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## Open Letter to Faculty

**To the BLS faculty:** Representatives of the evening and day Moot Court Honor Societies were invited to address a portion of the April 27th faculty meeting concerning various proposals to revise the Moot Court program. These representatives waited for almost two hours until the faculty reached these items on the agenda. No students were invited into the meeting before the vote was taken. When Professor Zaretsky informed these representatives that the proposals had been rejected, he also informed them that there would be no opportunity for any of them to address the meeting.

Year after year, students at this school have singlehandedly conducted the Moot Court Competition. The task is onerous. Neither the faculty nor the administration participate to any significant degree in the competition which is an *Appellate Division requirement*. In return, the Executive Boards of the Moot Court Honor Societies are met with cavalier treatment which is beneath the standard of conduct expected of the legal profession. Insult was added to the injury by the fact that a number of the Moot Court representatives had taken time off from their jobs for the sole purpose of attending the faculty meeting.

In fairness, it must be stated that some faculty have devoted a considerable amount of time to school teams and have been seriously concerned about the lack of progress in revising the Moot Court program. However, unless the faculty as a whole learns to work with, and not against, the Moot Court Executive boards, **THERE WILL NO LONGER BE STUDENT-RUN MOOT COURT COMPETITION.** Already, the Day Moot Court Society has encountered difficulty in obtaining a single member who is willing to be a candidate for next year's Executive Board due to the faculty's inability to agree upon needed reforms. This is an ominous indication of what is to come.

Chief Justice Burger has repeatedly condemned the poor quality of oral advocacy in this country. The blame must be laid at the door of Brooklyn Law School (and other law schools as well) which refuses to accord the oral advocacy requirement any real dignity and leaves the bulk of the work

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## Faculty Denies Moot Court Credit

By Steve Berlin

The BLS faculty rejected a final proposal to award credit to Moot Court Honor Society members at their April meeting.

The proposal was submitted for a vote by a faculty committee chaired by Prof. Milton Gershenson shortly after the Honor Society failed in its efforts to elect an executive board for next year, according to Andy Engel, chairperson of the Honor Society.

The executive board posted notice of upcoming elections for two weeks, as is standard procedure, he said, but no one wanted to run for the Board.

Engel attributes the lack of interest to the fact that unlike the Law Review and Journal of International Law, Honor Society members receive no credit for the time and effort they put into serving the school.

The defeated credit proposal would have given one credit to each executive board member for each semester, one credit to each interscholastic team member for each semester of competition, and one credit to each problem leader for the semester of the Moot Court program. In addition, Engel said, Prof. Gershenson's committee added a requirement that a student must have an academic average of at least 85 and must put in at least 60 hours of time for

each credit received.

The first year competition is run completely by the Honor Society members with a minimum of



Andy Engel

faculty assistance, said Engel. However, he stressed that the competition is technically an academic requirement which the faculty should be administering.

Engel and Charles Platt, vice-

chairperson of the Honor Society first approached the faculty with a credit proposal in July, 1978. The faculty decided to table the proposal and assigned it to an ad-hoc committee chaired by Prof. Richard Allan. Prof. Allan's committee was conducting a reevaluation of the first year legal research and moot court programs.

"I got the impression they asked us to join because they had no idea how moot court functions," said Engel.

The faculty rejected the committee's final proposal which separated the first year program from the Honor Society. Under the proposal, first year students would prepare a legal research assignment in the fall and write a brief for oral argument on the same topic in the spring. They would be advised by faculty members and teaching assistants drawn from Honor Society who would receive credit for their participation.

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## 315 To Graduate

By Rochelle Strahl

How do you get to Carnegie Hall? The answer to the old joke is "practice" but for 315 members of the BLS class of June 1979, the answer is to graduate from law school. As they have for many years, BLS graduation ceremonies will take place at Carnegie Hall next month.

This year's graduation will be held on June 14 at 10:30 a.m. The speaker at the ceremonies will be Senator Patrick J. Moynihan who will receive an honorary doctorate of law degree.

Other events at the ceremonies for the 259 day and 56 evening graduates will include an invocation, a valedictory address, the awarding of the degrees by the Hon. Leonard P. Moore, President of the BLS Board of Trustees, remarks and the awarding of

prizes by Dean I. Leo Glasser, and the singing of *The Star Spangled Banner* by SBA President Patricia Smillie.

All graduating students are required to pay a \$40.00 graduation fee whether or not they plan to attend the graduation ceremonies. Each student will receive seven admission cards or invitations to the graduation. Should a student wish additional tickets, he or she may contact the Registrar to be put on a waiting list.

The Board of Trustees has authorized separate parties for the day and evening divisions. The parties will be coordinated by the SBA, and further details will be announced at a later time. Both parties and the coffee hour are being paid for with money allocated by the Board of Trustees for this purpose.

## Carol Bellamy On City Problems

By Christine Short

New York City Council President Carol Bellamy spoke to approximately 70 BLS students on April 23 on subjects ranging from the city's financial woes to the pressures facing women in the political arena.

Ms. Bellamy's prepared speech was brief, tracing New York City's tortuous financial history since 1975. Deploping "fiscal gimmickry" and urging planning with "vision," Ms. Bellamy indicated that the city's budget must and will be balanced by 1982.

Specific problems facing the city include finding adequate funding for education, health care and expected increases in labor contracts which will be renegotiated next year. Other serious issues that require resolution include adequately dealing with in rem housing and mass transit.

In rem housing is property abandoned by owners and taken

over by the city for non-payment of taxes. Ms. Bellamy noted that despite the city's "aggressive approach" to the problem, the



Carol Bellamy

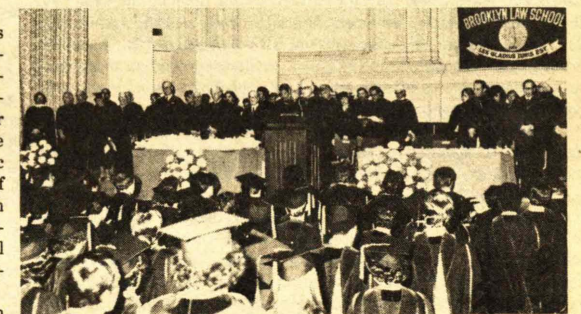
situation remains one of confusion. She urged as a partial solution that tenants be consolidated into the most sound buildings, that the worse buildings be demolished and that buildings in moderate disrepair be sealed up until repairs can be effected.

Ms. Bellamy considers the mass transit problem "still a potentially soluble one" but stated firmly that Harold Fisher "absolutely should not be running" the MTA. Rather, the system needs someone with management experience. Responding to a question on the future of Westway, Ms. Bellamy said that she was not a supporter of the project and did not foresee any immediate action on the matter.

When questioned closely as to why she had not addressed herself in her presentation specifically to women's issues, Ms. Bellamy replied that it offended her to call things women's issues. She did note, however, that economic realities have caused a time of backlash against women in both the legal profession and government and that the emotional strain for both sexes in the political arena has grown greater.

When asked about her own

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Graduates Graduating



# Ways To Discover 'The Urban Environment'

## Joint Degree for Urban Planners

By Steven Barshov

It seems that many students at BLS pursue the same path, taking basically the same courses, and eventually fighting for the same jobs. At a time when the legal profession is becoming increasingly specialized and when the NY State Bar Association is following other states in discussing the promulgation of specialists' requirements, students should be anticipating what their specialties might be.

BLS and Hunter College's Graduate Program in Urban Planning offer a joint degree

program which gives a day student an M.U.P. (Masters in Urban Planning) and a J.D. in four years. Evening students require five years. The program provides a concrete focus around which law studies become the "means" and urban planning becomes the "goal."

For students looking to become involved in large-scale real estate development, urban finance, land management, pollution control, zoning, administrative law, urban renewal, and many other areas, the joint degree can be a significant benefit.

Not only does it set one apart from most other law students, but it provides another legitimate professional skill.

The Hunter M.U.P. is a professional degree recognized by the American Institute of Planners. A Chicago lawyer who has attended virtually all the ABA education seminars relating to urban law estimates that there are about 2,500 people in the nation with both degrees.

The faculty at Hunter is small but well qualified. The three most prominent are Edwin Margolis, currently counsel to New York State Assembly Leader Stanley Fink and also for former Leader Stanley Steingut; Robert Weaver, former Secretary of HUD under President Lyndon Johnson; and Bertram Gross, former Executive Secretary to the Council of Economic Advisors under Harry S Truman, and one of the primary authors of the Hawkins-Humphrey Full Employment Bill. The other faculty members are also well qualified.

Although the course of study is not as rigorous as law school, the topics are interesting and challenging. Students in the joint program feel they have benefited from the increased perspective and the concrete focus which the joint degree program provides. For further information contact Prof. George Johnson at BLS.

### Justinian Sports:

## Playoff Personalities

By Stewart Leigh Orden

The play-offs to decide the finalists in this year's championship softball game were played April 28. On a field soaked by the waters of the previous night's rains and bathed in the rays of the sun hanging in a clear morning sky, the Jabones battled Gabe's Babes.

The Jabones were a group of upstart second year students hungry for a championship. Gabe's Babes is a team of seasoned third year veterans, who, between them hold four championships in football and softball.

The Jabones were ready - fresh and cleareyed following a solid night's sleep. Gabe's Babes, however, attended a Senior Drink party the night before and were barely alive when they reached Tillary Street field at 9:00 that morning. Stewart "Magic" Orden and Andy "Flying Feet" Engel had the best nights sleep of the group - three and a half hours. Charles "The Diver" Platt, Brad "Killer" Keller, Larry "The Bop" Becker and Ken "Rifle" Bochat came to the field direct from a late night dinner in Chinatown. Roy Cohn's eyes are clear mountain pools compared to the red roadmaps theirs resembled. Alan

## Planners Conduct

## Neighborhood Visits

By Steven Barshov

New York City excites us all. Mouth-watering morsels regularly tickle our palates at the many exquisite eateries around town. We leisurely peruse works of art at the myriad galleries and enjoy the latest avant garde "one-acts." Yet we all know that there is much more to New York than good food, galleries, and the theater. There is a unique pulse and character to New York City which is woven in and around the buildings and neighborhoods - among elegant brownstones, squalid tenements, massive cast iron industrial loft buildings, and the glass and steel towers - that are New York.

But how can you come to know New York City's unusual neighborhoods without spending months in the library researching the history of their development? Don't expect conventional tours to take you there, but Planners' New York Tours (PNYT) will. PNYT, a non-profit organization sponsored by the Hunter College Graduate Program in Urban Planning, is now entering its fourth season with tours of Central Manhattan, Harlem/Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens. Each tour is designed to bring people from

all walks of life through many of New York City's rarely visited neighborhoods to discuss the history, architecture, and planning concepts that are illustrated by each community. There is a great deal of information that is specifically relevant to the legal community including discussions of zoning, rent control and stabilization, in rem proceedings, government-aided housing programs, TDR's, the history of tenements and building code legislation, the distinctions between cooperatives and condominiums, and much more.

The sophisticated commentary (typical "sights" are not emphasized) coupled with a "seminar-or-wheels" format (participants' comments and questions are openly welcomed) has resulted in over 5,000 tour participants to date, half of whom are area residents. In addition, various organizations such as the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, the American Political Science Association, Chemical Bank, the Tri-State Regional Plan Association, AFSCME, The National Council of Women, Columbia University, and many others have utilized PNYT to conduct special group tours.

Each tour lasts four hours and is conducted on an air-conditioned 53 passenger sight-seeing bus. General Public Tours are scheduled on weekends from April through early November. The cost is \$5.50 for students and senior citizen, \$8.00 for adults, and a special price for all four tours of \$26.00. Group tours are able to be scheduled at any time. For group tour prices, further information, and schedules, please call 734-1366.

Steven Barshov, a BLS student, is director of the PNYT program.



Students and faculty celebrated Law Day at BLS with a coffee hour held in the Lounge.

## SBA EVENING V.P.

## WRAPPING UP

CHARLES M. FOX

Two matters of great importance to BLS students are being resolved as of the printing of this edition of *Justinian*.

First, the schedule of course offerings for the 1979-80 academic year is being finalized and has been published so that registration may be conducted this week. The tentative schedule previously posted was the result of much hard work on the part of Assistant Dean Sherman. This represents the first attempt that the school has made to provide students in advance with an entire academic year's schedule. Furthermore, this was the first time that student input into the tentative schedule was taken into consideration. Many revisions were made in the tentative schedule prior to its actual posting as a result of the input provided by the SBA through two representatives, one day and one evening, who worked with Dean Sherman in formulating a suitable proposed schedule. Some dissatisfaction was expressed by students concerning the inconvenient times at which certain electives were to be given. However, it must be emphasized that courses were scheduled in an effort to minimize multiple conflicts between offerings which engendered large student interest and anticipated heavy enrollments arising from bar exam preparation. In view of the foregoing, it was essential to effectively utilize all five days of the week and the 8-10 p.m. time slots inasmuch as other constraints permitted, in order to provide a sufficient pool of non-conflicting courses from which students could select a program to meet their academic requirements. Inevitably the final schedule of classes will not be to every student's liking, but it may allow those interested in pursuing a designated field of law to exercise their academic freedom of choice unfettered by the restrictions which usually come about when course schedules are pre-dicated primarily upon faculty or student convenience.

Secondly, consideration is being given to repealing the school's regulation requiring mandatory four night per week attendance by evening students. The administration has suggested to the faculty that the regulation be amended by reducing the requirement to three nights per week. It is hoped that the faculty will approve the recommended change posthaste so that it may become effective as of registration for next semester. It is urged that they do not shirk their responsibility by tabling the proposal as was done previously in connection with another proposal to extend credit for Moot Court participation and combine Legal Research with the Moot Court program.

As this is the last issue of *Justinian* for the academic year, I would like at this time to express sincere gratitude to Dean Glasser and Assistant Deans Sherman and Haverstick for opening up some new lines of communication between the student body and the Administration. Their periodic meetings of the SBA Executive Board and the Administration enabled each to gain a greater appreciation and awareness of the problems affecting the Law School and its students. This type of exchange should be continued and encouraged in future years.

Finally, I extend congratulations to my fellow Executive Board Members - Pat Smillie, Theresa Eddy, Steve Taplits, Tom DeMaria and Art Skaar - who did an outstanding job and sacrificed much time and effort for the benefit of all Brooklyn Law School students. The most outstanding quality of the outgoing Executive Board was its ability to provide a better interface between the Day and Evening divisions of the Law School. This is something which has always been lacking and which still requires much attention in order to bind the student body into a unified whole. My fellow Executive Board members join with me in wishing our successors much luck, perseverance and stamina for the coming year.



## BLS Publications Name New Editors Law Review



Newly appointed Law Review Editors for 1979-80: Editor-in-Chief Eric Hellerman and Managing Editor Madelaine Berg.

## Journal of International Law



Newly elected International Law Journal editors: Executive Editor Rona Warren and Editor-in-Chief Brandon Davis.

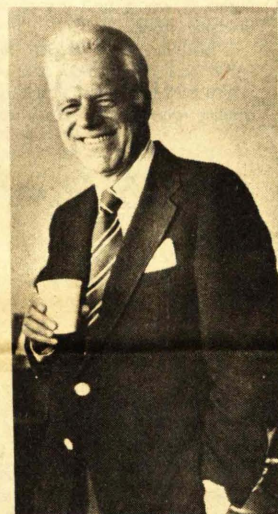
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By Kim Steven Juhase  
BLS' local chapter of Phi Delta Phi, Evarts Inn, was selected by a committee of lawyers as Inn of the Year of PDP's Province I. Province I encompasses portions of a four-state area including all of New York City. This surprise announcement was made on April 25 by Province President Richard Kane of Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer & Wood at Evarts Inn's annual dinner at the Palms Shore Club in Sheepshead Bay. Evarts Inn now moves to the International competition where it will be competing against Inns from the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

The dinner honored former BLS Associate Dean Gerard Gilbride who was celebrating his



Dean Gerard Gilbride

twentieth anniversary as a PDP member and his thirtieth year with BLS. Approximately ninety people came to honor Dean Gilbride including many professors and judges. Among the faculty present were Deans I. Leo Glasser and Jerome Prince, and Professors Brian Comerford, Fabian Palomino, Joseph Crea, Eric Nightingale and John Ronayne.

Among the speakers was Professor Nightingale who spoke in praise of Dean Gilbride, pointing out that he should not only be lauded for his scholarly achievement but also for his "kindness and interest" which demonstrates "the human side of the law." "Both faculty and students," he explained, "have received comfort and aid from Dean Gilbride."

Mike Connors, outgoing Magister (President) of Evarts Inn, presented a plaque to the Dean and reminded the audience that "the careers of many people in this room have been saved by Dean Gilbride. He has been an inspiration to us all."

Dean Gilbride, after much applause and a standing ovation said that during his thirty years at BLS his chief interest "has been the students." He told the guests, "I enjoy teaching, it's a joy for someone to make a living at

something he likes to do." He was especially lucky, he explained, in that he teaches mostly first year students which enables him to try to bridge the gap between college and law school. "It's a great honor to play a small part in some student's life," he told the gathering.

Dean Gilbride concluded his speech with his favorite quote, from Whitney Griswold, the sixteenth president of Yale University, who stated:

Self-respect cannot be purchased. It is never for sale. It comes to us when we are alone, in quiet moments, in quiet places, when we suddenly realize that, knowing the good, we have done it, knowing the beautiful, we have served it, knowing the truth, we have spoken it.

Dean Gilbride received another standing ovation.

Province Chief Richard Kane explained that Evarts Inn won first place in its province for many

reasons. The most important of these reasons was its Multiple Sclerosis program at BLS which raised more than \$3500. Second was their involvement with Covenant House, a home for abused adolescents. The Inn invited Covenant House's director to speak at BLS and members of PDP are planning to go form a legal group to aid the House. Finally, Kane noted, under the leadership of the "Grand Poobah" Neil Toomey and magister Mike Connors, the fraternity has had tremendous growth over the past two years with its members being actively involved with the SBA, Justinian, Law Review and many other activities, showing that it has a "well balanced group of people."

The new officers of PDP, who were announced at the dinner, are: Joseph Cafiero, president; James Warwick, vice-president; Deborah Gillaspie, treasurer; Anthony Annucci, clerk; and Shirley Gajewski, historian.

## BLS Enters TV Age

BLS has acquired a videotape recording and playback system for use in school programs.

The complete system which cost \$5,544, includes a Sony color video recorder/player/editor, a 21-inch Sony Trinitron color monitor, a black and white portable camera and miscellaneous accessory equipment.

The purchase followed months of research by Dean Henry W. Haverstick, III. Research began following numerous requests for videotaping capability from the faculty and after the implementation of similar systems at other law schools. According to Dean Haverstick, "It was no longer a question of whether we should purchase a system, but when to purchase a system."

The system is designed for

use anywhere in the building. Mounted on a portable cart, its use is limited only by its need for two electrical outlets. Once all connections are made (e.g. microphones and TV camera) three buttons will place it in operation.

A three-hour workshop was held on April 10 for interested members of the faculty and administration to provide instruction on set-up, operation, taping, editing and maintenance.

Dean Haverstick stressed the ease with which the system may be operated despite its apparent complexity. "I do not consider myself at all mechanically inclined," he said, "but I was able to set up the system, record a tape and then successfully

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## SBA Housing

The Student Bar Association is pleased to announce that it will be accepting apartments for listing on the bulletin board outside the SBA Office on the 4th floor. Also listed on the board will be those who are seeking apartments or roommates. The cards to be used for listing apartments will be available outside the SBA Office at any time. The success of this referral service is dependent upon the participation and support it receives from the students, according to an SBA spokesman.

## Note Competition

The Brooklyn Journal of International Law will be holding an open note competition for incoming third year day students, and incoming third and fourth year night students at the beginning of the summer. All students interested in writing for the Journal should contact Joe Caccamo or Lynn Steinberg, at the third floor Journal office.

## Bellamy On City ...

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future political ambitions, Ms. Bellamy firmly declared that she was definitely not running for Bronx borough president. She stated seriously that she expected to seek re-election to her present post.

Finally, Ms. Bellamy

affirmed her opposition to the death penalty labeling it a "venting of frustration" on the part of public officials who do not know how else to solve the problem.

Carol Bellamy was the keynote speaker for the Women in Law Symposium sponsored by the SBA.



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## Moot Court Merits Recognition

The Moot Court Honor Society Executive Board deserves a resounding vote of appreciation from students, faculty and the administration. Enormous amounts of uncompensated time and effort went into the successful administration of the first year Moot Court program.

And what kind of thanks did the Board receive? Not much at all. A proposal was introduced suggesting that credit be given to those persons most actively involved in the Honor Society. This proposal was finally voted down after much equivocation. The result itself was not as disappointing as the attitude of the faculty which it represents.

The students administering this *required* program (and thus alleviating faculty of the burden) are doing serious work and should be rewarded accordingly. They were not.

*Justinian* recognizes that the work of the Executive Board is principally administrative rather than academic. However, we also recognize that team members who participate in inter-school Moot Court competition do a great amount of academic work. Therefore, *Justinian* suggests that Executive Board members receive monetary compensation for their time either in the form of assistantships or tuition credit, and that team members (e.g. ABA, Tax, Jessup) receive academic credit.

No matter what solution is finally reached, we urge the faculty and administration to afford the Honor Society, The Executive Board and The Moot Court teams the respect that they have proved they deserve.

## See You in September?

The Editorial Board of *Justinian* would like to wish students and faculty a happy summer. We wish graduating students good luck on the Bar and all the job offers they will ever need. We hope that next year the students and faculty will continue to work together for greater understanding and unity.

## Jessup Team Third in Nationals

The BLS International Law Moot Court Team placed a close third in the national finals. The competition, held in Washington, D.C. on April 25-26, included eleven teams from across the country. The BLS team, composed of Judith Miles, Brandon

Davis, Paula Schaap and Jeanne Isenstein, won three of four rounds, losing to first place Northwestern. Case Western Reserve won second place, edging out BLS by only one half of a point.

# Letters to the Editor

## No Laughing Matter

### To the Editor:

This letter is to express our outrage and disgust at two overtly racist items which appeared in the April 2, 1979 edition of the *Jestinian*.

Items such as those that appeared in the paper show the extent to which racism and white supremacy are becoming more "acceptable." Had the items been suggested for print at the height of the civil rights and anti-war movements of the late 1960's and early 1970's, it is doubtful that they would have been accepted with such complacency. However, this is 1979 and the struggle of Black people for basic human rights is coming under ever increasing attack.

Last summer, the Supreme Court decided the Bakke decision which permits severe attacks on quality education for Black and

other Third World people. Here in New York, Clifford Glover, Randy Evans and Arthur Miller have been murdered by racist police who, in turn, have been freed by the criminal "justice" system. (In the case of Arthur Miller there was not even an indictment!) In contrast, however, when Judge Bruce Wright refused to incarcerate a man merely because he is because he is Black, there is a huge outcry among police and the media.

It is in this context that the racism of the items in the *Jestinian* becomes clear. A verbal or printed racist remark is no less harmful than racist violence — the remark serves to make the action more acceptable.

In closing, we would add that because the items appeared as "jokes" they are not any less racist. Racism is no laughing matter — it must be fought against.

National Lawyers Guild  
Brooklyn Law School Chapter

## BLS Pride

### To the Editor:

For the three years that I've attended BLS, I've heard many grievances concerning the reputation of BLS. What isn't said and should be recognized is the fact that BLS provides its students with an excellent legal education. This should be particularly evident around exam time when mastery of the law is sought.

A few nights ago, I was speaking with a Cornell Law graduate about classes at that school. It turns out that a ponderance of the classroom time was spent discussing "esoteric b——t."

It is with pride that I cannot say the same of BLS. As graduation approaches, I feel very strongly that BLS has given me and most its students a very fine legal education.

Samuel L. Hagen

## Job Hunt Burden Still on Students

### By Tom Vetter

As the school year comes to an end and summer approaches, many BLS students will embark upon careers in law. A good number of these will have reached their objectives with help from the Placement Office.

In the October 1978 *Justinian* we introduced Jacqueline A. Safer as Director of Placement at BLS. At that time Ms. Safer voiced her ideas for closing the gap between students and working professionals. They included workshops, career fairs, counseling, and job development.

Indeed, over the course of the year all of these ideas have come into operation plus two job symposiums sponsored jointly by BLS and the New York University and Fordham Law Schools.

Are more BLS students getting jobs?

As might be expected, it is too early to tell. Accurate figures will not be available until late summer. It does seem to the Placement Office, however, that those students looking for jobs are finding them. They are primarily filing positions in the small to medium sized firms.

With regard to students who have had difficulty in finding a job, Ms. Safer identified personality mismatch with the particular firms interviewed as a common problem. If a student meets all of the achievement criteria of a particular firm, he or she must still have the type of personality being sought by the firm in order to ultimately be hired. This problem will be discussed in a future issue of *Perspectives*, the Placement Office newsletter.

On the other hand, it appears that many graduating students

are not taking advantage of the Placement Office services. It is estimated by Ms. Safer that no more than 50 per cent of the students have used the services of the office this year.

Attitude problems which Ms. Safer has campaigned against are evidently still present. The attitude that going to BLS rather than to Harvard, not being in the top 10 per cent of the class and not being on Law Review will prevent one from getting a job is both destructive and untrue. "If someone wants a job in law, he will get a job in law," stresses Ms. Safer.

This raises the question of just what is the function of the Placement Office at BLS?

"The primary function of the office is to provide skills," said Ms. Safer. "It is still up to the student to get the job."

The Office also provides education and counseling on an individual basis, helps students in developing the most effective resumes and letters, helps in polishing up interviewing techniques, publicizes BLS students in the

employment market and hunts down available jobs for listing.

In spite of these efforts, it is still impossible for the school to place 1200 students since only a fraction of that number of jobs are accessible through the office. This is because only a small percentage of available jobs in the market-at-large reach the job board or the files. The majority that go unadvertised must be hunted down by the student.

For the future, Ms. Safer has put together a recruitment brochure to be circulated sometime in May among 3000 potential employers. The purpose of the brochure is to acquaint these employers with BLS and its programs. For example, it will describe moot court, the clinical programs and the many extra-curricular activities available to BLS students. In this way, BLS students' resumes will be more meaningful to these employers.

While it is expected that the brochure will be of some help to this year's graduating class, it will primarily benefit future classes.

# Wanted

See your name in print. Impress your friends. Interview the Dean. (Maybe.) *Justinian* is seeking staff members for the 1979-80 academic year (and a possible summer issue). We need writers, photographers, artists, people with imagination. And we need your names *now* so we can better plan for the future. Please contact Chris Short or Stephen Ganis or leave a note at the *Justinian* office (Rm. 304). No experience required but enthusiasm a must. GET INVOLVED.



**SBA PRESIDENT****THE BOTTOM LINE****PAT SMILLIE**

As my term as President of the Student Bar Association comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to reflect upon the events of the past year. I believe that the role of the SBA has changed this past year; it has begun to be looked upon as a serious organization whose role is to represent and fulfill the needs of the students of BLS. The Dean has recognized that the communication lines between the Students and the Administration must be opened. The Dean's efforts to open such lines took the form of meetings with the Executive Board of the SBA on a more or less bimonthly basis. This was a constructive step toward true interaction between the students and the administration. However, it was found to be too limited a contact. The administration apparently had the feeling that the interests represented by the executive board were personal or limited only to a small group of students, namely the Delegate Assembly. The Executive Board in turn felt that their efforts were for naught since few, if any, results were seen. Therefore, a school-wide meeting was held. The extremely large turnout dispelled any idea that the SBA was unsupported in its push for changes or that by and large the students were satisfied with the conditions at BLS. I congratulate those students who demonstrated their support and made their complaints known. It took courage and a great deal of discontent for the students to come together and demand changes from the Dean.

It has been said that the students at BLS are apathetic and this might be true, but there are reasons for that apathy. What are the reasons? One major reason is a lack of support for, or recognition of, the efforts of students by the faculty or administration. One example is the recent appearance of the City Council President. Although the Deans were personally notified a month in advance and given written reminders, none of them attended. Of the faculty, two came. No announcements were made, no interest was engendered. In fact, if one were to look back at all the activities sponsored by the various organizations at BLS, very few, if any, were in any way supported by the faculty or administration.

More blatant is the lack of recognition of the efforts of the Moot Court Honor Society. For years this group of students has run the Moot Court Program for first year students. This requires a great deal of time and effort on their part yet, when they asked the faculty for some recognition of their hard work, their credit proposals were tabled.

(At least this is the information that they have received from the faculty.) This is not the first such effort on their part to obtain credit that was denied. The students have become disgusted with this type of treatment, of which the above examples are typical. If they are good enough to do the work, they are good enough to receive credit. If not, the faculty may soon find themselves doing their work.

It seems that many faculty members and administrators are under the mistaken impression that the students are a burden upon the school and that they can exist independently of the students. The fact of the matter is that the existence of the faculty is possible because there are students and vice versa. It is not the old line "we pay their salaries" that I am talking about. If this school is to grow and receive national recognition, both the students and the faculty and the administration are going to have to learn to work with each other on an equal basis. If there is no mutuality of respect, there is no possibility that these groups will be able to work together.

Due to the pervasive nonsupport of many activities and the almost nonexistent communications system at BLS, a group of interested students under the auspices of the SBA have organized a Publicity Committee. Faculty, administrators, and students are all invited to work on this committee, whose purpose will be to disseminate information about the various activities schedules to take place in the school. In a school in which there is one official bulletin board on which student activities can be posted and that board is placed in a very inconvenient spot, this is no small task. It is hoped that this committee will facilitate the flow of information and activate the interests of both students and faculty in the programs held at the school and bring these two groups together to work for a common goal — the advancement of BLS.

As for next year, I would hope that the students will continue to work for changes and remain actively involved in the determination of their future at BLS. More specifically I would like to see student representatives to the Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees. I would also hope that the administration would follow the example they set this year and hopefully go even beyond it, by making further improvements at BLS. Once the students, the faculty and the administration begin working on an equal basis, I am sure they will all find that each has a significant contribution to make and each is not as bad as they thought.

To the present Executive Board and Delegate Assembly I offer my sincerest thanks and appreciation for your support and hard work on behalf of the students of BLS. Even if they don't appreciate you, I do.

To next year's Board and Delegates I wish you good luck!

**Alumni Trustee  
Changing Image****By Kim Steven Juhase**

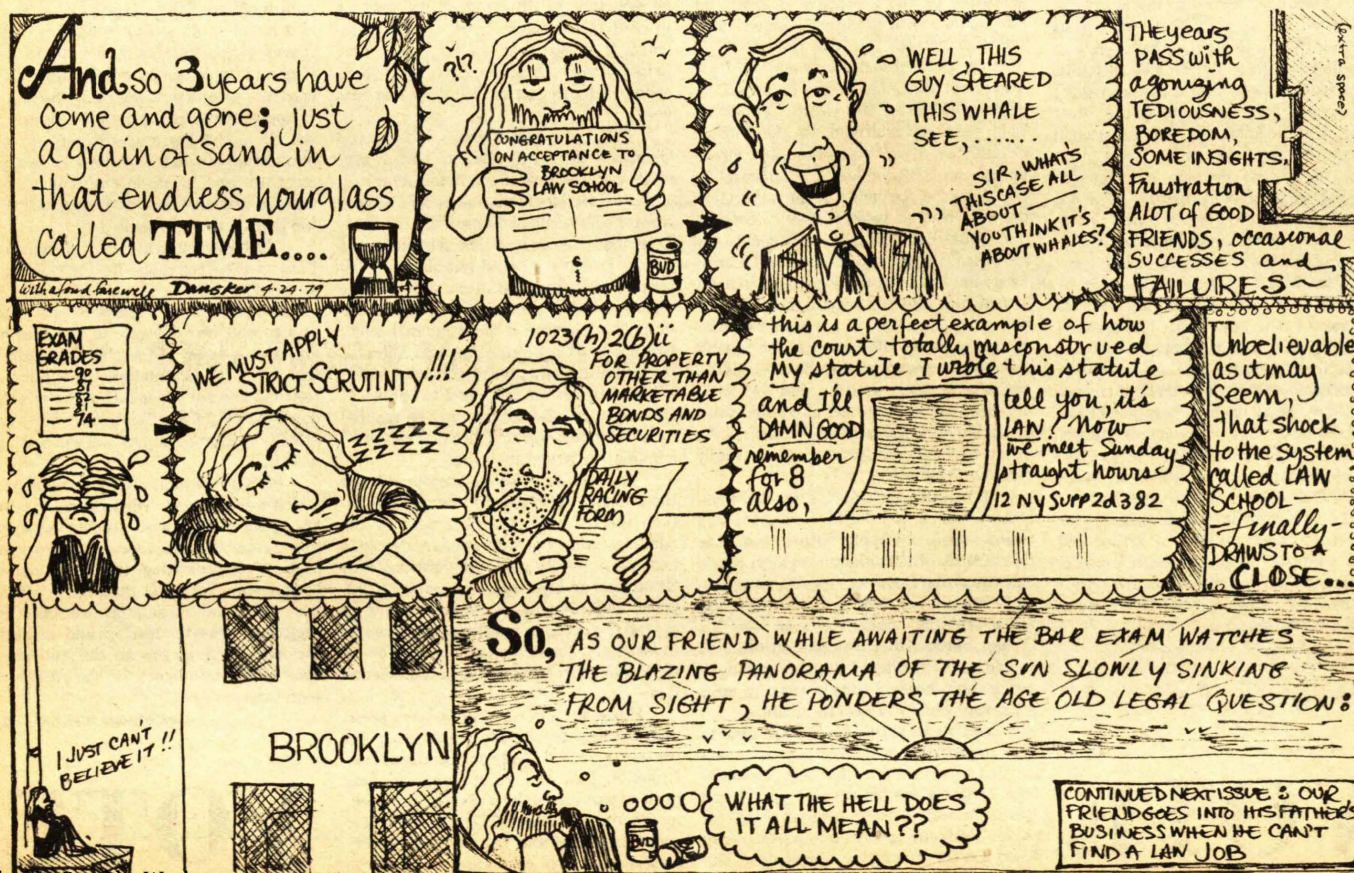
Most students probably think of the Alumni Association as a group of old guys who meet once or twice a year to drink and reminisce and who could not care less about students. For the most part, they would be right. For this reason, many students could not care less about the Alumni Association.

However, within the past year, things have changed within the Association. A New Lawyers Committee has been formed composed of graduates from the past five years and as a direct result, one of the most forceful and independent recent graduates, Jayne Robinson, '78, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Alumni Association. Her election may herald a new era in alumni-student relations.

One of her major beliefs is that "in order to revitalize the Alumni Association you must start with the students." The former SBA Evening Vice-President reasons that if the students leave the school with negative feelings, they will not participate in alumni activities.

Robinson feels that the Association should get involved directly with student activities. Her focus: "How can we use the

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**Reflections of a Once Young Legal Cartoonist****By Paul Danks**



# SBA Candidates Speak

The following statements were submitted to Justinian by candidates for SBA office.

## President



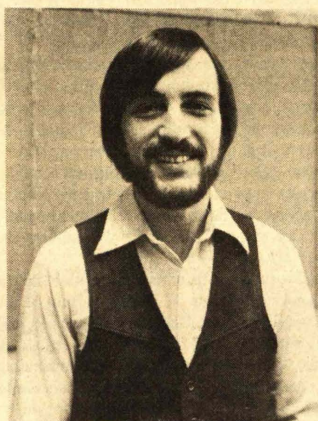
**Jay Cantor**

In my two years at Brooklyn Law School, I have been an active participant in many school activities. As a first year student, I was elected to the Student Bar Association Delegate Assembly and as a second year student, I was the only first year delegate to be re-elected.

As President of the SBA, the individual problems that many students seem to encounter everyday at BLS will be a particular concern of mine. The tremendous turnout at last semester's student grievance rally is proof that many of us have met with problems that have not been remedied satisfactorily. I'd like to see the SBA become an effective vehicle in helping to bring individual problems to the direct attention of the administration. Let's avoid a grievance rally next year!

A significant problem at Brooklyn Law School is student apathy. BLS has been plagued in the past by a lack of student interest in extra-curricular activities. This problem will never be totally corrected but hopefully it can be lessened by providing a means for all students to participate in the core of SBA activities. As SBA President, I do not plan to run a "one-person show"; rather, I'd like to see the SBA become a more decentralized organization in which all students may participate to whatever extent they might desire. Such decentralization will allow for greater student involvement in school activities and in the decision-making process.

The position that I am campaigning for requires an enormous amount of time and effort. I am willing to make this commitment but I need a commitment from you. Together we can make Brooklyn Law School a better place.



**George Taylor**

The SBA Constitution and By-laws describe an organization structure and establish certain duties and procedures for elected officers. The annual SBA budget provides nearly \$20,000 with which to fund student-directed activities and organizations. However, the value of these mechanisms and resources to individual students is determined to a large extent by the quality of the persons elected to serve as officers and delegates.

I believe that, because of my participation in the SBA and my activities within our school over the past two years, I am the candidate best qualified and most able to use the office of SBA President as a means for realizing the potential of the SBA for improving the academic and social experience for students here. Last year, I was elected to the Delegate Assembly and served as the First Year Representative on the Executive Board. I initiated and coordinated the Course Evaluation Committee, which is presently conducting its third semesterly survey. I also served as a member of the Finance Committee and the Ad Hoc Ethics Committee. This year, as chairman for the Finance Committee, I was instrumental in formulating the SBA budget for approval by the Delegate Assembly at an earlier time than in previous years. I was an Orientation Counselor for first year students and am presently participating in the Tutoring Program. I have also participated in many formal and informal meetings with members of the faculty and the administration in the perennial effort to establish reliable channels for meaningful student access to a decision making process that — while arguably intending to act in consideration of student's best interests — often results in uninformed and sometimes apparently inept determinations.

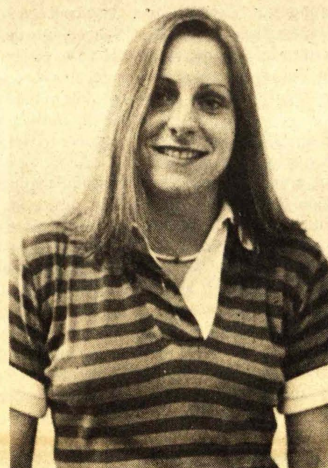
Many of the responsibilities of the Executive Board and the President are of a maintenance or supply nature: e.g., the Book Co-Op, the student directory, movie and theater passes, and coordinating student initiated activities. There are also more specific duties concerning the budget, student/faculty committees and records. As President I would be willing to put in the necessary time in order to meet my responsibility in all of these areas.

Still, there should be enough time to help support some specific improvements in the areas of: *academics* (e.g., a consistent program combining first year Legal Research and Moot Court that would include academic credit for participating Moot Court members *information dissemination* (e.g., maintenance of a second

main lobby bulletin board; continuation of the recently-formed Publicity Committee); *speakers* (e.g., a regular program of invited alumni to discuss current practice topics); and *SBA organization* (e.g., efforts to make programs and activities more accessible to evening students; a better reporting of SBA activities to the student body).

I hope you will consider my candidacy worthwhile enough to take the time on May 7th or 8th to elect me as your next SBA President.

## Vice-President-Day



**Jean Smiertka**

The Student Bar Association can only be effective by directing all its strength toward the problems and concerns confronting the students at BLS. I am willing to use all my enthusiasm, drive and experience to achieve that as Vice President next year.

The administration's self-imposed alienation from the student body's concerns and the lack of communication indicates the need for much more positive input from the students and especially the SBA. I feel that this can be attained by not only a strong Executive Board but also the committees, delegates and all the students who actually comprise the Student Bar Association. As a member of the Student/Faculty Orientation Committee for two consecutive years and an active member in student affairs, the results that need to happen at Brooklyn Law School can only be realized by a very hardworking SBA, a receptive administration and all of you.

The need for effective participation by the students with faculty and administration, the seeming lack of respect by the administration towards student demands and the necessity of public relations with the alumni and the legal community to improve Brooklyn Law's reputation are all essential problems which need to be addressed and constructively worked on by the students and especially the administration.

However, I'm running for vice president because despite the negative aspects present here, I do feel very positive about Brooklyn Law and its students. Having been a participant in a clinical program, intramurals, the Second Circus Revue, the social functions and the student demonstrations, I have seen that many of the students do care about each other and mak-

ing their three years spent here not only academically and professionally but emotionally and socially rewarding as well.

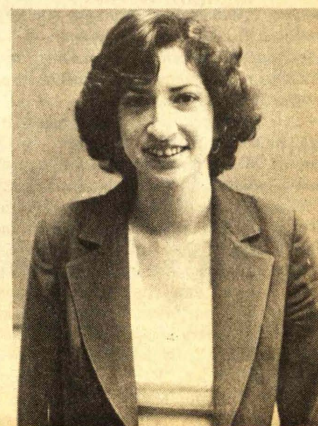
I will do my utmost with all of your help next year to make Brooklyn Law School the best place it can be.

## Vice-President-Eve.

**Conrad Reitz**

Mr. Reitz did not submit a statement to Justinian.

## Secretary



**Barbara Migdall**

I am a candidate for secretary of the SBA. The position of secretary serves a dual function. First, the secretary serves as a member of the Executive Board and, therefore, has significant input in the planning and implementation of policies of the student government. Second, the secretary operates as liaison between the core of the SBA and the students both by the publication of what transpires at delegate meetings and by facilitating communications of student ideas and suggestions to the Board and the assembly.

My background at BLS indicates that I am an excellent choice for the position of secretary. I have been actively involved in student government during the past year as a second year delegate to the assembly and as a member of the Finance Committee. I was an Orientation Counselor this past fall and am a member of the recently developed Publicity Committee which has already begun operations and will continue next fall.

BLS offers numerous programs from which we all benefit. The SBA is the primary sponsor for varied student organizations, retaining guest speakers, providing parties, co-ordinating the well utilized book co-op. We need competent officers who will devote substantial amounts of energy and time to develop and maintain services and programs for the students. I hope to be your choice for the position of secretary.

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# They're Still Speaking



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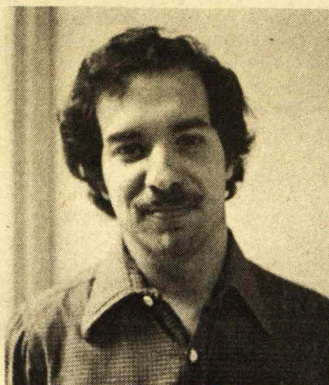
## Rhonda Wiener

This is where I stand:

1. I believe in better scheduling of final exams.
2. Registration procedures must be redesigned to allow quicker and speedier disposition of conflicts in classes.
3. Course grouping to be more carefully scrutinized to avoid excessive free time between courses.
4. The school term to be comparable in duration to other law schools in the New York vicinity.
5. Promote greater fellowship and morale among students with more social activities.
6. Have an "open book" policy as far as records and deliberations of the SBA.
7. Attempt to establish better rapport between students and professors.
8. "Clear and Concise" standards as to probation, academic disenrollment, repeat of courses, etc.
9. Increased freshman orientation by upperclassmen as to the practical aspects of law school.
10. Promote and instill in students, the community at large and legal community a sense of pride in Brooklyn Law School and what it stands for.

If you believe in the above vote for Rhonda Wiener for SBA secretary.

## Treasurer



## Samuel Rein

Effective management is the key to a successful government. The office of the Treasurer of the Student Bar Association is a position entrusted with the responsibility of accounting and managing the funds of the association. The office is demanding of diligence, hardwork and dedication and these are the personal qualities that I will contribute to the office.

I am not a newcomer to the organization and management of government. I have been actively involved in both community and school governments for many years and have always felt confident in administering my duties and in representing the interests of my constituents. I promise the Brooklyn Law School community no less than my complete dedication and loyalty in fulfilling the duties of the office of Treasurer of the SBA.

The welfare of my colleagues is of great concern to me as evidenced by my active participation in orientation programs for the 1978 and 1979 incoming classes and my membership in the International Legal Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi. I believe that my sensitivity to the interests of the BLS community will enable me to promote the programs of the SBA in a way most favorable to the students of BLS.

## LSD Representative



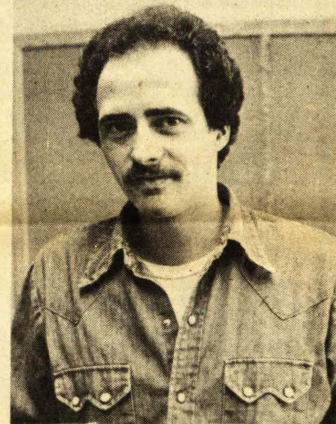
## Steven Berlin

The respect and admiration of the members of the legal profession are very valuable commodities to law students. The attainment and enhancement of such useful things are goals of paramount importance that students at Brooklyn Law School should continually strive to reach. BLS is an excellent regional law school which is attempting to evolve into an even better law school with a national reputation. In order to bolster itself into a position of national prominence, BLS must portray itself as a leader of law schools in the legal community.

A representative to the Law Student Division (LSD) of the American Bar Association (ABA) contributes a great deal to the image of BLS. He or she represents the law school in the LSD National Delegate Assembly, the Second Circuit of the LSD and serves as a liaison between the law students and the ABA. The representative is responsible for communicating the concerns, interests and beliefs of students at BLS as members of the legal profession. He or she should attempt to establish policies and promote activities which reflect these attitudes.

However, in doing so, I believe the LSD representative has an even greater responsibility. He or she must endeavor towards boosting our national reputation as well as asserting ourselves as leaders in the Second Circuit. This can be accomplished through increased involvement of BLS in LSD activities. This year, BLS was the host of the Second Circuit Spring Conference at which Ralph Nader was a guest speaker and it was also a participant in the LSD client-counseling competition. As LSD representative I would work towards elevating our level of involvement in such activities. In addition, I believe we should become more active in the ABA itself.

As a veteran of both college and high school student organizations, I believe myself to be well qualified to serve as a representative of this student body. Through my experience as a public relations major in college I learned to appreciate the value of, and the concepts involved in attaining and maintaining a reputation of quality. I believe I am capable of perceiving the concerns of the student body and would be honored to represent and promote them as LSD representative for BLS.



## Richard Izzo

Mr. Izzo did not submit a statement to Justinian.

## Where and When to Vote

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## Changing Alumni Image

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alumni talent and resources to enhance the educational experience?" Two of her suggestions are for the alumni to fund special issues of the Law Review, of which she was Comments Editor, and pay for student activities the school refuses to support.

The self proclaimed "school oriented" trustee feels that the alumni and students are "natural partners." "Together we should have a much stronger voice" in school affairs, she said.

Robinson would like to be a "receptor" of student opinion and lobby among the alumni to promote their interests. According to Robinson, students "have the best idea as to what's right and what's wrong with BLS."

As for the Alumni Association itself, she believes it is

"overly ripe for change." She senses that the small group of older alumni who have been managing the Association for many years are "tired of carrying the entire load" and that they would appreciate it if the younger people started sharing the work.

Robinson insists that she is not advocating "a bloodless coup but a natural process." However, if the nominating committee for the Alumni Board trustees will not open nominations to more young alumni, "it would be right to organize and score a political victory" by working on an election campaign to get more recent graduates on the Board.

Students wishing to contact Jayne Robinson regarding the Alumni Association, may leave messages in the alumni office on the third floor.



## Open Letter...

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to students who have themselves only prepared one case for oral argument.

The aforementioned crisis within the Day Moot Court Society is a serious ramification of faculty apathy and procrastination. But of course the faculty won't suffer. The incoming students will be the pawns if the faculty persists in making a game out of Moot Court reform.

The Executive Board of the Moot Court Honor Society — Day Division  
Andrew M. Engel, Chairperson  
Charles Platt  
Judith Miles

The Executive Board of the Moot Court Honor Society — Evening Division  
Steven Barshov, Chairperson  
Kathy A. Dutton, Vice-Chairperson  
Rosemary Salomone Levy, Vice-Chairperson  
Bonnie Berkow, Business Manager

## TV comes to BLS...

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perform some basic tape editing."

The system will be available on a first-come-first-served basis to members of the faculty and administration who process requests through Dean Haverstick's office. It is not contemplated at this time that students will have direct access to this equipment.

In the short time since its ar-

rival, the system has already been used by Professor Stacy Caplow in connection with a trial advocacy program.

In addition to trial and appellate advocacy programs, special lectures, guest speakers, and mock job interviews.

The system's flexibility will allow it to fill future needs as they develop.

## Sports...

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on the hung-over condition of their opponents the Jabones won easily 13-17. Never has this reporter seen such ineffectiveness at the plate and cowardice in the field as displayed by Gabe's Babes in that first game. "Diver" was perfect in showing us his head first form at a ground ball hit directly at him, and "Flying Feet" let a grand-slam sail by him as he vainly tried to get his legs airborne in left field.

Only "Magic," who refuses to synchronize his play with his team fared well. His single, double and home run accounted for four RBI's. Later that day, however, as his increasingly alert teammates began hitting, "Magic's" bat did a disappearing act.

Somewhat disheartened, the Babes opened at the plate in game number two. It was a must-win situation and the old men responded remarkably. By moving Flying Feet to center and using two right-fielders the awesome power of Jim Newman's blows were neutralized. Unable to go the opposite way, Newman was unable to spearhead Jabone attack as he had in game number one. The Jabones were growing

ragged in the field and their pitcher Richie Millazzo was weary. Gabe's Babes, however, were simply superb defensively and their offensive attack was sparked by the inspired baserunning of Hollywood, The Bop, Yogi, and a clutch home run by Rifle. By holding the Jabones to only two runs and scoring five the Babes knew they would carry the momentum into the third and decisive game.

But another factor was entering into the situation — rain. The sky was now overcast and the threat of another storm hung over the players' heads. The Babes knew that only a quick victory would insure that the play-offs didn't continue into the week.

The Babes opened the first inning with five runs. Exhilarated they took the field only to immediately yield three runs to the Jabones. The score stayed that way until the top of the seventh but not without some outstanding glove work by Hot Dog, Killer and the Diver. In one breathtaking series, a tremendously long ball by Newman was grabbed by Magic, relayed to Hollywood who pegged it to Yogi who then put on the tag to end the inning. Needing insurance the Babes scored one more on a solo homer by Hot Dog in the top of the seventh, and in

the bottom of that inning the Bop, who pitched 3 great games, grabbed a grounder on the mound, made the play to first and ended the game. A routine finish to an extraordinary series.

This past weekend, Green Veggies met Gabe's Babes to determine the intramural championship. Consult your local team member for the results.

## Moot Court...

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proached the faculty with their initial credit proposal in March, after completion of the first year program. They were then directed to Prof. Gershenson's committee.

Prof. Bailey Kuklin, who was a member of Prof. Allan's committee, and is a member of Prof. Gershenson's committee, said he did not believe that the faculty rejection of the proposal was an objection per se to the idea of credit for Honor Society members. "There was a misunderstanding as to what the mission of the Gershenson committee was," he said. "The faculty was looking for a more in-depth evaluation of the entire program, for a ground floor proposal." According to Kuklin, the faculty felt this proposal was basically a "band-aid".

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