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N.L.O.: Phoenix From The Ashes

by Charles McEvily

As I watched the black soot-laden water drip from New York Supplement 2nd onto Abbotts' Digest, I remembered the struggle which had resulted in the NLO opening an office in Suffolk County.

The Nassau County NLO opened its doors at the same time the Law School accepted its first class—1970. In 1972 the NLO obtained a student practice order permitting third year students to practice in state courts "primarily in Nassau County."

By 1975 enrollment in NLO had increased five hundred percent and a second office was necessary. Suffolk County only *had one-third of the legal services available to the indigent as* compared to those available in Nassau County. The NLO opened an office in Suffolk. Students immediately began to practice in state courts in Suffolk using the 1972 student practice order. In December 1975 the NLO was requested to obtain a new student practice order specifically enunciating student practice in Suffolk.

The Suffolk County Bar Association opposed the NLO petition. No reason has been stated other than the requested order "seemed too broad and encompassed many areas currently handled by members of the private bar."

From December 1975 until November 1976, the Law School negotiated with the president of the Suffolk Bar. The initial opposition became a request for student practice which would be limited to the District Court. This request was educationally inadequate and would result in improper representation of clients. Sacrificing the professional standards of the NLO was impossible. The choice was clear: fight or get out.

The NLO won. On December 7, 1976, after initially denying the request for student practice in Suffolk, the Supreme Court Appellate Division, Second Department, granted an order extending student practice into the County of Suffolk.

Enrollment in NLO for the Spring semester had to be closed because there was not enough desk space for all of the students.

An entire federal law library had been acquired by Prof. Wypyski. The federal Eastern District Court was opening an annex in Westbury. Students in both the Nassau and Suffolk NLO could now practice in state and federal court.

Everything had fallen into place, just in time for the fire in the Suffolk office. On December 18, 1976 the Suffolk NLO was destroyed by a fire set in an *adjoining part of the building.* Vandals had destroyed a year-and-a-half of work in an hour.

With all files and ¾ of the library not destroyed, the Suffolk NLO will re-open. We're half-way up the hill. With a little help we'll soon be over the top.

PASS-FAIL ABOLISHED

Effective Fall Term 1977, Hofstra Law School second and third year students will no longer have the option of deciding to take one course per semester for a "P." The November 18 meeting of the faculty voted to abolish the Pass-Fail Option by a margin of 16 to 10, with Professors Kessler and Wypyski joining the eight Student Representatives in voting to retain the present system.

Dean Freedman opened the meeting by taking due note of the large number of students in attendance and asked all those who would speak to be brief and avoid repetition. After disposing of some business (the Faculty-Student Liaison Committee was voted out of existence), Professor Resnick, Chairman of the Academic Standards Committee, was recognized by the Chair.

Resnick's committee had voted 4-2-1 in favor of retaining the option, with the four students on that committee carrying the day. As a result, Professors Resnick and Diamond wrote a minority report attempting to debunk the traditional rationales given in favor of the option. According to that report, students do not utilize the Pass-Fail Option so as to take courses they would not have otherwise taken, as was evidenced by the large numbers of P-Fs used in the more popular courses, such as Business Organizations and Wills, Trusts and Estates.

Perhaps the most unpopular reasoning given for abolition, at least with those students in attendance, was the characterization of pressure of law school in general and final examination period in particular as "significant educationally." To paraphrase Professor Resnick, "To give an exam that counts maximizes the importance and learning in that course." Yet, most importantly, it was claimed, the change was needed to upgrade the school in the area of academic excellence.

In response, students presented an argument based upon reliance on the present system and asserted a presumption in favor of the system, claiming the "burden of proof" rested on those who advocate the change. Student Representative Sol Handler also submitted a petition against abolition signed by 283 students. Professor Kessler spoke out against the Resnick proposal as well, citing the special relationship that had developed between Hofstra's students and its faculty. Kessler then proposed limiting the Pass-Fail Option from four semesters to two, ending with, "Compromise is necessary to preserve what is unique at Hofstra."

There then ensued a discussion dealing with both proposals, leaving some in confusion as to precisely which proposal was the object of attack or support. Professor Mahon cited the high degree of unpreparedness and absenteeism amongst his students, in coming out against the Kessler proposal and in favor of the minority report's proposal of abolition. Professor Kadane followed suit, deriding Pass-Fail as a lottery. Kadane also suggested advance notice to professors as to which papers are subject to the option, so that less time would be spent marking them.

Finally, votes on the various proposals were taken. After some initial confusion as to the effect of the Resnick proposal on the clinical programs such as N.L.O. (it will have no effect on those programs' P-F grading system) and which proposal was just defeated, the air cleared sufficiently so as to allow voting. the Kessler proposal was

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Open Forum Held

In response to the rising crescendo of criticism and unrest following a vote at the faculty meeting to abolish the Pass-Fail Option, an open forum was held on Nov. 22.

Among those present at this forum were Dean Monroe Freedman, Associate Dean Aaron Twerski, and Professor Alan Resnick who, with Associate Professor David Diamond, co-authored the Curriculum subcommittee's minority report which served as the basis for the proposal to abolish the Pass-Fail Option. Also present were approximately sixty students from the three classes of the Law School.

Ostensibly, the purpose of the forum was to emphasize the idea that the vote taken at the committee meeting was based on a good faith effort by some of the faculty to improve the integrity and prestige of the Law School and to dispel the pervasive belief that the vote was based on malice or contempt of student views.

The Dean began the meeting with a presentation of some of the issues which he felt had been raised by the vote. He indicated that while some of the faculty members may have been confused by the procedural devices surrounding their votes, and that the perspectives of others may have been clouded by unclear motivations, such assertions should not be used to impugn the integrity of the faculty, as (the Dean felt) had been done by some students. The Dean defended Prof. Resnick's proposal to abolish the Pass-Fail Option as being one which was designed to improve the prestige of the school.

Following this initial presentation, the Dean took questions from the audience. The questions raised by the audience challenged Prof. Resnick's position and beliefs on the Pass-Fail issue. Repeatedly, he was asked to provide evidence for the proposition that Pass-Fail encourages laziness on the part of students. Other students echoed the belief that they did not desire to be evaluated by Wall Street firms, nor did they believe that the abolition of Pass-Fail would enhance the prestige of the Law School or their standing in the job market.

The students present were not satisfied by Prof. Resnick's response to these charges. Prof. Resnick admitted that no concrete statistics were compiled that directly supported his

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Transpositions

At the start of a new semester, and during the formation of a new editorial staff for CONSCIENCE, what, may we ask, have we learned in the year that has passed?

It is hoped by faculty and students alike that a great deal of legal knowledge has been transmitted, that students have learned to "think like lawyers" and have mastered concepts that will stand them in good stead throughout their professional careers.

Attitudes have been formed not only in respect to legal analysis, but also in respect to human understanding.

What part has CONSCIENCE played in the Hofstra experience? A newspaper reflects the attitudes of its editors. Josh and I have worked together, most harmoniously, and have endeavored to enlarge our staff, to provide for meaningful dialogue, and to allow CONSCIENCE to serve, as the name suggests, as an indicator of student and faculty sentiment.

I owe Josh special thanks for being "omnipresent," for being a super-organizer, and for making this job that much more pleasant. Steve and Neil have contributed their time, talents, and efforts, and have given of themselves to the editors-in-chief in trying times. Stuart Goldstein has served in many roles, and his dedication and conscientiousness have been appreciated.

Hector Lugo and Wayne Bastedo—all your help has been noted.

Josh has already thanked the present staff, and I join him with my own gratitude.

Stu Rosenthal—you, with the assistance of Kathy, have already shown your desire to make CONSCIENCE a viable force at Hofstra.

Finally, I thank those students and faculty who have contributed to CONSCIENCE and have given that something extra, that "something extra" that we search for in the legal profession, that which we attempt to define in legal ethics, and that which we attempt to create in Hofstra Law School—that giving of self and respect for others, and service to mankind. Margie

Thank You

This is the time of year when the senior editorial staff of CONSCIENCE exits and makes way for the new regime. There are numerous people who contributed to the successful production of each issue. To attempt to name all would be both futile and impossible. But my "conscience" urges me to single out a few who diligently gave of their time and effort to make CONSCIENCE a quality newspaper.

The editorial board of Steve Orbach, Neil Weinrib, Kathy Rosenthal, Leo Schoffer, Jon Falk, Stu Goldstein and Gloria Reich are individuals whose assistance has been invaluable. They have made working on CONSCIENCE a truly enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

To my co-editor Margery Rosin, all I can say is thanks . . . it has been a pleasure. We did not have one disagreement or argument on any matter whatsoever during the past year. Her happy smile and personality as well as her literary abilities will be missed. Thanks again, Marg, you made the job a lot easier.

Last, but not least, I want to thank and congratulate Stuart Rosenthal who will serve as the editor-in-chief for the coming year. Stu's valuable assistance these past few months as the managing editor gives us assurance that he will carry on in a most able and professional manner.

Thanks again to all those who have helped in the past and to those who will continue to contribute in the future. Josh

What is happening? That is the question most students must be thinking when talk turns to the recent vote abolishing the Pass-Fail Option. Does the vote's result represent a change in attitude of the faculty with regard to the student body? Professors state their doors remain open to students and that student input is still important. Yet certain students have noted that, increasingly, both propositions are becoming less and less true. Once again—what's happening?

While doing an article on the school's committees, we were struck by the vast opportunity for student input in the running of school affairs. These committees, we suspect, are the legacy of a student body that was more activist by nature. The College Class of '73 remembered their freshman days of Spring, 1970, while some in the Class of '74 can recall the Spring of 1972. Yet, with our class (1974) came the first indication that things were changing. Certainly the Class of '75 was quite unlike the seniors four years earlier.

Hofstra was significantly affected by those activist times. Few law schools gave their students as much power, according to our admittedly inexact research. Yet most of this power went untouched, either through lack of initiative or knowledge that it even existed. As such, it atrophied and is now being reclaimed by those who granted it. For "power," if you will, ultimately resides with the faculty. Without questioning the merits of such a trend, it should come as no surprise. It should also shock few students, then, that the overall impression one gets from the faculty is one of disappointment.

REPS FUND STUDENT GROUPS

On November 16 the Law Student Representatives published a list of budget allocations for the academic year 1976-77. A total of $13,475 was divided among ten student organizations and publications. Four groups which applied will not receive funds from law school activities fees this year.

The largest recipient of funds was CONSCIENCE, which was assigned over $5,500 for publication expenses. The next largest recipient was a new women's law journal, which was allocated $2,000. BALSA got the next largest portion, receiving $1,150. Other groups receiving money were Jewish Law Students, Hofstra Law Women, THE POCKET PART (yearbook), Community Legal Education Project, National Lawyers Guild, International Law Society and the Phi Alpha Delta Law School Directory.

The four organizations to which funds were not allocated were the Moderate Law Students Association, ABA-LSD Representative, Law Fellows and the Moot Court Board of Advisors.

New Journal

The women's law journal is in its infancy; even its name has not been definitely chosen. The first year's issue is expected to focus on the experiences and insights of women in the legal field or women who attended law school and chose alternative careers. The organizers of the journal are looking for people, including Hofstra Law students, to write articles. Articles which are inappropriate for use in the first issue will be kept on file for another issue.

Of the $2,000 allocated to the journal by the Law Student Representatives, the entire amount is expected to cover publishing costs of the approximately 1,000 copies planned. Other costs, such as fees paid for articles, will be raised by fund-raising activities.

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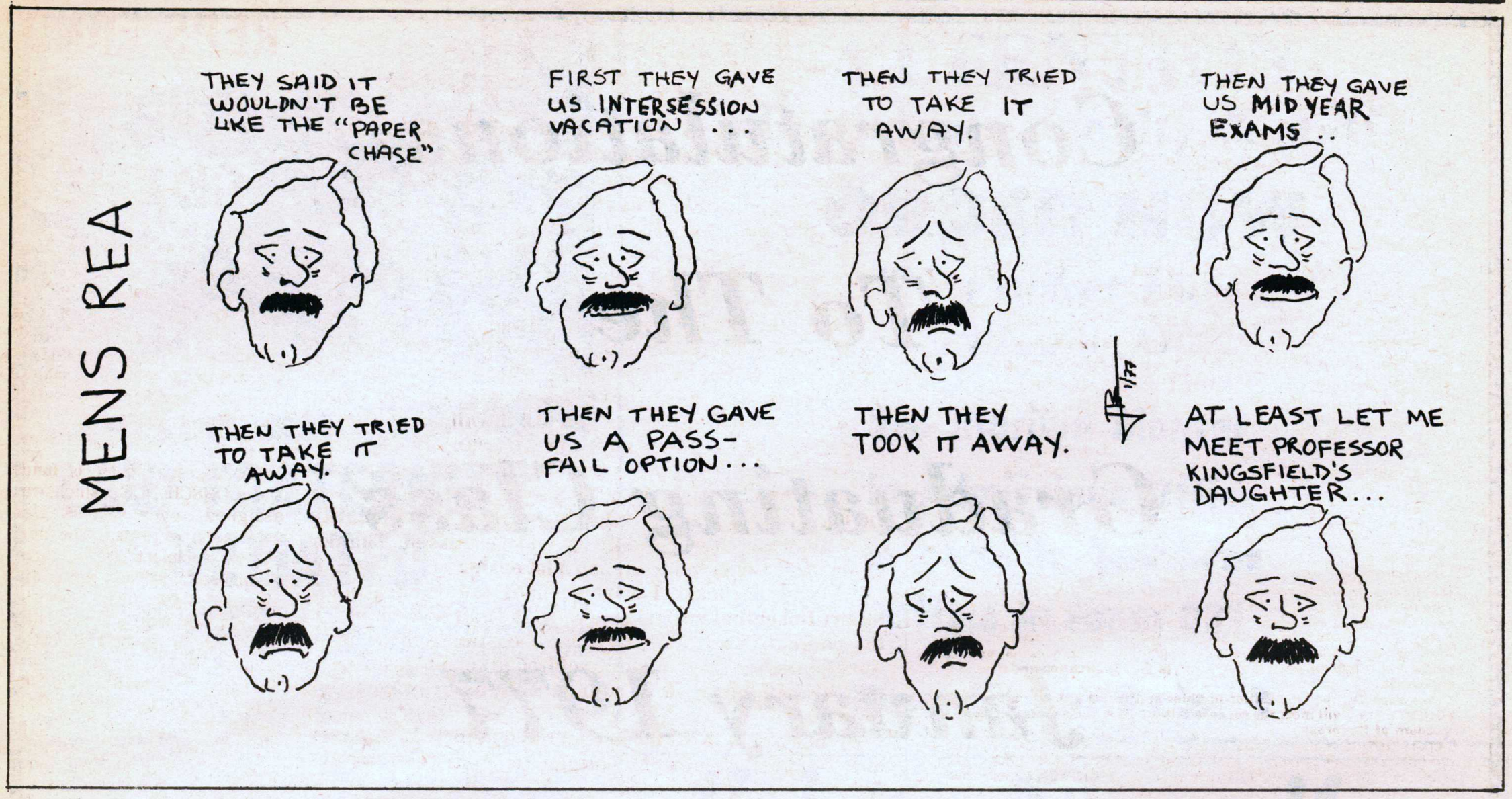

JANUARY GRADUATES HONORED

On January 16, a cold and snowy Sunday, a great deal of warmth and cheer was generated in the student center theatre as the Hofstra University School of Law graduated its first official January class. A crowd of about two hundred joined the twenty-two graduates and members of the law faculty and University administrators for about an hour of good vibrations on what otherwise would have been an unusually cold and dreary day.

The keynote address was delivered by Justice Beatrice Burstein, Supreme Court of the State of New York. Her address was warm and personal, describing some of her own past experiences and imploring the graduates to do the right thing at all times.

The graduates are: John Albanese, Mark Birnbaum, Stephen Civardi, Robert DeGregorio, Linda Findlay, Jon Friedman, Frank Guarino, Kenneth Husserl, Mark Isaacs, Herbert Kurzer, Janet Marcus, Richard Feirstein, Joyce Moy, Miguel Pereira, Bart Reiss, Thomas Sabellico, Alan Sarnoff, Margaret Schifter, Edward Schroeder, Harriet Shapiro, Gail Shields and Laurence Stern.

The ceremony, which lasted about an hour, was followed by a reception in the private dining room at the student center. The feelings were warm and sad as another class left to make its mark.

N.Y. TO GO MULTISTATE?

by Vicki Lindgren

The possible adoption of the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) in New York is now being considered by the New York State Court of Appeals, which has been engaged in a review of the New York State Bar Examination.

The proposal contemplates the use of the MBE national multiple choice examination to replace a substantial section, if not all, of the present multiple choice section of the NYSBE. The present essay question section of the NYSBE would be continued, although some reduction in number of essay questions might prove desirable. The entire examination would be administered under the supervision of the N.Y. Board of Law Examiners.

It has been suggested that utilization of the national examination, in which only eight states including New York do not presently participate, has the potential advantages of standardized evaluations and validity studies of the test itself and of speedier reporting of the results of the examination.

The Court invites all professional associations and committees, the law school communities and the Bar generally to comment on and offer suggestions and criticism deemed appropriate to aid the Court in its deliberations. All such submissions should be forwarded in writing to the Court, through the Clerk of the Court, Joseph W. Bellacosa, by February 1, 1977. The general information number is (518) 474-3211.

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Deadline For

Next Issue:

February 11th, 1977

Law Women To Attend Conference

Hofstra Law Women plan to attend a New England Regional Conference on Women and the Law to be held at The University of Connecticut West Hartford Campus on Saturday and Sunday, February 5-6, 1976.

The conference, sponsored by the Law Women's Association of The University of Connecticut School of Law, will include approximately 50 workshops on such subjects as Women and Employment, Economic Problems of Women, Title IX, Women and Criminal Law, Victimization of Women and Women in the Legal Profession. Hofstra Law Women hope to run one such workshop, possibly about divorce.

The keynote address at the conference will be delivered by Professor Ruth Bader Ginsburg of Columbia Law School.

If enough persons from Hofstra indicate a desire to attend the conference, a bus might be chartered.

Further information may be obtained from Women's Law Association of the University of Connecticut School of Law, 1800 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, Conn. 06115 (203) 232-9793 or (203) 523-4841, Ext. 378 or 370, or from Hofstra Law Women, Room 030.

M.B.A. Association Meets

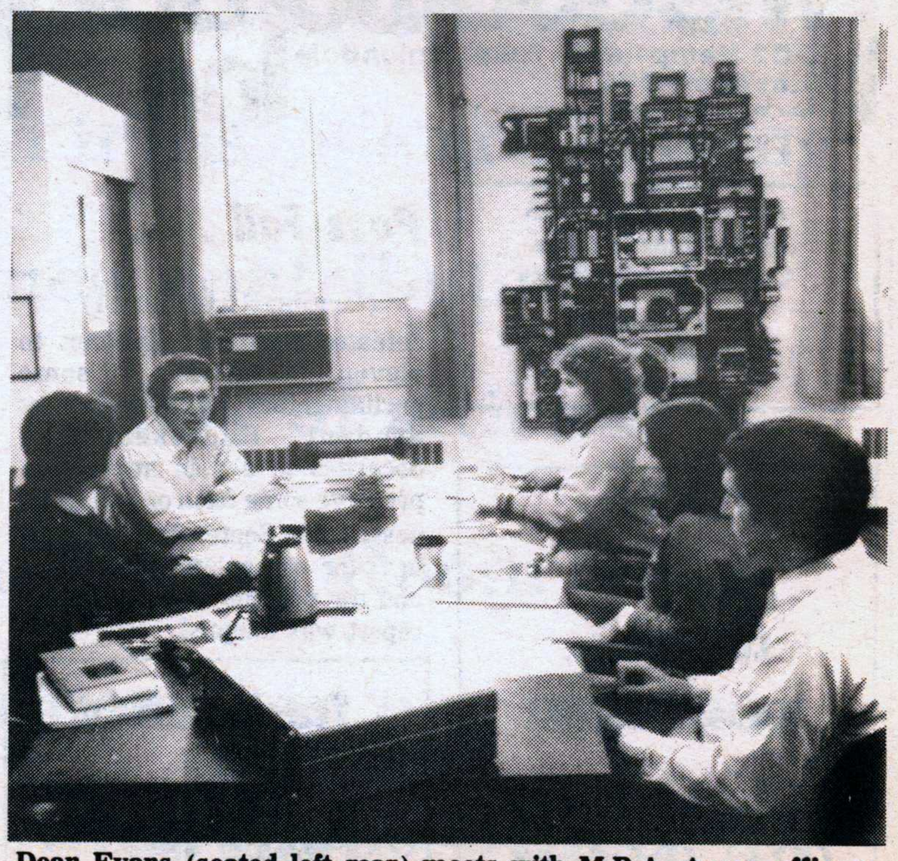
Students in the Masters of Business Administration program at the School of Business are planning a series of distinguished guest lectures by members of the New York business community for the current academic year. The students, members of the new M.B.A. Association, are designing programs to aid in career planning and communications within the Business School.

The new M.B.A. Association is open to all candidates for the M.B.A. degree at Hofstra. The organization is devoted to service to the M.B.A. students and aid to the Business School in some of its projects. The group plans to facilitate communications between school administration and students in the furtherance of the mutual goal of quality education.

The School of Business has been considering curriculum changes in the M.B.A. program, including a thesis alternative. At its last meeting the M.B.A. Association heard Associate Dean Barry Berman and Dr. Joel Evans, M.B.A. Director, describe the proposed changes. Following a discussion of problems involved in the proposal, the Association voted its unanimous support of the alterations and sent representatives to a faculty department meeting to voice its support. The changes are not yet in effect; the proposal must pass several more steps. Law students interested in the J.D.—M.B.A. degree should keep abreast of the progress of the proposed changes.

A career planning conference is being scheduled by the Association in March, with speakers from Hofstra and the business community. The conference will examine the problems of career planning and placement for the M.B.A.

An executive board was elected at the first meeting in October. The officers are: Jonas Wagner, president; Karyn Reynolds, vice-president; Blaise Labriola, treasurer; and Ilsa Klein, secretary. Anyone interested in further information about the Association should contact Jonas Wagner at (516) 593-7297.



Dean Evans (seated left rear) meets with M.B.A. Assoc. officers. (Rosenthal Photo)

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January 1977

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Pass-Fail . . .

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defeated narrowly, thirteen to eleven. After some parliamentary maneuvering by Student Representative Socarites in a vain attempt to preserve some form of Pass-Fail passed this September, the vote in favor of abolition was taken and the position of the minority report was adopted.

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Edwin J. Freedman

Mineola, N.Y.

The speaker is Chairman of the Attorneys-In-Residence Committee, a past-President of the Nassau County Magistrate's Association, and a Vice President of the Nassau County Bar Association. He has had broad experience as a prosecutor and defense counsel, and has sat on the Freeport Village Court Bench for fifteen years, where the emphasis is on traffic cases.

LAW FRATERNITY INITIATED

On October 22, 1976, Larry Stern and Steve Batoff co-chaired the organizational meeting of Phi Alpha Delta, Law Fraternity International. The John F. Kennedy Chapter at Hofstra University was formally chartered at the Biltmore Hotel in Manhattan on Nov. 6, 1976. The Kennedy chapter became the 151st chapter of Phi Alpha Delta and the tenth in Region 15 (Metropolitan New York).

Charter Officers are: Justice—Larry Stern; Vice-Justice—Steve Batoff; Clerk—Rich Lazarus; Treasurer—Kathy Rosenthal; and Marshall—Bill Cherno. Professor Wypyski serves as faculty advisor and June 1976 graduate Bill Irion is alumni advisor.

Charter members of the fraternity are: Len Austin, Mark Birnbaum, Joe Covello, Merrie Frankel, Nancy Gold, Alan Greene, Liz Guerin, Ken Husserl, Shirley Jay, Richard Korn, Adrienne Mirro, Alan Ostrow, Alan Pelikow, Gloria Reich, Gail Shapiro, Denise Sher, Gregg Smith, Sandy Wang and Nancy Weinberger.

Phi Alpha Delta is a professional association open to the entire law school community without regard to ethnic, racial or sexual classification. The key word is service—to the student, the law school and the profession.

Dues are $35 ($30 one-time national and $5 chapter). Any students interested in joining should see any member or go to Professor Wypyski's office for more information. All new members, both faculty and students, were installed on November 24th at 1 P.M. in a formal ceremony in the moot courtroom.

P.A.D. charter officers Laurence Stern, Richard Lazarus, Kathy Rosenthal and William Cherno seated at initiation ceremonies. (Rosenthal Photo)

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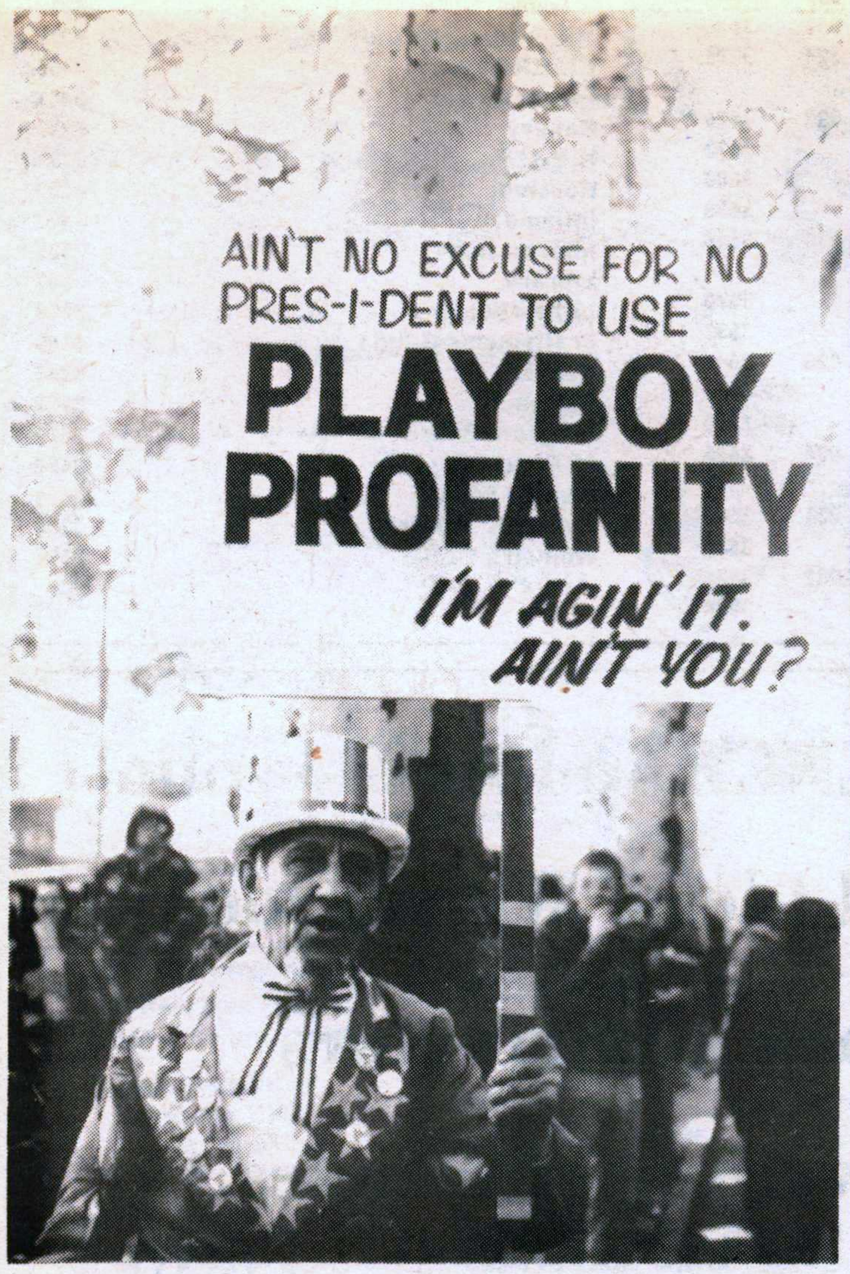

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Summer Program 1977

SUMMER SESSION I — May 25 - July 5

NAME OF COURSE	NUMBER CREDITS	FACULTY
Legal Ethics	1	*Dean* Monroe Freedman
Conflict of Laws	3	*Prof.* Aaron Twerski
Evidence	4	*Prof.* Abraham Ordover
Family Law	3	*Prof.* John Gregory
Individual Income Tax	4	*Prof.* Stuart Filler
Legal Issues in Public Education	3	*Prof.* John Gregory
Real Estate Transactions	3	*Prof.* Herman Hillman
Remedies	3	*Prof.* Malachy Mahon
Secured Transactions	3	*Prof.* Malachy Mahon
Commercial Paper	3	*Prof.* Alan Resnick
Criminal Procedure I	3	*Prof.* Leon Friedman
Land Use Planning	3	*Prof.* Ronald Silverman
Business Organizations	4	*Prof.* Jan Deutsch *Prof. of Law, Yale Law School*
Constitutional Law I	3	*Prof.* Jan Deutsch
Legal Responsibility and the Corporation (seminar)	3	*Prof.* Jan Deutsch

SUMMER SESSION II — July 7 - August 15

NAME OF COURSE	NUMBER CREDITS	FACULTY
Products Liability	3	*Prof.* Aaron Twerski
Labor Law	3	*Prof.* Eric Schmertz
Advanced Procedure	3	*Prof.* Eric Lane
Debtor - Creditor	3	*Prof.* Alan Resnick
Entertainment Law	3	*Prof.* Joseph Bianco
Seminar in Trial Advocacy	3	*Prof.* Lawrence Kessler
Constitutional Law II	3	*Prof.* Arthur Bonfield *Prof. of Law, University of Iowa College of Law*
Wills, Trusts and Estates	4	*Prof.* John Sciullo, *Prof. of Law, Duquesne University School of Law*

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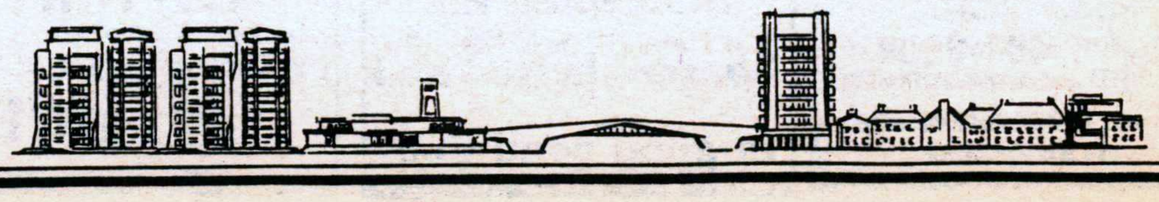

WANTED: PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

by Stuart Goldstein

In the past, whenever a Hofstra Law student thought about finding a job, quite often his first response was to visit the placement office, to speak with Sandy Miller. With the opening of the new term, however, that will no longer be possible. Towards the end of last term "Sandy" resigned his position as Placement Director. As a result, various faculty members and students have formed an ad hoc committee to fill the position.

"We have been looking for a few weeks now," said Dean Monter. "Our first interviews took place during exams, and we have continued the interviewing process since the first week of classes. The response to our add in the New York Law Journal has been tremendous," she said.

The job of Placement Director will now have added responsibilities. Not only will the new Placement Director have to take charge of the Placement Office, but he will also be required to administer the Moot Court Program and run the Alumni Association. Because the Placement Office and the Moot Court Program both involve the invitation of representatives of law firms to Hofstra, the new director's duties will mainly be geared towards these tasks. The coordination of the Alumni Association will, for the most part, involve fund raising. It is hoped that by combining these responsibilities, Hofstra will be able to offer the kind of salary that will attract applicants with more know how and experience in getting people jobs.

"Finding a good Placement Director has been given top priority," said Dean Twerski. "The new Director will have to possess two important qualities," said the Dean. "Not only must he have an aggressive approach to placement, but he must also be the kind of person that the students will have confidence in."

Student-Faculty Ad Hoc Committee Set Up

When the need for a Placement Director became apparent, Dean Twerski immediately set up an Ad Hoc Committee of interested students and Faculty to participate in the interviewing process. The two students serving on the committee are Ralph Byrd and Abe Gross. Professor Mahon, Professor Silverman and Dean Monter are also sharing in the responsibility.

After the initial interviews are made by the Committee, the applicant is sent down to Dean Twerski, who also conducts an interview. The decision as to which applicants are acceptable will be made jointly by the Committee, Dean Twerski and Dean Freedman. The final verdict on who will be picked, however, will probably be made by the deans. "We, of course, will take the Committee's recommendation into consideration," said Twerski. "The decision won't be made without student input."

If all goes well, a replacement for Placement Director will be chosen within the next three or four weeks. Until that time students will have to depend upon their own resources to find jobs.

Dean Monter has requested that any student who is interested in participating in the interviewing process should see either her or Dean Twerski.

CLEP TEACH-IN

Hofstra's own Community Legal Education Project is alive and well in the depths of Hofstra Law School. For you who are uninitiated, this strange-sounding organization is a booming project run by your fellow law students. This much praised program is primarily aimed at acquainting and educating high school and college students, and other interested members of the community, with knowledge of practical, relevant substantive law. Towards that end, CLEP has developed an innovative curriculum format which enables Hofstra Law students to conduct legal education seminars in high schools and other forums. The techniques CLEP uses simulate court cases or legal hypotheticals, encouraging students to actively participate by role-playing judges, jurists, attorneys, and witnesses. This is done through mock trials, simulation games, demonstration in the high school or law school, one-time lectures to various school or community groups, or full semester or year long courses taught by the law students.

The program is designed for maximum flexibility and innovation. This means that participating law students are free to develop new projects with the CLEP resources as support.

Participation requires no additional preparation by the law students. An interested but harried student need only devote as much time as he or she can spare. Participants are reimbursed for expenses and independent credit may be arranged for those interested. Currently, CLEP services over 40 high schools and community groups and hopes to expand its activities into an alliance with other Community Legal Education programs run by law schools in the state and with the CLEP program recently initiated by the N.Y. Bar Association.

CLEP's most pressing need at this time is to recruit members to run the various ongoing projects and help develop new ones. If you're bored with just plain school work and are interested in putting your legal talents to practical use (and concurrently make contacts in the "real world"), give us a try. Just stop by in the CLEP office (Rm. 033) and see Director Roz Goldmacher or Assistant Director Bill Cherno, or come to a meeting Jan. 26 (Wed.) at 4:00 in the CLEP office. Refreshments will be served.

Open Forum Held . . .

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proposition, nor could he guarantee an improvement in the standing of the Law School as a result of the abolition of the Pass-Fail Option. Prof. Resnick did indicate that his feeling was based on the advantages that could be attained by the Law School and that to reach the goals he viewed as important, the sacrifice of Pass-Fail was not too great. His comments did not seem to assuage the feelings of the students who were present.

Gradually, the forum evolved into something of a gripe session in which both students and faculty engaged in discussions covering a wide variety of areas, both central to, and distant from, the Pass-Fail issue.

At this writing, the faculty vote abolishing the Pass-Fail Option remains, but a group of students is seeking to convince the faculty to restore Pass-Fail. There is talk of a compromise, but some faculty and some students remain adamant in their positions and it appears that the feelings on all sides have not changed.

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A Night at the Movies

by Irwin Miller

In the event that any "civilian" members of our readership think that a law student's only means of diversion lies in skimming back issues of the New York Law Journal for fascinating tidbits, let me offer two brief critiques of some of the more recent films that have helped to alleviate my post-finals blues:

NETWORK

Paddy Chayefsky (**Marty, The Middle of the Night**) has attempted with a surprising degree of success to turn a satirical and savage eye upon the ruthless and amoral work of network television as personified by several dramatically contrasting personalities: a basically decent, somewhat jaded, middle-aged news chief (William Holden) reminiscent of Ed Murrow, who is torn between his long-standing marriage and his infatuation with a youthful and attractive but cold-bloodedly ruthless woman executive (Faye Dunaway); a TV newsperson-sonality (Peter Finch) who, on the verge of mental collapse, announces his impending suicide on the air only to become an overnight media event and have his prophesies listened to as though he were a latter-day prophet; an up-and-coming executive who has no pangs of conscience over firing steadfast employees in the course of internal power struggles within the network and negotiating business deals with Arab nations.

All of these machinations are handled by the author with skillfully written dialogue and some of the satirical bite of Elia Kazan's **A Face in the Crowd**, but Chayefsky and his director, Sidney Lumet, seem unsure at times whether they want this film to be the story of a poignant romance between two ill-suited types or a Dr. Strangelove-like attack on the institution of television and its unfulfilled potential. Despite its imperfections, the film is well worth seeing.

A STAR IS BORN

Those who have been fortunate enough to view the superb and poignant 1937 and 1954 versions (Janet Gaynor and Frederic March and Judy Garland and James Mason, respectively) of this classic tale of the hopeless love between a rising young talent and her alcoholic but devoted husband who descends into self-pity and degradation cannot help inquiring why Barbra Streisand could allow her talent to be mishandled in such an overblown and musically deficient re-make of the earlier films. It isn't that Streisand lacks the acting or vocal ability to carry the role but merely that as executive producer, she must have become so enamored with her own image of herself as star that she was willing to overlook the fact that neither the writing nor the music of this new "Star" can hold a candle to the originals which had the one ingredient that this version lacks: credibility in the relationship between the two protagonists. One simply doesn't believe that Streisand and the fading rock star with whom she shares her life, played in a dazed and almost inaudible manner by Kris Kristofferson, are actually attracted to each other or that their relationship has any depth to it. Thus, upon the inevitable death of Kristofferson, the audience feels no real empathy with Streisand's character.

The actress's attempt to transform herself into an amalgam of Janis Joplin and Carly Simon via largely saccharine and ineffective songs written by Paul Williams, Leon Russell and Streisand herself is equally ineffective, and one hopes that she will find some well-written material more admirably suited to her special talent as soon as possible.

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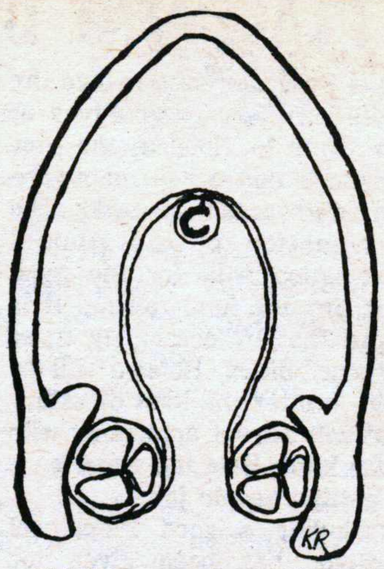

Third-year student Richard W. Schleifer has won the Second National Prize in the Nathan Burkan Memorial competition sponsored by the American Society of Composers and Performers (ASCAP). A substantial money award will be made. Richard's submission was a paper entitled "On Behalf of Richard M. Nixon: The Copyrightability of the Nixon Presidential, Watergate Tapes." The article had previously been awarded Hofstra's prize in the law school section of the competition.

SPEAKER SOUGHT

A speaker has not yet been selected for June 1977 graduation, according to Dean Freedman. He is accepting suggestions until early February, at which time he will make the decision himself if there has been no response.

The Hofstra Law School community wishes Judge Edwin J. Freedman a speedy recovery.

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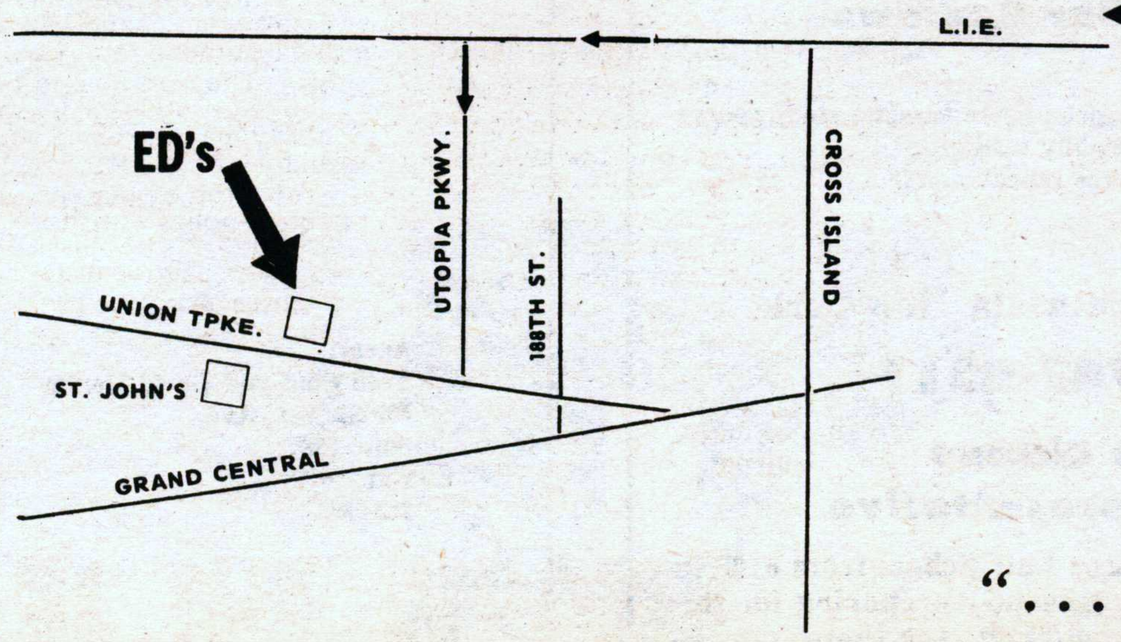

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