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Profs to Students: "PROFESSORS"

Kill reading week after amending minutes

By Tim McGinn

Archie Williams takes Wormser moot; Nat'l team stopped despite high score

The Student Newspaper of
Fordham University School of Law

--- Ed Wallace

Ig noring overwhelming student opposition, the faculty overwhelmingly voted last Wednesday to shorten reading week and begin classes after the first of September. After witnessing minutes of an earlier meeting indicating that student acceptance was necessary for the change were amended to reflect the faculty's recollection that student acceptance was not required, according to Dean McLaughlin.

The minutes including the results of the vote are confidential and there is a dispute as to the actual majority which approved the vote. Without checking the record, McLaughlin said he remembered the vote was "approximately unanimous but for two votes."

Dean Hanlon said there was a clear majority but said that the minority vote was substantial.

The ADVOCATE has learned from sources present at the meeting that at least three faculty members claim to have voted against the change. One source estimated that the vote was a vote of five to two, or exactly one for each of the two faculty members present. Other professors who refused to be identified agreed with the McLaughlin estimate of "unanimous but two."

Under the plan exams will begin four days after the end of class for day students and five days after classes for evening students counting Saturday and Sunday. The change therefore has reduced pre-exam study time in three years from roughly four weeks to four days.

One professor who admitted off the record that he favored the change noted that he had never had a reading week when he attended Fordham Law School. He did remember using his Christmas vacation for study. The present calendar eliminates the Christmas holiday from the calendar. Student reaction was strong.

One SBA member commented, "It's disgusting, it's just disgusting."

Prof SBA president Stu McGregor expressed what seemed to be the student reaction, "It's unbelievable."

The SBA had passed a resolution, which was read at the faculty meeting stating opposition to the proposed calendar and favoring the present system. The proposal has come to be called the "Martin Proposal" after Professor Michael Martin who first presented the plan on the basis of the "counterproductivity of reading weeks."

Many third year students in Martin's Course in Conflict of Laws feel the proposal stems from his dissatisfaction with student participation in that course. Martin has claimed that reading weeks encourage lack of daily preparation.

Along with Martin, Professor

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EDITORIAL

Before coming to law school many students wonder what will become of their minds, particularly their ability to distinguish honesty from dishonesty. The fear is not that blatanly lies won't be obvious, but that the subtlest and most insidious form of dishonesty, self delusion, will prejudice their actions.

Faculty members who voted to overlook student opinion have deluded themselves. They have forgotten that they "cramped" the things they found too difficult to understand, too much remember, or which they simply didn't do on time. They actually believe that less study time will result in better productivity of reading

unanimous but for two."

McLaughlin said he remembered who against the Martin proposal would violate the confidentiality of faculty meetings. Why are those meetings secret? Do faculty members say things they should not? Is how a professor votes something to

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Best brief

2nd in orals.

Despite having defeated its two opponents in oral argument, Fordham's National Moot Court team suffered defeat at the regional competition held at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and has been eliminated from further competition.

Representing Fordham in the complex antitrust action was Bill Brennan, Scott Weis and Todd Klipp—all of 3A. Prof. Barry Hawk served as mentor to the team.

The defeat came as a surprise to many who had witnessed the arguments. Fordham was victorious in oral argument in both rounds defeating St. John's and Stoltz 3B, Leila Boukamel 3A, and Steve Markatstein 3B, for the defense.

FLS on trial at Columbia

Walt Pellerini

Fordham and Columbia Law Students will be involved in two Criminal Jury trials as part of Criminal Advocacy courses. Fordham will sponsor the first trial at 10:00 AM. November 21, in the Moot Court Room. Columbia hosts the second at 10:00 AM Saturday, November 22.

Professor Henry Putzel teaches Criminal Advocacy and set up the competition against Columbia with his counterpart Professor Maurice Nessen. Putzel met Nessen years earlier while Nessen was defending Clifford Irving and Putzel was a prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's office.

The fact pattern, based on US v. Barion, given to the competing teams in early November, concerned stolen securities and accomplice witness testimony with the

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The arguments dealt with the constitutionality of state statutes requiring placement of dependent children with child care agencies of the same religious persuasion, as well as whether a three judge district court should have been convened in the case. The plaintiffs were three children who had been denied placement in the defendant agencies because of a different religious affiliation.

Williams, who argued the procedural issue for the plaintiffs-respondents, began the evening loudly and a bit woodenly, but quickly gained his poise, answering the incisive questioning directly and unembarrassingly. His selection as

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McAuley At The Bar

We literally bumped into our old friend McAuley, at the corner of Broad and Wall St. His eyes were glazed and vacuous, that certain look of defeat usually seen in the eyes of older men whose dreams have already gone and died unrealized. He attempted to speak but mumbled as his eyes crossed in the frustration of sober reflection. He was driven to the nearest tavern, where he soon regained his composure, McAuley had merely been suffering from an acute case of post-interview let-down.

"About a month ago," he began, "I sent out 100 resumes. A little more than a week ago the rejections began to pour in. Most were polite, and I consoled myself with the thought that some had actually been signed by the hiring partner's secretary. Finally I heard from Frick & Frack. They apologized for not visiting our beautiful campus (with the classic elegance of the Lowenstein Plaza), and their rolling green tills, however they invited me to interview at the firm. I immediately framed the letter.

"Unfortunately, Frick & Frack had made one of the all-time great blunders in interviewing history. It seems that some secretary had fed the wrong information to the firms computerized review system. Instead of mailing 326 rejections, the firm piled up 326 job-hungry students to interview the same partner, in the same room, at the same time. He was too busy to speak but the same partner, in the same outfit, incoherent. We helped him to the reception area was packed..." They dragged the stage. As I headed for the interview I noticed that the receptionist was clearly in a rush: "Well you know we need to be careful to the receptionist, who kindly asked "Do you have a publication?" The receptionist was clearly in a rush: "Well you know we need to be careful to the receptionist, who kindly asked "Do you have a publication?"

"I do not know if you are the person I was supposed to see your publications!" The person was stunned. "About why we tried to throw 'our newly published articles before the devils feet of Mr. Starch; others tried to knock them down and rip them apart. Blind to the mob of rejection, the firm invited 326 paper-bound articles before the interview. "When I arrived at the firm the receptionist welcomed me with hundreds of 'mad-dogs' waving their invitations and screaming for blood. The receptionist was clearly in danger of losing her life. (A few guys from Temple said she was stringing her up with her Telex wire.)

"Finally, a rather stiff and rather unprofessional looking old "pin-stripe" appeared and was talking with the flair of a nostril, attempting to quell the crowd. The boys from Harvard sighed with relief when he appeared. To my surprise John and Starch were merely intimidated, while the few from New York Law didn't even notice. (They were too busy touching the walls, mumbling.) I was being buried alive in the law reviews in the firm library. Somehow it didn't seem to matter. We were being buried alive in the law reviews in the firm library. Somehow it didn't seem to matter. We were being buried alive in the law reviews in the firm library. Somehow it didn't seem to matter. We were being buried alive in the law reviews in the firm library. Somehow it didn't seem to matter."

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"The Pin-Striped Wonder allowed the noise to rise, persist, and we asked "Could we see your publications!" The crowd was stunned. About 75% of us couldn't find their newly published articles before the devils feet of Mr. Starch; others tried to knock them down and rip them apart. Blind to the mob of rejection, the firm invited 326 paper-bound articles before the interview. "When I arrived at the firm the receptionist welcomed me with hundreds of 'mad-dogs' waving their invitations and screaming for blood. The receptionist was clearly in danger of losing her life. (A few guys from Temple said she was stringing her up with her Telex wire.)

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"The Pin-Striped Wonder..."
**WORMSER**

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First prize winner seemed to please most of those present in the audience.

Henry, arguing on the merits for the defendant, appalled, withstood a withering attack by all three jurists upon his defense of that discrimination by the agencies. Indeed he seemed to have the best courtroom presence of the three.

The remaining "competitors", Peter Shoton and Gary Stump, were less convincing in their arguments, but according to Judge Edmonds, they were nonetheless "superb".

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**NATL MOOT**

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and N.Y.C. The crucial factor in the defeat appears to have been the overstatement of the brief. The overall margin of the winning brief's elimination was one-tenth of one point. Despite this defeat, Benson, the floor expert, was given the award for second best brief in the Class.

Under the rules, teams which finished completely undefeated are automatically awarded first place. The other slots were filled by taking the aggregate point spread from winning teams and subtracting for brief and oral argument separately on each round. When the adjustments are made, the ranking of teams is determined. Then, if the style employed by the Fordham team in its brief was one directed toward an actual litigation, it is opposed to the more "academic" style employed by others. He felt that this was a factor in Fordham's victory, last spring in the Sutherland Competition at Catholic University (where briefs are judged by clerks to the U.S. Supreme Court justices) but supposed that it was less preferred in the regions.

Expressing the sentiment of the team, Kipp added, "While we were disappointed in the result, we were not disappointed with ourselves".

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**Met plummets to record low**

**Butchered Barber**

Gerald T. McLaughlin

"Make room for the factotum of the city" sings Figaro in the Barber of Seville. Well, after attending the Metropolitan Opera's rendition of Rossini's masterful comedy, I would suggest just that-give it a chance. In fact you might stay away from it completely. It was one of the least entertaining performances in a year already somewhat marred by mediocrity. In the role of the Barber of Seville was the Greek born baritone, Kostas Paskalis. While he has a big voice which easily fills the house, the voice lacks color and excitement.

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**STUDENT GROUPS ALWAYS WELCOME**
The Professor and Course evaluation for last spring were released by the SBA last Thursday. The grades are generally high.

The highest grades were in the popular courses and the students did very well, and Legal Writing, often considered more work than its weight in terms of course credit, received the lowest grades.

Professor Crowley as a member of New York's Public Employment where he attended courses this is an instance where the class was small and the interest was high.

In the final tabulation a mark of 100 means "a high degree" and response to the question; a mark of 90 means "a substantial minority might assistance?"

The course was put to the students as follows:

1) To what extent does the professor maintain and engender student interest and a thoughtful understanding of the subject?

2) To what extent is the professor's presentation of the material clear and well organized?

3) To what extent does the professor participate in class discussions?

4) To what extent is the professor approachable outside of class for advice and assistance?

5) To what extent is the professor helpful to students outside of class for advice and assistance?

NY-WQ-New York-women's basketball team of the People's Republic of China will come to New York's Madison Square Garden to play one of America's best women's teams, Queens College, Monday, November 24 at 8:30 P.M.

Tickets for the People's Republic of China/Queens College basketball game are on sale now for $7.50, $10.00 and $5.00 at the Garden box office and at Ticketron outlets throughout the metropolitan area.

THE 1976 CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION

The Law Student Division of the American Bar Association will again sponsor the Client Counseling Competition. Contract Litigation and Its Alternatives will be the subject of the competition situations this year. The competition is open to Map I teams, except that the skill tested is counseling rather than as an argument. The Competition tries to simulate a real law firm consultation as close as possible. A typical client problem is selected and a panel of experts is appointed to guide the client's brief and her part. Prior to the day of the actual Competition, the students, who work in pairs, receive a very brief memo concerning the problem and its relevance to what a secretary might be told when a client calls to make an appointment. The students are asked to prepare a preliminary memorandum based on the problem as it is then understood.

"It would be worthwhile to tag the children here by ear" — Robert Poit,

"We will bring you to the sky" — Phyllis Mitchell

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