Batts On Homophobia, First Years, and O.J.

By Jeffrey Jackson

I was running a little late on my way to the interview with Judge Batts. Radcliffe College. Harvard Law School, Clerk, Judge Price Associate at Cravath, Swain and Moore. Professor of Law at Fordham Law School. Federal Judge in the Southern District of New York. Not a woman to keep waiting. After I passed the gauntlet of security guards and metal detectors, I searched for Judge Batts' chambers. Since I was unable to bring recording equipment into the courtroom, I was forced to rely on my memory. When I finally found Judge Batts (on time) she was very friendly and even offered me a cup of coffee, which I declined.

The Honorable Deborah Batts was confirmed as a federal judge for the Southern District of New York on May 6, 1995. She was sworn in on June 23, 1995.

First, I asked her about the challenges that face her as a new judge. After laughing heartily, she responded, "First of all the caseload is huge, up to 420 cases. There are new cases daily, trial motions, agreements of parties, etc. There are more cases per day than can be disposed of." She further commented that when parties can come to an agreement on their own, this is a better decision, since "justice is done." Her advice to anyone seeking a position on the federal bench is to "be the best at whatever you do." Career paths for federal judges are very diverse, from public sector work to partnerships in major law firms to everything in between. Some common threads include community service and active participation in bar associations. Equally important is finding a job that one can enjoy. Judge Batts notes "I've had the luxury of being happy with the jobs that I've had." The tone of the conversation became more serious. Judge Batts responded to my comment that many Americans like to think that racism, sexism, and homophobia are relics of an ancient time, to be dug up only during political excavations. What challenges does she face as a African-American, a homosexual, and a woman? Thoughtfully, she responded: "If I feel denied in some way, the good news is that I don't have to wonder which characteristic was the reason...This is a pointless exercise to pursue...Being discriminated against shows that we have a long way to go in educating powerful people. People should be judged by their credentials. When we do things well, we are consciously or subconsciously educating.

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More than one auction

There are, in effect two auctions: a silent and a live auction. The Silent Auction, which began at about 7:00 PM in the Atrium, had tables which displayed items for auction such as dinners, sports memorabilia, art, T-shirts, etc. Bidders submitted sealed, silent bids and awaited results later in the evening. Some participants who submitted bids commented that they were able to secure bargains as a result.

The Live Auction began at about 8:00 PM and featured the effervescent auctioneer Bernadette Castro, former senatorial candidate. This was her fourth consecutive year as auctioneer. As promised by Tom Schoenherr, head of the Public Interest Resource Center, this was the "best ever" auction. A lot of fun and a good time were had by all, and for a good cause.

Annual Public Service Event Reaps Record $90,000!

by David Bowen and Earl A. Wilson

Fordham's Fourth Annual Student Sponsored Fellowship Goods and Services Auction raised more than $90,000 on Tuesday March 7 to support legal assistance to the poor. The predictable featured goods for sale were two loaves of Irish soda bread that were claimed for a staggering $5,000 and $3,000. They went to, respectively, Fordham Law Alumnus Thomas J. Kavaler and the school's dean, John D. Feerick. The many items auctioned included tickets to musicals, sporting events, events with professors and administrators, and lunches with VIPs, at, of course, varying prices.

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CSP and PIRC Thank Blood Donors

For Valentine’s Day this year, 178 Fordham students, staff, and faculty took time out to send priceless gifts to unknown admirers. The Valentine’s Blood drive on February 13 and 14, 1995, was the most successful ever at Fordham Law School, 169 pints. This turnout is even more significant in light of the current dangerously low levels in blood supplies for our area. New York Blood Services, who were organizing the collection activities in the atrium, were hard pressed to keep up with the steady stream of donors (a problem they would probably like to face more often).

For several donors, the process from start to finish took over an hour. Although that was plenty of time to get cold feet (a serious medical condition that makes blood donation impossible for hours, even days, afterwards!), most of the donors patiently stuck it out to the end. Given the impressive turnout this semester, we will ask New York Blood Services to speed up the process at next semester’s Blood Drive, so donors won’t have to wait quite as long.

After the drive, the CSP office will send priceless gifts to the Valentine’s Day donors in the form of gifts certificates. Any students who did not receive batteries with their camera may request them at the CSP office in Room 17. Tower Records and Video also sponsored this semester’s effort by donating two $20 dollar gift certificates to be raffled among all participants. The winners are: 7096502 and 7096424. The winners may stop by the CSP office to pick up their gifts.

This Blood Drive was coordinated by Vanessa Melendéz ’96, Co-Director of Fordham’s Community Service Project, with the help of student volunteers Anthony Dryer, David Greene, Jeff Hummel, Michelle Manzoni, Naem Vargo and Ross Zelman. The CSP wants to extend a very special thanks to Melissa Goldstein for her commitment and invaluable help in promoting and monitoring this drive.

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"Natural Born Lawyers" Draws Rave Reviews

By David Beaven

This year, the annual Fordham follies took a no Holds barred approach, much like the movie that inspired the title, when satirizing various professors, administrators and students. Of course, the Follies has never been known to pull punches, especially when an opening exists for a parody of a personality or event taking place in the Fordham Community. The plot featured a serial killer who is on the loose at Fordham. The killer’s victims are initially well-known students — the editor-in-chief of Law Review, members of the National Moot Court team, the SBA President Mike Emmanuel, and The Advocate’s Bob Cinque. However, the killer also eliminates Dean Vairo and her administrative assistant Susan Santangelo. As the story unfolds, various suspects are presented. At the end, though, everyone is surprised when the killer is unmasked as the mild mannered Dean Reilly!

Funny Sketches

Various sketches included a satire of Professor Madison during an acid flashback episode and Professor Perillo and his colorful, psychadelic ties. The most memorable sketch, however, was when Professors Cohen, Weinstein and Sharpe conspire to kill students. The music, as in other years, was performed capably by Fordham’s ever present pool of talented musicians. The singing was also well-received by those asked.

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Moot Court Wins Year's Second Championship
by Earl A. Wilson

Dominating one of the oldest, largest and "premium" constitutional law competitions in the country, Fordham's Moot Court team captured its first ever Craven Competition championship on February 4. An annual competition held this year at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the J. Braxton Craven Memorial Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition fielded 26 teams from around the country.

In order to win, said Patrick Cox, Editor-in-Chief of the Moot Court Board, "our team argued undefeated for seven consecutive rounds to win." The team did not get either best speaker or best brief awards. "We may have had the second best brief," stated Cox, though he added that he was not sure. Thus the combined score of the oral argument and the brief earned the Craven team the victory. The competition team included Andrew Goldfrank, Micah Hobbs, Vivian Root. The team was coached by Adam Ziffer and James Costello.

Difficult Problem
"They argued a problem that was possibly the most complex I've ever seen, except for the National Competition problem," declared Cox. The two-part issue was: 1) whether a state can authorize Physician-assisted suicide; 2) if the state cannot do that, can the state force a woman to undergo a Caesarean for a child when she is eight months pregnant. The problem dealt with a terminally ill woman who was eight months pregnant. She petitioned the court for permission to commit suicide. The state cross-claimed. "We had to argue everything from compelling government interest to liberty interest," indicated Cox. Adding to the difficulty was the fact that the problem dealt with both politics and law, which made the victory an even more satisfying crowning achievement. Having never won Craven before, the best we have done was the "final four in or about 1991 or 1992," according to Cox.

Sponsors Environmental Law Negotiation Teams

Earlier this month, two teams from Fordham competed in the Robert R. Merhige Jr. Environmental Law Negotiation Competition and placed as quarter-finalists and semifinalists, respectively. A unique group assembled by continued on page 9
Letters to the Editor

To the editors of the Advocate,

In the most recent edition of The Advocate, you criticized the way the Yearbook is prepared. While I understand that you are entitled to your opinion, the focus of your criticism was misguided.

Nobody disagrees with you that the Yearbook is an ad hoc committee. However, despite the imperfection of the system, this year’s Yearbook editor has done a fantastic job in my opinion. Your editorial claims that this year’s editor is unsuited for her position. This is simply not true. She has volunteered a significant amount of time to prepare the yearbook after nobody else stepped forward to take the position. Her obstacles have included an uncooperative photographer, a lack of assistance, and numerous belligerent students who think they have to be catered to personally. She has gone out of her way to make every opportunity available to get all students and groups into the yearbook. Any individual or group not in the yearbook is their own fault.

The problem is not with this year’s editor, but the system she was thrust into. As SBA president, I have noticed that one of the main problems with many activities is a severe lack of student commitment to solidify groups from year to year. Many group leaders cannot find replacements before they leave school. This year’s editor stepped up at the Dean’s urging last summer because last year’s editor could not find one third-year student to take over. Any criticism of this year’s editor is uncalled for. Without her, there would be no Yearbook whatsoever.

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Your paper is a tremendous resource with a lack of interest and help provided to the Yearbook until the 11th hour. The Advocate staff has volunteered to lend a hand rather than complain, they did not. While we wish the other student activities is a severe lack of student commitment to solidify groups from year to year. Many group leaders cannot find replacements before they leave school. This year’s editor stepped up at the Dean’s urging last summer because last year’s editor could not find one third-year student to take over. Any criticism of this year’s editor is uncalled for. Without her, there would be no Yearbook whatsoever.

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While we wish there were a Yearbook staff, there is not. While we wish there were a Yearbook editor, there is not. While we wish the Yearbook editor had received the administrative support promised, she did not. While we wish the law students who are suddenly so interested in the Yearbook had volunteered to lend a hand rather than complain, they did not. It is evident that the editors of The Advocate were out of line when they chose to gripe about the production of the 1995 Yearbook. The only right they and other students have is to praise the tremendous accomplishments of the Yearbook editor.

What is evident to those who chose to assess all of the facts surrounding the production of the Yearbook, is that no more could have been done due to the lack of interest and help provided to the single member of the Yearbook staff, by the administration, the studio and particularly the students. How the 1995 Yearbook turns out is only the fault of the students and administration who failed to take even a modicum of interest in the Yearbook until the 11th hour.

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From the Editors

Going out in style

The Fordham Law School Community will miss Dean Andrew Rivera, who in the words of Dean Feerick, made us “better as a school” during his tenure here. He is scheduled to depart on March 31, 1995 so that he can devote “himself more fully to his family and community.” He will be honored with the Dean’s Medal of recognition at the LALSA dinner scheduled for March 29. The Advocate wishes him and his family all the best that life has to offer from this point forward.

SBA Elections

The Student Bar Association will be holding elections from Monday, March 27 to Thursday March 30. The Advocate strongly urges each and every student to VOTE!!! While The Advocate endorses no particular candidate, we do endorse full participation in the political process. Those who want to effect change can begin to do so by voting this week. See you at the polls!

Yearbook Redux

While we probably stand corrected in not lauding the achievements of the individual who worked tirelessly on the yearbook this year, she probably would not have encountered the problems and frustrations she experienced if there were a more efficient system in place. What is truly amazing is that the one person, the editor of the yearbook, handled most of the work. Our recommendations in the last issue were not intended to insult anyone. If anyone was insulted, we sincerely apologize. To the contrary, we simply made recommendations for the future of the yearbook; ideas we hope will be taken seriously enough to prevent dedicated volunteers like this year’s staff from encountering anything like 1995 again. It will also allow, we think, students to take greater pride in the keepsake they will cherish for years to come. After discussing the issues with many students, it is clear to us that a problem exists. It is important for all of us, the SBA, the administration and the students, to work on solving the problems rather than engage in heated exchanges or insulting barbs.

Front Page Blues

By now, the Fordham Law School community is well aware of the lead story in our last issue, “Is Moot Court an Equal Opportunity Activity?” We believed the facts and quotes to be accurate in all respects, since the article was written by a member of the Moot Court Board. We did not attempt to verify the story by checking sources. As it turns out, Dean Escalera has indicated that she did not make some of the statements attributed to her and that, in fact, there was no formal investigation. The Advocate takes full responsibility for failure to fulfill these journalistic duties. The events of the past weeks have caused a measure of “pain,” for some in the Fordham Law Community, including The Advocate, according to Dean Escalera. However, out of some pain also comes growth and we trust that when the dust settles, the Fordham Law Community will be strong and remain strong as a result.

Announcements

The following are results of the Student Leaders’ Meeting with Dean Feerick a few weeks ago:

- The student budget is to be expanded via an increased student activity fee of $75.00 to be charged every year, instead of first year only. This should increase access to more than three times as much. It will be phased in. Details are to be worked out.
- On the future of Financial Aid, the SBA and the administration are working to improve the Financial Aid Office user-friendly - to get timely loans, etc. A committee is to be established. Third years will be invited to sit on the committee to air gripes on Financial Aid.
- Cafeteria: new furniture will be here soon (in a couple of weeks) says Mike Emmanuel). The issue of a television for the lounge is being looked into by Judith O'Sullivan's office, we understand, though there may be some time to both acquire one (the one from the old lounge can't be found) or logistically set it up.
- Re the Baja affair where a student was "attacked" by Baja security. The suit by the student has reportedly been dropped due to a counter-suit by the defendant. Neither side, however, is talking.
Crime, like any other business, has gone global. Recently, a Russian man alleged to be the kingpin of a Brighton Beach, Brooklyn mob was arrested in Italy. Drug-smuggling, money-laundering, electronic fraud—all these crimes cross national borders.

A veritable who's who of international law enforcement and criminal defense visited Fordham on February 22 to participate in Fordham's International Organized Crime Symposium. Cosponsored by the International Criminal Law Center, the Symposium featured four panels, chaired by Professor Abraham Abramovsky, criminal defense attorney Jack Hoffinger, and Ethan Nadelmann of the SOROS Foundation, author of the books "Cops Across Borders," which chronicles the increasing use of U.S. law enforcement techniques by many nations throughout the world, and was recently reviewed in the Fordham International Law Journal.

Among the participants was Giannicola Sinisi, director of the Giovanni Falcone Institute in Rome, as well as mayor of Andria, a town in Bari, Italy. He joined a panel with two American law-enforcement officials who worked with Falcone, the fearless prosecutor of organized crime in Italy who was killed when a saboteur blew up the bridge over which he, his wife, and two bodyguards were traveling.

On hand for the discussion entitled, "Can a Defendant in an Organized Crime Case Get a Fair Trial?" were noted defense attorneys Barry Slotnick and Gerald Shargel, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Zachary W. Carter (Eastern District of N.Y.) and Paul Shechtman (Chief of Criminal Division, Southern District of N.Y.), Newsday editor Ken Emerson and reporter George Anastasia of the Philadelphia Inquirer. Investigative reporter Mary Murphy of WPIX-TV co-chaired the panel. Deputy Assistant Attorney General Mark Richards joined Fordham adjunct professor Bruce Zagaris and Ethan Nadelmann on a panel discussing international cooperation in law enforcement, and a dialogue of Canadian/English organized crime featured Sergeant Pat Arseneau of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Jim Manhire of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise Office in New York, and Professor Ruth Wedgwood of Yale Law School.
On the World Stage

Opposite Page: The Honorable Giannicola Sinisi, Mayor of Andria, Italy and director of the Giovanni Falcone Institute, with Dean Feerick and Professor Abramovsky.

Clockwise from top left: Criminal defense attorney Jack Hoffinger makes a point while moderating panel on Italian organized crime; Professor Ruth Wedgwood of Yale Law during the panel on international cooperation in law enforcement; Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Zachary W. Carter and criminal defense attorney Barry Slotnick entering the McNally Ampitheatre; FBI agent Carmine Russo and former Federal prosecutor Charles Rose, discussing their work with the late Giovanni Falcone.

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A Statement from the "TEAM" Ticket

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We ask you today to vote for our team in the upcoming Student Bar Association elections. Our ticket needs your vote. Without it, we will not be able to maintain our ideas and utilize the advice we have collected from all of you, to make the community at Fordham University School of Law a better place for each and every one of us.

As the only combined cross-gender, cross-race, cross-class and five-person complete ticket, we offer a complete package of representation that the other tickets can not. We also believe that because of our experience, our ticket is most qualified to represent the Fordham student body throughout the 1996 school year. Each member of our ticket is not new to this situation, or has previously been an SBA Representative. We know how the SBA functions and we have firm ideas as to how to make it better. Our first year candidates, Ben, Alysa, and Craig have all been instrumental in improving the student body. They have also taken the time to get to know their fellow classmates and listening to their gripes and needs. In representing both day and night students, they will not forget that what they have heard. Ben and Alysa for example, are already working hard to modify next year's organization program and legal process curriculum to better suit the needs of students and faculty. Our candidates are also working with members of the faculty to make teacher evaluations available to students. Only the election of our ticket will ensure the success of these initiatives.

Representing the Fordham student body is also not new to our second year President and Vice-President candidates. Our VP candidate has spent a substantial amount of time working in the local courts and for the Manhattan Borough President's office. Our current candidate, Hector Baldonado, as current SBA Treasurer and former SBA Rep. has been tireless in the student administration since he graduated from Fordham University School of Law. As President, Hector Baldonado will also bring to the SBA his two year's experience as the sole Fordham student representative to the New York City Bar Association.

The Fordham community will surely benefit from the resulting competition as candidates realize that they must offer more than a popular face or name to earn the respect and vote of those people they wish to represent.

The current SBA Board has been successful in achieving many of its goals. Our team however, if elected, would make several significant changes. For one, we would go to the student to maintain the SBA's money and its dollars can only benefit from each other's perspective. Your vantage point will often be different from mine and we can learn from each other's ideas. For example, as a Black male I am disheartened by the ever-growing media and its media coverage. I do not disclose this fact to the headlines. I do not disclose this fact to your facts wrong, or others simply disagree, accept discourse. This is a good thing. The first years of our school should be agitated. During breaks in class talk with someone that you usually don't. If your walking to or from school near a fellow law Ram, and it's not too cold, say "hello," walk together. The discussion doesn't need to start with solving world problems. Just in fact, starting conversations can not be difficult for any of us; and if it is, work on it.

In addition to actual forums, as students we should encourage dialogue and debate within our social circles. We all have heard of secondhand. But the effects of being socialized "we're just different," maintains a permanent wall in our lives. Why?

If a collective student body of graduate students in America in the 1990s cannot find enough common ground to overcome the "isms" of society, it is futile to expect more from strangers bumping into each other on the No. 2 train. Is it our job to litigate and mend the pieces of the Rodney King, Gaston Gordon, and Rosenberg incidents of our society? Or should it be our challenge to prevent violence from occurring?

I conclude my converying back! and vote of those people they wish to represent. The SBA has money and the SBA will act as prodded by numerous of articulate, productive lecturers, who will address an appreciative atmosphere before feelings come to a head.

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may have preconceived notions about blacks, gays, women, etc. This is good, although sometimes you feel that you should charge for the service."

She also had some pretty strong words concerning the most recent race for attorney general in New York. "I voted for Karen Bursenstein because qualified people of all races and sexual orientations would benefit from her leadership as attorney general. I'm concerned that recent decisions and policies put forth by Attorney General Vacco reconfirm the reasons I voted for Karen Bursenstein."

strip away protections based on status, class, race, gender...you run the risk that people will feel excluded by the government and the political process. I think that David Dinkins spoke of the "gorgeous mosaic" of New York City. I think that in line with that theme when our governmental authority recognizes its obligation to protect everyone, it receives a broader base of support...it is wrong for the government to condone discrimination in any form." She further declared that "when the structure is anti-gay, it is hard the be 'out'." She also noted a tension between upstate New York and New York City and suggested that Dennis Vacco may not have had enough time to find out about New York City, considering his surprisingly good record with gays and lesbians.

According to Batts, "Ignorance and fear are the greatest obstacles to opening up the eyes of mainstream society. Without laws (that guarantee equal rights for gays) social approval of discrimination is perpetrated." She compares this to pre civil rights segregation. In this case, ignorance was espoused by public policy. Once integration became a reality, people started to put ignorance and fear and prejudices aside. They made judgments on people based on who they were as they got a chance to know them.

Once, she declared "The increased level of violence and fear in today's society. I don't want kids to fear being drowned by gasoline and ignites because of the color of their skin, or to be raped or shot because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time, or to be the victim of an emotional explosion from masses of systematically ignored victims.

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sprung up Spring Break

By Angelique Canoe

Spring break for students who remain in the dorm can be a very lonely time. Many of their friends are gone and it's not much fun touring Manhattan alone. For Fordham students, ResLife had a lot of activities to keep them busy over the holiday.

The Menu for This Week...

Resident's were treated to a screening of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and sweet treats during Sunnysides on Monday. Fifty or sixty students, which held a good mix of grad and undergrad, came to the first floor lounge and made their own ice cream sundaes as Ferris jaunted through Chicago in a leopard-print vest. On Tuesday, residents and R.A.s went and stood outside of the Ed Sullivan Theatre for David Letterman tickets. They did not get in but Mags Chernock says: "We know not to go much earlier." Residents were offered the chance to wait and get tickets for Regis and Kathie Lee but no one showed up. I guess Regis and Kathie aren't as popular as Dave; that or the fact that no one wanted to rise and shine at 7:30 a.m.!

On St. Patrick's Day, residents started the day with a bagel breakfast, including the green ones, from H & H Bagels, courtesy of Joe Scully. They marched in the parade with the Fordham Gaels, society at Rose Hill. They were one hour late to begin marching but the students said that the crowd was very receptive and it was a wonderful experience overall. After the parade, Father O'Hare treated everyone to lunch at Dorm's. The food was wonderful and everyone had a good time. At the end of the meal, the students were all given free champagne, to toast the good Father. This past Sunday, Russell Torres gave a continental breakfast in the residence hall and invited students on a trip to the Brooklyn Tabernacle.

It's good to see a school paying so much attention to the needs of its residents because sometimes living in the dorm can make you feel like you're a long way from home. Just looking at everything they did makes me think that the residents who stayed had a better time than those of us who went home!

Coming Up!

Mags Chernock is sponsoring a CDS exchange night where you can trade in your old music or even sell it for a reasonable price.

Tom Harrison is throwing the First Annual "Discoosolularajamajam" (discool-oo-soul-ara-jam). Come in your best '70s costume! Bring some music! Costume ideas include: Chico or The Man, Bob Denver, Green Hornet...

"We'll all be Doin' the Hustle."
A.F.K.A. Prince Fades to "Black"

By Miles Marshall Lewis

Eight years ago, when the artist formerly known as Prince was, indeed, known as Prince, he crafted an untitled, very intense album of hard, edgy funk and rock known as the Black Album. On the heels of his Grammy-nominated Sign o' the Times, the Black Album was to serve as a spiteful rejoinder to critics who claimed Prince had lost his edge. Though Prince cancelled its release, deeming the album too dark and negative, it stands as one of the most widely bootlegged in rock music, and has been commercially available for a limited time from Warner Bros. Records for the past five months.

The Black Album was recorded with his Sign o' the Times touring band, which featured a horn section, and Sheila E. on drums. The album itself was officially untitled, similar to releases by Chicago, or the fourth Led Zeppelin album. It came to be known as the Black Album due to its packaging, a plain black sleeve with only the catalog number in peach on the spine - like the Beatles' White Album of 1968. Of its eight songs, only "When 2 R in Love" would ever surface (on his next recording, Lovesexy) before Warner Bros. official release of the album in November.

Prince kicked things off with "Le Grind," powered by a central horn line and bass reminiscent of Graham Central Station. Ostensibly a dance-instruction tune, along the lines of "The Twist" or "Housequake," it pumps along for almost for seven minutes. A close listen will reveal snippets of background vocal effects sampled by Prince for his Lovesexy album, and the Madhouse album, 16 (Madhouse being a short-lived jazz-fusion ensemble on Prince's defunct Paisley Park label, an outlet for his more jazz-oriented material).

"Cindy C" - the next song, eulogizes the virtues of "superfineheifer," Cindy Crawford. Another funky, horn-laced number, it includes lascivious talk of seeing Mrs. Richard Gere model her birthday suit. "Dead On It" follows, a track featuring Prince's critique of rappers performing hip-hop music: "The only good rapper is on that's dead/On it." The implicit meaning is not that Prince holds disdain for hip-hop, but rather that, to gain respect, rappers must demonstrate ample lyrical skills, and come "dead on it."

"When 2 R in Love" is a lovely ballad, supplanted to his Lovesexy album, which was released in lieu of the Black Album six months later. Side two begins with "Bob George," a monologue of a psychopath ranting over a Roland 808-style drum machine beat. While this Run-DMC-like beat plods along, an argument between said psycho and his girlfriend takes place in largely unprintable language. Although a gun is produced during this drama, the overall effect is humorous due to the Redd Foxx or George Carlin style use of profanity. Prince has cited this cut as a precursor to the gangsta rap trend that would surface years later. Though it is doubtful that the song directly influenced the likes of gangsta rap mogul Dr. Dre, there are similarities to the aesthetic fleshed out on the Dre-produced Doggystyle.

"Bob George" stands as the centerpiece of the Black Album, reflecting its overall sensibilities.

The unnamed one's bootlegged songs from when he was still Prince.

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You Can't Say I Didn't Warn You

by Robert Cinque

Just a quick note before we get started with today's merriment: soon, very soon, all third-years will be overcome by the need to let me have their extra graduation tickets. I make this announcement as a public service, so that you will not be surprised when this powerful urge overtakes you. It is a benign urge, so there's no need to resist it; just bring your tickets to me, and I'll take care of the rest.

And now, a preview of some recently-released films, none of which I've actually seen. I will refrain from commenting on "The Brady Bunch Movie," because I did in fact see it (believe me, it wasn't my idea). In fact, if anything supports my practice of passing judgment on films purely on their promotion, this is it. I expected to see a lame, overextended version of the TV show, and that is exactly what it turned out to be. Even cam­eos by Florence Henderson and Ann B. Taylor, from the old TV show, came far too late to save it. That my viewing companions were actually surprised that it was a bad movie indicates that there is a need for my services. Maybe I can't stop people from seeing movies like "The Brady Bunch," but at least I can warn them what they're in for.

Having said that, I'd like to warn you about the following:

Man of the House - Chevy Chase is in it, so don't see it. His agent is even worse at picking projects for him than Dan Aykroyd's agent (but then again, they were both in 'Nothing But Trouble,' that lame excuse for over­blown special effects of a few years back). I'll bet you can't even name anything Chevy's been in since "National Lampoon's Vacation." Well, there was "Cops and Robbers," a film that only gets watched by being the last one left on the video-store shelves on Sat­urday night. Hell, he couldn't get it together to get a hit when he was co-starring with Jack Palance, when Palance was hot right after "City Slickers!" And now, we're expected to believe that a Disney movie, where he co-stars with a sitcom kid, is going to make us forget "Dumb and Dumber." Maybe Howard Stern's a little too hard on Chevy, but I'm still con­vinced Chevy's mailing it in for the paycheck. Ergo, no "Man of the House" for me.

Candyman: Farewell to the Flesh - I have a little inside infor­mation on this one, and it has noth­ing to do with the first "Candyman," which I didn't see either. To wit: the prom­oters sent us, The Advocate, we who write about Fordham Law and little else but Fordham Law, a promo package. And a nifty one it is, with an illustrated booklet con­taining the screenplay and a board game based on the film, as well as the usual press photos and the like. I should be impressed, right? Well, no. The last press packet we got for a film was for "Body of Evidence." You remember that one, right? Mad­onna showing the full range of her acting talents? Madonna showing the back of her left knee, apparently the only part of her body not ex­posed in her "Sex" book? In short, if they're sending us a promo packet, either they have money to burn or they're desperate for any positive press they can get, because they know they've got a stinker on their hands. By the way, we reviewed "Body of Evidence" last year, and our reviewer (not me, I can assure you) liked it. And yet, I never saw an ad for the film featuring the blurb "Worth a look!" - Fordham Law Advocate. It's enough to make you wonder just what these movie people have in mind when they try to curry favor with those of us in the Fourth Estate (that's the press, you know). Ergo, caveat "Candyman."

Gramercy Pictures was kind enough to send us this promo photo, featuring Tony Todd and Kelly Rowan from "Candyman: Farewell to the Flesh." Our intrepid observer is flattered, of course, but not enough to keep him from saying that the film's probably a big dog.

Catherine Manion

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