anticlimax. Many faces expressed a struggle between genuine pleasure and some eleventh hour complication which apparently read, "This must be cold and wet circumstances."

The reaction of the audience when the graduation procession first appeared was both touching and absurd. An ecstatic rose. Some people waved. A few, mostly small brothers and sisters, called out, trying to get a graduate's attention. Others shot off flashbulbs.

One proud parent set up a stand of studio lights right in front of the balcony. They dazzled the eye. He turned on them as the procession first entered the auditorium.

Later, as the graduates were receiving their diplomas, he turned them on again for five candidates before his son was due to march up. Suddenly, it was HIS son's turn. The whirring of a motion picture camera could be heard. The young man returned to his seat. The lights snapped off. It seemed quite dark for a few seconds.

There were almost one hundred and fifty graduates. It took them a long time to march in. Nevertheless, it was very clear that for everyone in the audience there was only one person in the procession.

As they appeared, the left side of the audience held full time jobs all through school, had carried an additional burden.

RICHARD JAMES FINIMORE, J.D.

I'm pleased and happy. My husband's a lawyer in Nassau County and I'm going to work with him.

UTE LALLY, J.D.

I hope that a majority of the Class of '72 joins the Alumni Association and works within it. As alumni, we have a chance to improve many of the conditions we were unhappy with in law school, or, at least, be more people participate, the more concerned we will become. I am happy about the future of the program.

A. MICHAEL WEBER, J.D.

I'm happy graduating. Inspirational type popular songs are irritating, but I'm happy about the future of the program.

PETER E. TANGREDI, J.D.

I feel as happy as the day when I was DEORDERED. It's taken me five years but it was worth it. I have a great job. I really AM happy.

PETER SEDERIQUE, J.D.

I'm happy. I have a feeling of accomplishment and am looking forward to work, primarily in the field of corporate law.

PAUL GOTTLIEB, J.D.

And Now A Word From the Graduates....

Seymour Attacks Government Corruption In Graduation Address

The Honorable Whitney North Seymour, Jr., United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York delivered the commencement address and used the occasion for a critical look at some aspects of the judicial system and a withering blast at governmental corruption.

Mr. Seymour, a tall man with a dignified manner, delivered his speech in a calm, judicial manner which paradoxically added force to his criticism.

PEOPLE HAVE LOST CONFIDECE IN LAWYERS

Mr. Seymour began his speech by quoting Cicero: "The house of the lawyer is the oracle for the entire community." This is no longer true. Lawyers today are mistrusted. He pointed to the growing number of malpractice suits and the increasing criticism of lawyers as evidence of this mistrust.

Lawyers have brought this criticism on themselves. Seymour continued. They have withdrawn from society and concerned themselves solely with the problems of their clients. Then, the interests of society in general remain unprotected while those of various pressure groups become disproportionately influential. Creditors and manufacturers groups have strong lobbies. Mr. Seymour observed. Consumer groups do not.

TREATMENT DIFFERENT FOR RICH AND POOR

A lawyer's first concern should be for the impartial administration of justice. But in many places in America, justice is not impartially administered. Of those convicted of similar crimes, the disadvantaged receive prison sentences more frequently than the well-to-do. They also receive longer sentences. Furthermore, white-collar crimes tend to carry comparatively light sentences.

CITY ACQUIESCENCE IN CORRUPTION

The Honorable Whitney North Seymour, Jr. much corruption as we have today is a symptom of necessity governmental corruption at some level. He asked the members of the graduating class to continue to put themselves in the position to expose corruption when they see it. They were, after all, graduates.

His speech was a call to arms, a call to responsibility. Those who disband efforts toward change, Mr. Seymour said, "are playing into the hands of the men who are trying to control our lives."

Whitney North Seymour, Jr.

I'm happy graduating. Inspiring, I really AM happy.

RICHARD ROTHMAN, J.D.

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Delegate Finds LSD Convention Frustrating But Promising

by Robert Winemore

LSD Replica was

At 1 a.m. on the morning of

Thursday, August 17, 1972, the

House of Delegates of the Law

Student Division of the American

Bar Association adjourned at the

Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco,

not to convene again until the

1973 Annual Meeting in Balti-

more, D. C. The agenda of the

Thursday meeting was to con-
sider the proposals that had been

made to the House of Delegates

for passage or rejection by that

body. Why did we adjourn at

that hour? Because Mr. Trum-

bull stepped over the bull eti n

board. Beginners might want to

remember that the bull eti n

board is the first place to start

when the students are interested

in the legal system in this

country, and many of them are

thirsting after dedicated law

student membership which is

essential to the work of the

Law Student Division of the

American Bar Association. The

law student membership is a

vital part of the work which the

LSD does by way of the Delegates, and less of a

consumption with political activity

for the national office.

The two Division Delegates who

will be carrying the proposals

passed by the Law Student Divi-

sion and its Executive Committee
to the House of Delegates of the

A.B.A. are Howard Kane of

Brookings Law School and the

Stites of the University of Mis-

sourri at Kansas City School of

Law. They will also be co-

ordinating the efforts of the Stu-

dent liaisons to the various sec-

tions of the A.B.A. dealing with

specialized fields of law.

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the L.S.D., Patrick Henry Hayes

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New York Law School will be

holding a bridge team and a

chess team hopefully thin year. We

urge you to join some specialized

sections of the A.B.A. such as the

Criminal Law Section, the Inter-

national Law Section, etc. Students are getting more of a

voice in these sections which are

composed of members of the

proposed changes in the American

legal system. These changes in the

American legal system are con-

tributing to the list of proposals through this whole

process of reform and effect needed. Because Mr. Trum-

bull stepped over the bull eti n

board, we learned from an old

friend of the three ads that we’ve been running. This

created an inconvenience, where delega tes couldn’t

visit the real rooms until their

alternates were present to main-

tain the quorum of voting dele-

gates.

QUORUM LOST

With speech and thinking getting

more garbled as the clock ticked

on, it all came to an end as Mr.

Trumbull stepped over the

rupee barrier, to the south of

Admiral Kokura. He died in

a Japanese prison in 1945.

The Ten Undercover Questions

1. What was the name of the Japanese

Secret Service?

2. How did Mr. Loncoln get his name?

3. What was the name of the street

where the Brass Monkey Club was located?

4. If the Brass Monkey was a woman,

what two possible names could she have had besides

H.E. Rasske?

5. What is the color of the Brass

Monkey Cocktail?

6. Where did H.E. Rasske reputed to

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NYLS Alumni News

Obituaries

ERWIN WILLARD GROVE ('12) died October 1911. Mr. Grove attended NYLS and Columbia University. He was a professor at NYLS, a lecturer at Practicing Law Institute, and co-author of two accounting textbooks. Mr. Grove was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1914 and was a practicing lawyer in Hoboken.

ALFRED R. BECKER SR. ('18) died August 1972. Mr. Becker a Jersey City attorney for more than 50 years, was a former director of the Trust Company of New Jersey and an advisor to several banking institutions.

DARWIN W. TELESFORD ('27) died July 19, 1972. Judge Telesford, a private attorney for several years, was appointed by Mayor Wagner to the Tenth Municipal Court in 1956. In 1957 he was elected to the Supreme Court. Judge Telesford also served as a Justice of the City Court of the City of New York and as a Judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York. In 1966 he was elected a Justice of the New York Supreme Court (First Judicial District). Justice Telesford was a guest of honor of the Alumni Association and recipient of its Distinguished Alumnus Award.

GEORGE F. WEXLER ('25) died April 1972. Joining with his brother after graduation he formed the law firm of Wexler and Wexler. In 1959 Mr. Wexler was admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court. A native of Ireland, he was a founder of Temple Sinai in 1954.

Class Notes

CLASS OF 1971

NEWMAN, BARBARA is an Assistant District Attorney (Manhattan) and has worked with that office since graduation. Although she started out in Criminal Court doing hearings, arraignments and trials Ms. Newman has recently transferred to the Grand Jury and is presenting felonies in that Court. While a night school student at NYLS Ms. Newman worked as an investigator for the Department of Consumer Affairs.

CLASS OF 1970

SNITOW, FRANKLIN has been an Assistant District Attorney (Manhattan) in the Bonuses Bureau since August 1970. The investigation of organized crime and police corruption are his prime areas of responsibility. The recent investigations of the New York City meat industry have been his special area of concentration.

While at NYLS, Snitow was a summer intern at the D.A.'s office. He was also a member of Phi Delta Phi.

CLASS OF 1965

RODIMER, DONALD H. is Superintendent of the Fidelity and Surety Department of St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company. Mr. Rodimer was recently a featured speaker at the National Institute of the
EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT BUT...

by Richard C. Entin

Law students should be apprised of both the advantages and disadvantages of summer employment in the legal field. There are for the most part three ways to approach the problem.

LEGAL REVIEW

Students on Law Review not only can command the best jobs but also the best salaries. It is not at all unusual for a large firm to offer a second year student a salary of $300.00 a week. However, not only must the student be on Law Review, but he must also be one of the top students scholastically. These salaries are in reality investments in possible future associates. Needless to say, competition for these few jobs is extreme.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The second way a student can approach the dilemma of summer employment is to seek a job either with the Attorney General's Office, or Legal Aid. Here the student will gain experience in research. Of course this is valuable, however the pay is enormously low.

PRIVATE PRACTICE

The third and final alternative therefore is for a student to seek employment in the smaller or mid-sized firms. However, here too there are drawbacks. A freshman can expect salaries that average between $60 and $80 a week, since a first year student's legal expertise is limited, the student should expect to do a minimal amount of research. Primarily he will be serving process, filing notices and petitions with the courts, as well as keeping the various CCH services up to date. The freshman should approach these duties with an open mind. True, they are menial oriented, but practical experience in matters dealing with the mechanics of a court will undoubtedly be an important part of anyone's future profession.

A second year student can expect about a 50% increase in salary over his first year's employment. However, at this juncture the student should make clear to his prospective employer that he is being hired as a "legal clerk" and not merely as a messenger. This is important since an impression must be made on the "powers that be" if the future student is planning for his future. A law firm, when hiring professionals looks for those who are professional, those who can analytically approach a problem and follow it through. You must prove to those hiring you that you're more, much more, than a messenger or a messenger." - Richard C. Entin

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