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The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court addressing the audience at the Annual Law Review banquet at the Tribeca Rooftop on February 12.

Ginsburg Speaks at Law Review Banquet
Honored with 1999 Frossel Award

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On February 12th, The New York Law School Law Review presented the Charles W. Frossel Award to the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the annual Law Review banquet at the Tribeca Rooftop. Nominated by President Clinton in 1993, Ginsburg, a Brooklyn native, is the second woman to grace the bench of the United States Supreme Court.

Over 275 students, Law Review participants, alumni, professors, and the Dean were present. It gave the NYLS community a chance to honor a Supreme Court Justice with an award for her amazing accomplishments, such as founding and presiding as counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union Women’s Rights Project.

Amy Tenney, Supervising Editor of Law Review, opened the night by giving a warm welcome to Justice Ginsburg, and to all of those present.

Next, Professor Nadine Strossen, ACLU President and long time friend of Justice Ginsburg, spoke about women’s equality. Professor Strossen highlighted and discussed some of Justice Ginsburg’s legal accomplishments, and she noted the influence Justice Ginsburg had on the ACLU and gender equality issues generally. She also posed that Justice Ginsburg propelled gender equality into the right direction by working towards liberty and justice for women.

Jeffrey Canning, Law Review Editor-in-Chief, presented the prestigious award to Justice Ginsburg. The award is named after Charles W. Frossel, NYLS Class of 1913, who served on the New York State Court of Appeals for thirteen years.

When Justice Ginsburg approached the podium, everyone sat silently. Justice Ginsburg began her speech by giving advice to the lawyers-to-be in the audience. She said, “It pays to be a little deaf.” She received this advice from her mother-in-law on her wedding day, and she has still headed it throughout her career, especially today as a Supreme Court Justice.

The speech took a serious tone when Ginsburg began to talk about feminism. She proudly admitted her feminist position and conveyed that feminism means “freeing men as well as women.” This statement induced a clamorous round of applause. It seemed to encompass everything she discussed that evening, including her beliefs, which helped her create the Women’s Rights Project. She discussed her opinion in United States v. Virginia, (518 U.S. 515, 116 S.Ct. 2264), which held that the Constitution’s equal protection principle prevented the Com-

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Almost 135 years after President Lincoln's assassination, John Wilkes Booth will finally be prosecuted for his murder.

In 1865, Booth was never brought to trial because he was shot and killed twelve days after the assassination. Unlike Oswald, Booth was not an obscure malcontent with a gun, but a very well-off, popular gentleman and famous actor of the time. Booth earned $20,000 in 1864 ($400,000 today), had a beautiful fiancee (as well as many other "lady friends"), and was the fourth most popular man in America (after Lincoln, Grant, and Lee.)

On April 14, 1865 Booth went from having it all to being the most hated man in America. WHY? Why did he throw his life away? Did he go insane? Or... was he under orders?

Now on trial for his life, Booth claims that he shot President Lincoln in the line of duty—a soldier shooting another soldier (Commander in Chief, Lincoln) on a field of battle (Washington was under military rule at the time.)

The Defense, third years Kim Arestad and Fernando Bohorquez, along with Alum, Steve Klein '97, will make their argument. The Prosecution, third years, Lisa Miller and David Spiegelman along with Alum, Fia Porter '97, will say this is simply common law murder. Professor Gerald Lebovits will preside over the trial and make sure that the rules of evidence and procedure are adhered to. You, the jurors, will decide if Booth lives or dies.

These mock trials are not scripted: witnesses are prepared as though this were a real trial, but like a real trial, the witness do not know exactly what to expect... especially in cross examination. And while the witnesses and attorneys are in costume and take their roles quite seriously, it's possible that a witness might break out into song every now and then.

Not keen on history? Not to worry. Yvonne Hudson, Director of Communications, will play the actress Laura Keene (who was on stage in Ford's Theater the day of the assassination), and will set the stage for you in a dramatic prologue.

Come see your fellow classmates play these characters, and don't miss Professor Armando Belly playing the confederate spy, John Surratt!

**WITNESSES**

- John Wilkes Booth
- Mary Todd Lincoln
- Secretary of War
- John Surratt (Conf. spy)
- "Peanuts" Burroughs
- Laura Keene (Fiancee)
- Lucy Hale
- President Lincoln
- Stage Manager

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Dean Wellington Announces Resignation**

The February 22 edition of the Counselor featured a memo from Dean Harry H. Wellington announcing his decision to leave the deanship on June 30, 2000. In the memo, Wellington expressed his enjoyment in presiding over NYLS for the past seven years: "Together we have made this a better law school than it has ever been before and, for this, I am deeply grateful to all of you."

Wellington, a graduate of Harvard Law School, served as Dean of the Yale Law School from 1975-1985 where he had been on faculty since 1956. He became President and Dean of NYLS on July 1, 1992. Wellington is credited with broadening the Law School's curriculum with programs such as the Center for City Law, and the Center for International Law, and increasing the emphasis on professional skills development. His original contract was renewed in 1997.

The Board of Trustees at NYLS have set up a Dean Search Committee to select a replacement for Dean Wellington. The Committee consists of Board members Gerald Crotty (Co-Chair), Arthur Abbey, Sandra Weiksner, and James Zurin, as well as faculty members Prof. Carlin Meyer (Co-Chair), Prof. Stephen Ellman, Prof. William LaPiana and Prof. Edward Purcell.

**Deadline for the April Issue:**

**Friday, March 19**

**GENERAL STAFF MEETING**

Wednesday March 10 @ 1:00 p.m
Room L2 (located in the NYLS Student Center Basement)
All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

[Yearbook photo will be taken. All staff should wear proper business attire.]
Ginsburg One on One

"Hold fast to your dreams and work hard to make them a reality." The advice of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg continuously runs through my mind. It keeps me focused when the reading becomes long and tedious or when the brief writing becomes frustrating. Most of all, it reminds me of why I am here and why I want to be here.

I was fortunate to speak to Justice Ginsburg on the evening of the Law Review Banquet. Although surrounded by at least three United States Marshals all night, she took hold of my arm and escorted me to a quiet corner away from the crowds and the photographers. My time with her was brief, but I was able to ask her a few questions.

First I asked her to describe her biggest challenge as a woman in the legal community. Without any hesitation, she answered, "All eyes are on you. If you fail, you fail not only as a lawyer but as a person." Being a woman, her speech greatly affected me. I never stopped to consider how far women have come or the struggle endured by those women who wanted to be lawyers, when the only accepted profession for a woman at the time was that of a homemaker. For my last question, I asked her for advice specifically geared to women. She looked at me and thought for a minute. With a smile she said, "Have a sense of humor. Don't be resentful and don't be offended." It was a great way to end an extraordinary evening.

International Criminal Court Symposium held at NYLS

On February 11, a symposium was held here at NYLS discussing the advantages and the disadvantages of the United Nation's International Criminal Court (ICC). This seminar was moderated by Charles Froessell, Professor of Comparative Law at the University of Virginia, and included a distinguished panel: Dr. Ray Lee; Professor George Fletcher; Major William K. Lietzau, from the Pentagon; Richard Dicker, of the Human Rights Watch; and, NYLS' own Professor Paul Duhinsky.

Dr. Lee, Professor Fletcher and Major Lietzau spoke about why the U.S. did not sign the ICC in its current form, even though it was signed by 75 nations at the U.N. conference held in Rome, Italy on July 17, 1998. Professor Duhinsky spoke about the positive aspects of the ICC, while Professor Dicker discussed the advantages of the ICC and stated that, "great progress has been made by the Rome agreement."

Dr. Lee stated that he believes the creation of the ICC has been one of the U.N.'s most important achievements of the century, and it has been 50 years in the making. He also gave some background into the ICC, which is the third of a 3-step process comprising the major goals set forth by the U.N. The first was to adopt a universal proposal on human rights, an undertaking first attempted in the late 1940s. The second was to create a policy against genocide in all forms. This policy was adopted in 1949. The third was the creation of an International Criminal Court with the purpose of enforcing the aforementioned goals.

Lee also discussed how the current ICC agreement was reached. Although 75 nations have signed the ICC, seven nations including the U.S., China and Israel refused to sign. The agreement was premised upon three major purposes: (1) to define and forbid war crimes and crimes against humanity; (2) to define certain crimes that have been difficult to universally define in the past and (3) to ensure that the ICC has jurisdiction over international crimes.

Lee believes that this last goal is the most difficult, because it involves crimes committed within a nation's borders. Moreover, the biggest obstacle is jurisdictional issues, because some nations are concerned that their sovereign jurisdiction over their own territory and people might be unduly infringed upon, especially if the ICC has jurisdiction over crimes involving terrorism and drug trafficking. In response, there have been provisions put into the ICC which would allow nations to make challenges where their interests are affected. Lee also mentioned that the present jurisdictional scheme is too broad because it allows nations a seven year opt out provision for nations that committed war crimes in the past. Lee believes that for the court to function, it would have to balance a peace arrangement and an independent prosecutor would have to be established to accomplish this. Lee concluded that many disagreements on autonomy and jurisdiction will have to be sorted out, in order to make this court function.

Major Lietzau spoke next, and stated that he believes the U.S. is in favor of the idea of the ICC, but opposes the ICC in its present form. Lietzau stated that the U.S. did not sign the treaty because the U.S. believed it was quickly put together with the U.N. committee. The U.S. was opposed by the U.N.'s for not deeming it as a treaty concerning its signature.

Lietzau also discussed why the U.S. did not like the way the U.N. drafted the ICC. The U.S. claims the ICC allows courts to influence other nations' foreign policy. For example, the plan as instituted could force pilots or the Secretary of State of the U.S. to be brought to trial for the 1986 bombing of Libya. Lietzau believes acts like this could hurt future U.S. foreign policy. Despite the safe guards there is no way for other nations to protect against the 18 judge panel or the ICC independent counsel. In summation, the Major believes that America will not agree to the establishment of an International Criminal Court if it hurts the sovereign powers of the member nations (especially the United States).

Following Major Lietzau, Professor Fletcher discussed his belief that the ICC has other problems in addition to the jurisdictional issue. According to Fletcher, the ICC does not have a properly defined purpose. Fletcher was upset that the version of the ICC created at the Rome conference did not resemble a type of legislative body. He also believes that the ICC has interpretation problems, because it is written in various languages. For example, the English version of the ICC differs greatly from the Spanish interpretation. Controversy has arisen over the ICC trying to police acts that have not yet occurred. He said one provision would not be upheld in many nations, because it attempts to punish crimes of causation. This allows people to be charged with the crime of genocide for relaying hate speech on the radio or the Internet, whether or not they are directly lia-
Editorial

Something Exists of Which One Says: "Look This is New!" However, It Has Already Existed Forever Before Us.

—Ecclesiastes, 1:10

The internet has changed the form, but not necessarily the substance, of our lives. However, cyberspace does not completely differ from physical reality, and the basic legal tenets of both universes parallel each other. Moreover, as countries have made agreements with each other, domains will eventually have to come to terms in cyberspace.

Recently I attended a seminar examining internet/extranet security. The feature speaker posited the impossibility of creating a perfect security system for any network, and he recommended network self-monitoring. He also discussed e-mail scanning, login records detailing, encryption, firewall building, and the use of lead-covered/gold-foiled/connectionless disc drives. The seminar concluded with a discussion of "firewall to firewall" monitoring.

Just like countries' laws differ, firewalls have a wide range of standards of sophistication and safety. As parties normally negotiate choice of law, venue, etc., clauses into their contracts, parties may contract to maintain certain firewall standards when dealing with each other. (International and inter-bank parties already negotiate choice of transmission system clauses.) Moreover, parties may contract to monitor their respective security systems and/or share pro-rata the costs of outsourcing their monitoring needs.

Like an insurance policy, outsourcing theoretically creates accountability and indemnification. However, higher premiums may mean better coverage, and an outside company's willingness to cover consequential and subsequent damages for possible security breaches is often proportional to its fees.

As the amount of illegal internet activity increases with the advances of time and technology, all entities engaged in "e-commerce" will find better methods of protecting their interests. Soon insurance companies will start providing general internet/extranet coverage. Eventually professionals will stop driving to work, and insurance companies will begin issuing policies to telecommuters.

How different is the foregoing predicament from that of the venture capitalists of the mercantilist era? Instead of ships, pirates and oceans, we worry about computers, hackers and cyberspace. We may have changed, but we have also become more of the same thing.

The L wishes everyone a Happy Belated Purim and a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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2Y or not 2Y?

The Hype, Fear and Mysticism of the New Millenium

Should we be partying like its 1999 for fear of no 2000? Will civilization end? Will there be a digital doomsday? Is it time to panic...

Suspense is the theme for 1999. As the new millenium draws closer, the possibility of there not being a future poses the greatest cliff hanger ever. New Years Eve may be an all or nothing event. Overall, the chaos and surrealism surrounding the year 2000 is heightening. The apocalyptic end has been daunting civilization since the miraculous beginning. Religious groups and leaders throughout time have predicted their personal predictions for the end. Why should the year 2000 be any different than past New Years?

One reason lies in the fear of an advanced society. Our society is arguably advanced but the fact remains that never before have computers (as opposed to science fiction robots) threatened civilization. The Y2K bug is causing a massive panic throughout the world. The year 2000 is looming in the distance but computers refuse to accredit our accomplishments. Instead, computers will dictate our return, and have us time travel back to the year 1900.

It seems virtually impossible not to have a remedy. How can there be neither cure nor a vaccination? Humans created these magical machines and rocketed themselves into outer-space, but we cannot concoct a cure. Consequently, we might experience a massive computer and technological meltdown. The full ramifications of this glitch are unknown. Exactly which computers, if any, will be affected by this systematic glitch? Exactly what damages, if any, will occur? We shall see.

The Y2K bug may just slow down systems and delay the circulation of bills and other dated material. On the other hand, there may be bigger problems. The Senate released a report describing the Y2K bug as the “most devastating event” ever encountered. The most vulnerable targets include health care systems and under-capitalized companies. Fixing the problem is time consuming and costly, and time is running out!

The panic caused by the Y2K bug is overwhelming. The outbreak is sending people to the hills, supermarkets and lumberjacks. Earth citizens must stock up on a years supply of food, wood, wood burning stoves and other non electric generators. Normal roofs are being replaced with solar panels. Cellars and basements are turning into fallout shelters. Millions of dollars and websites are being devoted to exploring this phenomenon. All the hype ensures my avoidance of airplanes, elevators, cruise ships, traffic lights and hospitals when the clock strikes twelve.

Perhaps the most common prophecy is that the destructor will take the form of a nuclear meltdown (a far cry from the stay puff marshmallow man). The modern version is that it will be caused by a self contained computer chip malfunction in nuclear weapons, plants and missile systems. The traditional version is that a nuclear attack will activate the beginning of the end. Who will trigger the nuclear attack and who will be the target? We shall see.

The most suspenseful prophecy, the return of Jesus, is on its way. If you strictly follow Christianity then you better pack up, stock up on a years supply of dehydrated food and head for the hills to wait for Jesus. He ain’t coming to New York! However, Christ’s return to earth is contingent upon: (1) Christians reining for over 2000 years and (2) in peace and serenity. The first prong is satisfied because they’re here. However, the second prong is debatable. Christ’s arrival may be delayed due to the ongoing wars, the extreme moral majority and the state of the world affairs. All hope is not yet lost. Jesus may still rescue the good and escort them to a better place while the bad remain here to experience a living hell with the anti-Christ. Will Christ once again be our savior? We shall see.

1999 is a karmic year adorned with endings and beginnings. In fact, every ninth year contains a karmic filler. Ironically, Seinfeld’s favorite number is nine, and it will resemble his nine season run. No one is immune to Y9. This helps explain the massive panic surging throughout the world, the heightening of foreign conflicts, and the inconceivable attainment of peace in Northern Ireland. The karma theory simply maintains that long held beliefs and unresolved issues must come to a head in the ninth year and either be dealt with directly or manifest themselves indirectly.

The upcoming year is as exciting as it is fearful. It presents society with the challenge of facing its fear, but why the fear? Those who have read Celestine Prophecy by James R. Redfield may recall the suggestion that at some point, mainly the turn of the century, civilization will be faced with a challenge that will force it to collectively choose the future course of mankind. The challenge is not trivial, and it affects all of earth’s inhabitants. Beyond the fear lies the path of good or evil. We can enter the golden age of enlightenment by overcoming our fears, or we can enter the dark age of pestilence by succumbing to them.

Some have already processed their fears and altered their thoughts and feelings to conform with the “good” path. Many deny the power of their thoughts. The power of thought is explained by James Van Praugh’s (a channeler) “Barn Theory.” When you have a conscience, unconscious, or semi-conscious thought, no matter how minute, it matters. The thought takes on a physical form in the energy realm and actually travels from our mouths to G-d’s [sic] ears. We constantly send bubbles of thoughts which collide just like molecules. Bam! This is a cause and effect relationship. For example, the more society and the media focuses on violence, the more violent we become. The more society plays out our fears, the more frightening the future is. The more you picture a serene world, the more serene it will be. We can end the world as we know it, so be careful what you wish for.

The countdown has begun. There are billions of adjustments to be made before welcoming the golden era. Unfortunately, we are forced to submit to the constraints of time. Time poses our biggest challenge, and every moment counts. In order to prepare for the future, we can look to the past. We have the benefit of hindsight. We often forget that other civilizations confronted their destructor, and either survived or became extinct, such as the lost city of Atlantis. Luckily, we have more than 2000 years of history to learn from.

Before 2000 arrives we must first experience March Madness, my birthday, and for others, the bar exam. This summer I wish I was a first or second year again. The end of the world would not seem so terrible. The coming of the end is our greatest reason for excusing ourselves from prior engagements. Personally, I will be a little peeved should my years of law school be for naught.

Change always has a certain degree of fear and excitement. Where will you be on New Years Eve? Will you be surrounded by a bunker waiting for the end? Or will you be in Times Square partying and cheering in a new millennium for a better and brighter future for mankind?

Should the apocalypse occur and earthlings are annihilated, how will future inhabitants or visitors perceive our legacy? If we cease to exist here, then where will the billions of souls go?

We shall see. Or won’t we...

Special Thanks to: My Parents, Valerie Litman, Craig Kugel, Jennifer Lakoff, Trisha Cartelli and Susan Kulcin.

International Court

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ble. Obviously, this proviso directly violates the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Fletcher also believes that the ICC should not intervene in nation’s foreign policy.

Richard Dicker then stated his belief that the ICC is a valid and well thought out agreement. Making an ad populorum argument, Dicker pointed to the fact that Germany, Italy and Korea, who are all diverse nations, all signed on to the Rome agreement. The faster the ICC is enacted, the faster nations of the world can stop human rights violations, crimes of sexual violence, and deter these crimes in the future. He disagrees with the gravity of the jurisdictional problems presented by Dr. Lee, Lietzau and Fletcher, because the Independent Counsel of the ICC has jurisdiction over only three crimes. Moreover, he believes that the ICC will only act where the international governments have failed. He pointed out that the court has safeguards. For example, nations may challenge cases admitted to the ICC.

Professor Dubinsky spoke last. He asserted that the ICC has clarity and uniformity in dealing with war crimes, and that in itself makes the ICC necessary. He explained how the creation of the ICC would enforce and promote responsibility among nations. He noted that if the ICC was in place it could have sped up the process of bringing Pinochet (the Chilean dictator who has been accused by the U.N. of war crimes) to justice. He said the ICC has the primary responsibility to police the "big fish," criminals who have committed crimes against humanity and cannot be tagged for justice by the major nations. He believes that the ICC would handle the big cases involving crimes against humanity, and national courts will still handle a large number of claims, independently of the ICC. Dubinsky does not believe that nations should have veto power over the ICC, because that power would undercut the autonomy of neutrality of the ICC.
Temple Emmanuel

I graduate law school in a few months. This realization caused me to reflect on my first year, and of all the preconceived notions I had of what law school would be like. Those notions were probably a lot like yours. Most of them invoked scenes from the movie, The Paper Chase. I would be sitting in Torts, terrified, with a Kingsfield-like professor and dreading the utter humiliation I would feel after the Socratic Method reduced me to a pathetic concoction of ashamed genes and moronic primordial ooze. What does Socrates have against me? I never even met the man.

Those fears were not allayed at Orientation. In fact, they were reinforced. I remember hearing how difficult the next three years would be and that my law school experience would not be enjoyable, but I would learn; I would learn to think like a lawyer. Well, I am almost finished with law school, yet I still think like that same guy who took six years to get out of Arizona State University... at least I think I do.

Many of you might be remembering your professors' warnings and admonitions about using study guides. Professors say it is a short cut that will hurt you in the long run. That is a myth. They said, "you must buy the text books," (coincidentally written by themselves or friends they may owe a favor to), "and read each and every case I assign. Do not fall into the trap of relying on study aids. You will only hurt yourselves." That is incorrect.

By October of my first year I realized that Stephen Emmanuel could brief a case better than I ever could, and, he had done just that, as well as explain complex legal doctrine and theories. Moreover, he was willing to give me a semester's worth of knowledge for a mere $29.95. What a bargain! I mean, can you really put a price tag on knowledge? Mr. Emmanuel does it, and guess what folks, I'm buyin'. After I graduate from law school later this year I think I am going to have the ABA send my J.D. directly to Emmanuel. He deserves it. He probably has thousands of J.D. degrees for insulation.

Out of my philanthropic good nature, I feel a duty to help all those that will come after me. I can't help it, I like to help people, you know, be a do-gooder. Do not let professors' warnings about study guides intimidate you into spending hundreds of dollars on casebooks. When they tell you to stay away from commercial outlines and the like, they display no sense of empathy and tend to mislead students. They are trying to make your lives more difficult. Do not let them. Those pesky law school books are more than expensive, they're heavy. I don't want to spend $60 for some unwieldy book that is boring and overpriced, and what is most offensive, superfluous.

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This Is Not a Domestic Issue

This Is Intentional Cold Blooded Murder

Put on your thinking cap for moment. How would you feel if I told you, my brother tried to kill me when I was 16 years old? It would probably horrify you.

I was walking down the street on a beautiful sunny day coming back from the vegetable market. He and another cousin, grabbed me from behind, pinned me down and poured gasoline on me. Then my very own brother struck a match and lit me on fire. My skin charred within minutes, like a marshmallow on fire. I sustained third degree burns over 50% of my body.

Why would any human-being do anything this wicked to another? In the foregoing, they suspected that I was not a virgin. Thank the Lord, that this story never happened to me, nor to any woman I know in the US. However, this is not the present case in some other countries.

Recently, I watched several horrifying ABC News reports produced by ABC and the BBC on "Honour Killings" in Pakistan, Jordan, and Palestine. These actions occur in places as diverse as India, Germany, and Africa. According to ABC news, in some fundamentalist religious communities—fathers, husbands, sons, brothers and cousins—kill their female family members in the name of "honor." They kill for several reasons, including, mere suspicion that a wife or daughter is having an affair, suspicion that a daughter or sister is not a virgin, or when a daughter refuses to engage in a pre-arranged marriage.

The savagery and cold brutality is chilling. While watching these reports, I could not help thinking that some of these attackers must have had a past life with Lizzie Borden. Imagine if fathers, sons, husbands, and brothers, upon suspecting their wives, mothers, daughters, or sisters of engaging in "immoral activities" chop the pertinent family member's head off with an axe when her back is turned. Another widely used method: dose Mom or Sis with gasoline, strike a match, and set her on fire. This slow and painful method is the most repugnant: pour acid on their female family member so that her skin burns off, thereby permanently disfiguring her or sizzling her to death.

When the male perpetrators were asked why they did these acts, they PROUDLY, repeat, PROUDLY WITH SMILING FACES said, "It was to protect and restore their family's honor." In the midst of tears and anger I was horrified. If brought to trial, many of these men (although I have the trouble dignifying them with the title of "men") are never charged or convicted. The governments and courts call it a "domestic issue" and cowardly hide behind this mask.

The surviving female's fate is grim. The mere accusation of engaging in immoral activity is deemed sufficient to convict and imprison her, notwithstanding the insufficiency or utter lack of evidence. Self-defense is neither an option during the incident nor during the trial. The woman was to protect and restore their family's honor. Do not let them. Those pesky law school books are more than expensive, they're heavy. I don't want to spend $60 for some unwieldy book that is boring and overpriced, and what is most offensive, superfluous. Those huge things are replete with judge's long-winded opinions of legalese mumbo-jumbo. They are a great way to cloud your mind and ruin your day.

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What's in a Name?

Has this happened to you? Someone: What do you do? You: New York Law School. Someone: Really, where? Created by a group of scholars seeking to reform an education system that they found ineffective. In order to instill pride in its students, the school officials must follow its tradition of reform and change the law school's name. Due to its name, NYLS is lost in a city full of well-known law schools, and this situation causes a lack of pride in its students. Pride in the School is what gives it a good reputation, good ratings, and strong alumni backing. Without it, many students view the school simply as a place to get a degree.

Due to a lack of pride, some students do not even correct a person when he or she mistakes our school for NYU. Everyone has a duty to correct that person, and provide our school with the recognition it deserves. However, this duty is tiresome and may torment us for the rest of our legal careers. Therefore, I propose that NYLS change its name either to "The Manhattan School of Law" or "The New York Law School at Manhattan." The new name will leave a strong impression on the legal community and will be recognized by the press. Students will no longer have to shyly correct a person who mistakes our school's name. They will say the new name with pride.

Those opposed to this change may argue sacrilege; the school has had the same name for over a hundred years. This argument, however, strengthens the reason for a new name. For over a hundred years the school has not been able to achieve an identity with its current name. One can not justify tradition without reason, especially when that tradition is possibly detrimental.

Do not let my foregoing statements deceive you, I am proud to attend New York Law School. However, I have found very few students who share that pride with me. A name change is not the whole answer, but I do believe this lack of pride begins with the school's name. These students are my colleagues; I depend on them, as they do on me to make this school great. When I apply for a job I hope an alumnus will choose me over a person from another school, because he or she feels the education I received gave me an understanding of the law that no other school could provide. However, this belief begins with pride in one's school. So what's in a name? Pride.

Institutions, Objectivity, Credibility

Martin Asatrian

Institutions are generally conceived of as concrete architectural abstracts such as columns, trademarks, logos, structures etc. The institution which flexibly implement the rules survives, because it adjusts to evolution and tolerates different viewpoints. It survives because it takes an objective approach to matters at odds with its own policies. Instead of impulsively negating or ridiculing these matters, it tolerates the opposing policy, and recognizes its shortcomings, but remains neutral. The institution's neutral position causes: (1) extended discourse; (2) an elevation of the institution's credibility; and (3) a pledge of confidence in the individuals confronted by a conflict of the institution's policies and another organization's policies. Tipping the balance of objectivity tends to taint an institution's image and credibility. While columns, logos, trademarks, and a collective spirit, tend to build the posterity of an institution, an administration's selective disapproval of another organization's policies tends to stain that administration's credibility as well.

If the administration does not maintain a neutral position, it will have to actively voice disapproval of all organizations' policies it disagrees with. However, the institution may not be prepared for this burden and responsibility.

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AALSA
The Asian American Law Students Association is an organization committed to addressing issues impacting the Asian American community both domestically and internationally. Involvement with various organizations inside and outside of NYLS, has given us the great opportunity to address and communicate these issues to the law school community of New York. Just last semester, NYLS AALSA co-sponsored the National Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (NAPALSA) Annual Conference. With the talented organizational skills of NYLS students Mitzi Lee, 2L, and Stan Paylaga, 2L (both NAPALSA Co-Conference Chairs as well as AALSA Executive Board members), this past conference marked a milestone in NAPALSA's history as being one of the most comprehensive and successful collaborative efforts ever. Dedicated Asian American Law students from Iowa drove endless miles just to attend! AALSA's dedication to service to New York's Asian American community has also been furthered by having Lena Chun, 3L, President of the Association of Asian American Law Students of New York (AAALSNY) serve on our board. AALSA is open to anyone interested in Asian American affairs. Whether you are of Asian ancestry or not, with AALSA, you have the opportunity to gain knowledge as to how the Asian community relates to other communities at all levels and scopes.

LaLSA
The Latino Law Students Association will host the annual Multicultural Festival on April 15, 1999. The Multicultural Festival celebrates the diversity of the NYLS student body; student organizations will bring foods and entertainment reflecting their culture. The Latino Law Students Association will host the annual Multicultural Festival on April 15, 1999. The Multicultural Festival celebrates the diversity of the NYLS student body; student organizations will bring foods and provide entertainment representative of their cultures. We encourage all student organizations to participate. For more information contact Cesar DeCastro or Darlin Ocasio at ext. 4195.

Phi Alpha Delta
After a very busy fall semester of having many events, including but not limited to 1st year exam prep review sessions, a guest judge speaking on the legal profession, a successful initiation and Halloween Party at North River Bar, Phi Alpha Delta (P.A.D.) is back on track this spring bringing the students of NYLS new and exciting events! P.A.D. is in the midst of presenting lunches featuring attorneys speaking on the practice of law in their fields. The first lunch on Tuesday, March 2nd featured Kristie Velasco, Esq., and Valerie Meakin Rothman, Esq. At the next lunch to be held on Tuesday, March 9th from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Room A300, Daniel Brown, Esq. will speak on intellectual property litigation and prosecution. All students are welcome.
P.A.D. is also planning a networking reception for Tuesday, April 13th in the Stiefel Reading Room from 5:20 PM to 8 PM. Please R.S.V.P. with either P.A.D. @ ext. 4201 or the Office of Student Life @ ext. 2851.

If you are interested in finding out more information about P.A.D. please call Suzanne Ascher @ ext. 4201.

ATTENTION
Student Organizations
The L wants to know what has been going on in your organization. Please send your article on disk (Word or WP) along with a hard copy to Room L2 (in the student center) or simply e-mail it to L@nyls.edu. Be sure to include your name, your position within the organization, phone number, and e-mail address so we can contact you if necessary. Please keep your article to about 50 to 100 words. Our deadline for the April issue is Friday, March 19th. Thank you. —m.ed.

Understanding Egg Donation
Jessica Vasquez
Domestic Violence Project
The following information presents a general overview of the egg donation process. Egg donation is a relatively new procedure typically involving the removal of one or more eggs from a donor. If you are interested in becoming an egg donor, read everything given to you by the agency with which you are entering into a contract. All agencies, costs, medical procedures, and processes differ, so be sure to find out specific information about the agency to which you are considering donating your eggs. Verify any insurance information and confirm that the proper coverage is in place for you in case of any medical consequences of the procedure. Determine whether your policy and that of the agency will cover any or all medications, shots, and treatments, and make sure you understand all of the costs associated with the program.
All agencies have a screening procedure, and you should understand the specific protocol of the agency. You may want to be a donor, but the agency may not want your donation. Most agencies only contract with egg donors who are in good health and are of child bearing age. Prior to entering into a legal contract, an egg donor must complete a full medical exam, including genetic and social disease testing. Some programs recommend that donors have given birth to at least one child. Some fertility programs require mental health screening and/or evaluation. Most programs will complete the medical testing and screening prior to entering into a legal contract with a viable donor.
To effectuate a donation, the egg donors receive hormones by injection approximately 2-3 weeks prior to egg retrieval. A physician will monitor the development of the eggs through ultrasonic treatments and blood hormone tests. The eggs are then retrieved by transvaginal ultrasound aspiration or laparoscopy.
Transvaginal ultrasound aspiration is a minor surgical procedure which may occur in a physician's office or an outpatient surgical center. An ultrasound probe guides a needle into the follicles and suctioning the eggs. The aspiration usually occurs approximately 36 hours after the administration of the final hormone shot. In rare cases, eggs are removed through laparoscopy; which requires a general anesthetic and a small incision in the lower abdomen to guide the laparoscope into the follicles. If you are unsure of whether to donate eggs, you should consult with an attorney familiar with this area of law to clarify the risks and ramifications of executing an agreement with the clinic, doctor, or agency. Some websites with more information are: www.resolve.org and www.eggsdonor.com.

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Artis et Spectaculi

Toilet Boys Refuse to be Flushed

"Dude, I saw this awesome band last night." "Feel like you've heard this one too many times? Has it been thrown around just a little too loosely as of late?"

If you've been disappointed by your friend's or others' unworthy opinions regarding the credibility of a live performance—listen up—have I got something in store for you. The show you've been waiting for is here!!!

I intentionally select the word "show" because this is much more than live music—it is a-live. It's not merely a couple of grungy fellows taking depression and angst while feigning pseudo-intellectual opinions of the ills of society. "It's life in a nutshell," said a fan named Armand. He continued to say, "they personally all that's well and good on this planet because it's unadulterated living and a free-wheeling spirit combined with a sense of truth and honesty that should be embraced in today's type of society."

I understand that our friend, Armand, might seem a bit off the wall; however, I assure you that he is not alone in his undying devotion to these porcelain gods.

These masters of sensory pleasure force you to not only see and hear them, but also touch, taste and smell them. With unbridled passion they emerge onstage and from that first tap of the snare, ignite a fire that will burn in your soul long after the set ends. For some the internal flame is eternal.

The experience started out strong and strange with dynamic riffs, hard bass lines, and powerful drum beats care of "Electric Eddie" who when asked for a pre-gig quote, screeched, "Let's Rock!" The overall look of the ensemble is grizzly and austere, yet manages to be nonetheless cohesive and inviting. "The sound is almost vexing," said a first time Toilet trainee, "Yet I cannot look away." It did not take much time for the Toilet Boys to drive the entire crowd into a mad frenzy. The music kept moving forward without the slightest bit of cessation, making it nearly impossible to break for the bathroom or a drink. A friend of mine went to grab a few cocktails and returned moments later to realize she had missed the fire on stage.

The vocal stylings of Guy and Sean, the mystical guitarist Sean Pierce, I felt uniquely relaxed and content with the show. The Toilet Boys gave the crowd everything they had, and the mass of grateful fans absorbed every last drop of it. I asked Sean to sum up the Toilet Boys in a sentence. He said it was impossible, but when I forced him to come up with something, he responded with, "Rock & Roll—that's the sentence." I couldn't have said it better myself.

Daniel Johnston: A Retrospective

Lauren Locascio

Kurt Cobain wore a Daniel Johnston t-shirt at the 1992 MTV Music Awards. I had never heard Johnston's name, much less his music, but reverence for Nirvana led me to buy 1990, the first used Daniel Johnston CD I found. Upon first listen, I was amazed by the power of Johnston's simple lyrics and lo-fi, four track stylings. I began asking around about Daniel, and sadly discovered that he hadn't played NYC since 1988.

When I saw him listed to play at The Knitting Factory on February 5th, I was totally psyched. I immediately picked up tickets for Brigid and myself. The night of the show, we elbowed ourselves right up to the mic. Daniel came out to play his first few songs unaccompanied but shielded by an enormous music stand which held a lyric-filled hind­er. The strap on his acoustic uncomfortably tight, sweating and trem­bling painfully under the gaze of his fans, Daniel began to sing. What unfolded was one of the most beautiful and heartfelt musical experiences that I have ever enjoyed. For the duration of that 30 minute set, the crowd was invited into Daniel's world where "Kool-Aid flows like wine" and God is forever beating back the forces of Satan. He sang about a place where true love and friendship exist but constantly evade him. His lyrics were so desperately sweet and frighteningly honest that relating to them was almost unsettling.

Daniel was later joined by his band, and the tempo lifted. He sang "Casper the Friendly Ghost" (released on the Kids soundtrack), did a delightful version of Paul McCartney's "Live and Let Die," and a cover of John Lennon's "You've Got To Hide Your Love Away" which emotionally rivaled the original.

The crowd fell silent as Daniel began strumming the chords to "Held The Hand." The song, a poignant confessional, contains the lyrics: "I was on MTV/Everybody looking at me/Held the hand/Of the Devil." It occurred to me then that perhaps Kurt chose to wear that shirt not to promote Daniel Johnston, but because he felt that walking out on that stage constituted holding hands with his own Devil.

Despite his fans' pleadings, Daniel did not return for an encore.

If it matters to NYLS, it's in the L
Uncle Phil

John Stebe

"Johnnie, this is the ticket to the greatest show on earth," said an old time cop as he pointed to my police badge. "You will see more unbelievable things in a year than most people will see in a lifetime."

For some reason the Police Department attracts more than its fair share of characters. One of my favorite characters is Uncle Phil. Sgt. Phillip Silverstein was a Sgt. On the NYPD for what seemed like a hundred years. "You will probably see more unbelievable things in a lifetime." said an old time cop as he pointed to my police badge. "You will see more unbelievable things in a year than most people will see in a lifetime."

Uncle Phil stood about six feet two inches and weighed about two hundred and twenty pounds. He was a very strong man. He was a Korean War veteran, and he really likes cops who served in the military, so we get along great.

Once when I was a Sgt's driver for Uncle Phil, we got a call from a mentally disturbed woman named Mrs. Schwartz. This woman had been abandoned for a 'win at all costs' approach. With the Knicks trading such lifers as Charles Oakley and John Starks, the table was set for owner George Steinbrenner to refocus the New York baseball teams on league history, winning the 1998 championship together with New York's David Cone. Until the first day of spring training, they had only lost one player from the 1997 championship team, utility outfielder Jeromy Burnitz.

The cops in the room laughed. "Well, what happened to the woman?" another cop asked.

"Oh, the medical examiner said that she passed away in her sleep from an apparent heart attack." She apparently had heart trouble for years."

I was glad that she spent her last few months comfortably and peacefully, safe from her demons, real or imagined.

I showed this story to my partner at work. Tommy. Tommy has had a lot of time on the job. (we call guys like Tommy hairbags or dinosaurs) and is going to retire soon. This partner is a real character. (Maybe I will have some stories about him in the future.) He says to me, "Yeah Johnnie we all have tin foil stories. The same thing has probably happened at least once every five years in every precinct in the City."

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Sports for Thought

The Yankees Should Have Gone to the Well(s) Again

Michael Gross

These days, the loyalty that previously kept the great New York teams together has been abandoned for a 'win at all costs' approach. With the Knicks trading such lifers as Charles Oakley and John Starks, the table was set for owner George Steinbrenner to refocus the New York media spotlight on his own team, the New York Yankees.

Just a season ago, the Yankees established themselves as one of the greatest baseball teams in league history, winning an unprecedented 125 games. Unlike championship teams of the past, the 1998 Yankees lacked a perennial franchise player. Nevertheless, the success of the 1998 Yankees drew a pledge from the front office that the 1998 team would stay intact. Making good on the promise, the Yankees paid astronomical money to center fielder Bernie Williams as well as pitcher David Cone. Until the first day of spring training, they had only lost one player from the 1998 championship team, utility outfielder Tim 'Rock' Raines. However, on the dark day of February 19, a cloud could be seen hanging over the Yankees spring training complex in Tampa, Florida. Steinbrenner and the Yankees, fearing complacency with the team's success in 1998, released their old ways and pulled the trigger on the trade that sent David Wells, Graham Lloyd and Homer Bush to the Toronto Blue Jays for none other than "The Rocket" Roger Clemens.

Just last season, David Wells had a spectacular 18-4 regular season record, including a perfect game against the Minnesota Twins. He was invincible in the playoffs and World Series. The Yankees won every game he pitched. Unfortunately, despite the success Wells had at the Stadium and the love for the team he openly displayed during every game, the Yankee front office chose to abandon this-deacon of Yankee supremacy for "Rocket." I understand that based on pure statistics, Clemens may be superior to Wells in terms of the number of Cy Young Awards won, the number of games won in his career, etcetera. However, Wells had a relationship with the Yankees and their fans that Clemens will never have. Known for his love for steak, beer and his battle with gout, Wells became the toast of the town in just two short seasons. His antics both on and off the field kept the Yankees light hearted when the pressure was on. This chemistry definitely helped provide the confidence that the Yankees needed to become the winningest team in baseball history. With Wells off the border, our hopes are now placed in Roger Clemens, traditionally, an enemy of the pinstripes. In fact, last season he started a bench clearing brawl when he plunked shortstop Derek Jeter and third baseman Scott Brosius. Is Clemens a guy we really want on our team, despite his previous successes? NO WAY!
A Gentle Voice

David Resnick

He looked down at the sleeping girl on the patent leather couch, and he saw the long curly brown hair covering her face. The guy walking toward him looked too, and the two distracted young men swerved to miss each other. Her hair almost completely obscured her face, but it revealed the purple tinted lids that engulfed her large liquid eyes. Almost overwhelmed, he muttered the words, 'Jesus Christ' under his breath in admiration, disgust, and exasperation. Although he could not fathom turning away, he fought the urge to look at her for more than the time it took him to pop his book bag into a better position on his shoulder and disinterestedly walked past her.

He wondered what stage of slumber she was in, and imagined the strange look that would invade those eyes if she opened them to see him looking down at her. He assured himself this would remain only in his imagination.

The young man stopped at the door to the library, still standing in the corridor with the patent leather couches, and with his back to her, facing the window toward the city street, being careful not to look at her, he shoved his hand in the pocket of his long wool coat to fish for his student ID. He exited the corridor through a large brass door, and walked into the entrance foyer of the library.

Flipping his ID at the security desk, he said "Hi," to the guard in one short syllable that sounded somewhat emasculated. The sound of his own gentle voice comforted him; but he cringed when he realized why. Rather than possess her, it was almost as if he wanted be her. He pulled the door to the library open, and yanked his thoughts back to a place where he thought they should be.

Murder

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is normally banned from her community. Daughters of accused mothers are pressured by their husbands to abandon their mothers in the name of their husband’s family honor. If they do not obey, a common bargaining tactic is the threat of taking away their children. The few that manage to escape, remain fugitives, and sometimes spending the rest of their lives fearful of future attacks.

It brought me to tears, to see a 16 year old girl with 3rd degree burns share how her husband’s family dosed her with gasoline, lit the match and set her ablaze. “In her village alone,” the reporter solemnly noted, “350 women were murdered in one year. Some were as young as 12.”

The reporter then asked another victim’s brother and father for their opinion. The brother responded with a teary eye, “I feel ashamed and proud.” (At last, I am thinking, someone is remorseful.) However, when asked what he meant, he said, “I am proud, because I have restored my family’s honor, and I am ashamed of my sister!”

Queen Noor, the wife of the late King Hussein of Jordan, recently spoke out publicly on an ABC report of her desire to halt this sort of activity in her country. I hope and pray that anyone reading this piece today, join her in these wishes, like the many good people who have had the courage to speak out in these regions. As many humanitarians have noted, this is not a criticism of religion nor of cultural relativism. This horror perpetuates throughout different regions around the world, including some immigrant communities in the West. This issue pertains to women, men and power. Governments, courts and communities around the world allow one human being to intentionally kill another and use the defense, “I did it in the name of honor.” Many of these killers walk away smiling proud and free. Some even become the town heroes. Imagine that!

Society has come to a juncture where the terms “domestic issues” and “domestic violence” minimize and desensitize the reality of hard cold criminal behavior. Intentional cold-blooded murder or attempted murder is vicious and heartless. Torture and murder is unacceptable, period.

I am repulsed by permissive intentional killing without consequence. This must end.

Have a Nice Break!

Burritos

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