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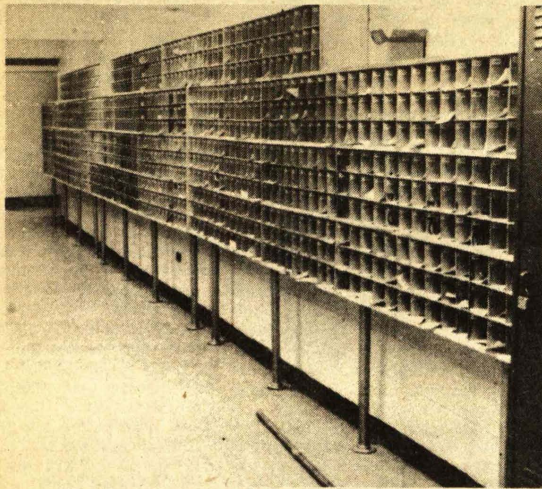
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The mailboxes: a place for everything.... Photo by Ken Shiotani.

## Messages for the Masses; Student Mailboxes at BLS

By Christine Short

As part of a continuing effort to improve intra-school communications, 1,155 mailboxes are being provided for Brooklyn Law students. The pigeon-hole type boxes are located behind the main floor elevator bank.

The mailboxes, Dean Henry W. Haverstick III explains, are to serve a three-fold purpose. Most importantly, the boxes will help to insure that all messages reach the particular student intended to be contacted. In addition, use of the boxes for mass distributions by both administration and student organizations will significantly reduce postage expense. Finally, proper use of the boxes will relieve the congestion on the school's bulletin boards.

As the boxes will be cross-indexed by name and number, students can be contacted by other students and faculty members, as well as by the ad-

ministration. Letters are being mailed assigning each student a box number. Once a mailbox has been assigned, the administration strongly suggests that students check the mailboxes at least once a day.

The mailboxes were designed and built by Bob Hudson and his crew using a Coke bottle box as their original inspiration. Because the work was done in-house, the cost was only slightly more than \$300, a considerable savings over estimates by outside contractors.

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## Freshman Class Profile

by Leon J. Bijou

While the number of applications for admittance to Brooklyn Law School has declined since last year, acceptances have increased in both numbers and percent. This information comes from Professor

## Gilbride Leaves Dean's Post

By Madelaine Berg

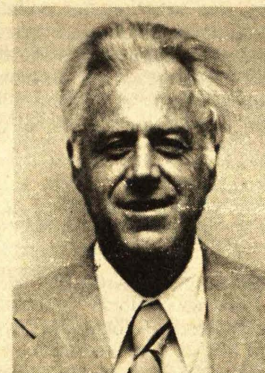
After almost 25 years as Assistant Dean, Gerard A. Gilbride has left that position to return to full-time teaching.

Gilbride served as Assistant Dean under three Deans of the law school—Jerome Prince, Raymond Lisle, and I. Leo Glasser. He was initially invited to BLS by Dean Prince in 1949, one year after his graduation from Fordham Law School, on a one-year appointment to teach Contracts. "Dean Prince warned me that it was only a one-year contract, and that I shouldn't give up my private practice," Gilbride recalls. However, Gilbride was invited back for a second year, and during that year he got involved in interviewing and advising students, gradually getting into administrative work "in an informal way." Shortly afterward, he was appointed Assistant to the Dean, and subsequently became Assistant Dean, and later, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs.

"My greatest satisfaction was having a close relationship with so many students and being able to aid them in their legal careers," Gilbride says. "Law School is a difficult transition from college and the students come with so many fears and phobia—most of them unfounded. I try to help them get over them. There's no magic to being a successful law student. It's studying and common sense."

Gilbride enjoys teaching beginning students. "It's important that they get off to the right start in their legal careers,"

he says. He often arranges informal meetings with members of his first year Contracts classes, "to break down the barrier of the large class and get to know each other on a human level."



Dean Gerard A. Gilbride

Photo by Ken Shiotani

As Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Gilbride handled a wide range of student problems as well as "formulating policy and executing that policy with a fair degree of flexibility for the benefit of the students." He was responsible for interpreting the rules of the Court, Bar Association and other accrediting agencies as they applied to students' programs. He

also oversaw placement operations and reviewed the grades of all students in the law school every semester. In addition, "there was never a semester that I didn't teach at least 4-6 hours or more."

This semester, Gilbride is teaching two Contracts sections. During his years at BLS, he has taught Contracts, Property, Insurance, Equity, and Professional Responsibility. "One class had me for 16 credits during their three years at the school. That's some kind of record—maybe not a desirable one," he reflected.

One "particularly challenging time" for the Dean was during the period of the Cambodian invasion in May 1970, a time of general student unrest. "On the day the students at BLS struck, Dean Prince was not in the building and it was my obligation to be confronted by the students."

The students wanted to cancel classes but it was the administration's position that, while they could not force the students to attend, the classes should remain open for those who wanted them. During the day, there were three bomb threats, necessitating the evacuation of the building each time, and the confrontation did not end until 11 p.m.

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## Sherman Named Ass't Dean

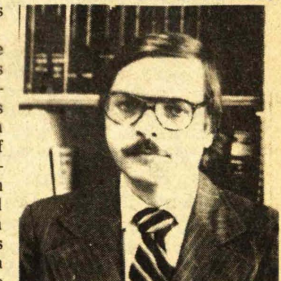
BLS professor Paul Sherman has been named Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs by Dean I. Leo Glasser. The appointment took effect September 1. Sherman succeeds Dean Gerard A. Gilbride who has returned to full-time teaching (see story this page).

A member of the faculty since 1974, Sherman, who teaches Conflicts of Law and International Law, has served as Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, and as a member of the Scholastic Standing Committee and the Committee on Placement and Judicial Clerkships. Prior to beginning a teaching career, Sherman was with Dewey, Ballentine and was a clerk for Judge Weinstein in the Eastern District.

Sherman hopes that this position will enable him to "contribute to the law school students, faculty and administration." The new dean's immediate priority is the review and revision of the BLS Bulletin which he plans to update and modernize in order to provide increased information for students.

In some respects, Sherman is shifting the functions of the assistant dean. He has requested that his office no longer have authority over such financial

matters as scholarships and tuition deferments. He feels that these matters are best left to the Committee on Admissions and Scholarships, the Assistant Dean for Placement and Student Services, and the Bursar's Office.



Dean Paul Sherman

Photo by Ken Shiotani

Sherman sees the role of the assistant dean as a counselor for students' academic problems. He plans to work closely with the Curriculum and Scholastic Standing Committees to develop some new courses and eliminate others.

The new dean is "going to try to be available to students as much as possible." He regards the dean's office as having a duty to be accessible and open, and wants students to be aware of

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## Delegate Election Results

First Year Day		
Section One	Section Two	Section Three
Leslie Fielden	Mark A. Casso	Robert W. Harrison
Noah Cohen	Art Skaar	MaryJane Huseman
Second Year Day		Third Year Day
Jay Cantor	Phil Brown	
Gerald Flanagan	Sal Aspromonte	
Bruce Herman	Ira Miller	
Joe Cafiero	Ralph Sansone	
Richard Milazzo	Neil Toomey	
Barbara Migdale	Michael Heavey	
First Year Evening		Second Year Evening
Lois Chamberlain	Albert A. Natoli	
Bernadette Schacht	Mark Weitz	
Third Year Evening		Fourth Year Evening
Martha Kunkis	Tom Urgo	
Joseph J. Winowiecki	Susan Zilbering	

Other statistical data regarding the classes of '81 and '82.

—A female representation of 42.5 percent, the highest in the Law School's history. Last year women comprised 32 percent of the class.

—Minority enrollment, which includes Black, Puerto Rican, Cuban and Asian students, has also increased from 10 to 21.

—The students come from 115 colleges and universities and represent eight states.

—The average age of the day

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# Viewpoints

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# EDITORIALS AND LETTERS

## Welcome Class Of 1982

We at Justinian would like to extend our warmest welcome and greetings to the newly-entered class of 1982. We apologize for our insensitivity last issue in just welcoming the class of 1981, as we, like many others, failed to take note that along with a newly entering day division class, there is also a newly entering evening division class. BLS belongs to you as much as it does to any other class or division. We urge you to participate in the various BLS activities, and to make your collective voice heard so that you are not overlooked in any way. Justinian is here to serve the class of 1982, as well as the rest of the student body. We look forward to welcoming your viewpoints and articles in print, and expect you to take an active role in the life of our law school community.

## A Changing Of The Guard

Recently there has been much emotion raised concerning the departure of Professor Gilbride from the office of Dean of Students. Professor Gilbride has served as dean with integrity and ability, and has made scores of friends through the years because of his excellent handling of many sticky situations. Dean Gilbride further showed warmth and compassion for the students with whom he was dealing, a trait that is not too common around the corridors of BLS. For these reasons, we at Justinian were saddened to note the resignation of Dean Gilbride from the position he has held with honor for several years. He has left the dean's office with an excellent reputation, and as they say in show biz, will be a tough act to follow.

However, we recognize the right of Dean Glasser to name his own choices to the various administrative positions at BLS. Whenever a new leader takes office, there usually is a wholesale change of top leadership. No newly-elected President of the United States is expected to keep his predecessor's cabinet members, and no incoming law school dean should be expected to have to keep the administrators of past years. We do hope though, that a change in leadership won't do away with the years of mutual respect that has come to pass between the students at BLS and the office of the Dean of Students. We urge the administration to continue making strides in the direction of student rights and student input, and to promote closer relationships between BLS students and faculty.

## Good Luck

And finally, Justinian would like to extend best wishes and much good luck to Professor Sherman, newly-named dean. Dean Sherman has a tough job cut out for him, both in terms of the BLS administration and students. We urge Dean Sherman to institute an "open door" policy into the dean's office, and not to get carried away by demanding appointments be set up or by the endless stream of BLS bureaucracy. The BLS students need compassion, understanding, intelligence, warmth, and guidance from the dean's office, not to mention, of course, accessibility. We expect Dean Sherman to rise to this unique challenge and to prove that Dean Glasser's confidence in him is indeed well placed.

## LETTERS

### Winter Rest

To the Editor:

Once again, the Administration has demonstrated its total lack of concern for the students at Brooklyn Law School, amply evidenced by the lack of a winter intersession. For those students unlucky enough to have an exam on the last day of exams, we are given a two day respite before classes reconvene on Monday. There is absolutely no reason in my mind why we cannot have at least a few days of vacation, so sorely needed after three weeks of intensive studying and exam taking. Needless to say, it will be extremely difficult to devote one's full energies and attention to schoolwork when no break in schedule has been provided.

For those who claim that Christmas week is a vacation, I can only respond that a week without classes does not constitute a vacation when finals are approaching. Nor is the suggestion to take off the first week of classes (as many students intend to do) feasible, as we will only be penalizing ourselves.

It is time the Administration becomes more sensitive to the students' needs and at least attempts to make our law school experience a little more tolerable.

Lauri Cohen '80

### Annoying Apathy

To the Editor:

The recent elections for the Student Delegate Assembly once again indicate the discouraging lack of concern with student government and activities. Out of over 700 students eligible to vote, which does not include first year day and evening students, who voted in their classrooms and thus achieved nearly a 100 percent voting record, only 193 chose to exercise their franchise.

I myself ran for one of the third year seats and lost handily. My chances were not helped by the fact that such a small turnout made it easy for one of our fraternities to fill every third year seat with one of their members by exhorting the fraternity to vote for their candidates. There is nothing inherently wrong with this, and most of those elected have

worked hard for BLS in the past. But student affairs are too important to leave to the direction of blocs, no matter how well intentioned they ostensibly are.

While students at BLS are not supposed to be in an adversary relationship with the administration as a matter of course, it often seems that way. There is a constant struggle over such issues as the allocation of funds, the attempted emasculation of student-faculty committees, even the location of the bicycle rack. But the SBA cannot accomplish anything without real backing from the student body.

Yet what most of the students have in mind is "What can you do for me?" By far the majority of the requests to the SBA office are complaints about the office hours, when coffee is to be served, the food at the SBA parties, and the like. When one SBA member asked such a complainant why he didn't help out he replied "Why should I? Let the SBA members give up all their time, they're the fools who volunteered."

If these shmucks would think about it though they would realize

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# Summit Up

Robert Z. Berger

I was strolling down the Promenade with my five year old, Brooklyn born-and-bred nephew, when who do you think comes walking our way? None other than the three heads of Summit, walking arm in arm.

"Hey Uncle, who are those strange looking guys?"

"I'm surprised at you Junior," I said, knowing of his interest in current events. "Those three smiling men are the President of the U.S., and the two leaders of the Middle Eastern powers."

"Let's find out what they're so happy about," cried Junior.

Junior: "Hey, what's so funny? What's everybody smiling about?"

All: "We have reached lasting peace, my son. Our countries have been at war for thousands of years, but now, for the first time, we have lasting peace."

Junior: "What took so long? When we get into a fight at school, we have some bad feelings, but we always end up shaking hands and being friends again."

All: "It is not that simple, my son. Before we could have our Peace Conference, we had to speak extensively with our Defense Secretaries, consult our

Foreign Advisors, and weigh the opinions of our Senate."

Junior: "Doesn't everyone want lasting peace?"

J.C.: "Of course," (pausing to look admiringly at Anwar and Menachem before continuing) "Now we have peace, peace, PEACE!"

(M. and A. start to clap and don't stop.)

Junior: "Why are they clapping Uncle?"

Uncle: "It's just a formality, Junior."

Junior: "What's formality?"

Uncle: "Formality. When one has something important to accomplish, one doesn't just go out and do the job. One must first do less important things, so as to try to make the important task seem more proper and worthwhile. Sometimes, one does these less important things after

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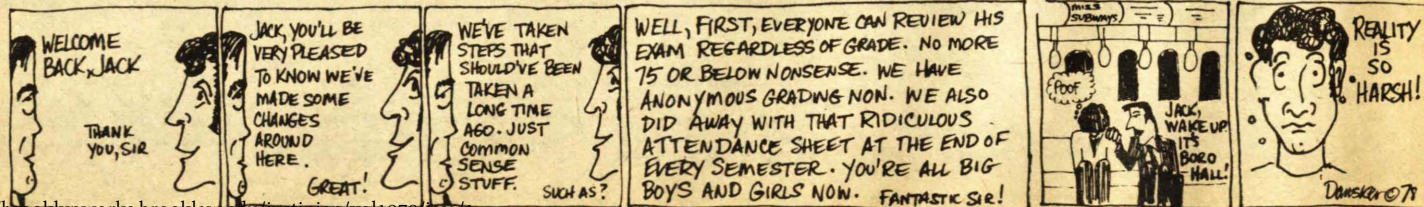
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# Placement Director Outlines Plans

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By Barbara Naidech

Rumor has it that the job market is tight. With two new law schools pouring graduates into an already glutted arena, our prospects diminish. But, in addition to a fresh coat of paint, the Placement Office has a new, aggressive campaign to aid students in obtaining jobs, presumably as lawyers.

We, the students of BLS, have a new Director of Placement. Her name is Jacqueline A. Safer. She is young and attractive, and has a B.A. from Penn State, a Masters in Counseling from N.Y.U., and experience both as Assistant Director of Placement and as a Corporate Personnel Interviewer.

Safer indicated the "biggest problem is the students' attitudes themselves." Rather than suffer feelings of inferiority, BLS students should instead "project positive images of themselves." Rather than apologize for having a campus somewhat smaller than Harvard's, BLS students, according to Safer, should concentrate, and indeed brag about, BLS's strengths. In addition to disco parties, BLS has ready access to the court system, as well as a wide selection of clinical programs. Further, Safer maintains that BLS students have an increasing competitive position in the job market.

Familiar features of the Placement Office will be maintained. There will be on-campus recruitment. However, in the past, on-campus recruitment has "tended to work more for some people" than others. Presumably, it has worked for students on Law Review. Safer

intends to work towards enticing more potential employers to seek and hire BLS students.

Safer indicated that she sees her job as two-fold. First, she intends to arm students with the necessary offer-getting skills. Next, she intends to indulge in "job development," including a 10,000 piece mailing sent to BLS alumni, as well as follow-up mailings, courting prospective employers, and distributing "Resume Books," part of a formal resume referral system.



Jacqueline A. Safer

Photo by Ken Shiotani

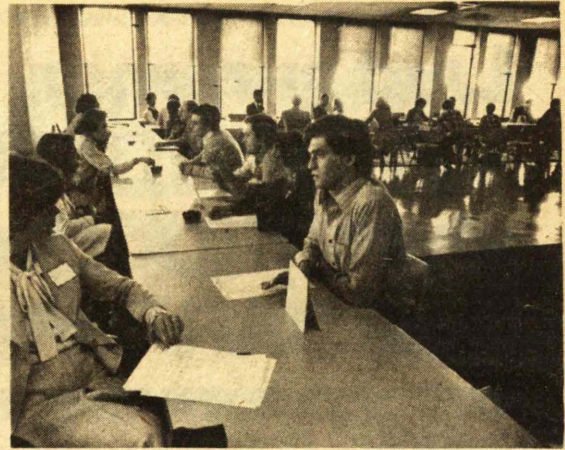
Students have already encountered some strange goings-on in the Student Lounge, namely the "Career Fair," which was held from September 25th through the 28th. Behind those booths were alumni representatives, acting as "role models" from law firms, corporate legal departments, public interest groups and government agencies.

Other innovations (pardon the euphemisms) include, "Workshops," and the "Thursday at Four Program." The latter is a counseling program. The former includes group

sessions dealing with interviewing techniques, resume and letter writing, and "transferability of skills" (what to do with what you learned in the real world). The shy need not worry, Safer will still meet individually with students.

It should be noted here that BLS's Placement Office is only a fraction of the size of some other schools. Our Placement Office is manned by Safer, her able assistant Lori Mogol, Dean Haverstick, and a yet to be hired research assistant. Blame who you wish, but the burden of obtaining employment falls upon the students themselves. Students with secure egos and lots of stamps might consider sending mass mailings to all the law firms listed in Martindale-Hubbell's. They might also, as a long shot, look into hidden job markets, for example, perusing newspapers and other publications with an eye towards spotting substantial financial allocations in government.

In the end, it will be grades, pull and luck that will help us get the jobs we want. But a new Placement Director, with new ideas that might work, sure couldn't hurt.



Students discussing career employment alternatives at the Career Fair sponsored by the Office of Placement and Career Planning from September 25-28. Approximately seventy representatives from law firms, corporations, public interest-non-profit organizations and government agencies took part in the Fair. Although job interviews were not conducted, each representative provided information regarding the organizational areas and nature of legal work performed in their office, typical assignments, responsibilities, training, and opportunities for advancement. Also offered was information regarding the projected hiring needs of their organizations, and the hiring qualifications and procedures currently in effect.

Photo by Ken Shiotani

## Int'l Law Journal: Broad Horizons

The Brooklyn Journal of International Law, now in its fifth year of semi-annual publication, is one of BLS's two scholarly journals dealing with current trends in the development of the law. It is a journal which enjoys a wide circulation among both libraries and individual scholars and practitioners involved in various facets of international and comparative law.

The Journal is staffed by its members who are chosen from among the BLS student body based upon three writing competitions. The first two competitions, which require the submission of a case comment, are open to all successful participants in the first year Moot Court international problem and, additionally, to certain students based upon their first year's academic performance. The third competition is an open note competition which is open to the student body at large. Students involved in the latter competition are required to submit a note on a previously approved topic.

These writings are scrutinized by the Journal's staff and Editorial Board, and offers of

membership are extended to those students whose writings indicate an ability to deal effectively with international legal research and writing. Those

required to perform various editing and research chores throughout their tenure. Staff members receive one academic credit per semester of service;



Jean Bernstein, Editor-in-chief of the International Law Journal, and Steven Cohen, Managing editor. Photo by Ken Shiotani

members who have been admitted to the Journal based upon a case comment are required to complete an acceptable note during the year following their acceptance on the staff. In addition, all Journal members are

required to receive two such credits.

The Journal has announced that, beginning this year, it will supervise the international problem which is part of the required Moot Court (day) competition conducted by the Moot Court Honor Society. The problem which will be argued during this competition is a modification of the problem which will be argued during this year's 20th annual Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition sponsored by the Association of Student International Law Societies. The team which will represent Brooklyn Law School during this year's international competition will be drawn from members of Brooklyn's Moot Court Honor Society with special preference given to those students who worked on the international problem in Moot Court.

During last year's Jessup competition, Brooklyn Law School's team defeated more than 200 teams from 27 countries to take first place. The team was composed of Journal Editor-in-

and a jury. —Madelaine Berg

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## SBA Pres:

### We Need Your Help

by Patricia Smillie  
SBA Pres.

I would like to take this opportunity to answer all of those anonymous notes that the SBA has found covering their signs. I am referring to those notes demanding an extension of the SBA's office hours, complaining about the coffee service during the summer, protesting the manner in which the election of SBA delegates was conducted and in general taking out their frustrations and anxieties on the SBA.

Let us set the record straight, NO MEMBER NOR ELECTED OFFICER of the SBA receives ANY FORM OF COMPENSATION for their services. The students who have been elected to the executive offices all attend Brooklyn Law School in a regular program of study and, in addition, 4 out of the 5 executive board members work. That means they have approximately 12-14 hours of class a week, work between 20-40 hours a week, and then work in the SBA office 5-8 hours a week. At the least, these figures add up to a 37 hour week. Of course, with something like the delegate election the officers end up putting in more than 12 hours in one day!

The executive board knew that their job was going to be tough and require a good deal of their time. However, what some of them did not realize is that the more they may do, the more

complaints they receive. For instance, in the past, the SBA's office hours were from 1-2 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. This year's board felt that these hours were inadequate and expanded the hours to include two hours in the evening, 8-9 p.m. The same reasoning led to the increase in voting hours for the delegate election. The polls were open from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5 to 6 p.m., and from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Usually, the polls for the delegate elections were open from 1-2 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. The Board would have liked to have had longer voting hours, however, class and work schedules of the Executive Board members would not permit anymore hours than were scheduled. Unfortunately, no one other than the Executive Board members are permitted to conduct this election.

But, let us go back one step to June 1978 when the present Executive Board was elected. During the summer months, June, July and August, the SBA is usually somewhat inactive. The SBA's activities during the summer months are usually restricted to providing a coffee and tea service and opening the Book Co-op just before classes in August. This summer things were a little bit different. During the month of June and part of July, the SBA Executive Board

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Stones-Not So Good/Talking Heads-Better

By Mitchell R. Miller

First, this is not a good Rolling Stones album. It is better than the last four (read 'not as bad as'). If you like the Stones, stick with *Beggars' Banquet* and *Let It Bleed*, which handle the same depressing ideas about women and society in the same way. It's like comparing Michaelangelo to a finger painting. If you're a disco personality, "Miss You" is better than listening to dolphins (read BeeGees). However, the real grounds for commentary are the way N.Y. radio has handled the title cut. There is a line that goes "Black girls just want to fuck all night...." WBLS, N.Y.'s 'Black station,' refuses to touch it at all. N.Y.'s other 'progressive' stations give it the old bleep-silent treatment. WLIR, the hope for intellect on L.I. plays the song. Question for civil liberties students and others who think: Why censor rock songs on rock-oriented radio—or anywhere at all? Obscenity? At least WNEW plays the Airplane's "We Can Be Together" and Steely Dan's "Show Biz Kids..." The word is the same. (By the way—what is the origin of the name "Steely Dan"? Is the song racist? If it is, then so is the Kinks' "Don't Need No Black Messiah" and Mott the Hopples' reverse parody in the widely aired "All the Way From Memphis." Is it sexist??? Ye gads, listen to the rest of the drive on the radio—or see below.

Play that funky music, white boy.  
**Meat Loaf—Bat Out of Hell**  
 Shows you why Bruce Springsteen shouldn't be cloned—the result could sit too close to a microwave oven and emerge mutated—hence music for 16-year-olds who think that when they grow up they'll be 18. Many too many guitar tracks as Todd

Rundgren outdoes Phil Spector. Phil Rizzuto's first platinum album is a tribute to the insecurities of high school sex and back-seat romance. Unfortunately, Meat Loaf's dimensions



would restrict his acrobatics to something on the order of an Econoline van. There is (or should be) more to rock than waiting to find out if someone can get his girl to 'do it.' To make things worse, she does. And morality time—boy are they sorry! Told ya, ya shoulda gotten dem new shocks sooner! Apologies to Phil Brown, nice guy, good friend and Meat Loaf fan. Well, two out of three ain't bad.

**Foreigner—Double Vision**  
 Now this is sexist rock. What I might have listened to in high school instead of Meat Loaf. Thankfully things change. Like, then I didn't notice that cliché and stolen power chords were

frequently surrounded by totally insipid lyrics. Women in this one get rock stars' room keys if they can go all night. More likely them than the guys in this band.

**Synergy—Cords**  
 As in patch cords. Heavenly and ethereal synthesizer music. Read no further if you believe synthesizers are instruments to wash dishes by. Gino, turn off the water, I'm trying to write. Thank you. Larry Fast (one man group) is one of the two or three most entertaining players of the genre, whether on his own or backing up Peter Gabriel or Nektar. The music pulses, throbs and soars with tides of sound gently playing your ears as instruments of their own. And for psychos like me who collect such things, the album is pressed on clear vinyl. Required reading for those in altered states of consciousness. Bill Lee's favorite album.

**Talking Heads—More Songs About Buildings and Food**

This is a nice album. It is full of nice songs. It has good music. It has nifty production. It has a keen cover. It is a simple, happy album. Hear David Byrne play. He knows more chords now. Hear David sing. Well, hear him try. He's getting better. He made friends with Eno. See Eno produce. Hear Eno give body to music. See Talking Heads become real live musicians. Rolling Stones look out. This album can actually make your whole body feel good. And "Take Me to the River" is the world's best segue for "Riders on the Storm." More songs about the river of life. See Spot run.

The SBA needs volunteers. Give a damn about your school, and contribute some time for the benefit of everyone.

## SBA Pres.

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opened the Book Co-op to those students enrolled in the summer session. The Board also instituted regular office hours for a number of weeks, until the apparent need for the office hours ceased. Some of us had classes and some did not, so some of us made an extra effort to come in and make coffee for the students. But, one thing we all had in common was the complaint registered against us that the coffee was not always ready at 5:15 or 5:30. Obviously, having coffee ready at 5:15 or 5:30 is not always possible if a Board member finished working at 5:00 as everyone else, and then had to take a train to BLS to make coffee.

It was also during this past summer that the SBA did something which to my knowledge they had never done before, that is, organizing and producing an Orientation Booklet. In the past the National Lawyer's Guild had written and printed an orientation booklet with funding from the SBA. A problem arose in relation to funding the NLG's booklet this

year when sometime in June the SBA was contacted by two other organizations who also wished to be funded for an orientation booklet. Since it would be impossible for the SBA to fund three such booklets and because it seemed impracticable to publish three different booklets, the SBA contacted all the organizations present at BLS. Representatives from these organizations met during the summer with the Executive Board and worked on producing an SBA Orientation Booklet. The funds which were used to publish this booklet were raised in part by ads which were solicited by the students. The remainder of the cost was borne by the SBA.

During the summer the Executive Board attempted to start a housing service. Over 100 letters were sent out to landlords in the area requesting that they "list" any apartments which they had for rent with our service. The response has not been overwhelming but it was a start. The Board has been listing any apartments which have come in on the bulletin board outside the SBA office on specially printed forms. Hopefully, during this year will be able to improve and

expand our efforts in this regard. Finally, the Executive Board has decided to change the hours of the SBA Delegate Assembly Meetings to 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. in an effort to enable more evening students to become involved in the SBA. Of course, no time will be convenient to everyone but, we hope that this time will be convenient to more people than before.

In conclusion, this article is not meant to be a demand for payment for the work that SBA members perform but, a request that students who do not like the way something is done to offer their time to do them. We ask that before you come screaming and yelling into the SBA office, that you stop and realize that we are students too, and that we have the same time demands made upon us as you do. We are open to constructive criticism but not to anonymous complaints. If you want something done, come to the office and we will try to accommodate you. But, you must realize that we will not always have the people power to do what you want. However, if you want to do something and are willing to work on it yourself, the SBA will be glad to lend any support that we can.

## TV Shows You'll Want To Miss

By Martin Edelstein

The new TV season is upon us and the network brass have lined up a whole new mess of slop for us to watch. Needless to say, some of this slop will be less than acceptable and will require mid-season replacement shows. The networks are aware of this fact and as a result they have already lined up several replacement shows. Through political influence and their very own slush fund, Justinian has been able to acquire the names and thumbnail sketches of some of the replacement series.

**Paper Chase II-Hart drops out of law school and starts working in a toilet paper factory.**

**Leave It to Beaver Jr.-Beaver is now married and has a kid who is just as much a moron as he was.**

**Subway-A weekly look at some of the low life who ride the MTA trains during off-hours.**

**The Chuck Barris Nothing Show-Each week Chuckie will introduce the show and close the show with absolutely no entertainment whatsoever in between the opening and closing.**

**Hunting for Feces-A game show predicated on the NYC "Poop-Scoop Law".**

**The Cheerleaders-A dramatic series about a group of cheerleaders who double as "undercover" detectives.**

**Voices from the Dead-Each week Orson Welles will communicate with famous personalities who are deceased.**

**Wrestling for Dollars-A game show where contestants wrestle**

each other for money and prizes.

**Gomer Pyle M.D.-Jim Nabors returns as a marine doctor who gets his degree from a correspondence course.**

**Celebrity Hopscotch-Big name celebrities like Larry Hovis and Brett Somers compete for members of the studio audience in an earth shattering game of hopscotch.**

**The Jaws Show-Each week the shark will terrorize and/or eat a new group of bathers.**

**The Tricky Dick Variety Hour-The former vice president, president, and Firestone 500 salesman makes his big comeback.**

**Ethno-Man-The adventures of a crime fighter who possesses the ability to change to whatever ethnic group the situation calls for.**

**Fading Star-The adventures of a rock 'n roll star turned truck driver.**

**The Garbage Girls-A rollicking comedy about a female sanitation crew.**

**Arnie and the Pig-A man tries to keep a pig in his Manhattan apartment.**

**High Anxiety-Each week Mel Brooks, as Dr. Richard Thorn-dike, will treat a brand new assortment of loonies.**

**Meat-A comedy set in a butcher shop with an unusual collection of characters.**

**Love Child & Psychadelic Sue-"Laverne & Shirley" of the 60s set in Haight-Asbury.**

**Mack Williams, Esq.-The hilarious adventures of a lawyer turned pimp.**



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 ITS SO NICE NOT BEING A FIRST YEAR STUDENT ANY MORE!

## Freshman

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student is 23, of the evening student 28.

—The average GPA is 3.2 and the average LSAT score is 610.

Whereas in past years Dean Lisle reviewed the applications alone, this year the Committee was a multi-membered body which included Profs. Chase, Crea, Gilbride, Hoffman and Ronayne. Meehan stressed that Lisle had done a "fine job" but felt the current set up brought more insight and diverse opinions to the selection process.

In assessing the statistical composition of the first year class Meehan was pleased with the increase in women and the greater geographical mix. He

was dismayed, however, over the small number of minority students. This he attributed to the aggressive Affirmative Action programs of other, often more prestigious law schools. While "window dressing," these schools have "milked off" minority students with grants, loans, housing and the opportunity to graduate from a more highly respected institution.

Viewing the first year class, Meehan noted senses of accomplishment and responsibility both for those who make it and those who don't. Due to that responsibility Meehan described Chairman of Admissions as "taxing...a helluva difficult job." "At best," he said, "we try to make a decent decision in a large number of cases."



By Leon J. Bijou

Sunday September 24, 1978 the first full day of Autumn. The weather, crisp and sparkling, provided an ideal setting for the first New York Law School Five Mile Marathon.

Arriving at New York Law School at 47 Worth Street, one could easily see that something was going on. Tall, gangly, athletic-looking guys dressed in a melange of colored running gear came from all directions. Most stopped briefly to inspect the course posted outside the school and then filed inside. Despite the subtle friendly tension among the runners, the volunteers who staffed the race were pleasant and warm.

As the 10 a.m. starting time grew closer the pre-race activities began. The block, where the race starts and finishes, was roped off, and the runners began the limbering up ritual. Pushing buildings, waving limbs, rotating torsos, grunting and straining the runners put on quite a show to the untrained eye.

At 10 a.m., the group bursts into rhythmic hand clapping, as encouragement pours in from the spectators. Dean Shapiro of New York Law School calls the race's start, and close to 100 par-

ticipants took off on Worth Street, and headed directly into the sun.

The uniformity of the fast start disintegrated in just a few blocks. The leaders set their pace as the cluster of runners spread out. Early Sunday morning pedestrians and motorists stopped to gaze and waited patiently at the intersections where the runners crossed against the lights.

It was an uneventful race quickly won by Dennis McBride of NYU, who finished the 4.75 mile course in 25:41.7. Rich Carmen of New York Law followed with a 26:08.1 with J. Shanahan also of NYU, third at 28:12.7.

BLS, with only 14 finishers, had four in the top 25. This writer finished 7th (29:55.1), Michael Hopkins 17th (32:40.2), Neil Karbank 19th, (33:26.1) and Gary Gregory 25th (34:17.1).

Special thanks are due to Gil Hollander who runs the concession at New York Law School and who dreamt up and financed the race; New York Law School; the Road Runners Club of New York; and the 1st Police Precinct. Especially helpful was Dr. Paul Milvy, a biophysicist at Mount Sinai Hospital who surveyed and measured the course.

By Bernard Lemelman

Professor Joel Gora comes to Brooklyn Law School from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) where he had served as general staff counsel and associate legal director since 1969. He was born right here in Brooklyn but spent his formative years in the Los Angeles area, graduating from Pomona College and then attending Columbia University School of Law.



Prof. Joel Gora

Photo by Ken Shiotani

Prof. Gora's office is on the eighth floor, neat, the way all offices are at the beginning of a school year. It's a late Wednesday afternoon. He's leaning back in his chair, his feet propped up on his desk, his arms stretched out comfortably. "Public interest work has always fascinated me. In California I was involved in Democratic Party politics. Law seemed like a natural extension of that."

He graduated from Columbia in '67, and spent the next two years as law clerk in the U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, before joining the ACLU in a full time capacity. The cases he was involved in, as the saying goes, were many and varied though perhaps their most common theme was a defense of First

Amendment rights. As he talks, he sounds almost nostalgic, as though he's reminiscing about a bygone era.

"There were a lot of cases—kids with long hair that got thrown out of school, censorship of student newspapers, Viet-Nam soldiers who were court-martialed for distributing anti-war leaflets. I handled a pregnancy discrimination case. The Air Force discharged this woman lieutenant who was single and got pregnant. We got her back in. I even defended a Colonel in the Army convicted on a marijuana charge. He got eighteen months which, in the scheme of things, is better than eighteen years, I suppose."

Prof. Gora continued, "In '72, during the Pentagon Papers case, the ACLU filed an amicus brief of which I wrote portions. The case, I think, represented the highpoint of Nixon's attack on the free press. It was a clear-cut clash between the forces of light and the forces of darkness."

Four years later in *Buckley v. Valeo*, Professor Gora as lead counsel in the case successfully challenged the constitutionality of the campaign finance reform act, arguing that to place restrictions on the sum a candidate can either raise or spend was tantamount to a restriction on free speech and association.

"I consider that case the high point in my career with the ACLU. We were writing constitutional law. I remember putting sentences in the brief we presented to the Supreme Court which six months later appeared in the Court's ruling," Gora said.

The author of two books, *Due Process of Law and Rights of Reporters*, Professor Gora has embarked on a teaching career

partly because it will afford him more time to pursue his writing interests. Then there's his daughter Susannah who was born last fall and whom he describes as "...my favorite hobby." And his wife Ann Ray Martin, a writer for *Newsweek*.

"Not that I expect to work less hard. It's just that a law teacher's work is a little more regular than what I was doing at the ACLU. You know you have a class on Friday instead of a law clerk calling to say that a judge will hear your case Monday morning, two weeks ahead of schedule." He paused for a second, "I enjoy Brooklyn Law School very much so far. My colleagues have been very helpful these first few weeks. The students are enthusiastic. I see teaching as a mutual enterprise...not a paper chase, but a chance for interaction and dialogue. The areas I'll be working in...constitutional law, civil procedure, civil liberties...they're changing so fast that they're almost designed to keep you on your toes."

In his spare time Professor Gora plays tennis, reads spy novels and has been "...known to play a game of touch football or two." Among the most recent novels he's read are *The Public Burning* which is a fictional account of the Rosenberg trial, and *The Holcroft Covenant* by Robert Ludlum, whom he describes as one of his favorite authors, at least in the spy book genre.

Prof. Gora is not definite on the question of marks. "Actually it's too early to tell. I mean, I've never taught before so in a sense I'm still coming to grips with that question myself."

## SBA NEWS

The Student Bar Association will shortly be selling BLS T-SHIRTS. These shirts will be a high quality polyester-cotton blend with a completely new multicolor design created under the direction and supervision of the SBA Evening Vice President, Charlie Fox. The shirts will retail for \$5.50 each and will be available in all sizes (S, M, L, XL).

Canvas carry-all bags boasting the same design will also be available at \$6 each in limited supplies. Get them for yourself, your family and friends while supplies last at the SBA office, room 403, during office hours beginning in October. (Proceeds of the sales will be used for student activities at BLS.)

In October the results of the course evaluations which were conducted back in the Spring will be available. We caution that the results of the evaluation should be taken with a grain of salt since this is the first time such an evaluation has been conducted.

The results of this evaluation will be used to develop a better evaluation questionnaire in the future. The validity of the results of this evaluation will not be proven until further evaluations are conducted with which these results can be compared. The

results will be available in the SBA Office and the Library for your perusal.

## What's So Good About Going to Law School?

By Barbara Naidech

Having a reason to move out of your parents' home.

Getting briefcases as presents.

Giving the federal government a greater opportunity to subsidize your education.

Impressing neighbors and distant relatives.

Getting jobs as lawyers.

Having a chance to suffer in order to improve your soul.

Not having to worry about where to go on vacations.

Being able to wear jeans.

Being invited to Law Mixers.

Going to disco parties.

Knowing someone on Law Review.

Knowing Moot Court is over.

Having a reason to buy lots of interesting pens.

Having someone around to help you with your crossword puzzle.

Meeting someone who one day might be able to help you out of a traffic ticket.

Meeting lots of people named Jeff.

Having a chance to be BMOC.

Realizing you can't be a flower child forever.

Becoming allergic to marijuana.

Having a Brooklyn address.

Meeting a diverse group of homogenous people.

Knowing how to draw up a separation agreement, just in case.

Meeting the guy who keeps suing New York City.

Being in a place that regularly shows "Twelve Angry Men."

Having a so-so chance of getting student movie discount cards.

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## Gilbride

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"NYU at that time cancelled its finals and dismissed its seniors and was going to graduate them without finals," Gilbride said. "Even though we were pressed to follow the example of NYU, Dean Prince and a majority of the faculty supported the view that we shouldn't do that. We were vindicated when the Court of Appeals ruled 7-0 that, in order to be eligible for the Bar Exam, all students had to complete final exams."

In order to alleviate the

## LETTERS

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that they are only hurting themselves. For those who only understand something when it is couched in dollars and cents terms it should be obvious that the better the quality of education that BLS has, and the more prestigious that BLS becomes, the better it is for us in terms of future jobs, salary, contacts etc. And students can make decisive contributions to improving the school through their work on various student-faculty committees, through trying to secure Federal funding in return for legal service in the communities (a program that most medical schools are involved in), and a myriad of other opportunities. BLS has one of the finest clinical programs in the country, but it was mainly SBA pressure that led to the granting of credit for clinical work.

In our mass society organizations and associations have the major role in protecting our rights and advancing our views. BLS is one of the most important organizations that we belong to. A strong and prestigious BLS strengthens us. Apathy only defeats itself. It's your Kharma.

Lawrence T. Culley '79

## Alumni Accolade

To the Editor:

I have read your current issue of the "Justinian".

It is excellent. Please extend my congratulations to your entire staff.

Sincerely,  
Abraham J. Multer  
President  
Brooklyn Law School  
Alumni Association

## Mailboxes

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Due to space limitations, the presence of the mailboxes and additional women's lockers in the corridor necessitated the removal of the bicycle rack to outside the building. Allowing the rack to remain in the hallway would have created a potential fire hazard. Attention is being given, however, to placing the rack in a safe location.

For security reasons, Dean Haverstick is especially concerned that students not use the side door to exit from BLS after checking mailboxes. Students will still exit from the front of the school.

The student mailboxes are an important step toward better communications at BLS. The success of the operation rests finally on the cooperation of BLS students. CHECK YOUR MAILBOX.

problems for those who had not attended classes. BLS provided a system where students could take exams as scheduled in June, or in September, allowing them more time to prepare for their finals. "It was a fair resolution to a difficult problem," Gilbride said.

Gilbride feels that one of the most interesting times of his tenure as Dean was when he assisted Dean Prince in his planning efforts for the new BLS building. Gilbride remembers picking out the library equipment and being involved in other planning stages along with Dean Prince and Judge Ughetta, "who were primarily responsible for the fact that we have the building."

"The students helped to move the library from Pearl Street to Joralemon Street. We weren't moving that far and we knew that the students, who were familiar with the books, would keep them in order during the move. The entire library was moved over the course of a weekend."

As dean, Gilbride was in charge of all BLS Commencement exercises. At one time, BLS had three separate graduations a year, and Gilbride estimates that he has arranged at least 50 ceremonies.

In addition to his responsibilities as dean, Gilbride has served as Secretary of the Faculty, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee and is presently Chairman of the Scholarship Committee and the Committee on Scholastic Standing. He has also served as Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Brooklyn Bar Association, as a member of the New York State Bar Association Committee on Professional Ethics, and Chairman of the Pro Bono Publico Council of the Civil Court of the City of New York. He is also involved in community activities in his neighborhood, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.

Gilbride feels that BLS "never got credit for being as good a school as we were. Maybe we didn't do as much of a public relations job as we might have done. You can't rely on word of mouth to spread the word. Our emphasis always has been trying to turn out people who are capable of assuming any position in the legal area. Teaching is the most important aspect of the school and BLS has always had an excellent faculty."

Testimony to Gilbride's confidence in BLS is the fact that two of his sons (he has 11 children) and a son-in-law have graduated from BLS, and that he currently has a daughter attending the school.

"I like to think that I've played a part with so many people. It's a particular satisfaction to me. I've spent more time with students than with faculty or other members of the profession. I like to think the students know they can come in and talk."

## Sherman

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that fact. "There is a need for communication between students and myself," he said, "and I appreciate student input."

And, as a final thought, Dean Sherman noted that on most days, he remains in his office until 7 p.m., so that he can be available to night students as well. —Madeline Berg

## Berger

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the task has been completed. These less important things are known as formalities."

Junior: (Junior just shrugs.) "Why did these wars start?"

Anwar: "My dear son, citizen of the great U.S. of A. It is not important why the wars started, why the people of our countries have passionately despised each other for thousands of years, or why our people have been driven to such sadistic levels. The past is forgotten and the wars are over, because now we have peace, PEACE!"

(And, of course, the clapping starts again.)

Junior: "I don't understand. When my teacher finds out there's been a fight in school, she always asks us why the fight started. Once we think about her question, we realize that there was little reason to start trouble in the first place. If she doesn't make us see that our fighting was silly, we will stay angry at each other and end up starting more trouble by getting our friends to choose sides."

"Anyway, how did you guys make up?"

J.C.: "Well son, I invited the great President of the great republic of Egypt and the great Prime Minister of Israel to my house in the country. It was there that we found our peace."

Junior: "Why did you wait so long to go there?"

All: (The men chuckled.) "We first had to get the O.K. and support from our advisors and neighboring countries. Many people thought we were wasting our time, and begged us not to go. When we finally did decide to go, we had to wait for a formal invitation. All these things take time."

Junior: "That's funny. My teacher drops everything and takes the fighters outside of the classroom. She doesn't wait until we really hate each other, or wait for us to talk it out ourselves. Where do you guys go from here?"

M.B.: "We will return to our countries, hailed as heroes, and show everybody the Peace Treaty." (Anticipating the next question.) "A Peace Treaty is a piece of paper which we all sign to show our people that we have

reached real peace!"

(The men start hugging each other.)

(I whisper something in Junior's ear.)

Junior: "Hey, what are you going to do about the resignation of your Foreign Minister? And you, what are you going to do about your people who have settled in the lands in controversy? And what will you both do about the bitter feelings that still prevail?"

All: "These are just formalities my son. We will tell our people that we have peace, and all will be well."

Junior: "Is it O.K. if I ask you guys one last question? Can I have your autographs?"

(The men break into big smiles.)

"Surely my son."

(Each man takes out a piece of paper and a pen, and proceeds to sign his name. When this is done, each man passes his sheet of paper to the next man who signs his name. This was repeated once more, completing the whole process.)

J.C.: "Here you go son."

## Int'l. Law Journal

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Chief, Jean Bernstein; Executive Editor, Madeline Eppenstein; and Articles Editor, Elizabeth J. Aisenberg.

The briefs submitted by the Jessup team will be published in the fall issue. These will be preceded by introductory material submitted by Waldemar Solf, Chief of the International Affairs Division, Department of the Army; Harry H. Almond, Senior Attorney-Advisor, International Law and Affairs Division, Department of Defense; and Fritz Kalshoven, Professor of Law, University of Leiden, Netherlands.

The fall issue of the Journal will also include an article by Dr. Ronald Magnetti dealing with the legal analysis of the significance of the oath in the ancient near east, and an article by Dr. P.K. Menon on succession of newly independent States to bilateral treaties.

Students who are interested in international and comparative law are urged to contact the Brooklyn Journal of International Law at its office on the third floor.

## Alumni Corner

The Alumni's reason for being is to serve our school by rendering assistance to its Graduates and Undergraduates, keeping them informed of developments in the school, by enhancing their professional skills with lectures, forums, seminars, intern programs and other educational events and publications, by aiding in the obtaining of employment of Graduates and Undergraduates, by establishing Scholarships, by providing social and professional meetings to aid our Graduates in establishing themselves in their profession and in developing a comradery and feeling of pride in our school.

The Alumni Association stands ready to render all possible cooperation and assistance to our school, its alumni and its students.

# ABA NEWS

## Soviet Jews

By Samuel Abrahams  
Class of 1956

The Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities held a session on Human Rights in the Soviet Union during the course of the annual convention of the American Bar Association at the Hilton Hotel in New York City. Professor George Ginsberg of the Camden School of Law of Rutgers University in New Jersey told the audience that the Soviet Constitution of 1977 is a farce and leaves many reservations and pitfalls for the protection of human rights, especially the status of Jews.

Professor Ginsberg deplored the conditions of those Soviet dissidents who challenge the basic repressive measures of the Soviet state. He finds that there is tremendous caprice and uncertainty in the administration of Soviet rules in all fields of human life; there is no administrative or judicial appeals from any orders or decisions of Soviet officialdom. It is impossible for a lawyer admitted to practice in the Soviet Union to represent any dissident Jew or other opponent of the system unless he is given a special certification to engage in political trials, Ginsberg stated. He asserted that political trials and administrative hearings in the Soviet Union are radically different from the Western practices such as England and the United States. Ginsberg also asserted that the Soviet authorities are restricting the departure of Jews to those elements that may be described as marginal and are not suffering from any brain drain since professors, scientists and other skilled professionals with rare exceptions are denied visas for emigration.

Dean Norman Redlich of New York University School of Law held that American liberals, especially Jews, are still harboring some doubts about criticizing the Soviet Union due to the backlash of McCarthyism and

its association with anti-Communist maneuvers; these liberals fear unjustifiably that a strong anti-Communist and anti-Soviet attack will force them to join in an alliance with the conservative right. Redlich suggested several methods to try to alleviate the horrendous treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union, especially the role of the American lawyer in this campaign, namely, (1) a detailed study of law as it prevails in the Soviet Union, however modified or diluted it may be; (2) constant travel to the Soviet Union to maintain contact with the dissidents and the refusniks; (3) lawyers' research projects on various phases of international law; (4) preparation of briefs to be presented to Soviet courts and the world at large so as to pinpoint the violations of human rights in that country and (5) the introduction of courses on international human rights in our law schools throughout the country. He commended President Sawhill of New York University for withdrawing the invitation to three Soviet mathematicians as a result of the conviction and incarceration of Scharansky recently. Redlich criticized UN Ambassador Andrew Young for his statement about political prisoners in the United States and at the same time found the lawyers of America deficient in their failure to answer the obvious fallacies and distortions of Young.

Other participants in the program were Orville Schell, former President of the Bar of the City of New York and Adrian W. DeWind, also former President of the New York City Bar Association; both had traveled to the Soviet Union in the past year or two and had commended the courage, stamina and humanity of those dissidents and refusniks who refused to kowtow to the repression of the Soviet Communist regime.