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ILF Draws Praise
by Bob Hubbard
"International Law Forum" the word used around school to describe volume 3 book 1 of Fordham's International Law Forum was an excellent description. The layout was crisp and attractive format set off the well-prepared articles. The ILF is a welcome addition to the ranks of Fordham's scholarly publications.

The intensive effort put in by the staff and editors is obvious throughout the book; they all clearly worked very hard. ILF began this year in an "office" which was merely a cabinet that had housed the lost and found collected by the SBA. The first publication has previously appeared only in monograph format and the discipline necessary for a scholarly journal seemed to be lacking.

A writing competition was held last fall and the staff and editorial board grew. Noteworthy faculty assistance came from Dr. Teclaff and Professors Sweeney and Hawk. Room 046, International Law Forum Editors

Do you want to know where to get all the information? Check out the ILF website. It's got everything you need. Independent Law Forum is a great resource for those interested in international law. It's an online publication that covers various topics related to international law, including human rights, international disputes, and international organizations.

The subscription list, currently at 46, is growing daily. Continued growth and acceptance are major goals of the ILF. The ILF library is accumulated volumes, made up partially of exchanges with other legal publications. Unofficial solicited manuscripts have been received and reviewed. ILF plans to expand the editorial board and ensure a high standard. The first publication has already been completed by the end of March, to remain on the staff, a publishable piece of writing is a must.

The information is very hard. If it weren't for the fact that I have a feeling that we will have gone crazy," Tureff added. Luckily, we worked quite well together," he said. "We're fairly compatible - which made it easier when we had to point out each other's weaknesses.

Professor Marcus worked closely with the team through all stages of the Competition. It was a privilege to watch the team's development and their eagerness to pursue every facet of the case. The consummate flair they displayed in the Competition, combined with total command of the substantive matter, was evident to everyone who saw them.

Michelle Daly, 79, another member of last year's team, heard the Regional argument against N.Y.U. and was "very impressed - they seemed thoroughly prepared." Dean McLaughlin, also present for that argument, commented on how very hard the team had worked and "how proud we are of them." Fordham's participation in the Competition was not limited to the three team members. Hilly stated that "it was a real added factor that so many people at Fordham - faculty and students - supported us. It goes without saying that Maria Marcus gave us a great deal of support, but also Hugh Hansen and Gall Hollister were extremely helpful. Most Court is a good way to make friends."

Shuck said that the support and enthusiasm of all the people at Fordham "kept us going when things were pretty bleak."

This support was most evident at the rounds against N.Y.U. The number of Fordham students who participated in the 11th National Conference. Tickets will be sold through class representatives of Fordham Law Women and will be available in The Advocate Office, Room 046A, across from the cafeteria. Tickets are $1.00 for one chance, $1.50 for two, and $2.00 for three.

Fordham Law Women held the first of a series of planned pot-luck dinners on February 8, 1980. The combination of fine food, good drink, warm atmosphere (the fireplace was super) and exceptional company created a spirited evening as far as the halls of Fordham as one could long to be. Special thanks to the hostel and women's music coordinator, Laurie Braun. Although the first dinner was limited to women law students, the next pot-luck will be open to all. For those who couldn't decipher the cryptic poster message, B.Y.O.F. and E.E.E.P. explains the basic theme of a pot-luck dinner: Bring Your Own Food and Eat Everybody Else's Food. The date for the next dinner will be announced.

Women to Attend National Conference
by Joanne Dwyer
Women have achieved a lot of firsts-first woman senator, first woman governor, first woman to vote, first Alaska pipeline fitter. What more do we want? I think we want seconds.

-Bella Abzug, speaking at Barnard College.

The 11th National Conference on Women and the Law will be held in San Francisco, California from February 28 to March 2, 1980. Eleven years ago, 50 women law students and lawyers gathered at NYU Law School to discuss legal issues affecting women. This year, 3,000 women are expected to participate in the conference, which provides a unique opportunity for acquiring substantive knowledge and practical skills to deal effectively with the concerns of women in the legal system. The 160 workshops will address such diverse topics as career alternatives, domestic law, labor law, labor employment, and immigration law. Examples of specific workshops are: Trends in Negotiating Women's Issues in Contracts, Alternatives to Criminal Prosecution for Victims/Witnesses, The Politics of Aging, Adoption and Adoption, The Legalization Strategies, Litigating the Title VII Class Action, and Energy Resources: Impact on Indian Tribes.

Fordham Law Women plan to send three representatives to the conference this year. To achieve this goal, a raffle will be held, with tickets on sale from February 18-28. The prizes include Broadway theatre tickets for two to Sugar Babies, and dinner for two at Tavern on the Green and the Maestro, Dean McLaughlin will preside at the drawing, which will be held on February 28. A successful raffle will enable Fordham to be counted among the law schools participating in the 11th National Conference.
Don't Get Caught in the Draft

by Gara LaMarche

Finding ourselves fighting the draft again brings about an uneasy sense of deja vu for the American Civil Liberties Union. The Union was founded in 1920 by activists from the National Civil Liberties Bureau, a group formed to assist conscientious objectors during World War I. The ACLU challenged the draft throughout the Vietnam War period and provided legal assistance to thousands of young men. Only last summer, together with dozens of other religious, political and civic groups, the ACLU succeeded in beating back a Congressional proposal to restore registration for the draft. The margin of victory—nearly ninety votes—seemed comfortable at the time. But that was before Iran and Afghanistan and now before the President decided to put the weight of his office behind renewed draft registration. Public, Congressional and editorial opinion are now thought to be leaning heavily toward approval of the President's registration scheme.

The President has taken pains to point out that he is only proposing to start registration, and that he does not favor an actual draft at this time. Although there are many hardliners in Congress who would not put off the return of the draft itself, there are many more who aren't ready for it and who are inclined to accept the President's assurance that registration is a prudent measure of preparations.

It is illogical to separate registration from the draft. Any accomplished direction through the back door of universal registration, a draft is nothing less than a forced, voluntary servitude prohibited by the Constitution. This is so antithetical to the principles of American democracy that it can only be justified by the most compelling necessity. No such need now exists.

Not only is registration the first step toward an unconstitutional peacetime draft, but it poses considerable threats to personal privacy and autonomy. In all the talk and writing on registration in recent weeks, it has been all too often neglected that registration is a lot more than simply giving one's name and address. Current law requires registered persons to carry an identification card at all times, and notify their local draft boards when they change their address, temporarily leave the country, and in some cases, change jobs. The draft registration Act mandates physical and mental classification and according classification, as is practiced in following registration.

How would the Selective Service System go about identifying the pool of draft-eligible young persons? Well, 1964 may come a few years early. Computer technology and data-mining techniques may already be able to determine the pool of draft-eligible persons. The draft was ended in 1973, and the Selective Service System now has the potential for far greater intrusions into the lives of Americans.

Some members of Congress have proposed to change the law to give the draft agency access to public and private school student records, driver's license information and registration lists. A Congressional Budget Office study suggests that Internal Revenue and Social Security System records would be merged by computer to locate 85 percent of draft-eligible persons in the United States.

In light of the danger of massive invasions of privacy, draft classification has in the past been Draconian in its implementation. Registrants were routinely denied due process of law. Young men became criminals for disobeying verdicts of local draft boards—verdicts which were issued without the right to counsel and without the benefit of judicial review prior to induction.

And it is well known that the classification system favored the wealthier, more educated groups and discriminated against the poor segments of society. The injustice of the classification was one of the reasons for the move to the All Volunteer Force.

Has the All Volunteer Force been such a failure in meeting the nation's legitimate security needs that it needs to be scapped in favor of the Levitanho passed by the return of registration? It might. But we would have to believe this, but it is at odds with the conclusions reached in a two-year Department of Justice study. Registrants were routinely denied due process of law. Young men became criminals for disobeying verdicts of local draft boards—verdicts which were issued without the right to counsel and without the benefit of judicial review prior to induction.

The draft is a massive invasion of constitutional rights. Registration is an inseparable from the draft and assaultive of privacy and autonomy. The volunteer army is making press release needs adequately. The Peace registration will get troops into battle faster in a time of actual national emergency.

Gara LaMarche is Assistant Director of the NYCLU.

The Write Way

Diversity of opportunity has always been one of the selling points of a legal career. But no matter on what point on the legal spectrum we find ourselves after graduation, there will be one constant. Writing. All lawyers must write. And it is hoped that they will be able to write logically, concisely, understandably and with a modicum of style.

The legal writing course gives only the most basic training, hardly enough to go out in the world with.) First, it should be a requirement for graduation or by taking one paper course, the breadth of which should be explored. And second, it should be a basic requirement course, but it seems clear that a rigorous writing requirement would have a more universal usefulness than, for example, Corporations, which could easily be an elective for those so inclined. Second, such written work, whether on a journal or in a course, should be rewarded with class credits. Most law schools reward law review activity in this way and it can only improve the pool of members and thus the quality of the journals by increasing the rewards of membership.

Judges, laymen and even other lawyers are constantly complaining about how poorly lawyers write. By enacting these proposals, Fordham can take a step toward guaranteeing that its graduates won't have to be the object of such criticism.

A Job Well Done

We join the entire Law School community in congratulating the National Moot Court Team on their fine performance in the National Competition, and in thanking them not only for the outstanding job they did but also for the effort and time which they put in. They really shone, and that reflects on all of us.

Excellence in Moot Court has become a tradition at Fordham, a tradition established by the hard work of the teams, the dedication of the faculty advisors, and the support of fellow students.

We hope the school sees fit to express its appreciation and pride to all the National Teams since 1975—by engraving their names on the Moot Court plaques. Future classes should know about Andy, Jacki, and Don—just as we know about Dean McLaughlin and Professor Lanzerone. And, best of luck to the Jessup team.
Fordham's Not a Gay Place

[An homosexual is, after all, a human being, and a citizen of the U.S. despite the fact that he finds it impossible to remain in classes and in the rights of women, Blacks, Indians, prisoners, the poor and the insane. But no one—not the professor, the student, nor even the gay rights activist—raises the question of gay rights.]

When I first entered Fordham Law School I began a personal crusade that has been described as a time of "sane schizophrenia." In addition to the usual anxieties and pressures with which first-year law students are confronted, I felt the need to conceal a basic part of my personality—my sexuality.

You needn't be exceptionally aware or perceptive, when going through the process of recognizing that you are gay, to notice that if your true nature is discovered your life could very well be ruined. One bad experience is enough to teach you that ostracism and contempt are often the only alternatives to concealment. The legal profession, especially to an outsider having little contact with it, seems to be the bastion of homophobia. To the university community, but at Fordham, we merely have a policy to suppress any indication of her of feelings of frustration. We become practiced in the art of being invisible. We become practiced in the art of becoming ourselves, in which I am able to acknowledge my sexuality—which my sexuality.

Thus, being homosexual, and having only slight experience in the legal world, I came to Fordham afraid that my real self, in which I am able to acknowledge my feelings, my relationships, my soul, was completely inconsistent with a life in law. Unfortunately, my worst fears were realized here. There is something about Fordham which is noticed and commented on by a large number of students, not only gays; something which, though hard to describe and depict, permeates the atmosphere. A recent article described it as the atmosphere of temper eaders—they’re “that’s how it’s always been done.” That attitude has led to a sentiment, often expressed, that we are functioning within a “place where time has stopped.” After a while, though, that feeling begins to settle, as we become inured and addicted to it. We must learn to accommodate the occasional feelings of frustration.

One of the most oppressive of the atmosphere of the self-satisfied status quo, it is very convenient, I feel compelling, and quite open gay communities, but at Fordham, gay students learn to be invisible. We became practiced in the art of concealing our own oppression. We allow the fact of our presence to go unnoticed and the issue of our rights to go unmentioned.

As law students, we should all be aware of the importance, the necessity, of legal safeguards for our basic civil rights. We should be aware that, just as some homosexuals, there have been precious few protected rights. This is a reality which we must face and which involves the interest and concern of all of us.

Jonathan Weinberg

Night Owls Get Down at Hoe Down

It was a rough week for serious students. The Law School suffered three setbacks that shook our normally tranquil halls. Within a seven day span, the first year evening students threw a gathering, a/k/a hoe down; the first year threw a Valentine's Day tant; and free football arrived to wipe away the empty hours of Fordham students.

On Thursday, February seventh, after a rough Tutus class, 1E sponsored a SYBQ. While the class sampled the B, 1E supplied a glimpse of one of the hottest new talents to save a tune on the fiddle, 1E’s own Steve (Animal) Miller. Steve’s repertoire included such diverse styles as Irish, cowboy, and Irish tunes. It all fell into place as Jonathan Walsh got up and called a Virginia Reel. Joe’s tunes came to us by way of the Adirondacks. On the whole, the gala was enjoyed by all, well suited to the mood of the first week.

One week later, the first year sponsored the official first tang of the year, while St. Valentine’s Day may be traditionally associated with beer blasts, the Redding Room crowd had no objections. Scheduling was perfect. 4:30 allowed day students an opportunity to unwind after a grueling day while giving ample opportunity to the evening class to tank up for a grueling night. While they could not boast live music, DJ K.J. spun records to suit every mood, from the B-52’s to Motown to the Stones.

Finally, the latest word in pinheads’ delight—Fordham was graced with an honest to goodness freebee; a football table that does not eat quarters. Plans are presently under consideration to sell showers and intravenous to serve the pickin’ pit.

So, while the hard working living denizens buried themselves up to their thighs, the serious, part-time population of Fordham lost themselves in a flourared frenzy of debauch delight.

Mooters Prepare For Spring Contests

by John Newell

Besides the National Moot Court Competition, in which Fordham has lately been a dominant force, the Law School enters four other extramural competitions—Jessup, Mooters, Bonnington, and the Wagner. This year Fordham will hold oral arguments on this spring. Some twenty students will represent Fordham in these competitions, and they are advised and encouraged by Professor Marcus, who has successfully argued a number of Supreme Court cases.

Oral arguments for Jessup, a competition which features current issues in international law, will be coming up next week. In this, the year that Skylab fell, students will be briefing and arguing a case involving a nuclear power plant and an aircraft disaster. The Jessup committee of Anne AveUone, Thomas Fuerth, Steven Miller and William O’Connor can be seen in the Bonnington Regional at New York University Law School on Saturday, March 1 at 1:30 and 3:45 and on Sunday, March 10 at 10:00 and 1:00. Regional United States winners will go to Washington in April to compete against other North American Schools, as well as schools from every other continent except Antarctica.

Later in March, Fordham will join forty other schools for the Wagner Labor Law Competition at New York Law School on March 27-28. Representing Fordham will be Daniel Gibson, Bonnie Grigoropoulos and Andrew Heller, arguing for petitioner. The case involves the collective bargaining activities of residents, in- and external to the Law School.

Also in April, with the Wagner, and the Jessup, Fordham will hold its own Labor Law Competition, named for Irving B. Kaufman, Chief Judge of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. This year’s case will come from as far away as California to compete in the Kaufman and taste the big apple.

More about the Kaufman and Sutherland competitions will appear in coming issues of The Advocate.


The American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section recently announced sponsorship of the 1979-80 Alan V. Cole Student Essay Contest.

The subject area for this year's contest is "The Exclusionary Rule: Do We Really Need It?" The winner, to be announced in July, will receive a $200 cash award. Essays will be judged by a three-member panel of section volunteers.

The contest is open to all students enrolled in ABA accredited law schools except candidates for advanced law degrees and ABA employees.

Entries may consist of a discussion of case law, litigation techniques, or any legal discourse which might further advance this field of law. Papers prepared for the 1979-80 school year are eligible, but published articles or those which have been accepted for publication are not.

Papers should be postmarked by June 30, 1980, be double-spaced and not exceed 50 pages including footnotes. Entries should include their name, permanent and temporary addresses and telephone numbers, names of their law school and their year in school.

Essays should be mailed to: Coordinator, Law Student Essay Contest, ABA Criminal Justice Section, 1800 M Street, N.W., 2nd Floor South, Washington, D.C. 20036.

For further information, please contact Marcia Christenson, ABA, Criminal Justice Section, 1800 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 331-2260.

The Insurance Counsel Foundation is sponsoring a student Essay Contest on the subject of "Any Insurance Related Subject, Including Trial Practice of Insurance Litigation." First Prize is $2,000. Second Prize is $1,000, Third Prize is $500. Second and third year law students are eligible. Essays should be 10,000 to 20,000 words, double-spaced on 8½ and 11" paper, written in Blue Book Form. An original copy must be submitted by May 1, 1980. Each essay must be written by one author, may not have been previously published or submitted to any contest.

"By submission, each entrant thereby assigns to the Foundation to return and release the assignments of the rights of all but the three winning essays and any other that the editor of the Federation of Insurance Counsel quarterly considers worthy of publication." (disc)

For information write American Bar Association, Law Student Division, 1155 E. 60th St., Chicago, Ill. 60637.

Family Law Essay Contest

The Howard C. Schwab Memorial Award Essay Contest is conducted annually by the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association in cooperation with the Toledo Bar Association and the Ohio Bar Association as a memorial to Mr. Schwab. The purpose of the contest is to create a greater interest in the field of Family Law among all law students of the nation, and particularly the Law Student Division of the ABA.

All second and third year students enrolled in ABA-approved law schools are eligible to compete. Each entry shall be the work of a single individual. The subject matter may be any aspect of Family Law which the contestant chooses. Suggested length is about 3,000 words though it is not limited to this amount. Essays scheduled to be published, and/or essays which have previously been published, are ineligible for consideration.

Pries are $300 for first place, $200 for second place and $100 for third. Judges will be designated members of the Family Law Section.

Law students desiring to enter the contest should write to Howard C. Schwab Memorial Award Essay Contest, Section of Family Law, ABA, 1155 East 60th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60607 requesting an entry form which must be completed and returned with the essay.

The Fordham Law Alumni Association will hold its 31st Annual Luncheon March 1st.

The guest speaker will be famed defense attorney F. Lee Bailey. Dean McLaughlin will deliver his annual state of the Law School address.

(Ed. note: Perhaps the Dean will love his speech videotaped so students might be able to find out the Dean's views on the State of the School.)

Consensual sodomy is now legal in the Fourth Judicial Department. (The chartered bus leaves at 6:30.)

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SBA President Responds

Dear President Finlay:

Enclosed please find a seven page petition signed by members of the graduating class of Fordham Law School. While I believe the Preamble speaks for itself, a few short remarks may help to clarify our position.

In a letter to Dean McLaughlin dated January 14, 1980, Dr. Reiss argued the University's case in support of the substantial tuition increase recently approved by the Board of Trustees. A portion of his letter is directed toward a letter Ed Finnenan (Chairman of the Student-Faculty Committee) and I wrote to the members of the University Board of Trustees. There, Dr. Reiss refutes our claim that the law students should not have their tuition dollars used to finance the University Relations office or the Computer Center. While not agreeing with his reasoning, let me point out that Dr. Reiss never mentioned the six other objectional surcharges levied on the law students discussed in our letter to the Trustees (i.e. Dean of Students Office, Financial Aid Office, Counseling Center, Campus Ministries, Radio Station, University Commencement). If silence be consent, then I assume Dr. Reiss accepts our arguments on those points.

Let me emphasize that the students who signed the petition have in no way restricted their right to contribute to the law school directly. Rather, this action is intended to limit only those contributions going to the University in general.

I would also be remiss if I did not express my personal appreciation to Dr. Reiss. He has had the difficult job of being the intermediary during this difficult period, and has remained throughout a dignified and respected officer of the University.

I know I speak for all students when I say we truly regret this action. The circumstances, however, leave us little choice.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Patterson

Petition signed by Seniors:

The following members of the class of 1980 of Fordham Law School, in reaction to the unjustified tuition increases of the past, and especially to that recently announced for the 1980-81 academic year, do, by signing this petition, express their intention not to contribute financial support to Fordham University after graduation from the Law School.

Dance class will resume Thursday, February 28, 3:15 p.m. in Lowenstein Chapel.

Notes on People

We bid a food farewell to our cafeteria cashier Lucy, who has been transferred over to Lowenstein. The plucky Lucy is beloved by the students for being the second-fastest change-maker in the cafeteria.

Daisy neighborhood. Her sweet smile and finger-tapping disco will no longer enliven our cafeteria.

The Law School has not suffered, however, for we have gained in her. Lucy.
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Dear Wellesley,

I was talking to an old friend of mine, Onius Huff, in mid-July when we got to talk
about President Carter's recent purge. Onius and I had just finished one of ourusual con-
versations about men's fashions. Onius, as usual, trying to hide his rustic Maine
origins, went on and on about how so many
guys look so gauche by wearing those
ugly imitation Brooks Brothers suits
with the too-wide pinstripes. Onius of course
tries to pretend that he's a native of East
Quog, Long Island, a town he once visited,
which is rustic but close enough to the chic
Hamptons. Onius slipps though, when he's
had a couple of extra dry Tangeruay mar-
tinis straight up with a twist; then he pro-
nounces "chic" as "chick" and begins flap-
ping his arms instead of pronouncing it like
"chic" even though any Arab will tell you it's
pronounced "shake" as in "milkshake."

Anyway we were on Onius' back porch in
Cape Porpoise; he will tell you he bought the
place because it is close to the chic spots like
Ogunqui t and Kennebunkport. Onius had
just washed back through the clam flats, wig-
ging his toes in the mud as he waded, happy
as the rooster of the mud themselves.

We were sitting on the porch, he with his
Budweiser and I with my martini, watching
the sunset and watching the paint peel from
the inside of the porch roof.

"Onius," I said, "What do you think of
President Carter's recent purge?"

"Well what do you think?"

"I tend to know what his policies
are," replied Onius wearily.

"Doesn't make sense to me."

"True, but what do you think of the fact
that he fired them because they were
competent?"

"Well..." Onius paused, "You know, I
suspected she was right. So I guess I
won't blame the man for that. Then
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horse sense; they always needed to lean on
somebody, to have someone around to catch
them when they swooned.

"Well, Onius, what do you think of
Carter's speech?" As all the national net-
work commentators were saying, it sounded
like a too-much-aspirant speech.

"Now, that's where you're wrong. New
York is much more sophisticated than the
rest of the country." Onius leaned forward,
when he gets angry, his English suddenly
improves. "The rest of the country has
spent most of the seventies going back to
fundamentalist religion. Besides, even if
Carter wasn't appealing to the whole coun-
try, he was certainly appealing to his native
South, and they say that his biggest worry
right now since he wasn't done much for the
blacks."

"But he put Patricia Harris in HEW. A
much bigger bureaucracy than HUD."

"Ah, com'on now, anyone with sense can
see that's window dressing."

"Onius, you're showing your admission."

"Nope, I don't mean to bimboize her. I'm
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Dear Editor: Many thanks for sending me a copy of The Advocate. It was a pleasure not only to catch up on the news in New York, but to see what a professional publication The Advocate has become. Congratulations!

All goes well here—it has been a busy fall, with two new classmates and a new son (born September 8th, 6 lbs., 10 oz.). I’m enjoying it, but I miss New York sometimes.

Regards,
Mike Martin

Professor Martin sent The Advocate this picture of his son Andy, "taken at about 1½ months—since then he hasn’t really changed at all that much. He is bigger though—18 lbs., 3 oz. at 5 months. The Advocate should print this in the rest of the Law School in sending congratulations to Mike and Ellen Martin on the birth of Andy (Class of 1994)."

Letter

SBA Election Rules

1. The positions on the S.B.A. Executive Committee are four: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
   a.) Any person seeking an Executive Committee position must be a dues paying member of the Student Bar Association.
   b.) Presidential nominees must be third year or fourth year students in the 1980-81 school year.
   c.) Any student wishing to declare candidacy must present a petition with a declaration of intent to run for a particular position to a member of the Election Committee. Said declaration of intent must be signed by the nominee and fifty (50) dues paying members of the S.B.A. Said declarations must also be received by a member of the Election Committee no later than 9 P.M. on Friday, February 22, 1980.
   d.) Any write-in candidate requesting only one nomination will be filled by that nominee only if he/she receives a majority “Yes” vote in the general election. If such a majority is not received by the nominee, a special election for the position(s) will be held. The original nominee is not barred from running in the special election.

2. Candidates may run singly or on tickets.
   a.) Each candidate may display posters as of February 25, 1980.
   b.) No candidate may appear in any manner on more than four (4) posters. That is, no person may be named or alluded to by party in more than four (4) posters.
   c.) Posters may only appear in the stairways and no poster may be affixed to any pilastered wall.
   d.) No poster may be larger than 28 x 22 inches.
   e.) The Election Committee will arrange a schedule for presidential candidates to speak. Other members of the party may attend these speeches, but time does not permit their participation.
   f.) No more than $25.00 may be expended per campaign. This $25.00 is a fair market value figure and candidates may be requested to submit receipts to the Election Committee.

3. Elections will be held in the main foyer from Tuesday, March 11, 1980 to Thursday, March 13, 1980 (polling will be held at the close of the final day of voting).

4. Any person who files a complaint should be addressed to the Election Committee.

SBA News

Calling all singers, dancers, musicians, comedians and any other talented law students (or faculty). The SBA needs you! On Saturday, March 8th, the SBA will sponsor a Law School Cabaret. To be held in the Faculty Lounge on Lowenstein’s 12th floor, this party will allow all the frustrated singers and dancers in our midst to be a star for the night. Anyone interested in participating in the Cabaret should see Marybeth Sullivan, the SBA’s Program Director, or Charlie Bryant. The party will also feature an open bar and dancing after the show.

ALL CANDIDATES!
Submit platform (double spaced, 37-space lines, 5 line limit) and have picture taken by The Advocate on MONDAY, MARCH 3rd. Because of printer deadlines, NO EXTENSIONS (or tolls). For picture times, check Advocate bulletin board.

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Why are so many first year students enrolling in bar review courses?

Until a few years ago no one thought about a bar review course before their senior year. Today, however, close to half of all those taking courses do so in their first or second year of law school and early enrollments in at least one major bar review course — the Josephson BRC (Marino-Josephson/BRC in New York) — are at an unprecedented rate. There are three apparent reasons for this development none of which have anything to do with preparation for the bar exam itself.

First, more and more law students are looking ahead at the spiraling costs of legal education in general, and bar review courses in particular. Over the last three years tuition costs of bar review courses have risen between 20-30% (S$100-$150) in most states and the next three years could be worse. Under special early enrollment programs, students (with only a moderate deposit) actually roll back tuition costs to less than 1979 prices.

Second, in return for the benefit of assured enrollments and anticipated lower marketizing costs, the BRC course has developed an extremely attractive package with the Center for Creative Educational Services (CES) called National Alliance to Fight Inflation (NAFI), which provides immediate benefits that substantially exceed the required deposit. The newest program (terminating March 21 in most states) provides a generous assortment of study aids and cash discounts which may increase many first year law students have to find are irresistible.

For a payment of $50 (which will be fully credited toward bar review tuition), the student receives free first year outlines in four major areas (Contracts, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Torts), a free cassette tape program on How to Write Law School Exams,” two 50% cash discounts on Seminar in Substance of Law tapes (worth about $30) and a Preferred Student Discount Card entitling the student to a 10% discount on all CES purchases made from a CES or BRC office. Moreover, the student can exchange the four first year outlines for another four outlines in the second year at no extra cost. The value of the outlines and discounts exceeds $100 and the ability to roll back the bar course tuition probably saves well over $100.

Third, there has been a conscious effort by BRC and Marino-Josephson/BRC to move psychological impediments to early enrollment by allowing free transfer to any BRC course in the country in the senior year (for the student who is not sure what state he or she will practice in), and a penalty withdrawal for students who drop out or fail out of law school.

Another factor which has undoubtedly contributed to the early enrollment momentum is the increasing reputation of the BRC courses and CES materials and tapes. Special impartial studies done by law school administrators have consistently shown that BRC students outperform others at each level of class standing. Much of this success is attributed to BRC’s unique Programmed Learning System (PLS) and its emphasis on writing and testing skills. As a result, in 1980, BRC expects to enroll over 14,000 students nationwide. As the same time, the CES Sum Substance series of books and tapes has gained widespread recognition among both law students and teachers as the finest law study aids available.

Wherever the reasons, however, the facts are clear: more and more first year students are thinking ahead and enrolling in BRC courses now.
Charles’ Smooth Transition Game: NBA to ABA

by John “The Coach” Leo

Ken Charles, a former Fordham University basketball player, spent 5 years playing Pro basketball, 3 with the Buffalo Braves and 2 with the Atlanta Hawks and is now a first year law student at Fordham. I took a few moments to get up close and personal with Ken Charles.

The Coach: How did your pro basketball career come to an end? Charles: When Todd Turner took over the Atlanta Hawks, he wanted to cut salaries. I along with Truck Robinson and Ron Behagen were among those Turner sought to cut salaries on. I went to arbitration and was asked to come to Atlanta, and was asked to come out. But I decided it was time to go on. Pro sports is short term. The average player plays for 3.8 years. The only Knick who was there 3 years ago is Earl Monroe.

The Coach: Why Law School? Charles: I had to read things 3 or 4 times. The whole episode turned me off. My ability was not in question. As a matter of fact I almost played at Buffalo, and was asked to come to Atlanta, and was asked to come out. But I decided it was time to go on. Pro sports is short term. The average player plays for 3.8 years. The only Knick who was there 3 years ago is Earl Monroe.

The Coach: What adjustments did you have to make after being out of school for a few years? Charles: I had to read things 3 or 4 times. The discipline needed is different. When playing Pro ball you never really get out of shape. You may gain a few pounds in the off season but basically you gauge yourself so that you never get out of shape. At Law School, there was no gauge, I just took it as it came and dove in head first.

The Coach: Compare the pressure you face in Law School to the pressure faced in the Pros? Charles: It is most like rookie camp. In rookie camp, you haven’t achieved anything yet. There are so many great players that never make it. In college we only played a few national teams, so at rookie camp I was finding out how good I really was. In rookie camp there are morning and afternoon practices and it is a week long so if you have a bad practice you can make it up that afternoon or the next day. But you can’t afford a bad exam because there is no making it up in the afternoon or the next day.

The Coach: What about the women? Charles: One of the true things about Pro Ball is the last thing you have to worry about is women, there are women all over the place.

The Coach: How was the food on the road? Charles: I got $28.00 per day for food and used all of it. But for $1.50 you can get comparable food in the cafeteria.

The Coach: How do coaches fit into the picture? Charles: Depending on your coach, you have different experiences in the Pros. For example, and this has nothing to do with their basketball acumen, Hubie Brown believes in strict discipline and curfews, while Jack Ramsey is laid back and doesn’t believe in curfews. Players under each would come away with a different perspective of Pro ball.

The Coach: What was your most memorable moment in your college career? Charles: My father was very anti-sports. During my senior year in college, he came to watch me for the first time. The game was in the Garden and I scored 46 points.


The Coach: What do you want to do in the future? Charles: I think I will be in the sports area to a degree, basically for two reasons. First I know enough of the players and second, after playing I see needs that are there and not being taken care of.

The Coach: Who would you rather be interviewed by Dick Young or John Leo? Charles: John Leo, hands down.

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