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Dillon Awarded Keefe Prize

Presidential Summit
Finlay and Sullivan discuss rape of FLS

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The award is presented annually to that faculty member, alumnus or student who has made the single most significant contribution to bettering Fordham Law School. Last year's recipient was John D. Feenick, an alumnus, for his outstanding efforts in improving alumni involvement in law school activities. The recipient is chosen by the officers of the Student Bar Association.

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Keele Winner Ronnie Dillon

The team, composed of Louis J. Bevilacqua, Andrew Janszky, Marlene Nadel, Michael J. Nardotti, Jr., and John Mulry swept the competition, winning final place as best team, best brief and with best individual speaker—John Mulry. Prof. Barry E. Hawk served as advisor to the team.

At the regionals, Fordham competed against teams from Cornell, Buffalo, St. John's, and Brooklyn law schools, defeating each of its rivals. Also participating were teams from Albany, Syracuse and Columbia. The competition involved restrictions on foreign investments and expropriations. The competition was judged by panels composed of prominent attorneys, law professors, and UN legal officers.

The team next will go to Washington, D.C. for the semifinal and final round. In Washington, Mulry, Nardotti and Janszky will represent Fordham against teams from other parts of the country in order to determine the U.S. champ. This team will represent the U.S. against a foreign school in the final round.

Mulry, speaking for the other members of the team, expressed his appreciation for the valuable assistance of many faculty members who aided the team in its practice arguments in preparation for the nationals.

Jussup Team Takes Int'l Moot
Mulry Named Best Speaker; Finals in Washington, D.C.

Who's Who in Bar Review?

—Tim McGinn

In this final article on Bar Review courses, THE ADVOCATE looks at New York Bar Review/BRI operates Bar Review courses in many states. Those taking its New York course can also attend a three-day cram course for the Multi-State Exam. BRI, like Marino, claims its course is based on past exam questions. It but reviews all subjects, appearing on the exam, highlighting those areas which the faculty considers likely to appear again this year: Contracts, which run from three to four hours, are substantive, but make use of potential questions to illustrate points under discussion. But BRI claims no ability to accurately predict the exam.

Students are given the opportunity to take simulated Bar Exams during 4 Saturday sessions. Their answers are graded and critiqued, and some amount of class time is devoted to discussing the questions.

One of the advantages of this course is the review books, which are excellent. (In fact, they last several weeks of Professor Wallach's New York Practice course have followed BRI's textbook almost line for line.) Basically, the course seems to seek a middle ground between Marino and PLI. It integrates the substantive approach of PLI with the commercial and multiple choice aspects of BRI.}

No Free Xerox
Lib Staff May Load Copiers

Markenstein refuses comment

by Mike Barna

Despite the recent rumors, the library will not demand free access to the new Xerox copiers there as a condition for their installation in the library quarters. After meeting with SBA officials, Librarian Dr. Ludwig Teclaff said last week that free copies were "never made a condition during negotiations."

The rumors apparently grew out of preliminary discussions concerning the SBA's takeover of Library xerography services. At that time, Teclaff indicated that the library had been receiving free copies by arrangement with the private firm, but raised the question of where the library would obtain copies in the future.

According to SBA president Brian Sullivan, he had understood from the SBA representative in these discussions that free library access to the machines was a condition to their installation, though how firm a condition was never made clear.

According to Teclaff, however, University Purchasing Agent Jan Matterns suggested that the library use the new, larger copies which Dean Harlon's office expects to have fixed within three weeks. Teclaff appeared to feel comfortable with the possibility of free copies as an interim solution until the library's new copier arrived.

"That's really in question was three weeks," Teclaff said.

Until last week, all arrangements had been made by the SBA and the library was handled by former SBA treasurer Steve Markeinstein.

Reverend James C. Finlay, S.J., President of Fordham University, met with the President of the Student Bar Association on March 25. The discussion focused on the tuition increase and the need for improved Placement operations at the law school. Finlay's conclusion was that there is no connection between the two subjects and that the law school cannot look to the University for increased services. Finlay appeared quite eager to expand upon what he sees as the fiscal realities of running the University. SBA President Brian Sullivan requested that Finlay communicate directly with the law students on the need for the tuition increase. At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that Sullivan would convey Finlay's thoughts to the law students. Finlay feels that the problems of Placement are caused almost entirely by the events and not by the alleged inadequacies of the Placement Office. Additional staffing may be the result of the number of students that are placed by the office, but not enough of an increase to warrant the expense. The problem, he said, is aggravating because by the fact there are simply too many people going to law school.

He is aware of the widespread suspicion among students that the law school is being "raped" by the University, but says this is not the case. The University derived a profit of $156,000 last year from the law school and from the law school libraries this as a small price for the law school to pay for being part of the University. Such affiliation contributes to the law school's status, says Finlay. The University President feels that were the law school to divorce itself from the University, its rating would decline to one of the bottom law schools in New York law school.

The law school profits are not unique to Fordham or other law schools. Very few of these schools operate at a loss because the University policy opposes against maintaining law-leaders. Fordham College, which operates at a profit. The law school does not contribute the single largest profit to the University. Several schools net more, including the Lincoln Center Liberal Arts College. The Graduate School of Business is the greatest, and business is one of the main reasons any University office is covered with these funds. "My salary, for example, which I don't get," Finlay explained. "It is a Jesuit order."

Finlay is one of the few private universities in the area that is operating with a profit at all, although a narrow one. Universities such as Columbia and NYU are in even greater debt than they publicly admit. Finlay, Fordham has won its trouble in the market.

Fordham depends on tuition for more than 75% of its income. The law school, Fordham tries to keep its tuition as low as possible. To do so, it has to say "no" to many
University Proflteers

The fact the University derived a profit of $150,000 last year from the law school is not in itself cause for law students to feel victimized. Clearly the more costly schools must be funded and law students should be broad-minded enough to favor the advancement of knowledge even when learning must be subsidized. But when the law school itself cannot provide its students with first rate services, all profiteering must cease.

The Advocate deplores the high-handed and disreputable manner with which Father Finlay and the University administrators take law school money and then deny them adequate placement facilities and adequate courses in advocacy. The time is already long past for bringing Fordham Law School up to the level of Fordham law students.

Advocacy

The idea that a student can graduate from Fordham Law School without having been allowed to take advocacy is no less appalling than the idea that a medical student could graduate without having studied surgery. Here at FLS students must rush to sign up for courses and then, if you're not careful, will be squeezed on both sides. The type of overcrowding in the courses should make it difficult for the law school to receive accreditation. Some students are lucky to perform three times in fourteen weeks. That real clients in the future must bear the brunt of Fordham's irresponsibility shocks the conscience. Dean McLaughlin should take immediate steps to hire advocacy professors and to see that courses are scheduled for both day and evening students.

Placement

The Advocate is weary of discussing the inadequacies of Fordham’s placement facilities. The reluctance of the school to improve the situation typifies the law school’s general attitude toward its students, namely, “if you’re not on law review, you’re not worth knowing.” That attitude is disgusting, demeaning and hypocritical. Perhaps its ignorance is what makes it seem pitiable. FLS, smarten up.

The Buck Stops Here

Dean McLaughlin has been noticeably invisible to most students this year. Without detracting from his achievements in keeping Fordham on the map, we suggest that the Dean concentrate on day-to-day operations long enough to favor the advanceinent of Fordham's placement facilities. The reluctance of the University's resources, we suggest that the University must expend more on the law school. Yet, Fordham's response has been to merely maintain the existing services and not help the University to merely maintain the placement facilities. If this is correct, then it follows that the University must expend more on the law school. Yet, recognizing that there are no question that Placement is our most important and urgent priority, Fordham Law School contributes far more to the stature of this University than the University can possibly give back to the law school. Full use of the funds received from the Alumni means nothing unless we have guarantees that increased Alumni support will not allow the University to redefine the area that it gives the law school. Alumni must be used to augment existing services and not help the University to merely maintain them. Yet, our faculty and administration have both complained of the difficulties involved in receiving and verifying financial data from Rose Hill. Because of the veil of secrecy surrounding the University’s financials, the Advocate is not presently in a position to contrast a statement by the University President that the profits derived from the law school are only $56,000 per year. However, we are slowly pulling financial data together from various sources and will report on our results in the future.

I am not surprised by the results of this first meeting with Finlay, but had no expectation of coming away from an initial encounter with any major commitments from the man. As stated before, a continuous and concerted effort must be mounted in which the students join with the faculty, administration and Alumni to convince Rose Hill of the overwhelming needs that we have with respect to Placement. I have already reported to various law members and to the Alumni about my exchange with Finlay. They disagree with me and are ready to help. The Student Placement Committee is working on the survey which will document the extent of the Placement operations at all other area law schools. Finlay invited eight randomly chosen law students to a reception on the same day as our meeting. These students made it clear to him how strong our concern is. Momentum is definitely building.

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May 30 Graduation Set
Caps, Gowns Required

To be held at New York Hilton
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Hats, caps, and gowns are required of all seniors. If you have any questions about this, please contact Ms. Dillenberger in the guidance office. The ceremony will be at 12:00 noon on May 30th, 1976. Please be on time.

April 8, 1976

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The Moot Court Board

Gordon Named Editor

The Moot Court Board announced the selection of its 1976-77 editorial board. Those chosen were: Peter Gordon (2A), Robert Green (2B), Mary Hammer (2A), Susan Buxley (2B), Andrew Chapin (3A), and Charles Zeller (3B), Associate Managing Editor.

The Moot Court Board has completed its schedule of activities for the 1975-76 academic year. The school has experienced a great change for the better with this past year's MCB. Never before have the competitions, problems, and judging shown more improvement.

New Moot Court Editor Peter Gordon

ULJ

The Editors of Volume 44 are pleased to announce the Editors of Volume 45:

Editor-in-Chief: Eugene Cronin
Commentary Editor: John Aragona
Subscription Editor: Linda Martin
Articles Editor: Alice Belen
Commentary Editor: Barry Felder
Assistant Commentary Editor: Mike Malone
Articles Editor: Joyce Margulis
Writing & Research Editor: Peter Neckles
Notes Editor: John Schuster
Managing Editor: Dave Worrell

Along with the 297 diplomas, the Law School annually awards a number of academic prizes at the graduation ceremony.

HONORS

A student who attains a weighted average of 85 or better for the academic year is honored by being placed on the Dean's List for that year. A student who completes all requirements for the degree with a cumulative weighted average of 87 will receive the degree of Doctor of Law (J.D.) cum laude; one who has a cumulative weighted average of 90 or higher will receive the degree of Doctor of Law (J.D.) magna cum laude; and one who has a cumulative weighted average of 95 or higher will receive the degree of Doctor of Law (J.D.) summa cum laude.

The honors of the Graduating Class are awarded to the student in each of the three sections who attains the highest cumulative average for the three or four years of the course.

PRIZES

The Francis Thaddeus Wolff Memorial Prize

Henry J. Wolff, in memory of his wife, Frances Thaddeus Wolff, a graduate of the School, annually donates $300 for three awards of $100 each to that organization and class. The MCB has built its own collection of interested students to the viable educational facility it represents today.

The SBA recognizes the great leaps the MCB has taken, and for this reason, the graduating Editor-in-Chief has been awarded the Klee Award for outstanding contributions and service to Fordham Law School.

The next event will be the Moot Court Competition, which will be conducted during the summer recess under the watchful eye of new Editor-in-Chief Peter Gordon. All students are expected to participate. Information concerning this competition appears elsewhere in this issue.
MULLIGAN MOOT

The Moot Court Board will once again sponsor the annual William M. Mulligan Moot Court Competition. This competition is open to all interested persons attending the law school. Persons wishing to compete should sign up at the Registrar's Office and should leave their names and telephone numbers on the sign-up list. They will be notified as to whether they have been selected to participate. The competition will be held on the ballroom board outside the moot court room on Monday, April 12. The teams should be composed of two persons. Those individuals who do not already have a partner will be assigned one.

This year's problem will be available for distribution on June 1st in the Moot Court Board office and become due no later than July 1st. Oral arguments will begin some time in mid-July.

CHILD RIGHTS

1976 Institute on Children's Rights and Advocacy, June 7-11, Teachers College, Columbia University. For information contact Gerald Weinberger, Ph.D., Box 184, Teachers College, Columbia University, 10027.

ABS/LSD

The Joint Annual Conference of the Second and Third Circuits of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association will be held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania the weekend of March 26-28. The theme of the Conference was possibilities for employment in the legal profession.

The Annual Conference was also the scene of the Second Circuit election, which saw law schools in the states of New York and Connecticut combine the Second Circuit. Andrew Goodman of New York University School of Law was elected Circuit Governor and Lori Burger of New York Law School was elected Circuit Governor. Two of the nominees for the position of Circuit Governor were also filled. A Fordham student, Steven Swinsky, was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Kim Juhase of Brooklyn Law School was chosen as the Director of Communications.

OPEN CHAIRS

SBA is also accepting applications for Chairmanship of the Law Forum, Deadline for applications is April 12. The Chairman will be expected to plan a speaker series for the entire '76-'77 Academic Year.

SBA is accepting applications for the Chairmanship of the Activities Council. This position holds full voting privileges on the Board of Governors. Deadline for applications is Monday, April 12.

P.A.D. REACTIVATED

On March 8, a meeting for the reactivation of the Women's Chapter of Alpha Delta Delta legal fraternity was held. It was enthusiastically supported by students, and attended by national and district officers as well as some faculty members.

Resume Presidential Summit

requests for services from its various schools. Finlay feels, however, that the law school gets more than its share of "Yes" answers.

Finlay stressed the fact that the large number of all of the funds it raises from the law alumni is making the great use of the University Development Office in acquiring it. Finlay pointed out that contributions have increased considerably in the last few years and Finlay suggests that the law school look to these funds if it wants to improve its Placement situation. The law school is the only school in the University that has its own Placement Office and, as such, is the "heart" of the other schools.

The law students are getting a bargain from Fordham, says its President. They receive a quality legal education from an institution with an excellent reputation. Two new law schools are opening in September. Finlay feels that these new schools, neither can offer their students any of the benefit that is derived from this reputation. With respect to one of these new schools, Fordham, he says that its inadequate facilities. Yet, both are charging more than the average tuition. The Fordham School to is $3,200 per year and Yeshiva is opening at $3,500 per year.

Finlay is not surprised that schools like Hofstra and Brooklyn are spending more on Placement efforts than Fordham. These schools, says the President, are not regarded as highly as Fordham and thus, are hit even harder by the poor job market.

Next year's tuition increase will cover only the increases in costs that have been incurred by the University. Whatever faint hope Finlay had in making the meeting with Sullivan that the University would act on the Placement problem was dispelled at a reception he held an hour later. Finlay met with eight randomly chosen law students and made it clear that no increases would be made in the services offered by our Placement Office. However, Finlay would "not stand idly by" if the law students elected to add a Placement fee to their tuition. The proceeds of such a fee could be earmarked for exclusive use by the Placement Office.

XEROX

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Markstein refused to comment.

In a short meeting last week, Tecclf, Markstein and Sullivan agreed that if the library requires more copies than Dean Hanlon's machine can provide, it will use the SBA machine and bill the Student Association at the same cost-rate offered students.

"We probably will not go back to the machine," Tecclf said later, adding that Hanlon's new copier should prove adequate to supply library needs. In addition, student employees at the library desk will cooperate with the SBA by resupplying the machines with paper and chemicals, if they are trained to do so.

Tecclf said there was "never any question" of library employees being available for such a role.

As in previous discussions, however, Sullivan indicated that his sole reservation in allowing the SBA take-over is the possibility of breakdown. Although service was available from the previous operators seven days a week, Tecclf expressed some concern that Xerox's repair service might be less eager to respond quickly in event of mechanical failure, particularly on weekends.

Lincoln

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TILL 10 P.M.

STUDENT GROUPS

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For more information about Salesian Priests and Brothers, write to Father Joseph, S.D.B., Room 6-216, Salesian College of St. John Bosco, Filmore Lane, West Haven, N.Y. 10033.

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Presently 19 students have submitted their initiation dues and are in the process of being inducted into this nationwide fraternity. The Chapter has elected officers and is planning a formal initiation ceremony to be held at a later date. Judge Justice, Rich Pearson, has requested that Fordham host the District Court to be held in June.

These interested and welcome to attend to the next meeting which will be held Tuesday, March 30, at 5:00 in the student lounge.

ROOT-TILDEN

The Root-Tilden Scholarship Program of the New York University School of Law will hold a one-day "Symposium on the Practice of Public Interest Law"

The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, with a keynote address by U.S. District Judge Morris I. Lasker, who presided over the recently concluded proceedings on the conditions in the "Toms" and a description of how a law firm by "a Wall Street" law firm.

Correction

According to Ben Skor, Bar Review Director of PLI, PLI has offered Problem Analysis Choice since its initial offering in 1946. The article in last Advo
cate indicated they were a new addition.