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"The law is the last result of human wisdom acting on human experience for the benefit of the public."
— Samuel Johnson

Glasser Seeks To Improve B'klyn Law School's Image

By STEPHEN GANIS

In a recent wide-ranging interview with *Justinian*, Dean I. Leo Glasser expressed confidence that several new changes made at Brooklyn Law School will add to the continuing improvement of the law school and noted that bettering the public relations of the school is still one of his major goals.

The dean, who is now beginning his third year at the helm of BLS, has, in his short tenure, overseen some major changes at the law school. Permanent improvements cited by the dean include adding a new basement level to the library, building new faculty offices on the seventh floor in anticipation of hiring new staff, acquiring videotape equipment to be used in conjunction with certain courses, and computerizing the school's record-keeping procedures.

"The curriculum has been enriched," the dean asserted, "as more courses have been added to the day and evening division schedules, and a new clinical education program, a legal seminar for the aging, has been added."

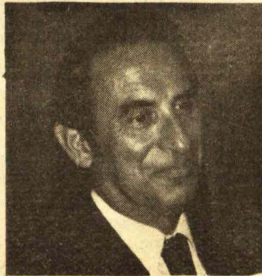
The law school has also expanded its summer session offerings, and for the first time a brochure of BLS summer courses was printed and sent to law schools throughout the country. Among the 287 students attending school last summer were students from the University of Tennessee and the University of Miami, as well as other schools.

Public Relations Need Improvement

While improvements continue to be made within the school, Dean Glasser is aware that the harder part of his job is to try and convey these changes to people outside the law school. Reputations die hard, and if BLS has for the better part of this decade been shedding its image as a provincial-minded regional law school, that significant change is not easily perceived by people on the outside.

The dean noted that he "is considering a variety of methods to upgrade the public relations of the school, in-

cluding the possibility of establishing a public relations development office in the building." He has ruled out the option of hiring an outside public relations firm to improve the school's image.



Dean I. Leo Glasser

"The image of a law school is created by students, faculty, and alumni. These are the people who exemplify the quality of a law school and who spread the word, not a PR firm," Dean Glasser asserted.

The administration has been attempting to spread the word about the strengthened course offerings at BLS to students in other parts of the country. For the first time, representatives of BLS, including assistant deans and faculty members, traveled last year to pre-law conferences in cities across the country to inform college students that BLS is on the map.

Dean Glasser agreed with the observation that the school is not only trying to broaden its student population, but in the past few years has begun hiring teachers from varying backgrounds, giving some breadth to the faculty population as well. Formerly, BLS hired its teachers almost exclusively from its alumni ranks.

In the new way of doing things, the school has hired Marsha Garrison, a graduate of Harvard Law School. Prof. Garrison had worked for the Legal Aid Society, Civil Division, and for the office of the New York Deputy Mayor for Criminal Justice as an associate counsel. She will teach Torts this fall.

Students Complaints Studied

The dean was asked whether the stormy meeting with students last winter concerning

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BLS Students Attend ABA Convention

By STEVEN M. BERLIN and CHRISTINE SHORT

Representing Brooklyn Law School at the annual meeting of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association in Dallas last month were Student Bar Association President George Taylor, LSD Representative Steven Berlin, and *Justinian* Editor Christine Short.

Third year BLS student Mark Meirowitz also attended the convention as the LSD liaison to the Urban, State and Local Government Law Section of the ABA.

Delegate Assembly Meets

The Delegate Assembly of the Law Student Division passed several resolutions that concern issues of national importance and affect ABA internal policy. The American Bar Association House of Delegates will vote on these resolutions in the fall, and, the resolutions, if passed, will become the official policy of the ABA.

One of the many policies which began as an LSD resolution is the ABA position supporting the Equal Rights Amendment.

Each law school represented in the Division was allowed two voting delegates: the LSD representative and, for the first time this year, the student government president.

The LSD passed a resolution endorsing an economic boycott against those states which have failed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. The resolution, which was proposed by the Second Circuit (New York and Connecticut) was modified by the assembly to support a boycott only of the holding of annual and mid-year conventions in the non-ratifying states.

The original resolution proposed a boycott by all ABA and LSD activities. However, this resulted in some circuits which are comprised only of states that have not ratified the ERA without a place to hold their regional conferences. This was felt to be a substantial hardship.

The Assembly passed the modified resolution and recognized the fact that economic boycotts of major convention cities by numerous profession-

al organizations has resulted in the loss of millions of dollars of revenue and in greater attention being paid to the amendment.

Thirty-five of the thirty-eight states needed to ratify the ERA have approved the Amendment.

A second resolution passed by the LSD urged the ABA to support an individual's right to privacy in matters of sexual orientation. The bill also encouraged efforts to support legislation designed to eliminate discrimination in employment practices based on sexual orientation.

The resolution was structured to reinforce the ABA's 1973 resolution which urged the several states to repeal all laws which classified as criminal conduct any form of noncommercial sexual conduct between consenting adults in private.

Although at least 22 states have acted in conformity with this recommendation, this resolution recognized the fact that as gay persons have become more vocal in the pursuit of their goal of equality, opposition has developed to halt and even to reverse their gains.

A resolution proposed by the Black American Law Students Association was passed urging the ABA to support the approval of a constitutional amendment which would pro-

vide full voting representation for American citizens residing in the District of Columbia. The proposal provided for full representation in Congress and for participation in the selection of the President and Vice-President and in the ratification of constitutional amendments.

By passing the resolution the LSD urged the ABA to recognize the inequity behind the fact that although there are seven hundred thousand Americans residing in the District of Columbia who are taxed and carry the same burdens of citizenship as all other Americans, they have no representation in the Senate and only one non-voting Delegate in the House of Representatives. In addition, District residents pay more total federal taxes than eleven other states and have a population larger than that of seven states.

The Assembly also passed a resolution asking the ABA to abandon a policy which purports to limit law students from working in excess of 15 hours per week while full-time students. Although several delegates tried to limit the force of the resolution by asking to have the 15 hour restriction expanded to 25 hours per week, the assembly acted to eliminate the rule altogether.

The restriction stemmed from the ABA interpretation
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Moot Court Proposal To Be Considered

By CHRISTINE SHORT

A new working proposal concerning the running of the first year Moot Court Program will be presented to the Honor Society for approval this month.

The proposal, developed by a committee chaired by Prof. George W. Johnson with student input, does not contain any provisions for credit.

The proposal does, however, place the burden of responsibility for the production of a moot court problem on the shoulders of a faculty member. While student team members would share equally in the researching and drafting of the problem, grading of briefs will be done by faculty

members.

In addition, administrative tasks such as the assignment of problems to freshmen, scheduling of arguments, and solicitation of judges will be handled by the office of the Assistant Dean for Administrative Affairs.

Innovations in the proposal include an appellate advocacy workshop and a judging workshop.

Benita Berkowitz, a Moot Court Honor Society member who has been working on the proposal, considers its chief selling point to be that the final responsibility is on the faculty, eliminating the need for student problem leaders.

BLS Students in Dallas

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of STANDARD 305 (A) (iii) of its Standards for Approval of Law Schools, which reads that "full-time student means a student who devotes substantially all of his working hours to the study of law." The official ABA interpretation of the standard defined a full-time student as one who does not work in excess of 15 hours per week.

The resolution, which urged the ABA to abandon this position, recognized that this interpretation fails to make any of the highly significant and interrelated distinctions which affect the relative amount of

time necessary for thorough study and available for work. Such distinctions include a student's academic ability, financial necessities, and the amount of time devoted to law school activities.

NASBA Meets

Attending several meetings of the National Association of Student Bar Associations (NASBA) was SBA President George Taylor.

Membership of NASBA is composed of presidents of law school governments with approximately 80 schools participating at this time.

Founded in 1977 as a LSD committee, NASBA is meant

to be a clearing house for information concerning student government activities. Ideas exchanged in Dallas included leads on obtaining outside funding, suggestions for closer cooperation with placement offices, and information regarding the structuring of student governments.

For the first time this year, SBA presidents were given equal voting privileges with LSD representatives. Other internal changes included the near-abolishment of NASBA's by-laws and the creation of two offices (coordinator and assistant coordinator) to replace the traditional ex-

ecutive board.

Other Events Attended

The only formal event designed for law school newspapers was an editors' workshop moderated by *Student Lawyer* Editor A. J. Buckingham. The event was sparsely attended but common problems were discussed and constructive ideas exchanged.

Outstanding problems were recruitment and training of staff and the reluctance of students to interview faculty and administration.

Other schools indicated that their newspapers carried advertising as does *Justinian*, beginning with this issue.

Addressing the LSD at its annual luncheon on August 11 was Assistant Attorney General John H. Shenefield of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Dept. of Justice.

Mr. Shenefield advocated more involvement by private practitioners in public service for limited periods of time and

also expressed his disapproval of regulations that hamper free movement between the private and public sectors. He found the idea of a core of federal attorneys "unwise and unsound" and, while acknowledging possible ethical problems, indicated that solutions to such problems were already available.

A program entitled "Work After Law School" was a panel discussion by four women attorneys of the problems and opportunities facing women in their legal careers.

The two private practitioners, the Dept. of Justice counsel, and the large corporate firm attorney all agreed that a professional attitude and good work will ensure women success.

They also all agreed that women do face real prejudice in the legal field, especially from the judiciary in the form

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Moot Courtroom Restructured; Seven Faculty Offices Added

By TOM VETTER

If you expected to find BLS the way you left it last May, you may be in for a surprise. Just take the elevator to the seventh floor lobby and if that's not enough, check out the inside of the Moot Court Room.

Over the summer the seventh floor was rearranged to accommodate seven new office rooms. Two of these offices are located at one end of the lobby, while the other five are located in the area that used to be the front of the Moot Court.

Since the entire front end of the Court Room has been moved 16 feet towards the rear, it may appear smaller, but "the seating capacity" according to Dean Glasser, "will actually be greater." This is due to the elimination of that classroom most famous for first year Legal Methods classes. The partition, though, is gone and the chairs are to be replaced by benches.

Another change you will note is relocation of the

seventh floor seminar room to the other end of the lobby. It will be accessible through a short corridor.

These seventh floor changes have been made primarily to allow for a planned increase in the number of resident faculty. The faculty size must be increased in view of a recent stipulation of the American Bar Association that, for accrediting purposes, the student-faculty ratio should not exceed 30 to 1. Brooklyn Law School in the past has maintained a ratio of 32-34 to 1.

Other reasons for the increase in faculty, as cited by Dean Glasser, include expansion and enrichment of the curriculum. More seminars are planned as well as additional courses in the area of business planning.

Don't expect these changes right away, though. Dean Glasser stressed that these changes will occur over the long term. In fact, only one or two of the new offices will be filled over the next few years.



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Moot Courtroom undergoing construction to allow space for new faculty offices.

Library Facilities Open in Basement

By DEBORAH L. GILLASPIE

While most of us in the Brooklyn Law School community were working or vacationing this summer, the library staff was hard at work rearranging materials in an at-

tempt to have the long awaited basement facility accessible by the beginning of the school year.

The basement is now open to use, although the facility has not yet been officially opened.

Returning students and faculty members who have not used the library since May will undoubtedly experience moments of disorientation and frustration inasmuch as most materials have been moved to new locations.

Generally, the changes are as follows:

First floor—slight shifts in location of law reviews.

Second floor—same.

First mezzanine—books now located in basement.

Second mezzanine—books now located on first mezzanine.

A more detailed directory should be available later in the semester.

The new facilities in the basement should provide an attractive area conducive to study. A number of carrels line the walls on either side of the stacks. There is a lounge area near the entrance from the first floor.

Microfilm reading and photocopy rooms are also available in the basement. The office space will probably be occupied by the library's technical services division.

The large orange structure located on the left as one faces the back is a major technical advance at BLS. It is mechanized storage shelving and will house materials which are not in great demand. Plans include the eventual addition of a Lexis.

All this will make the BLS library one of the most modern in the metropolitan area, and the minor inconveniences initially suffered should be outweighed by the advantages of the completed facilities.

Djonovich To Leave

Justinian has learned that Professor Dusan Djonovich is leaving Brooklyn Law School at the end of this month to accept the position of Librarian at Benjamin N. Cardozo Law School of Yeshiva University. His successor has not been named at this time.

attorneys including a longtime friend of Evarts Inn and former Phi Delta Phi Executive Director F.X. Caine Crowley, Paul S.A. Lemek, a noted Canadian attorney and a fine speaker, and Leon Jaworski, famed Watergate Prosecutor.

Mr. Jaworski, a member of the fraternity for several years, gave an incisive commentary on the plea bargaining procedures of several Watergate conspirators and his efforts to subpoena particular key exhibits from the tapes.

Throughout the convention all delegates were treated to the finest in Canadian friendship and hospitality.

This fall Evarts Inn President Joseph Cafiero looks forward to attracting new members from returning classes and new students at BLS.

The legal fraternity of Phi Delta Phi is a worthwhile part of not only your law school career but also your later years as a practicing attorney. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this organization.

Phi Delta Phi Meets In Quebec City Daly, Nemcik Represent Evarts Inn

By DON NEMCIK

Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity held its biennial convention during the second weekend in August at the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City, Quebec.

The organization is divided into provinces with each member law school being represented by an "Inn." Brooklyn Law School's Inn is named Evarts Inn in honor of the legal counsel to President Andrew Johnson who prevented his impeachment.

Evarts Inn was ably represented by Brian Daly. This reporter served as an alternate delegate. Deborah Gillespie was chosen as an alternate as well, but was unable to attend.

Delegates from every inn were invited to attend and participate in the policy-making decision of the institution. From as far as Guatemala and the Hawaiian Islands delegates and province presidents traveled to the Canadian north to battle for the interests of their members.

The delegates of Evarts Inn elected to serve on the "purpose and scope" committee which discussed the aims of the fraternity, suggested methods of increasing membership and examined the usefulness of our scholarship program and initiation rituals.

From the outset, delegates

of Province One, comprised of the member New York State law schools, found little friendship from the representatives of the Texas province who sought to challenge every proposal and motion Province One raised.

In a budget which sought to raise salaries of various offices and expense accounts funds allotted for scholarships were cut in half. After this reporter protested on the floor that we were not about to be "railroaded" by the proposed budget, a roll call vote was taken to keep discussion open. A raise in membership fees by six dollars was suggested as a possible panacea.

Joining with Todd O'Connor, a delegate from Province 20 in Boston, the Evarts delegation backed his idea to raise dues by one dollar per member with that dollar being specifically allocated to a scholarship fund. The motion for the one dollar plan carried. However, most of the scholarship funds will be the burden of the alumni.

A number of Phi Delta Phi provinces have Barrister Inns. There are branches of the organization that have no voting power but are designed to keep former student fraternity members active in the policy and decision making of the organization. It is the policy of Phi Delta Phi to

restrict membership in the Barrister Inns to only those persons who were initiated during their law school years.

Richard Kane (Taft '65), a close friend of Evarts Inn and president of Province One, made a forceful and convincing speech advocating that the Barrister Inns be allowed to induct their own members who did not join as students.

Until six years ago women were entirely excluded from membership. About a decade ago blacks were prohibited from joining and not many years before that, non-Christians were excluded.

This was considered grossly unfair by many delegates and support was given to allowing the Barrister Inns a widening role in inducting attorneys who could lend greater assistance to existing student inns and possibly open new ones at law schools that do not have them.

This motion did not get the necessary two-thirds majority to carry although 40 of the 95 votes cast were in favor of the proposal.

This will be an ongoing issue in the fraternity in years to come. At the next convention delegates will seek to have the issue resolved in the best interests of those persons excluded.

Also attending the convention were several distinguished

Joe Hughes: The "Good Morning" Man

By JOE CAFIERO

When one thinks about it, it becomes absolutely amazing that a person could make a living out of saying, "Good morning." That has been the bottom line for Cecil "Joe" Hughes.

He is the man who has sat at the front desk for Brooklyn Law School since the new building opened. As a matter of fact, Joe started his employment for BLS on February 2, 1955. This was five months and eleven days before I even reached this planet. That makes it twenty four years going on twenty five.

When Joe first worked for BLS on Pearl Street he operated one of the two school elevators with a gentleman

named Wade who has since passed on. Such professors as Deans Jerome Prince, Gerard A. Gilbride, and I. Leo Glasser were already there when Joe arrived.

Joe has seen a lot of students come and go, but he insists that all of them have treated him "beautifully" as have the professors. Joe said, "I could not ask for more fairness."

Joe commented to the *Justinian* on the change of the students through the years. He was specifically talking of the pre and post Viet Nam times and the students' looks and attitudes. Joe has always sensed the same "excitedness" and "wildness" when the first set of first year finals approach. That feeling has never changed in that respect.

Joe also noted to the *Justinian* the "great advancements" that he has seen as far as the library and cafeteria are concerned. The only unpleasant part of his job, claims Joe, is removing "the ruffians that wander in from time to time." Joe says that he and Bob Hudson have to roll up their sleeves and dispose of the garbage.

It is a pleasure for this reporter to walk in the front door and see Joe and say

"Joe, babes! Who do you like in the fourth at Saratoga today?" Joe is a great aficionado of the ponies who knows his stuff and is a first class handicapper.



Cecil "Joe" Hughes
Justinian Photo by Arthur S. Friedman

Joe was born in Manhattan but has lived in St. Albans, Queens with his wife Nannie since he started working at BLS.

Joe says that although no student has ever approached him with a scholastic problem, he has seen a wide range of bewildered faces leaving the building after the first day of classes.

Joe is as much a part of the institution as the pillars that hold up the building. He credited his basic happiness and success at BLS as being able to "get along with everyone."

Official Academic Calendar

1979 Fall Semester

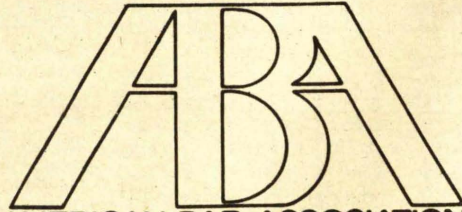
Orientation and Legal Research for New Students Monday, August 27 through Thursday, August 30
 Classes Begin Tuesday, September 4
 Classes Suspended (Yom Kippur) Monday, October 1
 Thanksgiving Recess Thursday, November 22 through Sunday, November 25
 Classes End Friday, December 14
 Winter Recess/Reading Period ... Saturday, December 15 through Tuesday, January 1
 Final Examination Period Wednesday, January 2 through Friday, January 18
 Intersession Saturday, January 19 through Sunday, January 27

1980 Spring Semester

Classes Begin Monday, January 28
 Classes Suspended (Washington's Birthday) Mon., Feb. 18
 Spring Recess Saturday, March 29 through Sunday, April 6
 Classes End Monday, May 12
 Reading Period (Upperclass Students) ... Tuesday, May 13 through Thursday, May 15
 Reading Period (First Year Students) Tuesday, May 13 through Thursday, May 22
 Final Examination Period (Upper Class Students) Friday, May 16 through Friday, May 30
 Final Examination Period (First Year Students) Friday, May 23 through Wednesday, June 4
 Holiday Observed (Memorial Day) Monday, May 26
 Commencement Thursday, June 12

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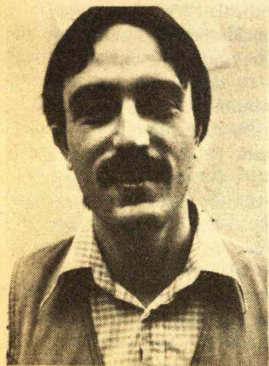
SBA Profile: New Board Discusses Goals

By CHRISTINE SHORT

President

Student Bar Association President George Taylor views the SBA as a structure within the student population that should not decide unilaterally what services students receive but should rather serve as an administrative funnel for money, time, and other resources.

Mr. Taylor, 28, has a B.A. degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. His employment experience includes service as a Community Mental Health Worker and repair work on marine boilers.



SBA Pres. George Taylor
Justinian Photo by Arthur S. Friedman

Although he has not held any political office, Mr. Taylor described himself as "active" in the anti-war movement from 1968-75. Upon graduation from BLS he looks forward to doing trial work in either the personal injury or criminal area.

Asked why he ran for office, Mr. Taylor indicated that he felt he had something to bring to the position and cited his past participation in the SBA. He served as a first year representative, has run the student evaluation of faculty program, and has served as chairperson of the Finance Committee.

The President should be relied on to insure the integrity and efficiency of the SBA, says Mr. Taylor. He also sees as his function the establishing of a "dialogue" with the faculty and administration by providing student input into the decision-making process. While admitting that students may not be qualified to offer serious input in all areas, Mr. Taylor considers students bright and responsible enough to participate in many decisions including faculty hiring and course offerings.

One of Mr. Taylor's major concerns is to have the budget passed as early as possible so that the SBA can act effectively during the entire year.

Other services Mr. Taylor sees the SBA providing are the

Book Co-op, Blue Cross Insurance Plan, speakers, intramurals, and increased use of the resources provided by the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. A newsletter is also being considered.

Mr. Taylor declared the money spent on the LSD convention in Dallas to be well-spent but would like to see more students able to attend.

Mr. Taylor concluded that BLS is a "good school" and that he is glad he came. He does point out, however, that the SBA cannot function without the participation of the student body.

Day V.P.

Day Vice-President Jean Smiertka wants BLS students to have fond memories of their law school years and plans to use her office to produce good times worth remembering.

Ms. Smiertka is a graduate of Fordham University with a B.A. in political science and public administration. While at Fordham, she served as Director of student peer counseling. She is interested in tax and is also considering poverty law. Whatever her field, her goal is to be a single practitioner.

Ms. Smiertka ran because "somebody asked me to," and she feels "people can identify with me."

As Vice-President, Ms. Smiertka has "spelled-out" goals, including the in-school blood drive and overseeing the social and cultural committees. In addition, she will serve as liaison between the alumni association and the student body.

Ms. Smiertka considers any administration difficult to work with, but feels that once it becomes clear that the SBA does indeed represent the student body, the BLS administration will afford it more respect. She does warn students against destructive criticism which serves no real purpose.

Ms. Smiertka looks forward to a "good year" and considers the wide variety of persons on the Executive Board to be a positive factor toward true representation.

Evening V.P.

Evening Vice-President Conrad (Connie) Reitz sees his office as only a vehicle to make the years at BLS for his "peculiar kind of constituency" more comfortable.

Mr. Reitz, 38 and the father of three, has a B.A. in History from St. Francis College as well as an M.A. in Social Sciences from Brooklyn College. He is a past president of

the Young Republicans Club and served as Vice-President of the St. Francis Student Council.

Encouraged by his fellow students to run, Mr. Reitz ran unopposed, considering it time to "do my part." He views his function to be acting as spokesperson for the Evening Division.

There are several problems peculiar to evening students, says Mr. Reitz. For one, there should be a greater awareness by the administration of evening students, which would be exhibited by having an administrative officer available after 6 p.m.

Additionally, there is no way to reach evening students in case of emergency and very few professors with whom to discuss changes in schedules and talk over problems.

Mr. Reitz would also like to see more rotation of professors into evening courses and less schedule conflicts of essential courses.

The placement center could do more to accommodate evening students, suggests Mr. Reitz, by being open in the late afternoon and attempting to schedule on-campus interviews for after five o'clock.

purpose from school organizations necessary to establish those groups as bona fide.

Ms. Migdal stresses that it is her desire to represent students' interests and not just to make decisions and do the work on her own. She will establish office hours and encourages students to approach her with constructive suggestions. In addition, she will be consulting other law schools to see what student government activities are carried on elsewhere.

Treasurer

Treasurer Sam Rein considers this year's Executive Board to have the potential "to be the best" but points out that without student help the SBA can not operate to its fullest capacity.

Mr. Rein, 23, has a B.A. from New York University with a major in political science and a minor in mathematics and computer science. In addition, he has taken numerous accounting courses. Mr. Rein is married to second year BLS student Alice Alper Rein who does artwork for *Justinian*.

Mr. Rein has served on the Kings County Planning Com-

LSD Rep.

An *ex officio* member of the SBA executive board, Law Student Division Representative Steven Berlin is aiming toward increasing the LSD membership at BLS.

While in many schools the LSD representative is appointed, at BLS the student government constitution mandates that he or she be elected. Mr. Berlin has equal voting privileges with the other members of the executive board.

Mr. Berlin has a B.S. degree in Journalism with an emphasis in Public Relations from the University of Maryland. He is twenty-four years old, married, and interested in Estate Law.

After his first year at BLS, Mr. Berlin realized that there were many things in the law school environment he wanted to see changed. He also desired to get more involved in activities outside the classroom. With his Public Relations background, he felt particularly well-suited for the office of LSD representative.

Mr. Berlin considers his duties to include serving as an instructor, distributor, consultant, and financier. It is his

"One of Mr. Taylor's major concerns is to have the budget passed as early as possible so that the SBA can act effectively during the entire year."

Mr. Reitz plans to schedule office hours between 4 and 6 p.m. on "most days." He is also willing to seek out students and discuss what problems they may have.

Secretary

Secretary Barbara Migdal feels she was elected not to clean up after parties but to listen to students to discover what they think the SBA should be and then act on those suggestions.

"We will do whatever people like, as long as it's legal," says Ms. Migdal, adding the proviso that students must be willing to contribute their time and energy to carry out ideas.

Ms. Migdal, 23, has a B.A. degree in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania and is interested in estate planning.

She ran for office because she felt that "the SBA can do a lot for the school and I wanted to be a part of it."

Her functions as secretary include establishing and posting agendas for Assembly meetings, recording minutes, and keeping records such as by-laws and the statements of

mittee, has worked for realtor Helmsley-Spear, and edited his school's pre-law newsletter.

Mr. Rein ran for office because he felt he had dedication, organization, and a mind open to new ideas to offer to BLS. He enjoys financial management and plans to practice in the tax area upon graduation.

As treasurer, his duties include keeping books, working with the finance committee to pass a budget early in the year, and acting as a liaison to BLS groups who request funding from the SBA.

Mr. Rein is also involved in providing a full athletic program for students and is interested in scheduling speakers and parties.

Mr. Rein is especially supportive of in-school parties considering such events the one time "we can act like people."

The SBA must take a leadership role in dealing with the administration on behalf of students and doing so must be open to suggestions of all kinds, concluded Mr. Rein.

job to let students know what the LSD is, how to join it, what benefits and programs are available, and how to obtain funding for student projects.

Mr. Berlin urges students to join the LSD, the first step to becoming an official member of the professional community. The LSD is the largest professional student organization in the country with 160 schools and 35,000 students involved.

Membership in the LSD can be either active or passive, says Mr. Berlin. Payment of dues will provide a student with nine months of *Student Lawyer* and a 12 month subscription to the ABA Journal. Additionally, reasonable insurance coverage at reasonable prices is available to members.

Students may also belong to any of 24 sections and 55 committees of the ABA at a 75% discount and receive that section's publications and announcements of events.

Active membership can occur on the local, regional, and national levels. Students can

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Greetings

Welcome back, upperclassmen and a special hello to incoming students.

This is the second issue of *Justinian* under our editorship although for many of you it is the first you've seen.

So we would like to repeat that our goal is to serve the BLS community by meeting the highest professional standards of both journalism and the law.

We are willing to listen to suggestions from anyone—students, faculty, and administration. We can't meet your expectations unless we know what they are.

Drop by the office to talk. Write a letter to the editor. Let us know about events that should be covered by the newspaper. Join our staff.

Have a good year, work hard, and remember to read *your* newspaper, the *Justinian*.

Vote "Yes"

A new proposal regarding Moot Court will be presented to the Honor Society sometime this month for approval. *Justinian*, with certain reservations, endorses this proposal which has been developed by a committee composed of faculty and students.

The issue of credit is behind us. To re-coin a phrase, there's no use beating a dead horse. But, with the new proposal, the justification for credit has largely disappeared.

The final responsibility for production and carrying out of a problem (including the grading of briefs) will rest on faculty members. Administrative matters, formerly the bane of the executive board, will be handled through the office of an Assistant Dean. Student members of problem teams will have specific but not onerous duties.

We approve the addition of workshops to the Moot Court program, but we are dismayed to note that only two rounds of argument are scheduled. To re-coin another phrase, practice makes perfect and two rounds doesn't make for much practice.

The proposal relies heavily on the good faith of both administration and faculty. While we have no reason to question such good faith, we would like the proposal to contain some sort of assurance that the major workload will not fall back onto students.

Our reservations, however, are ones that can be dealt with and should not stand in the way of adoption of the proposal.

Check It Out

Dallas was fun, even though we didn't see much of the city. What we did see was a Law Student Division (LSD) composed of energetic prospective attorneys from all over the country, all with ideas to contribute.

It's not usually our function on this page to hype an organization but our enthusiasm for LSD cannot go unexpressed.

The Law Student Division of the American Bar Association offers students an opportunity *now* to participate in policy decisions affecting the legal profession. And besides tangible benefits like *Student Lawyer*, there is the intangible but still valuable sense of community, the feeling of belonging to a special profession and a special professional organization.

Don't take just our word for it. Do yourself a favor. Check it out with your LSD representative.

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OFF THE RECORD

By DAVID AARONSON
The following account is a work of fiction. Any similarity to actual persons or places is coincidental.

It is now 1984, and the spirit of individualism can begin to hear the sound of its death knell. Big Brother has descended and individuality is in retreat. The legal institution has not been excepted from the onslaught and now is attempting to marshal its remaining strength in the name of democracy.

The latest in a series of crippling attacks on the human spirit occurred six months ago when the President of the United States signed into law a bill which effectively does away with the merit system in American law schools.

The new law mandates that law schools no longer grade the performance of students. Instead, all law schools are required to participate in one master list of all graduating law students. Employment will be secured by one's place on the master list.

When a private firm or government office needs a lawyer, they will simply contact the central placement office in Boise, Idaho and fill out a request order. The student who is next on the master list will get the job.

In this way, the government claims, each student will have an equal chance to work on Wall Street as well as Court Street. Of course, the government adds, all is not left to chance, as students must go through an arduous interview which determines a student's rank on the master list.

Upon graduation each student will be contacted and summoned to a local testing center. The student will enter a room, where a panel consisting of three legal secretaries who are all named Evelyn will question the student on the dual topics of corn blight control and the use of laser beam technology in the removal of unwanted freckles.

If two students should happen to answer the same amount of questions correctly, they will be asked a tie-breaking question drawn from the area of recent Oscar winners for best supporting actress.

Those students scoring in the bottom twenty percentile will immediately be appointed federal judgeships with all members of their immediate family serving terms as judges in the local county, probate, and traffic courts, all trials being conducted at the family residence.

The BRI has just announced that it will be offering an intensive review course in preparation for the interview. Required reading materials will include such diverse works as *The Farmers' Almanac*, *Einstein's Theory of Relativity*, and Rona Barrett's *Your Choice for the Oscars*.

An action has been brought by the Male Law School Professors Union in federal court, seeking damages for the irreparable harm done to their social lives now that law professors are no longer required to grade students.

The professors claim that there is a causal relationship between the grading of students and professors' social lives. While plaintiff's brief relied almost exclusively on the Kinsey, Chapman and Hite reports, it also cited a Nebraska state court case which has not yet been decided.

The professors claim they don't have to wait for the court's decision as they have already collectively discussed the merits of the case and can predict what the decision will be. The professors have also assigned a court citation to the still undecided case. The cite is 420 Nebraska 635.

Anyone interested in the litigation of the professors' suit should contact the **Committee of Professors Opposed to a Unilateral Thought System (COPOUTS)**.

A number of large Wall Street and Park Avenue law firms have joined together and instituted a class action suit on behalf of themselves and all other affluent and ostentatious people similarly situated.

The firms say that they no longer can choose the student they want from the law school they want and are being forced to accept any student from any law school whose name happens to be next on the master list.

What this does, claim the big firms, is take away their justification for charging the outrageous fees which they receive for their services and which ultimately allow them to consume all the beer, wine, and sangria they can drink.

The firms are asking for treble damages from the federal government while asserting that the legislation is a vicious attack on everything they consider holy. When informed of the law firms' suit, Potamkin Cadillac, Gucci Enterprises, and The Wall Street Racquet Club immediately decided to file suit, claiming that since they represent everything the large firms consider holy, it

follows that they too will suffer economic hardship due to the new law.

The court will probably consolidate these actions in light of the fact that they contain similar issues of fact and are being brought by equally pompous parties.

Last week a town hall meeting was held at Carnegie Hall for all concerned citizens. The highlight of the evening was a debate between a noted law professor and a government official, moderated by Jay Pollen III.

Mr. Pollen is a regular commentator in many leading legal periodicals. While Mr. Pollen is considered to be an astute, serious journalist, he took the time to demonstrate that he has a humorous side by informing the audience that for enjoyment he likes to compare the different styles of 18th and 19th century dicta.

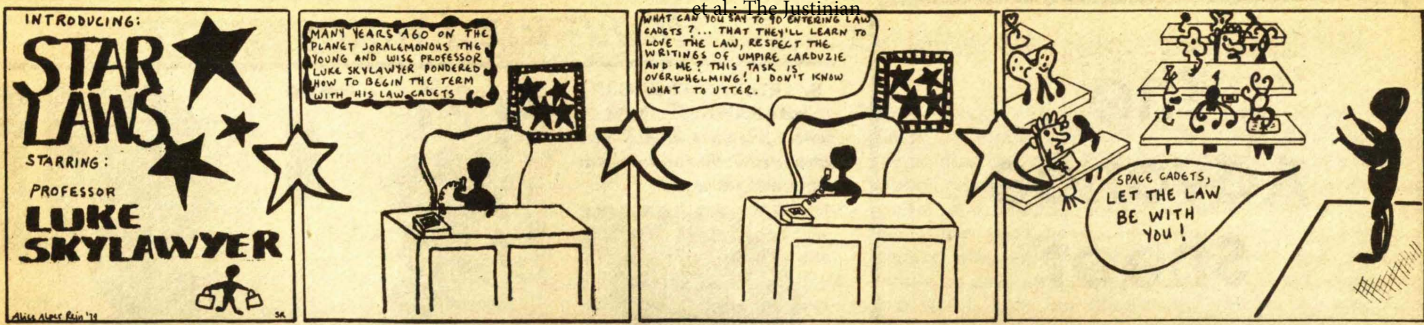
Mr. Pollen, however, is no stranger to controversy. In 1965, Mr. Pollen wrote the first of his three x-rated legal works entitled *Out of Court Settlements*, which created a furor. He followed that up three years later with the sizzling *Third Party Actions* which was mildly successful. It was his most recently banned work, *Impleader for Young Adults* that touched off a storm of protest while also establishing Mr. Pollen as a major force in the legal and pornographic communities.

Mr. Pollen is currently engaged in writing what he considers to be his most comprehensive piece of scholarship to date. Simply called *The Sensuous CPLR*, Mr. Pollen has been researching this book on and off since his eighth birthday and expects to have it published this fall as a multi-volume treatise. As is his custom, Mr. Pollen will send updated pocket parts to all purchasers of his works, whenever he uncovers a recent risqué event he feels is worth commenting on.

The debate between Professor Harry Von Zen, representing the Professors Union, and a Department of Justice spokesperson was a lively, spirited affair which got slightly out of hand when, in a fit of pique, Prof. Von Zen accused the United States Constitution of possessing no redeeming social value if it could be used to support this type of legislation.

The professor added that it was the Union's position that an action could be brought against the Founding Fathers for negligently drafting the

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LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION BLUES

By RICK HOWARD
As with every potentially arduous endeavor, achieving admission to law school can be fraught with anxiety provoking moments.

Most of these are provided by the people around us. It appears that if you want to be discouraged, just confide in those you know. If someone proves genuinely supportive, color him or her friend.

That is the reason I am coming to Brooklyn Law School. In applying here I discovered some friends.

Although I work as an officer in the courts, I found myself becoming increasingly concerned by warnings about the alleged obstacles to law school entry, not the least being the statistics in the

"Prelaw Handbook." Colleagues related tales of rejection despite good marks and recommendations. I was told that my average would be evaluated as to the courses taken, the relative prestige of my college, and the fact of my evening attendance. I was advised that the LSAT is extremely difficult and competitive.

I soon began to wonder about that "C" I received in a Criminal Law and Procedure course. (Me, a court officer!)

I nervously enrolled in a "prep" course which was both expensive and inconvenient. I read books which promised "inside" information and the "secrets" of getting in. I began for good recommendations and later found myself

equivocating when made to write one. I even prepared a portfolio documenting a few of my past accomplishments!

Fortunately, I made one further effort in seeking admission; I visited each of the schools to which I applied. In doing so I sensed certain subtle differences.

At one school I spoke to a professor who, although apparently unoccupied, hadn't time to let me past his door. He cast doubts upon the quality of my undergraduate education. I found the facilities crowded, the students harried.

At another school, the people I met were polite but somewhat preoccupied. Although he location was more suburban, and thus more inaccessible, I had that "big city" feeling of estrangement as they rushed their separate ways.

My next stop presented the alternative of austerity by being very business-like and self-important. They refused to

talk to anyone or answer any questions. The students eyed me as though I was an alien and they weren't about to discuss the school with someone who hadn't yet qualified for membership.

Since BLS is close to my job, I didn't have to take time off to call here. I sometimes meet people from this school at the courthouse. I have had the opportunity to speak with Prof. Stacy Caplow who conducts a court-related clinic who was very encouraging. One evening after hours I stopped in and talked to one

of the most helpful persons I've ever had the good fortune to meet, Prof. Albert DeMeo. His kindness and support were invaluable. He introduced me to Prof. Joseph Crea who added a lot of solid advice.

In addition, the students and alumni I spoke with all had words of praise for BLS and of encouragement for me. I found the surroundings pleasant and the people, faculty and students alike, approachable and concerned. Suffice it to say, I chose BLS as the school I most desired to attend.

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Constitution. When informed by the government spokesperson that the Founding Fathers were all dead, the professor sheepishly inquired whether he could represent them in a possible wrongful death suit and distributed his business card for all those in attendance.

This brilliant display of scholarship by the professor will no doubt rank alongside the comment made by him during his commencement address last year at Harvard Law School, when he declared that his ultimate goal in life was to reach the blessed State of Nirvana while simultaneously having many residences but only one domicile.

Students Attend ABA Convention

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of patronizing remarks. Women were advised to refuse to submit to sexist behavior but were cautioned to remember that the true function of an attorney is to represent one's client to the best of one's ability and *not* to preach one's politics, feminist or otherwise.

A further suggestion was that women make use of every advantage possible, including the very fact of being a woman. Finally, the panel encouraged more participation by women in bar associations, including the ABA.

A Cameras in the Courtroom program was conducted by the ABA in the Dallas County Courthouse on August 12, including a hearing before the (mythical) Supreme Court of Sol.

At its February, 1979, meeting the ABA House of Delegates defeated a proposal to revise the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct and the ABA Criminal Justice Standards to permit the limited use of electronic and photographic

media equipment in the courtroom.

At present, 21 states have adopted either permanent or experimental rules permitting some form of television, radio or photographic coverage of judicial proceedings. New York is actively considering allowing some sort of coverage.

Four positions were argued: electronic equipment and cameras should be allowed in the courtroom, such equipment should be allowed only at appellate procedures, if such equipment is present trial participants should have the right to refuse to be pictured or recorded, and, finally, existing prohibitions should be retained.

Equally interesting were the content and style of the arguments. Although the bench was a prestigious one, the attorneys arguing frequently interrupted the judges and rebuked them for interrupting their presentations. A record of the hearing is available for review in the *Justinian* office.

The entire proceeding was recorded by a television camera and a still photographer. This reporter found the equipment unobtrusive, although arguments were made that it could be distracting and an invitation to "grandstanding."

The finals of the National Advocacy Competition were held at the Dallas Convention Center on August 13. This reporter, having argued the same case at the regional level, followed the arguments closely as the University of Houston Law School narrowly edged Pepperdine University School of Law by a .91 margin.

Supreme Court Justice Byron White presided over a bench that, once it warmed to its subject, asked piercing questions. Awards were presented to the Circuit winners, including the 2nd Circuit team from St. John's Law School.

Funding for BLS representation was provided by the SBA. The final cost was slightly less than the \$1,350 budgeted.

We're Looking for You!

Justinian offers law students an opportunity to report on school affairs and issues facing the legal community at large. The student newspaper strives to be the student's voice, but can attain this goal only if people are willing to participate and contribute.

Justinian's editorial staff has many ideas for interesting stories, but we need people to help. Needless to say, we're interested in reaching out to the evening student body, and would appreciate contributions from night students as well as from day students.

There's no school credit, no pay, but plenty of work—the satisfaction comes from a job well done. If you're interested in furthering your writing career at the same time as your legal career, contact Christine Short or Stephen Ganis at the office, room 304, or call 625-2200 Ext. 50 (and leave a message)!

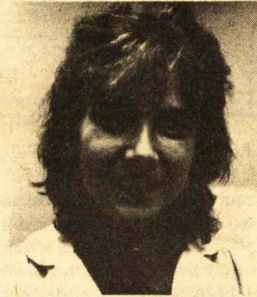
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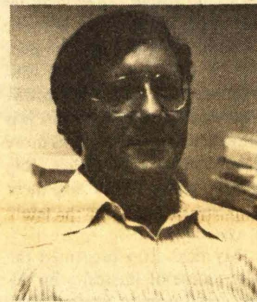
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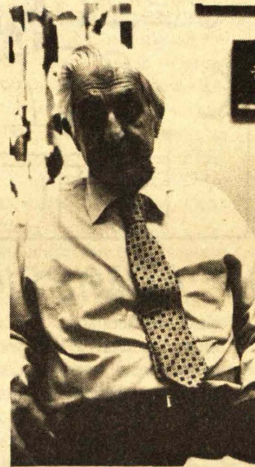
By ARTHUR S. FRIEDMAN
and CHRISTINE SHORT
*Several professors at BLS were
asked to recall their experiences as
first-year law students.*



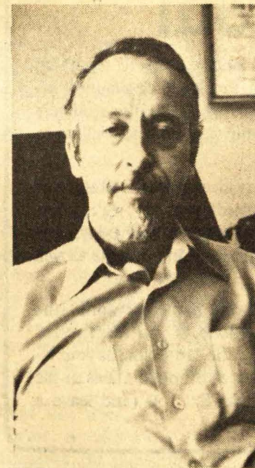
Prof. Stacy Caplow, graduate of New York University Law School, teaches Criminal Law and directs the Criminal Defense clinic. She remembers more attention being paid to the Viet Nam war than to law school, so much so that as a result of a student strike spring exams were called off. Prof. Caplow summed up her first year as "draggy, actually."



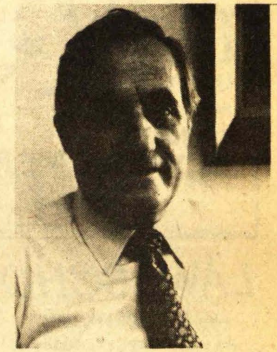
Prof. Joel Gora, a Columbia Law School graduate, teaches Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, and Civil Liberties. His first year classes were scheduled at 9:00 six days a week and there was no break between the end of classes and exams. Prof. Gora remembers that year as "not my most enjoyable experience." He further recalls his legal history professor who was a former Ivy League football star. During football season this professor would follow the Ivy League teams and then on Monday morning call on those students to recite from schools that had lost over the weekend.



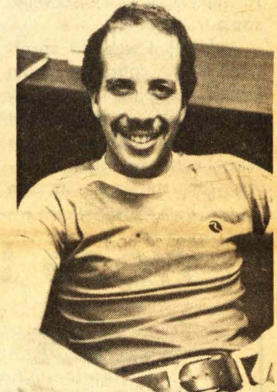
Prof. Albert DeMeo is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School and teaches a variety of courses in the criminal field, as well as Evidence and Trial Advocacy. An evening student at the height of the Depression, Prof. DeMeo learned in his first year the key word that has been his guide throughout his illustrious career: preparation. He describes BLS as a "tight ship" with 15% "mortality rate" for first year students in his class and Dean William Payson Richardson as a man who would brook no nonsense. While Prof. DeMeo advises students to study hard, he also suggests that they apply themselves "with enjoyment." The high flunk-out rate, says he, is no more and students have nothing to fear.



Prof. Robert Hahl, a graduate of New York University Law School, teaches Contracts and Property. He vividly remembers opening day in his Criminal Law class. A student sitting behind him spoke at great length and with apparent knowledge about a portion of the Penal Law. Disconcerted by such a display of scholarship, Hahl worried that he didn't belong in law school. Weeks later he discovered his eloquent colleague had not only misquoted the statute but had been making erroneous statements, or, as Prof. Hahl puts it, "making a lot of noise."



Prof. Joseph Crea is an alumnus of Brooklyn Law School and teaches Torts, Corporations, and Commercial Paper. As an evening student, Prof. Crea found no substitute for hard work, characterizing law school as a 9-5 job with overtime. Self-described as a "plodder," Prof. Crea especially remembers Prof. Maloney, his Property I instructor, because of his sternness and demand for quality performance.



*Prof. Barry Zaretsky, a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, teaches Debtors' and Creditors' Rights, Sales and Secured Transactions, and a seminar on Negotiation (a new offering at BLS). In his first year students were called on by social security numbers. A New Yorker, Prof. Zaretsky's number began with 0 and thus he was called on first in all his classes. He most vividly remembers the acting out of the famous Property case *Pierson v. Post*. His professor strode to the front of the classroom, mounted a chair and proceeded to ride it as if it were a horse, while stage right a stuffed fox entered and quickly made its way to the rear of the room where it was dispatched by a party armed with a cap gun.*

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like to see the
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ask? Who would you
like to see?*

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The Advance Sheet

BLS Calendar of Weekly Events

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new directions for the school gave impetus to any policy changes.

"No, we considered the student demands very carefully but I don't recall anything startling done about policy changes," Glasser said. He added that he was "nonplussed" by the student rally.

"Students have a tendency to whine a lot," the dean noted, "but attendance at some of our special offerings has been awful. We sponsored a first-rate program on malpractice here, and we invited top lawyers to show how to

conduct class. Also, many full-time faculty members prefer teaching during the day rather than during the evening.

The 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. time slot was once seen as a way to add more hours to the evening division course selection," Dean Glasser explained, "but few evening students, excluding teachers, could schedule 4 p.m. class. We're minimizing the 4 p.m. time slot, and this year, for the first time, elective courses will be held on Friday nights. While few upperclassmen will be overjoyed at attending school on Friday night,

Estates, Powers and Trust Law, Articles 6 and 10.

From 1969-77, Dean Glasser was a New York State Judge of the Family Court for New York City.

The dean's professional activities include being a director of the Legal Aid Society and a Director of the Fund for Modern Courts, Inc. In 1978 he was a participant on the 30-member Mayor's Committee on the Judiciary and made recommendations on judicial appointments to Mayor Koch. Also in 1978 he was a member of the New York State Executive Advisory Committee

them. There have been all kinds of suggestions made about what to teach at law school; some say teach a course in negotiations, or in law office management, including what kind of typewriters to buy. There are no end to the things one might make a case for as being desirable.

"But I believe that you can't teach first-rate trial lawyers. They are made by spending time in courtrooms and watching trials. Not even watching videotapes in classrooms can adequately substitute for on-the-job training. A doctor can't come out of medical school and perform complex surgery. Similarly, a new lawyer can't try a complex case.

"As for the suggestion of a two-year law program, I don't know how you can cram all the material into two years.

"It is undoubtedly true that law schools imitate Columbia, Harvard, and Yale. Here, we've had 80 years of history and had a lot of people come out competent to practice law. What is the function of a law school? If it's to turn out the best possible lawyers, what does that mean? Is it a Clarence Darrow, or someone who can draft a magnificent will and trust agreement?

"It's time to stop using catchwords and phrases. Law school should make the best effort it knows how in imparting some notion of the way the

legal system works; how to think imaginatively and creatively. Those who want to try cases and those who don't want to be near a courtroom all have to be accommodated at law school. We have to give everyone the best legal education possible. Not everyone is interested in practicing trial law, and some are not interested in going into law at all but want to go into government or business. We want to give a person the preparation to seize various opportunities successfully."

More Money Spent

In response to criticism that BLS has often times been negatively in expenditure of a few dollars for graduation, faculty functions, and other affairs which would add some flair to the school, Dean Glasser noted that more money has been spent during his tenure than had been in the past.

"Our graduation ceremony last year was particularly impressive, and there have been more student functions, including freshmen teas and an expanded orientation program to improve the climate here a bit," Dean Glasser remarked. "There haven't been as many faculty functions as there were in the past, but that was my fault, and it will change."

"As with anything else, there's always room for improvement," Dean Glasser emphasized.

"We have to give everyone the best legal education possible . . . We want to give a person the preparation to seize various opportunities successfully."

prosecute and how to defend such claims. We also invited an orthopedist for medical testimony. And only about 14 students showed up for it."

"Also, we had a *Shaffer v. Heitner* symposium at the school last fall, inviting professors from all over to be here, but attendance was terrible. We could only fill up the first two rows of the Moot Courtroom. It was embarrassing to us."

One of the complaints often voiced by students is that electives are often scheduled at times conflicting with other courses or conflicting with each other in the final examination period.

"Scheduling elective courses for day students is somewhat of a problem in certain instances," the dean claimed. "Many courses offered here, whether it be in patents, immigration, or entertainment, are taught by adjunct professors who, more often than not, have full-time law practices and can only teach a course during the evening.

"It's not easy to find someone competent to teach some of these courses during the day," the dean admitted, "although we do try to alternate the scheduling of these courses between the day and evening sessions."

Dean Glasser noted that scheduling electives for evening students is particularly difficult, because there are only four hours, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., available for the

the extra four hours of available class time will enable the school to meet the night students' demands for a more varied course selection."

Magna Cum Laude Graduate
Dean Glasser, 55, is a 1948 Magna Cum Laude graduate of BLS. He entered law school in 1942 as a night student, while working as an editor for the *New York Journal-American*. He left law school after one year to serve in the army from 1943-46 and earned a Bronze Star Medal. He returned to BLS in 1946 and was Editor-in-Chief of the *Brooklyn Law Review* in 1947-48.

He was a fellow at BLS the year after his graduation and in 1949 began his teaching career as an instructor at BLS. In 1952 he became an assistant professor. He was a professor of law from 1955-69 and during that time he taught a plethora of courses, including Conflict of Laws, Real Property, Personal Property, Future Interests, Torts, Taxation, Trusts, Wills, Estate Planning, Land Use, Domestic Relations, and Juvenile Justice.

Dean Glasser also authored several law review articles, including three installments of an "Annual Survey of the New York Law of Trusts" and two installments of an "Annual Survey of the New York Law of Torts" for the *Syracuse Law Review*. He also wrote the Practice Commentaries for the McKinney's

on Sentencing.

Responds to Criticism of Legal Training

Dean Glasser is not only the administrative head of the law school, but he is also the school's chief representative in the legal community. He is aware of the criticism leveled against lawyers and law school teaching methods.

In the past year lawyers have been criticized from high places. The President claims that 90 percent of America's lawyers are devoted to protecting the "comfortable insulations of privilege." Chief Justice Warren Burger says that "One half of America's lawyers lack the skill to try a serious case," and the Chief Justice urges that the basic law school curriculum be condensed from three years to two, with the third year reserved for extensive training in a specialty.

Abraham Goldstein, provost of Yale University and a former dean of its law school, says that "Law schools are depressingly similar. They lack the range and variety that permit a real choice among them. Most are busy imitating Harvard or Yale, and many don't have the capacity to do it well."

Dean Glasser has heard all of these criticisms and offered his views in rebuttal.

"I would say that the Chief Justice's views are unjustified," Glasser began, "and there are some people who take strong issue with

SBA Officers Speak Out

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be LSD representatives, Circuit Governors, or liaison members to sections and committees. National officers are also students.

National competitions include the National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Client Counseling Competition, law school newspaper competitions, essay writing, and Best SBA project.

Other programs sponsored by the LSD include legislative drafting workshops and Volunteer Income Tax

Assistance. A program for trial advocacy skills is being considered.

Mr. Berlin was "disappointed to note that the deans of several other law school personally contacted their school's representatives at the convention to further the recognition of their schools. Deans Glasser and Sherman, although in Dallas, did not to my knowledge attempt to contact the BLS students."

Mr. Berlin urges students to contact him at the SBA office to learn more about the Law Student Division.

Budget Requests

The SBA Executive Board is requesting that student organizations submit budget requests as soon as possible to Room 403. This includes newly formed groups wishing to be recognized as bona fide by the SBA.

BLS Intramural Sports Program Kicks Off

By JACK HOLLANDER

It is kick off time for the 1979 BLS Intramural Sports Program. This year the program hopes to follow in the successful footsteps of Howard "Buzz" Greenwald, but would like to do so with a few additions. The first of these additions is the new hierarchy. Steve Saltzman, Steve Manket, and Jack Hollander have volunteered to head the program.

It is anticipated that with these three working together with the school and the SBA, this year's efforts can be more efficient and productive than the one-man operation of Mr. Greenwald.

The usual gamut of sporting events, which consists of football, basketball, and softball will be provided for those BLS students who are interested. In addition, one night a week may be set aside for volleyball,

provided there is sufficient interest, and an attempt will be made for the school to have the use of a local swimming pool during the spring semester.

Anyone who would like to see an event as part of the intramural program should contact either Mr. Saltzman, Mr. Manket or Mr. Hollander. This offer is extended to the female population as well as to the male student body.

For those BLS students unfamiliar with the intramural program this is what can be expected.

There will be a football season which will run from approximately September 22 through November 24. Games will be played on Saturdays at Tillary Field which is located within walking distance of the school. Game times will be 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Last year the league consisted of seven teams. It is hoped that there will be at least seven teams again in the league. This year a change will be instituted which will have the teams play six men to a side rather than five players as in the previous years.

The size of the field will be approximately 65 by 45 yards. A team will be victorious if it scores five touchdowns first or is leading after a designated time period (which was set at two-and-one-half hours last year). Overtime will be played if necessary.

Each participant will be asked to pay a fee of \$5 to cover any necessary expenses. Referees will be provided by teams not playing that day or at a different time period. Each team's cooperation is needed and requested with regard to the referees to help the league run smoothly.

Each participant of the football league, and any other league for that matter, plays at

his or her own risk. Therefore, the school is in no way responsible for any injuries sustained while participating in an intramural sport.

Last year the football league was quite competitive. Four of the seven teams were fighting for the playoff positions during the last two games of the season. The championship game featured a tightly knit group of first-year students against a cocky squad of third-year students. In the end, the third year boys graduated with pride as they posted a 5-4 victory.

Following the football season will be the basketball season. This will begin play sometime in the end of January or beginning of February. A gym will be reserved for two nights a week. Last year the gym was located in a junior high school located on 5th Ave. and 5th St. in Brooklyn. The coordinators of the league have stated that they would look into a gym that is closer to school and in a better neighborhood.

The basketball program has always been fun and action packed. Last year the program terminated in a first for BLS: two first year teams competed in the championship game in which Tom Sinnickson and Gerry Chapman led their team, the Blues Bros., to a

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In the springtime the intramural program will sponsor a competitive softball league and a co-ed noncompetitive softball league. These games will also be played at Tillary Field, most likely on Saturday mornings or afternoons.

Steve Saltzman has stated that the success of each one of these programs depends upon

the participation of the student body. For the football league that means instant participation. He wants everyone to realize that there is more to law school than just books. When morale is down and the pressure is really on, intramural sports becomes a necessary escape.

Steve Manket hopes that the students will participate in intramurals in "order to facilitate interaction in a non-

academic atmosphere." The program makes people more friendly towards each other and gives them something to base a friendship on besides law books.

So please, keep your eyes and ears open for announcements concerning each one of the intramural programs. For those interested in the football league, a meeting will be held shortly to get the league underway.

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