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The J.A.G. Controversy

by Tracy Murphy

On October 15th approximately a dozen Fordham Law School students protested against the Judge Advocate General (JAG) performing job interviews on campus. They opposed the Military's policy of employment discrimination against homosexuals and believed the JAG's presence was ethnically and morally incompatible with the mission of the Law School, and in violation of stated school policy. Throughout the day they requested faculty and students sign a petition supporting a compromise proposed by Dean Feerick in a letter to the Fordham Law School Community on October 13th. Five hundred people signed the petition in one day according to the protest organizer, third year student Bret Parker. "Almost everyone who came across the petition signed it, including most faculty members." Many faculty members also told him and others involved in the demonstration they would write letters to Dean Feerick in support of the Dean's proposal.

The response was not unanimous, however; with some students commenting negatively on the protest and petition. Dean Feerick said he felt the protest was orderly and peaceful and handled in a responsible and appropriate manner. Currently, the protest do not plan to demonstrate again, and according to Mr. Parker there has been no discussion about a response if JAG were invited on campus again. He added, however, "if it doesn't work out that way—IAG being barred—you can bet something else will happen on campus."

Members of the Fordham Law Community demonstrate against the J.A.G.

Bret Parker first responded to the JAG's presence on campus by filing an "infor-
mal" complaint on September 2nd of this year with the Career Planning Office in accordance with procedures in their Guide to Fall 1992 Recruiting. Assistant Dean Kathleen Brady, in charge of the Career Planning Center, responded by letter the following day, quoting the Center's Anti-Discrimination Policy: "The School of Law does not knowingly support or patronize any organization that believes discrimi-
nates on the basis of race, religion, gender, creed, national origin, age, disability, mari-
tal status, sexual orientation or veteran sta-
tus. Because the Supreme Court has deter-
mined that it is not illegal for the military to discriminate, technically, the Armed Forces is (sic) not in violation of our policy." (Em-
phasis hers.) Dean Brady also gave him the forms to file a "formal" complaint with the Dean's Office. Dean Feerick soon spoke with Mr. Parker about this "formal" complaint and said he had been aware of opposition to the JAG but felt it would be improper to dis-invite them this year. At this point Mr. Parker decided to organize the demonstration.

As part of the "formal" complaint procedure the Dean appointed a three-per-
son Grievance Committee consisting of Professors McConaghy Chiang, and Daly. The Committee ad-
vised the JAG recruiters, in writing, of the details in Mr. Parker's complaint. Mr. Markiewicz stated a response to the complaint was sent to the Committee. Professor Daly, the Chairperson, de-
clined to comment on the re-
sponse or the Committee's decision until a final report was made to the Dean in late October. A copy of the JAG's response could not be obtained at this time. Career Planning's complaint procedure states "In the event an employer contests the decision or proposed action of the Grievance Committee, the Dean may establish an appellate procedure for re-
solving the case which shall protect the rights of any student involved, the University,
the School of Law and the employer."

The demonstration has focused widespread attention on the issue of JAG's pres-
ence on campus. The New York Law Jour-
nal carried a front page article on the con-
troversy Monday, October 19th. At least

O.W.L.S. Spotted on Campus

O.W.L.S. were observed soaring through campus on Wednesday, October 20th. That's right! The O.W.L.S. (Older & Wiser? Law Students) have established a nesting area right here at Fordham. Have you been out of school an extended period of time? Have you ever wondered if you were the only law student who gave up a thriving career with a mar-
velous office, your own coffee pot, and income for a tiny locker filled with text-
books? Are you balancing the simulta-
neous responsibilities of being a spouse, parent, employee and law student? Well, the O.W.L.S. want you to know they give serious. Even if you have been successful in another career, and have non-academic responsibilities you must not take law school seriously. Even if you have been successful in another career, and have non-academic responsibilities you must not take law school seriously. Donna also repeated her views on the competition as vehicles to en-
O.W.L.S. Spotted on Campus by Michael C. Fries.

O.W.L.S., Donna hopes to inform students and stress the significance of not relying on passed experience to succeed in law school. In addition, Myra is married, expecting her first child, employed full-time, and eligible for law review. Although the O.W.L.S. were recently hatched there are many events in the incu-
bator, such as, mentor/mentee programs, early happy hours, spouse day, children day, workshops on time management and understanding the needs of the other members of the students' families who rely on them for support. These and other events will be announced later. The O.W.L.S. welcome any suggestions or comments. Please con-
tact Donna Lippman.

The O.W.L.S. emphasize that they do not discriminate according to age or any other criteria. All events are open to all members of the Fordham community.

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Diana R. Thompson
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Letter From The Editor-In-Chief

Diana R. Thompson
Editor-in-Chief

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The memo stated: "Neither Bylaw 6-4(b) nor Executive Committee Regulation 6.19 is so limited... Bylaw section 6-4(b) and Executive Committee Regulation 6.19 prohibit discrimination based upon the listed grounds even if that discrimination is not illegal under applicable federal, state or local law." On November 11, 1991 several student organizations sent Dean Feerick a letter strongly urging the Law School to reevaluate its policy regarding JAG. The letter was signed by: Fordham National Lawyers Guild, Black Law Students Association, Latin American Law Students Association, Jewish Law Students, Gay and Lesbian Law Association, and Fordham Law Women. The letter stated: "We would like to be part of this review process and feel the student body should be made aware of discriminatory policies of the JAG." The Dean also received several letters from individuals last year expressing opposition to JAG's presence.

In response to the AALS policy and the letters the received Dean Feerick asked the Faculty Career Planning Committee, then chaired by Professor Byrn, to consider the possibility of the SBA in creating a mechanism in which all parties could express their point of view on the subject. In a memo dated 11 March, the FCPC recommended the SBA should be made a part of the process and should not admit the School to becoming a member of JAG. The Dean also received several letters from individuals who felt free from discrimination based upon the listed grounds.

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Hiring Happens Continuously in the Legal Market:

It does not stop on December 15th.

Kathleen Brady, Asst. Dean

This is a fact that is overlooked by many students. Usually at this point in the hiring cycle, students start to get depressed and feel as if they will never find a job. It is important to remind yourself that you will not be ready to start a job for at least 7 months, so there really is time to secure employment. The worst part about this process is the anxiety of being unsettled.

Approximately 40% of the students secure employment through the On-Campus Interview Program. This article is designed to help the other 60% figure out what to do next.

STEP 1: If you haven't already done so, have your resume and cover letters reviewed by CPC to make sure you are marketing your strengths effectively.

STEP 2: Be able to talk about your skills and assets at a moments notice. It is important to be able to articulate your strengths, passions, preferred work style, goals, enthusiasm, values, contributions, potential, ideals, interest areas, temperament, accomplishments, special knowledge and motivations.

It is equally important to be aware of your faults so that you can minimize them. Always play to your strengths. By highlighting the fact that "although I have no litigation experience, I have..." emphasizes your weaknesses! If you need help formulating your ideas, make an appointment with Kathleen, Tom or Christina.

STEP 3: Find creative methods to get yourself in front of the individuals who have the power to hire you. You need to let as many people as possible know that you are in a job search. Create a contact list including everyone who may be able to help you.

Think about classmates, alumni, faculty members and administrators, friends, family, associates from former jobs, civic and church groups. Contact speakers you have heard as well as people you may have read about in newspapers. Attend Career Dinners and alumni events to network. Do not limit your list to lawyers. Talk to everyone!

It is important to note that STEP 2 must come before STEP 3. If you cannot articulate your skills and assets your contacts may not be able to help you.

STEP 4: Consider all your options. For example:

- Other geographic regions - Tap into our alumni networks to learn about opportunities there. You can use the NALP Apartment Exchange to sublet your apartment in NYC as well as use it as a resource to rent an apartment in a different locale for the summer.
- Small firms - Use Martindale-Hubbell as well as local area phone books and the alumni directory to uncover contacts. Typically, these firms do not recruit on campus because students are not interested in them. NOT because they are not interested in you. Send a resume and cover letter. Take control of the process by following up with a phone call. Remember, small employers do not have recruiting departments. It is up to you to follow through.
- Consider different practice areas - Areas such as personal injury, bankruptcy, environmental and family law are doing well despite the recession. Talk to faculty members to learn more about specific areas.
- Research assistant positions - Our faculty members are involved in many research projects and could always use help. This is a wonderful opportunity to acquire strong research and writing skills, get immediate feedback and impress a faculty member enough to write you a letter of recommendation.

Get the job books frequently. net-work constantly. Prepare a targeted mail campaign and make certain the staff of CPC knows who you are. Finally, remember, hiring happens continuously in the legal market; it does not stop on December 15th.

Join the staff of The Advocate.

Write, photograph, draw, solicit advertisements, and meet exciting people.

Call 874-3826 for details.

FOLLOW-UP

to the October article entitled "Fellowship Opportunities" written by Tom Schoenherr & Jennifer Berge

The application forms for the 1993 Ford Foundation Summer Internship Program are available in the foundation binder in the CPC.

There are 27 positions to be filled — 11 overseas in the Ford Foundation's developing country program office; 16 in the Ford Foundation's New York offices. The deadline is Monday, November 23, 1992.

Contact Prof. Marjorie Martin for further information.
Writing Contest

International Essay Contest
Asks Collegians To Predict The Future of Computing

Computerworld magazine, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), Computer Society and NCR Corporation seek university students around the world to participate in a $60,000 "New Ways of Computing" Essay Competition. The competition challenges students to envision the world they will inherit and help to shape.

"We believe that this competition will foster new ideas and break through old ways of thinking about information technology," said Giuseppe Bassani, vice president, NCR Stakeholder Relations Division.

"These students represent the business leaders of tomorrow. The essays could offer novel insights into new ways of computing."

A total of $60,000 in prizes will be awarded to the three top winners by the contest sponsors. Selected, award-winning entries will be published in Potentials, a student magazine for up-and-coming engineers and computer scientists.

The grand prize winner will receive $10,000 in cash and an NCR notebook computer. Second prize is $5,000 in cash and a notebook computer; third prize is $3,000 cash and a notebook computer. Professors or faculty advisors who work with and encourage the three winning students will also receive NCR notebook computers.

Because the essay contest's scope is so broad — encompassing virtually any aspect of the future of information technology — the sponsors expect to receive entries that range from the role of information technology in corporations to essays on social and ethical issues that may arise because of pervasive computer technology. Judges will look for essays that provide an imaginative, well thought-out vision of the information technology environment that these students will become part of in the near future. Specific judging criteria include social, technological and business implications, creativity and originality, clarity, and skill in presentation.

Essays must be original, unpublished work, not to exceed 3,000 words. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, on one side of 8 1/2-inch by 11-inch bond paper. A separate sheet should list the entrant's name, school, home address and essay title, and specify the student's level in school as either a graduate or an undergraduate.

Pages should be numbered and include the essay title in the upper right hand margin.

All entries must be postmarked by December 15, 1992, and received by January 1, 1993. Questions regarding the contest should be addressed to Sean Glynn, M56L, (212) 213-7192. NCR employees and family members are not eligible for the contest. Entries should be sent to:

College Essay Contest
MANNING, SELVAGE & LEE
79 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Prestigious Ladas Memorial Award Seeks Entries

Entries are being solicited for the 1992 Ladas Memorial Award, was announced in mid-August by Robin A. Rolle, president of Brand Names Education Foundation (BNEF), sponsor of the prestigious award. Carrying a cash award of $4,000 and other prizes, the award is presented annually for excellence in writing on the subject of trademarks, trademark law and related topics.

According to Ms. Rolle, the award, designed to further interest in the field of trademarks and to enhance general understanding of the discipline, was established by law firm of Ladas & Parry in memory of Stephen P. Ladas, an attorney and author, and has been presented annually since 1977. Ladas, she noted, made exceptional contributions to the field of international intellectual property law.

Open to all persons interested in the subject, particularly students, contest rules allow the judges to preclude those persons already well-established in the field of trademarks or trademark law. Originally unpublished manuscripts must be submitted to BNEF by December 31, 1992; articles published in 1992 must be in the judges' hands no later than February 15, 1993.

In addition to the cash award, the winner receives financial support up to $1,000 to attend an education program sponsored by the Foundation or the U.S. Trademark Association (USTA). BNEF trademark owners and others with 2,500 members in 95 countries. The winner also receives a set of Dr. Ladas' three volume treatise, Patents, Trademarks and Related Rights — National-International Protection. The prize-winning paper is generally published in The Trademark Reporter®, a bi-monthly journal.

The rules are available by writing:
LADAS MEMORIAL AWARD
c/o Brand Names Education Foundation
6 East 45th Street
New York, NY 10017

Established in 1987, the Brand Names Education Foundation is a not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to promoting education in the field of trademarks and advancing the brand names concept. In addition to Ladas, BNEF sponsors the Boal Lecture series, the Saul Lefkowitz National Moot Court competition and is currently seeking funding for a joint venture with the Smithsonian Institution for a national traveling trademark exhibition.

Amnesty International at Fordham presents

Lidia Grafova

writer, journalist, human rights activist, and founder of "Civilian Assistance," a non-governmental organization for refugees and displaced persons speaking on

Human Rights Conditions in the Ex-Soviet Union

Thursday, November 12, 1992

Room: t.b.a.

All students, faculty, and employees are welcome.

A MESSAGE FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS

MAKE SURE YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS KNOW THAT THE LAW SCHOOL IS LOCATED AT THE LINCOLN CENTER CAMPUS

Recently a guest speaker mistakenly went to the Rose Hill campus.
SBA Budget Allocations for Student Clubs

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**TOP TEN SCARIEST PEOPLE ON EARTH**

7. Megalomaniac Third World Dictators.
5. Heavily armed hot dog vendors.
4. Carsick brother in the seat next to you.
3. Brain surgeon with hiccups.
2. Anyone with a cranky disposition and a chainsaw.
1. People who offer you drugs.

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**CROSSWORD RD® Crossword**

Edited by Stan Chess
Puzzle Created by Richard Silvestri

**ACROSS**
1. Monopoly game
2. Without the tip
3. Brother in the seat
4. Open-ended discussion
5. Bath league
6. Open-ended question
7. Why do Fitzgerald sing
8. "MC Hammer"
9. Adams and .. (1980 TV show)
10. Given the one-over
11. Villagers
12. Slam problem
13. Ritz
14. Workout spot
15. Jervis
16. Zoe
17. Attraction
18. Foul billy
19. Sweater out
20. Alcohol cutter
21. Featured players
22. Pomeranian at home
23. Iron man
24. In a galaxy far, far away
25. Red Earth's ailing
26. To the moon and back
27. "The King is gone"
28. Pieces of eight
29. Down, girl
30. Carrot salad
31. Cheese, for one
32. Guitarist
33. Address
34. Authority
35. Make a decision
36. Where old this
37. Little, to a tassel
38. Ozing zhis
39. Came clean
40. Bible brother
41. Tore out
42. Bird or Barney
43. Does some casting
44. Following
45. Biblical brother
46. Tore out
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48. Author
49. Down, girl
50. "That's the way" (Pink Floyd song)
51. The Mongoose (band)
52. Speaker of the House
53. Hold in check
54. In a galaxy far, far away
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CULTURE GUIDE

By Diana R. Thompson, Editor-in-Chief

now - 11/9

"James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket"
This film captures the passionate intellect of James Baldwin, a major twentieth century American author and a Civil Rights activist.

2pm. (87 mtr.) $3.
Studio Museum in Harlem
144 W. 125th St., bet. Lenox & 7th Aves.
864-4500.

11/10

"Liberators: Fighting on Two Fronts"
Benefit premiere presented by the NYC NAACP, the Harlem Community Arts Council, and the NYC Film Commission.

Free.
Fordham ID.

12/1 & 12/2

"A Leaguer of Their Own".
144 Lowenstein, 3:30pm & 9:15pm.
Free w/Fordham ID.

music

11/8 & 11/13
Kathleen Battiste, soprano at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center
975-5000. 8pm. $40.

11/12, 11/13, 11/14, 11/17
NY Philharmonic
Andre Previn, guest conductor
Emanuel Ax, pianist at Lincoln Ctr.
(Open Rehearsal 9:45am, 11/12. $5)
Call 875-5000 for details.

11/15
Thomas Hampson, baritone
Carnegie Hall Recital Debut.
7:00pm. $80 - $195.

11/16
Alicia De Larrocha, pianist
Carnegie Hall. 8pm. $14 - $65.

11/23
"The Legacy of Miles"
A Tribute to the late Miles Davis featuring musicians from different eras of Davis' musical development. Guest artists include Ron Carter, Bill Evans, and Gerry Mulligan.
Carnegie Hall. 8pm. $15 - $45.

11/24 / 12/5
"Christmas with the Pops"
The New York Pops w/The Boys Choir of Harlem at Carnegie Hall. $12-
$55. Fri. at 8pm. Sat. at 2pm & 8pm.

11/26
Vienna Boys Choir at Carnegie Hall. 7:30pm.

12/3
Cornerstone Cafe
Live contemporary Christian music the fourth Friday of each month at First Baptist Church, B'way & 79th St. $2.

12/6
Solid Rock Cafe
Live contemporary Christian music the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month at Calvary Baptist Church, 123 W. 57th St., 973-0170. $5.

12/7
Rock Concert Hotline: 787-8857.
Call Kultur Video at 1-800-4-KULTUR, for a free catalog of jazz, opera, & ballet videocassettes. Titles include: "Lady Day: The Many Faces of Billie Holiday" "Alberta Hunter" "Art Blakey" (w/Brandeford & Wynton Marsalis) "Joe Williams" "Celebrating Bird: The Triumph of Charlie Parker" "Treemonisha" "La Boheme" (w/Luciano Pavarotti) "Othello" (w/Placido Domingo) "Shirley Verrett" "Jan Peerce, Marian Anderson, & Andres Segovia" "Maria Callas" "Alley Dances" "Martha Graham" "Baryshnikov" "Boulez" "Merce Cunningham" "Peter Martins" "Gidonov"


evented films

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"Mapping an Epidemic: AIDS in NYC"
The cure for the AIDS epidemic is elusive, doctors and researchers seek to find new ways of understanding the spread of this fatal disease. One technique is mapping. In this lecture New York epidemiologist, Dr. Ph.D., will discuss how he uses maps to study and document the concentration and spread of AIDS in NYC.

6:30pm. Free w/advance registration. Cooper-Hewitt Museum
2 E. 91st St., 860-6688.

12/9/92 - 1/3/93
Alvin Alley American Dance Theatre at City Center,
131 W. 55th St. 381-1212
$10 - $50

11/14
Opening Festivities & Pow-Wow National Museum of the American Indian,
Manhattan Borough Community College.
For details call 598-0100 ext. 229.

11/17/92 - 2/21/93
NYC Ballet
Lincoln Center's NYS Theater
587-5960. $9 - $70.

11/20 - 11/21
Music, dance, and political issues of the Central & South American Indigenous people featuring the Ecuadorian dance troupe Munay.
8pm. $5 in advance. $7 at the door. American Indian Community House
708 Broadway, 2nd flr. 598-0100 ext. 228.

11/28
"Native American Thanksgiving: The Fifth Annual Giving of Thanks"
A call to action for the sacred sites and the religious freedom of the First Peoples. The Cathedral of St. John the Divine
1047 Amsterdam Ave. 786-1430
6:30 pm. $5 suggested donation

other activities

now - 11/10
Big Apple Circus
at Lincoln Center.
266-6025.

11/8
"Bazaar" to benefit the NY Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center Admission is $3.
Use the Plaza & Amsterdam entrances.
10:30am - 4:00pm.
Call for details, 870-1670.

11/13
Gloria Steinem speaks on self-esteem.
Cooper Union. 7 E. 7th St. 8pm. $2.

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literature

11/9
Israeli Arts Week, Part I
CCC at Small Press Center
20 W. 44th St. 764-7021

11/14
Reading in Celebration of Jean Michel Basquiat's Art.
Nuyorican Poets Cafe. 236 E. 3rd St, 505-4183
9 pm. $5

11/18
"Voices Stirring"
Korean-American Language Literature at
CUNY Graduate Center
33 W. 42nd St., 461-0227
7 pm. Tickets: $10 in advance.

11/19
"Poetry of the Americas: Pre-Colonial, Colonial & Antilles at" Americas Society
680 Park Avenue, 249-8650 ext. 367. 6:30 pm. free.

11/23
Jayne Cortez, poet
Mid-Manhattan Library
455 5th Ave., 340-0944
6 pm. free.

For more events pertaining to literature read the Poetry Calendar which is available at
Gothen Book Mart, 41 W. 47th St., 719-4448.
9:30am - 6:00pm, Mon. - Sat.)

theatre

11/29/92 - 1/3/93
"Betsey Brown"
A Rhythm & Blues Musical co-written by Ntozake Shange & Emily Mann.
Crossroads Theatre Co., 7 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick, NJ.
Call for details 908-220-1082.

Theatre Tickets
Call TKTS Times Square Box Office at 47th St. & B'way, or in the Mezzanine of Two World Trade Center, or in Brooklyn at Court & Montague Streets.

There are a limited number of tickets available at $15 each for students and senior citizens for the B'way shows listed below. Call the box offices.
A Streetcar Named Desire
Death & the Maiden
Five Guys Named Moe
Les Miserables
Miss Saigon
The Phantom of the Opera

exhibitions & tours

11/11 & 11/14
"The Upper Crust"
Preview the contemporary sale at Christie's Auction House and see exhibitions in 57th Street's galleries.
11am - 1pm. $3.
Call Eye on Art Tours 877-5117.

11/28
"SoHo Savvy II"
Tour the "Mecca of the NY art world"
w/Eye on Art Tours, 877-5117.
11am - 1pm. $33.

now - 1/3/93
"Visiones Del Pueblo: The Folk Art of Latin America"
250 objects from 17 countries representing the 16th century to the present day. Museum of American Folk Art
Two Lincoln Square (bet. 65th & 66th Sts.) 595-9533. free.

now - 1/3/93
"Songs of My People African-Americans: A Self-Portrait"
photographic exhibit at the Museum of the City of New York
5th Avenue & 103rd St.
534-1672 ext.206.
Wed. - Sat., 10am - 5pm. Sun. 1pm - 5pm.

now - 1/24/93
"Henri Matisse: A Retrospective"
Museum of Modern Art, 307-4845

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Browsing a wine shop for the first few times is truly an intimidating experience. The typical neophyte shopper enters with the idea of buying a good bottle of wine to spend and perhaps whether red or white is desired. However, uncertainty ensues when the shopper is confronted with hundreds of selections displaying arcane labels from various years and countries. The agitated consumer then begins to wonder: which one should be bought? Good countries make good wine? Is 1983 a good year? And shouldn’t I spend more money? In the midst of this confusion, an over-bearing merchant mate…
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by The Reverend Michel J. Faulkner

In this century, trillions of tax dollars have been spent in the war on poverty. Intervention programs ranged in structure and emphasis from housing, welfare, feeding, job training, day-care and health programs. Many reports indicate that the inner city communities, where the majority of this money was spent, are actually worse in terms of visible and tangible indicators of socio-economic progress. If these reports are accurate, what went wrong? Was enough money spent? Did the money reach the targeted population? Is the notion of winning the war on poverty for the Christian a misnomer because Jesus said “The poor you will always have with you…” (Mark 14:7). What is the church’s role?

Prior to the depression of 1929, government intervention was almost non-existent in our country. There were no social security, welfare, or Medicare programs. Only private philanthropic efforts and the churches were involved in missions and outreach activities. In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson introduced the most sweeping changes in social welfare legislation since Roosevelt’s “New Deal.” These programs were aimed at the poor, the elderly, and the handicapped. These efforts were expensive. However, the major problem was that they placed the responsibility for administration and disbursement of these funds on the back of the federal government. This allowed the conservative church to turn its back on the social needs of society.

Our aim in this country since the Great Depression, has been to provide a better quality of life for all Americans. The crux of the issue is that our government’s efforts have not had a wholistic viewpoint. Meeting a need in one area of a person’s life does not impact the whole person (or family).

The fundamental church’s approach has been much the same as the federal government, which is to view only one part of a person at a time, rather than addressing the needs of the whole person (physical, mental, and spiritual). To reach the whole person, any intervention should have a wholistic approach.

While the cycle of poverty goes on and on, the proper approach to intervention requires more than money. It requires more than programs. In order to really help the poor, or low-income person, we need a heart of compassion.

Professional counselors and psychologists agree that the most effective way to build a person’s self image is to have them actively involved in helping someone else. The present governmental solution is to simply give money, food, or food stamps without requiring anything on the part of that person. In many cases, welfare recipients are actually penalized for working. How can we help people if we do not teach and affirm the values and skills that they need to move ahead in our society?

The most devastating effect of the cycle of poverty is that it diminishes a person’s hope and permanently damages his/her self image.

The Christian Responsibility

Our country was built on the principles of the Judeo-Christian work ethic, which states if a person does not work, he should not eat (II Thessalonians 3:10), and that all work is honorable (I Thessalonians 4:11). (Read also Proverbs 6:10-11; 28:19,27; 31:9,20.)

The Bible gives instructions for providing for those, such as widows and orphans, who cannot care for themselves (Isaiah 1:17). Bible references that direct God’s people to take care of the poor and the needy are endless. The disciple James wrote: “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” (James 1:27). Jesus told a group of his followers that whatever they do for the least of his servants, they do for Him (Matthew 25:40).

Why has the fundamental church been absent from intervention ministry?

There are three reasons.

1. One reason the fundamentalists have not reached out to meet the needs of the poor is due to a sharp decline in lay leadership in the church. Many church goers think that the pastor and the church staff are paid to meet the needs. Thus, intervention programs and efforts will only be as effective as the pastor and church staff’s resources to support them.

Realistically, financial and physical support must come from everyone in the church. If everyone in the church is not willing to give of their time, talent, and treasure to help the poor, then we will not win the lost souls.

2. Many churches have forgotten the Christian’s mandate. Our basic mandate is to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourself (Mark 12:30-31). As we are filled with the love of God, we are moved to reach out to our neighbors in a variety of ways which will encourage their redemptive relationship with Him. If we love, we care. Caring is not philosophical but practical.

3. There is a lack of vision for the wholistic approach to the Gospel. Many have criticized liberals for never addressing the spiritual needs of a person and only addressing the social needs. The wholistic approach to the Gospel is social, emotional and spiritual. The good news of Jesus Christ should change a person’s whole life!

Why should the church be involved in intervention ministry?

1. We must obey the Scriptures.

2. It gives us the right to be heard in the community and adds credibility to the message of the Gospel.

3. These efforts demonstrate God’s compassion for the world.

4. The government can not do as much as the church.

5. The church provides the means for evangelism and follow-up.

Poverty is a permanent reality in this world. However, that does not release our fundamental churches from the responsibility to do all they can for all with whom they come in contact.

For too long, our fundamental churches have turned their backs on social activities. If all churches follow God’s commands we will win the lost and see God’s redemption in the lives of millions of souls.

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THE BIBLE ON DISCRIMINATION AND PROTEST

“Judge not, that you will not be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”

(Matthew 7:1-7)

“Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.”

(Psalms 34:14)

“Debate thy cause with thy neighbor himself...”

(Proverbs 25:9)

“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”

(Proverbs 15:1)

“He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise.”

(Proverbs 15:31)

submitted by Diana R. Thompson
More on the Proposal to Exclude Military Recruiters from the Law School

By Professor Earl Phillips

It seems evident that the law school should not take a position on any partisan political issue about which reasonable people within the law school community disagree. I have argued that reasonable people in the law school, whether or not they share the policy of the armed services which excludes homosexuals from armed service; and that the law school should, therefore, continue to permit military recruiters to come on campus, rather than take sides.

The persuasiveness of that argument - and others, as well - depends upon one's willingness to admit that a reasonable person can believe that the military's policy is justified, but that is precisely what many are unwilling to admit. Whether the military's policy is justified depends ultimately upon questions such as the nature of homosexuality and the conduct to which it often gives rise, which, in turn, raise questions concerning the means of the human soul and sexual morality. For some, these are closed questions: Homosexuality and homosexual intercourse are as natural and good as heterosexual and heterosexual intercourse, and there are no moral rules which limit sexual intercourse to, e.g., heterosexual married couples. Any other view can, therefore, only be the expression of prejudice and the equivalent of anti-black, anti-semitic, and anti-catholic bigotry.

Well, maybe not. There is general agreement that anti-black, anti-semitic, and anti-catholic prejudices are unjustified and immoral, but there is no agreement concerning the military's exclusion of homosexuals and related issues. These issues involve a profound aspect of human nature, sexuality. Their resolution requires a correct understanding of the human body and soul, but we have not yet achieved the unanimity on these questions that we have achieved regarding racism and anti-catholic bigotry. With all of our present resources of psychology, psychiatry, and medicine, reasonable people still disagree concerning the cause of homosexuality, for example. Some assert it is genetic and, conceivably, it is, but there is no scientific datum proving that it is genetically determined, though there is data seeming to show that some individuals are genetically predisposed to homosexuality, just as there is evidence that some are predisposed to alcoholism. Thus, one might reasonably believe that things other than genetics contribute to homosexuality. Likewise, sophisticated, learned persons argue with at least as much reason as anyone that homosexual intercourse is immoral, e.g., Roger Scruton, the author of "Sexual Desire," and John-Paul II.

The point is not that one side or the other is correct, but that reasonable people disagree. The assertion that a reasonable person cannot take one side or the other is, itself, a form of bigotry. The point is that, as long as reasonable people disagree on a public issue, the law school should not impose one view or the other on the law school community; and that it can avoid doing so only by continuing to permit military recruiters on campus.


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