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$4 MILLION LAW SCHOOL RENOVATION UNDERWAY

by Tracy Murphy

Fordham Law students will see big changes taking place to the ground, first, second and third floors of the original Law School Building. Deans Feerick and Vairo say that the renovation is targeted toward achieving a more effective and efficient use of the existing space, upgrading the electrical and mechanical systems, meeting code requirements, meeting requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and refurbishing the main public areas of the building. The original building has remained essentially unchanged since its construction in 1962. The Atrium and the McNally Amphi-theater were part of a $10 million expansion in 1984.

Vol. XXVI, No. 1 Fordham faculty offices and refurbished large classrooms.

The approved renovation will occur in two phases.

Phase I: Musical chairs for student groups

New and larger offices for the Environmental Law Journal (ELJ), Entertainment, Media & Intellectual Property Law Forum (IPLJ), Urban Law Journal (ULJ), and the International Law Journal (ILJ) will be constructed in the locker rooms during phase I. Fordham Law Review will eventually be located in what was the student lounge. During the construction the ELJ and IPLJ will use the basement level staff lounge for their offices. Law Review and ULJ are scheduled to make their move by next summer. The first phase began in August and is scheduled to be completed shortly after the end of this semester.

Designers from Forbes-Ergas worked closely with journal members in planning their spaces. Dean Feerick praised the journals’ leadership of the past several years for their work with designers and their flexibility in facilitating the changes. He stated, “The students have been terrific.”

The elements will no longer wreak havoc with students during exams. There will be an upgrade to the electrical distribution system, improvements in corridor lighting, ventilating/cooling systems throughout the entire building. The entrance on 62nd street is scheduled to be renovated to include handicap access and better control of access by security. Lobby construction may be deferred, however, until phase II depending largely on the weather.

The SBA will have its own office and the other various student organizations will also receive new space in the locker rooms.

CAMPUS SECURITY INCREASED

By Mike Bertrand

For all of you who are recent transplants to the Big Apple, you may have noticed that the city has a bit of a crime problem. In fact, it has a massive crime problem. Luckily, Fordham University is blessed with one of the top campus security operations in the country. . . and with the opening of the new residence hall here at Lincoln Center, security has been beefed up even more. So, for those of you that are just a bit sick of dodging bullets on the subway, rest assured that Fordham is one of the safest places to be in New York.

University Security Director John Carroll has taken a proactive stance to preventing crime at the Rose Hill and Lincoln Center residence halls. He has the largest security operation on campus, with 16 officers on 24/7 duty. He has a large number of officers on campus, which he believes is one of the reasons why Fordham has a lower crime rate than other universities in the area.

Dean Feerick believes that “the appearance in the profession of more minority lawyers will positively and significantly change the ranks of the profession which for a long time has been somewhat segregated.”

Although applications to American law schools were down this year by about 6%, Fordham has been largely unaffected. The law school received close to 5,000 applications this past year and approximately 500 students will be attending this fall. As Dean Feerick noted, “We have a

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Gerry Ferraro to Speak at McNally

The Italo-American Law Students Association, in conjunction with Fordham Law Women, will present Fordham Law alumna Geraldine Ferraro in the McNally Amphitheater on October 5, 1993 at 6:15 P.M.

Ms. Ferraro, a congresswoman from Queens in the early 1980s, was the first woman, as well as the first Italian-American, candidate for Vice President, running with Walter Mondale in 1984. She is presently managing partner at the law firm of Keck, Mahin, Cate & Koether.

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The breakdown of offenses at the Law School includes two petty larcenies, two burglaries, and one count each of criminal mischief, aggravated harassment and trespassing. The trespasser, interestingly enough, was caught in the library. It's good to know that today's criminals are actually reading the law books, instead of relying on cheap commercial outlines.

Security (from page 1)

total incidents over this past summer, only seven occurred at the Law School - proving once again that areas classified as HDL are viewed as unappealing by criminals (HDL meaning, of course, High Density of Lawyers).

The SBA is also sponsoring the Fifth Annual Boat Cruise ("Boateus Rideus") Thursday, September 23, from 9:30 pm to 12:30 am. Boat leaves from South Street Seaport. Tickets are $30, and are on sale now at the SBA office.

Breaking the Bench®

Calendar

Fordham Law Women is holding its organizational meeting on Monday, September 13 at 4 pm in Room 204.

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HANSEN TAKES MULLIGAN

Bests Teammate with Final-Round Flash

By Robert Cinque

Over two hundred argued. They spent weeks writing briefs, more days of sharpening their argument, and two weeks of competition, arguing back and forth. Sixteen survived, only to go on to three straight days of razor-sharp argument. And then there was one.

Kristopher Hansen took first place in this summer’s Mulligan Moot Court Competition with a final argument that went virtually uninterrupted.

“I had the last argument, and after I wrote about five minutes into my argument without the judges asking any questions, I presented a hypo of my own,” he said. “That got a huge response.”

Hansen and his partner in the preliminary rounds, Christopher Cuomo, both made it to the finals. Hansen credits their preparation for their success. “We took turns firing questions at each other, trying to tear down each other’s arguments,” he said. “On my own, I practiced in front of the mirror and taped myself over and over, looking for spots that needed emphasis.”

Cuomo had similar praise for Hansen. “I was new to oral argument, and I learned a lot from working with Kris,” he said. As an undergraduate at Rose Hill, Hansen was the winner of the Fordham Mock Trial competition.

In the final round, Cuomo summed it up this way: “It’s good to be in front of attorneys and judges, and to see that what you learned in class all year has a real application in the outside world,” she said.

Don’t think for a minute, though, that just because it applies to the outside world, it isn’t fun. Semi-finalist Kathleen Murren will set you straight there. “It’s perfect for those who are interested in litigation, this is the best thing you can possibly do,” said McMillan.

You mean there’s more?

The Wormser Problem is coming! Who is Wormser and what’s his problem? It’s like this: I. Maurice Wormser was a beloved faculty member, and his portrait graces the Moot Court Room on the third floor, along with such alumni as Judge Pierce, Louis Lefkowitz and Governor Wilson. The Wormser Moot Court Competition is named in his memory.

What’s his problem? On September 10th, the world will know. That’s when the Moot Court Board is scheduled to release the problem for the 1993 Wormser Competition, a question of (usually) securities law. The competition is open to all students who have completed their first year of law school. (In case you first-years are feeling left out, don’t: many of us who did the Mulligan competition were clueless even after a year of law school!)

Briefs will be due October 11, with the first two rounds taking place the weeks of October 18-25 (schedule subject to change by Moot Court Board).

The editor of the Wormser Problem is Bill Wong, and the associate editors are Todd Long and James Chadwell.

The Players

WINNER: Kristopher Hansen.
FINALISTS: Christopher Cuomo, Stephen Turanchik, Heather Wydra.
SEMI-FINALISTS: Kerrianne Law, Stewart McMillan, Kathleen Murren, Paul Talbert.
BEST BRIEF: Nancy Meyers and Stacey Slater.
MULLIGAN EDITOR: Courtney Robbins.
ASSOCIATE EDITORS: Nathaniel Marmur, Shirley Menard.

NOW, WHICH AMENDMENT WAS THAT? Mulligan hopefuls reviewing their arguments at the July competition.
Jumping into Law School

By Rachel Miller

The transition to law school is not an easy one. A new way of thinking, new terms, new people. With this in mind, Fordham has developed a couple of programs designed to ease the passage from layman to lawyer-in-training.

Minority Enrichment Program

For the second year, the Minority Enrichment Program has offered a case, a three page memo on one of three subject areas, and the chance to take an exam. Second and third year students teaching assistants (TAs) attend the classes and present on general subjects like briefing, outlining, note taking, and study groups. After each assignment the TAs sat down for about an hour with their students to discuss problems and questions that the first years have.

The students are also given several writing assignments including briefing a case, a three page memo on one of three subject areas, and the chance to take an exam. Second and third year students teaching assistants (TAs) attend the classes and present on general subjects like briefing, outlining, note taking, and study groups. After each assignment the TAs sat down for about an hour with their students to discuss problems and questions that the first years have.

Aviva Wertheimer, one of the TAs this year, said that students had typical first year questions like how to get old outlines, how hard school is, and how best to prepare for exams. She said students would call her at home to discuss their concerns and interests about the first year of law school. One student even considered dropping out, but after talking it over with TAs decided to continue.

The relationship between the TAs and the first year students will continue during the school year. TAs will call students to see if they can help out, and workshops will be held before such milestones as the short memo, the brief, and midterms.

Allstar Onglingswan, a second year student involved with running the program, said he had through the evaluations that students filled out after each class and lecture and the response was mainly positive. Min Hee Lee, a second year student who participated in the program last year, said she found the program helpful. She said it gave her confidence knowing there was someone there to lean on during the difficult transition to law school. She emphasized that many Asian students are often the family to pursue a professional degree in this country and could benefit from this type of support group. The mentors teach the students to become good legal writers, "In many laws, students acquire the necessary skills to become good legal writers," added Feerick.

A New Emphasis in the Curriculum

According to Dean Feerick, Fordham is responding to a growing shift in the legal profession by increasing the number of new classes and seminars that emphasize legal writing and other lawyering skills such as alternative dispute resolution.

"There's going to be a tremendous development in the curriculum in terms of legal writing skills. We are offering more courses than ever before in this area to help our students acquire the necessary skills to become good legal writers," said Feerick. "In the past, it has been too much of a tendency by our school and other law schools to say that there's not much we can do if the person didn't acquire the skills before they got to law school," he added.

As one sign of Fordham's commitment to the legal writing program, three legal writing teachers have been hired full-time. And in addition to the traditional first year classes in legal writing, first year students will have access to teachers from the English and Comparative Writing Departments of Fordham University who will teach seminars and conduct writing workshops throughout the year.

Upper-class students will also have the opportunity to attend the legal writing skills programs, Fordham has achieved the right balance between skill and substantive law courses.

As we all know, there is a significant amount of activity taking place at Fordham Law School this year. A few of the changes include the new course offerings, the new mentor and advisory programs, the new faculty members and the new journal offices. This year also marks the 75th Anniversary of Fordham Law School, and a new journal offices will be visiting Fordham to celebrate the Anniversary and to give lectures on a variety of subjects. The Advocate will keep its readers posted.

Dean Feerick stresses that the substantive law courses will remain very important to the curriculum. Naturally enough, students will have to participate in the curriculum effectively in the simulations or the live clinics without a strong, substantive law background. But Dean Feerick is optimistic and confident that with the additional legal writing and skills programs, Fordham has achieved the right balance between skill and substantive law courses.

Knowledge was somewhat difficult to locate some students, but the school did not have everyone's current address.

Melissa Popkin, a second year student, said she thinks the program will help first years study more easily to law school. Scott Goldsmith who is also a mentor added that the best thing about the program is that first years who come here can get to know upperclassmen and get information to help get them through their first year. The program, he said, gives students someone to talk to at a time when they need good advice.

In addition, first year students will participate in a lawyering skills program begun last year by Professor Jim Cohen. Expanded considerably, the program will teach not only lawyering skills but also writing skills through simulations and demonstrations. The course in Alternative Dispute Resolution offers upperclassmen the opportunity to learn practical lawyering skills.

When grilled as to the possibility for course credit for the skills program for the first years, Dean Feerick responded by saying that "as the commitment to lawyering skills increases, our faculty has to come back and emphasize the importance of what we are doing appropriately in terms of credit. I really do anticipate that our faculty committee will do just that." [The Advocate will keep its readers posted.]
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The Sporting Life

Fordham Law Athletics Get in Gear

by Scott Montell

Welcome back, sports fans! This year, the Advocate will feature, for the first time, a sports column covering intramural, law school and other Fordham sports activities (depending on your suggestions and my time). Since the column (and the staff) are new, your opinions are greatly appreciated.

To recap last year, Fordham Law's basketball team wound up in the Lawyers Basketball League. In intramural basketball, Supreme Court captured the playoff title in a close game against Thundering Herd, which came down to the final seconds. Supreme Court has dominated the Fordham intramural basketball for the past several years, capturing the title for the third straight year, and losing one game in that entire period. Their opponent, Thundering Herd, was led by Dwight Chase on the inside. Nate Marmor contributed with an impressive volley of three-pointers (teammates have also pointed to Dave Hillman as the "glue that held our team together").

We'll look for both teams to be back this year. Rumor, has it that John Wiencek's team will also be a team to watch, as he spent his entire summer scouting professional men's leagues and training for the 96 Olympics.

In other sports news, intramural football will begin shortly. Look for teams to begin forming after Labor Day weekend. Registration will probably be free, and games will be held at the beautiful and lush football field on 57th and 10th (otherwise known as the "gravel pit"). The SBA will also sponsor Softball and Basketball leagues later on this year.

To answer the question on everyone's mind: There will be both indoor basketball and tennis courts behind the new residence dorms. Just as importantly, the facilities folk have informed me that as of now they are planning to open the courts to all students free of charge. The expected completion date is estimated at sometime in November. Stay tuned for further developments (delays?) regarding their opening.

That's it for now! As the year progresses, our sports staff will be tracking down those hard-hitting, inside stories in the Fordham sports community, including allegations of steroid use in the Fordham intramural basketball league, and rumors that your $100 basketball registration fees were diverted into a covert SBA shush fund.

SBA INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL SIGNUPS

Teams must have at least seven players.

Rosters due in SBA Office 5 pm on September 7.

Law-Abiding

by Rita M. Yelle

Giving the constabulary its due.

Phase II: Porcelain Dreams

Phase II is scheduled to take place during the summer months of 1994. It will include: installation of men's and women's bathrooms at each end of the halls, reconstruction of current office/lounge space to create a complex for the Law School's clinical practice programs, and the construction of a new office and lounge space for the Dean Vairo's office and the Law Review Office into seminar rooms with expandable walls. Lockers will be built into the walls of the second floor hallway. Room 303 will be divided into two classrooms and expandable walls will go into classrooms 316 and 317. The ULJ office will become a classroom. Phase II will also see the installation of bathroom rooms on the third floor of the law school.

Student Carole Zabar funds construction of the new bathrooms

Second year student Carole Zabar has donated the entire amount necessary for the construction of bathrooms in the library. She made the offer to Dean Feerick last year and the University accepted during the spring semester. She said, "I told the Dean we really needed some bathrooms on the third floor. Drink some coffee, wait a couple hours, and then try studying on the third floor. You'll see what I mean." Ms. Zabar has asked the Advocate to withhold the amount donated.

Deans Feerick and Vairo hope that alumni will pledge money to defray the construction costs. As Dean Vairo put it, "there are a lot of plaque and naming opportunities."

The Law School borrowed seven million dollars for the project to be paid back over a ten year period. This year approximately $480,000 will be paid on the loan, a small percentage of the total current Law School budget of 25 million dollars.

Next year $500,000 in loan payments will be made from a 30 million dollar budget.

Deans Vairo and Feerick agree that the construction is a cost effective way to take the Law School facility into the year 2000, "when a new building will be needed". The University is thinking of expanding the Lincoln Center campus with the construction of another building around the turn of the century. They noted that Brooklyn Law School is paying $28 million for an addition. A plan to redo the facade of the the Law School for $1.5 million was rejected as not cost effective.

Phase III: to be determined

The President of the University and Fordham's Board of Trustees have not yet approved work on the fourth floor. Phase III would see the addition of office space. The builders would convert the faculty reading room into offices and increase the size of room 430. Professors may have a small lunch area at one end of the reading room. Dean Feerick said that "the economic situation of the University will not allow these changes for now."
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