New Law Students Facing Orientation Program Today

That time of year is upon us again when nervous new first year students begin their first day as part of the legal profession. Although classes don’t start until September 16th, for the entering class their first taste of the law and Fordham comes prior to that at Orientation.

New York, Thursday evening, September 11th. The day Orientation program is scheduled for Friday, September 12th. This year the programs were put together by Marlene Tesce of II and Don Robinson of III. They have sought to combine a short course on such fundamentals as how to use the law library and small informal sessions designed to “level” with the students. These discussions, which are usually very popular with the new students, cover such divergent topics as which professors give marks, where one can get a decent hamburger, and is law school as hard as they all say it is (who are they?)?

New this year to Orientation programs is a presentation by the Law Review. The Review is engaged in direct action projects designed to aid the disadvantaged. This Center also coordinates, administers poverty law programs.

The Orientation program also features the final argument of the Summer Moot Court Competition. This enables the student to observe, usually for the first time, a competent appellate court argument. An informal reception follows, concludes the program.

Although the value of Orientation is always questioned, the program does provide benefits that outweigh its obvious shortcomings. Orientation is not supposed to teach one anything, rather it is designed to make one aware of what a school has to offer. It also provides the opportunity for one to meet his classmates and the faculty, informally, without the pressures of the classroom.

With these as objectives, this year’s program should be of benefit to Fordham Law’s Class of ’72.

Orientation Schedule
10:00 Address by the Dean, Distinguished Faculty and Students.
11:30 Presentation by the Urban Law Center.
12:15 Lunch.
1:15 Section I-A Library Orientation.
1:45 Section I-B Small Group Discussions.
2:15 Break.
2:30 Final Argument of the Summer Moot Court Competition.
Informal Reception to follow.

YES Buttons Mean Action

Members of the Urban Law Center, who are making a presentation at today’s orientation program, can be identified by the green “yes” buttons they are wearing. When asked what the significance of these buttons are relative to the urban crisis, Prof. Thomas Quinn, director of the Center, replied that “It’s simple, we say ‘yes’ to the program — we– support it.” Such is the spirit of Fordham’s Urban Law Center.

On hand for orientation are Carl Richlin, a welfare rights proponent, and Mort Cohen, the former director of The Legal Aid Society’s student intern program and now connected with CALS, Community Action Legal Services.

George McKenna Named to Assistant Dean Post

Students who have returned to the law school to register for the new year have noticed a conspicuous change in personnel. Assistant Dean Robert Hanlon was not there to greet them and inquire as to how they spent their summers. Dean Hanlon, who has taken an administrative position with the new Hofstra Law School, has been replaced by George McKenna.

Dean McKenna comes to his new post with an impressive scholastic record and after an unusual career. After attending Regis High School in New York, he attended Fordham College, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1936. He then attended Fordham Law School (LLB, 49) and Catholic University where he earned his LLM.

Dean McKenna then became a special assistant for the New York Bureau of Investigation. He remained with the FBI for the next 26 years before he retired August, 1968. Although he worked primarily as an agent in the New York Office, he served in Brazil for seven months on special assignment.

Investigative Draft Cases

His career has included the investigation of many national security cases and more recently draft evasion cases. He investigated and was the chief witness against Mark Zborowski, a Russian agent recruited by Soviet intelligence in Poland. Zborowski, who became friendly with Leon Trotsky’s son and used this confidence to good advantage for the other side, was convicted of perjury. Dean McKenna also participated in the prosecution of the leaders of the Communist Party in the United States, the Hall, Flynn and Davis cases.

In 1967, when the Senate Select Committee on Military Assistance to Vietnam denied a draft card, Professor McKenna deeded a part of the Gift-Friedman-Miller case which involved 45 draft evaders.

New Faculty

Richard Denzer

Michael Lanzarone

Richard Denzer, the Executive Director of the New York Tenancy Commission on Revision of the Penal Law and Code of Criminal Procedure has assumed a teaching position at Fordham Law School. Professor Denzer comes to Fordham with outstanding credentials which include Amherst College and the Yale Law School. His work in the legal field has been extensive and varied including practice with the law firm of Morham and Necarsun, after a short but successful stay in practice, Professor Denzer became an assistant with the famous racket committee under Thomas Dewey. His legal career continued as an assistant district attorney for New York, County under both Dewey and Hagan. Assignments in the District Attorney’s Office included heading the Special Sessions Bureau, the In- diction Bureau and for eleven years the Appeals Bureau. Professor Denzer has argued more cases before the New York Court of Appeals than any other attorney.

Professor Denzer was recently in the news when the Law Revision Commission decided to delete a so-called preventive detention section from the proposed new Code of Criminal Procedure. This deletion was made, according to the Professor, as not to jeopardize the entire package when it comes before the legislature.

Professor Denzer has strong views on criminal law which will be along with Constitutional Law, his main forte at Fordham Law School. Professor Denzer believes that in the major felony type crimes
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When Sanity Returns?

by MARC GROSSMAN

.... a man of peace, a reconciler, a man of compassion, must stand aside for a time and count the moment when sanity returns and brotherhood based on justice becomes a possibility.

Dr. Buell B. Gallagher
Former President
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With these words a liberal educator resigned. They are heartfelt words spoken by a man of conviction and sincerity. But they are irrational words. Foreboding. Words born of frustration and confusion. They are one man's words, but they say what many American feel.

Today America is doubting its ability to solve its problems. We can solve the technical problems of landing men on the moon, but the solutions to the human problems of this earth grieve us. American blood continues to soak the Asian soil while the only harvest has been despair and disillusionment. Racial unrest continues to torment America while the nation seeks not justice but law and order.

Liberals are also doubting. They are beginning to doubt themselves. As the nation becomes polarized they have become paralyzed. Not out of fear but out of frustration. Liberals who grew to intellectual and political maturity during the New Deal are confronted by the politics of confrontation and by problems not remediably by economics alone. And their only weapon—reason—is rendered useless by a people tired of hearing that there are no easy solutions to complex problems. In their confusion all they think they can do is sound the alarm and drop out.

Dr. Gallagher did just that. A few weeks after his resignation he stated that unless New York "turns the corner on the racial crisis" the city has no "viable future" and it will become "a Balkanized collection of hostile gangs held together only by a common sewer system."

That may be so. But it doesn't have to be. It is good that America is again questioning itself. We have for too long been self-satisfied. Now we must rethink and reexamine our priorities and positions. In time we will discard the old assumptions and old policies and old prejudices.

When that time is depends on men like Dr. Gal- lager. Men of peace, reconcilers, men of compassion. Men committed to that abstraction called justice, as well as to the reality of it. But if such men stand aside and abdicate their positions then that new day will be a long time in coming.

Reason must reassert itself. When? When sanity returns? No, NOW — so sanity can return.

Open Letter

On behalf of the students, welcome to THE ADVOCATE. This is the only forum the students have to discuss with each other and the faculty, their experiences at the law school, and the issues which affect them. The students hope to continue to ask questions and seek answers. However, for it to do so it needs three things: 1) the money to publish, 2) the staff to put it together and 3) the independence necessary to make the investment in money and time worthwhile.

The first requisite is no longer a problem. The university has granted $2,500 for the continued publication of THE ADVOCATE. This will enable us to publish once a month provided requisite number two is met. A nucleus of a staff has already been assembled, otherwise you would not be reading these words. But greater student participation is needed so that we can do a better job of reporting student activities. We extend an open invitation to anyone interested in devoting some time to THE ADVOCATE.

The third requisite is the most important because a newspaper that puts the student at ease to criticize it is to praise is not worthy of Fordham Law School or you. Responsible journalism cannot exist where those who write the news are in any way obligated to those who make the news. THE ADVOCATE finds itself in the ambiguous position of receiving its money from the university through the SBA treasury. Both the institutions have been criticized in the past by your newspaper and doubtless both will be criticized in these pages in the future. They know this and expect it, and it seems unlikely that because of these criticisms the newspapers will become a better job of reporting student activities. We extend an open invitation to anyone interested in devoting some time to THE ADVOCATE. But the power of the purse can more subtly attempt to subvert the power of the press. Such attempts have been made. THE ADVOCATE has resisted them.

What can be done to prevent a recurrence of such political interference? The answer obviously is that THE ADVOCATE must be financially independent. In order to become editorially independent, the student newspaper should not be in the position of having to go hat in hand to the SBA so that it can pay its bills. This is now the case and it seems unlikely that it will change this year. However what we can do is be aware of the danger and if you, the students of Fordham, really want a good, honest and independent newspaper, you will be silent and tolerate anything less.

Welcome Brother?

It is traditional to greet new law students with a hearty welcome brother and to quickly follow with the hushed admonition to work hard if you want to succeed. THE ADVOCATE shuns tradition, therefore we offer no advice, just understanding. We know that each of you has come to this place at this time for a different reason. There are those of you who see the law as Wall Street and a secure future and those who want to challenge poverty and ourselves. There have come because it was expected of them or because its better than working. But whatever the motive, the goal is the same — to become a lawyer. While we offer you no advice, we do offer our best wishes that all of you reach that goal.

I received THE LETTER. They want me to report in September. I will not go.

I'm a pacifist. I will not be a party to violence. I will not fight.

Getting accepted to college sure passes a moral dilemma.
The Legal Aid Society Favors Legal Interns

by Barton Fleishman

Law schools and law societies are now beginning to realize that a law internship is a vital element in a student's education. It creates a frame of reference which will serve the student and eventually the lawyer throughout his career. This philosophy has been one of the motivating factors in instituting the Legal Aid Society's Law Student Intern Program.

At the present time, the various law intern programs throughout the United States have been initiated by organizations serving the poor and disadvantaged in their urban and suburban centers. The Legal Aid Society is the prime mover in the development and formulation of such a program, pursuant to the judicial law which was amended in 1963 by Section 478 and 484 permitting representation by "law students in their senior or final year of law school..." as approved by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the state, in which the principal office such organization is located, when such student is required to fulfill a program approved by the Appellate Division.

The program for legal interns for attorneys representing the poor and disadvantaged is presently coming to the forefront in a nation-wide debate. There are some that adhere to the doctrine that attorneys, in order to be more effective, should be more selective, thus enabling them to be imaginative and responsive to the client's needs; others believe that caseloads should not be limited in spite of the fact that there is a shortage of attorneys, money and office facilities. No one will argue that the process of selection is contrary to the ideals of a society founded upon the premise that legal representation is the right of all citizens...
Hot Meals Will Be Available In Law School Cafeteria

Out of this chaos will emerge the new law school cafeteria. All should be in order by the first week of school.

This year the law school cafeteria, perennially a source of complaint, will have a new look. Gone is Schrafft's and their machines. In their place the Crotona Service Corp. provides the food in the Leon Lowenstein building at Fordham’s Lincoln Center campus. There will be a steam table with hot meals, a sandwich table where sandwiches will be made to order and machines to dispense other items. There will also be a 100 place all-purpose machine for other than normal hours which will be open on Saturdays for the weekend.

The new cafeteria will be open from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., although after 7:30 only the machines will be available to the students. Work has begun on the cafeteria and it should be ready shortly after school commences.

Professor Sweeney Wins The Eugene Keefe Award

A new tradition was continued at Fordham last year with the presentation of the Eugene Keefe Award to Prof. Joseph Sweeney. The award was originated to honor Eugene Keefe, a long time professor at Fordham Law School, who worked prodigiously for the benefit of his students. The citation was commended to bring out into public view those individuals whose efforts most closely emulate the energy and spirit of Professor Keefe. The recipient of the award is selected by a committee of the Student Bar Association.

Last year’s recipient was Claire Bryant, a student, whose achievements while vastly different from Professor Sweeney’s were also similar, in that both helped to foster a better spirit in the law school.

Professor Sweeney’s accomplishments are many and varied. He works tirelessly to aid students in and out of the classroom. Professor Sweeney’s concern for the teacher and the students is best illustrated by an example. Although he teaches a large number of classes, he splits a class in International Business Transactions last year in order to facilitate the learning process. This more intimate atmosphere was beneficial to the students but divided his teaching hours in this area.

The Professor coaches both the Fordham Moot Court Team and the International Law Society's most court team. He is also the faculty advisor to the International Law Society. A member of the legal fraternity Phi Alpha Delta, Professor Sweeney was helpful in reactivating Fordham’s chapter.

The Professor, who encourages student-faculty communication, is a well-deserved recipient of the Eugene Keefe Award and sets a high standard for all of us at Fordham Law School to aspire to.

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the admissibility of confessions has been a most valuable tool. Conscientiously, he is opposed to some of the recent decisions of the Supreme Court which severely limit the admissibility of confessions in these types of crimes.

Wiringtapping is a necessity, the Professor indicates, in fighting organized crime. However, it is also his belief that wiretapping should be legally permitted only for use by law enforcement agencies under a court order. He also defended the fact that much public criticism of wiretapping is based on misconceptions and that in his experience authorized wiretapping has never been misused so as to lead to any serious impropriety or blackmail.

With regard to teaching technique, Professor Denzer feels, particularly in criminal law, more participatory field work.

International Law

by Frank Bonin

The International Law Society is entering its third year with hopes of improving on its excellent record of its first two years. Last year the Society’s most notable achievement was participation in the International Law Moot Court Competition. Fordham’s team, consisting of John Leonard, Leslie Glick, Jim McInlay, Dan O’Hara and Frank Bonin, lost the regional run-off by one point to the Rutgers Law School, the eventual winner of the Jessup Cup. The team was selected by faculty moderators Professors Sweeney and Todd. This year the competition offers the winning team the honor of winning the Jessup Cup and also a jujento the Hague, Netherlands.

The International Law Society also sponsors numerous luncheons featuring guest speakers knowledgeable in the various aspects of international law. Students also acknowledge that the International Law Society’s annual Christmas egg nog party is an affair not to be missed.

The following students have been selected as candidates for the 30th volume (1969-70) of the Fordham Law Review. Selection on the Law Review is based on the students’ academic standing.


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