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Fordham takes moot honors with down to earth strategy

by Walt Pellegrini

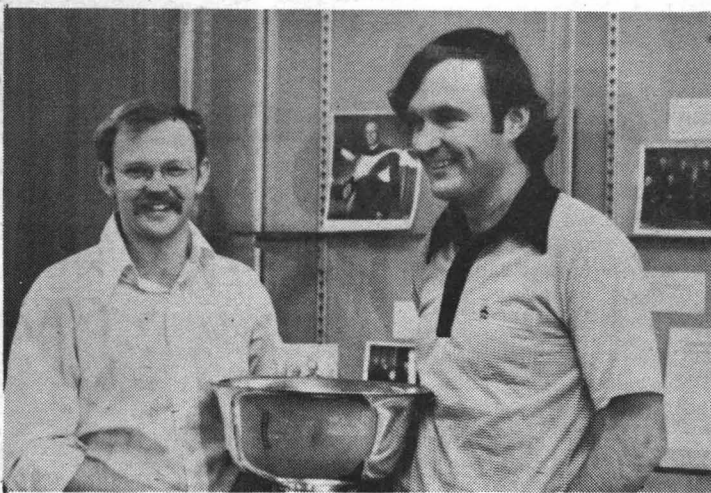
"There's a tendency to become too academic in these competitions and we were more down to earth," was Todd Klipp's response to Fordham's Moot Court victory in the recent Sutherland Cup Competition in Washington D.C.

Todd Klipp 2A, Bill Brennan 2A, and Scott Wolas 2A, argued and defeated Catholic University in the first round. Fordham then outpointed Cornell, a victor over Yale, in the finals.

Fifty percent of the competition was based on the brief, graded by Law Clerks to Mr. Justice Marshall, Mr. Justice Brennan, and an attorney for the Arnold and Porter (super-firm in D.C.). Fordham's brief placed first, in fact, giving it a grade of 91.

Klipp, who penned the winning brief commented on this early triumph, "the purpose of a brief is to argue your point, not to expound upon the existing law." He continued that it is something you just pick up after writing a succession of competitive briefs.

Thus Fordham had the advantage of entering the oral argument phase of the competition with the lead. Brennan, Klipp, and Wolas went to their admitted strength: what



"THEIR CUP RUNNETH OVER"—Todd Klipp 2a and Bill Brennan 2a hold their own.

proved to be the best and most consistent oratory. They argued past their opposition to capture first in oral argument, as well.

"We were better prepared or at least seemed to be," was Scott Wolas' observation in glowing retrospect. "We were cooler under fire" was Klipp's evaluation which is remarkable, considering much of that fire came from Mr. Justice Potter Stewart.

Justice Stewart was joined on the bench, in the finals by two circuit judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit: Judges Robinson and Leventhal.

In preparation for this event, Brennan and Wolas survived Fordham's Wormser Moot Court Competitions. Klipp, who also participated, survived, required faculty scrutiny, and earned a third slot on the team. All readily admitted that being a three member team, afforded them considerable difference of opinion and understanding of the problem. After hashing through their differences they entered the competition assured they had touched all bases. They worked and squabbled from January to April, "in that time we learned about each other and ourselves to the point that we

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Frank Allocca who combined with Bill Bradley and Dave DeBusschere to win over the Dean.

McLaughlin Will teach NY Practice

After a month of deliberating, Dean McLaughlin has decided to teach New York Practice next year in tandem with Professor O'Connor. 2A officers Frank Alloca, Noel Coraccio and Kevin Frawley are credited with helping the Dean to reach his decision.

McLaughlin will teach twenty-five per cent of the course and O'Connor the other seventy-five. When asked to verify the rumor that he will teach the material most necessary for the bar exam, the Dean replied, "I'll teach the part of the course I know best."

Only two weeks ago, McLaughlin had commented that he was 90% sure he would not teach Practice next year. When asked why he changed his mind McLaughlin answered, "There seemed to be enough people interested, and this seemed to be a workable compromise."

Frank Alloca suggested that perhaps his argument was persuasive. "I told him that when Dave DeBusschere retired from the Knicks, Bill Bradley, who has been planning to quit, stayed on."

The Dean said he was surprised by the level of student interest in his teaching the course and admitted that he was "somewhat flattered."

Student pressure began a month ago after the Dean's intentions were announced in the Advocate. Since then Alloca, Coraccio and Frawley have visited the Dean regularly. "He seemed genuinely interested in finding a satisfactory solution," Coraccio commented, "We felt that this plan was better than expected."

Professor O'Connor is looking forward to teaching with the Dean. "I think it'll be great," he said.

McLaughlin will also teach evidence full time next year and hopes eventually to be able to rotate the courses.

The Dean said that several of the younger faculty are talking about using team teaching on a regular basis.

LAW REVIEW

by Walt Pellegrini

The Law Review has named Tom O'Connell, 2A, editor-in-chief for 1975-1976. The appointment came after almost a full week of deliberations by the outgoing editorial board.

Twelve editors were chosen this year instead of the traditional ten in order to facilitate publication of six issues. Prior to this year the Review published only for times and this year's board felt overworked.

Tension was visible as second year staffers anxiously awaited the synodical board to reach a verdict. It was as if they were looking for the puff of white smoke which designates the election of a new pope.

Law Review is a full time proposition for each of the editors. All 12 receive scholarships since their work load theoretically precludes part time jobs.

Even as second year staffers review members were required to terminate all employment by August, although some did work on the sly. It was at the end of last summer that their 'trial by ordeal' began. Many quit during the summer months, but the first issue came out in October as planned. O'Connell also plans an October deadline despite the

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Enright named ULJ Editor-in-Chief Law Review board selects O'Connell

ULJ EDITORS

by Walt Pellegrini

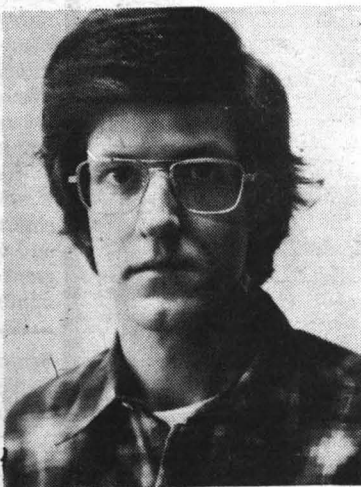
"I want our first issue out by the first of November," was John Enright's (2a) bullish statement upon being named editor-in-chief of the Urban Law Journal for next year.

Also named to the other top three editorial positions were 2A's John Dadakis, Barbara Brenneman, and Bill Smith.

Former editor Larry Barfeld, in enumerating the criteria for choosing these editors, stressed "dedication, willingness to take on responsibility, and a writing style that showed a capacity for a full grasp of the law." Whether all three were necessary, or at least one, was unclear to many of the staffers.

The major complaints of many staffers through the year were the menial job assignments, and the runaround. As Kim Hull, newly designated Notes Editor put it, "we were confronted with the frustration as staffers of going through the editing process, the merry-go-round of circulating editors."

The new editors admitted that the task of getting a piece published at times involved drudgery, but "such 'footnoting' and 'spading' assignments were a necessary and valuable experience. They offer the individual both exposure to the law and the discipline of meticulousness."



John Enright, 75 ULJ 0;

The opinionated Hull intimated that the ULJ was a troubled ship, rigged with staff discontent. He blamed this year's editorial board. "There was obviously poor organization, resulting in duplication of work."

Barbara Brenneman, new research and assignments editor, noted mistakes were made with this year's Journal. "As staffers this year, we were unaware of our responsibilities, no one told us what was what." She vows that this year the editors will lay their cards on the table at the first meeting in mid-June.

Editor in Chief Enright added, "What we're going to stress to next year's staff is the



Tom O'Connell, 75 Ford. L. Rev. 0

commitment involved on everyone's part. Of course, unlike the Law Review they can still maintain a part-time job or other school activity; but not both."

The whole reason and justification for the ULJ is to afford students not on Law Review the opportunity to be published, according to the new board. Yet Corey Mazzarini spent two months on his article before faculty advisor, Prof. Lanzerone, deemed the topic 'not noteworthy.' Steve Donovan had worked on his article since August, and was told, "there's not enough room in our final edition," as a reason for its not being published.

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Inside

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Newsbriefs

by Jane S. McMahon

New York Times at the Advocate

It is now possible to purchase the New York Times at the law school for the newstand price of 20¢. Ed Wallace, Advocate Editor, made the arrangements for this student service. The newspaper box is located outside the Advocate office. The Advocate pays 11¢ a copy and all profits will be used to subsidize the Advocate.

Students to Try Cases

Qualified second and third year law students will be allowed to try civil and criminal cases in Federal Court in Brooklyn under the supervision of an attorney starting September 1, the New York Times reported. The rule setting out the requirements for certifying such law students as qualified was adopted on March 25 by the Eastern District's 11 judges. The Eastern District is the first Federal Court in the state to adopt the use of law students in court. Fordham law students participating in the U.S. Attorney Clinical program are now working in both the Eastern and Southern Districts.

West Side Drama by Women

An original drama directed, staffed and performed by women, entitled "Everything is the Same and Everything is Different" will be staged by the Time & Space, Ltd. Theatre Co. Performances will be every Saturday and Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. beginning May 3 through the end of June at the Universalist Church, 4 West 76th Street. Coffee and discussion follow. Tickets at \$2.50.

Mulligan Moot Court

Students participating in the Mulligan summer moot court program should sign up by April 30 on the Moot Court Board door, room 305. The problem will be available by June 7 (exact date will be posted). All briefs will be due by July 7. The first argument will be on July 15, and the finals are on the evening of July 31.

First Annual Dean's Day

The Fordham Law Alumni Association has announced the first annual Dean's Day to be held on Friday, April 25. Dean's Day has been arranged to provide a homecoming for all the alumni of the law school. The theme of Dean's Day will be "A View of the Lawyer Today; By the Client, by the Bench, by his Fellow Lawyers". Professor Joseph R. Crowley will be the moderator. The speakers will include Dean Judith T. Younger, Syracuse Law School, Hon. Murray I. Gurfein, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals of the Second Circuit, and F. Alan Smith, Treasurer, General Motors Corp.

Cum Laude Degree Requirements

All members of the class of '75 who have a cumulated weighted average of 87 will receive the degree of Juris Doctor "cum laude". Previously, an average of 90 was required. The Faculty voted their approval of the new requirement at a regular meeting held on April 16.

Estelle Fabian Gives Birth; Mother, Daughter Fine.

Estelle Fabian, former head secretary of the Registrar's office of the law school had a

baby girl, Lisa, on April 6, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Fordham attends National Conference on Women and the Law

Jill Jacobson, 3A, and Lucille Falcone, 3A, representatives of Fordham Law Women, attended the 6th National Conference on Women and the Law at Stanford University, March 21-23. The keynote speaker was Ruth Bader Ginsberg of Columbia University who spoke on the affect of constitutional law on women in U.S. history. The Conference's workshops included Women as Criminal Lawyers, Alternative Practices, Rape: Criminal Law, Title VII: Litigation Strategies, and Lobbying and Legislation. Next year the Conference will be held at Temple University Law School in Pennsylvania.

Fordham Participates in ABA Client Counseling Competition

Fordham Law School, represented by Rose Farrell, 2B, and Michael McNulty, 2B, took second place in the regional division of the ABA Client Counseling Competition. Nine regions were represented in the finals. When Columbia, our regional winner, was unable to compete, Fordham took its place in the finals. The teams demonstrated their skill in counseling in the area of professional responsibility. Professor Henry Putzel III advised the Fordham team.

ABA/LSD Convention

The ABA/LSD is considering sponsoring a special chartered bus to the ABA Convention in mid-August. Interested students should contact Nick Letizia, ABA/LSD representative, in the SBA office.



FLY ME, I'M SBA. Steve Markstein, Patsy Smithwick, Stu McGregor and Brain Sullivan

Feeric chosen by SBA to receive O'Keefe prize

by Willie

The Student Bar Association in its meeting on Tuesday, April 15th voted to give the Gene J. Keefe Award, for meritorious service to the Law School, to John Feeric, the President of the Alumni Association. According to his supporters Feeric was responsible for the Phon-a-thon, and a new one-on-one program to be instituted to help incoming students. It has not yet been decided when the award shall be presented to Mr. Feeric.

The Board of Governors also voted to increase the dues for next years incoming students to twenty five (25) dollars. This may go even higher as there was sentiment to add \$5 more to the dues to cover membership in the American Bar Association Law Student Division. However discussion of this matter was not

completed and there will be a meeting next Tuesday, April 22, to continue discussion on it.

President MacGregor announced that the book store would be opening during the exam period to collect used books for sale in the fall. He also announced that written procedures for the handling of the 1975-1976 budget requests would be posted shortly outside the SBA office. All individuals and groups can apply for funding and people who don't get their requests in in the next 3 to 4 weeks will not be precluded from requesting funds in the fall to the extent that there are monies available.

The Bd. also voted to allocate \$1500 for Orientations, the Student Directory, and the Teacher Evaluations. The funds were given subject to an accounting later to the Bd. for any overages. A motion was passed directing the officers to contract to have the directory printed by a firm which would do it without charging. The fee that would be paid would be that the firm would have the right to sell the list of students names as a mailing list. If the directory is handled in this manner students would be given the opportunity to remove their names from the list.

Also discussed at the meeting was the committee chairmanships that needed filling and what is to be done with the grant received from the ABA for minority recruitment.

Senior Week Activities

The activities scheduled for Senior Week are as follows:

April 24 "Alice in Blunderland" — 1:00 p.m. Pope Auditorium. All Welcome.

The last three activities are cancelled.

April 25 Field Day 11:00 a.m. Moses Plaza. For 3A and 3B. Sign up with Ollie Edwards by April 21.

April 26 Scavenger Hunt — 10:00 a.m. Law School. For 3A and 3B. Sign up with Al Naclerio by April 21.

Sock Hop — 8:00 p.m. Blackacre. For 3A and 3B. See Ollie Edwards for tickets @ 50¢. April 8-22, No tickets at door.

SBA budget

Where it goes & how it's spent

by Sanford H. Siegel

At a recent meeting of the SBA Board of Governors, Treasurer Steve Markstein gave an account of the organization's finances.

As of March 30th, there was about \$6,500 on hand. This includes money allocated but not yet spent. There will also be additional allocations this Spring and over the summer. The SBA hopes to have a few thousand dollars on hand in September to add to the new monies collected from first year students.

There is no precise fiscal year; nor is there a specific date for budget hearings. Some monies for 1975-1976 will be allocated later this Spring; additional budget hearings will be held in the Fall.

At the April 1, for example, meeting the SBA refused to allocate to the Puerto Rican Law students their request for carfare to attend a conference at Columbia. They had requested \$25. Then the Board unanimously approved a \$500 allocation for two students to attend the client counselling competition in South Bend and rejected the Dean's offer to pay half the cost.

Any individual or group may present a request to the SBA Board of Governors for money. The request may be made at any time during the year. The chances for approval are better if

ACTIVITY	AMOUNT ALLOCATED	AMOUNT SPENT	REMAINDER
Intramurals	50.00	19.00	31.00
Flaw Review etc.	200.00	75.00	125.00
Tang	300.00	159.00	141.00
Advocate	2693.20	3020.45	(327.25)
Avocado	260.00	35.00	225.00
Women's Law Group	700.00	526.61	173.39
BALSA	665.00	410.00	255.00
Int'l Law Society	330.00	250.00	173.39
Client Counseling/LSD	25.00	25.00	0.00
LSD/ABA	100.00	25.00	75.00
Minority Admissions	300.00	0.00	300.00
Class Allotments	650.00	188.75	461.25
			1866.64
Puerto Rican Students	100.00		
Client Counselling	500.00		
Fall Party		265.42 (net expense)	
Speakers' Program		31.00	
Student Directory		137.00	
Placement		51.33	
Exam Duplicating-Upper Classes		104.15	
Bill Brennan (Orientation)		100.00	
Miscellaneous		158.86	
Checking Account			240.99
Savings Account			6298.89
Petty Cash, Stamps, Postcards			8.98
Checks (for deposit)			20.00
		\$4,700 not allocated	6568.86

the request is made at the budget meetings scheduled this spring and in the fall.

All requests must be itemized, and the askers must explain what they intend to do with the money. The requests are heard by the SBA Board of Governors, consisting of the 4 SBA officers, and the officers of each section. These hearings are the only time

that the various requests are given serious scrutiny. Once the money is allocated, there is no formal follow-up procedure beyond collecting receipts.

Treasurer Markstein assured the Advocate that the SBA will post adequate notice of the budget meetings to enable all groups to submit their requests. Anyone who wants money,

or who objects to how it is being spent by others, may request or complain at the Board of Governors' meetings. Every section is represented on the Board by its own officers, and students are always free to make their views known to them.

Enright to edit

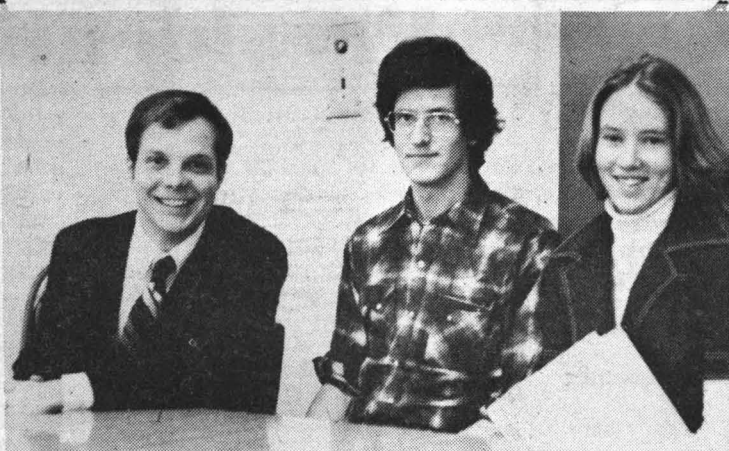
Other staffers complained they were jerked around by the editorial carousel.

Again, departing editor Bardfeld specified, sometimes a topic seems noteworthy when assigned, but after some research and writing it doesn't quite make it. Or perhaps the author took too conventional an approach with the topic.

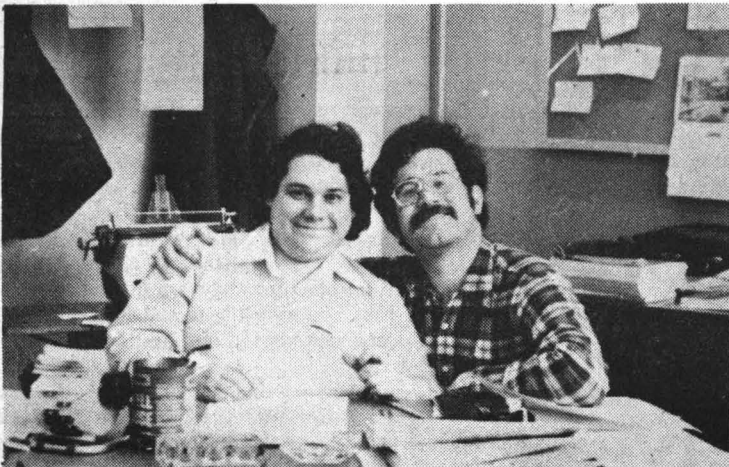
The new editors rationalize, "We are a young Journal. We don't have much set policy to fall back on in many cases." For instance, as to what happens to those second year staffers who weren't named as editors for next year, is still a question. Enright promised a definite policy will be established in the near future.

New direction is projected for the Journal. The editors expressed a commitment to more in-depth analytical writing (not writhing). They are striving for Journal recognition outside of New York. The job of boosting the present 350 subscription total falls on managing editor J. Dadakis' shoulders.

The Journal has pushed back the headline for first year writing samples to June 6th.



In with the new: ULJ editors John Dadakis, John Enright, and Barbara Brenneman.



Out with the old: outgoing editors Dave Edelson and Steve Pasiornak.

O'Connell named to head Law Review

shorter summer vacation.

O'Connell expressed concern that no one in first year really knows what Law Review is. Members of the present staff remembered having the same complaint.

Law Review is misunderstood. It is comprised of those who receive good grades in their first year. Those who publish develop an expertise and perhaps even a small national readership. But if Law Review is a feather in one's cap, it is not a meal ticket.

Many law review members were surprised at their own misconceptions. They thought they were assured employment—until the countless rejections.

The general feeling among Law Review staffers was that the review may open the door, but it doesn't land the job. Despite many interviews with on campus recruiters—the big firms who come here for summer associates—20% of second year law review is still jobless.

In fact some firms are reluctant to take on law review members because of its extra demands on their employee's time.

But as the smoke clears, some members feel there are rewards that have nothing to do with jobs or their future. As managing editor-designate Ignatius 'Iggy' Melito put it, "After working so long and so hard with a group of people you really develop some close friendships."

The New York Post reported that Stephen D. Thompson says he'll be glad to show up for jury duty, if Judge James B. Zimmerman wouldn't mind waiting a bit like 497 years. Thompson sent a letter to the judge, acknowledging the penalty for failing to respond to a jury summons, but there's this little matter of his 500-year prison term. Thompson got the sentence after an unsuccessful escape from the Dallas County jail in 1972.

Law Review Summer Schedule

The Law Review would like to inform all members of the first year day class and second year evening students who may qualify as staff members of the Law Review of the projected summer work schedule. We hope to have the first meeting of new staff members on Sat., June 28. This is dependant upon the point when final grades become available. If June 28 is not feasible the first meeting will be held on the following Sat., July 5. Both weekends should be kept available.

Staff members should be available evenings and weekends from July 7 to Aug. 8. No work assignments will be posted for the week of Aug. 9-16. Day staff will be expected to quit jobs and be available full-time Aug. 16-24.

Staff members will not receive assignments on all days when they are expected to be available. The purpose of the above schedule is to enable staff members to plan vacations prior to June 28 or between Aug. 9-15. The above schedule is necessitated by our printer's schedule and membership on the review is dependant on the ability to meet the schedule.

Tom O'Connell

Sports Quiz

JOHN WOLFF

- 1) Everyone knows that Cy Young holds the record for games won in the major leagues. Who holds the record for losses?
- 2) Who is the only rookie to lead the American League in batting?
- 3) Who holds the Nat'l League record for most home runs in one season and how many?
- 4) What is the rookie home run

STEVE DONOVAN

- record in the Nat'l League and who holds it?
- 5) Name the eleven major leaguers who've hit over 500 home runs.
- 6) Starting line-up for the 1970-71 Jacksonville team that lost to UCLA in the NCAA finals?
- 7) What player won an American League Batting Crown

WALT PELLEGRINI

- without hitting at least one home run?
- 8) Who have been named rookies of the year in the NFL since 1969?
- 9) The 1969 Baltimore Colts lost 2 games, one being the Super Bowl to N.Y. What was the other game?
- 10) Name as many brother acts as there are in major league baseball?

Placement

Goldman advises: 'Start Early'

by Rich Calle

Leslie Goldman has been head of the Placement Office here at Fordham for the past three years and in that time she has been the victim of more student misconceptions than any of the school's other postholders. These misconceptions frequently result in negativism in the students.

One example being the poor response that the Placement Office survey met from those graduating from the night school. Out of 107 fourth year night students only 42 responded to a questionnaire distributed by the Placement Office. The questionnaire sought to establish the number of students who have law positions awaiting them after graduation.

Among day students the response was better. Out of 194 students, 135 answered the questionnaire, and out of these 135 students 59% have secured positions. Underwhelming statistics yes, but when one considers student opinion of the Placement Office, the perspective changes and a different picture emerges.

Many of the students have only disdain for the Office, the major consensus being that it is a waste for 80% of the students

(i.e. non-Law Review). But according to Leslie Goldman, it is likely that these students are the actual victims of their misconceptions.

Ms. Goldman said that her door is always open to students and indeed, that seems to be the case. She did agree that the fall interview schedule is hostile, but she attributes this to the fact that the majority of the firms at the school at that time are "Wall Street," specifically recruiting Law Review. She advises students to help themselves and come into the office more often.

Goldman revealed that there are firms seeking only non-Law Review. Firms have resumes of themselves much like a job applicant and the Placement Office has books listing this information which enables the student to match herself or himself to the firm.

Leslie feels that the series of panels the office holds in conjunction with the alumni provides the student with insight into the practical aspects of law and aids him or her in making this determination. Alumni volunteers are now in the process of setting up a Student Guidance Center for this purpose.

Some tips Leslie offers for future graduates:

1. Take advantage of the extra-curricular activities that are offered because they provide opportunity for practical experience (i.e. the Urban Law Journal, the various moot court competitions, clinical programs.)
2. Plan early: come into the office during the summer and make use of its resources in order to make an accurate self-evaluation.
3. Develop self-confidence, without which the student defeats himself before the interview.

The rest depends on the individual student. Leslie is the first to admit that the Placement Office does not satisfy every student's needs, but one knowledgeable of various tactics and who takes advantage of the Office's facilities will discover they can be adequate. This, together with the proper amount of aggression, self-assertion, and diligence on the part of the student can help him maximize one's chances of landing a job; and that is the name of the game.

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McL on NY Practice

Dean McLaughlin's decision to teach New York Practice next year displayed a commendable responsiveness to student academic needs. He is the acknowledged expert in the field and his pedagogical abilities are well known. The "tandam/concept" of teaching is a good one, it will permit the Dean to switch to another field without frustrating student expectations on short notice. At the same time McLaughlin's replacement will have sufficient time to develop a worthwhile course.

Games people play

Fordham's refusal to play the 'numbers game' of law school admissions is laudable. Its preference for the "buddy system", however, is deplorable. Fordham must broaden the base of its student body if it is to be anything more than a mediocre law school with New York connections. The present student body has the "numbers"; it needs diversity — more women, minorities, out of towners—to bring it to life. Summer recess would be an opportune time to make some changes at the admissions office.

Behind closed doors

Among similar people with similar interests formalities are the exception rather than the rule. It is not surprising therefore that no one thinks to formally advertise SBA budget meetings or faculty curriculum meetings. The time has come for due process at FLS. Open hearings should be held before curriculum changes are made. Adequate notice should be given the student body before money is allocated by the SBA for student junkets to South Bend or Palo Alto. In neither case do we suggest impropriety: clearly the curriculum committee tries to consider student interests; and certainly Fordham students should represent the school at conferences around the country. Fundamental fairness requires adequate and effective notice before student monies are spent or student life is affected.

SBA

To those who think the SBA is law school's answer to the high school dance committee it may come as a shock to discover that the SBA is the keeper of \$6,000 to \$10,000 per year. At a recent meeting, a proposal was made to fund a student excursion to Indiana for a client counselling competition. Since the Dean had offered to match the SBA allocation, the amount requested was \$250, bringing the total amount of available funds for a weekend for two in South Bend to \$500. Round trip airfare is \$140. In a gesture of incomprehensible generosity a proposal was made by 2B rep Mike Moore that the SBA foot the whole bill and relieve the Dean of his offer. The SBA docilely went along and unanimously allocated another \$250 of student money. Students who would like their summer vacations subsidized, or those who would like to see their money dispensed more sensibly, should attend SBA meetings.

Kudos

The Advocate presumes to speak for all students in congratulating the new editors of the Law Journal and the Law Review as well as our Moot Court and Client Counselling competitors. Hopefully, they will continue to give of themselves generously and not fall prey to the temptations of vanity and petty tyranny.

Presidential Box

Stu McGregor

I would like to thank the Advocate for giving me this opportunity to inform you of some projects which the SBA will be attempting to accomplish in the final few weeks of class. In view of the renewed student concern shown by the past election I feel it is important that everyone be aware of what can be done to make this law school a better place for the law student.

In my opinion, the major problem facing the Student Bar Association, which in reality is you, the student, is a general lack of involvement on the part of you, the student. Every student I have spoken to not only has some type of complaint about the school, but has also offered a solution or suggestion on how to make it better. However, except for your class representatives and a few other dedicated people, few have come forward to offer their time or services. The problems are there to be solved and many activities await sponsors. The SBA is now in the process of forming committees to deal with these situations and they are listed below. But first I would like to tell you of two projects, one started and another to begin shortly.

LAW FORUM — Recently the SBA Law Forum had its first speaker and although it was put together on very short notice and not exactly dealing with a legally

related subject, most of the 84 people present found Mr. Kevin Boland to be quite informative on the Northern Ireland problem and I personally would like to thank those people for attending and for their interesting and educated questions afterwards.

EVALUATION — I have been assured that we will be allowed to use the last ten minutes of every course in order to fill out an evaluation. This is a **STUDENT-SPONSORED EVALUATION** and we plan to publish the results and make them available at registration in the fall. Therefore I would ask each of you to prepare these evaluations in a responsible, objective manner in order that they may be utilized by both your fellow students for course selection and as an aid to both faculty and administration.

As I mentioned previously, we urgently need people who are interested in working on committees for the next year. Our objective is to form the committees now so that no time will be lost in the fall. If you want to become involved let your class representative know. The committees are: Orientation, Evaluation, Student Directory, Placement, Social, Cafeteria, Class Elections, Public Relations, Curriculum & Exam Scheduling, ABA/LSD, Minority Recruitment, Clinical Programs.

We appreciate your support.

Legal Opinion

In this opinion Judge Harvey Smith overturned the obscenity law of Ridgfield Park New Jersey:

*The sun had been sunny, it was a hot August night
When Eugene decided to go out for a bite.*

*His old Caddy convertible handled with ease
With the top down his long hair flew in the breeze.*

*When he left home in Lyndhurst his spirits were soaring,
Got on Route Forty-Six and the engine was roaring*

In Ridgfield Park a local cop hailed him down and made him stop.

*"You see I've made a clear notation
That means improper registration."*

*The cop in the hat filed his report
Two weeks later they were slated for court.*

*Eugene couldn't make it, he was working 'til ten
Then the state wasn't ready it was postponed again.*

The third date was firm there would be no adjourning

But that night Eugene with a fever was burning.

*Confined to bed and wracked with pain
He phoned the court clerk to explain.*

*Simple truth seemed more like fiction.
The court clerk said with perfect diction,*

*"We're ready for trial, don't be a pest
Get here tonight, or you're under arrest."*

*Tempers then flared 'til it sounded the same
As a Rangers-Flyers hockey game (Expletive deleted) Eugene blurted*

Though use of that word should be averted.

*Before the sentence was even completed
He wished that the expletive had been deleted.*

*Next day the cop in the hat rang the bell and waited
Eugene opened the door, his fever had abated.*

*He knew that he now would be printed and booked
Figured his goose was practically cooked.*

*They went to the station and straight to the jail
He stayed there 'til mother posted his bail.*

*Title Two A, Chapter One
Seventy, Section Twenty-nine (three)*

Is the charge for which posting of bail set him free.

It provides that when using the telephone

Mere profanity standing alone

Even if stated in friendship or jest

Is a criminal act, hence the arrest.

Judge George A. Browne made his position quite clear

He said that his court clerk was shell pink of ear.

The words Eugene used were obscene and profane

And it caused her anguish and much mental pain.

For that telephone call with the curses and hollers

The fine imposed was three hundred dollars.

The lawyer protested and fought on with zeal

So we now turn to Eugene's appeal.

Can you swear if you hit your thumb with a hammer

Without risk of spending six months in the slammer?

When the bank computer errs and bounces your checks

Is your language confined to aw gees and oh hecks?

Does the law require you to stand mute

Statutory attempts to regulate pure bluster

Can't pass what is called constitutional muster.

Use of vulgar words that may cause resentment

Is protected by the First Amendment

There must be a danger of breach of the peace

For this near sacred right ever to cease.

This was no obscene call from a sick deranged stranger

Of a breach of the peace there was no possible danger.

Eugene hurled an expletive in sheer exasperation

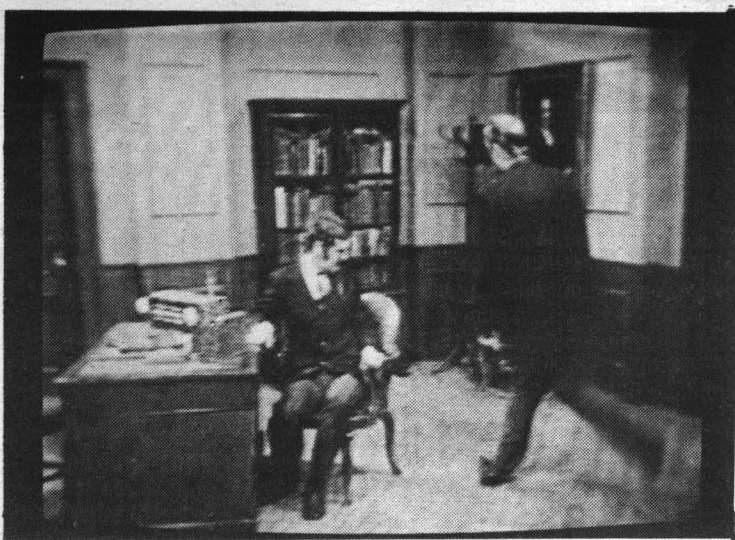
And that isn't a crime anywhere in this nation.

The cop in the hat and Judge George A. Browne

Will read this opinion and grumble and frown.

They may ring me up just to holler and curse

But I still can't affirm, I have to reverse.



Candidate for new course demonstrates his Silly Walks

New course is something different

Mark Lichtblau

"And now for something completely different." Those students who are in 1B got to hear a talk last Tuesday by Dean Hanlon regarding curriculum planning. Some of the course offerings involved 2. credit clinical programs with various legal and governmental agencies. A noteworthy addition to this distinguished roster will be inaugurated next Fall; a one-year internship with the Ministry of Silly Walks.

Recently popularized on non-network television, the M.S.W. is making its American debut with this program and has singled out Fordham for the honor of being the sponsoring law school. We have been given to understand that the Minister (above), himself a lawyer, has a weakness for cherry cheesecake and seven-letter names. Perhaps this gives us a clue to the reason

for the choice of Fordham.

The five students chosen to participate will be given free round-trip, commuter fare tickets to London three days a week on the H.M.S. Python, a class III, World War II surplus tanker, sent to the bottom of the English Channel in 1943 and scheduled to be resurrected in July. The students will examine such burning jurisprudential questions as "What do we mean by affirmed?" What do we mean by reversed?" "What do we mean by wasting your time like this?" and "Why is there air?"

All interested students should submit a resume, \$10 filing fee, a hedge hog and an autographed picture of the 101st Airborne Division to the placement office by May 15th. The selected students will be notified collect, by telegram, no later than August 1, and nobody need expect the Spanish Inquisition.

What's up around town:

Outdoor cafes bloom in April

Mark Lichtblau

Well, it's April, and the spring thaw is due about any day now. Once the weather does get warm, there are a lot more people out walking and a lot of places willing to sell you a box-seat to watch them.

Lincoln Center has one of the newer seasonal cafes, with plastic umbrellas for shade at each of the tables. Sandwiches, salads, and soft and hard drinks are available, but there is no table service. It is rather over-priced (\$1 for a glass of beer), but it is convenient.

For those who prefer their entertainment downtown, Greenwich Village has several out-door cafes. The Buffalo Roadhouse on 7th Avenue South is open late and serves a big drink. A much better place, however, is Jimmy Day's, just up the street at 186 West 4th St. The food and drinks are quite reasonable, and the waitresses don't hover. The crowd is friendly and the scenery is excellent.

Anyone who likes his outdoor cafe indoors will enjoy The Bleecker Street at 302 Bleecker. It offers a beautiful garden in the rear with different colored flood-lights adding to the atmosphere. It's a little different from most of the Village bars in that it's very quiet and the garden isn't open very late, but it's certainly worth the trip downtown.

Going to a movie on the East Side? Try Willie's Bar on 81st St. & 3rd Ave. The prices are reasonable, and the crowd is a little too rustic to ever let the place become a singles' bar.

Back on the Upper West Side again, if you have a little money in your pocket, try Mrs. J's Sacred Cow on West 72nd St. It's really a high-rent restaurant, but if you go very late and press your jeans, you can sit at the tables and catch the fine live entertainment for a \$3 minimum (still one of the better values around).

Our very own Lincoln Lounge, while not an outdoor cafe, has two weekly specials that are worthy of mention. Every Thursday all drinks are half-price, and every Wednesday is Free Food Day. I asked Wanda what she would be serving this week, and she told me just to say "?"

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THE QUESTION

Can you tell a married couple from an unmarried couple in public? How?

Edward Meyers, West End Ave., law student: "In general, if they are holding hands or are outwardly affectionate, I assume they are not married. If a couple seems kind of used to each other, they are probably married because it doesn't mean as much to them to demonstrate their feelings in public."

Lichtblau on the Academy

Oscar comes too late or not at all

Mark Lichtblau

Bob Hope called the 1974 movie season The Year Of Special Effects. Be that as it may, it was certainly The Year Of The Spectacle, up to and including the Academy Awards ceremony itself. I've seen quite a few of these presentations, but eight-foot statues of Oscar floating around the stage is a bit much, even for Hollywood. Busby Berkeley would no doubt have smiled.

The awards are certainly a subjective topic, but I find it more than passing strange that many of the nominees and even some of the winners were recognized for their achievements a year or two later than they should have been. Robert DeNiro, for example, without doubt a fine young actor, received an Oscar for his supporting role in Godfather II, but was not even nominated for his performance in Bang the Drum Slowly.

Another case in point is Dustin Hoffman. Nominated for Best Actor twice before, in Midnight Cowboy and The Graduate, The Academy did him the same honor again for his performance in Lenny; a fool-proof role, which any dark-haired actor with a minimum of talent and a maximum of directing could have done equally well. I wouldn't have put in an appearance either.

An even better example is Al Pacino, in my opinion one of the best things to happen to film in recent years. Despite its obvious prejudice against young actors, The Academy naturally picked the multi-million dollar Godfather II to honor Pacino in another fool-proof role. The logic of this artistic preference escapes me since it was obvious that they only wanted to honor the film, not the man.

One extremely pleasant



Robert De Niro, as the young Vito Corleone, poses with his wife Francesca De Sapio and their four children in Francis Ford Coppola's "The Godfather, Part II."

surprise was the choice of Art Carney for Best Actor. For one of the few times in recent memory, this award was given for artistic, rather than political reasons. Of course, this mistake was not allowed to dominate these hall-owed proceedings, however. Gena Rowlands was robbed of the award for Best Actress, which was given to Ellen Burstyn for Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore. The money that Ms. Burstyn made for her studio last year practically guaranteed her an Oscar, but even The Academy wouldn't have the nerve to give her an award for The Exorcist.

Capital gains certainly seemed to be the name of the game at this year's ceremony. I'm sure that Earthquake and Towering Inferno kept a lot of technical workers out of the unemployment lines, but I always thought that there was more to making a film than shaking the chairs in the audience.

Bob Hope made his annual unamusing appearance, and

the toupeed Frank Sinatra certainly deserve an Oscar for Emcee of the Year. It's too bad that Marlon Brando didn't commit any sufficiently un-natural acts to win him a nomination; the Dynamic Duo would have had a wonderful time with him.

Ingrid Bergman's acceptance speech must have been a first on television. I've certainly never heard a winner apologize to another nominee for winning before. And all brought into your home through the magic of television, too. Well, it was certainly a refreshing change.

Each year when the nominations come out, I wonder what happened to some of the really good films. Didn't the voting members of The Academy see them? This year I looked in vain for two of my favorites. I could understand the absence of the low-budget Sugarland Express, but what happened to Duddy Kravitz?

Well, I guess like everything else, it's not what you know, it's always who you know.

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Committee changes paper course limit

The Faculty Curriculum Committee has changed the policy on taking non-exam courses, has consolidated some evidence and civil procedure courses into one semester, has moved professional responsibility up a year and has switched criminal law to the first semester.

Each upperclassperson will now be able to take two non-exam courses per semester subject to a limit of 18 credits

over his school career. Non-exam courses include paper courses, advocacy and clinicals. Dean Robert Hanlon said, however, that students will be limited to one clinical per semester and to a maximum of three during law school.

Evidence will be taught four hours a week in the fall semester

in the day and evening school. One section in the day, however, will be taught two hours in the fall and two hours in the spring.

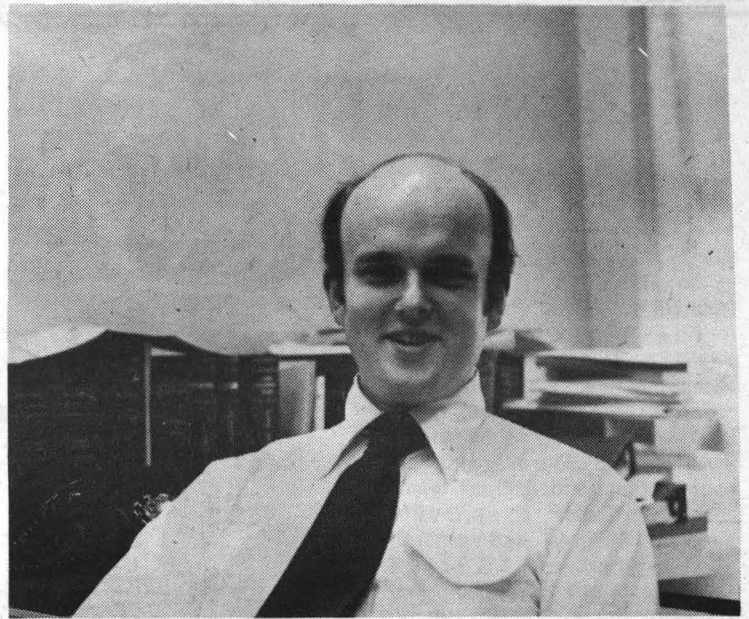
Professional Responsibility will be moved up from third year day to second year day and from fourth year evening to third and second year evening. Professor Peter Putzel believes according to Professor Martin, Committee Chairman, these students might take the course more seriously than the third and fourth year students. Since this year's third year evening and second year day have not yet taken the course, however, they will be taught professional responsibility in their fourth and their third years respectively.

In the day school, civil procedure will be moved to the second semester and will be taught four hours per week. In the night school, Civil procedure

will remain a two semester course. To balance the additional two hours of civil procedure in the spring, Criminal law will be taught in first semester in the day school instead of the second semester. In the evening school the course will continue to be taught in the second semester.

Martin said that the consolidation of evidence was made because it would permit second year students to take advocacy in the second semester and that because a more concentrated study of evidence might be a better way to teach evidence.

Moving civil procedure into the second semester of first year will give first year students the opportunity to learn some substantive law before groping blindly in civil procedure according to Martin.



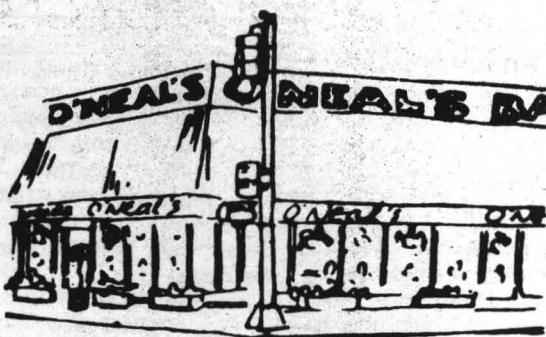
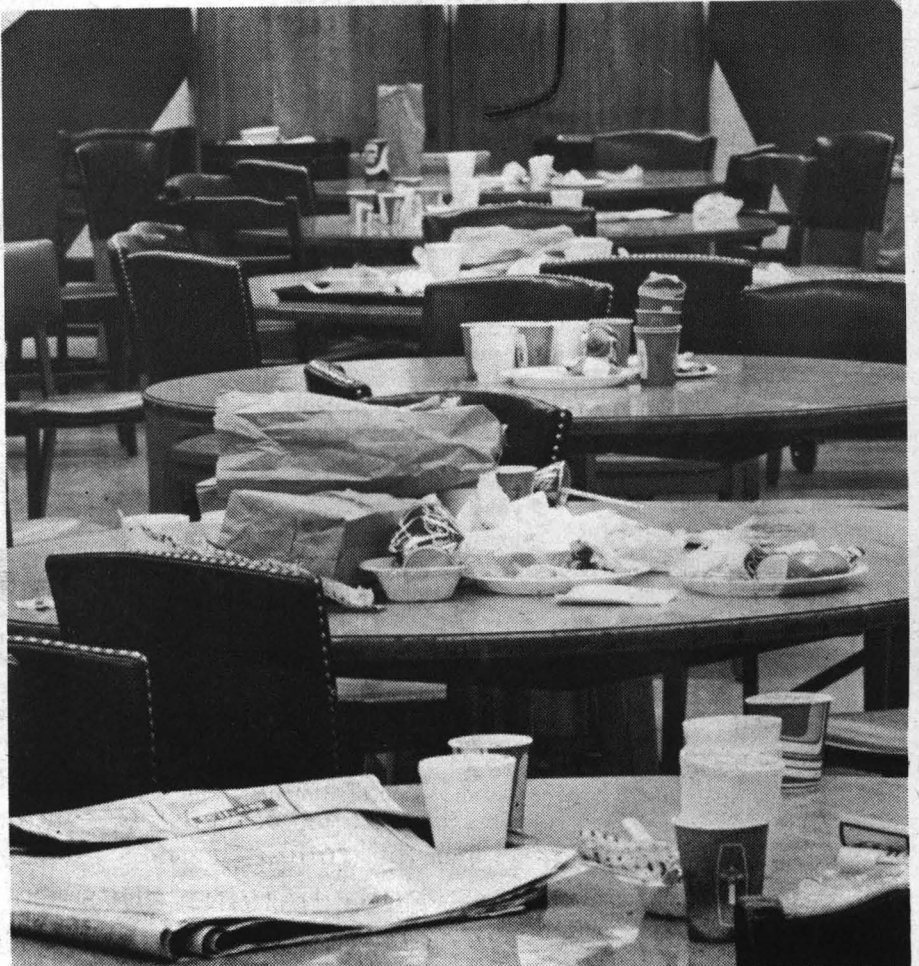
His wife's favorite Martin; Professor Michael M. Martin member of the curriculum committee

The members of the Faculty Curriculum Committee are Professors Martin, Lanzarone, McGonagle, Whalen and Dean Hanlon. The Committee's proposed curriculum change was

approved by the full faculty. Although there was no formal student input into the decisions, there was informal input in the manner of student complaints to faculty, according to Martin.



Garbage. A typical scene in Blackacre. Many students think their garbage will evaporate. In fact whatever other students don't remove the night crew is forced to confront first thing every workday.



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Commencement '75: Ben Veniste will speak

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This year's Graduation will be on Friday, June 6th, at one o'clock. The commencement exercises will be conducted on the Plaza between the Loewenstein Building and the Law School.

As always, seniors are required to pay a graduation fee. This year's fee will be \$20.00 as opposed to about \$38 for last year's seniors. This fee must be paid whether or not you plan to attend the graduation. The proceeds are used to cover the costs of caps and gowns, ushers, the Speaker, and the diplomas. Forms will be distributed for cap and gown sizes and these forms and a check made out to: "Commencement Committee" should be given to one of the

following people: 4E-Don Carmody, 3A-Bob Reilly or Ed McKenna, 3B-Larry Storm or Paul Siano.

The Speaker at this year's ceremony will be Richard Ben-Veniste, the brilliant young attorney who recently came into national prominence as the mastermind of the prosecution team in the Watergate trial of Halderman, Ehrlichman, Mitchell and Co.

The procedure for Graduation day will be the following:

All Seniors are requested to arrive no later than 12 o'clock because there is always some confusion in the distribution of caps and gowns and lining up.

At one o'clock, we will walk up to the Plaza weather permitting and the ceremony will begin. If it is raining, the ceremony will be held in St. Paul's Church on the corner of 60th St. and Columbus Ave.,

directly across from the Loewenstein Building.

Tickets will not be necessary if the Graduation is held on the Plaza. Each Senior will, however, be given six tickets in case of bad weather because if the ceremony is held indoors, tickets will be requested. The ceremony itself should last no longer than an hour and a half.

Anyone who is unable to locate a class representative to whom he can give a check may drop his check and cap and gown form in the Registrar's Office.

If there are any questions concerning Graduation, you can speak to your Class Representative or Dean Hanlon, or call 201-451-5521 after six o'clock any evening except Thursday.

S'land Moot Cup

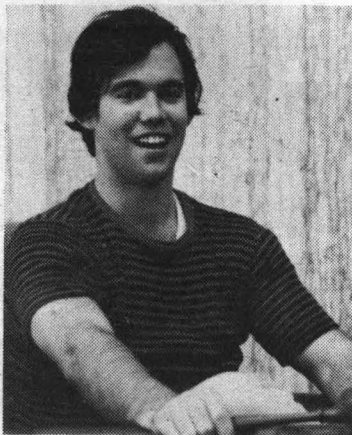
have such a feeling of confidence in each other," was how Brennan put it.

The loquacious Wolas admitted, "we received immeasurable help in both mechanics and style from Professors Byrne, McLaughlin, Sweeney and Putzel." And, of course, they added from team coach Professor Hawk, who handled finances and general overview of progress.

Singled out though, was Professor Putzel, "for his timely criticism of technique and his practical tactical advice." Putzel represented Yale in its Moot Court Competition during his law school days. During that stint, he too faced this same panel of judges.

When asked if they were intimidated at all by so prestigious a bench, Klipp admitted concern yet added "Bill established such a rapport with Stewart that I felt they were carrying on a conversation." Brennan replied, "Potter Stewart is a good judge" he quickly added, "for Moot Court, but actually, when I introduced myself I almost forgot the names of my co-counsel."

The team has the National Moot Court Competition ahead. They'll receive their problem in August. They have until October to research and file their brief. Fordham will be in a field of 141 law schools. First come the New York regionals followed by the Eastern regionals, and then the Nationals.



Moot Court

Artist's rendering of Freshman Moot Court Scene

Most fun thing, "I didn't wet my pants"

by Rich Sapinski

Known to some as Fordham's own rite of spring, first year Moot Court competition began on April 7. Typically, many students viewed their initial court appearance with considerable trepidation prior to arguing but afterwards agreed that it was both an enjoyable and valuable experience.

Karl Schneider, 1B commented, "It's most probably the way you're going to make your living and I think it's important to get a chance to practice and refine these skills."

Prof. Peter O'Connor, who teaches Legal Writing this year and has been judging some Moot Court arguments, observed that when he attended Fordham in the 1950s Moot Court was optional to students, but that today the profession places much greater emphasis on research and oral ability.

This year's competition involves two distinct sets of issues. The Legal Writing classes of Professors O'Connor and Evans argued a criminal law problem involving a "John Doe"

indictment and an incriminatory statement to the police. Prof. Richards' students, on the other hand, are arguing a challenge to minority admissions programs in law schools similar to the *DeFunis* case in the Supreme Court last year. Panels consisting of two student judges and a faculty member evaluate both the competitor's knowledge of the law and facts, and their ability to present the issues cogently and effectively.

"Thus far, I'm very impressed with the students I've listened to," said Prof. O'Connor. "They seem well-prepared and are beginning to think and act like lawyers."

Students who have sat in on some of the arguments generally agreed that most of the people they heard were well-prepared, but added that most were also quite nervous. Gary Tulacz 1B agreed that nervousness was a factor for him, but added that "it was a lot easier after that first question came down and you were able to answer it".

Upon completion of the argument, the judges meet with

the four students as a group and give their personal evaluations and criticisms of each argument to make the experience more valuable for the students. However, it was the group evaluations that several students criticized. Both Sandy Seigel and Karl Schneider thought that group evaluations were less instructive than individual ones because the judges will be much less likely to honestly evaluate one person's performance in front of three of his/her classmates.

Other criticism centered on the fact that Moot Court makes up only 10% of the final grade in Legal Writing and that the preparation required for oral argument is considerable with little to merit it since 6.2 is the lowest and 9.5 the highest grades a student can receive for Moot Court.

"With finals in three weeks I wasn't going to kill myself for

3.3 points (the difference between the highest and lowest Moot Court scores) in Legal Writing," said one unidentified student.

It should have been held earlier in the year when we don't have as much important work as we do now," added Karen Barnes, 1B.

Several people agreed that Moot Court should have been held earlier, perhaps by compressing the early, introductory meetings of Legal Writing into one or two weeks and having briefs due three weeks after the second semester begins.

Two comments frequently heard were voiced by Mark Lichtblau 1B who termed Moot Court "the most fun thing you do in first year," and another student, who declined to be identified, who said, "at least I didn't wet my pants."

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