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# The Advocate

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## Urban Law Journal Lives

By James Martorano

Within the bibliographic jungle we call a law library, where does one find something as simple as a "Model Municipal Environmental Code" or as obviously necessary as a discussion on the "Importance of Residential Density Planning"? At Fordham Law School we need look no further than our own Urban Law Journal. The U.L.J. combines the energies of 47 of Fordham's finest to provide us with a professional and useful publication dealing exclusively with urban problems. The existence of such an essential periodical in an urban law school is, however, hardly a surety. This fact became all too clear when, in a letter dated December 1, 'academic Vice President Paul Reiss announced that the University was not in any financial position to support student organizations founded by grants or other aids.

The reaction to the University's seemingly lethal blow to the Journal was swift. On December 8th, S.B.A. President Chuck Dubroff sent off a letter to President Finlay citing student

opinion as "enraged" and noting that to be a first rate law school Fordham must have an urban law journal. President Finlay's reply was equally prompt. In his letter (dated December 11th) the President pointed out that he was disturbed by Mr. Dubroff's accusations of bad faith and that he had discussed the possibilities of an urban journal with Professor Quinn. The letter goes on at some length into considerations of funding and the possibilities of the Law School making budgetary shifts and ends with the observation that he (President Finlay) has concern for the law school.

In the meantime, Manny Cuadrado, the Editor in Chief of the Urban Law Journal, had enlisted the aid and support of Fordham Law's biggest gun, Dean McLaughlin. The Dean met continuously with the Rose Hill hierarchy and it was he who was the primary architect of the settlement. In addition to his praise for the Dean, Editor-in-Chief Cuadrado was especially laudatory of the reasonableness of the "other side". Of Dr. Joseph Cammarasano (who, incidentally,

was an economic advisor to President Kennedy) Cuadrado remarked, "If you have a case, he'll hear it."

Finally, through the huddling of Dean McLaughlin, Dr. Cammarasano, Paul Reiss and Father Finlay, an agreement was reached. The result is that the Urban Law Journal will receive \$5,000 for the remainder of the academic year. Forty per cent of this money will be paid directly by the University while the remaining portion will be raised by the Law School through alumni contributions. As for next year, it appears certain that funds will be forthcoming—the only question is how much. The Journal's policy is to come out at least three times a year, adjusting the number of pages to the amount of funds available. Ideally, the Urban Law Journal would like to have a budget of around \$18,000 and there is some basis to believe that they might just make it. First, the U.L.J. is gaining subscriptions at a furious rate and with the Alumni Association promising to help with a mailing that rate can only go up. Second, the Journal is getting numerous responses from lawyers and judges in the New York area as well as receiving mail from places as far away as Israel. Third, the Dean has indicated that an allotment for the Journal will become part of his regular budgetary request to the University.

After reading all of the above, one might still legitimately ask what the purpose of the Urban Law Journal is since we already have Law Review. I asked that question and the response I got was that the purposes of the Journal are twofold: (1) Law Review doesn't provide enough opportunities to a sufficiently

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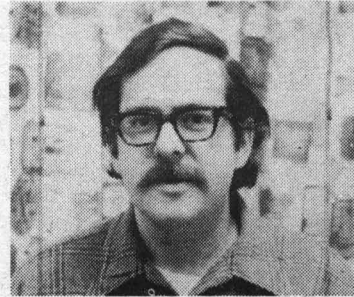
## Ethics Lectures Begin March 20

A series of five one hour lectures on Professional Responsibility and Discipline within the Legal Profession will be sponsored by the Law School commencing March 20. Mr. John Bonomi, a national authority on disciplinary problems, will conduct the series. Mr. Bonomi currently serves as Counsel to the Grievance Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and is a member of former Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark's National Committee on Professional Responsibility and Discipline.

The series was initiated through the efforts of Loretta A. Preska as Secretary of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and was implemented with the cooperation of Professor Joseph R. Crowley. The lectures will be given from five to six p.m. each Tuesday evening beginning on March 20th in Room 303. All students are invited, but the series is especially recommended for senior students desiring to take the New York State Bar Examination. One essay question on that examination inevitably deals with the issue of legal ethics.

## New S.B.A. Slate Elected

Charde, McMahon Speak on Issues



S.B.A. President Charde

By George Brammer

With the results of the SBA elections for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer now in, The Advocate has conducted interviews with the incoming administration in hopes of discovering the tenor of its projected policies, and what the student body may expect of the SBA in the coming academic year.

Mustachioed President-elect Luke Michael (Mike) Charde, Jr. has gained the reputation of being something of a young Turk for his fervent and often vociferous championship of numerous causes in the Law School. He readily granted the Advocate an on-the-spot interview in the Lowenstein cafeteria, to which resort he had repaired for a cup of urn-brewed coffee:

Advocate: The SBA budget for the present year is roughly half of what it was last year. How does the SBA propose to fund itself in the coming year?

Mr. Charde: I hope that the SBA will continue to assess only against the freshmen and that the assessment will be mandatory, but openly admitted to be what it is, an activities fee. But we will abide by the results of the referendum. (At this writing the results of the referendum have not been tallied.)



Vice-President McMahon

A.: What new programs do you intend to institute?

C.: I do not see the SBA as an idea-originating center. I am counting on the students to come up with the programs and am open to any suggestions; but the people who do the proposing have to be willing to do a substantial amount of the work on them themselves. They can't just propose them and then disappear.

A.: What do you consider the SBA's role to be in the Law School?

C.: The SBA is basically a service agency and a conduit for the students' ideas, as well as an implementing factor for them.

A.: What programs now in effect do you intend to increase or to decrease?

C.: I would like to re-evaluate the status of the Advocate and/or a newsletter. The chief consideration is funding. I have no present intention of axing any program, but to increase the programs we need more student involvement.

A.: The SBA is often considered cliquish and remote from the student body.

C.: I agree. But I've noticed that the ones who do the most complaining always level their criticism from outside; they never try to get "in." The "clique" are those people who are willing to pitch in and do the

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## Goldman Says Placement Outlook Favorable

By Alan Michigan

Just about a year ago Fordham was rocked by a story in the New York Times, which reported that less than one-sixth of the graduating law school class had firm prospects of employment. (This figure was vigorously disputed by the administration, who subsequently failed to provide official statistics). Since that time, the law school has hired a new director of placement, and claims to have embarked upon a new, aggressive approach to the problem. According to Ms. Leslie Goldman, the new placement director, the results have been impressive.

In a recent interview, Ms. Goldman claimed that her latest survey showed well over half of the senior class to be "placed," in the sense of having received an offer from a firm, company, or agency. In many cases, the students themselves have not yet accepted these offers, but the jobs are there.

The placement survey, taken in early February, showed responses from 198 out of the 267 seniors. (Ms. Goldman points out that out of the remaining 69, a fair number are not seeking to be placed for varying reasons such as military commitment, no intent to practice law, etc.) Of

these 198, 105 or 53%, have job offers. The on-campus interviews were moderately successful this year, with 154 (57%) of the senior class participating, as well as a great number of second year students. The actual number of jobs secured through this program was not reflected in the placement survey. A total of 66 employers interviewed on-campus.

According to Ms. Goldman, the prospects are far from bleak for those who have been placed. A number of firms and companies are still requesting interviews and resumes, with several offers having been made this week. Additionally, a great number of governmental agencies (federal, state, and local) have numerous unfilled positions for which they have as yet made no offers, due to a hiring "freeze." Ms. Goldman strongly emphasizes the need for those who are interested in such government jobs to keep up a steady stream of letters to the agency in question, since when the freeze does lift, the most persistent is likely to be the first hired.

Finally, to all those assailed by doubts and fears, Ms. Goldman invites you to drop by and talk to her. The placement office can only help if it knows you, and knows what your problem is.

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## Day in the Life of Law Student

Assemblyman Ed Hynes

Now in my second year of public office, my enthusiasm has yet to flag, although the demands for the attention of a legislator are exhausting. The stereotype of the paunchy, cigar chomping politician ensconced in his leather seat is quickly becoming relegated to early Henry Fonda films. In its place, is the more factual image of a fast paced representative with a responsive ear to the wants of his district. My district is 180,000 people. The requests are as varied as are the homes in suburban Bergen County. I've sketched a typical day of activities. Time is jealously guarded as if it were a precious gem. 7:30 AM—a "private" phone rings at my bedside. A public official has his own wake up service—his constituents who call until 1 AM and then rebegin at 7:30 AM. The caller is concerned about the progress of a special bill I've introduced to allow him to bypass age requirements for a civil service job he already holds. The bill is pending for a vote, but I tell him

the Speaker has hundreds of bills to process and his bill just hasn't moved into voting position yet. As I explain to him the laborious process involved in promoting legislation, I lose 15 minutes of precious sleep. Since I stress ready accessibility, I philosophically accept the demands of a public life. It being now almost 8 AM, I begrudgingly rise. Today will be a very busy day. The legislature is in recess and I have no classes for today. I have stacks of work that demand my personal attention. I scan the morning newspapers and catch up on the weeklies with special interest on local community events. Time moves very quickly now—its already 8:45 AM. The single most important tool of the profession is the telephone and its use becomes a necessity. I pick it up at 9 AM. A call to the New Jersey Deputy Commissioner of Transportation. I have been persistently persuading the State to allocate an estimated 1/4 million dollars for a flood control project in my

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## No Keefe Award

In an unusual development, the S.B.A. Board of Governors has voted not to grant the Eugene J. Keefe Award. This marks the first time since its creation five years ago that the Keefe Award has not been bestowed. Although the purpose of the award is technically the recognition of the person who has contributed the most to the law school in the past year, there are certainly persons who have contributed significantly to the school and who should be recognized. The editors feel that the Board has made another tragic mistake.

## S.B.A. Performance

There is only one word for the overall performance of the S.B.A. for the 1972-73 school year...abysmal. The only constructive accomplishment of the present administration has been the establishment of the Co-op bookstore. Destructive accomplishments are, unfortunately, many. The ejection of the various student activities from the S.B.A. Board of Governors, the year long attempt to stifle THE ADVOCATE from printing law school news in any effective or professional manner because of a petty personal vendetta, the financially disastrous results of the S.B.A. sponsored social program, the simple inability to publish a student directory, and the clumsy and insulting efforts of the S.B.A. leadership to secure a greater financial return to the law school from the university, highlight "a year that could have been."

Campaign promises concerning placement, tuition reform, tutorial programs, teaching assistants, and moot court reform have gone wholly unfulfilled.

We trust the newly elected S.B.A. officers will be able to command the respect of at least a majority of its incoming freshmen through a vigorous and varied program providing for inclusion of a wide range of differing opinions rather than the exclusion and elitism that has been practiced this year.

## Communications Gap

THE ADVOCATE proposes that the S.B.A. respond to the great progress that has been made at the law school in the past year in the area of expansion of student options by holding regularly required "town meetings" in either or both of 2 forms. We propose first that regular class meetings should be scheduled so that students may 1. be briefed on S.B.A. proposals and activities and 2. express their proposals for improving educational and social conditions at our law school. Secondly, we propose that regularly scheduled public meetings for the student body be held for both day and evening students at convenient times so that both class and S.B.A. officers and students may work out solutions to both school and S.B.A. problems. We make this suggestion because in the three years that we have attended this law school the lines of communication between students and their own elected officials have been entirely too one-sided. The S.B.A. must reform itself to keep pace with progress at the school.

## Co-op Bookstore

Congratulations are in order for past S.B.A. President Chuck Dubroff for his initiation of the Co-op Bookstore which has served as an alternative to the Used Book Exchange and the regular bookstore in Lowenstein. Though we saw numerous crates of books being returned, we feel this bookstore, which saves students an average of 20%, was a constructive addition to the law school. We suggest, for the future, that the bookstore be open during more opportune hours.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Grade Guides Vex Students

In the past year Fordham has taken major steps towards becoming a high quality law school, most notably in the areas of electives and faculty. It is in light of these marked advancements that the grade guidelines published by the faculty last December must be interpreted.

For first year students, in particular, their effects will be harsh. Only a small fraction are to receive grades of 80 or above. The largest segment of the class will receive 70's, and a significant portion (15-20%) are destined for 60's. Such a distribution will place a very large portion of the class perilously close or below the required standard of 70. A quota of between 15-20% seems to have been marked for academic extinction. The large number of untenured first year professors, with a vested interest in strict adherence to administration policy, insures the application of these "suggestions."

A policy of high attrition and high uncertainty appears to have no rational basis. The possibility of "flunking out" is not needed as an incentive for careful study. Intra-class competition with its economic overtones provides sufficient stimulation. Fordham's academic reputation will not suffer from a lessening of the "drop" rate. In fact, the very opposite relationship appears to exist. The better a school's reputation, the fewer, if any, it eliminates. The latest available statistics on the 143 U.S. Law

Schools confirms this. Understandably, attrition rates at the Ivy schools, Stanford, Berkely, Chicago, and Virginia are virtually zero. Big Ten schools drop less than five per cent. Of real comparative value are the following rates: Duke and SUNY less than 5% NYU less than 2%, Notre Dame 3.2%, Pittsburgh 2%. Fordham's published rate is 14%, even without the guidelines. Of the 34 schools which list a numerical rate, Fordham places fourth highest. Even such lesser known schools as U. Fla 10%, Memphis State 10%, Maine 5%, and Emory 8% finished ahead of Fordham. The rationale offered by almost every school for lower attrition rates was the ever-increasing quality of the student body. Why should not this be the case at Fordham? The Dean himself acknowledged the quality of the first year class. They averaged among the top 90% on the LSAT's and represent 16 per cent of the 3511 total applicants. Why is it necessary to further "weed out" via a high attrition rate?

The academic, emotional, and economic costs to the entire Fordham community of high pressure attrition and uncertainty are inestimable. The erosion of a potentially rich intellectual atmosphere, along with innumerable unnecessary personal tragedies are only the most obvious. The time has come for Fordham to bury once and for all this vestige of mediocrity.

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### Civil Advocacy

Dear Editor:

It is with a deep sense of abandon, disappointment and outrage that I find myself moved to write and inform the student body and faculty as a whole about an incident which took place at the beginning of this semester.

As we are all aware, there is a course given here called Civil Advocacy. Unfortunately, there was only one man assigned to teach it, (this was not his fault) and so, somehow, students had to be selected out of all those who signed up. A lottery system was chosen.

This lottery however produced some rather incongruous results. There are students in the class who don't ever intend to practice law. There are students in the class who have already had criminal advocacy and are taking their second advocacy course. (This result, Magistrate Schreiber admitted, would not have occurred had he known these students' identities.) The class is loaded with day students who have available to them a variety of other clinical programs.

All this may seem rather mundane and unworthy of the newspaper space allotted (and if this were the whole story that might be so) but there is more. There was a class list posted shortly before classes began, with a note to the effect that a

lottery system was used as the only "fair" method of selection. However, the magistrate later admitted, this was not really so. The only pre-registered students who had to "win" the lottery were the men. Every girl who signed up was automatically placed on the class list by Magistrate Schreiber. Then and only then were the rest of the seats filled by lottery.

This revelation came Thursday evening during the first week of classes. The very next day I contacted Dean McLaughlin who, though I believe sympathetic, would not commit himself to any affirmative action other than to "speak" to the magistrate. It seemed difficult to believe that an administration which had so distinguished itself during the past months, especially in the areas of student-faculty relations and curriculum improvement would permit this unreasonable and unfair type of selection practice.

It seems paradoxical that a course in civil advocacy which uses a book entitled *Trial Diplomacy* should become the forum for this incident, for I sincerely believe that discrimination, whether on the basis of race, color, creed, age or sex, has no place in the law.

Eric Bjorneby 4E

## Dubious Distinction Awards

By Bruce Kasson

In secret ballot, among all the nominees, the editors of the ADVOCATE announce the endowment of the following awards for the 1972-73 school year:

1. To the 1973 graduating class ... jobs;
2. To the victorious class 2A football team ... congratulations (we wish it could have been trophies);
3. To Dean Hanlon ... one WMCA good guy sweatshirt and one fine Meerscham pipe;
4. To Dean McLaughlin ... a bust of Mark Landesman;
5. To those members of the S.B.A. Board of Governors who voted to slash the funds for the ADVOCATE ... one copy each of the U.S. Constitution;
6. To the United States Congress ... 536 copies of the U.S. Constitution;
7. To Professor Phillips ... Fordham University in receivership;
8. To Dr. Henry Kissinger ... a piece in his pocket;
9. To Police Commissioner Patrick Murphy ... one safe;
10. To the editors and staff of the Urban Law Journal ... 39 weeks of unemployment compensation;
11. To the Law Review ... one member of the S.D.S.;
12. To Mayor John Lindsay ... a one way ticket to Queens, N.Y.;
13. To Professor Crowley ... one Rudy Vallee megaphone;
14. To the Supreme Court ... one 8mm movie projector;
15. To Professor Denzer ... one powdered wig;
16. To Professor Byrn ... 2.1 children;
17. To the AVOCADO ... one dictionary and two mistake proof typewriters;
18. To Professor Sweeney ... 10 more hours in a day;
19. To Jerry Friedheim, pentagon press spokesman ... 2 cc's of sodium pentathol;
20. To S.B.A. President Charles Dubroff ... one feather;
21. To Miss Leslie Goldman, placement director ... one Avis "we try harder" button;
22. To Professor Katsoris ... one vacuum cleaner;
23. To Mr. Joe Kaestner ... the newest edition of Encyclopedia Britannica and one copy each of "The Amateur's Guide to Public Speaking" and "Sign Language of the Sioux";
24. To Oren Root Jr. ... the first annual Vidal Sassoon memorial trophy;
25. To Miss Estelle Fabian ... one copy of Macchiavelli's "THE PRINCE";
26. To the editors of THE ADVOCATE ... one ounce of humility and 7 copies of Skinner's "Beyond Freedom and Dignity".

## Henry Stampler's

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## Hynes

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home town. The flooding now 30 years in duration, has reached an acute level. Relief is critical for the homeowners. Now in my second year of continual contacts, I'm told approval for the project is imminent. And, most importantly, there is a good chance for funds to finance the improvement to culverts! Eureka!!! The mother of a son refused acceptance to a state school is next on my list. She is near tears on the phone. With a paraplegic husband, unable to work, it costs too much to send the son away. "Assemblyman Hynes my mayor says you can do something, please help me." I never cease to be amazed at the erroneous belief that somehow a politician can perform miracles. At the end of 40 minutes I even know that her son was in last year's high school play. The greatest honor and yet heaviest responsibility is to be accepted into the family as a trusted counselor. I'm immediately in contact with the President of the State college. He agrees to personally intervene to study the young man's case. There is yet hope. As I talk, I open my 15-25 daily ration of letters and make short comments so as my aide will know how I feel on the particular issue raised in each missive when he drafts a response (Comments from my constituents have many times decided my vote on non-controversial measures). Lunch time with only two problems handled all morning!—My list of people to contact never shrinks—it just grows bigger.

Whenever I eat lunch in my district, it's almost never at home. Time is too important to waste alone at home. Today, it's a luncheon hosted by radio station WWDJ. The station is planning a merger and FCC regulations require that the network solicit views from community leaders on programming. I accept this invitation for two reasons. The station covered the "Hynes Affair" when I was detained by police for meeting my constituents in a super Republican community on a Sunday afternoon in February. Secondly, one is sure to meet interesting guests at this luncheon. The more people one knows, the easier the job of assisting one's constituents. Fortunately, my memory for names is encyclopedic, as is my special talent for details about the interests of many people whom I know.

At 2 PM, I have a special assignment which I particularly enjoy—a talk before young people—in this instance before the 5th, 6th and 7th grades of a Roman Catholic grammar school I always take a poll before I start to talk—"How many of you think that politicians are crooks?" Embarrassed silence, a few arms which always shoot up are rapidly hauled down—they remember that I'm a politician. Its easy to assess their feelings. The esteem a public official is held in, is dismally low. I try to change their perspective. This new generation is razor sharp with penetrating questions on all topics—abortion, women's lib, drug addiction. These young citizens are between 11-13 years of age. This forum is where I'll send my Republican opponent next!

I leave at 3PM to stop in my home town to purchase a newspaper. Since many recognize me, my pen is busily working as I harvest a set of problems—a job for an unemployed husband, a snafu in the Motor Vehicle Division for a teenager with a revoked license. Words of encouragement on my troubles with the super

Republican community where I was detained by the police department come form passerbys. Today, I can't tarry. There is a black tie \$250 a plate dinner at a chic country club this nite for our retiring Country Chairman.

On my arrival at home, the family refrigerator carries the messages that have filtered in during my absence. One seems important enough to call immediately as I yank my tie off. Will I be the Chairman of the Bergen County Easter Seal drive and appear with Peter Falk on a special telethon April 6th and 7th? My Lord, I ask if they can fit my services in between 2 AM and 6 AM since this is about all the time I've got left. The caller is very persuasive and I'm a marshmallow for such a cause. I promise to meet with the state executive director to discuss it further. This probably means I'm the new 1973 Chairman for Bergen County.

Well, no time to reflect now. I don my working suit—the tuxedo and drive to the gala evening. Lavish is the keynote descriptive word. But for a legislator who is at the same time a high Party official this is a serious aspect of the profession. Some people pay these exorbitant prices to talk shop with the Party brass, some come to taste the heady excitement of sipping a cocktail with two United States Senators (Sen. Williams (N.J.) and Sen. Bensten (Texas) and state and county legislators; some come simply out of loyalty to the Party.

No more inside the door, than I'm in a very polite but determined argument over a bill I submitted to abolish minimum milk prices. Two important milk producers and a lobbyist from Trenton lead the frontal attack. Anybody who pays \$750.00 to argue with me deserves to be heard, right? The evening mercifully moves rapidly. I leave at midnite to make one last affair—a parish square dance in my district. At 2:30AM, I drink a quiet night-cap with two political allies in an offbeat tavern. I'm horse from shouting my name over the music at both affairs. Its been a long, long day. Yet, its an exhilarating career, filled with the challenges of today's society. The GOP has just succeeded in gerrymandering me out of my present district. Yet another uphill battle but I'm not going to worry now. Its 3 AM. I think I'll dream of an election where I win by universal acclamation!

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large number of students. U.L.J. then allows many more students the ability to get legal writing experience and consequently obtain a better legal education; (2) Fordham University has always provided service for the New York City area and today more than ever before the urban crisis deserves Fordham's attention.

Assuming that the Urban Law Journal will remain with us for a while, the next obvious question is how does an interested student get involved in such an enterprise. Before I could ask that question Manny Cuadrado had supplied the answer. All interested students should take the writing sample now being prepared by the Editors of U.L.J. The samples you submit will be judged by Professor Lanzarone. This "competition" will begin in a few weeks and those who are lucky enough to make the staff will have a great opportunity to gain invaluable experience in an area that should be of immense concern to all of us.

## Robbins Reviews

"Child's Play," based on the Broadway production, is a poor adaptation from stage to screen. The philosophy behind putting such a production on film is that many people have not seen the play, and thus the idea will be a relatively fresh one. However, in New York, many had seen the play, and the movie simple did not measure up. The subject

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work. And there's a lot more work than you would expect in running the SBA.

A.: What are your expectations for the SBA for the coming year?

C.: That is too unspecific. This is an ongoing thing; as things come up we will deal with them. I don't have any grandiose plans for solving the problems of the Law School.

Jane S. McMahon, the new Vice-President of the SBA, is a first year student who comes to Fordham after having majored in Political Science at Newton College in Massachusetts. She is the lone female among the new officers.

Advocate: What do you consider to be the function of the Vice-Presidency?

Miss McMahon: It seems to me that the function of being a Vice-President is to help implement the SBA programs as a whole. The office seems to have no clearly defined functions in the SBA. Primarily it means that you're available, that there is one more person around to do the work.

A.: What special perspectives, if any, do you bring as a woman to the office?

M.: I think that we may be considered a minority group at Fordham. I think that there should be more women at Fordham, and that it is important for women to see another woman in office.

A.: How should the SBA fund itself?

M.: A mandatory fee, depending upon the results of the referendum. I would favor a voluntary fee but it hasn't worked this year. Given the fact that the SBA supports things which affect all students it must have a broad base of support.

A.: What new programs should the SBA institute?

M.: We ought to continue to work on the electives; there are many areas in which we could have programs—I'm particularly interested in student loans. A student-faculty senate has been discussed and there is a study group working on it. I don't know the result of the study yet, but I think it's important to get more of the faculty involved.

A.: What present programs should be increased or decreased?

M.: The co-op bookstore has been a very successful venture and it ought to continue to be supported. The Urban Law Journal also, although the resources of the SBA are stretched to the limit right now.

A.: What about the Advocate?

M.: As I understand it, The Advocate was to come across with some proposals. I think we should have a Law School newspaper. Even though it did not make it, I voted for it anyway.

A.: What are your expectations for the SBA for the coming year?

M.: I think that the SBA can perform the functions that it's doing already but can do them well and be the kind of organization which people feel can represent their interests to the Administration.

matter of the movie is a Catholic private school where mysterious forces have caused the pupils to harm one another without any apparent concern. A sort of "Lord of the Flies" evil lurks in the hallways and as a play it was rather chilling and intelligently portrayed. This production fails. James Mason as a Latin teacher is correctly cast as the apparent source of evil and gives a stunning performance. Robert Preston as the English teacher "everybody loves" simply does not convince us of his role nor does he add the necessary depth of character. The film is more a disturbing nightmare than a logical development of human relationships. The production was well executed with appropriate settings and costumes, technically lacking only in score (too melodramatic). "Child's Play" is a curiosity and Mason's performance is marvelous, but it is not enough to sustain the film.

"The First Circle" is an adaptation of the novel of the same name by Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn. The author is the well known Soviet writer who has been the object of much oppression as a writer. Thus, much interest always surrounds this author who has gained great popularity here in the West and in the Soviet Literary underground. The novel was quite effective and moving, the movie was not. The movie was faithful to detail in setting up a scene as it really would appear in the Soviet Union, yet the movie failed to relate the story as the book did. Instead the viewer heard simplistic dialogue and was confronted with scenes that never went anywhere. There was great potential, but nothing happened nor even sparked. It is obvious that a successful play or novel does not necessarily make a good film, in fact it may even be harder as comparisons are to be made and there is always great expectation.

## Intramurals

By Matty Lupoli

In the short span of Fordham Law sports, history has repeated itself. For the second time in three years the 2A football team has defeated the favored 3A team (who was the championship team last year). This years champs, however, rung up a more emphatic victory, giving 3A its first defeat in their last eight outings. Unfortunately for the ex-champs, it was their final game and being a member of the "defeated" I now understand how our predecessors felt last year. I can not detract from 2a's performance, as they disposed of the incumbent champs in a most thorough fashion, scoring three touchdowns on a team that had not been scored upon all season. My only regret as Director is that I am not able to award 2A with the trophies they deserve, the SBA having voted against trophies as an unnecessary expenditure.

As announced in the last edition, an intramural basketball league has been formed for the spring semester, to be played at Rose Hill in the evenings. The response has been substantial as some ten teams have signed up. The play, however, has been delayed as it is necessary to make arrangements with the Rose Hill bureaucracy. It seems that a certain percentage of our tuition has to go to the athletic department to "entitle" us to establish a league. Then comes all the red tape as the buck is passed down the line. It reflects derogatorily upon our status in the University complex, if the request of one court, one night a week is made a difficult goal to obtain. At any rate, I hope to commence the league as soon as possible. Schedules for the opening games will be posted outside Room 216.

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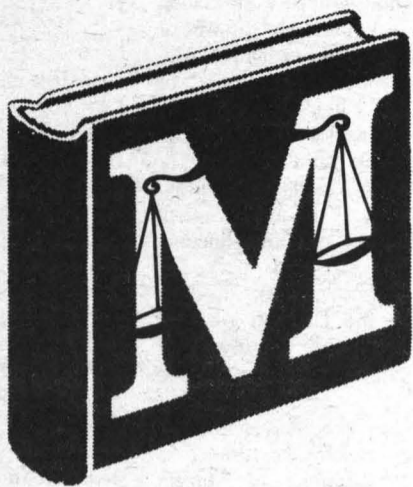
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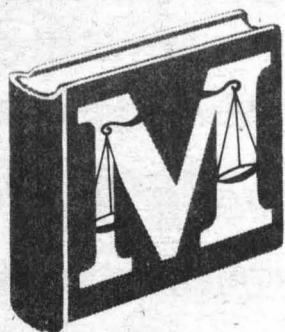
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