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The Association is designed to recruit more women to teach in area law schools and colleges at the same time. The responsibility for locating suitable candidates belongs to the Faculty Search Committee. The Committee uses various methods for locating possible candidates. The committee reviews resumes submitted to the Law School by persons interested in teaching. Similarly, the Committee members try to remain alert to available positions. The school looks for the best academic and practical qualifications, such as law review experience or practice with a top firm. But the needs of the school are the predominant consideration.

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Involvement

A number of decisions are being made this month which will radically affect the education of students at this law school. In most cases, however, students have had—and will have—a minimal input to those decisions.

A search is underway for several full-time faculty members. Yet, as reported elsewhere in this issue, the only avenue for student input is through suggesting candidates to the Faculty Search Committee. No such suggestions were made.

Dean Joseph McLaughlin has indicated that he will rely heavily on the Student Bar Association in choosing the new administrative assistant for the Placement Office. But he does not plan to involve students in the search for the Director of that office until much later in the process—possibly after the decision is effectively made.

And in reviewing tenure applications, the faculty considers student evaluations, but no student participates in the tenure discussions.

McLaughlin has said that since the administrative assistant deals most directly with the students, their input in selecting that officer is appropriate. We agree, and we hope that the Student Bar Association will move quickly to find qualified and energetic candidates.

The Dean has also indicated that he has a person in mind for the position of Placement Director. While we understand that the details of the proposed restructuring of that office must still be worked out with the University administration. We hope McLaughlin will seek the advice of student representatives before he makes a final choice for that position.

Apparently, the Dean feels comfortable working with students to make administrative appointments. But both he and the faculty have shown an unfortunate discomfort with including students on decisions which they consider exclusively faculty matters.

McLaughlin has asked prospective faculty members who had just been interviewed by the faculty whether they would be more or less comfortable if there had been student representatives present. Nine out of ten, according to the Dean, said they would have been substantially less comfortable.

Similarly, the Law School faculty rejected several suggestions that students participate in tenure discussions because they feared that to do so would give students access to information the faculty feels should remain confidential.

In both cases, the faculty seems to have a strange distrust of students. But this distrust is unwarranted. We are an integral part of the law school community—indeed, we are the reason that this law school exists.

But the lack of student participation in tenure discussions is not due solely to faculty reluctance. The SBA officers have not demanded that there be student participation in these discussions. The SBA officers are the students' administrative representatives. It is their job to insure that there is student input at every level of administrative decision making. Certainly, tenure discussions and teaching candidates are issues with which the SBA officers should be most concerned if they are to fulfill their role as the students' administrative representatives.

We do not ask for the absolute right to make faculty-related decisions. But we do have a right to help determine who will teach at the institution which we support.

The Law, The Student, The Rites of Spring

by Michael Brofman

When the snow begins to melt off the slinky streets of our great metropolis, and new buds may be coughing on the dying Dutch Elm trees, we know Spring is just around the corner.

For most of the world, this is a time of rebirth and joy. Signs of young love are evident, and birds begin their migration back from what is rumored to be warmer climes. A young man's fancy turns to basketball and hockey playoffs and a young woman's to a diet and a bikini.

Alas, here at Fordham Law, all attention turns to only one topic: finals. Instead of enjoying the warmth of a strengthening sun and taking deep breaths of clean mountain air, we are sentenced to a toron light and hyperventilating pollution.

What insanity is this that prevents us from leading a normal existence and enjoying life? For first year students it is the chance to become Law Review groundhogs, buried in a sea of footnotes and editors.

For those of us of the second year (third year edition) it is the anticipation of the Job Market and a chance to work eighteen hours a day, seven days a week for little pay and less appreciation.

The graduating class seems at first glance to be the most insane, but any one of them will tell you that their motivation is the greatest of all—a chance to get out of this joint.

Finals are the continuity of life. Finals are the yeast of the rising young lawyer. Finals are the hopes, dreams and aspirations of us all, tied into neat little three or four hour packages and then rammed down our throats. Finals are a crock.

Yet, dutifully we continue to take them, like the mustard oil our mothers once spooned into us. And as we did with the mustard oil, we grimace and complain and hide. Such are the rites of spring.
Cagers Take to the Hoops at Power; 3A, 1A, 1E Tied for Intramural Title

For the first time in its history, Fordham Law School has a men's basketball team. The team is being run by a committee of three students, including Ken Warren, Tom Jurgens, and Rich Dano. The team will play its games on Thursday and Friday against other teams in the league. The games will be held in the Power Memorial Gymnasium.

Intramural Basketball Standings
March 2, 1977

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The results of the first game show that 3A is close to the bottom, and 2B is close to the top. The commissioner, Bruce Birns, is carefully considering a proposal by himself which would allow all teams to qualify for this post-season lunacy.

A tremendous turnout occurred on the first night of play on February 22. Over seventy players were on hand to

In fact the losers were so dejected that their high scorer was Jack Hicks of 2A.

The game was marred briefly by a second-half fight, but the refs (none other than yours truly and Nick Russo) were quick to maintain control and prevent a bench-clearing brawl when informed that there was in fact an altercation. 3E got balanced scoring from Grasso, Dalton, and Steinthal, and tough rebounding from Ukhardt, to offset Paul Rendish's 13 points. Peter Curry, who had gone six for six from the floor the preceding weekend, was a bit less effective in this game, shooting one for eight.

5A, 5B, 4A, 5C established itself as a legitimate playoff contender with its second straight victory. The losers were led by Mike Goldstein's twelve points.

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World of Entertainment
The Plaza at Lowenstein

In the world of entertainment, the Plaza at Lowenstein is open from 12 to 8 PM, Monday through Friday, in Room 215. For appointments, call 956-6309.

Lowenstein has its own chapel located in Room 221 where the Eucharist is administered daily, Monday through Friday, at 12:30 PM and Monday through Thursday at 5:30 PM.

The Student Activities Office in Room 220 is where any student can usually obtain discount or free tickets to popular plays on- and off-Broadway. If you check often enough you will probably get some good deals.

Prepared by Assistant Director of Student Activities Ann Hinkey, there are approximately 40 active organizations at Lincoln Center this semester. She sees her role as a "resource person" trying to satisfy every club's request for the right room at the right time. Scheduling is difficult at Lowenstein because of limited space and money.

Each club is funded by the Student Activities Budget Committee but SABC funds can only be applied to undergraduate activities. Graduate organizations are independent. Nevertheless, the activities at Lowenstein are open to the law students.

Hinkey notes that in the past, law students have not used activities at Lowenstein very much. She is aware that some obvious reasons for this are that law students have heavy workloads and may have related employment in their spare time. Also, the Law School has a tradition of being a separate entity with limited control over the building. Hinkey has prepared a Student Activities Brochure

On the Spring Blahs: A Chronicle

As of the date this is written, New York City has been engulfed with unseasonably mild temperatures. Whether or not this is really the beginning of springtime, or just a tease before some unholy blizzard descends upon us, it cannot yet be ascertained by a

preponderance of the evidence. Nevertheless, the first few dabbles into warmer climes are always invigorating.

Of course, the balmier the weather, the more difficult it is to keep oneself indoors. Until you get your spirit geared up enough to adjust to the temperature change, there is an overwhelming temptation to put off studying, reviewing, and so forth, in lieu of more pastoral entertainments. Epaphistically, this syn-

drome has been monikered "the balms." And I now have evidence that the balms goes back at least 221 years.

It is with that introduction that I offer the following quotation. This is an excerpt from a letter, written by President number two, John Adams, to one of his then law school classmates. The date of the composition was the Spring of 1756. In the letter, Adams perceived the young lawyer as, "ringing and raking amidst the rubbish of writs, indignations, pleas, ejections, enforced, intimation, and 1000 other litter vitae words that have neither honor nor balm." And I now have evidence that the balms goes back at least 221 years.

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Prepared by Bob DiGiacomo

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SBA Panel Named to Examine Tenure System

A committee to investigate the tenure system and faculty review has been appointed by the Student Bar Association. The committee has also been assigned to report student views on pending tenure appointments. You to Dean Joseph McLaughlin.

In an interview this week, McLaughlin said that student officials have no official representation in tenure decisions, since all evaluations of faculty performance have played a major role in the process. He estimated that the student opinion factor accounted for about 50% of the faculty's decision in each tenure case considered recently.

A student evaluation of the faculty was conducted by the administration two years ago, and another is tentatively scheduled for this year. McLaughlin said the Assistant Dean Robert Harlan had been given responsibility for this planned evaluation.

In addition, the SBA Communications Committee is examining the possibility of re-instituting student-run evaluations.

(Continued from Page 3) is to meet the entire faculty. The opinion of each faculty member is then sought. It is one of the University administration at Rose Hill enters the picture. Faculty appointments are technically made by the University, not the school; but Rose Hill traditionally respects the Law School faculty's choice.

Faculty Committee Lead Search For New Law Professors

"Appointment of the faculty is left de facto to the Law School," McLaughlin said. "But it is accurate to say that Rose Hill makes the appointment."

"However," he added, "they follow our suggestions."

McLaughlin also noted that the current rapid turnover in the teaching staff is not unusual. "This loss is typical of any law school," he said. "New York University is reportedly losing seven faculty members this year."

The procedure used at Fordham is not an inflexible one. "On occasion," as Fogelman said, "these formalities are not all fulfilled if the faculty is familiar with the qualifications of the candidates."

The hiring of qualified minority candidates has been a priority item to the Faculty Search Committee, according to Fogelman. "However, other law schools are trying to attract the same candidates and the search becomes more difficult," he said.

Due to the demand for minority professors, the search for top-notch candidates has become more financially competitive. The candidates themselves have more scope in the choice of positions, and can often choose carefully between location, curriculum interests, and possibilities for tenure.

McLaughlin notes that tenure restrictions have not tampered the school's search efforts. "Rose Hill has not cut the tenure line of the Law School; in fact it may be expanded," he said.

Unfortunately, there has been no student involvement in any stage of the faculty search procedures. Although a controversial topic at universities across the nation, student influence in faculty hiring has been a forgotten issue at Fordham.

The door is open for limited student involvement, however. "Recommendations for candidates are welcome from any member of the school," Fogelman said.

But no suggestions have been forthcoming from the student body, despite the importance of the issues involved.

Offer Talk on Solo Practice

"Faculty, not Law Schools, are moge How to Start and Build a Law Practice, will speak in the Main Lague, Friday, March 11 at 12:30 P.M. The program is being sponsored by the Second Circuit of the American Bar Association / Law Student Division.

Lincoln Lounge

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STUDENT GROUPS ALWAYS WELCOME

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(Continued from Page 3) handicapped by the absence of almost all of its starting team, 1A displayed its awesome bench strength to roll to its second consecutive win.

3A 61, 2B 51. With a teg of McGlades' finest on the list, 3A established itself as the Cinderella team of the league in another exciting contest which once again 2B fell victim to its own syndrome—not knowing how to play, (including fouls and basketball) during the past two years, this talent-filled section has lost 10 of its 11 games.

2B was severely hurt by the temporary defection of its strong forward Leroy Watkins (to where no one knows), but as a result the team was forced to revert to a four-guard offense. Peter Pizzi, the smallest member of the team, used this characteristic wily advantage as he tried to demonstrate that the only way to beat a 2-1 zone is to hit 40-footers.

During the game Bill Finger, 2B's only legitimate forward, Sports Staffer Bruce Brins (left) with fellow revolutionaries after another endless coup in Evidence last week in retaliation for 2B's recent basketball loss. The activist second from right is identified as Del Vermo.

Plan Placement Clinics

des: most directly with the students, and that student input to that position would be appropriate. He also has agreed to seek the opinion of the SBA in selection of the Director later in the selection process.

Selection of placement staff members should be complete by April 15, according to McLaughlin.

Offerings at Lowenstein

(Continued from Page 3) which describes all the clubs at Lincoln Center and how to contact them. Students who hope to get a copy in September as part of Orientation Packages, will find the hub for all general information on student activities. You can visit her in Room 220 or call 956-7109.

All events and activities are covered in two Lincoln Center newspapers, Review and Even.

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