MESSENGER ATTACKS SECURITY GUARDS IN LOVENSTEIN

by Earl A. Wilson

On Tuesday November 8, 1994, two guards at the Security Desk in Lowenstein, Rudy Reed and Fabian McCraven, were attacked by a messenger wielding a metal bar. While the attacker was quickly subdued by the guards and other Security personnel, placed in handcuffs and arrested, he left the two guards injured and requiring medical assistance. Just three weeks before, however, the same messenger was asked to leave the campus for bizarre behavior and his employer reportedly requested not to have him sent to the Fordham campus again. As a result of the incident, a new procedure will be implemented by the administration to handle incoming messengers and deliveries.

Thrown Out of Lowenstein

The incident reportedly began at approximately 4:05 PM when the messenger, a reported employee of Bullitt Courier service, sought access to the campus via Lowenstein in order to make what was later discovered to be a legitimate delivery to the Law School. "He came into the building just as the shift was changing, flashed something and ran past" the guard station, said Mr. Reed. The messenger proceeded to the Plaza, where he was approached by two guards who had followed him. Mr. Reed, who had also followed the messenger, requested identification once again. The man continued to be noncooperative, so Mr. Reed and the guards escorted him to the supervisor on duty, Mr. George Henshaw. After once again refusing to show any identification, Henshaw when requested, the messenger was asked to leave the building.

Gains Pipe, then Access Through the Law School

Unbeknownst to the Lowenstein guards, however, the messenger appeared at the Law School at approximately 4:35, gained access to the building, and proceeded to the mailroom, where he made a delivery to Murray, the Mailroom Manager. "He was a strange fellow, quiet," assessed Murray. "He handed me a VTS ticket for Dean [George] Vairo," but he did not behave in an unusual manner. Murray remembers that he appeared in the mailroom at about 4:40 PM. Between his exit from Lowenstein and his appearance at the Law School, the messenger, viewed by a Lincoln Center student, searched through a dumpster on 62nd Street, found a metal pipe over a foot long, banged it a few times to test its efficiency, and proceeded toward the Law School.

Moves to Settle the Score

After his delivery, the perpetrator proceeded toward the Lowenstein building to exit, and apparently to settle a score with Mr. Reed and company. When Mr. Reed spotted the messenger passing the guard station to exit the Lowenstein building, Reed informed him once again that he did not belong in the building. The messenger stated words to the effect, "What are you going to do about it?" branched the metal pipe hidden under his sleeve and began to bang it on the security desk. A number of guards, including Mr. Reed and Mr. McCraven, sought to take the weapon from the perpetrator, who began swinging wildly before being subdued outside of Lowenstein on the Plaza. He was handcuffed and later placed under arrest when the police arrived. Mr. Reed suffered an injury to his left hand while Mr. McCraven suffered numerous injuries, including head and arm injuries. Both guards were treated at a nearby hospital and released. The attacker was charged with assault and battery and the case is pending in the District Attorney's office. "Security hopes he comes before a Fordham Judge," joked Richard Kilgren, evening shift supervisor, supplying a lighter side to the situation.

Free Speech Scholar Speaks at McNally

Professor Kathleen Sullivan, a noted Professor of Law at Stanford Law School, spoke at a Robert E. Levine Lecture on Tuesday November 15, 1994 in the McNally Amphitheatre. Sullivan, a former Harvard Law Professor, is an expert on constitutional law and has published on a wide range of constitutional issues, including affirmative action and abortion. Professor Sullivan has also served as co-counsel on a number of Supreme Court cases. Her topic, "Resurrecting Free Speech" was an answer to critics of traditional free speech analysis. Her talk suggested ways of trying to supply a firmer basis for traditional values. For a complete transcript of the speech, tune in to an upcoming issue of the Fordham Law Review, which will publish the speech in its entirety.

New Domestic Violence Clinic to Open in Spring

by Kathi Denise Lang-Thobir

At the end of Alice Walker's novel, "Possessing the Secret of Joy", the protagonist, while walking to her death, views a banner held by all those dear to her. It reads: "RESISTANCE IS THE SECRET OF JOY!" If resistance is the secret of joy, Fordham has just welcomed a very joyful professor who lives that secret. Ruth Jones recently joined the Fordham Law School family as the Clinical Director of the Domestic Violence Clinic, and her resistance to the status quo taken the form of constant and varied activities relating to feminist issues, within her own definition of feminism. She feels that within feminism "men and women are equal, and [that] both should have equal opportunities to achieve whenever they need to achieve in their own lives." In her most recent position as a staff attorney for NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, Professor Jones' views on feminist issues were often quoted in the media. These issues included pro-choice rights, stalking laws, rape issues, maternity rights, violence against women, and, of course, domestic violence. She was also very vocal and active in educational equity and sports equity for women, as well as high school sexual harassment.

Professor Jones is currently developing the Domestic Violence Clinic for introduction in the Spring 1995 semester. The Clinic has a limited enrollment, and eight students were selected for participation out of the approximately 50 who applied. The Clinic, as Professor Jones envisions it, will have three components. There will be discussion on the substantive issues of violence against women, including exploration of the Family Court Act and presentation of professional perspectives on battering and battered women. The second component will be the development and practice of trial advocacy skills, which will be instrumental in the third component — field work representing battered women at various stages of the legal process. The program is due to be finalized in the near future.

Professor Jones has been very active in many facets on public interest and feminist law. Just prior to entering her position at Fordham, she was appointed as a Morris Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow by Harvard Law School. As one of the 12 appointees, Professor Jones went to the Harvard campus and discussed public interest law with the students and participated on several discussion panels. She felt

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Metropolitan Black Bar Ass'n 
Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

by Earl A. Wilson

The Metropolitan Black Bar Association (MBBA) celebrated its 10th year anniversary in the McNally Amphitheatre at Fordham Law School on Wednesday, November 16, 1994 at 6:00 PM. Guest Speakers at the affair ranged from distinguished politicians such as the Honorable David N. Dinkins, Congressman Charles Rangel, and Democratic Nominee for Attorney General Karen Burstein to respected judges like Kimba Wood of the Southern District of New York, and Judith S. Kaye, Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals. President Bill Clinton, the Honorable Barry Cozier (Chief Administrative Judge of New York City's Courts) were the Honorary Chairs for the event. Judge George Bundy Smith, adjunct professor at Fordham Law and Associate Judge on the New York State Court of Appeals, was presented with an award.

After a cocktail and eating fest, the attendees listened to a presentation hosted by Kim Adair Wilson, the president of the MBBA. Dean John D. Feerick attended the reception but was unable to attend the ceremony. In a written statement, the Dean congratulated the organization for its "outstanding contributions to the legal profession," while citing the Law School's privilege "to be a part of this great tribute to the MBBA and its outstanding membership"

After greetings by all the presidents of the Black Law Students Associations in the metropolitan area, the attendees were treated to brief remarks by the numerous speakers. Each speaker left his or her own special note. Dinkins asked young attorneys to "reach back to assist others" coming after them. Karen Burstein asked the question on equality for all races: "If not now, when?" Judge Wood proclaimed that "much work remains to be done...to achieve Dr. [Martin Luther] King's dream." Judge Kaye commented that there is "so much to be done to move us toward justice and equality." Judge George Bundy Smith, a founder and first chairperson (1984-88) of the MBBA, was presented with "Past Chairperson" award. Introduced as one who "was drawn to a life in the law by Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement," Judge Smith was admitted to the bar on the same day he was cited for civil disobedience in a civil rights protest. Judge Smith's many endeavors, since 1962, included work with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the Model Cities Program, Law Clerk for Civil and Supreme Court Judges, and Civil, Family and Supreme Court judgeships. The judge assisted his wife, Dr. Alene L. Smith, in writing a book for high school students entitled, "You Decide! Applying the Bill of Rights to Real Cases." In a brief acceptance speech, Judge Smith thanked everyone present, exclaiming that the MBBA is "one of the finest organizations I have been blessed to be a part of."

The program concluded with a speech by H.T. Smith, National Bar Association president for 1994-95. The National Bar Association is an African American Organization founded many years ago when African Americans were excluded from membership in the American Bar Association. The American Bar Association did not admit any African Americans until the late 1950s. In a poetry-laden presentation, Mr. Smith proclaimed that "there is a new day dawning for us..." A Distinguished Service award was presented to pioneering Attorney Jeff L. Greenup, who, according to his presenter, O.T. Wells, possesses a "spirit of determination and the will to make a difference" that will live on.

At the Journals

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Not the First Time

Apparently this was not the first altercation this particular messenger has had with Lincoln Center Security. Though it was the most violent. About three weeks earlier, the messenger, on a similar delivery, refused to show identification and was asked to leave the building. According to Mr. Kilgen, the perpetrator's employer, "Bullitt, was called and told not to send him" back. Yet here he was at Lowenstein and the New York Law School three weeks later, with a deadly weapon and an attitude.

New System

The new procedures, to be fully implemented shortly, will forbid any messenger or deliveryman unlimited access to the campus. Uniformed messengers will be allowed only to go to the mailroom. Non uniformed messengers must either be met at the desk by the person or their representative to whom they are delivering, or be escorted by a guard to their delivery destination. All food deliveries must be picked up at the guard's station.
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Volunteer Fair Fills Atrium with Team Spirit

The following volunteer organizations participated.

American Red Cross: This organization offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities including disaster support, safety and health instructors, clerical work, case workers, tracing specialists and many other support positions.

Association of the Bar of the City of New York: The City Bar provides law students the opportunity to assist clients through various programs such as the Homeless Clinic, Immigration Clinic, Housing court and many others.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Inc: This organization looks for stable, responsible and mature individuals to engage in special friendship relationships with children. Volunteers will serve as guides and positive role models and have a significant influence in a child's life. Being a Big Brother or Big Sister constitutes a serious commitment and volunteers must be prepared to undertake the responsibility.

City Wide Taskforce on Housing Court: This is a small, non-profit organization in need of volunteers to staff information tables at Housing courts throughout the City to assist pro se litigants. Volunteers also have the opportunity to participate in impact litigation and to serve as court monitors in Housing court.

City Harvest, Inc: This program helps emergency feeding programs serve more than 33,000 people each week. City Harvest takes provisions from food drives and sponsors food pantries throughout the five boroughs, where it is distributed to feed hungry people for free. The CSP will be sponsoring a City Harvest food drive from November 7th through the 16th.

DOROT: This organization encourages volunteers to develop relationships with older people through inter-generational programs, home visits, escorting an elderly person on a trip or through telephone services.

Fordham Student Sponsored Fellowship (FSSF): The FSSF provides fellowships for first and second-year students to work at public interest organizations during the summer. The fellowships are mostly funded by alumni through a summer phone-a-thon and the annual FSSF Auction in the Spring.

Fortune Society: This is a non-profit organization working with ex-offenders to prevent any further involvement in crime and imprisonment mainly through educational programs. Volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of programs designed to attain these goals.

Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC): All clients at GMHC have AIDS or ARC. Students will have the opportunity to work on a variety of cases from squatters and tenant, immigration, wills and taxation. This type of work is available to 2L's and above. Volunteers may also staff a hotline, walk-in services and conduct initial screenings.

Habitat for Humanity: Founded in 1976, Habitat is an international organization committed to the elimination of poverty housing. Through the use of volunteer labor, management expertise, and tax-deductible donations, Habitat builds and rehabilitates homes with the help of homeowners. Fordham Law is very dedicated to the program. Since 1990, 48 students, faculty and administrators have participated in 8 projects in six states. In 1995, the CSP will sponsor a trip to South Carolina over Spring Break.

Housing Works: This is a non-profit organization founded to provide housing, supportive services and advocacy for homeless people living with AIDS and HIV. Housing Works is the largest provider of housing and services people living with AIDS and HIV in New York State. Some of the its multi-service programs include: intake, scattered-site housing program and the independent living program. The organization also provides job training, a mental health linkages program and group support services.

Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services: This organization offers a comprehensive network of programs. Supervision and support is available throughout the course of the volunteer's involvement. Some of the programs include: services to AIDS clients, Big Brother/Big Sister, Camp Program, court liaison and referral services, family location program, holiday toy program, hotline for battered women, and many others.

Met Council on Housing: This is a 35-year old membership organization fighting for the rights of tenants in New York City to attain safe, decent, affordable and integrated housing.

New York Cares: This organization provides hands-on, direct volunteer service in all five boroughs, complementing projects with various non-profit organizations. Students may become involved in various public interest projects taking place throughout the city on an ad hoc basis. In 1992, over 5,000 New York Cares volunteers provided more than 60,000 hours of direct assistance to disadvantaged children, homeless and poor families.

New York Foundling Hospital: This program encourages students to develop a special friendship relationship with a child. Volunteers will have the opportunity to stimulate and play with children. Presently there is a special need for volunteers to work with handicapped children.

New York Metropolitan Committee for UNICEF: This organization needs volunteers to assist in the sale of greeting cards, particularly during the upcoming Christmas season. Work also includes office support as well as the opportunity to participate in various committees within the organization. One such committee is the Speaker's Bureau which entails attending schools in the area and participating in assemblies for children and adults.

For more information on volunteering at these organizations, drop by the CSP office in Room 17 or call 866-4670.
From the Editors

The Talent Show Was Here!!

For those of you who missed it, the much ballyhooed “Coffehouse Rock” Talent Showcase did take place on Thursday November 10 from about 5:30-7:00 PM. Though attendance was not abundant, the beer and soda managed to be rapidly consumed by those who attended. Those present also were treated to the folk/rock sound of those acoustic maven, Kurt Schmidt and our own Editor Emeritus, Bob Cinque.

In Case You Didn't Know...

The Law School Cafeteria began limited food service on Monday, November 14, serving bagels, donuts and coffee in the mornings. Evening Food Service consists of Sandwiches, Deli Salad, Coffee, Donuts, and Bagels. Cafeteria Service will be available for breakfast from November 14 through breakfast November 23. The cafeteria will re-open for breakfast November 28 and close for the semester after breakfast December 9. For all other food services, please continue to use the cafeteria in Lowenstein.

Election Blues

The elections are over, and it was a rough one for Fordham-affiliated candidates, at least on the statewide level. As is well known, Chris Cuomo’s dad lost in a tight race for re-election, alum Karen Burstein lost a tight race for state Attorney General, and Bernadette Castro, everyone’s favorite auctioneer, was outpolled by Senator Moynihan. Locally, however, things were a bit brighter. Adjunct professor Jaime A. Rios won his race for Queens Supreme Court, and Vito Fossella, class of ’93, was re-elected City Councilman from Staten Island. The Daily News, in fact, called him one of the “bright stars” among city Republicans. Of course, we highly recommend that Vito remember us fellow-alumni-to-be fondly. After all, we have tapes of him performing in The Follies, and can easily be persuaded into letting certain people have a look at them...

FYI...

In regards to “Dark Elegy: The Pain of Life Lost,” Advocate November 8, 1994, author Kathi Lang-Thors wishes to acknowledge that, as an artist-in-residence at, Fordham University, Ms. Vivienne Thaul Wechter was responsible for securing the “Dark Elegy” exhibit. Any questions regarding the exhibit, please contact her at her office in the Lowenstein Building.

John Calamari

The Advocate joins the Fordham community in mourning for John Calamari, the esteemed Fordham professor who died last week. Although he was not present on campus during the past couple of years, he has influenced our lives here, and his works will influence Fordham students for generations to come. He was best known for the famous Contracts books he wrote with Professors Perillo and Bender, and was a leading scholar on contract law. He will be missed.

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To the Editors

Isn't The Real Issue Politics?

At the risk of prolonging an already belabored discussion, let me make some quick points concerning the exchange we've had over the Shaw v. Reno issue. It has been asserted that a conservative judicial philosophy is an anathema to most blacks. While I acknowledge that this sentiment is popularly embraced, I emphatically dispute the implication that such conclusion is properly reached.

To me, conservatism means an even-handed, originalist, and yes color-blind application of law which in the final analysis serves all people efficiently, consistently, and equally. Conversely, I think modern liberalism, with its constant assaults on private property rights and its aggressive endorsement of government dependence, is an ideology that would sooner subjugate people than serve them. These are political issues, not racial ones. Sure, some honest minds will disagree with my conclusions. All I ask is that when we meet in the public square to work out our political disagreements, we show up with nothing but our intellects, our morals, and the single vote that each of us is guaranteed by law.

That approach breaks down when some factions can lawfully claim certain public squares to be their own. Some call that pluralism. I can't.

John Mastandrea

The Advocate wishes the Fordham Law community a joyous holiday and a happy New Year, and good luck to all students on their exams. See you in 1995!
Child of Indulgence
The hour is late,
Yet once again
You stand at my gate -

Knocking gently
To be let in.
This battle we wage
Is one I must win.

For if, as in the past,
That gate is flung wide
Neither you, nor your sibling
Will have need for a guide

Through the maze of feeling
Wherein dwells my soul,
To a wealth of emotion
And desire untold.
go visiting and meet Resistance.

And surely as a minstrel
Plucks a harp's strings,
So would you too
Make my spirit sing.

But for a price -
And a high one at that
Self loathing's no gain
It's' a painful fact.

And so my dear
Since the hour is late
And though with eyes innocent
You peer through my gate —

I bid you 'Good night,'
And turn quietly away
To return to my simple
Yet peaceful end of day.

Catherine Manion
by Donavan Griffiths

Recently, the media gave much attention to a controversial book written by the social scientist, Charles Murray, and the deceased Harvard Professor, Richard J. Herrnstein. This book, “The Bell Curve: Intelligence and Class Structure in American Life” (The Free Press), purports that one’s success in life is dictated by the level of one’s I.Q.. The authors contend that America is developing into a distinct dichotomy of rich and poor, where individuals with high I.Q.’s dominate the top rung of the economic and social ladder while those with low I.Q.’s are lodged at the bottom.

Based on I.Q. alone, Murray and his associate have singlehandedly relegated millions of Americans to a life of poverty. Many of these individuals would be African American who, according to “The Bell Curve”, generally score lower than whites on I.Q. tests. Not only would they be impoverished but they, as suggested by the book, would also be responsible for society’s social ills: crime, squalor, teenage pregnancy, illegitimacy, welfare dependency, etc. Such a pessimistic view of life might be appealing to both Murray and Herrnstein, but it belittles the aspirations of individuals of low economic and social status who would like to share a piece of the American dream.

In placing an inordinate amount of emphasis on I.Q., the authors of “The Bell Curve” essentially negated the importance of other factors such as environment, talent, physical attributes, connections, ambition - the list goes on. It is well established that irrespective of I.Q., one born in an affluent family is more likely to succeed in life during his/her lifetime. Thus someone blessed to be born in the Kennedy family (for example) has an obvious advantage over someone from a less fortunate background. It is also undeniable that talent can play a crucial role in shaping one’s life. Most “nouveau riche” athletes, singers, actors, and other entertainers made millions by simply using their God-given talents. Additionally, given America’s affinity for the American dream just because they were lucky to be born beautiful. Further, many of us amassed wealth and power merely because we knew the “right” people.

Given all these elements that can interplay in people’s lives, why would one conclude that I.Q. is the most important of them? It is of no surprise that this conclusion was reached by Mr. Murray, a man, who in his formative years, felt the need to participate in a cross-burning in his hometown of Newton, Iowa. This youthful indiscretion, which he described as a by-product of no larger significance, might be still lurking in him today. Under the cloak of scholarly work, his book highlighted the difference in I.Q. test scores of African Americans and whites. He asserts that these scores have little to do with environmental factors, implying that heredity is the crucial element. Such an implication that promotes the insidious view that African Americans are inherently inferior to whites might forever undermine the efforts of millions to achieve racial equality.

Though equality might never be achieved, books insinuating race superiority only fuel racial stereotypes and erode the fragile relationship that exists between the races. Let us hope that people who read “The Bell Curve” reject its unfounded emphasis on I.Q. and understand that this simplistic approach does not accurately explain the disparities in human achievement.
Fordham People

Fordham's At-Large ABA Rep

by Julian Riley

I became the ABA Representative for the law school the old fashioned way: I asked. At the end of my first year I decided to become more involved in student activities. Everyone always talks about the obvious extracurricular options of journal and moot court competitions. But I prefer my extracurricular activities to be extracurricular. So aside from my succumbing to the journal competition, thankfully with positive results, I sought out projects that involved some aspect of life outside of Fordham Law School. (Among my other activities are teaching a high school class on race awareness and acting as a Fordham Academic Achievement Program teaching assistant.)

My interest in the American Bar Association (ABA or the "Association") among the conference attendees. I was initially disappointed with the apparent apathy of our student body when each official ran virtually or actually unopposed, but that is a separate issue. After investigating the duties of the SBA, I was reminded of the extensive network of the Association. Surprisingly, although Fordham has made significant strides towards recognition as a contending national law school, we had no ABA Student Representative. The SBA president, Michael Emmanuel, and I, concluded that as a result of the conference, Fordham should have a student liaison to the largest national attorney organization. This year I intend to demonstrate the importance to Fordham of maintaining an active ABA Student Representative. The following briefly details my involvement in the recent ABA Annual Meeting in New Orleans and what my role will be for the ensuing school year.

This year's Annual ABA Meeting was held in New Orleans from August 4-7, 1994. The itinerary was complete with seminars, elections, and lectures. The daily scheduled activities were complimented by "networking" among the conference attendees. I was repeatedly greeted by law students and attorneys with "it is great to see Fordham attending this conference." Effectively, as an ABA Student Representative, I performed as a national ambassador of the school.

The ABA Student Division had a separate schedule of events for the weekend convention. The events included: board committee meetings; assembly committee meetings; full Student Assembly meetings with the passing of several resolutions; National Appellate Advocacy Competition; SBA conferences; as well as several workshops and symposia regarding career choices and topical areas of the law.

The ABA Annual Meeting presented me with a glimpse of the opportunities available through the Association. Initially, I presumed that networking among professionals would be the substantive benefit of becoming a student member of the ABA. But there are other measurable advantages offered through the Association. There are several publications and journals available for home delivery which provide cutting-edge articles. While benefiting from student discounts, Fordham students can begin to develop a clearer understanding within areas of interest. Additionally, there are local lectures and symposia which students may wish to attend. The job market is increasingly competitive as we all know. Students should be aware that identifying specific fields in the law, and becoming conversant in such fields, can only enhance the interviewing process.

My role as the Fordham ABA Student Representative for this academic year is to inform the student body of the opportunities afforded them. Several of these opportunities were enumerated above, e.g. publications, lectures, and symposia. Fordham has not had a Student ABA Representative in recent years. The lack of precedent in my activities title is both a hindrance and a benefit. Unfortunately, there is no one who can say, "I did it this way." On the other hand, it is exciting to originate a format that best serves the school. I anticipate staffing an information table next semester to field student questions. In conjunction with the SBA, I also plan to have periodic pieces in the Advocate and probably some direct mail of flyers in student mailboxes.

Please contact me with any suggestions you may have regarding student involvement in the American Bar Association or if you are interested in becoming involved personally. At your convenience I can be reached at (212) 362-6582.

Upcoming CSP Events

Dates to be arranged:

Tutoring Training Late January. Contact Lisa Cabbagestalk (636-6970) to tutor at schools in the Fordham neighborhood.

Habitat for Humanity One day build-a-thon early February. Week-long trip to South Carolina March 13-18, 1995. Spaces are limited! Contact Andy Richards (636-6970) to sign up.

Blood Drive Mid-February. Contact Vanessa Melendez to help coordinate the fair (636-6970).

CSP Drop In Hours

Monday, Wednesday 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For information on other projects, call the CSP office at 636-6970 or stop by the Public Interest Resource Center in Room 17.

Habitat Volunteers Make News

by Roslyn Myers

Eleven Fordham Law School volunteers were given the spotlight on October 15 when the Channel 9 Nightly News team visited the site of a one day build-a-thon in Newark, New Jersey, for a Sunday night broadcast. Coordinator Andy Richards '95, Co-Director of Fordham's Community Service Project, and the following faculty and student volunteers were all on-site to put the mission into action: Prof. Hank Baer; Charles DeJager; Kathi and Joe Lang-Thorbs; Mary-Jean Maddia; Robert Miklautsch; Kevin Quinn; Virginia Schendler; Joel Sciascia; and Prof. David Schmudder.

Habitat for Humanity's mission is to make shelter a matter of conscience so that every person has adequate housing. Habitat relies on volunteer labor and donated materials to build their houses. The cost of a house in Newark averages $50,000 and, once complete, it is sold at no profit and no interest to a needy family that would be unable to secure a bank loan. Habitat founder, Millard Fuller, believes that building relationships and communities is as important as building homes. "Each project attempts to transcend the boundaries of culture, status and race through a common goal."

Habitat homes have managed to transcend the ravages of Mother Nature as well. In 1993, when hurricane Andrew shredded the Greater Miami, Florida, area architects and urban planners noted that the 27 houses built by Habitat for Humanity suffered only minor structural damage. Observers attributed the durability of Habitat homes to the 400 hours of "sweat equity" required of future homeowners. Every family must help build its house. "Volunteers working alongside families take a little extra care," commented Habitat organizers.

Fordham Law School volunteers can join one of the Habitat trips on the horizon for 1995. The Community Service Project plans to coordinate a one day weekend build-a-thon early in the new semester, as well as a week-long trip to South Carolina over spring break. Interested volunteers should contact Andy Richards at 636 6970 for more information.

Fordham Housing Advocacy Project

Virginia Schendler '96, founder of the Fordham Housing Advocacy Project, at the Newark, N.J. Build-a-thon.
By Annette Colston Saviet

While career decisions are up there on the law student’s priority list, there are other crucial items on the daily agenda, particularly for the evening student. Here are a few:

How can I get from work, to Fordham with just enough time to pick up coffee and run into Room 312 through the more convenient bottom door before the professor starts lecturing?

If I go with the women’s room option, is there a way to sneak food and soda from one of those receptions without being too obvious?

Should I go to the timely and relevant, possibly once in a lifetime Stein lecture at 6 o’clock or should I go to Corporations?

Is it possible to catch up later with coursework in four classes and to put the rest of my life (kids, spouse, pets) on hold so that my partner and I can write a Moot Court brief on weekends and after class... (which is after work, so that we’re talking about beginning our sessions at 9:30 at night, continuing indefinitely and then being on top of things the next day on the job)?

How do I make sure that I don’t show up in Labor Law with my seven year old’s backpack, which is exactly the same color and style as mine but contains crayons, a social studies book, a Minnie Mouse folder and leftover lunch?

Should we postpone that study group meeting on the project which is due in two days so that we can all get home just in time to watch that really important episode of “NYPD Blue”?

What am I doing here??

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Special thanks to John Doherty, 3E, who received the statements over the E-mail good read and have some holiday cheer on us.

Below are actual (that means true) statements found on insurance forms where drivers were asked to summarize the details of an accident in the fewest words possible:

1) Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.
2) The other car collided with mine without giving warning of it's intentions.
3) I thought my window was down but I found out it was up when I put my head through it.
4) A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.
5) The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.
6) I was thrown from my car as it struck the front end.
7) I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.
8) I was on my way to the doctor with rear-end trouble when my uni­versal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.
9) To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I hit the pedestrian.
10) I was legally parked as it blocked into the other vehicle.
11) An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car, and vanished.
12) I told the police that I was not injured but on removing my hat I found that I had a fractured skull.
13) I saw a slow-moving, sad-faced old man as he bounced off the roof of my car.
14) The pedestrian had no idea which way to run, so I ran over him.
15) I was face to face with a stationary truck coming the other way.
16) A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.
17) I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.
18) The telephone pole was pro­­­aching. I was attempting to swerve out of its way when it struck the front end.

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