New Assistant Dean Goes to Work

By David Black

New ceilings, new floors, new journal offices and now, a new Assistant Dean.

Starting October 17, Nitza Milagros Escalera will begin her new job as Assistant Dean of Students. Over 400 people applied for the position, and the number of candidates was narrowed to 30 as a result of a faculty search which was conducted this summer. Dean Escalera said last week that she was looking forward to being at Fordham and that she was very happy with the manner in which the interviews were conducted: "I've gone through situations where [the interview process] was like water torture, but this was one of the most affirming interview processes I've gone through. Everyone has been very nice and I think that this says a lot about the quality of the school."

Prior to coming to Fordham, Dean Escalera worked as an attorney for the Community Service Society of New York, where she litigated cases on behalf of the economically disadvantaged in the areas of health and environmental justice. In addition, Dean Escalera taught as an Adjunct Professor at the John Jay School of Criminal Justice, which is located only a couple of blocks away. Dean Escalera taught upper-level civil rights and criminal justice law courses with a focus on the Latino experience in these areas.

Dean Escalera also has a whole host of degrees: a B.A. from Le Moyne College, an M.S. from Syracuse University, an M.P.A from New York University, and a J.D. from Columbia Law School. Dean Escalera said she relishes the job of Assistant Dean of Students because at Columbia she learned how important it is to maintain a good balance between one's work and personal life. "The preparation at [Columbia Law] was good, but it was the relationships that I developed with my colleagues which made it satisfying," Escalera said.

As Assistant Dean of Students, Escalera will be directly involved in helping students to maintain the balance between work and personal life. She will be responsible for everything dealing with student affairs and for addressing stress issues which come up for students. Ultimately, Dean Escalera said, she wants to "make every day of work and study as comfortable as possible."

Of course, the first few months will be an adjustment period for Escalera, but she intends to see that this time is well used: "I want to get to know the institution well. I want to talk to as many students as possible and listen to the feelings that they have."

Dean Escalera said that one of the keys to her ability to address student concerns will be her establishment of an "open door policy" to encourage students to come to talk to her. I pride myself on being a good listener," Escalera said. The "open door policy" and her interest in listening to students will help her to "be an advocate for students." The idea, she said, is listen carefully and "from there one can assess what really exists and then, one can move forward."

SBA Announces Budgets for Student Activities

The following list reflects the individual budgets for all Fordham student groups. This year student groups were allocated a total of $25,000, however, the total that groups asked for was $95,000. Needless to say, no group received what they asked for.

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Cafeteria to Open...

By Robert Shisler

When the new 1Ls arrived at the Law School for their orientation last August, they found unfinished walls, wires hanging from the ceilings, and heavy paper covering the floors. Dust, noises, construction workers and misplaced lockers kept the first years on their toes.

But now, with the installation of deep-pile wallcovering, energy-efficient and classy looking lighting systems, and even real wood trim in the lobby, the interior of the Law School is looking better than ever.

"The building kind of looked like a high school," Associate Dean Georgine Vairo said. "It was a pleasure to watch the transformation."

The renovations were not merely cosmetic, however. Maximizing the use of the existing space within the building was the prime motivation for the redesign, Vairo said. In addition, $1.7 million of an estimated total of $6.5 million budgeted for renovations was spent to upgrade the electrical and heating/air conditioning systems.

Overall, the renovations quintupled space for students, added six multipurpose seminar rooms, and two new classrooms.

Flexibility for the future was a key goal of the project, according to Joel Ergas, of the design/consulting firm of Forbes & Ergas, who envisioned the final look for the school.

"We tried for a generic, flexible solution so they'd [the classrooms] work year after year," Ergas said.

"It gives the building a more professional look, people seemed to respond to that. And that's very gratifying after all the work we've put into it," Vairo added.

After phase one of the project was completed earlier this year, which included completely refurbishing and redesigning the basement level of the school, both students and faculty were anxious to see what the rest of the building was going to look like.

"Joel [Ergas] was the only one who really knew what we were going to get. He was the visionary on the project," Vairo said. Carolyn Goodzeit, notes and articles editor of the Law Review, said of the renovations to downstairs student offices: "We're happy. The bottom line is that we have more space, which is better because we have more staff members this year."

The Law Review was also pleased to have moved from their old location overlooking the library, but feelings are mixed overall. "It's less pretentious," Goodzeit said. "Except that carpeting would be nice and we need more lighting."

"The moving process has been incredibly bureaucratic," added Tim Treanor, another notes & articles editor. "And with the new cubicles, we can't see each other."

As anyone can tell, the work is yet to be finished. The Law School Cafeteria has yet to come online, minor electrical work needs to be completed throughout the building, and new fire doors are being installed in the second and third floor hallways, in order to comply with Fire Department regulations.

The Cafeteria was scheduled to be open for limited Automat style service as of October 3, but the vending machines had not yet arrived, according to Asst. Dean Judith O'Sullivan. The Cafeteria is to receive a complete redesign within the next year or two, and the Administration will be looking to students for ideas in the coming months on what it should look like once it's done.

"They're trying to determine the level of service we need," Vairo said. "We're also trying to determine the extent to which Marriott will be involved."

The choices range from limited service with just vending machines and a salad bar in a lounge setting to a full-service, Lowenstein-style cafeteria. Rumors about beer being served are untrue.
The Ministry of the Hammer
Community Service Project Joins Habitat for Humanity in Newark Building Spree

by Roslyn Myers and Andy Richards

Habitat for Humanity International, founded in 1976, is devoted to the elimination of poverty housing by making decent shelter for everyone "a matter of conscience and action." With the support of corporations, churches, synagogues and individuals who donate their labor in addition to dollars, Habitat has provided housing to thousands of working families worldwide, which inspired one volunteer to dub Habitat for Humanity the "Ministry of the Hammer." Since its inception, the organization has expanded to 650 affiliated projects in the United States and 100 other projects in 33 other countries.

An Equal Partnership
Habitat accepts volunteers in all shapes and sizes - from architects and assessors to lawyers and juvenile offenders - to help construct homes. As many as 400 volunteers may work on one house from start to completion, side by side with the prospective homeowner. This is the future homeowner's "sweat equity" that Habitat requires before the family can purchase the house. During the year it takes to build a 1200 square foot home, the families also work one another's houses, creating a sense of partnership that Habitat believes is essential to the new community.

Habitat is unique in that it is not a giveaway program. Habitat houses are sold at cost to families on the basis of need, creditworthiness, and their willingness to participate in the construction of the house. Families are given a no-interest mortgage and precautions are taken to insure that they do not resell the house for a quick profit. Homes in the United States are built at a cost of approximately $35,000. One of Habitat's most avid supporters, former president Jimmy Carter, helped complete a building on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

Professor Schmudde works side-by-side with the future owner of this house in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Shelter as Matter of Conscience
Fordham Law School is dedicated to the Habitat program. Since 1990, 45 students, faculty, and administrators have participated in eight projects in six states. Students perform actual construction work under the supervision of skilled tradespeople. The Community Service Project is proud to host the first Habitat excursion of the year. On Saturday, October 15, 1994, there will be a one day build-a-thon in Newark, NJ, for members of Fordham Law School. The availability is limited and requires a firm commitment. Interested students and faculty should contact Andy Richards in the CSP office, Room 17, 636 6970. First come, first served! And don't forget to bring your hammer!

Upcoming CSP Projects

October 15 — Habitat for Humanity
One day trip to Newark. Spaces are limited! Call Andy Richards (636 6970) or drop by the CSP office in Room 17 to sign up.

October 31 — Volunteer Fair at Fordham University School of Law
Sign up in the Atrium on the day of the fair from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and meet with volunteer service organizations. Volunteers who wish to help coordinate the fair should call Vanessa Meléndez at the CSP office (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.
Gaining Control of Your Job Search

By Assistant Dean Kathleen Brady

Rumors of a depressed legal market are running rampant and causing a great deal of anxiety for students. While it is true that employers are being far more conservative in their hiring practices than they were in the 1980s, they are still hiring. Today's law student needs to turn his/her analytical and legal research skills on the job search process in order to ensure success.

In order to take control of this process, begin with self assessment. Take a long, hard, honest look at who you are and what you might enjoy doing. Forget for a moment about what you think you "should" do or who you think would hire you. List three to five of your most satisfying accomplishments or achievements. Draw from various times in your life; your youth, your educational/work/leisure experiences. Focus on the steps you took and the skills you utilized to achieve each of those successes. Analyzing what you have done before will help you to set a direction for the future.

Chances are there will be a common thread among your accomplishments that will provide you with insight about what you are good at and what you enjoy doing. We tend to use our favorite skills over and over, thus becoming more proficient in the use of them. By analyzing past accomplishments in any setting, "success patterns" are easily identified.

Identifying your skills is only the first step in self assessment. It is also important to assess your lifestyle preferences. Think about how and where you want to live; think about how your profession fits in with the rest of your life; think about what you want your work environment to look like.

Once you have identified your interests, abilities and lifestyle preferences, you should shift your attention to the job market. Acquire as much information as possible about what lawyers really do.

Throughout law school, get legal work experience in several different settings. Analyze each experience, paying special attention to the things you enjoy and the things you hate; the projects that motivate you and the ones you try to hid under your desk. Join organizations to explore issues of interest to you. Attend career dinners and alumni events. Read the trade papers; note which articles are of particular interest to you. Talk with practitioners and professors; ask them what they like/dislike about their work. The more information you have about the legal profession, the better able you will be to find the perfect match.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

If you have gone through these steps and you have been unsuccessful to date in securing employment the first thing you should do is have your resume and cover letters reviewed to make sure you are marketing your strengths effectively.

Your next objective should be to find creative methods to get yourself in front of the individuals who have the power to hire you. You need to let as many people as possible know that you are in a job search. Create a contact list including everyone who may be able to help you. Think about classmates, alumni, faculty members, friends, family, associates from former jobs, civic and church groups. Contact speakers you have heard as well as people you may have read about in newspapers. Do not limit your list to lawyers. Talk to everyone! Ask for advice, information and feedback.

Remember, you must be able to talk about your skills and assets at a moment's notice. You need to be able to say more than "I am looking for a job ... got any ideas?" If you need help formulating your ideas, make an appointment with Kathleen, Hillary or Christina.

Do not limit yourself. Consider all your options. For example:

- Consider different practice areas. Areas such as personal injury, environmental and family law are doing well despite the recession. Talk to faculty members to learn more about specific areas.

- Research assistant positions. Other geographic regions. Tip into our alumni networks to learn about opportunities in cities across the country. You can use the NALP Apartment Exchange to sublet your apartment in NYC as well as use it as a resource to rent an apartment in a different locale for the summer.

- Consider small firms. Use Martindale-Hubble as well as local area phone books and the alumni directory to uncover contacts. Typically, these firms do not recruit on campus because students are not interested in them NOT because they are not interested in students. Send a resume and cover letter. Take control of the process by following up with a phone call. Remember, small employers do not have recruiting departments. It is up to you to follow through.

Call 1-800-635-6569 today to set your appointment for job search counseling with Kathleen, Hillary or Christina.

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Work on earning a free Bar Review course.

COME JOIN THE PIEPER TEAM!!!
From the Editors

Inconvenience. For those who are first-years, there might be nothing missing by our Inquiring Photographer interviewees in our last issue (September 28, 1994). First-rate services they expected upon arrival some weeks ago has never been frustrated and concern about these and other issues. We're not sure first-years, especially those of us who had to sacrifice services normally offered for granted by the administration, no matter the legitimacy of the reason for the inconvenience. For those who are first years, there might be nothing missing since there were no expectations. Conversely, many first years might feel that the first-rate services they expected upon arrival some weeks ago has never been provided to them.

And what of the new and somewhat confusing mailbox system? Why are there not enough mailboxes for every student? And why are the boxes containing hanging mail folders so oversized that the folders don't hang at all but sink to the bottom of the box, only to be retrieved with great difficulty? We at The Advocate applaud all those in the administration who have done an admirable job on much of the renovation. However, like the 7 or 7.5 out of 10 rating offered by our Inquiring Photographer interviewees in our last issue (September 28, 1994) there is room for improvement.

In that vein, if there is anything that you as students, faculty or administration see as needing improvement or even if you would like to make a general commentary on the "State of Fordham," please don't hesitate to contact an Advocate Editor and let us know. Many of you know who we are, and even if you don't just drop by the office with a note or a few words. We look forward to hearing your feedback on this commentary.

Criticism can be viewed in a number of ways. It can be viewed as vile, insensitive and despicable propaganda; or it can be simply viewed as feedback. Feedback can be defined as a verbal response to action or lack of action. The editors of The Advocate would like to open up a dialogue between the students, the faculty and the administration - all parties, in effect, concerned with the betterment of this great institution. We certainly intend to be as impartial as possible, but don't be surprised if we toss in our "two cents" now and then. You see, we don't share a common bond here. That bond creates in us a desire to see Fordham Law School flourish. Feedback about any aspect of Fordham, we trust, will be seen only as special criticism because we intend to offer it as such.

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Talent Show is Coming!

Calling all musicians, comedians and performers extraordinaire. If you are interested in performing in Fordham Law School's Talent Show 1994, please sign up on the sheets soon to be located outside the Advocate, Student Bar Association (SBA), and the Intellectual Property Law Journal (IPLJ) offices. Curt Schmeltzer, one of the editors of IPLJ, and band member, is our Program Coordinator in charge of setting up the program. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call him at 212-586-8599. This Talent Show will be open to all those connected with Fordham Law School. That includes faculty, administrators, employees and students.

The Talent Show will be held in November, date to be determined. There will be refreshments, maybe even some beer. So let's have some fun! See you there.

Fiction is Stranger than Truth

Attention all writers of fiction and short stories. The Advocate is requesting that you submit your piece(s) for publication. No matter that you wrote it ten or more years ago when you were brown eyed and bushy tailed. Never mind that you are holding on to it in anticipation of your first book deal. [We're future lawyers here at the Advocate, after all, and we have ways of protecting you even if you have no copyright!] In short, what you have does matter and value, and the Fordham Law Community will no doubt enjoy seeing it. Look forward to seeing your submissions because, law students can be literary too!

CORRECTION...

In the Inquiring Photographer feature in our September 28 issue, there was a typographical error in the response of Morris Little, second-year student. It should have read, "What they've done to date looks good, but when you put it together with the classrooms, it doesn't blend. I would rate it a 7.5."

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NEXT DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE ADVOCATE is WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Submissions may be left in our folder in the Student Activities area on the Garden Level. Remember, submit a disk in MS Word or WordPerfect format!
Was It a Good Idea

This time around, David Bowen, The Advocate's Inquiring Photographer, sampled student opinion on recent events in Haiti. The answers, from a random sampling of Fordham students, appear below.

Photographs by David Bowen

"The Haitian policy is a political strategy to stop the bleeding but not to heal the wound. American foreign policy is self-serving and not humanitarian, i.e. Russia and South Africa."

Kirk Palma
1st Year Day

"I think we should have invaded well before than we did. Our country has serious interests in seeing democracy in Haiti, however it's entirely counterproductive to occupy the country and to leave the Haitian police in charge. This view does not reflect an official view of the Fordham International Law Journal."

Tony Piccirillo
3rd Year Day
To "Invade" Haiti?

"I agree with Clinton's policy and I think we have to remain aggressive to promote a stable democracy in Haiti."

Andy Pizor
3rd Year Day

"Clinton's on-again, off-again dealings with the Haitian regime showed a real lack of coherence in American foreign policy. When he eventually acted, Clinton was just rolling with the punches of public opinion."

Allan Galper
2nd Year Day
HELP WANTED!!!
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

ONE DAY WORK-A-THON
Saturday, October 15th

The Community Service Project is sponsoring a Habitat For Humanity work project to renovate a home in Newark, NJ. We will be leaving from the Law School at 7:00 AM. Free transportation will provided to the site. Space is limited to 10 people on a first-come basis. If you’d like to help out, please stop by the CSP Office in Room 17 to sign up.

For more info, contact Andrew Richards:
CSP Office: 636-6970  Home: 212-749-3331
The Racial Gerrymander: See How Far We've Come

By John Mastandrea

Ask if the U.S. Constitution allows the government to treat people differently by mere virtue of the color of their skin and the initial response of most will be no.

But A. Leon Higginbotham Jr., displaying a definiteness not uncommon among federal judges, recently portrayed for us a very different understanding. With words that were heavy on emotion but light on substance, Higginbotham sharply denounced the Supreme Court's 1993 ruling in Shaw v. Reno, which found that voting districts violate the Voting Rights Act.

Here Higginbotham was his most dissonant, his most inconsistent with the Constitution as a whole, and his most deplorable. But it is also a straightforward constitutional analysis, and it is probably irrelevant. That is unacceptable. That is unacceptable in this country. Higginbotham now serves as a Republican Congressman from Connecticut who was so welcome in the Caucus that last year the Caucus had asked him and leading him to the backward notion that the law must always treat people the same. The Caucus was made up of the same race to think as one.

Higginbotham presumably doesn't think blacks exist as individuals, as evidenced by his bilious reactions by the writings and philosophies of Justice Clarence Thomas, an ostensibly black man who has steadfastly refused to work the political plantation for which Higginbotham now serves as special counsel.

Here Higginbotham was his most outrageous. For Thomas' sin of thinking independently, Higginbotham publicly speculated as to possible emotional disorders that must beset the poor Supreme Court Justice, dizzying him and leading him to the backward notion that the law must always treat whites and blacks equally.

Higginbotham is a forceful advocate of the view that the Constitution allows the government to treat people differently by mere virtue of the color of their skin and the initial response of most will be no.

The irony is not unlike the fact that Higginbotham himself seemed to say that the racial gerrymander was okay because the political entity known as the Congressional Black Caucus remained equal. Separate, but equal.

But A. Leon Higginbotham Jr., disapproving the mixing of races, in a recent speech. His words can take you to the edge of reason, making you almost want to give him his own voting district — just for being such a powerful public speaker. But upon leaving the auditorium, I still wasn't sure why having to use separate voting booths was any different from having to use separate drinking fountains. Nor was I convinced by the message he clearly sent: that if you're black and you refuse to be a stooge of the left wing, you'll be disowned by the very people who claim to represent you. All this for the sake of pluralism.

Oh, how far we've come.

Hearsay

Busy, Busy, Busy!

October Full of Fordham Activities...

On tap: Wednesday, October 12, 1994 from 6-8 PM, the Domestic Abuse Awareness Project will sponsor a reception in the Atrium and viewing of Living with the Enemy: A Visual Journey into Domestic Violence, by Donna Ferrato. Remarks will be offered by First Lady of New York Matilda Cuomo and actress Linda Lavin, among others. From the 13th to the 31st, an Exhibition of the same title will be offered in the Kissam Memorial Library ...

The Fordham Law Republicans host U.S. Senate candidate and auctioneer par excellence Bernadette Castro for a Town Meeting this Thursday at 5:30 pm in McNally Amphitheater ... Fordham Law has received a $75,000 grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation of Los Angeles to expand the curriculum on ethics and professional responsibility ... Out on the Plaza, you may have noticed a changing of the sculptures, including that large crowd over by Columbus Avenue. We're not sure, but we think it has something to do with the upcoming "Dark Elegy" exhibit by Suse Lownestein, for which there'll be an opening reception on Saturday at 3 pm. It depicts the families of the victims of Pan Am Flight 103. The opening will feature a performance by the Lori-Bellville Ballet Company, and a Connie Chung "Eye to Eye" video ... LALSA will be busy the next couple of weeks, offering a General Meeting and Outline Workshop on Thursday, October 13, and a Panel Discussion on "the Cuban Crisis" on a tentative date and time of Tuesday, October 18 ...

"United Nations Day" Reception - co-hosted by Prof. Joseph Sweeney and the International Law Journal on Monday October 24, time TBA ... The Corporate Law Institute sponsors a Conference on International Antitrust Law on October 27-28 ... It's the opera for ILASA and other interested parties. Friday, October 28, the group is sponsoring a trip across the street to see "La Boheme" at the Met. Contact Pat Mercurio, Alex Militano, or Gina Bernardi for more info ... And if you didn't see it on Page 5, Curt Schmidt is the talent coordinator for the upcoming Talent Show. If you're talented, or if you just want to have fun, call him at the Intellectual Property Law Journal, 636-6948, and show your interest.

Looking ahead to November, there will be a reception for the new Assistant Dean of Students, Nitza Escalera (place and time TBA), and Whitewater Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr will give the annual Sonnett Lecture on November 3, at 6 pm in McNally.
Viewpoint

JUVENILE JUSTICE?

By Jeffrey Jackson

Crime continues to transform the landscape of American society. Newspapers and TV news programs constantly remind us of this reality. While it is not a new problem, it has certainly captured the attention of most Americans. Regardless of where you live, crime in some way affects your life.

When a news program reports a violent crime, initially we shrug our shoulders and say “Oh, that’s a shame.” Gory details or especially shocking circumstances may provoke a further reaction. The reaction changes, however, if the crime is in our neighborhood or claims someone we know as a victim. There is a natural feeling of sympathy for the victim and the victim’s family. This sympathy quickly turns to anger towards the criminal. There is a demand for justice, a demand that the offender get what he deserves. Strangely enough, however, when a juvenile is the perpetrator, some people call for leniency. Some would say, “He’s just a kid...we can’t treat him like an adult,” although the crime may have been a very “adult” crime.

There is a long list of violent and egregious crimes committed by juvenile offenders. The days are long gone when children only scribbled graffiti on buildings and threw rocks at passing cars. Recently, in upstate New York, a juvenile was convicted of killing a 5-year-old by bludgeoning him with a large rock. Five New York teenagers were charged with raping a 43-year-old jogger at gunpoint. Apparently, detectives were able to make the arrests after some of the youths bragged about the incident. A more recent example was the 11-year-old Chicago boy who was shot by another juvenile. The 11-year-old was himself a murder suspect. This outburst of violent crime is not limited to any one racial group or geographical area. It would be inaccurate to say that young people as a whole are becoming more violent (those young people who commit violent crime are in the minority). Nonetheless, violent juvenile offenders are becoming an increasing problem.

This problem has prompted calls for tougher treatment of young criminals. But just how tough? The governor of California has signed a bill that allows a 14-year-old boy to be tried as an adult, and allows the state to transfer a ward of the California Youth Authority to state prison after the offender turns 25. Formerly, the California Youth Authority criminal would release the offender at the age of twenty-five. This bill realizes that violent crime deserves true justice, whether the offender is 14 or 34. Children must learn that violent crime has serious consequences. Stiffer sentencing may bring about this realization.

Some argue that such measures do not attack the root of the problem. Increased spending on education and recreation programs, as the argument goes, would alleviate the problem. Also, we must deal with the forces that drive our children to commit such crimes. Teach these children right from wrong and they will make the proper decisions. In short, don’t give up on our youth.

I don’t believe in abandoning young people. Programs such as the Police Athletic League provide alternatives to violent behavior and teach certain values. However, I don’t believe that all children who commit violent crimes do so because they are completely devoid of values and morals. Children know that killing is killing, no matter where they live. In our quest to seek deterrence, we often forget that retribution is a valid goal of the criminal justice system. It is a goal that victims and families of victim’s often cry out for. The goal of retribution must be set apart from the goals of deterrence or rehabilitation.

I realize that there are serious inequities in the administration of justice. For example, there are racial inequities in the use of the death penalty. The race of the defendant, as well as the race of the victim are usually key factors. However, these inequities can be dealt with in a meaningful way without softening the punishment goal of the justice system. Deterrence, rehabilitation and reintegration are viable and necessary goals. Nonetheless, the sad fact remains that crime is not likely to disappear, no matter how much money is spent on education, programs, etc. Meanwhile, as violent crime continues to occur, let’s deal with it appropriately.

An approach to juvenile crime should not blindly treat all juvenile offenders the same. Different crimes call for different measures. For example, the child who scribbles graffiti should not be treated the same as a drive-by shooter. Making the offender clean up his graffiti would be appropriate. The child may learn the error of his ways and perhaps he will not do it again. Graffiti is certainly an eyesore for the community, yet it is far less harmful than a drive-by shooting and should be treated differently. However, violent juvenile offenders must be dealt with swiftly and surely.

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To the Ladies
by Kathe Denise Lang-Thorsby

To the ladies who wore red lipstick
in their day and still express
themselves with red nails
flashing in slight, feathery
gestures.

Who wore their hair piled high
and complicated and still wear
it that way for someone long ago
who savored unravelling the
puzzle
by
pin
by
pin.

Who now step slow, but still with
a curve and a dip that once
made dandies, lightly scented
with barber’s tonic, draw deeper
their cigarillos at the vision.

with barber’s tonic, draw deeper

who savored unravelling the
puzzle.

and not just because of the

“merchandising”? I’ll go easy.
Rick Moranis, Ed O’Neill (Al
Bundy to you), John Madden, a
Pop Warner team, an eleven-
year-old girl in shoulder pads
and helmet. If you haven’t seen
“Bad News Bears,” “The Mighty
Ducks,” or that movie with
Sinbad as a football player, this
might seem like a novel premise.

On the plus side, you know ex-
actly what you’re in for with
this, and you can bring the
kiddies.

The River Wild — Sure, Meryl
Streep’s a wonderful ac-
tress, but this looks like a spe-
cial-effects extravaganza with a
“Deliverance” twist. Murder and
white-water rafting—an unbeat-
able combination, I suppose.

Timecop — It’s probably a
good action flick, but this time-
travel thing gives me the creeps,
and not just because of the “Back
to the Future” thing with Michael
J. Fox’s mother. And besides, it
sounds too tricky for a movie to
explain. Really, if one were to go
back in time to get rich by buy-
ing the right stock, what would
they buy it with? Would they
put it on their Visa cards? Actu-
ally, that would be a great deal—
buy stock in 1935, no payments
until after you’re born ... Aaah,
there’s gotta be a catch.

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Side Wise
Instant Film Reviews:
100% Guaranteed
Sight Unseen

By Robert Cinque

I used to review movies until
a few years ago, when I realized
I was wasting my time. I saw the
subway posters for “Harley
Davidson and the Marlboro
Man,” and immediately said to
myself, “This will be an awful
movie.” I never did see it, but to
this day, no one has told me
otherwise.

In that spirit, I present the
following insights into recently
released films, none of which I
felt the need to actually see:
The Scout — I think Albert
Brooks is hilarious — loved him
in “Defending Your Life,” and I

thought he was the only bright
spot in the overwrought “Broad-
cast News.” I saw him on
Letterman promoting the film
the night before it opened, and
his bit about the poor sick kid in
the hospital who would die if
his movie didn’t open big had
me in stitches. If this movie has
any of that Albert Brooks in it,
it’s a winner.

The Shawshank Redemp-
tion — This one’s getting four
stars all over the place, and I
can’t figure it out for the life of
me. I’m ambivalent about
Stephen King stories to begin
with, and this is one of his throw-
aways. But what troubles me is
this: from what I can see, it starts
with the bad guy getting life
timewa! Yeah, I’m sure there’s
some really uplifting stuff that
goes on when the guy gets to
prison, but unless there’s a pa-
role involved, I’m not interested.
It might be a good movie, but I
don’t have the patience to find
out.

Pulp Fiction — I’m stumped.
Another four-star job, and it has
(get this) John Travolta in it.
Naturally, this gets me to won-
dering if the film is really that
good, or if this is a sign that the
critics are so starved for good
movies that they’ve gone soft in
the head. I’ll admit I’m skeptical
these days, ever since I saw “Pas-
sion” on Broadway. Everyone
raved about it, it won all those
awards, and I couldn’t stand it.
Not one song you left the theater
humming, no nudity after the
first five minutes, a leading man
as sharp as a wall ... But I
digress. “Pulp Fiction” is proba-
bley worth a look, but don’t get
your hopes up.

Little Giants — The Maras
are friends of Fordham, and on
the off chance they might be as-
associated with this film in some
way (did I hear someone say
why bother actually seeing a
movie when you know how
it’s going to turn out?

Selections
by Catherine Manion

The Measure of the
Strong

He has come to the mountain.
Quietly he stands
In its monolithic shadow
Many moments pass
Unnoticed.
He gazes upwards
Into that granite face,
Its deep crevices, shadows
Cast by the setting sun.
Its cliffs just definitly
Far beyond his field of vision.
He sighs, for he is tired,
Has travelled a great distance,
And dearly whishes he could
rest.
But - he must climb
For surely
Its awesome size.
And immense height.
Unyielding mass and
Timeless beauty are
Best appreciated from its peak
in the warmth of tomorrow’s
rising sun.
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