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# Justinian



## Lawyer's Union After the Strike

By Jan Schoenhaus

For six days last summer, attorneys working for the New York Legal Aid Society went on strike because they felt that they had grievances that could be remedied only by a work stoppage. Society attorneys complained that they were too few in number and that each attorney was made to represent an average of 400 indigent clients a year. There was little continuity of representation; only eighty attorneys in a special pilot program were permitted to represent one client from arraignment through disposition in State Supreme Court. Salaries were felt to be inadequate, with attorney's starting at \$11,500 per year. Also at issue was the lack of sufficient office and support personnel.

The result of the work stoppage was a near return to status quo. Compelled to return to the job because of what they felt was inferior representation being given to indigents by court-appointed attorneys, the Society lawyers realized only limited success. Continuity of representation was extended to all attorneys working in New York and Kings Counties beginning February 1, 1975, but it was left to the discretion of the Legal Aid administrators whether or not to extend continuity further to attorneys in the other three boroughs. Salaries, caseload and support and office personnel remained at the same level as before the strike.

Because of the failure of the striking attorneys to achieve most of their important goals, questions have arisen as to the con-

tinuation of their union, The Association of Legal Aid Attorneys. The president of the Association and its only full-time worker, Joel Gorham, has tried to put doubts as to the union's future to rest. Although the union "could be said to have suffered a defeat in the traditional trade union sense," the Association is as viable as ever. Legal Aid attorneys, in Gorham's words, "don't give up; they're used to losing and then proceeding further." Because of the continuing "excruciating conditions," the attorneys are as indignant and aroused as before. There has been "no loss of faith" in the Association's goals and if the need should arise, the Legal Aid lawyers will be willing to march on a picket line again next summer. However, Gorham indicated that the Association is rethinking its position on job actions.

One lesson gleaned from the experience of the six-day strike was that it was too short a period to effectively hamstring judicial proceedings in the courts. Gorham has concluded that to "hurt," a strike would have to last as long as six or seven weeks. Association activists are beginning to question whether a strike is the attorneys' most effective weapon. Member attorneys have suggested instead a slowdown with each lawyer devoting a far larger amount of time to individual clients than is regularly allowed. No waiving of charges and warnings would be allowed and each client's defense would be thor-

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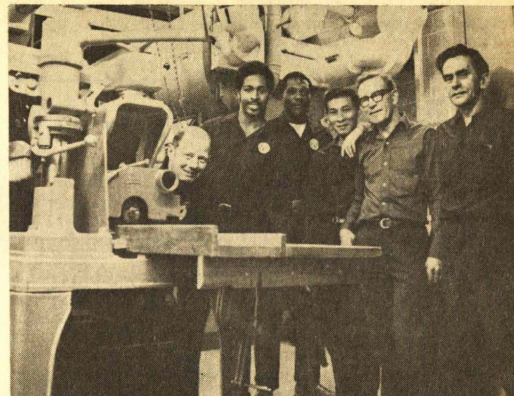
## Yes, There Is A Tenth Floor

By Joyce David

Did you know that the Brooklyn Law School building has a tenth floor? It is a fascinating place — the nerve center of the building. The Dean of the tenth floor is Robert (Bob) Hudson, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. All security and maintenance come under his jurisdiction. His immediate superior is Dr. William Hambrecht who is in charge of administration, but Hudson usually makes the budget decisions for his department, does the hiring and firing, and trains his men himself.

A tour of the tenth floor reveals a myriad of panels, pumps and complicated color-coded equipment used to run the building efficiently, and to provide clean water and air of a variety of temperatures. There is always someone on duty, even on weekends, to keep the sophisticated equipment in operation. There are also security men on duty around the clock.

So far it's been smooth sailing with no major disasters or emergencies. Hudson runs a tight ship. "I have twelve men who take care of the building and grounds, including five security men. When I hire someone, I look for mechanical aptitude and for special talents. Each man has a special area that he's trained for. Gene is amplifiers and microphones. Chung is assistant engineer; he does mechanical and layout work. John and Nick process exams, mail books, etc. Unneberg does air-conditioning and boilers, and so on. I work with the men. There isn't a place in this building,



Left to right: Eugene Wiley, Glen Glatborne, Herbert Robinson, Yuet Chung, Robert Hudson, Louis Unneberg. Not pictured are: John Florido, Nic Caggiano, Joe Hughes, Faustino Benito, Floyd Love, Wade Bowman, M. MacIntyre.

whether it's the dirtiest hole or the cleanest place, where I won't go. You won't see me wearing a suit. I come in at about ten to six and leave at four. Between six and eight I take care of paperwork, ordering supplies, keeping up to date on repairs that are needed, etc."

"The maintenance staff is pretty happy here. We're like a family — very few complaints or arguments. If something is bothering the men, my door is always open."

The BLS building is a Class-A fireproof facility. Some of the equipment is coated with magnesium or asbestos. There are hose stations on every floor, except the basement, which has a sprinkler system. The air in the school is filtered, humidified, and recir-

culated to keep it fresh. The drinking water is also filtered and flows through a glass line to protect it from rust and pollution. The boilers in the school are called dual fire because they switch from gas to oil when the temperature is below 20°. Last year the school used only 3,500 gallons of fuel oil because of the dual system. Most of the equipment is quiet, non-polluting, economical, and modern. Hudson's only complaint is a lack of storage space; otherwise he feels that mechanically, the building is well put together.

The tenth floor opens up onto the roof where Prof. De Meo has his vegetable garden which includes: Tomatoes, peppers, parsley, lettuce, and okra. One year

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## Wills Honored by Alumni

On December 7, the Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association gave Louis Charles Wills its annual "Alumnus of the Year" award. The presentation was made at the Alumni Association's annual luncheon at the Plaza Hotel.

Wills, 90, reminisced about the early days of BLS, which he entered in 1903. Classes were conducted in the top floor of a brownstone at 187 Montague Street, with the bedroom of the residence serving as the library. Tuition was one hundred dollars and textbooks were approximately fifty

dollars per year. Students were assigned a number of cases to read in the New York Reports, virtually the only books to be found in the library. Wills and some of his friends organized a fraternity to purchase secondhand copies of N.Y. Reports and to rent an office in which they could do their work. Dean Richardson and four other practicing attorneys gave what Wills described as "individual tutoring" to the small number of students. Among the problems encountered by the third entering class was the school's lack of authority to give degrees. However, this situation was remedied when Dean Richardson arranged for BLS to become the law school of St. Lawrence University. Wills lauded the efforts and foresight of Dean Richardson in establishing a law school in Brooklyn.

After finding it difficult to enter a profession which he believed to be controlled by gray-bearded senior citizens, Wills has maintained a practice for sixty-eight years at 26 Court Street. While maintaining his practice in estates, Wills has been involved in the mainstream of Brooklyn civic and philanthropic affairs. Among the

numerous awards presented to Wills was the gold medal awarded him in 1937 from the Downtown Brooklyn Association as the citizen who had done "the most distinguished service for Brooklyn."

Following an invocation by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Marion J. Reinhardt, J.C.D., and the singing of the national anthem by the Hon. Edward Thompson, Justice Thompson gave a brief summary of the status of the Alumni Association. Currently the association numbers 3,656 members, which hopefully will increase to over 4,000 by next year. Twenty-five thousand dollars has been extended by members of the Association for student scholarships, including twenty thousand dollars by Phillip and Rose Hoffer. Justice Thompson also mentioned that Justice Tom Clark will attend the installation of the officers of the Alumni Association on January 21, 1975, at which time Justice Thompson hopes to be re-installed as President of the Association.

Dean Raymond Lisle reported on the current state of the school. Having been admitted to the American Association of Law

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## Grading Committee Reports

The Administrative Affairs and Grading and Evaluation Committee and the Student Bar Association is currently working on several issues concerning exams, grades and faculty evaluation.

Through the efforts of this committee, the tentative exam schedule was posted earlier this semester, thus enabling students to register complaints and conflicts in time for change to be made in the schedule.

The Committee is planning to conduct evaluations of Fall Semester courses early in the Spring Semester. The form of the evaluation will be simpler and shorter than that of past questionnaires, so that the number of students responding will be greater and the results clearer. Anonymity will be absolutely guaranteed. With a more representative response from the students, the Committee hopes to persuade the faculty to use the evaluations in making hiring and tenure decisions.

Plans are also being developed for an anonymous grading system, using Social Security numbers instead of names on exam papers. After anonymous grading

of the exams, the professor would be allowed to give additional points for class participation.

The Committee is also attempting to resolve the difficulties of converting the grades of third-year day and fourth-year evening students. By improving the conversion table, the committee hopes to avoid some of the difficulties encountered in converting grades last year.

Another proposal being considered by the committee is to inform students of the semester's exam schedule at the time they are registering, so that it may be taken into consideration in planning courses. The obvious problem that may arise in this situation is that the student may choose courses solely on the basis of the exam schedule. The committee will contact other law schools in the area to determine their methods of resolving this problem.

The student co-chairpersons of the Committee are Jay Madigan and Lenny Scalfani. Any suggestions or opinions on these matters should be given to them.



Judge Thompson and Louis Wills.



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## — editorials —

In the spirit of the holiday season, the *Justinian* would like to cheer the efforts of the SBA Executive Board. The Board, consisting of John DiBella, President, Neil Weiner and P.J. Seidman, Vice Presidents, Alan Tivoli, Treasurer, and Nina Reznick, Secretary, has succeeded in areas where past administrations have failed.

This year the budget for student activities was formulated and approved early in the semester, enabling student groups to function with funding for their activities from the start of the semester. A change machine was obtained so that students would not be forced to leave the building at night or on weekends in order to change a dollar. The graduation ceremony has been moved to the Felt Forum, thus avoiding the cattle car effect of past graduations. Two insurance plans were developed for student use. Money was obtained to redecorate the student lounge. The discount ticket program has been expanded to include more shows and movies.

The Executive Board has fashioned the SBA into a vibrant, effective organization. Students now have an active voice in their education through the functioning of the student-faculty committees. Conflicts in the exam schedule were resolved in an orderly fashion in the middle of the semester by the Grading and Evaluations Committee. The Student-Faculty Relations Committee has acted as mediator when difficulties arose between professors and their classes. Student proposals can now be presented to the full faculty by student committee members. The stature of the SBA has grown in the view of the faculty and the administration.

Unfortunately, the efforts of a few often escape the notice of the many. The *Justinian* wishes to acknowledge and applaud the hard working SBA Executive Board.

## Letters:

To the Editor:

I wish to respond to the letter of Ms. Bullock published in the *Justinian* of November 26, 1974. Although many of her points are valid, I cannot agree with her in principle.

The purpose of fixing up the lounge is to have a good looking, comfortable place for the BLS community to meet one another — a place where the sterility of the building is not present and to provide a forum for students to express ideas to one another. After all, how many students have you talked with outside your respective class section?

The main purpose of a school is to educate; from what better place can we students learn than from a free exchange of ideas among ourselves in an atmosphere conducive to such conversation? We presently have no such place, but hopefully the redecorated lounge will provide the right type of atmosphere.

The question is one of priorities. In her letter, Ms. Bullock expressed how she felt the money involved should be spent. A good number of her ideas are being carried out already; others are clearly impracticable.

It is obvious that BLS does not have a proportional representation of minority students. At the same time, a one-time allocation

of \$25,000 is not going to change a thing. Money is provided yearly by the administration in a partnership with the LSD/ABA for minority recruitment. While not a great deal of money, it is in sufficient quantity to make minority students aware of our existence. It is also a fact that scholarship money is scarce. In other schools, the money for scholarships comes mostly from the alumni and in great quantities. Unfortunately, our school's sums are limited. Although \$25,000 may seem to be a great deal of money, it would provide at most a one-time, complete scholarship for three students (based on next year's tuition). Against a project that will improve the facilities for the 1000 students in the school now and the thousands that will attend our school in the future, the priority is obvious.

As to the fact that there is no full-time legal research professor, the school has initiated a program whereby each of our professors has been assigned to teach legal research to ten first-year students. This is in conjunction with a four week orientation program in legal research provided by Professors Allan and Comerford. While this program is new and not yet evaluated, it would seem to be the superior way of teaching legal research because of the individual attention that can be given.

As for Ms. Bullock's proposed projects, who shall initiate them? The school is working, in conjunc-

tion with the clinics committee, to provide more clinics. The word "projects" has many meanings. If Ms. Bullock means a clinics program, then she should get in touch with the Clinics Committee (Prof. Leitner is chairman) and discuss her thoughts. If she is referring to a volunteer program, based on my experience with the SBA, I am apprehensive that very few students would participate and eventually the projects would fail due to apathy. If Ms. Bullock does not agree, she should get in touch with the SBA External Affairs Committee and present a proposal.

Hopefully, we will all be lawyers soon and at that time, those who desire to improve the situation will help to solve our existing problems and indeed create a better world in which to live. I do not wish to imply that we as students could not start now, but at this point our education comes first, as this will lead to making us a more effective force in the community. For now the SBA wants to make BLS a better place to learn.

A redecorated lounge can only improve the facilities for us and our successors. We are not fiddling while Rome burns, but rather we are attempting to solve a problem that has plagued our students since this building opened.

—Alan L. Tivoli  
SBA Treasurer

## As Life Goes By

By Prof. Deborah Huffman Schenk

I think I'm getting old.  
My father, who is also an educator, has always maintained that youth is wasted on the young. I must be getting old — I'm beginning to see what he means.

Webster's defines youth as "having the qualities of the young." Young in turn is defined as "the earliest stage in life." What Daddy, courtesy of George Bernard Shaw,\* had in mind, is that the qualities of youth — mainly freedom and innocence — are wasted on the young because they don't appreciate them. And the "elderly" — myself included — appreciate them but don't have them.

My father was not notably successful in convincing the young me that the above was true. But with the wisdom of experience and the guilelessness of youth, I shall try my luck with you. My "expertise" comes not from age but from joining the working world. I realize that I am attempting to influence my peers and elders. (Most of the evening students, having faced the real world, probably are beyond influence since they presumably have already discovered from themselves that youth is wasted on the young.)

You, as students, cannot appreciate what it is like to live with the pressures of a career — dealing with the boss, asking for a promotion, worrying what it's like to support a family, wait for a one-week annual vacation, eat dinner on the run. You don't know what it's like to worry about Johnny's grades, teeth and little league.

And if you can't appreciate what it is like to live with all this, you can't appreciate how great it is to be without it. Most of you are so hell-bent for jobs, salaries and commuting that you're squandering the most carefree part of your life. Not that there is anything wrong with a 9-7 job

and the 7:05 from Merrick but there is a great deal to be said for the luxury of education and biking to school.

You will have a whole lifetime of thumbing through McKinneys, the UCC and the USCA. But once BLS is behind you you'll be hard pressed to find a moment to rummage through "Discourse on the Common Law." Now is the time to sit on the second floor staircase until 11 p.m. debating whether Justice Holmes really thought three generations of imbeciles is enough. Or when you take the LIRR in the morning, instead of memorizing the Penal Code, think about what should happen if a passenger drops fireworks which hit scales which hit a traveler going to Rockaway Beach. Three years from now Mrs. Palsgraf will be competing with clients and partners.

Get your study group into a discussion of whether an advertisement at A&S is an offering. Debate the constitutionality of the Campaign Reform Act or the economic effect of eliminating the capital gains deduction with any professor who will listen. Teachers traditionally are reflectors who catch your ideas and bounce them back. You have the freedom to try out any and all ideas and to take either side of an issue. Your employers will assign sides and you'll not find them as willing to debate theory or to tear apart your schemes. The freedom to rap — a term that does not roll off my tongue very easily, but I can think of no better way to describe the freedom to indulge in catch-as-catch-can debate whenever the mood strikes you. You'll only begin to appreciate that freedom when time does not allow for shooting the breeze. Instead of transcribing your notes three times and photocopying your roommate's outline, spend that time picking someone's brain for new ideas.

Like everyone else I tell you to take all the basic courses. But leave a little room to grow; law school is not merely a technical program; it's a continuation of a liberal arts education. If you think you are going to be a poverty lawyer, take antitrust law. If securities law is your metier, take criminal procedure. Not only will it make you a fuller person, but it's practically your last chance. Dilettantism in law school is not so bad — it disciplines your mind and sharpens your skills to handle any problem and discuss any issue.

You have the luxury of studying many subjects with many people. Diploma in hand, you're on your own. How many times graduates have said, "If only I had taken a course in . . ." Now I and other graduates must basically teach ourselves. You cannot appreciate the luxury of having someone choose your reading, guide your thinking or explain away your difficulties, until you try it on your own. Taking one tax course will not make you a tax expert (God forbid) nor will it blench your concentration in domestic relations. What it will do is make you think about something new and strange and interesting.

I think it's the innocence and lack of pressure that is most wasted on youth. You can talk about bankruptcy without actually putting a company under. You can write a brief without actually filing. You can debate solving a conflict without actually having

to find a solution. Sure you have time-consuming school work, and the results may catapult you into the legal world or make your entry difficult. But it is unlikely that law school will make or break a career. Adults long for the good old days of youth when we could play at being a lawyer without the pressure of putting our jobs and other people's lives and businesses on the line.

Particularly for those of you who plan to leave the Big Apple, now is the time to enjoy what it has to offer. Enjoy the luxury of twofers, outdoor lunchtime concerts and a midnite ride on the Staten Island Ferry. The next time you go, you'll pay more attention to the client at your right than the actor at your fore.

Studying on Sunday night may seem like a drag now, but think what it will be like three years from now when you spend the end of the week like the beginning of the week — nine-to-fiveing it in the office. Take time now to watch the Jets, paint a picture, hike the Berkshires, read a novel. Stay up until 1 a.m. dancing or get up at 5 a.m. to go skiing.

Second-year job hunting seems like a terror but use it for a last fling at mobility. Apply for jobs in Pocatello, Tulsa, or D.C. See the country while earning next semester's tuition. It's my distinct impression that you native New Yorkers haven't the foggiest notion of what the rest of the nation thinks on the other side of the Hudson. Widen your horizons — get to know what they're thinking in Peoria because after all most of the statute-drafting Congressmen and legislators come from places closer to New Mexico than New York. Bound to a desk on Wall St., Park Ave. or Garden City, your horizons will be limited.

Above all, make friends and get to know people. Cement a friendship with the woman that sits next to you, your moot court partner or even a professor. This law school camaraderie should carry over into enduring relationships both socially and professionally. Among the books, papers, and typewriters, find the time for people.

Oh well, I can hear it now: "What does she know? What with exams, papers, interviews, SBA, etc., I don't have time for rapping, traveling, reading. I have pressures like you wouldn't believe."

I believe. But we workers have pressures too — like you wouldn't believe. Only we know which are greater.

Daddy's probably right on two counts: Youth is wasted on the young and the young don't believe that. But several years from now you'll agree and you'll be trying to convince someone younger. When you do, drop me a line and tell me I was right. I have my reply already drafted: "I told you so. . ."

\*"Youth. A wonderful thing: what a crime to waste it on children."

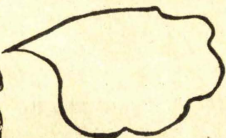
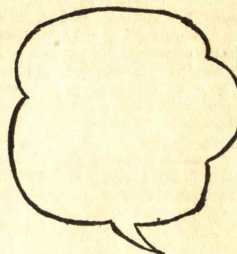
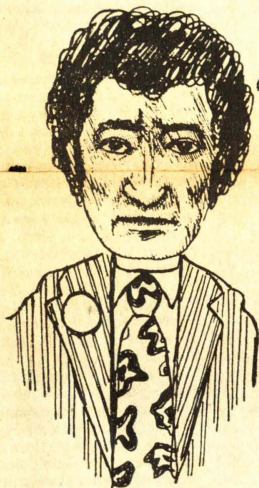
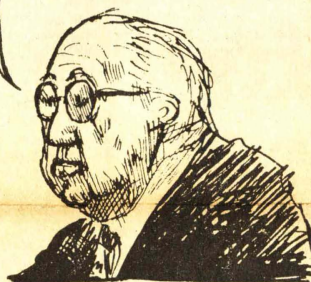
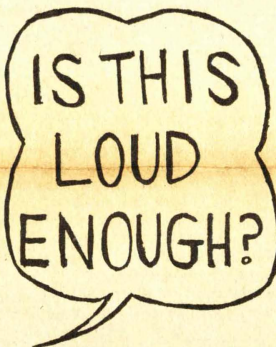
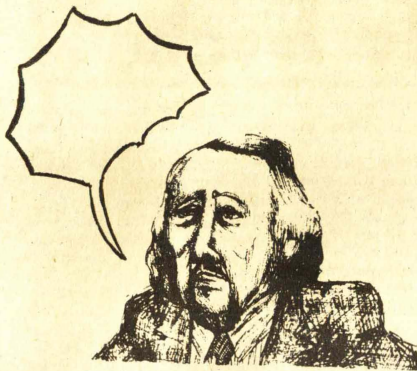
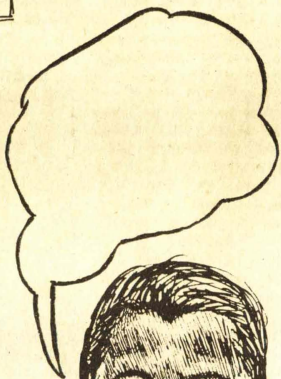
## Wills

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Schools this past year, BLS has achieved such a degree of maturity and security as is required for admission to the Order of the Coif, a prestigious legal organization. Efforts by the faculty to govern the school, as prescribed by the AALS, were also discussed by Dean Lisle. In addition, plans for an exhibit of ancient legal documents and a collection of legal materials on the history of Brooklyn were announced. Dean Lisle expressed a desire to address the alumni at a future date when people might be more willing to listen to a report on the school.



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# The Docket

## Board of Trustees

On November 19, 1974, the Board of Trustees of BLS elected a new member, Eric Nelson, to a two-year term. Nelson was graduated from BLS in 1973, where he was a member of Law Review and assisted Dean Jerome Prince in revising the 9th edition of Prince's text on Evidence. Nelson is replacing Marc Adelson, whose term of office expired in October.

## Summer Program in Israel

The American University School of Law, Washington, D.C., will hold a six-week summer session in Israel for law students from July 16 through August 22, 1975. Two courses will be offered: "International Law of the Middle East Conflict" and "Comparative Law of Israel and the Arab Countries." Each course will be three credits, transferable to other law schools, and will be held in English. The total cost of tuition, room and board, health services, and travel in Israel will be approximately \$983. Arrangements for low-cost transportation between the U.S. and Israel will be available through the Institutes' travel agent.

For information write to:

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## ASCAP Copyright Competition

Baila H. Celedonia of Brooklyn, N.Y., has won the \$250 First Prize and Anthony W. Guido of Hartsdale, N.Y., has won the \$100 Second Prize in the 1974 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition which is sponsored by ASCAP to stimulate interest in copyright law. Both winners are third-year students at BLS. The competition at BLS was under the supervision of Dean Raymond E. Lisle.

The winning essay was "Cable Television and the Copyright Law." Celedonia is a Dean's List student, Managing Editor of Law Review, recipient of the Freshman Faculty Prize, winner of several American Jurisprudence Awards, and a member of the Moot Court Honor Society.

Guido's essay was "State Common Law and Federal Statute: A Comparative Analysis of the Protection Afforded Literary Property." Guido is a member of the Moot Court Honor Society and an SBA delegate.

The ASCAP Burkan Copyright Competition offers first and second prizes of \$250 and \$100 in

each of the leading law schools throughout the nation. All prize winning essays are eligible for the National Awards of \$1,500; \$1,000; \$750; \$500; and \$250.

## Minority Recruitment

The Law Student Division of the American Bar Association has budgeted \$230 for use in a minority recruitment program at BLS next year. These funds will be matched by the school. John Chaney, a student at BLS, is the project director, and Prof. Sandra Durant is the program's faculty advisor.

## Phi Delta Phi

The fraternity, Phi Delta Phi, is expanding and looking for new members. Past activities have included a weekend in Connecticut with Prof. and Mrs. William Herrmann at the Foxtown Rifle Range, picnic lunches, and target and trapshooting. Phi Delta Phi will hold an Open House for any interested new members in February.

## Clerkship Program

The Committee on Clinical Programs has approved a voluntary clerkship program with the Committee on Labor and Social Security of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Each student participant will be assigned to work with a sub-committee chairperson and will be doing research, drafting, and other related legal work. Students will also attend committee meetings once a month. The committee is composed of some of the city's leading lawyers in its area of interest.

Interested students should deliver their resumes to Professor Elliot Landau. The resumes should give details of the applicant's interest or background in the fields of labor, civil rights, employment discrimination, or Social Security.

## SBA Executive Board

The first-year delegates have selected Diane Fernandez to represent their class on the SBA Executive Board. Prior to the enactment of the new constitution, there had been no provision for first-year representation on the Executive Board.

## Announcements

There will be Student-Faculty Teas on Wednesday, December 18, from 5:00 to 6:00, and on Thursday, December 19 from 12:30 to 1:10. Both will be held in the third floor lounge and all students and faculty are encouraged to attend.

On February 7, the SBA will

sponsor a showing of the film *Paper Chase* at a small charge. Details will be announced.

There have been preliminary discussions of a possible increase in the Student Activity Fee from \$10 to \$13 per semester. The increase would add revenue to funds such as the Speakers Program. No decision will be made, however, without the approval of the student body.

The SBA is interested in renting a gym for student use. Anyone who knows of a fullsize gymnasium that is available for rent is asked to contact the SBA.

## New Library Policy

Mr. Dusan Djonovich, head librarian, has announced an experimental system whereby textbooks and course materials will be circulated outside the library. Textbooks currently not on reserve may be borrowed for a one week period. Reserved hornbooks and course materials may be checked out for overnight use a half hour before the library closes and must be returned within the first hour of the due date. Fines will be imposed at an hourly rate for books not returned on time. Materials formerly on reserve behind the library desk are now shelved in the newly opened basement library.

## BLS Grad Authors Book

Welcome to # 57, a non-fiction book written by Robert Moore, is about his experiences teaching at a junior high school for four years while he attended BLS at night. It is a factual, provocative, and very human story about his efforts to communicate with his students and colleagues.

Robert Moore received his BA in political science, with a minor in education, from Brooklyn College in 1970. He was granted a Juris Doctorate degree from BLS in 1974. He is now 26 years old and lives in Brooklyn. Welcome to # 57, will be published by G.P. Putnam's Sons on January 15, 1975.

## OBITUARY

Allen Brown Flouton, former Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, died in Ridgefield, Ct., on December 4 at the age of 87. His "Outline of Pleading and Practice" was widely used by graduates of many law schools in preparation for the adjective law examinations for the New York State Bar.

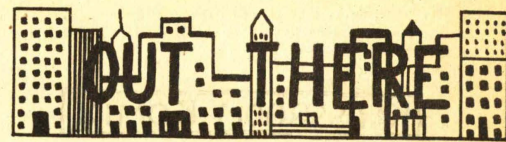
Prof. Flouton taught classes of up to 1,000 students in the years between 1922 and 1958. In addition to his work in Pleading and Practice, he wrote texts and taught courses in Corporations and Municipal Corporations. Many of his former students are active today in law, politics, and the judiciary in New York.

## Lawyer's Union

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oughly and painstakingly prepared and argued. In response to criticism that a slowdown would mean representation of far fewer indigents, many of whom would be forced to remain in squalid detention for a far longer period than at present, Gorham contends that a lawyer is not responsible for a person until that person actually becomes a client.

Despite the failure of the Legal Aid attorneys to achieve most of their goals in last summer's strike, the president of the Association remains convinced that forceful action is necessary to obtain concessions from the Legal Aid Society. What form of job action this should take, or whether there should be any job action at all, is part of a moral dilemma the attorneys must continue to debate.



## Vacation Entertainment

By Matthew J. Trachtenberg

The holiday season promises to be rich with fine music, drama, and dance. On December 23, the American Ballet Theater will return to New York. This is one of the finest companies in the world with a meticulous corps de ballet and a host of superstars. Baryshnikov (the Russian ballet star who made his New York debut last summer) will be featured in "Coppelia" on December 24, "Les Patineurs" on December 26, and "La Fille Mal Gardée" (with Makarova) on December 28. Baryshnikov may be the most exciting male dancer in the world, featuring a spectacular elevation and balloon and interpretative powers that are graceful yet overwhelmingly masculine. If you can see but one dancer this holiday, this is the man to see. Prices at the City Center Theater range from \$3 to \$9.95.

Christmas week at the Metropolitan Opera will be fine indeed. On December 26 the new production of Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunov" with Talvela and Dunn will be performed. The cast is superb and the new production is powerful and dramatic. Puccini's "Turandot" will be heard for the last time this season on December 28, as will be Janacek's "Jenufa." Although the Metropolitan does not advertise student discounts, unsold seats are often available to students and senior citizens for \$4 at the box office one half hour before curtain. It is recommended that one arrive at least an hour before curtain so that a good spot on line will be guaranteed. Call the box office on the day of the performance for details and to find out if student tickets are available.

One of the minor miracles of New York City is the discount ticket center located on 47th St. and Broadway. A myriad of tickets for various attractions are on sale every day. Tickets are sold only for matinee or evening performances on the same day; prices are one half the box office listings plus a small service charge. Surprisingly, tickets for some of the biggest hits are often available, and it is well worth a stop to see what tickets they have for a particular day. Also, the BLS SBA office offers free tickets to off-Broadway shows.

Have a happy! Enjoy! And remember, all work and no play...

## Movie Brief

By Victor Jake Davich

### THE GODFATHER, PART II Paramount, 1974

**Fact:** Sequel to the all-time box office grosser, this film traces the Corleone Family with young Michael (Al Pacino) at the helm.

The film spans a gamut of almost sixty years of Corleone history, with Robert DeNiro portraying a younger Vito, the role immortalized by Brando in the original *Godfather*. Michael's attempts to run a smooth family lead him on "negotiation" sojourns to Miami Beach and pre-Castro Havana, to Senate subcommittee hearings in D.C. and to various other locales, primarily in pursuit of or being pursued by enemies.

**Issue:** Should you stand on line for half of your vacation or book it in the library?

**Dee:** I'd never tell you to study, but don't kill yourself getting to see this one.

**ROL:** Even in a declaration of war one observes the rules of politeness.—Bismarck.

**Applic:** Politeness runs rampant in *Godfather II*. It is almost an Emily Post course in killing; but that's where the etiquette ends. For the formal, reserved, dynamic manner of young Don Michael Corleone belies the seething, unsure boy struggling with his family problems — criminal and paternal. An unhappy marriage with Kay (Diane Keaton), an alcoholic brother, and a whoring sister (who, believe it or not, wants to marry Troy Donahue) are among the modern problems with which Michael must cope. And the ways in which he does it are absolutely brutal.

*Godfather II* is a good film, but it lacks the class and finesse of the original; there's no Brando in the family, but that's not the only reason. Perhaps Coppola's desire to outdo himself will prove to be his failure. Showing the most famous "All in the Italian Family" in a non-romantic, savage chronology batters home the Corleone reality, but it was audience fantasy and not Coppola's reality that made *The Godfather* the giant it was. Havana locales and sepia-toned flashbacks won't make any difference; there's no room for fantasies here.

Of course, you're going to see it anyway, but at least you know you've got better things to do.

BLS for six years, since the building's construction. He worked for Sears and Roebuck for twelve years and before that for Gristedes Brothers. Hudson was born in the Isle of Mann and ran away to sea when he was twelve years old. After six years on Holland-America lines, he was presented to Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands. He then became a translator on the Holland-America lines. He speaks a number of languages including some Dutch, Spanish and a little Chinese. He won a citation for a D-Day mission for the United States Navy, Operation Corncob, which involved blowing up derelict ships to create a safe corridor for the landing ships to put their men down on the beaches of France. He was once stranded in the jungle off Devil's Island for five days. On the walls in his cozy, organized office are various degrees and certificates attesting to his diverse skills.

# Games Students Play

Reflections upon the intramural football program, established by the first-year students, lead one to the inescapable conclusion that not all law students shun the enjoyment of physical exercise for the quiet bliss of the library. Although at times games were forfeited or postponed by tort midterms, the play-offs began with four teams all expecting to reign as champs until next year. The final game had a note of excitement, pitting two brothers on opposing teams, battling it out to be number 1.

Acknowledging that there is room for improvement, Ken Nagen and Bruce Leder, based on this years experience, believe that next year's league will be far more

efficient and enjoyable. It will begin in early September and include all students, thus raising the level of competition and eliminating the pitfalls of this year's program.

Finally, a note to all softball players: This spring the entire BLS Community, especially faculty and women, will have the opportunity to join a softball league. The league will begin in April. Notices will be posted in March for the formation and submission of teams. A suggestion was made that would require losing teams to be liable for the cost of all liquid refreshments after the games. Any students with suggestions for the softball league should contact either Ken or Bruce, 1D1.

## Tenth Floor

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fifty-seven pounds of peppers were harvested. Inside the boiler room there is a grapefruit plant, pineapple plant, and a date palm. Hudson is "also the doctor for plants. "Everyone brings them up here to Dr. Hudson."

Hudson finds that modern law students are "less uptight. We used to have problems with soccer with the blackboard erasers; they used to make goalposts out of the ashcans. We could never keep up with the erasers. Then they played hockey with them, then came frisbees, knocking fire extinguishers off the wall, but still it was never spite or vandalism. I think the students are a wonderful group of people. I have no problems with them."

Hudson has been working at