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## Dean Deposed; Prof. Placed

By Ayn Rand

Prof. Holster announced last week that he has appointed himself interim Dean of BLS, despite the fact that Dean Gomer Pile stated he would not retire until 1977. "Why wait for the inevitable," Prof. Holster stated, while ordering new carpeting for his ninth floor office. "Besides, I'm only filling the void."

Prof. Holster emphasized that his action did not have anything to do with Dean Pile personally. "I always liked him. He was a fun guy, always able to take a joke. I remember the time that a few of the younger faculty members during the lunch break decided to nail his shoes to the floor while he was sitting in his office. When the five o'clock bell rang, he got right up and left for the LIRR with two pieces of the flooring. A real fun guy."

However, Dean Holster feels that no one should be Dean for more than five years while someone like him is in the school. "It'll be refreshing to have me in office," he stated.

According to Prof. Holster, he decided to make his self-appointment after a poll he took showed that he was an overwhelming choice among students. The new Dean explained how the poll was taken: "I decided that there was no need to poll the entire student body, so I picked a typical, first-year class. On the ballot were two columns. One column stated that I should be Dean, and the other stated that there shouldn't be a Dean. The students had absolute freedom to sign their name under either choice. Surprisingly, the balloting went so fast, I was able to complete my discussion of *Marbury v. Madison*."

Dean Holster has many plans for BLS. "I started work on them even before I became Dean. For instance, I am negotiating with New York City to acquire Borough Hall." When asked whether Borough Hall might be a step down from BLS's present building, he replied, "I don't see how. It's bigger than the current Dean's office." (Continued on the flip side)

## Character Committee Questionnaire

In response to growing criticism that the questionnaire required by the Committee on Character and Fitness for Admission to the N.Y. Bar from the Second Department constitutes an invasion of privacy, a substitute, short form has recently been proposed. The *Justinian* has been fortunate enough to acquire an advance copy, which is printed below.

### COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER AND FITNESS OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR, SECOND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

#### Penalty for lying will be swift and unmerciful

- 1) What is your name? .....
- 2) Have you ever been known by any other name? .....
- 3) Have you ever been mistaken for anyone else? .....
- Provide the name and address of all people (or things) you have been mistaken for: .....
- 4) List below, in alphabetical order, all places you have ever visited or passed through: .....
- 5) To the best of your knowledge, is there a supreme being? .....
- Enclose an affidavit by the person you believe to be so, attesting to your faith in him/her. ....
- 6) Have you ever made fun of anyone holding political office? ....
- Describe how: .....
- 7) Enclose passport-size photographs of all animate and/or inanimate objects with which you have had sexual relations. ....
- 8) Have you ever lied? .....
- Give date and reasons for each lie: .....
- 9) Have you ever acted as an attorney? .....
- Have you ever imitated an attorney? .....
- Have you ever looked like an attorney? .....
- 10) In the space below, describe all the things you have done that we do not already know about: .....

In order to authenticate your performance on the Bar examination, please copy, in the handwriting you ordinarily use, one of the two paragraph below:

I am, and always have been, a member of the Communist Party and firmly believe that the present government should be overthrown by violent means, as soon as possible.

Signature

I hereby pledge to donate at least five thousand dollars to the special fund established for the underprivileged children of the ABA executive committee. I fully understand my obligation as a future attorney to perpetuate an elitist class in America.

Signature

## Decanal Committee Decided; Search Starts

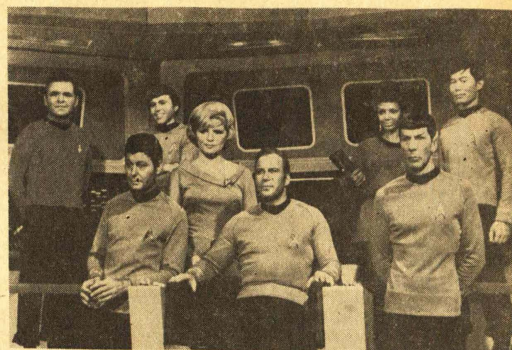
By Christopher Pike

"A new Dean, the final frontier." With these bold words, Captain James T. Kirk of the U.S.S. Enterprise accepted the mission of heading the Decanal Search Committee for a new BLS Dean from Board of Trustees' President, Judge Gary More. Kirk immediately rounded out the Committee with Associates Mr. Spock, Dr. Leonard McCoy, Miss Uhura, Mr. Pavel Chekov, Mr. Sulu and the Klingon Emperor. Judge More, asked why he appointed an imaginary character to such an important post, replied, "Many people commented in regard to our past Dean that truth is stranger than fiction. Therefore, we are just following the traditions of the office." More also insisted that Kirk was eminently qualified, having been a member of the *Federation Journal of Interplanetary Law*.

### Spaced Out

SBA President Alan Tivoli expressed disappointment that no BLS students were appointed to the Committee, though many were qualified since so many students are always "spaced out." However, Tivoli felt that Mr. Chekov and Mr. Sulu would represent the younger point of view.

Prof. Holster, who has appointed himself interim Dean, expressed disappointment with the whole procedure. "I will not be judged by any Committee, imaginary or not. I am an individual and will not submit myself to the mindless masses. Only I have standing to determine whether or not I should be Dean. Show me where it says in the U.S. Constitution that Judge More can take such action." When this correspondent questioned whether the Constitution applied to BLS, Dean



Captain James T. Kirk surrounded by the new Decanal Search Committee in the remodeled Moot Court Room "Five year mission to seek out a new Dean."

Holster said, "You're missing the point." Former Dean Gomer Pile was last reported to be in a moving van somewhere between Brooklyn and East Islip, L.I. (see Interim Dean article) and was unavailable for comment.

Mr. Spock, counsel to the Committee, has already begun processing applications. An application has been received from one Howard Hughes, who stated in his application that he was applying because he wants "to lead a very lucrative enterprise and maintain the freedom to isolate myself." Mr. Spock thought that Mr. Hughes' reasons were "quite logical." Spock also revealed that New York State Supreme Court Justice Joseph F. Crater had also applied. Judge Crater wanted to be Dean "to remain missing." "The Committee has also received applications from three law students: a plumber, Bernard Bergman; two basset hounds; and a block of wood," explained Spock, "though I hardly think a law student

would have the qualifications for the job."

The committee's selection procedure was explained by Miss Uhura, the Committee's Director of Communications. "First, Dr. McCoy will check out the applicant's health with his tricorder to determine if he can withstand Brooklyn air. Then Mr. Spock will 'mind-meld' with the applicant to determine if the applicant has any original ideas. If he does, he is immediately rejected. Finally, Captain Kirk will ask the applicant a simple question to see how well he can avoid a direct answer."

Mr. Spock was asked whether these standards were too strict. Spock replied that BLS had a "great tradition to uphold" and that the Committee would have to "boldly go where no man has gone before," in order to find the most qualified candidate. This correspondent then inquired whether BLS will miss not having a Dean during their five-year search? Mr. Spock just laughed.

## Can You Spare a Dime?

By J. P. Morgan  
Special to the Justinian

The *Justinian* has been informed that within days Dean Holster and BLS's Diamond Jubilee Committee will reveal a plan which may ultimately launch BLS into the national spotlight and make Dean Holster the economic savior of the nation's financially strapped law schools.

At the core of the plan is a long-term contract with the Vend-Automatic Vending Machine Company. In return for five percent of the gross dollar take, Vend-Automatic will "auto-vendize" every "vendizable" nook and cranny of BLS.

Item One on the plan of action is to install coin-activated locks on the lavatory doors. Rumor has it that only through perseverance and keen negotiating ability was the Dean able to declare his facilities off-bounds to the "vendizers."

He claimed that the chromized devices would not blend with the solemnity of his paneled chambers.

### Peep Shows

Additionally, the walls of the eighth floor will be lined with variously shaped devices reminiscent of the Automats of yore, which, for appropriate consideration, will dispense assignment sheets, recent decisions and article reprints. The main floor bulletin board will be replaced by ten reconstructed peep-show machines. To find out what's going on, what teachers are ill, and when exams are, you merely deposit a dime and watch the announcements. The administration promises a completely new show at least once a week. Constitutionally speaking, the Supreme Court has never said that notice in such a manner is

violative of any of the amendments.

Consultations with the faculty will also be covered under the new plan. Students who wish to speak with faculty members will punch in their computerized library cards with the eighth floor receptionist. Monthly bills will be sent to each student. To prevent free-loading, faculty members will be isolated from students by the designation of a special faculty elevator and isolated dining section of the cafeteria. Faculty members not accumulating an appropriate number of billable hours will be required to write law review articles and/or serve as Moot Court judges.

When contacted by the *Justinian*, the Dean refused to elaborate further on the plan, although he did say that if the plan is implemented by the first of May, he foresees a 1976-1977 tuition roll-back of seventy-three cents.



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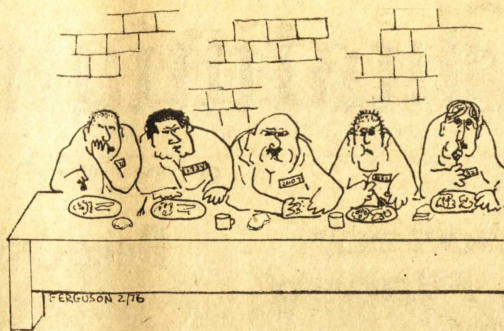
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"WE'RE FILING A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS IN THE MORNING; PASS IT ON."

## Keeping Your Options Open

All too often we lose our perspective on things, our appreciation of life, our grasp of the "big picture." We suddenly begin to wonder if there is intelligent life in law school. For three years (and let's not forget the evening students who tolerate four) we have lived in a mental vacuum ingesting enough cases to stifle what little imagination we may still have possessed upon admission. And for want of any better dreams, we begin to look forward to our eventual graduation into unemployment.

It is during dark times like these that we need the reassurance that only a meaningful "Faculty Sage — Troubled Student" dialogue can bring. By now, all of us have read several such informative and morale-boosting discussions in at least one of our casebooks. If they don't succeed in quickening the beat of our hearts, they always seem to quicken the rate at which we flip the pages of our texts. One of these civilized and well-reasoned little chats might go something like this . . .

**FACULTY SAGE:** You look troubled Sammy. What pressing legal questions do you have on your mind today?

**TROUBLED STUDENT:** That's just the problem, professor. I've run out of legal problems and now I'm just left with practical ones.

**FS:** This sounds serious. It's a little out of my specialty area, but perhaps I can Shepardize and come up with some case law anyway.

**TS:** Well, I don't know how to say this, but I feel like I've been wasting my time here.

**FS:** Really? I must say, I'm surprised to hear that!

**TS:** So far, all I've accomplished is to squander three years of my life, accumulate several thousand dollars in outstanding debts, acquire a mass of trivia concerning the UCC, bore my friends with constant legal chatter and my problems, and I haven't even decided on a bar review course yet!

**FS:** We all have our moments of doubt, Sammy. Remember, nothing in life ever comes easy. Once you're out in practice, all these worries will be behind you.

**TS:** If that's a job offer, I'll take it! I've got at least fifty letters at home wishing me luck and promising me a place in a file cabinet for future reference, and another hundred or so that are either in someone's waste paper basket or were lost by the Post Office. Take your pick. The only thing that's been getting practice is my typing. Maybe if I took up steno and lied about my sex, I could get a job.

**FS:** That's a very negative attitude to take, Sammy. You'll just have to discipline yourself more. Check the Placement Office Bulletin Board every day. Why, pretty soon you won't even have to use Martindale-Hubbell anymore. You will be able to just finger your way through the Yellow Pages!

**TS:** It's more likely I'll be driving the streets in a yellow taxi pretending I'm Robert DeNiro.

**FS:** Come on, that's just sour grapes. A law degree is a valued commodity. The whole world is at your finger tips. Just look at Howard Cosell, and Gerardo Rivera — a BLS alumnus, no less!

**TS:** But they don't practice law!

**FS:** That just proves my point. Your trouble is that you have so many options open to you that you're in a quandary.

**TS:** Give me an example of one.

**FS:** Ah . . . well . . . I know, how about being a notary public?

**TS:** You don't need a law degree for that!

**FS:** No, but it helps. And haven't you noticed, all notaries seem to have one. They're always ready to bat around a tort question or two.

**TS:** But that's not going to help me pay off my loans!

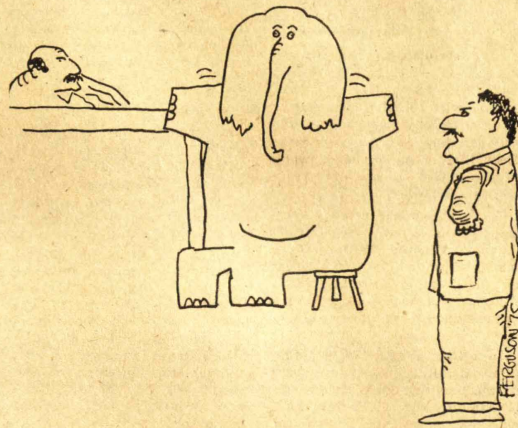
**FS:** Are you kidding? Notaries are up to 50¢ a page now!

**TS:** Really? Hey, you wouldn't know how to apply for one of those little red seals would you?

**FS:** Sure I do. In fact, I'll even notarize the application form for you. And I'll only charge you a quarter.

**TS:** Thanks professor. I knew I could count on you.

**FS:** Anytime, Sammy. After all, that's what I'm here for.



What do you mean "You forget?"

## Investment Chance In Growth Industry

By Michael Weinberger

I met a friend who works in the stock market the other day.

"How are things going on the market?" I asked him.

"Oh fine, just great, listen . . . I've got a tip for you, **sure thing** — come closer so nobody else can hear," said he.

"No thanks," said this chicken, "but now that you mention it, I've got a tip for **you**."

"What can you possibly tell me about investing!?" Unfettered, I continued, "These days the smart money is going into (I paused and brought my lips closer to his ear and whispered in a barely audible voice) social security."

"What do you mean, **social security**?"

"Not so fast—figure it out—no matter how you slice it, social security is a no-lose proposition. First, the government passes a law making it illegal for people not to be your customers. Next you take a slice of their paycheck every week. After taking about thirty or forty years of slices, and after you subtract the cost of your office, secretaries, official latrine card, and salary, you just give them back whatever is left over. Neat and simple, like taking candy from a baby."

"You make it sound so easy, but remember, social security is a government monopoly. And besides, it's a registered trademark."

"That's no problem, I've got inside info that the government is so hard up for cash, what with the printing press broken and the high cost of all those invaluable services they offer, they're going

to be selling social security franchises. A couple of grand down, and you can open up your own office. Nice, regulation maroon brick, big parking lot, and impressive big steel letters across the top of the store, S-O-C-I-A-L-S-E-C-U-R-I-T-Y. You know there are three stores within walking distance from my house already? More than MacDonalds."

"Say I put in my bucks, who's to say that this thing won't come tumbling down on me afterwards?"

"Nothing to worry about, social security is a **growth industry**, lots of room for growth, wave of the future and all that jazz. They're even talking about opening up mini-stores in prisons, gonna call them **anti-social security**, or something like that. This is where we're heading, boy, better jump on the bandwagon."

"Listen, let me talk it over with my wife. I might go for one of those small jobs, anti-social security, y'know, just to try it out."

"Look, my friend, you can't lose; recession, depression, people just gotta have what you're selling. Why don't you think about it? Think about it."

(The writer admits that there are three such stores within walking distance of his house, but he reserves final judgment on the industry and its proprietors.)

## Dean

(Continued from the other side) fice. It will also allow me to view BLS and its problems from a distance."

Dean Holster will immediately raise the failing grade from 60 to 80. "You don't know how tough it is to get a student down to a 59," Dean Holster complained. Finally, Dean Holster intends to fire the whole faculty. "Easy come, easy go," Holster cryptically explained.

Most faculty members could not be reached for comment because of scheduled court appearances, but former Dean Pile was caught just before he was placed in the Allied Moving van. "I think it's all a bit premature," he stated just before the door shut.

## Jobless Clinic To Start

By Mark Jaystein

The Student-Faculty Clinical Committee is always looking for new alternatives to prepare students for life after law school. At present, clinics such as Civil, Criminal and U.S. Attorney's Office provide preparation in areas in which only a minority of BLS graduates will practice. To alleviate the needs of the majority of law students, the Committee is proud to announce their latest brainstorm, the Unemployed Attorney's Clinic. Prof. Schultz, Professor-in-Charge of clinics, has already begun to place students in prestigious taxi cab companies and blue-chip N.Y. restaurants. Of course, for those interested in government work, several spots in the United States Post Office are available. "This course will not be a piece of cake," explained Prof. Schultz. "There will be seminars at which students will have to bring in new and improved resumes. Students will be graded on the neatness of their resumes." Prof. Leitner will conduct mock interviews and explain to students the technique of "selling yourself to a law firm and for how much."

Any student who finds employment in the legal profession during the semester will receive a failing grade.

## The Docket

**Reviews** — The Brooklyn Law Review Open Competition will begin next week. The Review will accept all BLS students who can sneeze and keep their eyes open at the same time. The Brooklyn Journal of International Law will accept anyone who passes too close to their office.

**Sleep:** Faculty Insomnia, Inc., is proud to announce its first commercial offering, "The Johnson EQUITY Lectures — A Series For the Sleepless," is now available on tape. Many students have found that five minutes' listening is all it takes to induce restful sleep. Next month's offering will be the Rice tapes.

**Book Co-op** — For the past two semesters students have saved substantially by buying their textbooks at the SBA Book Co-op for 50% of list price. The SBA is said to announce a slight departure

from this policy. Textbooks will now sell for 110% of list price. "Inflation finally caught up with us," claimed co-director Brian Davis. The 25¢ fee will be reduced to 20¢ in order partially to compensate for the slight price increase.

**N.L.G.** — The National Lawyers' Guild will sell plastic replicas of the Empire State Building and picture postcards of Central Park, starting next week. Prices will range from 100-150% of retail.

**Elections** — Elections for SBA President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will be held shortly. Candidates are forbidden to discuss the issues but are encouraged to smile a lot.

**Movies** — The SBA will be showing free films in the Moot Court Room every Thursday night. Check last week's t.v. listings for schedule.