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The two largest single SBA outlays were for the Christmas Dance which according to the Treasurer, $1,488.74 and took in only $240.87, and the Orientation Program which cost $1,999.38, approximately four dollars per oriented student. According to the Treasurer's report last April, orientation last year cost only $600. Figure for the 1978 Christmas Dance were not included in that report. Both Orientation and the Dance were run by the Student Bar Associations.

Both Stu McGregor and Brian Sullivan contended that more than they thought had been spent last year's Orientation. They maintained that most of the funds were listed under another heading. Both conceded that this year's program was far more costly in any case.

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The Xerox copier has gone far enough. As if delivery delays, University foot-dragging, contract disputes and broken coin changers aren’t enough, there are now rumors that the librarian has demanded free xerox privileges in exchange for library space. There is no place for this type of petty tyranny in the law school, particularly in the library. The time has come for Dean McLaughlin to step in and see that the library cooperates in the new copying set up. Unquestionably xerox is better than the coinfax machines. The fact that xerox is also cheaper plus the fact that SBA has succeeded in breaking the stranglehold of the coinfax profit makers makes it imperative that the administration cooperate in insuring the success of the new xerox venture. The library staff should be taught to load and unload the machine, and the librarians should be instructed that their goal is to provide the best library services for the students, faculty and alumni of Fordham Law School. Properly maintained, self-supporting Xerox service is a part of that library service.

To the Editor:

As is all too typical of The Advocate, you cannot, or choose not to, look behind the surface to see what the true issues are. I am concerned with the delivery and installation of Xerox copiers at the law library. What is particularly disturbing is that lawyers who wrote the editorials without doing more than sticking their heads in the library to see whether the machines were there will presumably soon be performing the same quality research and investigation on behalf of their clients. It is the clients, not the vendors, who are being duped.

The facts are these. In the Spring of 1975 Stu McGregor and I met with the library committee (Prof. Dwyer, Prof. Teclaff, and we proposed that the law school would be responsible for providing copier service in the library, the primary purpose being to have a long standing back to the nickel it had been prior to February 1, 1975. The Library Committee took the proposal under advisement and shortly thereafter turned it down because they felt that, while the present ten cents/copy might be high, the present vendor supplied service of the library was seven days/week on a few hours notice, which we would have to duplicate. Stu and I persisted, and we eventually convinced Prof. Teclaff to be our representative in wanting to see this project through. We assured that if we got better quality copies the machines would not need the large number of excuses needed by the current copiers and that they were presented to him by Xerox. All of this negotiating was done before the SBA and at the law school, and indeed unwilling cooperation of the SBA was arguable and that it was forced to put-off installation of the Xerox copiers until February, 1976.

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by P.J. Bottari
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The First Thirty Days

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