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Reflections...

NYLS professors have been invited to write for EQUITAS. This is the first of three articles.

By Professor Lewis Shapiro

The New York Times recently reported the proceedings in pending libel action taking place in Paris, France, entitled "The Jesus trial." The story was strikingly entitled, "Libel Action Against A French Priest Turns "In Time Of Who Killed Jesus." A decision in the case is expected on December 11th. (NY. Times, Oct. 25, 1974, p. 8, col. 1.)

On reading the article, I could not help but reflect upon the tragic significance of the issue.

The parties to the trial taking place at the Palace of Justice in T ors, fifty miles from Paris, are Jacques Isorni, a French lawyer and legal historian who was summoned to Marshall Phillippe Piat- lain at his trial for treason after World War II, and the Reverend Georges de Nantes who has de- nounced Pope Paul VI in a hagi- cial, and whose ideas are viewed as so retrograde and inflammatory that he is forbidden to celebrate the Mass or preach in his diocese.

In a book written by Mr. Isorni entitled "The True Trial of Jesus" the crusader is wholly accused of heresy, but perhaps to the coronation would be excommunicated or extinct by the Church and removed from office.

So Nantes reviewed the book and accused the author of being an "unpaid lawyer for the Jew- ish people" who was trying to absolve Judaism of twenty cer- tain of collective guilt. de Nan- tis position is that all Jews and converted to Catholicism are pat- terns of deceit and arehelpers in their religion that, being anti-Chrest, takes the side of the devil.

As to the theory of rati- fication, the following passage from the works of the noted histori- cian, Will Durant, is interesting:

"A small crowd, such as could (Continued on Page 2)

Student Assist by Kenn Mears

Dine and a half hour of wind and sun on the Staten Island Ferry to take you to a place where the wind does not blow... (Continued on Page 6)
... The Death of Jesus ... Must Not Be Imputed to the Jews of Today

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in the crucifixion — at three in the afternoon — he cried out with a loud voice, and gave up his spirit: "It is finished. " (John, the fourteenth verse of the fourteenth chapter). The evening was atypical of most college alumni dinners in and quite entertaining. The inspiration for religious fanaticism to...
Affiliation Or Merger: Why and With Whom?

To merge or not to merge is the question whether his ableler to be asked. Believe it or not, Princeton or Pace is the rub... by Lloyd P. Eisen

A rather naive underclassman came rooming into my room at the Princeton Law School a few days ago trying to discover whether the rumors he had heard, that the New York Law School's impending merger with Princeton University is imminent, were true. To my mind, the question was raised as to whether there was any truth to the rumors that a merger between New York Law School and Princeton University was lurking in the near future.

The Dean's response to the query was most interesting. He stated that while he was not at liberty to confirm such a rumor, nor to say whether any discussions with other schools had taken place. He closed those possibilities by saying, however, that he did not feel that there was no use for alarm; that indeed, he was a man of high aspirations, and that he would not set any dates for second best. The students seemed content. Too bad, if, any comment, he was a man of high aspirations, and that he would not set any dates for second best. The students seemed content.

Of the two conclusions that can be gleaned from Dean Shapiro's remarks, the New York Law School's present "affiliation" with Princeton University is of the very near future. This conclusion was, however, not at liberty to confirm such a rumour. Even Dean Shapiro's ambition to make YLS a major urban law center is an admirable goal, as an affiliation with Pace University is inevitably lead to the creation of a new university.

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**Equitas Editorials**

**Where Is the Student Input?**

There was a time when the faculty and administration of a law school made all the rules, set all the policies, and let you know if it didn't comply you just where to find the door. Time has happily changed. "Student Input" is now sought. There are student members of almost every committee, and in almost all instances their counsel bears as much weight and their vote counts as much as any other member of the committee.

Recently however, several decisions have been announced without any consultation with the students, at least as far as we can determine. While some of these are mere minor annoyances, others bear heavily on our day to day functioning as law students.

Student Pressure Group

At a meeting held with about a dozen members of various student organizations the three members of the AALS inspection team made a point which we should all keep in mind for future reference.

They reminded us that if we received our accreditation we should be aware that some of the immediate pressure for change which has been on the administration will subside.

We are optimistic enough to believe that that will make little difference in the administration's continued drive for forward progress.

It will be the responsibility of the students to insure that when the administration feels like letting down, our goals of excellence will not allow them to do it.

Million Dollar Sound System

At least if the bells rang at the same time each day we could understand. But when they ring at twenty-seven minutes after and twenty-three minutes to the hour on Monday, and by Friday are ringing at twelve and twenty-seven minutes after and three quarters before and eighteen and one-quarter after, screeching sounds which have sent students climbing the walls. Won't somebody please see that it gets fixed.

Professional Responsibility?

It is no secret that both the professor and the third year day students have not been completely satisfied with the course in Professional Responsibility which was required this semester.

Now to top it off we have a new question — "When is the exam?" We have been told that it will be held soon. However, the calendar shows that school ends next week. It should be unfair to all involved not to give sufficient notice so that adequate preparation is given this exam. This especially in light of the rocky road the course has traveled this semester.

We suggest that a date for the exam be set during the second or third week of the spring semester, and that the students be given notice as soon as practicable as to the date.

**Join the Alumni Association**
Dear Editor:

Again the students of New York Law School take second stage to the administrative workers in the administration. I am referring to Professor Davis as an assistant dean. I have nothing against Prof. Davis, and I am only speaking of the position.-

Name Withheld On Request

Dear Editor:

In your recent "Equitas Extra" there appeared a section entitled "SBA Meeting" by one Glenn von K. Jakobson, J.D., New York Law School. In the fifth paragraph of this section Mr. von K. Jakobson states:

"The SBA also realized that the organization of the LAW FORUM would appear at the next SBA meeting to answer questions concerning the 'price fixing' among the new selection of members of the Legal Aid Bar. This organization has been criticized in mystery for many years."

As I received the resolution, as I received it from the secretary of the SBA, was that the organization of the LAW FORUM would be cordially invited to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting of the SBA, "I (emphasis added)"

I fear that the report in your publication is a turn-off, if it doesn't result in a convenient catharsis for those who, for whatever reason, everything that an SBA member wants to be sure that his study is a form of common law in new York City, and to be Left out the comedy. A religious slur, or any other slur, no

Dear Editor:

A short time ago I attended a dinner in the company of other NYLS students. Much to my chagrin, I heard NYLS students making derogatory comments about NYLS. Another incident, not infrequently repeated in my experience at NYLS, took place here in a classroom. A professor, questioning whether the class was familiar with a particular legal concept or unusual case, generated a chorus of laughter, roughly translatable as "Yes, but don't think we were taught, or learned, anything in that course.

Though facially disjointed, these events reveal, I believe, dis-
Willowbrook...

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NYLS, Stephanie became very in­
volved in this case while working
at the Civil Appeals Bureau of
the Legal Aid Society. She was
there when preparation for the
recent phase of litigation was just
beginning. Stephanie was given
a wide range of responsi­
bilities in helping to prepare
the case for court... finding and
interviewing witnesses (primarily
Willowbrook employees and ex­
employees who could be found,
and who were willing to talk),
preparing papers, developing
witness testimony, and reviewing
accident and incident records at
Willowbrook for her own testi­
mony on the subject.

Defect Litigation there were
over 5000 residents at Willowbrook.
A preliminary injunction has been
issued but there are still over
2000 residents remaining at Wil­
lowbrook now. The once 2000
residents were moved in an at­
tempt to alleviate the overcrowd­

ed conditions. In the preliminary
defection motion the judge or­
dered an emergency relief — a 1:9
ratio of direct care staff to resi­
dents, increased physical thera­
py, 1 hour of recreation for each
resident daily, and an end to a
solitary confinement-like type of
seclusion.

In complying with the prelimi­
nary injunction, Willowbrook has
improved its staff-resident ratio
but problems still exist because
even though the staff is there
they are not with the residents.
It is common to see 36-40 resi­
dents in a day room and 1-4 staff
members together in a corner
talking rather than interacting
with the residents. It appears
that these staff members must be
directed — they too need super­
vision.

With the conditions at Willow­
brook being as terrible — severe
lack of clothing, horrible sanita­
tion conditions, poor food — one
would imagine that the 2000 resi­
dents who were moved from
Willowbrook as part of “Project
Exodus” were on their way to
somewhat better living conditions
... but even this was not always
the case. Some children were
very fortunate and were placed
in good foster homes. Others
were moved to Creedmore State
Mental Hospital where four
floors of the Medical-Surgical
building had been converted and
where conditions were an im­
provement over those at Willow­
brook. Other residents, however,
were not quite as fortunate. Some
individuals were moved to Cohe­
ton, a private facility. The over­
capacity of Cocheton recently had
criminal charges brought against
them and now the institution is
non-existent and the residents
have been once again relocated.
Over 60 individuals were sent to
Keener, a building at a state
institute on Wards Island, an
island in Stephanie’s words, the
Keener Unit is a DISASTER
and should be closed down imme­
diately.” Another 120 residents
were relocated at Sheridan, whose
quality fails somewhere between
that of Creedmore and Keener.
Sheridan is a good idea with
good people but it is located in
a converted warehouse in the
West Village with no recreation
facilities and the “community” is
not an ideal one for teaching
those individuals self-sufficiency.

The hospital is surrounded by fancy
boutiques and coffee shops rather
than supermarkets and hard­
ware stores. Recently, however,
a gas leak developed which could
not be located and the Sheridan
residents were then transferred
to Keener. Bringing Keener to the
local will over 200. This increas­

ing number made Keener’s facilities
granted inadequate. It appears as
though the cycle is endless...

The case is being heard by
Judge Ordin Judd in the Federal
Court in the Eastern District. He
is hearing testimony on the right to
freedom from harm and pro­
tection of possibility of self-im­
provement. Basically, present­
ing the possibility of self-im­
provement means that those
direct care staff have adequate
programming (speech therapy,
physical therapy, occupational
therapy, education, and recrea­
tion), physical, social, and emo­
tional well over 200. This increased
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dents in a day room and 3-4 staff
members together in a corner
that these staff members must be
directed — they too need super­
vision.

It appears that there is a definite need for doctor cover­
age with hours geared to the
waking hours of the residents.

In summing it all up, Stephe­
nie indicated that ultimately the
development of community facili­
ties is vital in conjunction with
an active phase-out of Willow­
brook. For now, however,
Willowbrook will provide more
and better mid-level super­
vision of the direct care staff,
before physical care, and care
of living units, and individualized
ex­
tensive programming for those
residents remaining at Willow­
brook... where the wind does
not blow and the sun does not
shine...

The Willowbrook trial has be­
minated. The Legal Aid Society
presented their evidence on the merits
and the trial is set to resume on
February 7, 1974, for the de­
ference. At the present time,
both sides are in active preparation
for settlement which will hopeful­
ly be reached.

Alumni Dinner
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Alumni Dinner must do to rebuild
public confidence. Bill Nolan,
the Alumni Dinner was con­
der great deal of credit should
continue. A great deal of credit
should be given to the Alumni
Association President Bill Nolan
for helping to plan and organ­
ize the dinner. Bill Nolan’s dedica­
tion in making the dinner one of the best ever was certain­
ly appreciated by every­

There is more to the Alumni Dinner than simply a grand
speech however, you put a
chance to meet people who are
engaged in almost every aspect of
the legal profession. I was par­
ticularly delighted to talk to Mr.
Edwin N. Klein at the dinner.
We talked about his days at NYLS
and the years of his practice
since then. It was also a pleasure
to talk to Professor Frederick
Brown of the Law Schools. This
group of individuals, the social aspect, is what
attracts me most about the Alumni
Association. I hope next year to
go to the Alumni Dinner and
attend the next one.
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**TIME WILL SUBJECT TO CHANGE**
Students Are Nonetheless Going to Be Truly Effective?

In her recently established faculty advisor system at NYLS, the Student Faculty-Staff Affairs Committee, the student-faculty-student affairs committee, the student faculty-student affairs committee, and the Student-Faculty-Staff Affairs Committee. This committee has been moving so fast in areas that it has been impossible to consult with students on any given issue.

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