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Hofstra Law Ranked 28th In Nation

by David Muskovitch

The new edition of the Gourman Report of National Education Standards, Inc. will be coming out later this fall. The Gourman Report is the most important and prestigious ranking of the 172 accredited law schools in the United States. It is the primary informational guide used by pre-law advisors in counselling prospective law students as to which law school to attend. In the new report Hofstra Law will be ranked 28 out of the 172 law schools in the nation. This ranking is an improvement of 70 places from the ranking of 98 that we had in the last study two years ago.

The rankings are based on evaluations of five areas: Administration, Curriculum, Faculty Instruction, Faculty Research, and Library Resources. Further, the Report classifies the 172 law schools into five categories: *Distinguished* for the top 14 schools; *Strong* for the 15-41st ranked schools; *Good* for the 42-70th ranked schools; *Acceptable Plus* for the 71-121st

ranked schools; and *Adequate* for the bottom 51 schools. Hofstra Law's new ranking will move us up from the *Acceptable Plus* category, past the *Good* category, and into the middle of the *Strong* category.

Last year Dean Schmertz was notified of our new ranking by a personal letter from Dr. Jack Gourman, the author of the Gourman Report. The dean then informed the law school community of the results for the first time at the spring commencement exercises, to which the news received a rousing ovation. The dean has since commented that the new ranking is, "an important step towards our objective of achieving deserved national recognition for the law school." Within the metropolitan New York area Hofstra Law is ranked fourth, with Columbia and NYU in the top 14 and Fordham just one place ahead of us.

While all of the above might seem well and good, an observation of the actual report raises more questions than it answers.

Primary among them are the questions of how the results are compiled, and what the standards are for the five areas of evaluation? (e.g. How important is Placement within the Administration section?) Since the Gourman Report's objectives and criteria are very unclear, the entire results are rendered much less useful than they should be.

In a personal meeting with Dr. Gourman in Los Angeles, the headquarters of National Education Standards Inc., vice-dean Douglas was told that the answers to the above questions are "Proprietary" and confidential. Douglas was able to find out that the Gourman Report has 25-30 people around the country who compile information for it, but as to what they look for, this was not divulged. Further, Douglas observed that Dr. Gourman had knowledge of individual professors' performance in class, specific volumes from within the library, and particular Hofstra Law Review articles. Dr. Gourman thereby hinted that these things

were factors in the ranking. This indicates that the Gourman Report is based on qualitative information rather than just quantitative numbers. Therefore it appears that the Report looks, at least in part, to the quality of legal education that the students receive, instead of merely looking to numbers and statistics as in the Baron's Report.

There are many reasons available for Hofstra Law's improved ranking. The last Gourman Report was conducted during Hofstra's 11th and 12th years of existence, while now we are entering our 15th year. This is relatively young for a law school, and admittedly it takes time to get "established". Further, in the past few years there have been many changes within the law school including the following: a new dean being selected; new professors being hired; a new journal being started; and a constantly improving entering class.

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Six Professors Join Law School Faculty

by Randy Montellaro

This year sees the addition of six new members into the Hofstra Law School faculty: Norman H. Stein, Janet Lee Dolgin, Lawrence M. Joseph, Dwight L. Greene, James E. Hickey and V. Yvonne Lewiss.

Professor Stein will head Hofstra's clinical education program after formerly holding the position of Associate Director of Clinical Programs at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law. Stein is a graduate of Brooklyn College with a B.S. in accounting and received his law degree from Washington College of Law of American University. Prior to his position at Arkansas, Stein was on the clinical faculty of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and practiced as a staff attorney with the Community Legal Services of Philadelphia.

Professor Dolgin, who will teach one of the two Business Organization classes this semester, is a graduate of Barnard College and earned both a Master's and Ph.D. in anthropology from Princeton University. She received her law degree from Yale Law School where she was also an editor of the Yale Law Journal. Prior to coming to Hofstra, she was an associate with the law firm of Davis, Polk & Wardwell and taught anthropology at the University of Maryland, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Teachers College of Columbia University.

Professor Joseph will teach the other section of Business Organization this semester. Joseph received his Master's and J.D. degree from the University of Michigan where he was also elected Phi Beta Kappa. Professor Joseph was a Professor of Law at the University of Detroit School of Law and had been law secretary for the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. Currently,

Joseph is a practicing attorney with the law firm of Sherman & Sterling and has won the Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize in a national competition for the publication of a first book of poetry.

Commercial Transactions Survey is being taught by Professor Greene, a graduate of Wesleyan University and Harvard Law School. He has served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, a law assistant to then Chief Judge Breitel of the New York State Court of Appeals and was an Associate with the law firm of Davis, Polk & Wardwell. Professor Greene has also taught at Brooklyn Law School and Wesleyan University.

Professor Hickey attended the University of Florida as an undergraduate and received his J.D. degree from the University of Georgia. He later taught at, and received his Ph.D. from, Cambridge University. Professor Hickey practiced law in Washington D.C. for ten years in the areas of international law, natural resources law and administrative law. This year Hickey will be teaching first year Property at Hofstra.

Professor Lewiss received her B.S. from The State University of New York at Geneseo and her J.D. degree from S.U.N.Y. Buffalo. Lewiss spent three years as a Fellow in the Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship Program and was later appointed a Charles H. Revson Professor at the Urban Legal Studies Program of C.U.N.Y. She served for two and one-half years as the Managing Attorney with Bronx Legal Services. Lewiss is a member of the Board of Directors of the Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, the National Conference of Black Lawyers and the National Lawyers Guild.

Instructors Hired For First Year Writing Program

by Randy Montellaro

Six new instructors have been given one year contracts to teach this year's Legal Research and Writing Program to first year students. They are Alyson Adler, Lisa Aisner, George Alexrod, Peter Diamond, Robin Einbinder and Mary Rogan.

Mr. Adler, obtained her J.D. from Columbia University and had been an Associate for several years with the N.Y. City law firm of Carter, Ledyard & Milburn.

Ms. Aisner received her J.D. right here at Hofstra and had been Counsel to the Nassau County Coalition of Abused Women and is a founding member of the Nassau County Pro-Bono Representation Committee.

Mr. Axelrod received his law degree from Harvard and previously specialized in labor law with the firm of Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Axelrod taught expository writing at the University of Florida.

This will not be the first time Mr. Diamond has taught legal writing but the third. He has previously taught at Vermont Law School and S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo where he also obtained his J.D.

Ms. Einbinder previously has worked in the United States Office of Special Counsel in Philadelphia. She attended American University Law School where she was also a Senior Editor of the Law Review.

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The 1984-85 school year is Hofstra Law School's 15th Anniversary. Pictured are the five Deans since the inception of the school in 1970.

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ELS On The Move

After enjoying a tremendously active and successful year, the Environment Law Society (ELS) enters the new term with great enthusiasm. Last year ELS began a new tradition of Hofstra when it produced the first issue of the Hofstra Environmental Law Digest. The Digest is a semestrial publication featuring student written case reviews of critical cases in environmental law. ELS has received praise for its work on the Digest. Law schools as well as practitioners have requested future mailings.

According to Digest Editor, Gary Jones, "If the SGA lends support, this year's Digest will contain some interesting additions." In addition to the case reviews, ELS hopes to have at least one co-authored student written article, an update section which will focus on judicial and legislative trends in environmental law, and possibly, an article from an outside writer.

Hofstra Students Awarded Seven Fellowships

Dean Schmertz has announced that seven students at Hofstra Law School are studying under fellowship grants from the Graduate and Professional Opportunities Program of the United States Department of Education this year.

The names of the students were not disclosed because of privacy considerations, but Dean Douglas, the program director of Hofstra, identified them as five returning and two first year law students.

A total of \$52,500 (up from \$31,500 last year) has been granted to the Law School under the federal program. The Law School also contributes to the fellowship, which are allocated to minority students and women on the basis of financial need and academic

achievement. Last year ELS also co-sponsored the first Hofstra-St. John's Environmental Law Symposium. Held at St. John's, the topic of the symposium was the "Community Right to Know" legislation, a bill designed to aid communities identify toxic waste hotspots through an industrial disclosure scheme. This year's symposium will be held at Hofstra and ELS members are presently formulating a topic.

ELS also plans to have several speakers and films each semester. The first speaker, Walter Hang, will be on campus on Monday, September 24th at 6 p.m. Mr. Hang is chief chemist for the New York Public Interest Research Group and has been an instrumental force behind environmental legislation in New York. Mr. Hang has appeared on "60 Minutes" and local news programs in connection with his aggressive work in the areas of underground water pollution and resource recovery.

achievement.

The seven fellowships awarded to Hofstra were the most for a law school in New York State, and the fourth highest number nationally.

The grants were awarded to Hofstra by an impartial panel of judges who considered the strength of the institution's commitment to the needs of minority students and the quality of academic programs.

In response to the grants, Dean Schmertz said, "We are pleased that the Department of Education has awarded these fellowships to the Hofstra Law School. It confirms and recognizes our commitment to make legal education available to qualified minority students."

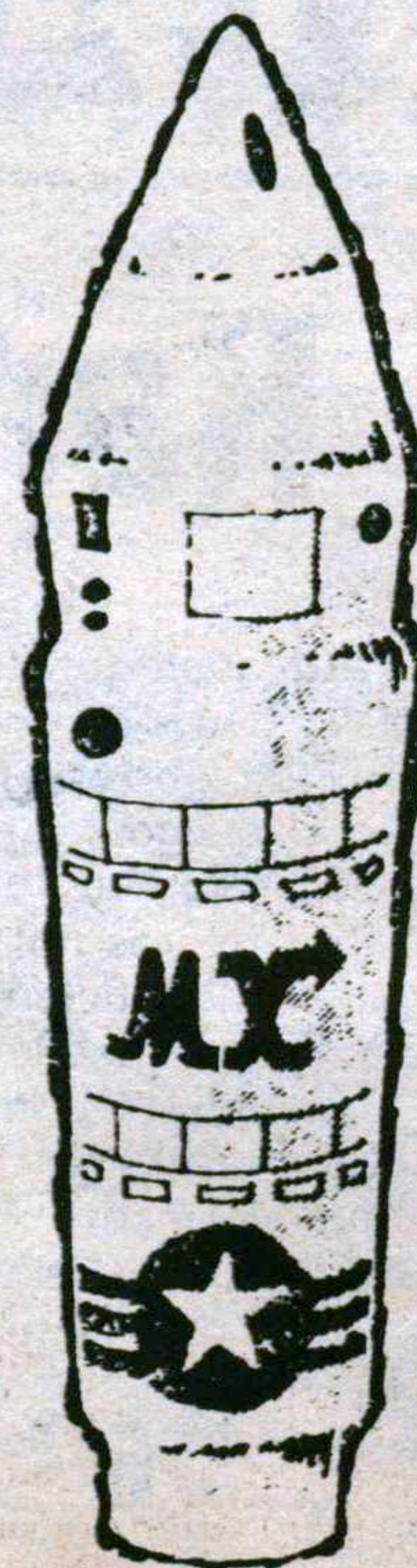
S.G.A. Elections

by Nel Panzeca

On September 10th, elections were held to fill student government positions. The occasion was marked by perennial low voter participation.

Three first year representatives were elected, one for each section. In contested races Marianne Norato was elected in Section A, Helayne Heller in Section B and Leslie Ehrenreich in Section C.

Lisa Nasoff ran unopposed for Second Year Representative to fill the office vacated by Janice Facibene who had resigned earlier for personal reasons. Lisa had been appointed at the beginning of the year to fill the vacancy until her election was finalized. Susan Schenkler was also an unopposed candidate for the office of C.L.A.C. Representative as was Helene Meltzer for the newly created University Senate Seat. Jennifer Hamlin defeated two challengers for N.Y. State Bar Association Representative.



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It is the opinion of vice-dean Douglas, among others, that our new ranking is a result "not so much of us getting better, but rather of other people realizing our worth". The Gourman Report is an independent report, but they do accept information from the individual law schools. Hofstra Law, as does most every law school, regularly sends information to Dr. Gourman in the hope that it will improve our ranking. From the results of the newest report it appears that our lobbying efforts have been effective. While this lobbying could be looked at as a subterfuge to an objective report and ranking, it should be realized for what it is: a necessary vehicle for Hofstra Law getting its views and scholastic abilities across to others. What should be realized is that all law schools want to get the best possible Gourman ranking that they can, and that they all have the ability to send as much information as they want to Dr. Gourman. Because most law schools lobby to Dr. Gourman, this very much neutralizes the effect that lobbying can have on improving a school's ranking. Therefore, Hofstra Law's improved ranking should not be discounted on the basis of our lobbying efforts.

There is a statistical curiosity within the Gourman Report that should not be ignored. The Report gives a score of between 2.00-5.00 to every school for each of five different areas of evaluation (Administration, Curriculum, etc.), but in no situation does any school ever do better than one ranked above it in even one of the five areas. For example the 35th ranked school never receives a better score than the 34th ranked school in even one area of evaluation. This result holds true for the entire Gourman Report. It doesn't take a genius to realize that this statistical result is suspicious. One would expect that a law school would have certain strengths and weakness and that their cumulative ranking would not hold true for

each of the individual areas of evaluation. An inescapable conclusion therefore, is that the scores from these individual areas of evaluation should not be taken too seriously. This does not necessarily mean that the cumulative ranking is incorrect, but rather that it should not be accepted without question.

Whether the rankings are accurate or not is subject to dispute, but the bottom line is still: What impact will the new ranking have upon Hofstra Law and its students? There is a very good chance that the effect will be quite dramatic. The Gourman Report is well respected around the country by academicians, the legal community, and students in general. By leaping 70 places in a single period, and being ranked #28 in the nation, Hofstra Law's drive for national recognition will be greatly aided.

On the immediate horizon the new ranking should make for a more positive atmosphere within the school. The student body has been hearing the administration use the term "National law school" for so long, without seeing any proof of its benefits, that the term had begun to have a negative connotation. Now the fact that a respected authority from not just outside of the school, but from outside of the state, has seen fit to regard Hofstra Law so highly should be (some) proof that the administration is heading in the right direction. But a note of caution is required here: It is still unclear how quickly Placement's effectiveness will improve, since change in this area can often be sluggish.

For next fall, the higher ranking should mean that there will be an immediate improvement in the already high quality of incoming students. Because better students generally make for an even better school, the higher ranking could lead to a self-fulfilling prophecy. Stated Vice-Dean Douglas, "This new ranking could mean a Coming of Age for Hofstra Law".



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Speech delivered by Jordan C. Fox, former S.G.A. President, at Hofstra University School of Law Spring Graduation

When I first found out that I was to give this speech I prepared a statement somewhat critical of our law school education. Then I began my Bar Review course. And so I am here today to say that law school was the greatest experience of my life. Boy, oh boy, I wish I was back there in the classroom, studying one subject at a time, enjoying the relaxation of my first year. The only thing we can be assured of is that whatever few friends we have left after three years of school are certain to disappear over the next six weeks and the only real question is to what extent we can salvage our family.

My hands, may they rest in peace, are in such bad shape that when I went to cash a check yesterday morning the teller told me to sign my name in English, not hieroglyphics. And if anybody that has spoken before me today would like a transcript of their comments I want you to know that I have them written, outlined, charted, grouped into pneumonics and memorized. And my mind is scrambled. Last night I had visions of a police dog at an airport sniffing and then eating a passenger and his luggage and Justice Rehnquist declaring that it wasn't a search under the Fourth Amendment. And I remember dreaming that Governor Cuomo had issued a press release expressing his particular pleasure over this graduation because of what he called the "desperate need for lawyers in the State of New York." Then I woke up!

And here we are on this truly remarkable day. We found out today that we are at least the twenty-eighth best law school in the country. Dean Schmertz, for your accomplishments, I have good news and I have bad news. The good news is that you have been named an honorary member of the Class of 1984. The bad news is that you have three years tuition past due.

When all is said and done I think it is uncontroversial that we received the opportunity for a superior legal education here and despite all of the anxiety, all of the pressure, and God knows all of the loans, we pulled it off with style and friendships that will last a lifetime.

For many of us of Jewish heritage, this is an especially proud moment. Today we are not just lawyers. We are ethnic folk heroes.

And for many of us, law school was like a voyage across Darwin's origins of man theory as we said goodbye to the Blues Brothers and hello to Brooks Brothers. Goodbye to Dean Schmertz and hello to Dean Witter. We've said goodbye to the grey areas in the law and hello to the grey areas on our heads. Goodbye to Hempstead and hello to anyplace but Hempstead. Goodbye to 9% and hello to 14%. Goodbye to General Hospital and hello to General Practice. Goodbye to growing debt and hello to income; sweet, welcomed income. And goodbye to Mom and Dad tolerating our living home and hello to Mom and Dad hiring another member of our graduating class to secure a summary eviction to kick us out.

Now I know a lot of people here today are concerned about getting a job, passing the Bar, starting a family and buying a home. But for my money there are only three questions one can ask to measure success. First, are you happy? Second, to what extent have you contributed to the well-being of others? And third, where can you get great Chinese food? As to the Chinese food, I have "wonton" searched, found some nice places but will reserve these comments for a later day. But today I have a few things I'd like to say about life on this planet and our role in it.

To me, America is like an experiment, an unprecedented attempt at individual liberty and social justice. It is, however, an experiment yet to be completed and subject to human frailty and manipulation. Yet never has an experiment been so worth pursuing. I believe with all my heart that we are a for-

tunate and gifted generation that can make Experiment America work for all of its people.

Now I know many of my friends here today view our future more skeptically because they see our generation as a complete retreat from the idealism and enthusiasm of the sixties and seventies. But those memories don't fade so quickly and neither does the blood spilled on our streets. In our restlessness I see hope, not despair.

As lawyers we can combine the skills and technologies of the eighties with the justice and peace objectives of the sixties. And there's good news! We can have justice and peace and have economic growth, and strong families, and I.R.A.'s and no drug abuse, and protect America's interests abroad. For this is a nation of dreams and dreamers and we can have it all.

Yet they tell us that lawyers must always look at both sides of every issue to which we say that this may be true but some things just stink. Racial hatred stinks. The arms race stinks. How can the greatest legal minds in this nation sit idly by as we prepare to bring creation to a smoking ruin. Look around. We have the instruments to kill. We have the myths. We even have the blueprints.

They tell us that we must employ military strength to show others of our power to which we say that when the only tool that you have is a hammer you tend to see every problem as a nail.

They tell us that we're not realistic. But realism got us into Vietnam, is losing us Central America, has inspired massive intelligence efforts to suppress political dissent at home and has resulted in millions abroad declaring they love the American people but hate the American government. Remember that it was not until the Ancient Greeks mirrored the tactics of the Spartans that their great civilization fell.

They've told us that we are now prepared to enter the legal profession. But we have failed law school if we do not react to the fact

that ninety percent of the lawyers in America represent ten percent of the population. And we have failed law school if we have not acknowledged that the law can pervert as well as transcend freedoms. That the Constitution has acted and acts as a sword, not a shield, against the rights of women, blacks and the poor. That completing our legal education without learning of the *Dred Scott* case, which denied citizenship to blacks, and the *Bradwell* case, which declared that women were unfit for the legal profession, is like being taught world history without being told about the Third Reich.

And finally, they tell us they're for social justice and equality but busing and affirmative action are out of the question to which we say that if you are against busing and affirmative action to remedy invidious discrimination, then what are you for? The answer, once boiled down, is *Plessy v. Ferguson*, status quo, separate is equal. Where I lived in Washington, D.C., the school children had one twelfth the money spent on their educations as the children in neighboring Montgomery County. Equal opportunity? Hardly. Experiment America cannot survive as long as the powerless are forced to pay for the sins of the powerful.

Our task is not easy. As Dolci said: "It is important to know that words don't move mountains. Work, exacting work, moves mountains." I love this country very much and I am prepared to devote my life to ensuring that Experiment America works.

It's our ballgame to win or lose. And I want you to know that as I look around today at my dear friends and family, with all of the pride and honor that this day justifiably brings, that I'm betting with us, not against us.

And I know of at least one other little fan in this audience, a four month old fetus soon to be a Silberstein, who is rooting us on. And when that kid says goodbye to its womb, let us say hello to a greater, freer America.

Thank you very much.

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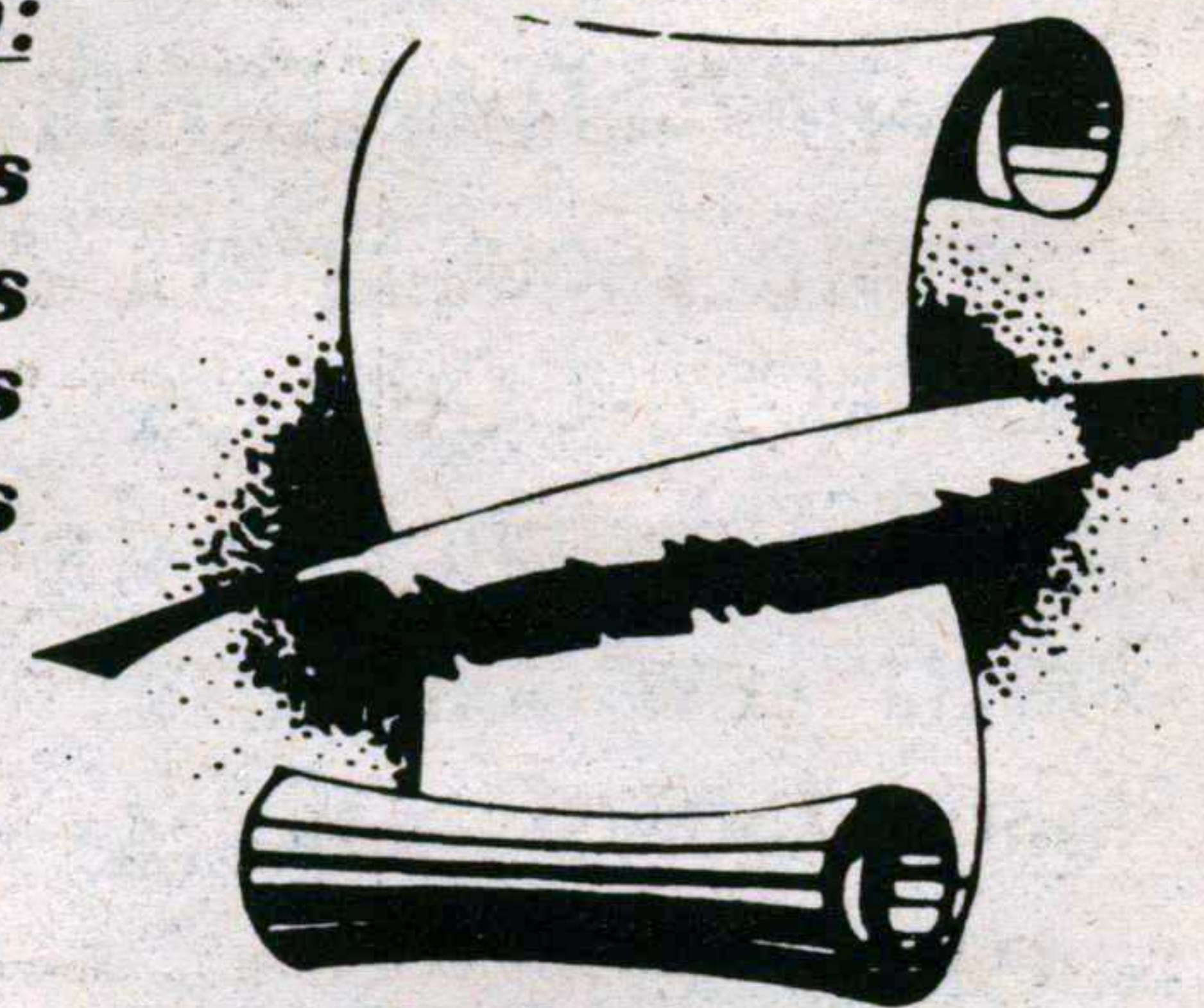
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It has probably escaped notice by very few at the law school this fall that Hofstra is to be recognized this year as the 28th best law school in the United States, according to the Gourman Report. This newspaper is not only extremely pleased to help spread this news among its readers, but takes pride in being able to commend the members of the faculty and administration who have accomplished this startling feat in only 15 years.

It should not be forgotten that the early 1970's spawned a dramatic increased interest in legal studies: environmental issues, the Vietnam War, Civil Rights movements, the oil crisis and Watergate stimulated tremendous desires in students to shape social institutions through the law. Not surprisingly, that surge of demand resulted in the opening of many new law schools and an intense competition among both newcomers and already established schools to distinguish themselves. Yet the founding of many institutions was shown to be little more than a response to a favorable marketing environment in legal training. Many of those schools have either foundered or disappeared. The inflation of the late '70 made the early going for many schools too tough to endure. Thus, while numerous schools failed to attain accreditation with the ABA because their libraries were insufficient, Prof. Wypiski scoured the U.S. and established one of the finest law libraries in the region — while setting up a rare-volume trading service that is still remembered among the *cognoscenti* of legal research. Also, while other schools, such as the Potomac Law School in Washington, D.C., were forced to close their doors due to financial constraints, Hofstra has funded five distinguished professorships. Far from least important, however, has been the effort of the schools founders, faculty and administration to overcome these obstacles and attract a unique, dedicated and distinguished faculty. Too frequently, under the pressure and worry concerning job placement, students have overlooked the characteristics of this institution which have won it this most recent recognition: its clinical programs; being the Northeast center for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy; an expanding program of 1st year research, writing and legal methods training; its unique open-door policy between students and faculty; and above all, the creation of an academic environment that attracts and seems to nurture a distinguished faculty.

Recitation of these accolades is offered, however, not merely as an end in itself. Awareness of what is becoming the Hofstra tradition is something that should help ease some of the anxieties for first year students, gratify the second year class for the sacrifices of last year, and fortify the 3L who may have experienced a twinge of remorse upon glimpsing a new threshold soon to be crossed. Happily, our recognition in the Gorman Report is an event that can be celebrated by all those who in 15 years have worked to prove that the concept that founded and has sustained this institution is a strong one. Therefore, without forgetting the special efforts of those who have carried this law school to its current success, and never forgetting that the tradition of self improvement is like a flame which must be fueled if it is to continue burning, we offer to everyone who has participated in the law school's development the familiar toast of the British Navy: To our Noble Selves!

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LETTERS:

Tuition Increase S.G.A. Attacks

**To: Dean Schmertz
From: Student Government Association
Re: Lack of Notification About Tuition Increase**

Recently, the law students of Hofstra went to their respective mailboxes and found their bill for the fall semester. This was no surprise since it was the middle of the summer and that is when the bills are normally sent out. The surprise came when the students opened the envelope. There, at the bottom line, was a figure that was about ten percent higher than last year's figure. The increase may not have been that bad, but the law students were never told of the increase. If they were, it would have ruined the surprise.

This is not to complain about the amount of the increase itself. It is probably money that will be well spent here at the law school, especially since it was the University requesting the increase and the Law School agreeing with the request. Instead, this is to complain about the fact that nobody ever told the law students of the increase. As you probably are aware, it is now harder than ever before to get financial aid. It takes time and careful planning to allocate funds to cover costs for an academic year. Though an increase is to be expected (should it be?), one of ten percent was not foreseeable in any student's wildest dreams. Even though this is true, if the students were notified, it would have been easier to rearrange things to soften the blow to the wallet the increase is inflicting.

It has come to our attention that the first year students were notified of the increase. It is understandable that the extra postage needed to notify the rest of the student body was too expensive. However, if the first year students were to use a telephone pyramid to contact the rest of the student population, someone should have let them in on it. They

also should have been furnished with the pyramid.

We realize that in one respect we are very lucky and should be thankful. After all, it was only a notice of a tuition increase that was never sent out. It could have been something important, like a request to donate to the Alumni Association.

Though it is impossible to do anything about this year's oversight, it is not too late to ask for notification about the next increase. Not only would the students like notification, but they would like it as soon as possible, preferably when the Law School finds out about it. Realistically, the only surprise a law student should get out of an envelope is a letter stating the bar exam is no longer necessary.

James M. Black, President, Doug Lieberman, Vice President, Donna Simundinger, Treasurer, Neil Kurlander, Third Year Representative, Lisa Nasoff, Second Year Representative.

The Dean Responds

**To: James M. Black, President
Student Government Association
From: Eric J. Schmertz
Re: Lack of Notification About Tuition Increase**

This is in reply to your memorandum of September 6, 1984 regarding "lack of notification about tuition increase."

Your memorandum comes as a surprise to me. I prepared a letter announcing and explaining the tuition increase which was to be sent over my signature to all students at the Hofstra Law School, not just to the entering class.

I do not understand why it was not distributed to everyone. It must have been an administrative oversight by whichever office of the University handles the distribution of those letters together with the tuition bills.

Let me assure you and the other class representatives who signed your memorandum that we intended to notify all students about the tuition increase and to provide that notification in a timely manner.

Student Government Report

by Jim Black and Doug Lieberman

This is the first installment of a year-long column that will keep the student body abreast of all our action and activities. As President and Vice-President of the S.G.A., we would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all the returning students, and also to welcome all the first year students & transfers to the Hofstra Law School community.

As many of you know, we were elected last year along with the treasurer, Donna Simendinger, Neil Kurlander, the Third year representative, and Lisa Nasoff the Second year representative.

At this time we would like to welcome our new First Year Representatives, Marianne Norato from Section A, Helayne Heller from Section B, and Lisa Ehrenreich from Section C.

The S.G.A. will be running events during the year and people are always needed for them. Three things at the top of our list are the Faculty-Student Lecture Series, another Alumni Night, and of course the Carlow Labor Conference. Anyone interested in working with the S.G.A. on these or any other events, or anyone who has any ideas or complaints, please do not hesitate to contact us by leaving a note in the S.G.A. mailbox in the Admission Office.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

THIRD WORLD PERSPECTIVE

Reggae Music: No Longer A Passing Phase

By Dennis Warren

What do the Culture Club, Men At Work, Tina Turner, Mick Jagger, The Beatles and Herbie Mann all have in common?

The Answer: Reggae Music.

Those pop stars are few of a growing number who have made excursions into the musical realm of Reggae- "The Blue Beat."

The indigenous music of Jamaica; Reggae was born largely in the slums and shanties of Kingston. It evolved through a long line of musical forms delicately influenced; along the way; by Rastafarianism-a religion on the island.

The pulsating drum-and-bass; and the wailing rhythmic guitars characteristic of Reggae, has long rocked Jamaicans and other Caribbean peoples. Ten years ago, however, experts were skeptical about whether Reggae would make it elsewhere. Thus, when American Soul Singer, Johnny Nash, made Back-To-Back hits with "Hold Me Tight" and "Cupid" during the 1960s, it has called an aberration.

When Jamaican Reggae singer Desmond Dekker recorded "Israelite," and the Beatles, "Obla-de Obla-da," around that same time period, the critics maintained it was merely a passing phase.

During this period, few had taken time to examine the hybrid components of Reggae, for if this had been done, its appeal would have become more evident, and the initial gloomy forecasts on the future of the music would have been brighter.

Reggae is a simple music, not unlike the majority of the Earth's population. It combines the reverberating drums of the Afro-Jamaican tradition with the electronic influence of North American Rhythm-and-Blues and Rock Music.

This synthesis has produced records like "Try Jah Love," written by Stevie Wonder for the Third World Band, and Culture Club's "Do You Really Want To Hurt Me."

It is a lively, peppy music that flows directly to the heart.

The late Bob Marley, Reggae's crowned prince before his untimely death in 1981, left a fortune exceeding \$300 million—powerful testimony to Reggae's burgeoning success in recent years.

Contrary to the belief of the uninitiated Reggae listener, the music is far from being homogenous; neither is it monotonous. It varies with style and tempo. Reggae songs

have been backed by the strings of the Jamaican Symphony Orchestra.

At the other end of the Reggae Spectrum is King Yellowman. The current sensation, Yellowman is a poor albino who has Deejayed (Rapped) his way from the dusty Kingston Streets to international stardom and a million dollar contract with Columbia Recording Company. Of course, Reggae as played for international audiences has been largely diluted. But some artists, including Dennis Brown, Jimmy Cliff, and Black Uhuru, still adhere to the indigenous or "Dub" form in their musical compositions.

Today, top Jamaican bands like Third World, Toots and The Maytals, and Chalice have toured the world with considerable success. Third World's recent tour of Japan was a sellout, and left in its wake two fledgling Japanese Reggae bands.

In Western Europe Reggae has perhaps enjoyed its most faithful, if not fanatic, following.

Bob Marley's tour of Italy in 1980 brought out riot police to subdue frantic crowds which had come to meet the superstar at the airport.

In Belgium, Peter Tosh, a singer with Marley in an early group called the Wailers, has become a big favorite of the people.

Even in Eastern Europe, Reggae is not without its share of admirers. The West German Band Boney M's (Rivers Of Babylon) tour of the Soviet Union back in 1978 saw widespread Black Market Bartering. Tickets were sold for more than 100 Rubles each, and, still, many were left out in the cold.

The continent to which the music owes its origin in part, Africa, has long appreciated Reggae. From Ethiopia to Azania Reggae music thrives. In fact, it is said that freedom fighters from both SWAPO and ANC devour daily diets of Reggae in their camps based in the Frontline States.

Australia, as Men At Work demonstrates, has not escaped the far-reaching influence of the mellow dub either, and more Reggae music is expected from "Down Under" bands in the near future.

After years of struggle and persistence, it seems that the music is finally being given its due recognition here in the United States with the addition to the Grammy Awards of a separate category for Reggae music.

Reggae's international acclaim has indeed befuddled the critics, refuted the experts, embarrassed the skeptics, and continues to rock the world.

DEAN'S CORNER:

Dean Eric J. Schmertz

A State Of The School Address

(Editor's Note: The following is the Dean's Address given at the Law School Graduation, June 3, 1984)

Periodically, at commencements, the Dean talks of the State of the School. Of course you've never heard me do that. Briefly, I wish to do so again with emphasis on the events of the 1983-84 academic year but also to add my views on what we expect in the year ahead.

As you graduate from Hofstra, the state of the School is good.

The faculty remains distinguished. Several faculty members enjoy national prominence in their fields. We expect and get from all of them excellent teaching, scholarship and public service. To cite a few, during the year Professor David Kadane received media attention, especially in the New York Times, for his report on conditions in the prisons; Professor Monroe Freedman wrote and was frequently quoted in important magazines on the American Bar Association's ethics debate; Professor Aaron Twerski was publicly recognized as a leading legal figure in the Agent Orange case and in the historic settlement of that dispute; Professor Eric Lane was the subject of a front page features story in the New York Law Journal for his work as Counsel to the New York State Senate Minority; in competition with the entire faculty of Hofstra University, Professor John Gregory was selected as this year's University's speaker for his scholarly paper on the legal and confidential aspects of the tenure process, and he delivered the University Lecture on that subject; and the Dean received the Alexander Hamilton Award and directed the Eisenhower Conference. Lectures given by Professors Alan Resnick and Leon Friedman to federal bankruptcy and appeals judges were evaluated by the judges as better than those of all other lecturers from faculties of the most distinguished law schools of the country.

A group of the faculty completed a comprehensive report to the Committee on Work Environment and Productivity of the New York State Legislature on the subject of final offer arbitration for public employees. This was our first project under the recently established Louis J. Lefkowitz Center for Legislation and Government Law. Others on the faculty pursued professional and public service matters of equal significance, albeit with less publicity.

During the year we recruited five new persons to the faculty. Our Faculty Appointments Committee, under the chairmanship of Professor John Gregory and the faculty itself have been demanding and selective about the persons we sought - to insure the continued excellence of those who teach at Hofstra.

Unhappily, this year sees the retirement of one of the founding members of the Hofstra Law School faculty; a man who has been the conscience of the faculty, who has taught brilliantly and has provided inspirational leadership to the faculty and to the student body. I speak, of course, of Professor David Kadane, the Harry Rains Distinguished Professor, who with the completion of this year, reaches the mandatory retirement age. We are pleased, however, that he will remain with us on a term-by-term basis, continuing to teach in his specialty and, subject to the expected approval of the Hofstra University Board of Trustees as our first Professor Emeritus. Perhaps self-effacement, but more accurately good fishing in Maine has kept David from being with us today. Nonetheless, it seems to me that on this occasion we should acknowledge and pay

tribute to Professor Kadane for all he has done for this Law School over the last 14 years. If we applaud loud enough, maybe he will hear it in Maine.

The credentials of the entering class and the student body remain good. The year saw an entering class with LSAT and undergraduate cumulative averages equal to the prior year's class, making both statistically, the best in our history. We have remained faithful to classes made up equally of men and women and we have continued to welcome applications from older students who are making career changes or beginning law studies later in life. The year saw renewed plans in our determination to attract and retain students from minority groups. We re-established the Committee on minority Recruitment and Retention and increased the GPOP scholarship grants for minority students from three to five. I hope in the years ahead that we will succeed in obtaining substantial funds or an endowment to finance more full tuition scholarships for worthy students. One objective is to establish named scholars from those endowments -emulating the Root-Tilden Scholar Program of the New York University School of Law.

The year saw our excellent library under the direction of Professor Eugene Wypyski increase its holdings to over 225,000. It saw Hofstra University increase its library holdings (of which the law library is a part) to over one million volumes. Only 5% of the universities in this country enjoy that achievement. The year also saw us outgrow our present library space. So, I expect that next year we will see the beginning of our planned formal campaign to raise funds for a new law library building. If any of you know anyone who would make a major contribution we could give that person immortality by naming the law library building in his or her honor.

The project of establishing endowed professorships went forward during the year. We established two more giving us a present total of five. Professor Malachy Mahon, the founding Dean of the Law School, was named the Alexander M. Bickel Distinguished Professor of Communications Law. And Professor Aaron Twerski was named the Siben and Siben Professor of Torts. They join Professor David Kadane, the Harry Rains Distinguished Professor of Alternatives to Litigation, Professor Burton C. Agata, the Max Schmertz Distinguished Professor and the Dean who occupies the Edward F. Carlough Chair in Labor Law. In the year ahead I am confident that at least two more distinguished professorships, which are recognized as hallmarks of distinguished law schools, will be established.

The year ahead will see the continued excellence and national renown of the Hofstra Law Review and increased professional attention and respect for the two newer scholarly publications, the International Property Investment Journal and the Labor Law Forum.

It will see the fourth annual Edward F. Carlough Labor Law Conference, following the very successful third such Conference, just a month ago. Last year saw the 10th anniversary of the student newspaper, Conscience, an award-winning journal, which like any fearless newspaper kept us on our guard and at times off balance.

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"LEGAL & POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF TOXIC CHEMICALS ON LONG ISLAND"

Monday, Sept. 24th at 6:00PM Room 238

COMMUNITY FORUM

Dean's Corner

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1985 will bring a major celebration of the 50th anniversary of this University, and the Law School which will be celebrating its 15th year will play a significant commemorative part.

The year ahead will see a continuation of the several scholarly lecture series and symposia under the auspices of our many energetic student organizations, the five Distinguished Professorships and by the faculty.

In the past year our courses of study remained relevant and comprehensive. But the year saw innovation and re-assessment as well. It saw the beginning, under the Harry Rains Professorship, of the establishment of a course in Alternatives to Litigation (in fields other than labor law). That course will be introduced into the curriculum in the upcoming term. We are pleased that our work in the field of Alternatives to Litigation will be assisted exclusively by the major national organization dealing with that subject matter - the American Arbitration Association. And it saw a study of the curriculum and the teaching and learning process, by an ad hoc student-faculty Committee on Academic Excellence.

The year past saw continued strong work in advocacy and trial techniques under the leadership of Professors Lawrence Kessler and David Diamond. We continued to host the NITA program. Our National Moot Court Team, "coached" by Professors Patricia Adamski and Richard Neumann, reached the regional finals, finishing second in the finals to the New York University Law School, but earning a place in the national finals on an equal footing with all regional champions. The year ahead will see expanded moot court competition for the 2nd and 3rd year classes, and our participation in

Moot Court and other activities of our regional bar associations.

The past year saw more Hofstra Law students placed as clerks with the more important judges than any other law school in the region and saw, in part through the increasingly effective efforts of Hugh Christenson, our professional Placement Director and his staff, and of course with the individual efforts of the graduates themselves, 90% of all graduates placed in law or law-related jobs no later than within a few months of the bar examination. Each year has seen the right kind of progress in our placement efforts. Most major prestigious firms from a widening geographical area and other institutions with law jobs now regularly interview and hire our graduates.

I have some new information which at this point only I know.

The new edition of the Gourman Report of National Education Standards, Inc. will be out this fall. The Gourman Report is the important and prestigious ranking of the 172 accredited law schools in the United States. It ranks the law schools from one to 172 in five categories: Distinguished for the top 14 schools; Strong for the next best 27 schools; Good for the next best 29 schools; Acceptable Plus for the next 51 schools; and Adequate for the remaining 51 schools. Its rankings are based on evaluations of curriculum, faculty instruction, faculty research, library resources and administration.

When I became Dean, the Hofstra Law School was ranked 98th, in the Acceptable Plus category, not surprising for a school then only 11½ years old. We reiterated our credentials. We sharpened our credentials and we added new credentials.

Dr. Jack Gourman, the author of the Gourman Report, has informed me of the new ratings. He has authorized me to report today that the Hofstra Law School has been dramatically elevated from the Acceptable Plus category, past and higher than the Good category, and into the second highest possible category - the Strong category - to at least the mid-point of the Strong category. That puts us no less than 28th in the nation. It means, of course, that no more than 27 of the 172 schools are rated better than are we and 144 are rated below us. In my view, that is a splendid achievement for our first 14 years.

So that is where we stand as you leave us to begin your professional careers. Much of what we are and have done is due to your presence, your dedication to your work, your scholastic achievements, your advice and help. We thank you and celebrate with you on your graduation. We shall miss you. Stay in touch, help us with our future plans in the years ahead.

As has become a tradition, let me send you off as I have done with each graduating class since I became Dean, with the words of a song sung by the members of the International Ladies Garment Workers. I analogize between the work of the seamstress and the activities and responsibilities of the lawyer:

A measure of cloth
A needle and thread
Into this stuff scattered and spread
You will breath a soul.
You are creators, the makers and doers of things
So up from the earth
And on with your wings.

DON'T FORGET—

**Register by
Oct. 9th . . .**

**Vote on
Nov. 6th**

Trial And Error

by Jane Himelfarb

The courtroom was relatively empty but for a few court officers idly reading the *Post*, when he arrived. The room was silent yet the thundering of his heart was deafening. He was a new ADA and this was his first trial. Even though it was a misdemeanor, in his career it was probably one of his most important cases. The defense attorney arrived a few moments later and sauntered in as if he owned the world. The new ADA was even more threatened by his confidence. A young man entered through the front of the courtroom in handcuffs. A court officer slipped them off and directed him to sit next to the heavyset attorney. Finally, the judge arrived in black flowing robes and the new ADA thought he might faint any minute. Court was called to order and the Wade hearing began. He didn't know what to say and the lump that developed in his throat made it impossible for him too even object. After being admonished several times by the judge, literally jered at by the mocking glances of the defendant of all people, and slaughtered to a pulp by the defense attorney, the young ADA realizing that all forms of in-court ID were just excluded from the trial which consequently destroyed his airtight case—proceeded to the Mens room and cried.

This could be you in a few years. Somehow all the brilliant blue book responses that got you to law review, and into the top of the class, may not be able to help when it comes to basic courtroom skills. Just knowing the right questions, and how to confidently argue an objection, could have saved the above case. Unfortunately, not enough of our legal education is geared to

the practical skills that every lawyer needs even if you don't go to court. There is, however, one course given in the January break that offers an excellent intensive day experience into the entire courtroom world, which shouldn't be missed by any law student. The Course is an in-depth study of each aspect of a trial and the student has the opportunity to practice his skills, and as an added plus, view his performance and mistakes on video tape under the supervision of experienced professionals. What better place to learn what works for you in a courtroom setting then in an informal arena where the entire purpose is to improve your skills, not destroy your self-esteem.

The January program will be taught from January 2 through the 11th. This year Hofstra is having its own alumni who are practicing trial attorneys teach the course in addition to the regular staff of highly skilled, extremely successful trial practitioners. [If any alumni who have not as yet been contacted and are practicing trial attorneys and would like to teach this winter, please Contact Professor Kessler at the Law school for further details.]

The experience offered to students with this NITA Trial Techniques program is more than just another 3 credits. Its an integral part of your growth as a lawyer and as a person. The confidence building that takes place over such a short period is vital to the aura of professionalism inherent in our chosen field of study. Students will be asked to pre-register in October and selection will be on a lottery basis. So sign up now! Don't end up the way our poor friend ended on the fourth floor of the county courthouse in the Mens room.

Gripe Of The Month

By Randy Montellaro

Do you have a gripe, a pet peeve? Does something tick you off about the school, the government, the nation, the world? Don't just sit there, write the President (Reagan not Stuart), write your congressman (not SGA), and write that award winning newspaper — "Conscience" (not "The New York Times") and air your grievance.

This month's gripe is the neverending parking problem around school. Hofstra has one of the few parking lots in the country that suffers from grid lock. Every year Hofstra law students plead with the administration or anyone else who invariably does not listen, to do something about the parking problem. Well, this year they did do something. The parking lot located near the rear of the law school (you can see it from the second floor lounge) was closed to make room for a new communications building. Three cheers for Hofstra. Now its just great that the university is getting a new communications building for journalism and

communications majors but what about the law students. Hofstra continues its long standing tradition of having the walk from the student's parked car to the school longer than the commute from the student's home to the school. If some industrious minded person ever decided to go in business for herself and rent bicycles to those unfortunates parked near siberia so they can bike to school, he would make a fortune.

But for every cloud there is a silver lining, so to speak. The remaining area of the playing field behind the school is still intact, at least for now. You softball enthusiasts can still enjoy a rousing game and get away from the pressure of law school. There is one small twist however. Right field now resembles the short porch in Yankee Stadium. For left hand hitters or righties with power to the opposite field, this is a dream come true. For the rightfielder it could be an adventure. I can see it now, the rightfielder is loping back gracefully for a routine fly ball, then bang lights out. Someone will have to get a petition together for the school to put in a warning track.

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DJ

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DJ Vinnie
spinning your request

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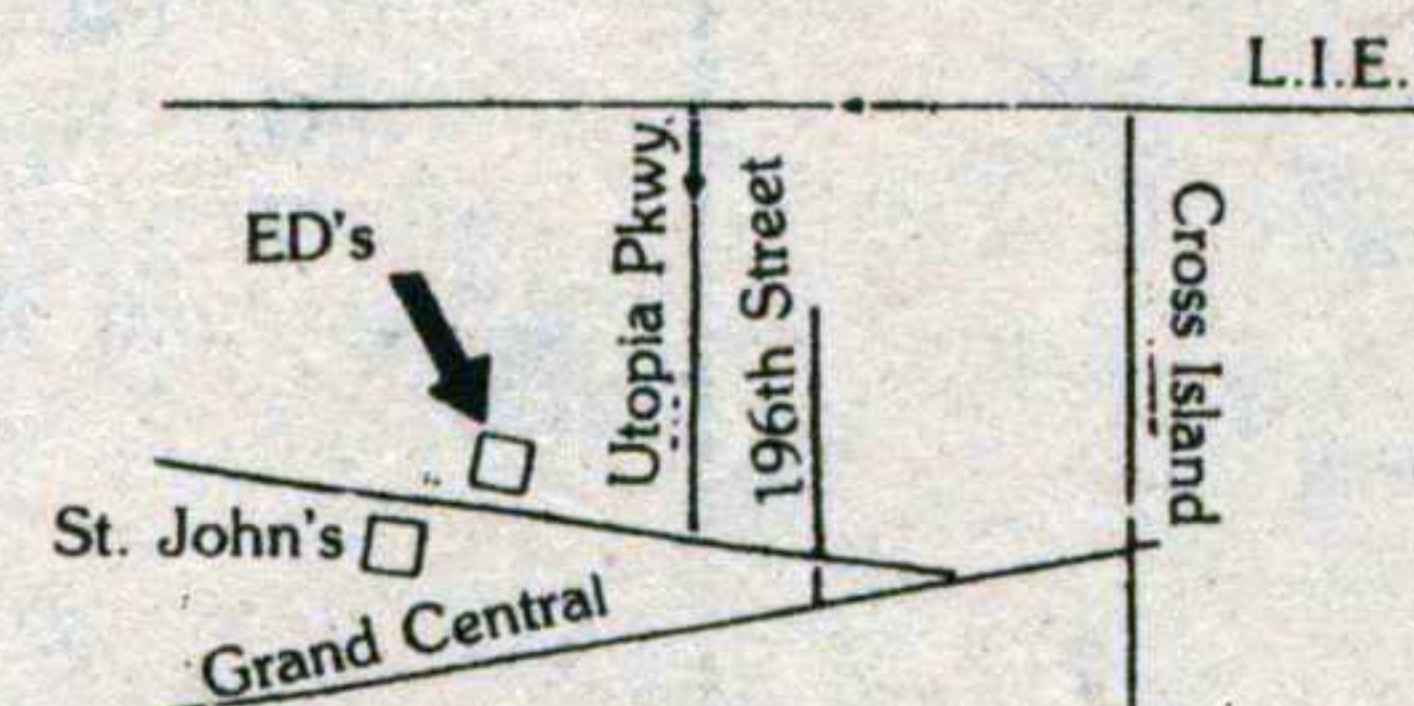
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George Orwell International Conference

The year Nineteen-eighty-four is winding down but has it occurred? George Orwell's famous novel entitled **1984** painted a grim picture of the future. Now that the year 1984 is upon us, has governmentally controlled society arrived with it?

George Orwell, the man, his works and their implications will be the subject of the George Orwell International Conference at Hofstra on October 11, 12 and 13. Admission is free to all Hofstra students.

Law students may be particularly interested in the Roundtable on "Privacy and Government, 1984 and After" held the first night of the Conference (Oct. 11) at 8 P.M. in the moot court room. Moderating this discussion will be Professor Agata and the panel will be composed of Professors Gregory, Friedman and Silverman. In a similar vein, the last day of the conference will present "Nineteen-Eighty-Four: How Near? How Far?" See the complete conference program reprinted in Conscience for other topics of interest. Big Brother is watching, please attend or else.

Conference Program Update

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1984

9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

Registration

David Filderman Gallery
Hofstra University Library - 9th floor

10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Conference Opening

Greetings from the Hofstra Community

11:00 A.M.

Keynote Address:

Jeffrey Meyers
University of Colorado
Boulder, CO

"Nineteen Eighty-Four:
A Novel of the 1930's"

11:30 A.M.

David Filderman Gallery, Library,
9th floor
Opening of Conference Exhibit,
"George Orwell: His Works, His World"
Invitational Address:
Alex Shagin, sculptor
Los Angeles, CA, formerly leading staff
artist of the Leningrad Mint, Leningrad,
USSR
Creator of the official George Orwell
Conference Medal

12:00 noon - 1:30 P.M.

Lunch: Student Center Cafeteria

1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

PANEL I - Little Brother

Dining Rooms ABC, Student Center,
North Campus

"Orwell and Little Brother"

Walter Poznar
Saint Leo College
Saint Leo, FL

"The Political Basis of Orwell's
Criticism of Popular Culture"
William T. Ross
University of South Florida
Tampa, FL

"George Orwell's Political Themes:
Asian Ambivalences"
Kirpal Singh
National University of Singapore
Kent Ridge, Singapore

3:30 - 5:00 P.M.

PANEL II - Documentary Fictions

"The Lure of Power in Post-
Orwellian Political Fiction"
Richard I. Smyer
The University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ

"George Orwell and the Prob-
lematics of Non-Fiction"
Howard Wolf
SUNY/Buffalo
Buffalo, NY

6:30 P.M.

School of Law, Moot Courtroom,
Room 308, South Campus

PANEL III - Political Comparisons

"Commitment and Identity: Orwell's
Reflections of Arthur Koestler in
Nineteen Eighty-Four"
Howard Fink
Concordia University

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

"Raymond Williams versus Orwell"
Martin Green
Tufts University
Medford, MA

"Orwell, Proudhon, and the
Moral Order"

Aaron Noland
Professor Emeritus
The City College/CUNY
New York, NY
8:00 P.M.

Roundtable with Faculty from the Hofstra
University School of Law: "Privacy and
Government: 1984 and After"

Moderator:

Burton C. Agata
Max Schmertz Distinguished Professor of
Law

Participants:

John DeWitt Gregory, Professor of Law
Leon Friedman, Professor of Law
Ronald H. Silverman, Professor of Law
Reception: Faculty Lounge

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1984

Dining Rooms ABC, Student Center,
North Campus

9:00 - 10:30 A.M.

PANEL IV - Literary Comparisons I

"Nineteen Eighty-Four and
Gravity's Rainbow: Two Anti-Utopias
Compared"

J. Bakker

University of Groningen
Groningen, The Netherlands

"Past and Present in *Coming Up For
Air* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*: A
Comparison with R. Warner's
The Aerodrome"

Maria Teresa Chialent
Istituto Universitario Orientale
Naples, Italy

"George Orwell and Iris Murdoch:
Patterns of Power"

Amin Malak
The University of Alberta
Edmonton, Canada

10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon

PANEL V - Literary Comparisons II

"G.K. Chesterton and *Nineteen
Eighty-Four*"

Louis Burkhardt
Metropolitan State College
Denver, CO

"Jack London and George Orwell: A
Literary Kinship"

Victor R.S. Tambling
Birmingham, England

"Orwell as Poet"

Rosaly DeMaio Roffman
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Indiana, PA

12:00 noon - 1:30 P.M.

Lunch: Student Center Cafeteria

1:30 - 3:00 P.M.

PANEL VI - Linguistics

"Beyond Orwell: Clarity and the
English Language"

Madelyn Flammia
Monmouth College
West Long Branch, NJ

"The Rhetoric of *Down and Out in
Paris and London*"

John P. Frazee
The University of Texas at the
Permian Basin
Odessa, TX

"Some Aesthetic-Based Similes in
Orwell"

James McNally
Old Dominion University
Norfolk, VA
5:00 - 5:00 P.M.

PANEL VII - Leviathan

"Sugarcandy Mountain": Thoughts on
George Orwell's Critique of the Chris-
tian Doctrine of Personal Immortality"

James Connors
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Honolulu, HI

"Nineteen Eighty-Four and George
Orwell's Other View of Capitalism"

Arthur Eckstein
University of Maryland
College Park, MD

"Orwell: From 'Clarisy' to
'Intelligentsia'"

Jasbir Jain
University of Rajasthan
Jaipur, India

"Orwell the Self-Educated Student of
English History"

R.L. Patterson
Castleton State College
Castleton, VT

5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

scheduled **Special Viewing and
Lecture**, "George Grosz: An Artist in
1984" at the Emily Lowe Gallery
(Thursday, 5:00 P.M.) rescheduled to:
Friday, October 12, 1984, 5:00-6:00
P.M.

6:00 P.M.

Banquet

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1984

8:00 - 9:00 A.M.

Continental Breakfast
Dining Rooms ABC, Student Center,
North Campus

9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

PANEL VIII - Utopia and Dystopia

"More to Orwell: An Easy Leap from
Utopia to *Nineteen Eighty-Four*"

Janice L. Hewitt
Rice University
Houston, TX

"George Orwell 'Down and Out' to
Catalonia: A Socialist's Progress"

Lora Lerman
New York University
New York, NY

"Ideology, Revisionism and the British
Left: Orwell's Marx and the Marxists'
Orwell"

John Rodden
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA

10:30 - 12:30 P.M.

PANEL IX - Nineteen Eighty-Four

"Primal Guilt: The Genesis of
Nineteen Eighty-Four"

Catherine B. Burke
Western Washington University
Bellingham, WA

"Nineteen Eighty-Four and the
Massaging of the Media"

W. Russel Gray
Delaware County Community
College
Media, PA

"George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-
Four*: The Dystopian Paradigm as
Satire"

Leah Hadomi
University of Haifa
Oranim, Tivon, Israel

"Nineteen Eighty-Four: How Near?
How Far?"

Leon Martel
Author, Lecturer
New York, NY

12:30 P.M.

Lunch

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES:

Spring 1985

John F. Kennedy Conference
March 28-30, 1985

Carlough Labor Law Conference
April 16, 1985

Conference on Higher Education
April 17-19, 1985

Harlem Renaissance Conference
May 2-4, 1985

New York State History Conference
June 7-8, 1985

Manzoni Symposium
June 1985

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Bruce Springsteen: This Guitar's For Hire

by Steve Moll

My buddy Rich "The Rocket" Honen used to hate Bruce Springsteen until I dragged him kicking and screaming to see a Springsteen concert in 1978. In a little over three and one half hours, Rich was transformed from an unenlightened, yet extremely vocal critic (i.e. "Brooklyn" Lori Barenkopf) to a true believer. My shrewd planning in 1978 was rewarded this summer when Rich got me a ticket for the first night of Springsteen's 10 sold out performances at the Brendan Byrne Arena in New Jersey.

From the pounding opening of Springsteen's down, but not out rocker, *Born In The U.S.A.*, to the final chorus of *Twist And Shout* over four hours later, Bruce and his E Street Band put on a show that quite simply is the standard by which other concerts should be measured. To quote Cleveland disc jockey Kid Leo, "round for round and pound for pound, there ain't no finer band around."

It is difficult to describe a Springsteen concert to those who have never seen him. Whether or not you like his music, his concerts are tough to beat. Springsteen sings, tells stories, goofs around, plays to the people behind the stage, and dances with abandon. (His style of dancing reminds one more of Ralph Cramden than Michael Jackson). He plays for over four hours and is clearly having the time of his life on stage. It is almost impossible to remain passive at one of his concerts. The audience was on its feet all

night and everyone in the crowd sang along — not just on each chorus but on the verses too.

Springsteen and the E Streeters played over thirty songs on opening night. In addition to familiar songs from *Born To Run* and *Darkness On The Edge of Town*, the first set featured several songs from Bruce's sparsely arranged *Nebraska* album. Particularly impressive was a haunting version of *Atlantic City* which was fleshed out by the E Street Band. Bruce then dedicated *Used Cars* to his father who was in the audience. The E Street Band then left the stage and Bruce's vocal on *Johnny 99* was accompanied only by the newest E Streeter, Nils Lofgrin's frantic acoustic guitar playing. Lofgrin, who started out with Neil Young and Crazy Horse and also enjoyed a solo career, replaced Miami Steve Van Zandt on guitar. (Van Zandt is currently on tour with his own band Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul).

This latest version of the E Street Band also includes a female vocalist named Patty Scialfa who is a veteran of the New Jersey club circuit and who has toured with Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes. In addition to Lofgrin and Scialfa, the E Street Band consists of regulars Roy Bittan on piano, Garry W. Tallent on bass, the Mighty Max Weinberg on drums, Danny Federici on the organ, and of course, Clarence Clemons on the sax.

Other highlights included: a rollicking version of *Cadillac Ranch*; Bruce's first single

from *Born in the U.S.A.*, *Dancing in the Dark*, in which Bruce pulled a young woman out of the audience to dance with him on stage; *Pink Cadillac* in which Bruce did his Saturday morning evangelist imitation — "and on the third day God got hungry so he invented the cheesburger and it was good...and on the seventh day God created the Pink Cadillac and that was good."

Finally, the second set concluded with *Rosalita* complete with introductions of the band in the middle. When Nils Lofgrin was introduced, he did a full back flip that we scored as a perfect 10. Next came the encores. Bruce dedicated Tom Waits' *Jersey Girl* to the crowd. When the band hit the opening strains of *Born to Run*, the house lights came on and 18,000 people were on their feet and dancing. The lights remained on for the rest of the encores which included Mitch Ryder's *Detroit Medley* and ended with *Twist and Shout*. Bruce and the band came to the front of the stage and took a bow and more than four hours after it began, the concert was over. The crowd, especially those who had never seen one of Bruce's shows before, was exhausted. It is a draining experience.

A week later I went to another of the shows at the Meadowlands with some friends who had never seen Springsteen before. As I had expected, after the show, Mikey, Dallas Dave and my pal Sal were all true believers. Kid Leo was right, there ain't no finer band around.

Speak "EZ"

Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A."

by Eric Zucker

In the book *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave* there is a scene where the singing of the slaves at work is sadly recounted as: "the most pathetic sentiment in the most rapturous tone." Douglass explained that the impulse to sing sprang less often out of happiness than to serve as "a prayer and complaint of souls boiling over with the bitterest anguish." In his latest album, "Born in the U.S.A.", Bruce Springsteen has given expression to the uncouth legions of Americans who would sing such a song, but have no voice. Confronted by the pathetic reality of the flip side of the American Dream, Springsteen has taken the role of being a spokesperson for those Americans belonging to the working class who have been victimized by the sometimes reckless indifference of the authorities and institutions of this country, but he has done so in the most rapturous tones possible with the aid of the indomitable E Street Band.

In the anthemic title track Springsteen delivers a gripping perspective of a Viet Nam vet who obediently went off to fight his country's war, only to return to find that he's lost his brother, his job, and his sense of self. Grimly, all that the authorities can tell him is: "Son, don't you understand now." Even as he paints the despairing picture of those Americans whose only options are "the gas fires of the refinery" and "the shadow of the penitentiary", one gets the feeling that Springsteen's protagonist may be down, but he's not defeated. His voice seethes with a defiance that transcends his desperate situation, infusing the chorus "I was born in the U.S.A." with both pride and irony.

Similarly, "Working on the Highway" tells an unhappy tale of a man who in an effort to

rise above the economic dead-end of his environment, saved up his money and ran off with his girlfriend. At the end of the song he's been hunted down, separated from his love, and thrown on a chain gang. But you know that this character will rise above his dire strait because of the brash, rambunctious and celebratory way he sings about how he "and the Warden go swinging on the Charlotte County road gang."

Springsteen has said in concert (I saw him in Hartford—he was great!) that rock and roll has always represented to him a promise that life could be better, if one had the courage and the hope to make it so. Consequently, most of his songs have to deal with characters who either strive to improve their lives, or have given up. "Downbound Train" represents the latter choice. This character had everything once, but he's ended up being just another victim: "I had a job, I had a girl/ I had something going Mister in this world/ I got laid off at the lumberyard/ Our love went bad, times got hard/ Now I work down at the carwash, where all it ever does is rain/ Don't you feel like you're a rider on a downbound train." This character's tragic flaw inevitably is that he lets dreams of a more prosperous past haunt his present and he therefore remains unable to go beyond himself and his circumstances.

Springsteen makes clear what kind of dream he follows in "No Surrender": "I want to sleep beneath peaceful skies/ in my lover's bed/ with a wide open country in my eyes/ and these romantic dreams in my head." Love, faith, and hope are the values that Springsteen cherishes. In this, an election year, he has issued a timely reminder to us all that all is not well in the country, and that confronting the truth does not mean being defeated by it. By questioning authority, rejecting false illusions, and refusing to surrender to feelings of powerlessness, we may all reach the Promised Land.

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IPIJ Notes And Comments

A word about IPIJ publication . . . Volume 2: number 1 of the *International Property Investment Journal* was published in May, 1984. Volume 2: number 2 is due to be published on September 18, 1984. We are currently working on the following projects: attorney-client privilege, shopping center symposium, and construction law symposium.

A word to the alumni of Hofstra Law School: The *International Property Investment Journal* is in need of a word processor to carry out our solicitation/editorial functions. Contribution of such a machine could generate tax advantages to the donor. We would appreciate hearing from anybody interested in making such a donation. We can be reached either by mail addressed to the attention of Alan J. Lustrin, Editor-in-Chief, at the law school, or by phone at (516) 560-5926. Look for the IPIJ column in every issue of CONSCIENCE.

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Law School Trivial Pursuit

1. What was the former name of the Hofstra Law Library?
2. How many parking spaces surround the Law School?
3. How many credits are needed to graduate?
4. What was the grade point average of Professor Freedman's first year Contracts class?
5. What is the average daily temperature in the Law School?

Answers:

1. George Morton Levy Law Library.
2. Not enough. (Seriously folks — There were 437 parking spaces before construction took away the back lot. There are now 374 spaces available for law students, faculty, staff and the undergraduate).
3. 85 or we're in trouble.
4. Under 2.00.
5. The average daily temperature is 70°-90° in the winter and 50° in the summer.

Personals

Do you have a message you want to give to someone, but you are afraid to tell him or her face to face? Is there a special someone? Is there something you want to announce, etc.? Then submit a personal to *Conscience* which we will gladly publish free of charge.

Stacey R., Married and Loving it.

Corey B. Bearak, former Editor-in-Chief, is pleased to announce his engagement to Rachelle Confino.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shafran on their recent marriage. From Editor-in-Chief of *Conscience* to marriage all in one year. That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.

Hey Scott, when's your party? Is Monroe invited?

Creative Cooking

by Jane Himelfarb

Eggplant Parmigiana

1 eggplant
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 clove garlic
4 tomatoes
2 green peppers
2 cups sliced mushrooms
1 lb mozzarella cheese
white wine
olive oil
bread crumbs
2 eggs, slightly beaten
Oregano
Basil
1 Bay leaf
salt
pepper

Slice eggplant into thin round disks. Dip each piece into beaten egg and coat in bread crumbs. Lightly fry in olive oil until golden brown. Set aside. Sauté chopped onions and chopped garlic in olive oil until onions are clear. Add green peppers and tomatoes which have been chopped into cubes. Add

sliced mushrooms. Sauté for several minutes. Add wine, oregano, basil, bay leaf and salt and pepper to taste. Cook until tomatoes soften into sauce. (For a little help from a friend add a little Ragu) Slice Mozzarella into thin pieces. Layer eggplant on bottom of casserole oven pan, cover with sauce and layer of cheese. Repeat process until you run out of ingredients. Make sure that top is a layer of the cheese. Place in oven and bake at 350° for 20-30 minutes (or until cheese melts and gets a little brown). Serve with garlic bread and spaghetti, and of course the rest of the wine. A nice touch! You can make enough for two meals and freeze the rest before you put it in the oven.

Great Garlic Bread

1 loaf french bread
garlic powder
oil
butter

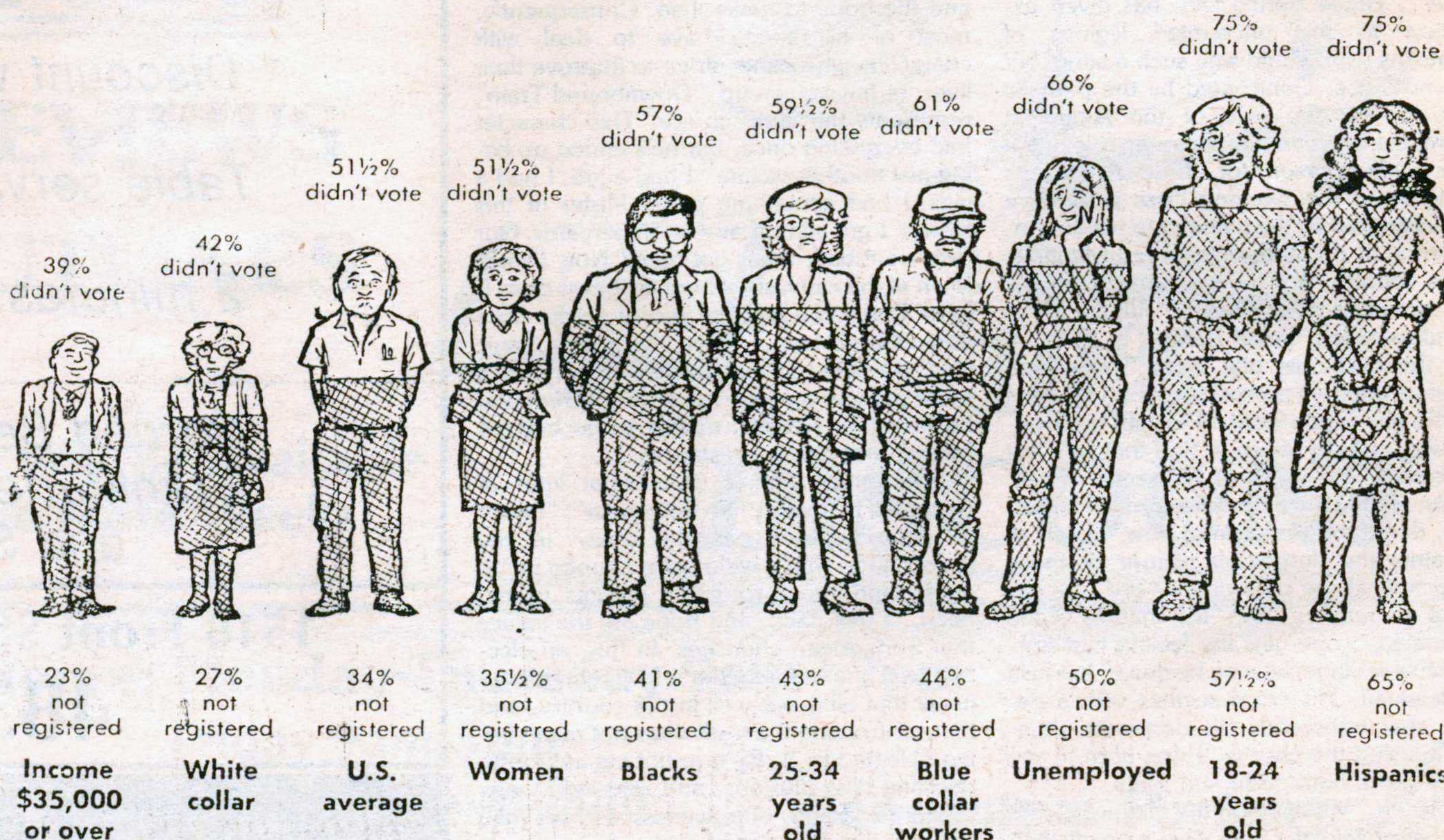
Split loaf. Sprinkle with garlic powder, salt and pepper. Pour olive oil over bread and dot with butter. Wrap in aluminum foil and heat in oven. It's delicious!



If Everyone Voted .

Who didn't vote in 1982

Who could have more clout in 1984 and beyond . . .



Mets Fans Rejoice

"Oh, What A Difference A Year Makes."

by Roy Mirro

A September weekend series at Shea Stadium with the Chicago Cubs has just concluded. In any of the past 10 years, it would have been just another series. However, the 1984 Mets are having a banner year and this series with the Cubs was probably the most crucial series of the year. Yes, the Mets have been in a pennant race and if you are a Met fan, this has been some fun season.

Every spring brings new hope and optimism to baseball fans of every major league team. The Met fans are no different. This year the Mets had Keith Hernandez and Dar-

rell Strawberry for a full season, a new manager, Dave Johnson, and all those young pitchers. Dave Johnson said that the Mets had a chance to win the division. A chance to win the division was more than anyone could promise a Met fan. Realistically, Met fans hoped that the team would be competitive by playing around .500 and not be out of the race by June. But, who would have predicted a Met season such as this? On July 28, the Mets were in first place by 4½ games and continued to battle for a division title in September.

The 1984 Mets probably will not win the division, but may win close to 90 games.

Winning 90 games is a successful season for most teams. For the Mets, winning 90 games is truly a great year when one considers that for the past few years the Mets have lost close to 100 games a year. The Mets have not only been competitive, they have established themselves as legitimate contenders for National League pennants and World Series Championships in the future.

Met fans, those who stood by the Mets during the lean years, hold your heads high. Nobody will laugh at you now. In fact, everyone is hopping on the bandwagon, because the Mets are number one in New York now. Oh, what a difference a year makes.



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Large Small

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Large... Small...

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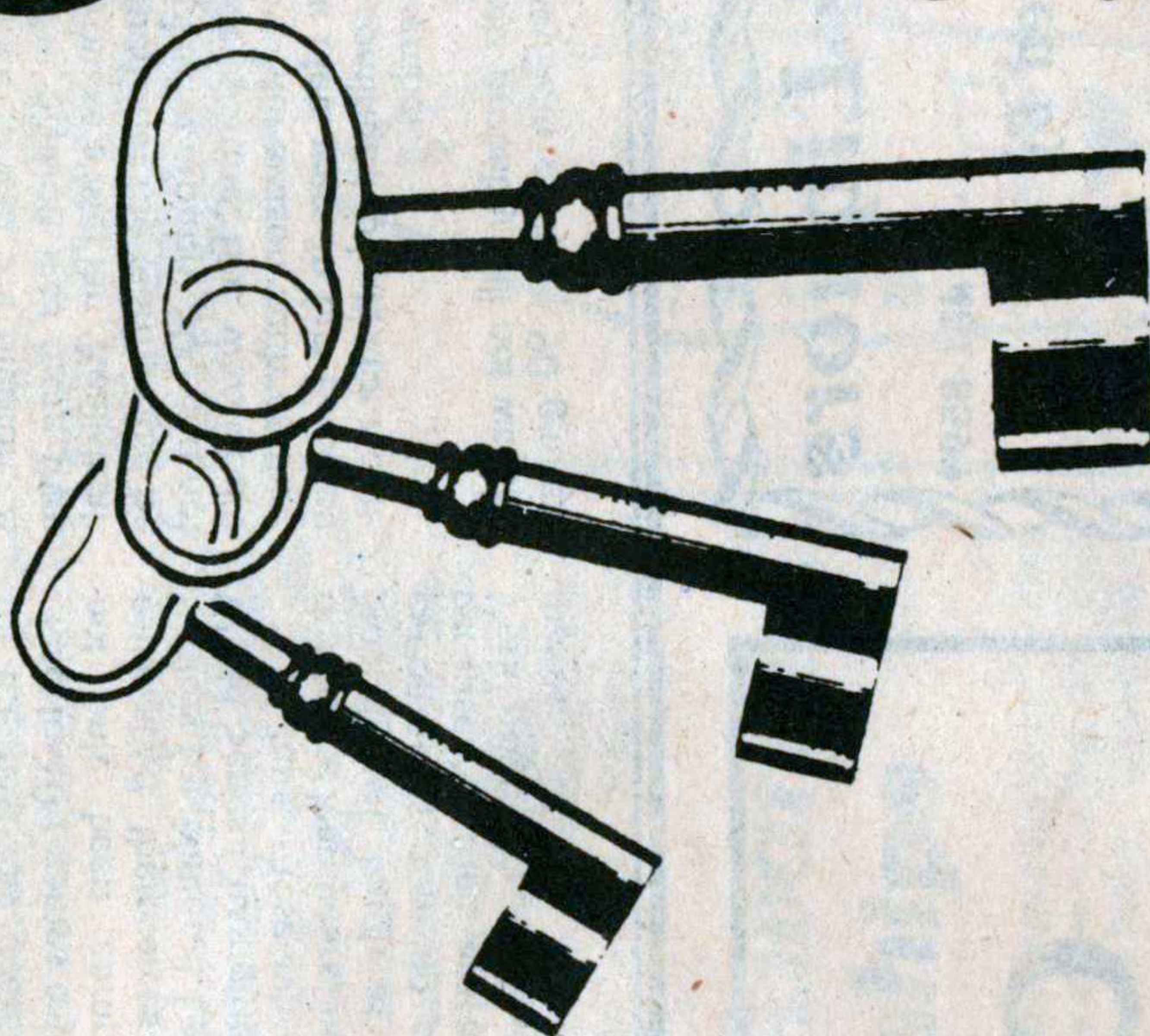
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