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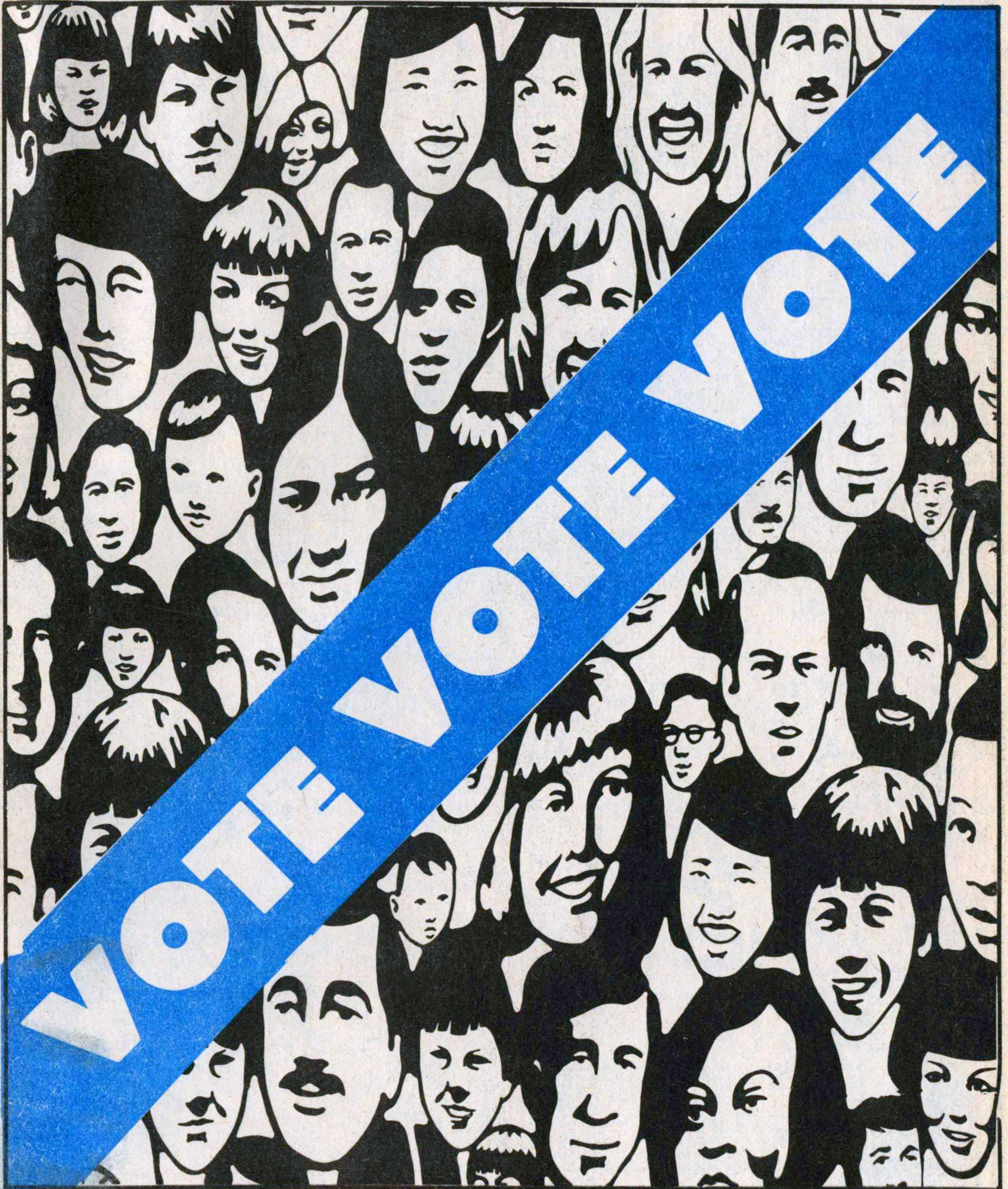
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Holling Speaks At Hofstra Prez Forum

by Peter W. Shafran

Stressing economic survival in a global economy, Senator Ernest ("Fritz") Hollings (D-SC) addressed a capacity audience in the Multi-Purpose Room at Hofstra University last week. A declared candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, Hollings came to Hofstra as part of a state-wide Candidate Forum sponsored by the New York State Democratic Association and sponsored locally by the Democratic Law Students Association.

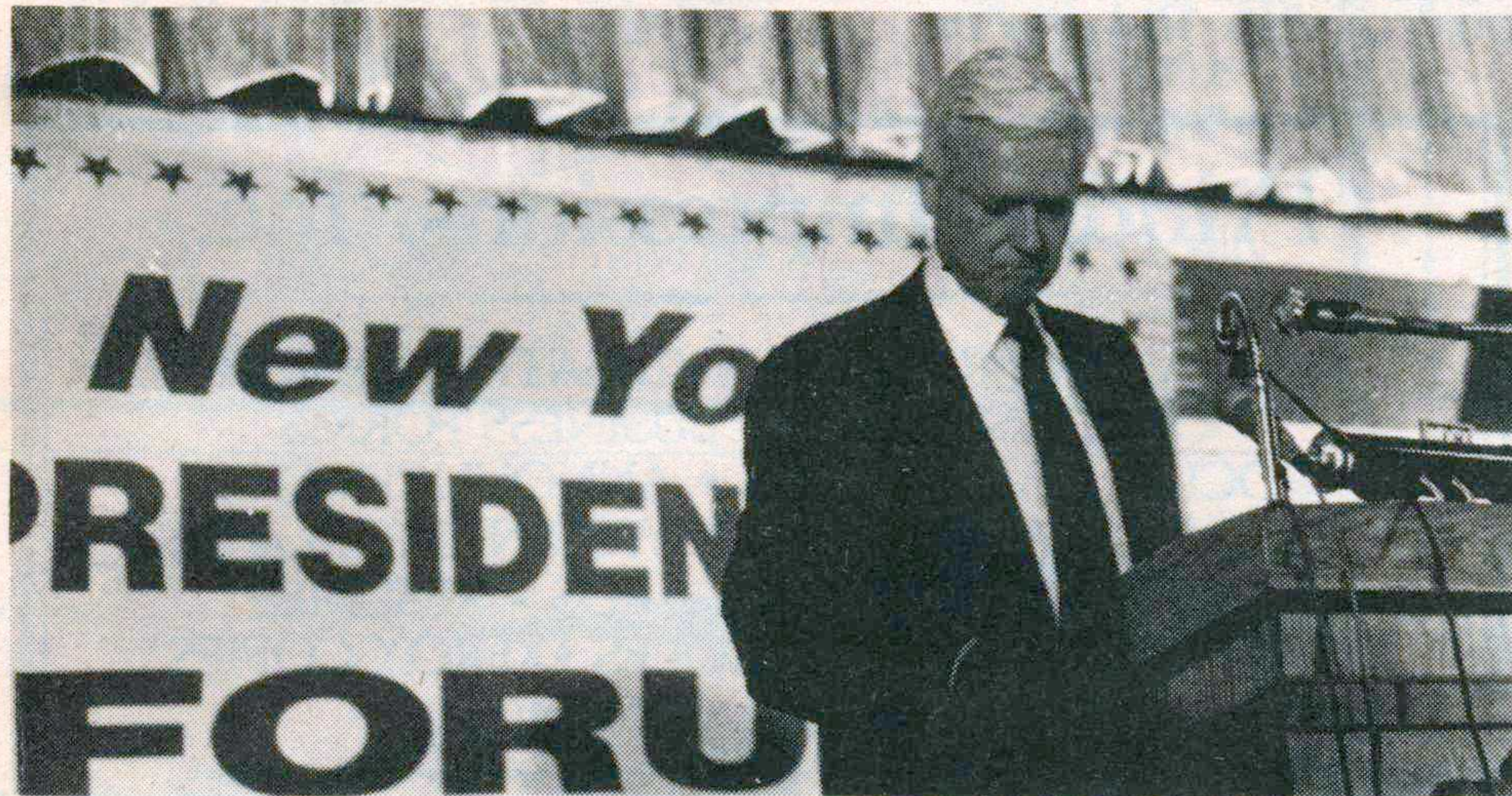
After introducing Gov. Mario Cuomo, Lt. Gov. Alfred Del Bello, and Senator Patrick Moynihan, State Chairman William Hennessey introduced Hollings, the Senior Senator from South Carolina, who campaigned on numerous platforms ranging from the mistakes of Reaganomics to a discourse on jobs and education. Hollings, a distinguished looking white-haired gentleman, spoke in a thick Southern drawl that had the audience straining to understand him, though he remarked, "If we could've understood Reagan, he wouldn't have been elected."

While chastising the Reagan Administra-

tion's foreign policies in Central America and the Middle East, Hollings said, "We're almost the Rodney Dangerfield of the international community — nor do we deserve respect." However, while advocating a stronger military, he favors freezing the defense budget to a three percent increase per year. Hollings wants to strengthen our conventional forces and the rapid deployment forces, and cut funding on the MX Missiles and the B-1 bombers. He is the co-sponsor of the Kennedy Bill on Arms Control "foreswearing first use." "We need an educational process by Reagan and a mass public opinion against Nuclear weapons on both sides of the Iron Curtain," said Hollings. He also proposed early summit talks with the Soviets to support arms control.

Responding to questions posed by Sen. Moynihan, Hollings said that the War Powers Act applies to the conflict in Lebanon, and that Congress should insist that President Reagan abide by the law. "He's playing monkeyshines with the American people. As President, he should want his people with him," said Hollings.

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South Hall Still Hangs On

by Steven Gershbein

As reported in this paper last year (See *Conscience*, April, 1983, May, 1983), South Hall is not open for student housing this semester. Or is it?

According to Marc K. Dion, Dean of Student Services, the University offers housing to 2800 students each year. Unfortunately, there are only 2680 spaces available. It is for this reason that 30 students were "temporarily placed" in South Hall. The office of the Dean of Student Services said that this temporary housing situation was to be completed by about September 20. As of September 21, there were 5 students still waiting to be housed.

The future of South Hall is officially uncertain,

according to University officials, but one of the plans suggested by University sources involves turning the structure into a security outpost. The reaction to this by several student leaders is that the University needs additional student housing more than it needs another security building. The Office of Residence Life has been most helpful in relocating these excess students and informing students of their options.

Craig Heller, one of the leaders of the student protest last term to Keep South Hall open stated, "I'm not disturbed because it has been regular procedure to temporarily house students in August and September and it does seem as if they are filtering students out of South Hall."

VP Election Postponed

Election Committee
Voted to Hold
Election in Line
with SGA Constitution

by Peter W. Shafran

The Election Committee postponed today's scheduled special election for SGA Vice-President and the special run-off election for the 1st yr. Representative from Section C. The elections are to be held next Wednesday, October 5.

The postponement came about as a result of changes, made by *Conscience*, that the election schedule, as proposed by the Election Committee, violated several provisions of the SGA Constitution (see SGA Prez Interviewed, next column).

The SGA Constitution provides that candidates must have a five-day period, within which they may submit nominating petitions, commencing two weeks before the election. The Election Committee only gave potential candidates a one-week petition period. The Constitution further requires notice regarding the election rules and schedule, be given to the students by posting a notice on the SGA bulletin board and publishing a copy in *Conscience* at least three weeks prior to the election. The Election Committee failed to comply with these notice requirements.

After discussions with Committee members Laura Ford, Steven Gershbein and Seth Mininsohn, the Election Committee decided to postpone the election in order to comply with the provisions of the SGA Constitution.

Low Voter Turnout for First Year Elections

by Steve Gershbein

Only ninety-nine First Year students voted for their section representatives to the Student Government Association (SGA) last week. The victors were: Section A-James Black, Section B-Joseph Lee, and in Section C, Todd Saunders and Donna Simendinger were tied. A runoff was to be held last week. (These First Year representatives will be profiled in the next issue of *Conscience*.)

Although approximately one-third of the First Year class made use of their right to suffrage, the range of percentages of those casting ballots among the sections was extremely large. While less than 22% of Section C voted, over 59% of Section B voted to choose their representative. In addition, almost 15% of the total votes cast were write-ins.

Conscience congratulates the winners and wishes the new First Year contingent to SGA luck and wisdom.

Always interested in responsible journalism, *Conscience* welcomes suggestions of questions to be asked to candidates and elected members of our student government. Any questions for or comments on the student government can be left in our box on the Library Desk.

SGA Prez Interviewed

Conscience met with SGA President Michael Zarin late last Friday to discuss certain issues and controversies that had arisen last week, particularly violations of the SGA Constitution by the Election Commissioners in conducting the elections scheduled for today.

The election may be in violation of Article VIII of the SGA Constitution, which provides:

Section One:

(C) The Election Committee shall announce any election and provide the rules and schedule for the election. The announcement of the election, the rules and the schedule shall be posted on the Student Government bulletin board and printed in *Conscience* at least three (3) weeks before the first day of voting. The Election Committee shall also sponsor forums for all candidates to present their views to the voters.

Section Five: Petitions. Any candidate for Student Representative must submit a petition to the election committee... Each petition must be signed by at least ten (10) law students of the appropriate constituency during a five-day period commencing two (2) weeks before the first day of the election. Zarin: That isn't my jurisdiction. It's the Election Committee's job. They should see that its fail, Constitutional, and sufficient.

Conscience: What if the Election Committee acts in disregard of the SGA Constitution and holds the election anyway?

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Editor's Note:

Bob Dauman, 2L, has won our new-masthead contest. His design, with artwork by Jane Himelfarb, will be gracing our front page, beginning with this issue. Thanks, Bob!

Calendar of Events

CONFERENCES

October 13, 14, 15, 16 — ROMANTICISM IN THE OLD AND THE NEW WORLD — Conference will examine three romantic writers born in 1783: Washington Irving, Stendahl and Zhukovsky. Scholars from around the world will meet and discuss their works. North Campus. Call (516) 560-5669.

COMPUTER DAYS

September 30 and October 1 — A Computer Fair to celebrate the completion of the Hofstra Computer Center. Tours, demonstrations, exhibits and hands-on participation by the public. South Campus. Call for reservations at (516) 560-2156.

THEATER

October 7 through 16, except the 10th — LADYHOUSE BLUES — New play by Kevin O'Morrison. Humorous perception of women spending time alone waiting for their men. Directed by Hofstra Professor Miriam Tulin. West End Theatre, South Campus. Admission is \$4. Sundays at 3 p.m.; other performances at 8:30. Call (516) 560-6644.

October 27, 28, 29, 30 — MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG — Stephen Sondheim's musical adaptation of play by Kaufman and Hart. Directed by Carol Kastendieck and Albert Tepper. Cranford Playhouse on the South Campus. Sundays at 3 p.m.; all other performances at 8:30. Tickets are \$4. Call (516) 560-6644.

MUSIC

October 9 — HOFSTRA STRING QUARTET — Performs a work by Beethoven and the 'Trout Quintet' by Schubert, featuring Bassist Carolyn Davis and a guest pianist. Celebrating the Quartet's twentieth year in residence. Cranford Playhouse on the South Campus at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$3. Call (516) 560-6644 for tickets.

October 14 — AMERICAN CHAMBER ENSEMBLE — Presents a concert devoted to the expression of the romantic spirit in music. Cranford Playhouse on the South Campus at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3. Call (516) 560-6644.

ART EXHIBITS

October 4 - 6 — Alumni art show - Emily Lowe Gallery on the South Campus. Admission is free. Gallery hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Call (516) 560-5672.

October 10 through 27 — GRAPHIC ARTS EXHIBITION — Exhibit by Hofstra Fine Arts Department and the Emily Lowe Gallery, to be held in the Calkins Gallery on the South Campus. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No admission charge. Call (516) 560-5480.

October 22 through November 13 — UNENDING ROADS — Site specific installation by Nene Humphrey on the North Campus in Hempstead. In addition, video installation by Warner Wada in Emily Lowe Gallery on the South Campus. No admission charge. Gallery hours are: Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Call (516) 560-5672.

LECTURES

October 12 — PROF. MONROE FREEDMAN — First lecture of the Law School Faculty Lecture Series. Prof. Freedman will speak on the topic "The Time I Was Almost Disbarred," during Dean's Hour in the Law School. (Room to be announced).

October 20 — TOXIC WASTE ON LONG ISLAND — Sponsored by Alumni College and open to the public. Alumni Room, Hofstra University Club on the North Campus. No charge. Call (516) 560-6636.

October 20 — WRITER RICHARD PRICE — Lectures on his works in the Filderman Gallery on the 9th floor, Hofstra Library, South Campus. No charge. Call (516) 560-5993 for time.

October 27 — ON HOLOCAUST AND FRANCE — Open lecture sponsored by Hillel and the French Department in the Filderman Gallery on the 9th floor of the Hofstra Library on the South Campus. Call (516) 560-6922 for time.

Tenure & Promotion

The Law School has recently announced that one faculty member has been granted tenure and three faculty members have been promoted.

•Professor Bernard E. Jacob has been granted tenure for September 1, 1984. Formerly a partner in Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, Jacob has also worked for the U.S. Government in the Departments of the Interior and Commerce, and was Deputy Division Director in Commerce. Prof. Jacob has also been a Professor of Law at UCLA and a Law Clerk to Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

•Linda K. Champlin, promoted to Professor of Law, was formerly a staff attorney

to the Ohio Legislative Service Committee, a Reginald Heber Smith Community Law Fellow, and a Teaching Fellow at Harvard Law School. Before coming to Hofstra, Prof. Champlin taught at Ohio State University College of Law.

•Vice-Dean Stuart Rabinowitz, also promoted to a Professorship, was a Stone Scholar and an Editor of the Law Review at Columbia Law School and served on the Columbia faculty as an Associate in Law for two years. Prof. Rabinowitz is a recipient of the Hofstra Law Faculty Distinguished Service Award for 1981-1982.

•M. Patricia Adamski has been promoted to Associate Professor. Adamski came to Hofstra from Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer & Wood, and has written in the area of securities law.

Dean Heads Eisenhower Conference

Dean Eric J. Schmertz has been named Director of Hofstra's International Scholarly Conference on Dwight David Eisenhower: Soldier, President, Statesman.

The Eisenhower Conference, which will be attended by scholars of the World War II hero's White House years, members of his Administration, and members of his family, will be held next March. More than 80 distinguished persons from all walks of life have accepted membership on the Conference's National Honorary Committee. Serving as Co-Chairmen of the Committee are John S.D. Eisenhower, the late President's son, and Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, his brother.

Two years ago, Hofstra began its series of Presidential Conferences with one on Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and last April it held one on Harry S. Truman. The series will eventually focus on each of the

American Presidents who held office during Hofstra's history (the University was founded in 1935).

Dean Schmertz said that Hofstra's Eisenhower Conference will be conducted in cooperation with the Dwight David Eisenhower (Presidential) Library and Museum in Abilene, Kansas. It will include scholarly sessions; speeches by major public figures; an exhibit of historic documents, letters, photographs, cartoons and books; a banquet session; and exhibit of many of the late President's paintings (as an artist, he produced more than 300 paintings).

The Dean said that a "Call for Papers" for the Eisenhower Conference has been sent to scholars at some 3,500 colleges and universities throughout the nation. A similar call has been sent to hundreds of authors of books and articles about the late President and to scholars at universities abroad. A faculty committee at Hofstra will select the papers to be read and discussed at the Conference.

PROGRAMS

The Bar Association of Nassau County is offering the following law series program:

— REAL PROPERTY LAW SERIES — **October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3.**
— PREPARATION AND TRIAL OF A MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASE SERIES — **October 18, 25 and November 1, 15.**
— PRACTICING CRIMINAL LAW — **November 10, 17 and December 1, 8.**
— REAL ESTATE CO-OP BUYING AND SELLING — **November 22.**
— REAL ESTATE SYNDICATION AND YOUR CLIENTS — **November 29.**

— ESTATE PRACTICES — **January 5, 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 9.**
— MATRIMONIAL — **January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 14.**

All members will receive complete information regarding these programs as well as future programs.

All programs will be held at the Nassau County Bar Association at the corner of 15th and West Streets in Mineola. Applications and further information may be obtained from Warren Hoffman, Library Desk, or by calling the Bar Association at (516) 747-4070.

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Election Cancelled

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When approached with these changes, SGA President Michael Zarin said, "As I read the (SGA) Constitution, there is no provision to remedy the situation." Zarin, referring to the lack of constitutional safeguards for Election Committee abuses, has asked several students to examine the Constitution and make recommendations to improve its efficiency and workability. In addition, this Constitution Committee will propose the establishment of an independent judiciary body to interpret the SGA Constitution and to adjudicate any other conflicts that arise. If anyone is interested in helping the SGA with

this constitutional project, leave a note in the SGA mailbox in the Admissions Office.

The two candidates for SGA Vice-President are David Abrams and Tom Simmons. See page 12 for a look at these candidates and their views.

First year students in Section C will be voting for their representative to the SGA in a special run-off election. Section C had the lowest voter turnout for the SGA rep election earlier this semester with only 22% of the students voting.

Conscience urges ALL students to vote for the Vice-Presidential candidate of your choice.

Pocket Part Selects New Editor

Tom Simmons, member of the class of 1984, has been selected as Editor for next year's yearbook. The "problem of succession" has been solved. Tom brings enthusiasm, competence, and yearbook experience to this position.

A budget proposal has been submitted to the Student Government, and if funded, the class of 1984 will have a yearbook.

Last year, SGA did not fund the Pocket Part, however, the Law School administration loaned Pocket Part money to cover its expenses and as a result, Pocket Part '83 will be published this November. The price of the yearbook is \$10. Contact Robert Wilk for sales information or drop him a note in the Admissions Office.

Prof. Regan's Summer Activities

Prof. John J. Regan delivered the principle paper at a state-wide workshop on "The New Directions of Guardianship in Kansas" at Wichita State University in August. In June, Professor Regan moderated a panel and conducted a workshop on Autonomy vs. Paternalism at a national program on "Legal and Ethical Aspects of Health Care for the Elderly," in Washington, D.C. Prof. Regan has just published a chapter on "Protective Services for the Elderly: Benefit or Threat" in the book "Abuse and Maltreatment of the Elderly," published in 1983 by John Wright-PSG, Inc.

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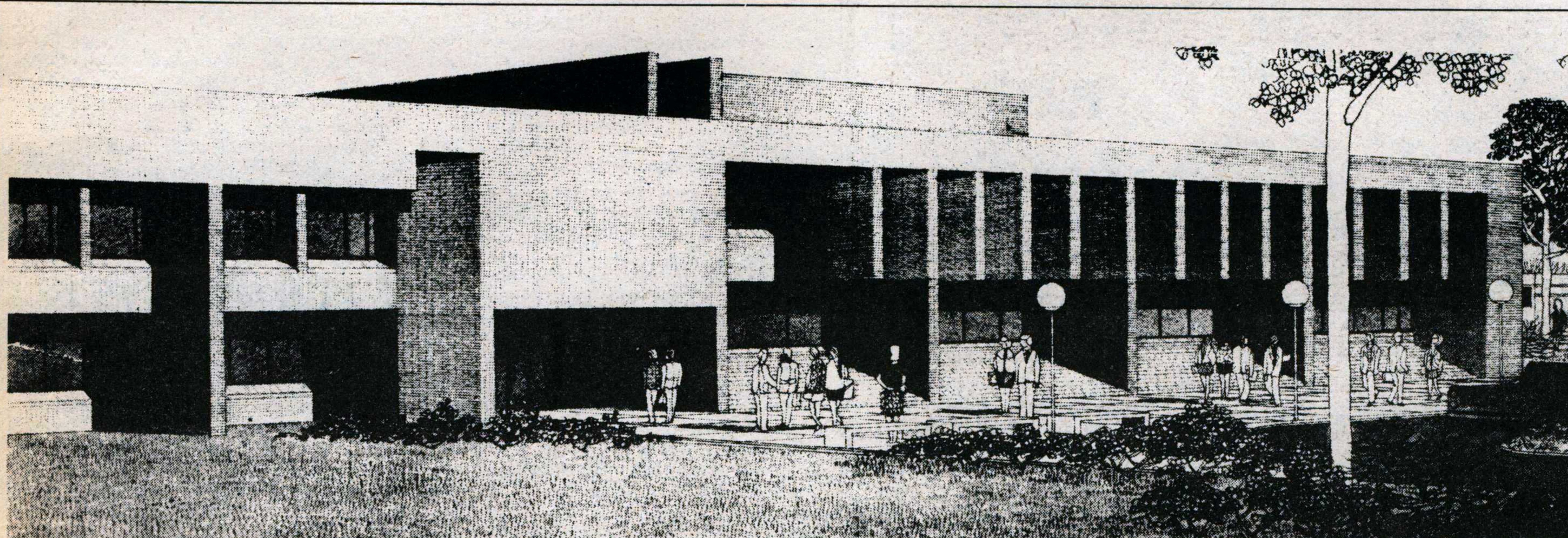
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What happened?!

This is an artist's rendering of what Hofstra Law School was supposed to look like. Taken from the school's founding brochure, entitled, *Of Human Wisdom*, published in 1969, the new structure was to have been on an eight-acre site on Hofstra's North Campus, near the

dorms. The ultra-modern facade is a far cry from today's building which some say resembles a prison. Well, it just goes to show you — you need more than students and professors to run a railroad. You need money . . . and lots of it.

Student Groups

TRIAL ADVOCACY CLUB

Your client nervously fidgets with a pencil as you approach the lectern. The judge leans back in her chair, seemingly oblivious to all that's occurring in the courtroom. The attention of the jury is riveted upon you as they anxiously wait for you to begin. Opposing counsel sits on the edge of his chair ready to spring to his feet with an objection the moment you make a mistake. Before you seat a witness with a story to tell, it's up to you to elicit his tale in a way favorable to your client. Do you know what you must do? Do you know how to do it? If you know what and how, are you able to do it well?

If you're a Hofstra law student the odds are that you don't know what to do or how to do it well. Hofstra does a fine job teaching research and abstract legal concepts, but when it comes to trial advocacy there is a lack of courses geared towards teaching students the skills needed to be an adequate trial attorney. The Trial Advocacy Club (TAC) was started as a means of filling this void.

The TAC is an association of students joined to provide a constructive and convenient forum in which students can develop and refine trial advocacy skills. Our method is quite simple — we learn by doing. Periodically, experienced members, professors, lawyers or judges instruct us on fundamental trial techniques. A variety of hypothetical fact patterns are distributed to our members. During our meetings we place ourselves in a mock courtroom setting with members, professors, or guest attorneys playing the roles of judge and witness. Members take turns at performing whatever exercise they have prepared, whether it be voir dire of jurors, opening statements, direct examinations, cross examinations, or summations. Those members who are not conducting an examination act as opposing counsel, making and arguing objections. When the exercise is completed we discuss it and offer constructive criticism and suggestions.

In addition to our primary function of practicing trial skills, the TAC sponsors teams which represent Hofstra Law School in two National Trial Competitions and runs an intra-school trial competition during the Spring semester.

The TAC holds two meetings per week, one at four o'clock every Wednesday and one at four o'clock every Thursday. The location of the meetings are posted at least 48 hours in advance, on the TAC bulletin board located on the first floor of the Law School. Special arrangements can be made for those students who want to participate but can't make our regular meetings.

TAC President Sab Caponi will be happy to answer any questions about the club. Just flag him down in the halls or leave a note telling how he can get in touch with you on our bulletin board or in the TAC mailbox on the bottom shelf of the wooden cabinet in the Law School Admissions Office.

WOMEN'S CENTER

The Women's Center is a loosely organized group oriented toward raising the Law School consciousness and supporting women law students. Meetings are informal and open to all interested students and faculty. They are geared to fulfilling whatever the perceived needs are at that time.

The founders of the Center established a series of meetings and presentations aimed toward helping first-year students understand the experience and successfully adjusting to the study of law. This was done through discussion groups, exam-taking lessons, descriptions of course alternatives, and counseling on upper class courses. The Women's Center has sponsored several speakers, a job forum on women as attorneys, a fundraiser for ERA, and trips to conferences.

The Women's Center exists to fill the needs of women law students and maintains flexibility to fulfill that goal.

NLG

Hofstra Chapter, National Lawyers Guild Leadership: Karen Funk, 2L
Barbara Lynaugh, 3L
Office: Roosevelt Hall, Room 306
Phone: 560-5925

The Hofstra Guild is part of the National Lawyers Guild, a nationwide organization of progressive lawyers, law students, and legal workers who view law as a tool of social change. Since its founding in 1937, the Guild has defended the victims of the McCarthy witchhunts, provided legal support for the Civil Rights movement, and defended the rights of women, native Americans, labor unions, anti-war activists, and many others. Guild attorneys are first and foremost, *people's lawyers*.

At Hofstra, we try to supply a social and political relevance to an all-too-often irrelevant law school curriculum. The Guild is here to remind you why you came to law school in the first place.

Some of the activities we have planned for this year include speakers, movies and/or panels on prisoner's rights and prison reform, affirmative action, Central America, police misconduct and the nuclear arms race. Guild students have the opportunity to work with Guild attorneys from the NYC Chapter in such areas as labor, housing, constitutional rights, grand jury abuse and political surveillance.

The Guild is having a membership and planning meeting on Wednesday, October 5 at 12 noon in Room 227.

JLSA

One of the goals of the JLSA is to further Jewish communal interests. We go to the L.I. Jewish Geriatrics Center each month to meet and entertain the residents. The JLSA, through its educational program, regularly invites guest lecturers to speak on topics of current Jewish and legal interests. In addition, JLSA conducts a weekly class in talmudic law and Jewish Philosophy. We sponsor parties and other events with the undergraduate Hillel, and we are invited to join and attend meetings of the Jewish Lawyers Association. There we are able to meet lawyers in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Interested students can keep posted of events and meetings by checking our bulletin board located on the main floor of the Law School.

Our office is located in room 306 of Roosevelt Hall, phone ex. 5925.

ABA

The American Bar Association offers membership to law students as part of its Student Division. A membership fee of \$8/year entitles the student to a one-year subscription to both "Student Lawyer" and "The ABA Journal," periodicals focusing on up-to-date information of the legal profession.

The ABA-Student Division offers reduced rates to students on Blue Cross Major Medical Insurance, Life Insurance, and Personal/Liability Insurance. Membership in the Student Division also entitles the student to a 30% discount on Preliminary Multistate Bar Review Course seminars and a 22% Hertz Car Rental Discount.

As an ABA-Student Division member, the student can participate in any of the 23 different ABA sections or six forum committees. A student interested in Tax, for example, could participate in the Taxation Section, receiving informative publications and monographs discussing opinions and developments in the Tax field.

Students interested in being contacted about this organization and forwarded a membership packet should leave their name and phone number in the ABA mailbox in the Law School Admissions Office.

NASSAU COUNTY BAR ASSN.

The Bar Association of Nassau County extends to all Hofstra law students an invitation to become members of the association.

Law student members are offered the same opportunities and benefits as those of attorneys which include:

- practical seminars and programs pertaining to the latest developments in the law
- opportunity to work with attorneys on numerous committees

- various forms of insurance coverage
- opportunity to reserve conference rooms at the Bar Association to facilitate the practice of law

- right to use the Association's restaurant facilities; additionally student members may apply for and receive a credit card to charge any luncheon at the Association

- all members receive the Association's publications, free of charge, which include an annual directory and a combined newsletter and scholarly law-related compilation of articles.

Pocket Part

Pocket Part is the Hofstra Law School yearbook. Entering its tenth year of publication, the yearbook provides lasting memories of life and times at Hofstra. Presently there are openings for photographers, advertising coordinators, and section editors.* Anyone interested should leave a note in our mailbox in the Admissions Office.

*The time commitment is minimum; enthusiasm is the major requirement.

ELS

The purpose of the ELS is to provide those students interested in environmental law with a vehicle to pursue that interest outside the classroom. General goals of the ELS are: to educate ELS members and the general law school community about environmental issues, to advance the interests of those ELS members seeking a career in environmental law and to provide legally oriented support for local environmental groups.

ELS was founded by an alumnus in the late 1970's, who is presently an attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council. It has been ELS' tradition to sponsor and present programs for the benefit of the law school community.

The past academic year has seen the resurgence of ELS as an active student organization. During the fall of 1982, Walter Mugdan of the United States Environmental Protection Agency spoke about the enforcement of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the EPA Superfund. To highlight the problem of groundwater pollution on Long Island, ELS presented a film entitled *Long Island's Wilderness...The Pine Barrens* followed by a talk by John Turner of the Long Island Pine Barrens Society. In addition, ELS members put on in-house presentations during Dean's Hour and have officially commented on the proposed Bottle Bill legislation.

ELS is seeking to expand the library's environmental resources through its Library Acquisition Project. Through this project the ELS gathers hard to find books, reports and documents to supplement the library's current collection. In order to focus attention on the global problem of acid rain, ELS will present the documentary, *Acid Rain - Requiem or Recovery*, sometime this semester. Also, ELS will continue to work with state and local environmental groups such as the Coalition for the Protection of Long Island's Groundwater.

Membership in ELS is through participation in its projects and programs. ELS extends a warm welcome to those who wish to be new members and look forward to a productive year. Our office is in Room 312 (Roosevelt Hall).

BALSA

The Black American Law Student Association, commonly referred to as BALSA, has a membership of approximately thirty-five students. The presiding officers are:

- Joseph B. Davis, President
- Sandra Rushing, Vice-President
- Joy A. Johnson, Secretary
- Brenda J. James, Treasurer

The primary goal of BALSA is to address the specific needs of minority students, thereby facilitating their adjustment to the rigors of the academic life at Hofstra University School of Law. Coupled with that primary goal is the attempt to encourage and promote interpersonal relationships among the general student body as a whole.

Probably the most fruitful function of BALSA is to make available a forum where students in general, but first year minority students in particular, are free to discuss the anxieties and other problems associated with the attainment of a legal education at Hofstra. Additionally, by drawing on the experiences of the upper-class students, the field for emotional support to the first-year students is rich.

Among the activities anticipated for the coming year are a series of review and study sessions for the first year class; the annual Christmas party; Law Day, where we seek to recruit minority students; distinguished guest speakers throughout the year, and the 8th annual Awards Dinner.

All minority students automatically become members of BALSA—other interested students are welcome. Although attendance to our seminars are voluntary, we strongly urge members to attend and to participate as actively as possible in the events that we sponsor.

Our office is located in Roosevelt Hall, Room 306 and our telephone number is X5925.

PAD

Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity is an international organization of law students, legal educators, members of the bench and bar, which seeks to promote professional competency and achievement.

Our chapter, the Kennedy chapter, was recently voted the most outstanding chapter in the tri-state area. Our plans for this year include the Juvenile Justice program, which allows law students to share their legal knowledge with elementary and secondary school students; Dean's Hour speakers; and several social events.

The Kennedy chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International, will be holding its Fall initiation on October 10 at the Federal Courthouse in Uniondale.

Chapter Justice Steve Luongo urges interested students to sign the info sheet on the P.A.D. bulletin board outside the library or contact the office in Roosevelt Hall, room 305 (560-5006).

Law Review

The basic legal periodical in the United States is the Law Review, which is sponsored by the law school and managed and edited entirely by students. The Hofstra Law Review enjoys an international circulation and has been cited by courts throughout the country.

There are three main purposes to the Review:

- 1) To publish scholarly articles concerning various important legal issues facing the national community today; articles are written by both well-known, influential scholars (e.g., Professors Richard Posner, Guido Calabresi, Aaron Twerski, G. Edward White, James Henderson, etc.), as well as Law Review members;

- 2) To sharpen and improve the writing, research and analytical skills of its members through their endeavor at writing their own

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article as well as assisting in the publication process of other individual's articles;
3) To help strengthen and build the school's image of excellence throughout the country by spreading knowledge of its academic accomplishments to its readers.

In addition to the various activities and functions that *Law Review* has for its own members, it also sponsors an annual lecture series for the benefit of the entire school. Furthermore, the *Review* provides all Hofstra students and faculty members with complimentary copies of each of the four issues published yearly.

There are three ways to qualify for membership on the *Review* which is not restricted entirely to those who achieve high grades on examination:

- 1) First-year students who are in the Top 5% of their class based on second semester cumulative G.P.A. receive an invitation to join.
- 2) An annual writing competition, held each year, is the primary source of membership. First-year students are asked to write a memorandum of law analyzing a particular legal problem within a stated period of time. The writing competition is specifically designed to test those qualities which are most needed by the *Review*. Students may be selected on their writing competition scores alone or on a combination of writing competition and G.P.A. Second-year students may also participate in the writing competition.
- 3) A student may be invited to join on the basis of submission of a completed article deemed to be publishable by our Board of Editors.

Review membership presupposes a student's commitment to legal writing, research and publishing as well as a willingness to work long hours. Members may elect to take

Law Review for a total of six credits over their two years of membership, but may not take more than three credits in any semester.

The Board of Editors invites new students to visit its offices located in the basement of the Law School (near the lockers) and learn more about the organization. Our phone numbers are Managing Office (x5910), Articles Office (x5911), and Staff/Notes & Comments (x5912).

Board of Editors

Editor-in-Chief, Fred H. Perkins; Managing Editors, Fran Scorsone, Joe Cassidy; Articles Editors, Sally Keenan, Pat Olah, Kevin Schlosser; Notes & Comments Editors, Susan Bahn, Lori Goldberg, Jeffrey Powell, Stuart Schabes, Barbara Silverman; Research Editors, Linda Davie, Sandy Friedman, Harris Yale.

Labor Law Forum

The Hofstra Labor Law Forum is a scholarly publication devoted to various aspects of labor and employment law. It is sponsored by the Edward F. Carlough Endowed Chair of Labor Law and provides an opportunity for practitioners and academicians to submit articles for publication in their specialized field of law. The objective of the *Forum* is to explore recent trends in public and private sector labor-management relations, collective bargaining, arbitration, fair employment, pensions, wage and hour laws, workmen's compensation, OSHA, internal union affairs, and comparative labor laws. The *Forum* seeks to present emerging areas of the law in an intellectual and non-dogmatic manner, while striving to maintain political neutrality.

The *Forum* has a deep commitment to student pieces prepared by its staff, and each issue contains notes and comments examining noteworthy case developments in both

the courts and the NLRB.

Each year, the *Forum* sponsors a Lecture Series. Labor law practitioners and other public figures are invited to address the student body, faculty and guests on current issues of importance. This year's first speaker will be Ralph G. Caso, the former Nassau County Executive. Mr. Caso will speak on "Government, Unions and the Collective Bargaining Agreement: A Look at Nassau County's Relationship with the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association." He is scheduled to appear on Wednesday, October 5, at 12 noon in Room 230.

Day-to-day operations of the *Forum* and primary responsibility for planning and proposing issues, soliciting outside articles, assigning and supervising student work, and all other editorial duties lie with the student Editorial Board. The current Board consists of Dolores Gebhardt, Editor-in-Chief; Tony Colleluori, Managing Editor of Business; Howie Greenberg, Managing Editor of Staff; Vic Emanuelo, Susie Pechstein, and Jeff Schlossberg, Articles Editors; Sandy Freund, Mike Noonan, and Marty Rainbow, Research Editors; and Peter Albert, Maureen Doerner, Pam Fitton and Michael Fuchs, Notes and Comments Editors. The Board selects additional staff members on the basis of grades and a writing competition conducted at the end of each academic year in cooperation with the *Hofstra Law Review* and the *International Property Investment Journal*.

The *Forum* is unique since it is one of only two law school publications specializing in this area of law. The *Forum* complements the development of the labor law discipline at Hofstra by providing those students interested in labor law an opportunity to further their knowledge of the field through in depth research and writing on a variety of topics.

IPIJ

The International Property Investment Journal is pleased to announce its staff and Editorial Board as follows:

Editorial Board: Editor-in-Chief, Barbara Kornblau; Managing Editor (Articles), Barbara Barron; Managing Editor (Staff), Larry Drexler; Business Manager, Jimmy Hoar.

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Notes & Comments: Marc Cohen, Stephen Katz, Bob O'Connor.

The International Property Investment Journal is a scholarly periodical concerned with the legal and commercial aspects of real (immovable) property as well as the exploitation and protection of the environment and natural resources. Intended to provide a comprehensive overview of international property law, this important new journal presents informative and comparative analyses of property law around the world.

The Journal draws articles from the academic, business and legal world and is published four times a year. Our offices are located in Room 303 Roosevelt Hall.

Lincoln on Lawyers:

"There is a vague popular belief that lawyers are necessarily dishonest... Let no young person choosing the law for a calling for a moment yield to the popular belief — resolve to be honest at all events; and if in your own judgment you cannot be an honest lawyer, choose some other occupation, rather than one in the choosing of which you do, in advance, consent to be a knave."

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EDITORIALS:

Election Questions

The handling of the current election for Vice-President of the SGA, by the Election Committee, raise three serious issues of concern to Hofstra Law Students: The failure of the Election Committee to comply with the SGA Constitution's provisions for conducting elections; the absence, in the Constitution, of procedural safeguards to check adequately exercises of the Committee's authority; and the overly bureaucratic and ineffectual response from this paper concerning the Election Committee's current transgressions.

The Election Committee failed to comply with the constitution's requirements for a five-day period, within which students may submit nominating petitions, commencing two weeks before the election. They have also disregarded notice requirements. Namely, publication in *Conscience* at least three weeks prior to the election and posting a notice of the election, with the rules and the schedule, on the SGA bulletin board. Additionally, no forums for presentation of candidates views were conducted.

These circumstances bring to light the inadequacies of the constitution. The Election Committee has sole authority to conduct elections, and to resolve disputes arising from elections. This apparently includes the authority to review its own conduct without external checks. This suggests that this and future elections committees can do whatever they want. The opportunity for abuses is shocking and unacceptable.

The comments of SGA President Zarin evince an unfortunate attitude about the role he ought to take in this situation. His unwillingness to raise the matter in a timely fashion is both inefficient and a waste of the time, energy and support of the student body generally. Such inertia risks loss of student confidence in the SGA and is not in the best interests of the student body.

Lance The Boil

Interior Secretary James Watt has presented us all, yet again, with another opportunity to marvel at the mysteries of political strategy as practiced by the Reagan administration. Mr. Watt's disgraceful reference last week to the demographic composition of his Coal Advisory Board is infuriating. However, in light of past performance, it really isn't surprising. One is left more with a sense of frustration at his continued presence in office and pity for such a pathetic excuse of a public servant. The real question: why is he still there? The answer is, perhaps, that no reason's quite good enough.

Mr. Watt enjoys a uniquely safe position — one that probably accommodates his penchant for indiscretion and oral blunder over most others. Hard to imagine a Secretary of State or of Health and Human Services who would have survived displaying such ineptness as has Mr. Watt. For that reason, unfortunately, dumping Mr. Watt will be accomplished, if at all, only as a matter of principle.

Even from the Republican's perspective, President Reagan should bring down the curtain on this comedy of errors today. Watt damages the credibility of Republicans who are striving to demonstrate caring for minorities, and directly offends a wide range of constituents with painful regularity. Don't forget that this man is a licensed attorney! He is supposed to respect and comprehend the subtleties and power which attend thoughtful presentation of ideas through the "art" of oral communication. What kind of moot court trade would you give Mr. Watt for last week's performance?

But above all, don't forget the source of our discontent. As tough as life is today in the United States, Secretary Watt adds unwanted irritation to an already sensitive social and political complexion. Lance the boil!...and let's get on with more important matters without festering over Jim Watt's peculiarities!

Press Freedom

Last week, the SGA and President Michael Zarin had to consider whether to close their budget hearings and subsequent deliberations to the public. After consideration, the SGA decided to allow a *Conscience* reporter to attend the otherwise closed budget hearings as a non-participatory observer and decided to hold their deliberations, this Wednesday, open to the public.

Conscience applauds this decision, as the allocation of student activity funds is a function of the SGA that must be conducted before the students and not behind closed doors.

LETTERS:

Get Tough U.S.

To the Editor:

Once again, the Soviet Union has flexed its muscles and delivered a slap in the face of humanity. The boys in the Kremlin are undoubtedly planning to destroy all textbooks on the subject of human anatomy before the rest of the world discovers where the backbone is located.

In the days following the destruction of KAL flight #007 and the 269 civilians on board, the U.S.S.R. has undertaken the most futile attempt at a cover-up since Watergate. Although the primary tragedy is the loss of human lives, the implications of this act of savagery are far reaching.

The immediate question should not be, "Why did the Russians shoot down the plane?" There is no justifiable reason for this hideous behavior. The issue at hand is, "What punitive action can the rest of the world take against the Soviet Union?"

It was a step in the right direction when U.S. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick went before the U.N. Security Council to play the tape recording of the Soviet pilot proclaiming, "The target is destroyed." This not only proved to the world that the Russians are guilty, it proved that we have been getting a steady diet of lies from Moscow since the massacre.

Unfortunately, seeking to take action against the U.S.S.R. through the U.N. is a waste of time. The Soviet Union has the power to veto any condemnations imposed by the Security Council. This serves to point out how ineffective the United Nations is. It has deteriorated into nothing more than a glorified V.I.P. lounge.

It is painfully obvious that there is little chance of the U.S. rescinding our grain deal with the Soviets. Our attitude toward the Russians should be, "Let 'em eat borscht." Instead, we will continue to violate the theory that you should never feed the hand that bites you (or the hand that pushes the button that launches the heat-seeking missile).

The reasons for not killing the wheat deal, although valid, should be subjected to further scrutiny.

Reason number one: "If we don't sell the U.S.S.R. the grain they need, they'll just buy it from another country." That may be true. To combat that possibility, President Reagan could issue a statement indicating that any country selling grain to the Soviets is on their own the next time they need U.S. help of any kind.

Reason number two: "Farmers in the U.S. will suffer economic losses." It would be up to the federal government to subsidize the farmers in some way. Of course, that would be easier said than done. But with all that is at stake, our priorities must be taken into consideration.

It would be both refreshing and shocking to hear a senator or a congressman (especially one from a midwestern state) push for a grain embargo. Obviously, this is

not likely since re-election is more important than the dignity and security of our nation.

Perhaps even more distressing than our dilemma over whether or not to impose economic sanctions is the news that arms limitation talks will continue as planned. Certainly some sanity must prevail in the stockpiling of nuclear weapons. But how can we possibly believe any promises the Soviet government makes regarding these missiles? How can we believe a country which has as its goal the domination of the world through treachery, brutality and deceit? How can we trust a country which shoots down a passenger plane and then denies having done so with one lie after another?

President Reagan's reasons for not breaking off arms talks included his announcement that we must continue to try to bring the Russians into the "world community." The president talks as if the Soviets are a bunch of misguided school children looking for some direction in life. The U.S.S.R. doesn't want to be in the world community until they own all the real estate.

A look at the meager way in which we have responded to Soviet aggression in recent years is quite appalling. When the Russians invaded Afghanistan we boycotted the Olympic Games in Moscow. When martial law was imposed in Poland we suspended Aeroflot's landing privileges in the U.S.A. And now, after this murderous attack of innocent people, we are sure we should get a little bit tougher with the Soviets.

We cannot begin to imagine the pain being felt by the victims' families. We can only imagine their indignation upon hearing the flimsy worldwide response to Russia's latest act of barbarism. Andropov, Gromyko and the rest of the wretched swine in the Kremlin must be having a good laugh at the rest of the world.

Ronald K. Freund

Dean Cornered

To the Editor:

Someone unfamiliar with the real situation at Hofstra Law School would have read the "Dean's Corner" in the August issue of *Conscience* and come away thinking that Hofstra was one of the most progressive schools in the nation. After all, according to the Dean, we have a "tremendous" clinical program, we are learning alternative disputes settlement and our classes are oh-so-relevant. Give me a break! Talk about a "superficial" rendering of the issues! What is clear is this: Eric Schmertz, a.k.a. the Great Mediator, is quite proficient at glossing over the actual

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COMMUNITY FORUM

DEAN'S CORNER: Dean Eric J. Schmertz

As you know, we begin this year with less faculty actively teaching. This was not planned, nor was it totally foreseeable.

Initially, Professors Ginsberg and Champlin were granted special leaves of absences (sabbaticals at other institutions). It is well recognized that periodic time off with pay, to research, write, study and "recharge the batteries" is good and important to faculty and to their teaching abilities.

Professor Posin asked for and was granted a leave of absence to teach as a visitor at Southern Methodist University Law School. In my view, teaching at other institutions, especially on invitation, broadens the experience of our faculty, adds to their credentials, and increases the visibility and renown of the Hofstra Law School.

The balance of events which caused vacancies or faculty absence were for the most part unexpected and unscheduled. Professor Orlofsky resigned effective August 31, 1983; Professor Fielding went on a general leave of absence; and just before the opening of classes this term Professor Bein became ill.

To meet these situations some classes have been enlarged, some faculty have taken on "overloads," a few classes have and will be handled by highly qualified adjunct faculty, and a few classes with small enrollments have been cancelled. Therefore, there has been no significant diminution in the breadth of the curriculum.

What is important, however, is that we are moving aggressively and forthrightly to not only fill the existing vacancies but to plan for the future in case other vacancies occur.

We have given renewed responsibilities to the Faculty Appointments Committee under the chairmanship of Professor Gregory. As

Dean I shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee and I intend to play an active role with the Committee in recruiting faculty. I am sure we all agree that a faculty of excellence is essential to our professional endeavors, to our national reputation and to the education we provide for our very good student body. I believe our faculty is excellent now. Each vacancy must be filled carefully to ensure that we get the best talent available and to maintain the distinguished calibre of the faculty.

At the first Faculty Meeting this semester I will say that, companion to the work of the Faculty Appointments Committee, the entire faculty is a "committee of the whole" to keep an eye out for, seek and recommend persons who would meet our standards for faculty membership. Indeed, this applies to the entire Hofstra Law School community. It is not an exaggeration to say that recruitment of good faculty has our highest priority in the months ahead.

As the Dean does each year, an activities or annual report is made to the President. Highlights of my report for the 1982-83 academic year are as follows:

The Law School graduated 188 new lawyers at the June Commencement and awarded Honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees to Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato and banker Siggi B. Wilzig.

The entering class numbers approximately 260 (from almost 3,000 applications), with academic credentials comparable to last year's entering class which was the best in the Law School's history. Again, it is diversified and approximately evenly divided between men and women. Our geographical spread appears to have increased, at-

tributable to recruitment efforts and our attractive new catalog.

Our "external" activities program went well. We established our third endowed Distinguished Professorship, the Harry H. Rains Professorship in Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Settlement Law; made arrangements and obtained commitments for the establishment of the Siggi B. Wilzig Distinguished Professorship in Banking and Commercial Law; named our Center for Legislation and Government Law for Louis J. Lefkowitz, the long time Attorney General of the State of New York; inaugurated the first Max Schmertz Distinguished Professorship Lectures with Mr. Lefkowitz the principal speaker; sponsored a most successful second annual Edward F. Carlough Conference with the late United States Senator Henry M. Jackson as the principal speaker; continued regular lecture series by the faculty for the alumni and students and lecture series by the *Hofstra Law Review*, *Balsa*, *Labor Law Forum*, the *International Property Investment Journal* and other student organizations.

The *Hofstra Law Review* continued to enjoy national acclaim. The *International Property Investment Journal* published its second edition. The *Labor Law Forum* published its first edition.

The faculty continued its distinguished activities as teachers, scholars and practitioners in the public interest. A good quantity of scholarly writings was produced. Three members of the faculty received public attention for their professional activities. Professor Monroe H. Freedman wrote a series of articles and was interviewed extensively in connection with the new code of ethics promulgated by the American Bar Association. Professor David K. Kadane was cited in a

New York Times article for his report on prison reform. Professor Eric Lane was profiled in a front page story in the *New York Law Journal* in his role as counsel to the New York State Senate minority. Dean Schmertz received the 1983 Alexander Hamilton Award.

The Neighborhood Law Office received the prestigious Presidential Commendation from the Federal Regional Council for the excellence of its work in the public interest.

We continue to improve our liaison with the alumni.

We continue to host the prestigious NITA program.

The Law Library has grown to at least 220,000 volumes.

The Placement Office has demonstrated particular effectiveness despite the economy. Ninety-four percent of the 1982 graduates were employed in law and law related positions no later than eight months following the bar examination.

Our plans for the upcoming year include:

a) Continued efforts to launch a fund raising campaign for a new Law Library building.

b) Aggressive recruitment of superior faculty to replace those who left.

c) A continued inquiry into the relevance of our curriculum, teaching methods and institutional structures, with consideration of experimental programs particularly in the 2nd and 3rd years.

d) Continued improved relations and liaison with the regional bar associations and with our accrediting agencies.

e) The establishment of additional endowed Distinguished Professorships.

f) Continued improvement of the physical condition of the Law School building.

RAY'S IPSA:

Computer Lust

by Raymond L. Moss

I courted Lisa, Lisa II, and flirted with TRS-80, Gemini-10X, LANE, OIS-50, Sumicon System 330, HP 3000, Micro System 510, Nixdorf 200 and the Onyx. My trendy female friends have flirted and philandered with ADAM and APPOLO. I had first met Lisa through some of those sensual and glossy full color magazines which can be found on almost any newsstand. I must admit having experienced acute trepidation at first at the thought of being seen in public, eyeing such explicit photos and cover stories. At first, I would peruse these publications at odd hours of the day, making sure that my grey trenchcoat collar hid my face to passersby. My first publication was *Apple Orchard* and many others soon followed — *Nibble*, *Peelings*, *Rainbow*, *Hot Co Co.*, *Soft Talk*, *PC Word* and *Byte* — I simply could not get my hands on enough literature. It seems that I had an insatiable appetite for those sleek, sensual, seductive series of software.

My friends and I would spend hours, sometimes days extolling the virtues of our favorite centerfold. Personally, I have a fetish for PC's with vector graphics, floppy disks and multiple video game capabilities. Unfortunately, one cannot judge a PC by the color of its LCD (liquid crystal display).

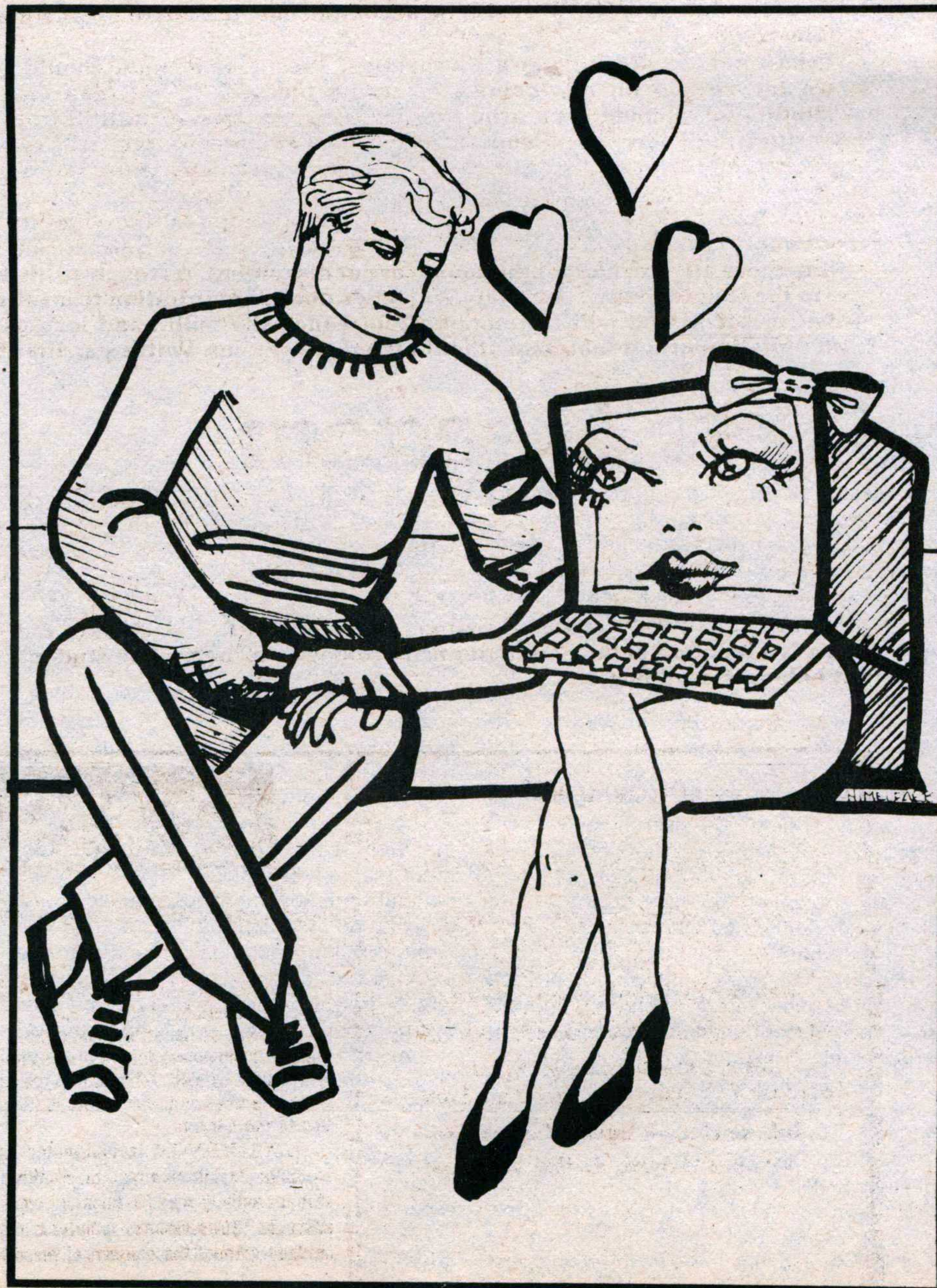
Witness the sad story of Max. After eloping with an Athena 200, to the bewilderment of his fiancée, my friend returned from the honeymoon period with "PC Pandemonium" apparently because his system had been misprogrammed with a multipersonality powerhouse.

Apparently, Max had met Athena at the Nassau County Coliseum Computer Show. She was the latest in software with an exotic motherboard containing a 5-MHz intel 8088

microprocessor, an 8087 anthetic compressor, 64K bytes of random-access memory (RAM), 8K bytes of read-only memory (ROM), a floppy disk controller with a plug-in option board. I did not like Athena from the start. The arrangement of her option slot, while maximizing the use of space, had one potential drawback: the two outer ones (indicating the RAM slot) are in line and can accommodate only short boards.

Against my advice the two went away, Max abandoning his family and friends in the tranquil suburbs of Long Island for the fast pace, high-tech, surrealistic life of Silicon Valley. However, their electrifying relationship soon became grounded. Like every affair, this one too began to shortcircuit. One day Max met a precocious Monitor III at a nearby computerland with a formidable, curvaceous, very broad key cursor control pad and an 18 key numeric pad with 15 key functions. The following week he traded Athena in for the promiscuous prototype. My friends attributed Max's behavior to male technopause. However, there was a certain method to Max's madness. There was more than a micro chip on Max's shoulder. Max's software swapping spree may perhaps signal the new emerging morality among man and machine.

In comparison to Max, my encounters with these multi-function wide-eyed display screens have consisted of but mild flirtations. I currently prefer to admire these chip laden coquettes from afar. Perhaps I am still recovering from Pac-Man fever. Then again, maybe I am saving myself for a 4MNZ 280A microprocessor, with a full view keyboard, double sided, double density floppy disks, a centronics compatible parallel printer part with a fully operational tutorial disk and perfect speller.



COMMUNITY FORUM

The Press and Morality

by Herbert Schmertz

These comments were part of a debate among Herbert Schmertz, William Safire, columnist for *The New York Times* and Dan Hewitt, executive producer of CBS's *60 Minutes*. The debate was moderated by WOR radio talk show host Sherrye Henry. It was part of a series of public policy discussions held at the John Drew Theater of Guild Hall in East Hampton, New York, during the summer of 1983.

If the public in this country were 95 percent white...80 percent male...93 percent college graduates...78 percent earning more than \$30,000 a year...and a full 50 percent professing no religion at all...then—just maybe—our leading journalists and broadcasters, the cutting edge of the media, could support their claim to be surrogates for the public.

By what right, then, does the press say, as Dan Dorfman has said: "To lie to the press on a public matter is, in effect, to lie to the people?" Or as my friend Don Hewitt has said of *60 Minutes*: "We've served as ombudsman." Don says the program opens the window and hollers for the American people.

But I must disagree. There is nothing in the Constitution that says: For the purposes of this Constitution, the press is the same as the people. I looked again this morning. It's just not in there.

So what we have is a claim made by the press—on behalf of the public—when the press isn't anything like the people. I cited some data describing our leading journalists when I opened—and the data make the point—the media bear little resemblance, either demographically or philosophically, to mainstream America.

In fact, recent surveys such as that done by Professors Lichter and Rothman reveal that the views of America's leading journalists are frequently in direct opposition to prevailing American values. Sociologists characterize the perspectives of top media people as cosmopolitan and anti-bourgeois—about as far as you can get from Middle America without actually moving to East Hampton.

Even journalists themselves concede the vast difference. Daniel Schorr said it in *The Washington Post* recently: "We're Not the Good Guys Anymore."

And against Don Hewitt's assertion of the ombudsman's role, consider what Charles Kuralt said in *The Los Angeles Herald Examiner*: "The best minds in television news are thinking more about packaging and promotion and pace and image and blinking electronics than about thoughtful coverage of the news."

Are these the journalists we want to empower as surrogates for the public? And I don't mean we, here...I mean We the People.

I say no.

We the People have chosen to build a democratic society. We elect those we want to represent us. No one elected the media to represent the public. To put it bluntly, they are self-appointed keepers of the public morals—as defined by themselves.

But so what?

Perhaps they are entitled to be the wardens of public virtue. Perhaps journalists have the mysterious power completely to repress their social attitudes, liberal perspectives, political biases, post-bourgeois goals...and actually sit in for each and every citizen as they examine the critical issues of the day in a cool...rational...intelligent...fair-minded fashion...

You know: like *The New York Post* does.

Does anyone really believe that a media establishment in which the *Post* is highly successful—a member of the club—can then go

before the people with a straight face and expect to uphold a claim that it is surrogate for the public—especially when the so-called responsible press sees the *Post* in action day after day and never says a critical word.

Or take a look at the media's practices and procedures...the way they can damage people without either indictment or trial. I'll skip right over the easy stuff, like *60 Minutes*, and talk about the painful stuff—meaning the abuses I have personally endured at the hands of these...surrogates.

(But before we leave the easy stuff, did you catch those out-takes from the Galloway trial: that phony spontaneous confession...the empty threats: See you on television...and the acting coach on the crew urging a witness: Let me have a little reaction! Good clean fun, all of it!)

Fun aside, when I think of surrogates, I think of false quotes. People who didn't say what they're alleged to have said...Or, more commonly, who said it in a context where it didn't mean what the reporter says it means.

I think of unnamed sources—like all those mythical folk who told reporters there were fleets of mythical tankers lurking offshore during the 1973 oil embargo.

I think of the front-page headlines you get whenever you are accused—and that later story on page 123—or no story at all—reporting that the charges against you have been dismissed.

I think of the deals between reporters and the legislative or executive branches of government—cases in which reporters are secretly given government material in exchange for favorable stories about a government official...Or the even worse cases, in which the press foments government action in order to make news of it—going to government agencies and telling them: Here is some information. Start an investigation and then we'll cover it as news.

I think of all the times I've heard distant echoes of Joe McCarthy, cases where the reporter is waving this secret document, this hidden memo, this list he has...and he claims it's about you...and he wants you to answer questions about it...but he won't show it to you. It's a secret, he says. And if you answer that it must be stolen material, the reporter can respond—as *The Wall Street Journal* did to me—well, we certainly didn't steal it!

I don't think there's any need to describe...for this crowd...the questionable values that afflict TV journalism—the slavery to ratings...the pandering to the lowest common denominator...the emotional presentation to entice a larger audience...the subversion of news values to entertainment values...the ruthless compression of facts to fit preordained timetables. I mean...that sort of thing isn't news to any of you, I'm sure.

But when I think of television, I think of special categories of abuse—unnatural practices unique to the electronic media, such as rehearsing favorable interviews...such as editing techniques that make Mother Theresa look like Mommie Dearest...such as the thirty-second bite in which your one-hour interview is reduced to a cursory snippet that somehow manages to make your attacker's point...such as the made-for-TV demonstration...and finally, the true masterpiece of theater, the jacklighted ambush interview in which they spring out from behind the potted palm and—while the subject is stupefied by the lights, camera and clamor—get him to admit that he is really Idi Amin.

Is that ethical behavior?

I have found that the media don't like to discuss morality—especially their own, and especially not with me. They seem to feel that outsiders should not question the goodness or badness of what goes on in the press. But they rarely examine themselves,

and this resolute failure of self-examination...this neglect of the press to cover its own errors and deficiencies...has provoked a new public skepticism about the rights and privileges claimed by the media.

Has the press measured up to this society's rules for civilized and ethical behavior? In my experience, they have not. The record is replete with instances in which the press has accused, prosecuted, convicted, and punished an individual with greater speed and severity than any court of law...and with absolute disregard for even minimum protection of the victim's civil rights.

In these instances, the victim never gets the chance to confront his accusers, to examine the documentary evidence used against him, to evaluate the sources of the accusations and evidence. Compounding all of this is the rabid haste to get into print. Then, afterwards, as those who have been convicted in the media's dock will testify, persuading an editor to give you the right to correct the record is most often impossible.

And, let's not forget the fact that the hallowed journalistic tradition of letters to the editor doesn't even exist on any of the three major networks' evening news shows.

And yet, the general mood of the media about this ethical problem is best summed up in a statement made by one of tonight's speakers, Don Hewitt: "Who am I to sit in judgment on other men of the press?"

So what is the answer? If the nation's communications media are at times capricious, vindictive, unreliable, or even unethical, is that something terribly important and significant? Should our society...should we, the people in this hall tonight, and others like us everywhere...should we be concerned about it? Does it matter?

I think it does. And I'll tell you why.

Let's begin with the fact that it's hard to find any institution in this country today that the people trust. They're not really very high on any group—be it government, the church, big business, the army, the schools, medicine, the family, marriage, the courts, you name it. I'd say that in the United States today we are going through a crisis of confidence.

Public confidence in these and other institutions is, in my opinion, at an all-time low because the public is poorly informed. I don't think they're getting fair, objective, accurate news—I think they're getting news infected by errors, prejudices, pressures to increase ratings and circulation, and the drive for greater power and salary. This criticism doesn't come just from business. Consider this indictment:

"The mass media often give a distorted view of life, so that often man does not know how to deal with that which is written...The world of political journalism, of speculation, again showed itself to be superficial."

That is a recent statement by the Roman Catholic Primate of Poland, Jozef Cardinal Glemp. The result of all this distortion and superficiality is that the public is beginning to conclude our system is rotten and should be replaced.

If the public's conclusion about the corruption of the system is reached on the basis of bad information, and mis-information, the foundation of our society will have been threatened for no good reason beyond the narrow goals of the media.

That is why I urge the media to begin a process of self-examination that will lead to a more responsible press and—yes—a more free press.

Herbert Schmertz is Vice-President of the Mobil Corporation in charge of Public Affairs.

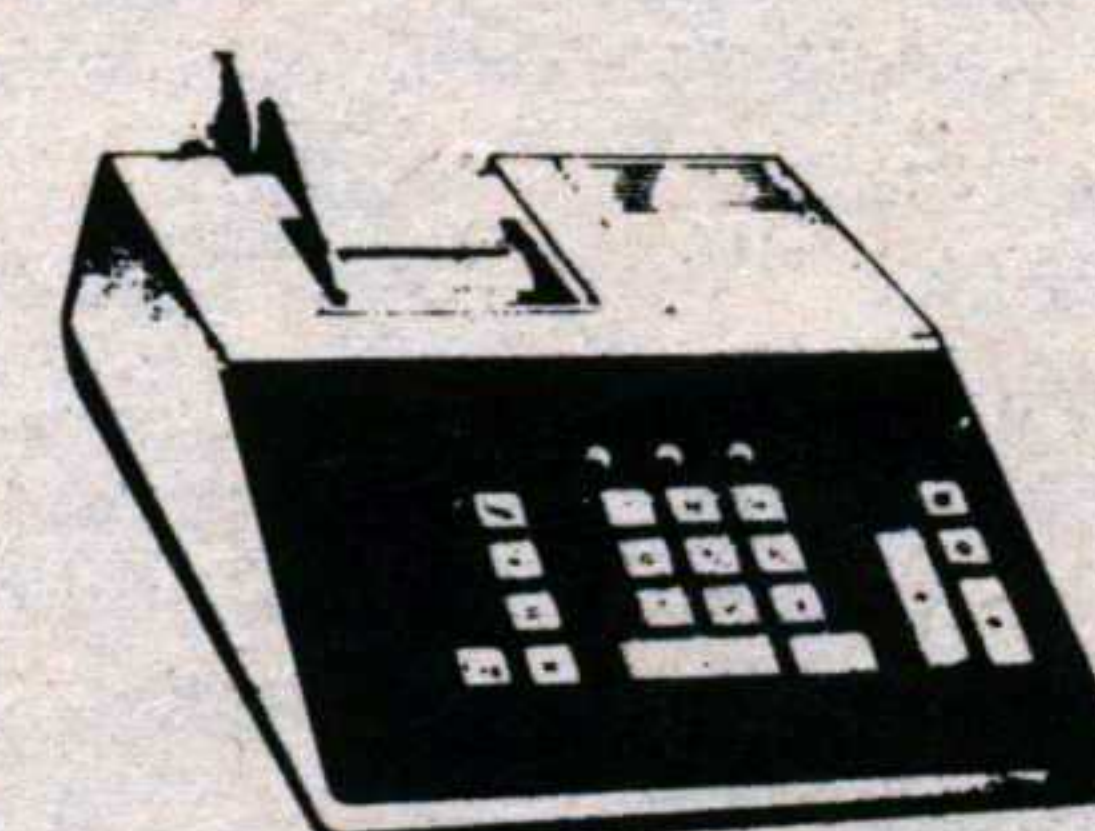
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Legal Briefs...

The Battle With Computer Crime

by John Kavanagh

You're locked in your room with your Texas Instruments Home Computer. By pressing the right keys, you have contacted Joshua by going through the back door. Now you turn down Joshua's request to play chess and decide to play Global Thermonuclear War. You decide to be the Russians, Joshua takes the United States. Your move, you launch your ICBM's toward Seattle and Las Vegas and commence the beginning of the end.

The above is a simple re-enactment of the movie *War Games* in which a high school student, with the aid of his home computer, not only changes his school grades but also breaks the U.S. computer defense system. In his game of war, he almost launches World War III. But when this computer wizard's quarter is finally spent and the FBI declares the game over, is he guilty of any computer crime?

Today, in our age of computers, it is estimated that computer crime is responsible for the losses of hundreds of millions of dollars in the business world alone. Computer crime is increasing tremendously and predicted to get worse as more facets of the economy and the business world turn to the aid of computers. Computer crime is increasing tremendously and predicted to get worse as more facets of the economy and the business world turn to the aid of computers. Computer crime takes on an ever growing definition of terms, ranging from the myriad forms of fraud involving computers, the theft of computer information and materials, to the unauthorized use of an employer's computer by an employee. As the major financial and governmental institutions become almost completely dependent on computer technology, the vulnerability to computer crime and its devastating effects become apparent. Recently a group of high school students were arrested by the FBI after a group known as the "414 Gang" broke into the computers of such institutions as Los Alamos research facility and Sloan-Kettering Memorial Hospital by the use of their home computers and the phone lines as simulated in the movie *War Games*.

In an effort to confront the growing threat of computer criminal activity, hearings before the U.S. Senate were conducted to decide the fate of the Federal statute entitled the Federal Computer Systems Protective Act of 1979. This Federal statute was constructed to impose criminal sanctions for

fraudulent use or other illegal purpose, of any computer owned or operated by the United States, certain financial institutions, and entities affecting interstate commerce. Critics of the proposal claimed that losses from computer crime is insignificant and that incident rates were minor. Even though the Department of Justice produced contrary evidence and contended that computer crime is easy to commit and difficult to detect, the proposal was defeated and the issue of a Federal statute concerning computer crime seems to have been placed on hold.

Even though most computer crimes that involved Federal violations have been prosecuted under the forty provisions of Title 18 of the U.S. Code, the American Bar Association pointed out in its report to the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice concerning the proposed Federal statute, that the most troublesome problem posed by computer fraud involve detection and proof, both of which are not cured by the proposed statute. The problem encountered under the Federal Rules of evidence, commented the ABA, concerning the necessity of establishing the standardization of the computer and the integrity of the data input before printout, will be accepted into evidence as an exception to the hearsay rule. Another problem posed by the issue of the proposed Federal statute concerns investigative jurisdiction. Presently the FBI does not have investigative jurisdiction in computer crime matters, however they do encounter some investigations of this type in matters such as bank fraud and embezzlement, interstate transportation of stolen property, theft of Government property and fraud by wire.

Rejection of proposed statutes concerning computer crimes by the appropriate legislative bodies seems to be due to the language of the proposed statutes and not to the claims of the critics that computer crime is insignificant and that the mass media accounts of computer crime are just "media sensationalism." Even though computer crime may not bring on WWII, it is evident that the courts and the legislative bodies of our nation are unable to deal with this possibly crippling crime. Until an effective system to combat the computer criminal is implemented, the leading institutions of our nation are going to have to increase security measures and hope that the army of legal minds will be able to mobilize.

Death in the Sky- A Legal Primer

by George Patsis

When a nation shoots down an aircraft over its airspace, is there a breach of International Law? The short answer is maybe.

According to a treaty that regulates international civilian air travel, civilian planes are allowed to fly over national boundaries. This treaty, The Chicago Convention on International Air Travel, drafted in 1944, has been ratified by most countries of the world. This treaty is currently being used by both the Americans and Russians to criticize or endorse the shooting down of Korean Airlines Flight 007.

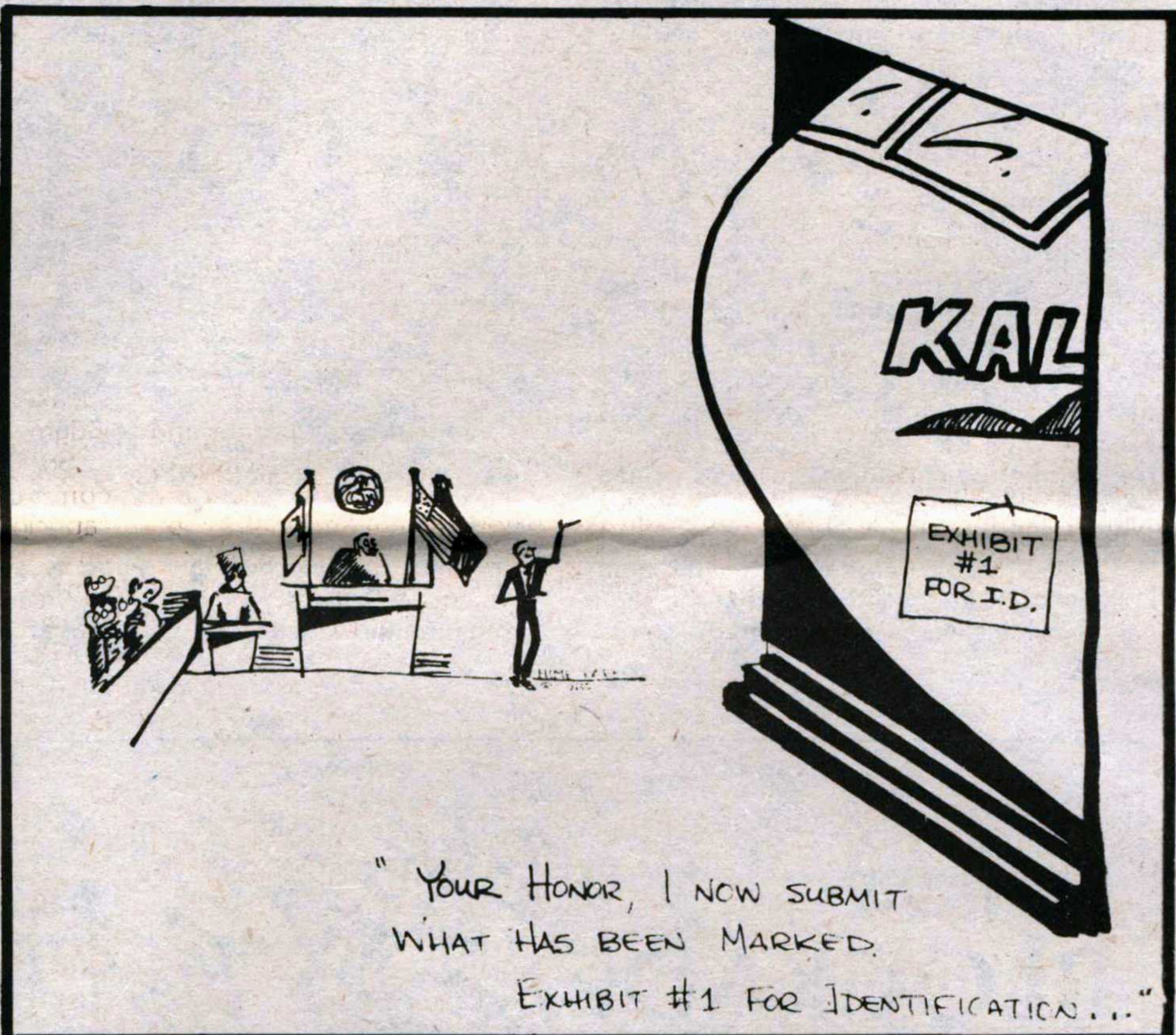
The United States is arguing that the treaty allows for accidental civilian overflights of boundaries. They argue that no where in the treaty or in its protocol is the shooting down of a civilian aircraft sanctioned.

The USSR, however, counters by stating that the Korean aircraft was not a civilian plane, but a plane whose primary purpose was espionage and therefore not covered by the treaty (Article 4). They further argue that under Article 1 of the treaty, all signatory na-

tions retain sovereignty over their own airspace. If they are allowed to retain their sovereignty, then they have a legal right to shoot down any aircraft that has been properly warned. Since the Soviet Union maintain that it warned the Korean craft repeatedly, they were justified in protecting the integrity of their borders, especially in light of the fact that the airplane was conducting espionage.

With that difference of interpretation, the argument will probably end. We lack a supra national judicial body that can force the USSR into its "court."

The International Court of Justice cannot force the Soviets into court, for it has jurisdiction only when both parties to a conflict agree to jurisdiction. It is doubtful that the USSR will agree to convey jurisdiction. All of the U.S. and its allies can do is try to pressure the USSR politically, through the United Nations, International Air Traffic Committee and other political bodies, rather than through legal forums.



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problems in an attempt to satisfy both sides of the bargaining table. His bottom line is that since everything at Hofstra is so superior, we are just going to keep our law school as is or "on its present course," to use his exact words.

The Dean emphasized our renowned clinical program and all its tremendous resources. The fact of the matter is shocking. First of all, the people of the Hempstead community don't even know that there's a Community Legal Assistance Corporation available to them at 73 Main Street, because there's not even a sign on the door! But, there's good reason for the lack of the sign: there's only three lawyers there to help them! And we're not exactly over-enrolled with student interns. There are only three interns in the federal litigation program, thirteen interns between the general practice and advocacy for the elderly program, and one instructor and ten interns in the criminal justice clinic. If our clinical emphasis is so great, why did we have to stop our client-based first-year program, why is the clinic so poorly funded, and why is clinical legal education never once encouraged to students?

As for Hofstra students learning alternative disputes settlement, I'd like to know

where the Dean gets his drugs. Does raising a few hundred thousand dollars for an endowed chair, the "first at any law school in this country," mean that we really are taught alternative settlements? I'm still waiting. A course on how to negotiate a labor contract is what the Dean puts forward as Hofstra's contribution to progressive legal education. He also contends that Hofstra has been teaching public interest law for thirteen years. Where? At the law school? I took a course on employment discrimination law last year that was taught by the chief counsel for J.P. Stevens! It should have been entitled, "How to Discriminate for Fun and Profit."

There are good courses and good professors at Hofstra. However, we are a very traditional law school, students are not encouraged to question what they are taught or how they are taught. There is a definite need for improvement in our academic program. Criticisms and suggestions for improvement should be voiced strongly by students.

To the Dean's words of advice I would add a few of my own: "Become a lawyer so that you will not be intimidated by lawyers—or law school Deans."

Barbara Lynaugh
Class of 1984

To The Editor:

An excellent Law School precedent was set last semester. Through democratic process, and cooperation of the deans, the faculty, and the students, the last Thursday and Friday of the Fall 1983 term (December 8th and 9th) were designated study days for finals. By unanimous vote at the faculty meeting last May, the faculty decided that each professor was to reschedule classes to free those last two days for study. Thus, classes will end Wednesday, December 7th, leaving four days before exams begin on Monday, December 12th. *Students in all second and third year classes must make prompt arrangements with their professors to schedule the required makeup classes as soon as possible to guard against overcrowding the schedule at the end of the term.*

The precedent set is twofold: first, that study days shall be provided before exams; second, that by student petitions, problems may be brought before the faculty, and harmoniously resolved by democratic process to the benefit of all.

A hearty vote of thanks to Dean Douglas for his continued and determined assistance, and for presenting the students' petition to Dean Schmertz; to Dean Schmertz for including the matter in the faculty meeting agenda; to Professor Resnick, Professor Twerski, and the many other faculty members who lent their sympathetic support; to Balsa for their support of the

measure; to Linda Davie, Jim Rogers, Frazine Thompson, Mary Grein, and Marilyn Salzman, who lobbied for its passage; to all the students who signed the petition; and to Jordan Fox for supporting our efforts at the faculty meeting.

Added study days will be a boon to students, especially, as Professor Twerski emphasized, to those with families and children; the study days will boost morale, esprit de corps, and academic achievement in our Law School.

Mary L. Fleming
Barbara Posner

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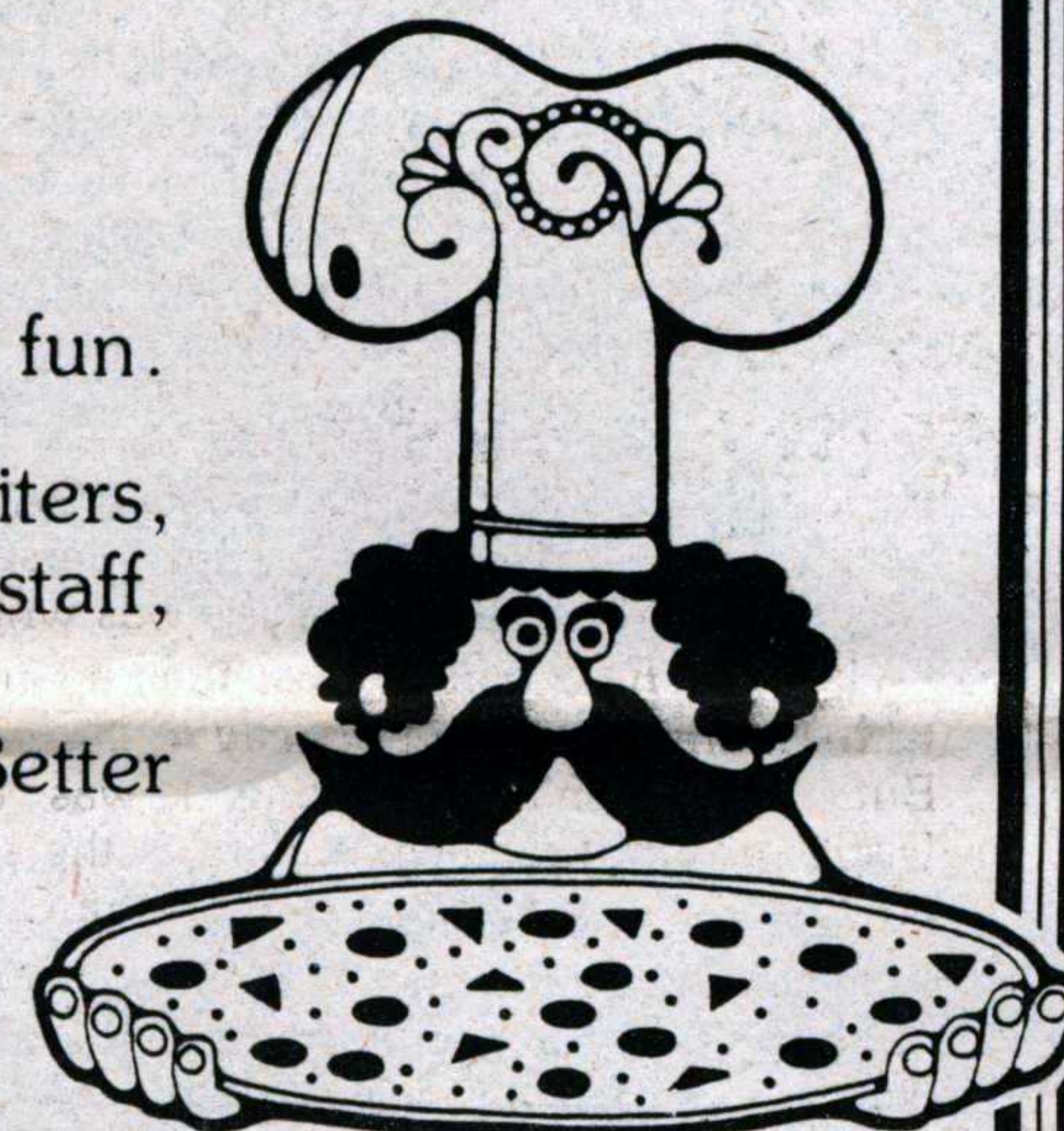
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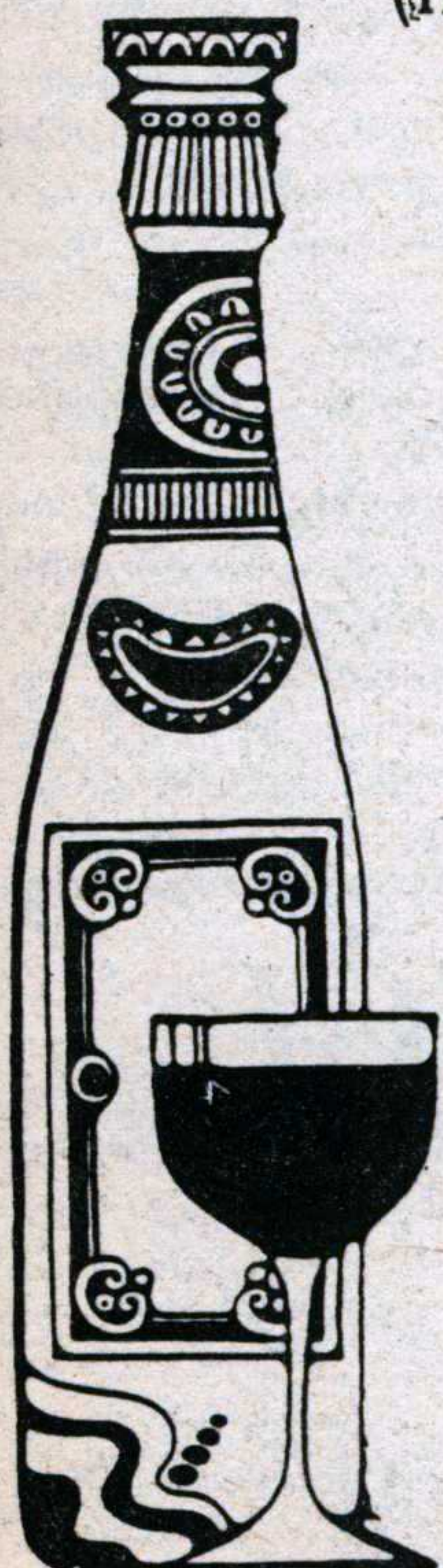
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V.P. Candidates' Forum

Abrams vs. Simmons

A special election expected to be held Wednesday, October 5, will pit Dave Abrams versus Tom Simmons to fill the now vacated office of vice-president. Joe Sanchez, elected at the end of last year resigned earlier due to other time consuming activities.

Tom Simmons began attending Hofstra University originally as an undergraduate and continued on as a law student. Upon graduation this year Simmons pledges to remain involved in Hofstra University affairs as a member of the alumni association.

He is presently employed on campus and he believes his day long availability at school will be advantageous in fulfilling the obligations as vice-president.

If elected Simmons will seek an expansion of the clinical programs. Simmons believes the so-called "extensive" clinical programs the school purports to have are limited to too few students and in some cases even disbanded. Simmons stresses the need for acquisition of practical legal skills. Simmons further believes the school should set up a program where Hofstra Law students, at a reduced rate, would be able to attend legal symposia held by the different bar associations. These symposia cover many different aspects of the law which an attorney encounters in practice.

Simmons believes the course offerings offered by the school are too restricted. He ties this in with the job search. He understands that law firms who seek job applicants through the placement office usually want a student in the top 5% and law review. The remaining students are often locked out of the major firms. If the course offerings are more extensive, Simmons believes that students will be able to specialize in individual areas of the law (tax, real estate, etc.) which, in turn, would be more marketable for the average student. At the present time not all courses in the different areas of specialization are offered each semester.

While Simmons is not a resident student he understands the plight of students seeking housing. He states the lack of communication and coordination between the administration and the students is at the heart of the problem. Simmons states he intends to bridge that gap.

Lastly, Simmons sympathizes with the continuing parking problem. He supports an expansion of the parking lot located in the back of the law school which he would restrict to law students only.

Dave Abrams is a graduate of SUNY Binghamton and is presently in his second year of law school.

Abrams states that if he is elected he has two goals he would like to see met. To help put Hofstra Law school on the map and to expand the clinical programs. He states he is willing to devote a substantial time to representing student interests before the administration.

Abrams recognizes that Hofstra is a young school and therefore will experience some growing pains. Abrams believes the placement office has been getting an undeserved bad reputation because Hofstra is a new school, and has not had an opportunity to place a significant number of graduates in the major firms. Abrams believes Hofstra needs greater publicity to increase its name recognition and to assist the placement office in finding jobs for the students. Abrams suggests that the administration increase its contacts with the legal community by sending students from the different clubs to the many symposia to increase Hofstra's visibility. He further believes that the student government can act as liaison between the student body and placement to air any differences.

Abrams has also observed the problems in the area of school parking and suggests that the law school improve its communication with the rest of the university to arrive at a mutually satisfactory solution.

Abrams believes the clinical programs are headed in the right direction and should be further expanded as there is no substitute for "hands on experience." The reinstatement of the tax clinic is one idea he suggests.

A meaningful relationship between student government and the administration is necessary, Abrams states, to solve the problems facing the school. But he believes that individual initiative on the part of each student is crucial.

Abrams expressed disappointment over the failure of last years referendum to raise the student activity fee. He believes the clubs are not being funded properly and that the clubs are essential ingredient of the law school experience. He would support an increase in the student activity fee.

On the other hand Simmons does not support an increase in the activity fee as he believes the student clubs should depend on their own members involvement. While he agrees student clubs are very important, the tuition fee is already high enough and should not be increased further if it can be helped.

Interview Conducted by Randy Montellaro

Open Letter to Election Committee

TO: ELECTIONS COMMISSIONERS

FR: THOMAS R. SIMMONS, CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

DT: SEPTEMBER 23, 1983

RE: FILING OF GRIEVANCE

As a candidate for the office of Vice-President, I feel it necessary to file this grievance with the Elections Commissioners.

It has come to my attention that a situation existed during the budget hearings on September 21, which should have been intolerable for students' whose profession embodies such notions as "fairness."

I have been told by several students at that meeting that during the budget proceedings, another candidate for the office of Vice-President was present, and that he was introduced as a candidate and took part in the proceedings.

I find this highly irregular and prejudicial for the following reasons:

1. Once candidate was given deferential treatment — being introduced as a candidate and allowed to participate as if he were already elected — while another candidate was not even invited to the meeting, nor his candidacy mentioned.

2. To identify one particular student as a candidate was completely unnecessary; if it was to justify his presence, then he should not have participated to begin with; if it was not to justify his presence, then it was completely unnecessary, and can only be viewed as a bias that the present Student Government has toward one candidate.

3. Allowing this candidate such a forum created the appearance that he somehow was more entitled to participate than any other candidate.

4. This situation may have left certain club Presidents in an awkward position of wanting to openly campaign for another candidate, yet fearing for their club's budgets because of this candidate's input into the budget proceedings.

Therefore, with two school days left until the election, and one of those being the beginning of a Jewish Holiday, I must respectfully ask that the elections be postponed in order to eradicate any false impressions that this most inequitable situation may have had on the club presidents and representatives, who heard him presented as a candidate and participate in the budget hearings.

Thomas R. Simmons

SGA Prez Interviewed

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Zarin: They should do what's best for the school. The Election Committee was set up as an independent body. I mean to protect their independence.

Conscience: If the Election Committee wants to hold the election on Tuesday, (September 27) would you stop it or oppose it?

Zarin: No. I would assume that they made a considered opinion.

Conscience: Even if it is unconstitutional, in violation of Article VIII, Section One and Section Five?

Zarin: There is a possibility that they see that Article differently. I would want to hear their interpretation of the constitution. They are the people who've taken on this responsibility. I don't know what their reasoning is. In the long run, my final opinion doesn't count. It is their responsibility.

Conscience: If something is unconstitutional, isn't there a remedy?

Zarin: It would depend on the issue. You've got to remember, this is being raised to me at 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

Conscience: Is there a remedy?

Zarin: As I read the (SGA) Constitution, there is no provision to remedy the situation. However, we are actively looking into the constitution and identifying those areas that could be rewritten or amended, such as, how one resolves a constitutional question, adding additional sections that would fill the gap and improve its effectiveness. When that happens, we will have open hearings and make it a schoolwide dialogue and put the constitution on a firmer foundation for future SGAs and incoming students.

Conscience: How do you read Article VIII(b)?

Zarin: I see Article VIII(b) as giving the Election Committee full authority as sanctioned, to conduct all student elections and resolve all disputes by majority vote. Any dispute should be brought to the attention of the Election Committee which has the authority to resolve the issue by majority vote.

Conscience: So, right now, there is no remedy to overrule the Committee?

Zarin: There seems to be a need for an overall judiciary board that would resolve constitutional questions arising from different interpretations. And we are actively looking and considering the merits and disadvantages of different administrative structures that could accommodate this body. There are many questions, such as: How should this body be formed, who should be eligible to vote, how long should their term be, what should be their duties; their scope; their enforcement mechanism?

Conscience: What has the SGA done to answer this need?

Zarin: We have designated an individual who is interested and is going to identify major possible areas of reworking. We will try to soon come up with recommendations and set up public hearings and follow procedures according to the constitution for any changes to be made.

Conscience: Does the SGA Constitution have to be followed?

Zarin: SGA has to follow the constitution in good faith, to ascribe to the basic procedures and provisions as outlined. However, since I've been here and from what I've heard, there are many times that, due to being a student, being very busy, and that the constitution is vague in many areas, that not all the provisions are ascribed to. But I do believe that we should make a good faith attempt.

Conscience: What incidents were you referring to?

Zarin: Well, for instance, the position of Vice-President is really listed in the constitution as a Secretary.

Conscience: Shifting to another topic, after the Student Cabinet meeting and the Budget hearings, last Wednesday night, a controversy arose as to the appropriateness of Dave Abrams, a declared candidate for SGA Vice-President, sitting in closed meetings. What are your thoughts on the matter?

Zarin: Dave has been very involved with SGA and has been working very hard and diligently and very close with us in a coordinative manner. He has put in a lot of time and energy for SGA since I was elected.

Dave attends the budget hearings in the capacity of a very close full-time member of the SGA's administrative structure. It seems that Tom Simmons (another declared candidate for SGA Vice-President) seemed upset by Dave being announced candidate for Vice-President, which he is also seeking.

Conscience: Wasn't Dave Abrams' presence at the meeting inappropriate?

Zarin: Dave, being a vice-presidential candidate, should probably not have been there and I take full responsibility for that. It was a mistake on my part.

However, Dave was there as a close working member of SGA — not as a candidate — and one who is a full-time law student and is trying to do as much as he can. I might have overlooked how some people might see that as prejudicial. One makes mistakes, however, it's important to realize that the intent was not to encourage one candidate over another.

Conscience: Will you support Dave Abrams in this election?

Zarin: I and the SGA are officially neutral in the Vice-Presidential election. I was especially gratified that the elections have attracted a number of qualified and enthusiastic candidates. That'll be good for SGA and the school. We are planning a number of activities, and I would hope *Conscience* would have the opportunity to interview us on Alumni Day, our Symposia, increased placement activities, and other events that we're planning that are of prime importance and relevance to the student body. We need all the help we can get.

Conscience: Last week you originally wanted to hold the budget hearings and the following deliberations in closed session but then reversed your decision. Why?

Zarin: We feel it's the students' money — there's not much of it — we welcome any student who would like to hear what criteria we are using for allocating the budget. Our highest priorities, as listed in the request for proposals include activities that will reach the most students, bring relevant legal issues and surrounding legal community members to Hofstra to offer their expertise to the student body, as well as meet and interact with what I consider a high quality student body.

Conscience: What was the total amount requested by the groups for this year's SGA budget?

Zarin: The total amount requested was over \$25,000 and we will only have approximately \$15,000. However, in the last year *Conscience* has requested and received over \$9000 of that.

Conscience: Do you have any final thoughts you'd like to share with our readers before we end?

Zarin: Yes, I do. SGA has a very ambitious agenda. We want to do things at Hofstra Law School that haven't been done before. We want to see the school grow — we want to see the people benefit from that growth. We work hard. We will make mistakes. We will be the first to admit these mistakes.



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A Law School Guide for ILS

by Randy Montellaro

When you look back on your first year of law school some of you will consider it the best year of your life. Others will feel it was their worst. An informal survey I conducted upon the end of my first year, tended to show the latter was the prevailing opinion. Personally, I immensely enjoyed my first year of law school but then I never claimed to have both oars in the water. Be that as it may, I will try to give you some helpful advice and warnings for the first year of law school.

The first thing you must realize, if you have not already noticed, is that you are no longer in college. I'm sure one of the first things you heard at orientation was that you should look to your right and then to your left as someone you see will not make it through law school. Of course you will make it through law school, it's the guy next to you that won't. But then he is thinking the same thing about you.

Another thing you may have heard at orientation was that you are in law school to learn how to think like a lawyer. I still have not figured out what that means. Maybe there is some difference between thinking like a lawyer and thinking like a normal person. If you ever come up with the difference between the two, please tell me.

But let me not digress any further. You want to learn about law school. One of the first things you will learn in law school is — who is Emanuel and what are casenotes and hornbooks. At the beginning I took the advice of my professors and resisted the temptation of purchasing any of these "secondary" materials. After all, grades are not important, it's what you get out of law school that counts. By the spring semester I realized my mistake and decided that grades were what I wanted out of law school, so I purchased everything. Your priorities are up to you.

In class, the first thing the new law student encounters is the Socratic method. This method of teaching was not invented by Socrates but by the same man who invented the guillotine. It must have been, as you lose

your head in either case. Professors love the Socratic method, as their one aim in life is to make you look foolish. They will continually pepper you with unanswerable questions until you are literally shell shocked. As a result of this, two classes of law students quickly develop in every section. The "talker" who attempts to answer every question and the student who only raises his hand when he wants to go to the bathroom. I suggest that you at least attempt to answer a few questions in your law school career so as not to let the talkers have all the fun.

A traumatic experience which is bound to happen to every law student is the following. One day you'll walk into class thinking your twenty pages ahead in your reading only to find that the professor covers that material in the first twenty minutes of class. With half the class time still remaining you'll find yourself silently saying a prayer in the hope you won't be called upon. There are no atheists in law school. Do not let the present slow pace of your classes fool you; Evelyn Wood Day is not far behind.

Another traumatic experience you will encounter is Moot Court. I don't have much to say about Moot Court, but others have likened it to the Spanish Inquisition. Personally, I think this is a mild exaggeration.

What I'm sure you're all worried about are exams. In most classes you will have three exams, one of which will count for absolutely nothing (practice midterm), a second nearly nothing (midterm) and the last almost everything (finals). A full year of law school coming down to one test in each class. It makes my blood curdle just thinking about it.

Tests do strange things to some people. You will find some of your fellow students undergoing a metamorphosis during midterm and finals week. First, their physical condition suffers. Students will look like they have not slept in days (because they haven't). They will have pale expressions and blood-shot eyes. Then the mind goes. These individuals will speak incoherently, be unable to sit still for any length of time and are even known to start singing out loud for no ap-

parent reason. Avoid these people at all costs as the disease is contagious. One early warning sign of this disease is that they begin to speak in abbreviations (Civ. Pro. for Civil Procedure and Crim. Law for Criminal Law). Eventually everyone does this but the students who pick this up first are usually the first ones to crack.

There is one other type of student that always bothered me. You know who they are, they tape record every class. Isn't it enough to have to listen to it once? Are they trying to make the rest of us look bad?

After your finals are over in the Spring, and you think your first year of law school is

finally over, you'll wake up one morning (after two or three days of downing a few and trying to forget that first year) only to find that there is a writing competition. The writing competition will help determine if you are going to become a member of one of the three scholarly journals (Law Review, Labor Law Forum or I.P.I.J.). Don't take this competition lightly as your future employability may depend on being accepted by a journal — or so I'm told.

Lastly, I would like to wish all first-year students good luck as you embark on the last frontier. You'll need it.

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Creative Cooking

by Jane Himelfarb

September is a month of Indian summer and football. The summer whites are put in storage and out come light wool sweaters and suede jackets. September means a new year of study, new friends, a new apartment, involvement in new ideas and activities. Why not welcome new friends with a Football Brunch; it's easy to make and a delicious treat.

Super-Bowl Omelette

Beat 4 eggs and set aside. In a frying pan, sautee 1/4 cup sliced mushrooms and sliced cooked ham. Fry lightly stirring occasionally. Add one tomato finely chopped and sprinkle with pepper. Cover, and cook over low light. Lightly butter large frying pan and heat. Add four Tablespoons of milk to beaten eggs and blend until frothy. Pour eggs into frying pan and cook on low light. When egg is half cooked and still liquid on top, add slices of cheddar cheese in a layer on the top of half the omelette. Pour vegetable/ham mixture on same half. Layer

more cheddar over top of mixture and fold omelette in half gently using spatula. Cook and flip. Serve hot.

Breakfast Potatoes

Fry 1/2 cup sliced onions in vegetable oil in large skillet. Chop up four large potatoes which have been boiled for twenty minutes. Add potatoes to onions and fry in skillet. Add two Tablespoons butter or margarine and flip with spatula. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and paprika and fry until crispy brown. Serve hot.

California Frappe

Wash and hull 1 pint of fresh strawberries. Slice into quarters. Slice two medium ripe bananas and place fruit in blender with four cups of apricot nectar. Blend until smooth and creamy. For those of you who prefer something a little more zesty, add one shot brandy and/or one shot of rum and blend a few seconds more. Serve chilled on ice.

Serve to your football fans with hot coffee, and buttered toast and the T.V. set. Enjoy the game!



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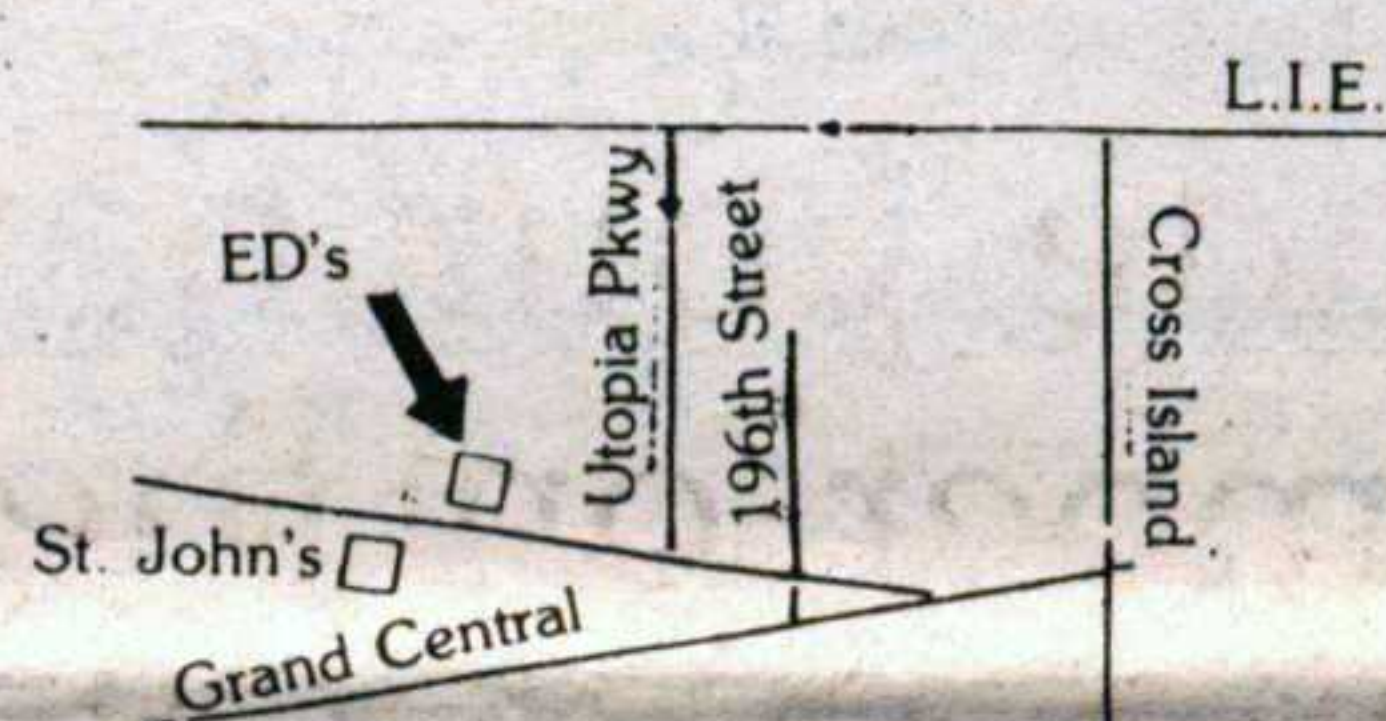
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Lakeside Run Wood Removal

All running enthusiasts are invited to participate in the 1983 Babylon Lakeside Run slated for Saturday, October 1. This even, co-sponsored by ABC Sports Inc. and Lite Beer from Miller, in cooperation with the Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission, Town of Babylon Parks and Recreation and WGBB 1240 Radio, consists of a 5 mile and a 1 mile fun-run beginning at 9 a.m. Race check-in will be from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Phelps Lane Park, North Babylon.

Trophies will go to the first three male and female finishers in each of the following age categories for the 5 mile run: 12 & under, 13 to 15, 16 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 & over. Trophies will also be awarded to the first three male and female finishers in the 1 mile fun-run.

Each pre-registrant will receive a special race T-shirt and a discount certificate from ABC Sports Inc. All participants will also be eligible for additional prizes to be awarded by drawing.

Free Lite Beer from Miller will be distributed at the finish line to all participants 19 years and older. Free soft drinks and fruit will also be available.

Running School Race Management Consultants will be responsible for race timing and course measurements.

WGBB (1240 AM) radio station will be on hand at Phelps Lane Park from 8 a.m. to 12 noon to broadcast race highlights, interview race participants and spectators and cover the presentation of awards.

A pre-registration fee of \$5 will be accepted daily, in-person, until 12 noon on Thursday, September 29 at the following locations: Phelps Lane Town Park Recreation Office, Long Island State Park &

Recreation Commission headquarters (Exit 37-N, Southern State Pkwy.), and at the two ABC Sports Inc. stores (1913 Deer Park Ave., Deer Park and 4100 Hempstead Turnpike, Bethpage). Entry applications may also be mailed, BEFORE September 29, to: Babylon Lakeside Run, PO Box 247, Babylon, NY 11702. Checks must be made payable to: ABC Sports Inc.

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Day-of-race (October 1) entry fee will be \$6 (NO T-shirt), payable at Phelps Lane Park ONLY.

For additional information, please call (516) 669-1000 Ext. 247 or 957-3107.

The Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission will issue Wood Removal Permits for the following ten Long Island State Parks beginning November 1, 1983:

Bayard Cutting Arboretum (Oakdale), Belmont Lake (No. Babylon), Bethpage (Farmingdale), Hempstead Lake (Hempstead), Sunken Meadow (Kings Park), Valley Stream (Valley Stream) and Wildwood (Wading River).

Wood Removal Permits, for which there is a \$10 fee, are limited to the collection of wood from fallen or downed trees only and are granted with the understanding that the wood is for personal home consumption and will not be used for commercial purposes. Trucks, trailers, vans, commercial vehicles and any vehicle with commercial license plates will not be permitted in any park and any wood removed must be transported in pleasure vehicles.

Hollings Speaks

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Hollings predicated his economic policy on the improvement of the nation's educational institutions, but was quite vague as to specific solutions.

Following questions by Cuomo, Moynihan, and DelBello, Hollings fielded questions by a long line of members of the audience, many of whom were Democratic candidates for offices on Long Island. For his views on Central America, the Senator highlighted the need for a negotiated settlement. "We must have a cease-fire, there, and do away with the death squads from the Right and the killing of guerillas on the Left," Hollings said. As far as U.S. military assistance, Hollings said, "El Salvador's troubles are internal, not external and do not call for U.S. troop commitments."

Hollings side-stepped a question on his support for bridging the "gender gap." When asked if he would help reduce the feminization of poverty, support pro-choice efforts, and push for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, Hollings just responded, "You sponsor things you've been working on in

the Senate, such as the ERA and the Fair Insurance Practices Act," and avoided mention of his stand on abortion.

Sen. Hollings, a member of the Sons of St. Patrick and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, two Irish Catholic groups, said that he has asked Pres. Reagan to appoint an envoy to Northern Ireland, and pledged he would do so, if elected, for the purpose of involving the United States in a search for peace in that region. In addition, Hollings stated that he urges setting up a Court of Inquiry, similar to the one in Nuremberg, following WWII, to investigate the killings in Northern Ireland.

On the local scene, Hollings offered no opinion on the use of federal money and troops to evacuate Suffolk County residents in case of an accident at LILCO's Shoreham nuclear facility, rather, he said that this decision is "to be determined by the Governor and I'll stand by it." Hollings did state that South Carolina has closed down seven nuclear plants in the state.

Hollings also advocated the necessity to start cleaning up toxic wastes with the \$1.2 billion EPA "Superfund."

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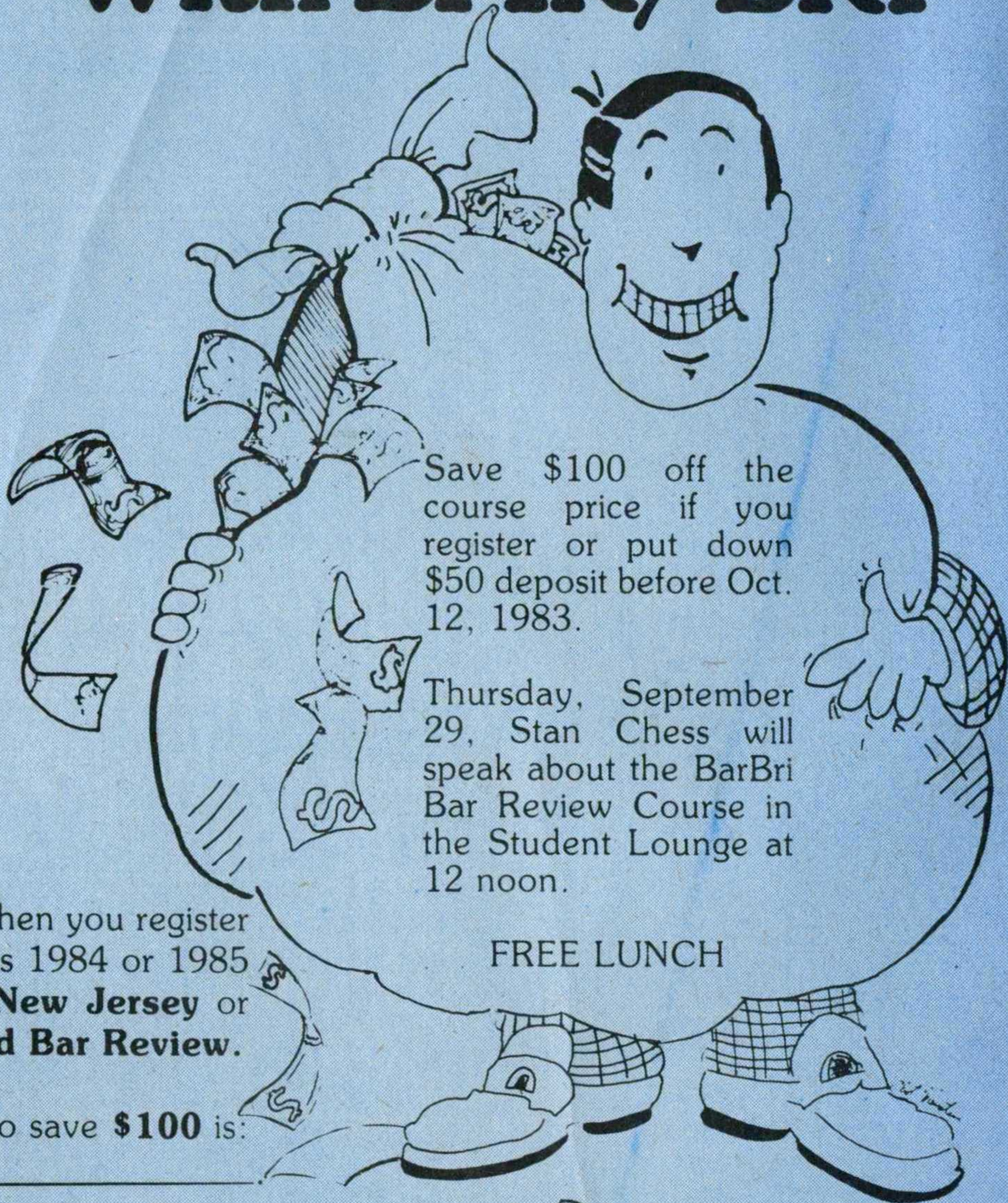
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