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Dean on \$1 million suit:

## "THE GIRLS SAID — IT WAS THIS BIG!"



Dean Shapiro indicates the size of the instrument involved in the million dollar law suit. The distance between the Dean's hands is at least 13 inches.

by James Trickarico, Jr.

NYLS Dean E. Donald Shapiro is suing the United Fruit Company for \$1 million in real and punitive damages for what he claimed was "tortious and gross negligence" in the design of their banana peels.

In the complaint Shapiro stated that he trod on one of the defendant's "organic containers" and "lost the full use of his ankle." The incident was said to have occurred in his palatial Short Hills, New Jersey kitchen.

Spreading his hands for photographers, Shapiro said, "My daughters told me that the peel was at least this big."

Noting that privity of contract is on its way out, Shapiro contended that United Fruit, a major South American lessor, had not exercised reasonable care in package design. "An agribusiness corporation must be held to perceive the risk that some of their fruit wrappers will end up at ground level," noted the Dean.

Shapiro is not new to injuries and lawsuits. While waiting for a Long Island Railroad train at Penn Station last year, the Dean was struck by a flying set of scales. His suit was settled out of court after the judge was heard to have remarked, "One struggles in vain for any verbal formula that will supply a ready touchstone."

**ETHICS PROF ARRESTED ON MORALS CHARGE**

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**NYLS TO OFFER CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**

by Anthony Scanlon





Dean Shapiro presents an honorary J.D. to Mr. Duck in recognition of his contribution to the school.

## Hollywood Star Donald Duck Donates \$10,000 Gift to NYLS

BY WALTER LANTZ

Hollywood — Motion picture and television star Donald Duck has donated \$10,000 to the NYLS Alumni Association in honor of his nephew, former SBA President Lorin Duckman, class of '73 and his niece Bella Weiss-Duckman,

class of '79.

Relaxing in his trailer at the Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, where he is now filming his 47th feature film, the popular star explained his donation in this way:

"When I first started out in

this business, all four of my nephews were in the act with me... Dewey, Louie, Huey and Lorin. Lorin left the act and has done quite well for himself as a lawyer. Since both he and his wife Bella are associated with New York Law I am very pleased to make what I hope will be an annual contribution."

"Besides, Don Shapiro and I go way back. We had the same voice and diction coach as children," said Mr. Duck.

"Many people don't know this, but I shortened my name from Duckman to Duck when I came out here from Broadway. Walt Disney, he should rest in peace, felt it would be too long on a marquee."



BY JIMMY OLSEN

Former EQUITAS Editor Yooha Trickwasser was indicted today by a Short Hills, N.J. grand jury. He is charged with felonious assault with a banana peel. It is alleged that Trickwasser broke into the home of Dean E. Donald Shapiro and placed a banana peel on the kitchen floor, and yelled "Boo," when Shapiro came downstairs for his midnight snack.

Trickwasser was believed to be extremely disturbed about the fact that the Dean appeared on William F. Buckley's "Firing Line" and spoke out against capital punishment. When asked to comment, Trickwasser's attorney, Bostjan Massachusetts said, "Gey Kacken Afen Yam."

### Prof's Books: The South will Rise Again...

NYLS Professor Kim Lang has gone to state court to enjoin Ayon Books from publishing her scholarly survey, *Defender of the Faith: The High Court of Mississippi 1817-1875*, as a historical romance.

"They're calling it *Ardent Suitors*," Lang complained. She had harsh words for the cut-out paperback cover which showed a man in flowing black robe locked in an embrace with a red-haired woman with a low bodice. The inside cover retained only the man and woman.

Professor Lang, an authority on Torts and Conflicts of Law, appeared sure of winning her injunction, except for one thing. "The company does most of its business in New York," she noted. "It is incorporated in New York. The books are being printed in New York and stored in a New York warehouse. I am a resident of New York and work in New York."

"There is a Conflicts problem here," said Professor Lang. "I'm not going to rest until I find it. If you want me, I'll be in the library."

...and so will the pound cake.

BY REGINALD GREBE

NYLS Professor Janet Tracy and Dean E. Donald Shapiro are the latest faculty members to admit the authorship of a lawbook.

The two wounded writers have slipped out of the kitchen with a book of legal recipes.

"Actually, we slipped in the kitchen," Professor Tracy reported. "I dropped the orange upsidedown cake."

Wincing, the dean added,

### Prof Pushes TV

NYLS Prof. Bostjan Massachusetts has sold his television pilot to former "Dragnet" producer and star Jack Webb. The show, tentatively titled "Los Angeles — Mens Rea", is about a special squad of LAPD officers who have extra-sensory perception and can read minds to determine if the defendant has the requisite *mens rea* to be charged with a crime.

Prof. Massachusetts had originally tried to sell the idea to CBS for a series based in Hawaii, under the title "Mens Rea Five-O."

"She overturned on a peel."

"This is another first for New York Law School," Dean Shapiro went on. "Shapiro and Tracy on Lawfood enables anyone with an interest in law and food to prepare such tasty dishes as chicken statutory, ex post toasties and subpoena colada."

Priced at \$19.95, the West volume has been assigned for next fall's products liability course. Autographed copies are now available at Gil's.

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## Grades Graded

For those who now labor under the law and those who will follow them, we are pleased to publish for the first time NYLS's "Grading Formula":

Final Grade =

$$\left( \frac{\text{LSAT Score}}{\text{cost Student's Age} \times \text{Weight} \times \frac{1}{2}} \right) -$$

$$\left( \frac{\text{Number of the Course}}{\text{Number of letters in Professor's Name}} \right) \times$$

$$\frac{(\text{the date NYLS was founded}) \times (\text{Dean Shapiro's weight without a leg cast})}{\left( \frac{\text{tain hours of student boredom}}{\text{hours of professor's preparation}} \right) -$$

$$\left( \frac{\text{Number of pages in casebook}}{\text{Number of references on test to Gilbert's}} \right)$$



The Dean of California trial lawyers, Perry Mason, will join the NYLS faculty as a full time professor of law this fall.

Professor Mason, who retired from a lucrative trial practice after 45 years, will teach criminal trial advocacy and ethics. Professor Mason is considered the leading expert in cross examination techniques.

Among Professor Mason's most recent courtroom triumphs were: the defense of San Francisco Police Inspector Robert T. Ironside on corruption charges and the defense of West Coast journalist R.B. Kingston in a \$1 million libel suit.

In his spare time, Prof. Mason is an enthusiastic naturalist and has gone on many expeditions in Tokyo Bay, Japan looking for the legendary sea-monster Godzilla.

Commenting on Prof. Mason's appointment to the faculty, NYLS Dean Edwin D. Shapiro said, "This is a great day for our great urban law school."

## Equitas Bought

BY WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST

Australian newspaper baron Rupert Murdoch has purchased the NYLS student newspaper and renamed it the "New York Law School Post."

Although no purchase price was announced, former EQUITAS editor Jonah Ignatius Triebwasser was heard to say, "Now I can afford to transfer to NYU" after the deal was consummated.

Mr. Murdoch explained that he has added EQUITAS to his holdings (which include the *New York Post*, *New York Magazine*, and *Juris Doctor*) so as to continue his campaign of taking excellent publications "...and flushing them right down the toilet."

In commenting on the transfer of the newspaper's ownership from the school to Mr. Murdoch, NYLS Dean E. "Twinkle Toes" Shapiro said, "This is truly a great day for our great urban law school."

## Name The Dean

Win a free day at the plush Shapiro residence in Short Hills, New Jersey. Enjoy free cocktails, sauna, swimming, billiards, and a lovely view of the vacant lot next door. Engage in lively conversation with such notables as "Uncle Miltie" Silverman, "Bugles" Lippman, and Dean "E." Shapiro, himself.

For years now, the Dean has suffered from an identity crisis. It has been so long since the Dean has used his first name that he has forgotten it. What does the "E." stand for?

All you have to do to win this fun-filled one-day vacation is to send in an entry telling us, in ten words or less, what the "E." does or should stand for, and why.

Send entries to: Name the Dean; c/o NYLS Post; 57 Worth Street; New York, N.Y. 10013.



# Law School Buys Radio City Music Hall

BY BASIL RATHBONE  
AND NIGEL BRUCE

NYLS has bought Radio City Music Hall in a "tax swap" arrangement involving several unnamed Manhattan buildings and the Brooklyn Bridge.

Months of speculation about the future of the world famous theater ended with the announcement by John V. Thornton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the school. In making the announcement, Thornton denied that the school, now based in the Wall Street area, was following the migration of the big law firms to midtown.

Dean of the school, E. Donald Shapiro, stated the purchase of the Music Hall was part of a long range scheme of development of the school, including a matinee admissions program starting in 1980. "The 6000 seat auditorium may seem a little large," the dean said, "but we've always had big plans for New York Law School. Besides, it will come in handy for the compulsory classes we are sneaking back into the curriculum."

Thornton, who is also Senior Vice President of Con Edison, said Radio City, with its three million watt lighting capacity, was a good investment. The purchase, however, did not end NYLS' building plans. Thornton cautioned, "We're still determined to build an Urban Law Center somewhere, regardless. Preferably in the city."

Radio City Music Hall, which is in Rockefeller Center, sits on land owned by Columbia University. Dean Shapiro was asked how he felt about the competition owning the ground the new law school will sit on. Laughing, the dean said, "We don't consider Columbia



Students wait for elevators as workmen put up new sign

Law School as competition. We're both working towards the same goal, educating men and women for careers in the law. Besides, we're working on another package deal."

Associate Dean of the school, Margaret S. Bearn said as few alterations as possible will be made to the former tourist attraction when it makes the drastic change from entertainment to law classes. Some critics had expressed concern for the future of Radio City's original decor in light of the NYLS history of moving

walls around and painting everything in primary school colors.

In allaying the fears, Dean Bearn said, "Radio City is a unique work of art in itself. The Depression Deco is an ideal environment for people planning to enter the law profession today."

She said final plans had not been made for utilizing the new facilities but many suggestions had come in, such as using the Rockettes' dressing room for a study area.

A few changes, however, will reflect the theater's new landlord.

It has been decided that the Robert Laurent statue in the mezzanine entitled "The Girl and the Goose" will be renamed "Marriage: Hard Cases Make Bad Law" and the mural in the Ladies' Lounge will be changed from "History of Cosmetics" to "Precedents in Consumer Protection."

Gil Hollander of M, J & K Company, who operates the bookstore at the school's present location, said he saw no problems in the transition. "Aside from adding popcorn and souvenir programs, we don't plan any great changes,"

he said.

A spokesman for the students, Lindsay Rosenberg, President of the Student Bar Association, said he was pleased the school had purchased Radio City Music Hall, although he would miss the live entertainment. He said he hoped the improved facilities would allow the SBA to do more for the students, like bringing first run features to the school.

Final completion of the deal is awaiting the approval of the cabaret license for the faculty dining room.

## Rockettes Dance Their Way into NYLS

BY LUNCHTIME O'BOOZE

Director of Admissions, Tony Scanlon, has announced that all 39 Rockettes have applied for admission to NYLS. The Rockettes were employed as dancers at Radio City Music Hall until the world famous theater closed prior to being bought by the school.

Scanlon said he had not reviewed all the applications but he was impressed by the qualifications of the ones he had seen. He also said the applications would be processed along with all the others received since NYLS has no affirmative action program.

In an interview with one of the applicants, Babs McCauley, a five year veteran of the Radio City stage, was asked if she thought going to law school would be difficult.

"Listen, honey," she replied, "anything you can do sitting down can't be that hard. I talked to a lot of people in law school and they say it's a lot like being a Rockette, just do what the person next to you is doing."

Determined to dispel the image of the gum chewing chorus girl, Ms. McCauley pointed out that she had an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania. She came to New York to work but was confronted with the male prejudice against women in management. "If I didn't have a great set of legs," she said, "I'd probably have a job typing somewhere."

Her one complaint about being a Rockette was it wasn't the sort of job where you could get promoted from the ranks. She sees the change as a springboard for advancement but is philosophical about her choice of profession. "As a dancer, I met a lot of guys who were jerks, and a lot of them were lawyers, so I figured I shouldn't have any problems."

What do the other Rockettes think about becoming law students? "Some of them are taking it quite seriously," said Ms. McCauley, "and others just think they'll get a kick out of it."



The Rockettes, New Members of the NYLS Women's Caucus



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### Justices Battle Over Bakke

The latest Bakke debate turned into a slugfest as two Supreme Court justices came to blows over the issue.

Justice William Rehnquist (light trunks) showed grace and style but could not match the unrelenting roundhouse blows of Justice Thurgood Marshall. Rehnquist led consistently with his right, but Marshall was more effective coming from the left.

By Round Four, both pugilists had slowed down, their jabs rarely landing. Rehnquist and Marshall clung to each other for minutes at a time, reminding some observers of the last fights of Muhammad Ali.

The fight unexpectedly ended when Registrar Anthony "Tony" Scanlon threw in the towel, causing Rehnquist and Marshall to trip over it, knocking themselves out.

The spectacular five-round fight took place on the fourth floor of NYLS. The judges were John "Slugger" Dugan and Myres "Big Mac" McDougal. In a boxing first, the fight was refereed by a woman, NYLS Professor Kathy Sullivan.

"The fighters were consistently good," contended Sullivan. "It's about time we got some consistency out of the Supreme Court."

Seated at ringside, NYLS Dean E. Donald Shapiro admitted that fisticuffs were unexpected, although chairs had been cleared and a roped-off boxing platform set up.

"We legal scholars have always puzzled how the High Court arrives at a decision," Shapiro said. "As you know, their conferences are closed to the public

and the press. We simply assumed that a lot of arm-twisting went on, but this is ridiculous."

Other observers expressed surprise that old men who sat all day could be in such excellent physical condition.

### Bakke Pulls Out; Court Relieved

Supporters and opponents of Allan Bakke were rendered speechless today when Bakke announced that he had decided to drop the appeal. Reached for comment, they grimaced, turned bright red and waved their fists futilely.

Bakke, a white male, sued the University of California regents, charging he was denied equal protection when he was barred from a state medical school as a result of a racial quota admission



policy.

"I want to be a fireman," Bakke told a hushed crowd of television newsmen, "Or maybe a cowboy. I like horses, riding the range, ya-hoo!"

Asked what prompted his career change scarcely days before the impending Supreme Court decision on his case, Bakke, dressed

in a red suit, red hat and tall boots, stated that rising malpractice rates would have severely interfered with his dreams of helping sick people.

A lawyer close to the case commented, "The Court doesn't know yet, do they? I mean, they can't call it moot if they don't know."

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### 10¢ a Flush

BY JIMMY OLSEN

Responding to complaints from the S.B.A. that its budget is too small, Dean Shapiro announced that, beginning the fall semester, pay toilets will be installed throughout the school. This will include pay urinals in the men's rooms. It seems that Shapiro has taken S.B.A. President Lindsay Rosenberg's plea, "Help us, we have nothing to go on," literally.

There was varied student opinion. Most members of Law Review didn't seem to mind, because "We don't use strange toilets anyway. You never know what you might pick up from the seats." The NLG was furious. NLG member Sam Himmelstein commented, "I'll use the sinks. The hell with them."

Dean Shapiro commissioned Registrar and Director of Admissions Tony Scanlon to do a study of how often the rest rooms were used, and for what purposes. The Dean said, "It's right up his alley."

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Lucille Hillman,  
Alumni Director

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