Advocate Folds!! Editors Immolate Selves

"We had to finally face it, nothing ever happens here!" Editors Cry.

By David A. Javdan
High Executioner

In a striking turn of events, the Editors of the Advocate, Fordham Law School's favorite fish wrap and bathroom reading material, finally heeded the call of virtually every student activity group—save the Law Review, which benefited from favorable comparisons with the only other Fordham monthly publication—and decided to fold. And as an added bonus, in accordance with the Society of the X's request that the Advocate Editorial Board commit suicide in order to help end the domination of our society by white male oppressors Advocate Editors David Javdan, Mike Gracia, Irene Wang, Diana Thompson, William Bruno and Shukie Grossman set themselves on fire "in order to further the greater good." Editorial Page Editor Ray Liddy declined to join his fellow editors because "I don't want to interfere in my father's turf."

When asked about the immolation, S.B.A. President Terri Awesome said "We have a newspaper?" S.B.A. Vice-President Fitz said "Serves 'em right for invading my turf, hey, you wanna hear my Andy Burke interpretation."

Dean "how come I've always got to play the bad cop?" Reilly announced that he had launched an investigation into an article in the matter in order to see if any University policies had been violated. "While self-immolation might not be against school rules, I have launched a full scale investigation to determine whether or not the self-immolation violated University policy. After all, the Atrium is a designated non-smoking area. If so, those responsible will be punished." When questioned as to how those responsible, now merely a pile of ashes on display as an abstract in Professor Marjorie Martin's art gallery, could be subject to punishment Dean Reilly merely smiled and replied. "Being a Jesuit school, we have ways to deal with those who seek to avoid punishment through death."

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X Society Goes Public!!!

By William Bruno

Since December 1991, the Fordham Law community has been riveted (oh all right, mildly amused), by the monthly pamphlets of the Black Letter X Society. This secret society has finally decided to unmask itself. I was able to interview its two members, Muffy Abdul-Hakim and Biff Shabazz.

BRUNO: To be honest with you, the first thing I thought when we met to set this up was, "My God, they're white!"

ABDUL-HAKIM: Technically, we're white—pasty faced, melanin-poor ice people—but we identify with the struggle for African liberation to the point where we now consider ourselves to be metaphorically black.

SHABAZZ: Africa is the mother of us all.

There was an article in some magazine that proved that the common ancestor of mankind was an African.

ABDUL-HAKIM: An African sister!

SHABAZZ: Right. That's why in our January newsletter, we pointed out how all us white people, um, you white people, always spend the winter getting tanned and plumping your lips and building up your butt cheeks to return to that but that it's the spirit of African that counts.

BRUNO: Hence the "Blackness of Our Minds" section.

ABDUL-HAKIM: Exactly. And that's why we've taken African names as a gesture of solidarity. The name white amerikkka (and make sure you spell that with three "k"s) gave me was Muffy Cabot Lowell. BRUNO: Out of curiosity Biff, what was original name?

SHABAZZ: Well if you must know, it was Biff Randall Endicott Aldrich IV, but that's typical of you people on the Advocate to try to divert attention from the real issues.

The Advocate Editors immolating themselves in the 2nd & 3rd year locker-rooms after realizing that 'nobody pays attention anyway'.

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BRUNO: Such as...

ABDUL-HAKIM: Such as the pervasive bigotry perpetrated at Fordham by white people like us...

SHABAZZ: You mean white people like him (pointing to Bruno).

ABDUL-HAKIM: Oh, right.

SHABAZZ: For example, note how the weak, spineless Fordham administration doesn't have someone like Leonard Jeffries at the graduation ceremony this year. Or how come we can't get Malcolm X caps in the book store?

ABDUL-HAKIM: Or how come the SBA Update never has any Public Enemy in those Anglo-Irish commentary articles? That's a clear indication of the pervasive racism of the student government here. SBA stands for Stuff Blacks Away.

SHABAZZ: We want to put the establishment on notice that if we don't get some satisfaction, we may have a little coup at commencement.

ABDUL-HAKIM: Yeah, anyone got Reverend Al's number?

BRUNO: You never got it?

ABDUL-HAKIM: Hey, we had it all right. He told us he wanted to help us deal with our oppression here at Fordham and he gave us his number.

BRUNO: And...

ABDUL-HAKIM: We don't have it now.

BRUNO: You lost it.

ABDUL-HAKIM: No, and that is just typical of the cross-burning, David Duke-supporting, racist whites like you at the Advocate to assume that just because we're metaphorically black that we can't hold on to a phone number.

SHABAZZ: It was a conspiracy by the perpetrators of our oppression—the weak, spineless administration and the SBA, which also stands for Seriously Believe in Apartheid, to have that number stolen to keep us down.

ABDUL-HAKIM: Absolutely, it's all part and parcel of the whitey conspiracy against blacks.

SHABAZZ: And the law school curriculum completely overlooks the African origins of the law because of the plotting by white historians to expunge us from history. Locke, Montesquieu and Burke we're all of African descent but you never here that because white people are always trying to put us down.

ABDUL-HAKIM: Right, you note that we have courses on EEC and Japanese law but nothing on Gabonese law!

BRUNO: But isn't that because American international lawyers are more likely to be dealing with companies from Europe or Japan than from Gabon?

ABDUL-HAKIM: No, that is just a typical Anglo rationalization paid down by whites like us, uh, like you.

SHABAZZ: In fact, the Constitution wasn't actually written by James Madison. White historians have long conspired to hide the fact that he made one of his slaves write and then he took the credit for it himself.

ABDUL-HAKIM: And we're going to take some action on this. SHABAZZ: As soon as we can get Reverend Al's number.

ABDUL-HAKIM: Well, yeah.

BRUNO: Why stay anonymous for so long? In your last newsletter, you said you were afraid of white law students pulling connections to foreclose your career options but you two are white, except metaphorically, and from what you told me of your Brahmin background when we were setting up this interview, you've got connections.

ABDUL-HAKIM: Just remembering, being metaphorically black we renounced the spoils of a racist society.

SHABAZZ: Except for the place in the Hamptons...

ABDUL-HAKIM: And the trust funds. But the point is that there was a risk and if people knew who we are they might only see the color of our skin and not the blackness of our minds; metaphorical blackness if a difficult concept to explain to most of you whites because you're so hidebound with 300 years of a racist heritage.

SHABAZZ: And then they might think we're nothing but a bunch of ridiculous posturers, a group of pathetic Black Panther wannabees who are doing a lot of silly, pseudo-militant rhetoric.

ABDUL-HAKIM: People would stop taking us seriously.

BRUNO: I can't imagine why.

ABDUL-HAKIM: Well they'd better take us seriously or we'll start taking it to the street.

SHABAZZ: If someone's got Reverend Al's number.

ABDUL-HAKIM: Or C. Vernon Mason returns one of our phone calls.

SHABAZZ: Well, yeah.

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