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Prof Reaffirms Grade Policy 2Ls Score Interview Queries

Provoked by reports of questions regarding grades by interviewing law firms in the face of a faculty resolution to the contrary, the chairman of the faculty's Committee on Placement has issued a "Notice to Interviewers for 2L Summer Placement."

Professor Richard H. Field says in the notice that several 2Ls reported they were queried as to whether they chose the pass-fail option for first year grades.

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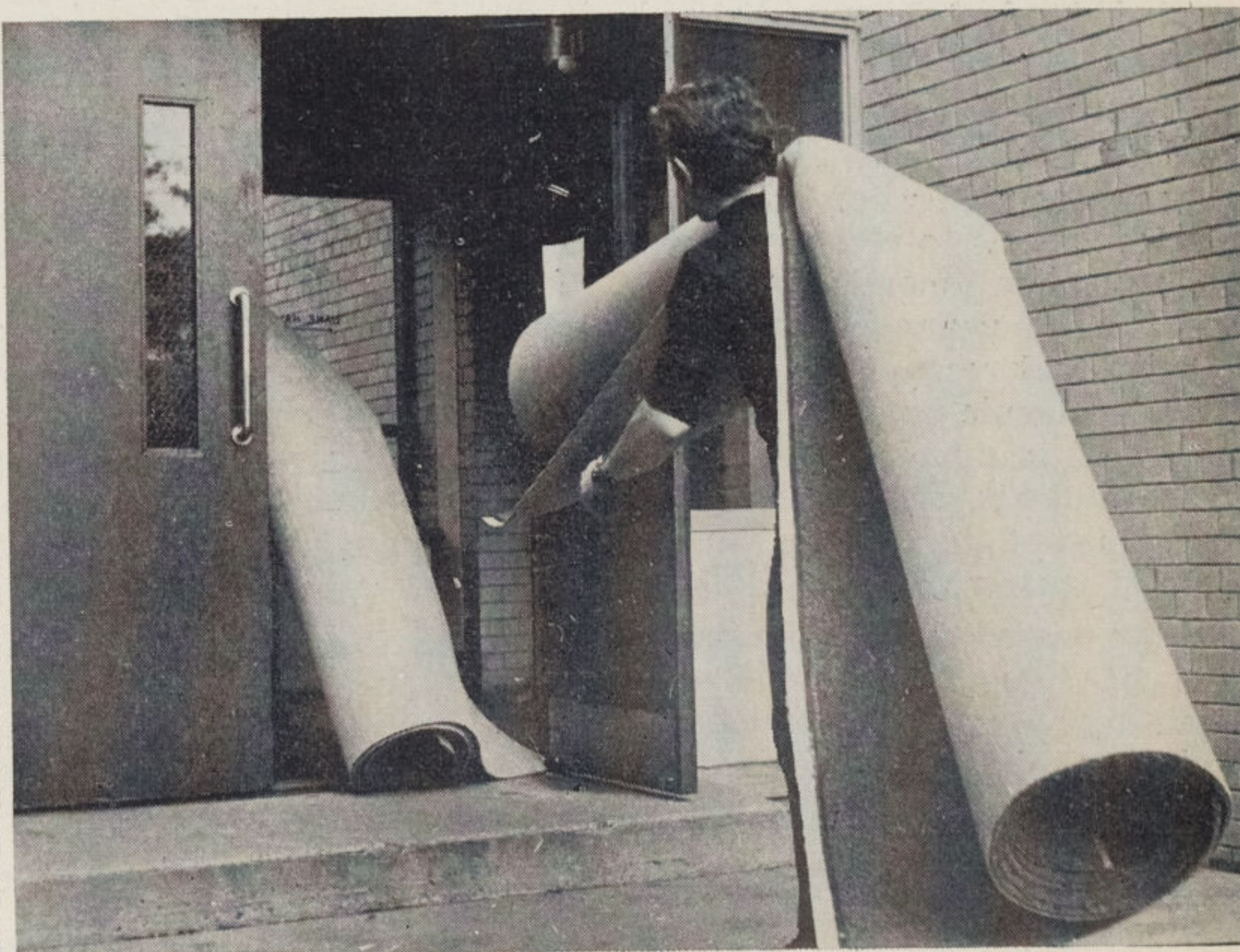
"We consider this question to be improper under the Faculty vote requesting employers not to ask students for 'information about their 1L grades,'" Field wrote in the notice. "Hence, we specifically request that inquiry of this sort not be made," he added.

In measures dealing with grading and methods of evaluating student progress, voted upon last May, the faculty stated that:

"Employers using the school's placement facilities shall be formally requested not to ask 2L students for information about their 1L grades." (See RECORD, Sept. 18).

To implement that policy, Professor Field sent a letter to every employer who uses the placement

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Dan Chill

Carpets Finally Come to the New Dorms

A Walk on the Wild Side: Dean Ventures into Dorms

By Bob Hernandez

"Hello, Dean Bruce. I'm Bob Hernandez from the RECORD and . . ."

"Nice to meet you, Bob. Would you mind walking along with me over to Ames — they're having some more problems with those dorm improvements, and I've got to take care of them."

"Great, that's just what I

wanted to talk to you about. What about those dorm improvements?"

I had a list of questions prepared for my interview with the man in charge of the dorm improvements, but as it turned out, I never had a chance to refer to it. It seemed that the Dean was reading my mind, and it was everything I could

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Dean Inspects Dorms

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do to take notes as he explained one of the Law School's most industrious efforts to make life livable in its newer dorms, designed by the architect Walter Gropius.

The school is spending a minimum of \$230,000 to redecorate the dorms with new carpeting, shelves, blinds, and paint — a job which was scheduled to be finished by September, yet is still about two weeks shy of completion. To help pay for the changes, dorm rates were raised 15 per cent to bring in \$33,000 additional income this year.

William L. Bruce, vice dean of the Law School, was given primary responsibility for this project. He expects to recoup the expense through amortization over a number of years, but suspects that the real recoupment will be in non-economic terms — the improvement in living conditions of single students, who have often complained of the cell-like atmosphere of their rooms.

As we passed through the basement of Langdell, Dean Bruce began to give me some idea of the headaches this job has given him.

"The blinds are a big problem

right now. The suppliers just haven't met any deadlines. The students were complaining about all the delays, yet we haven't been able to get the suppliers to keep their commitments on time for anything. Things have gotten a little better since the dorm representatives and contractors met and discussed the problem of delay. But we still don't have blinds, and the green carpeting isn't in. And the shelves weren't delivered, so we had to install old shelves so the students would have somewhere to keep their books."

Hurricane Camille was the spoiler on the carpeting that students have been asking about since September. It seems that flooding in West Virginia completely destroyed the green yarn that was suppose to cover floors in Shaw, Ames and several other dorms. The mills were closed down completely and had to start from scratch on the green carpeting, causing delays in all carpet deliveries.

"When are we getting our blinds?" a student asked as we approached the entry to Ames. The Dean paused long enough to explain that they were scheduled

to arrive sometime in the early part of the week.

We went upstairs, where I was introduced to John Hilbert, one of the dorm representatives trying to coordinate the contractors' time tables with that of the students. He had just discovered that he was one of the project's latest victims.

"Where's the contractor?" the Dean asked him. "I don't know. That's what's worrying me," Hilbert answered.

It seems that the work crew had made another "honest mistake" in its planning for that day. They had been short-handed since two of the men were sick, but they had managed to complete most of the rooms on one side of the corridor of the second floor of Ames before someone drove off with the carpeting for Hilbert's room, after the floor had been tacked.

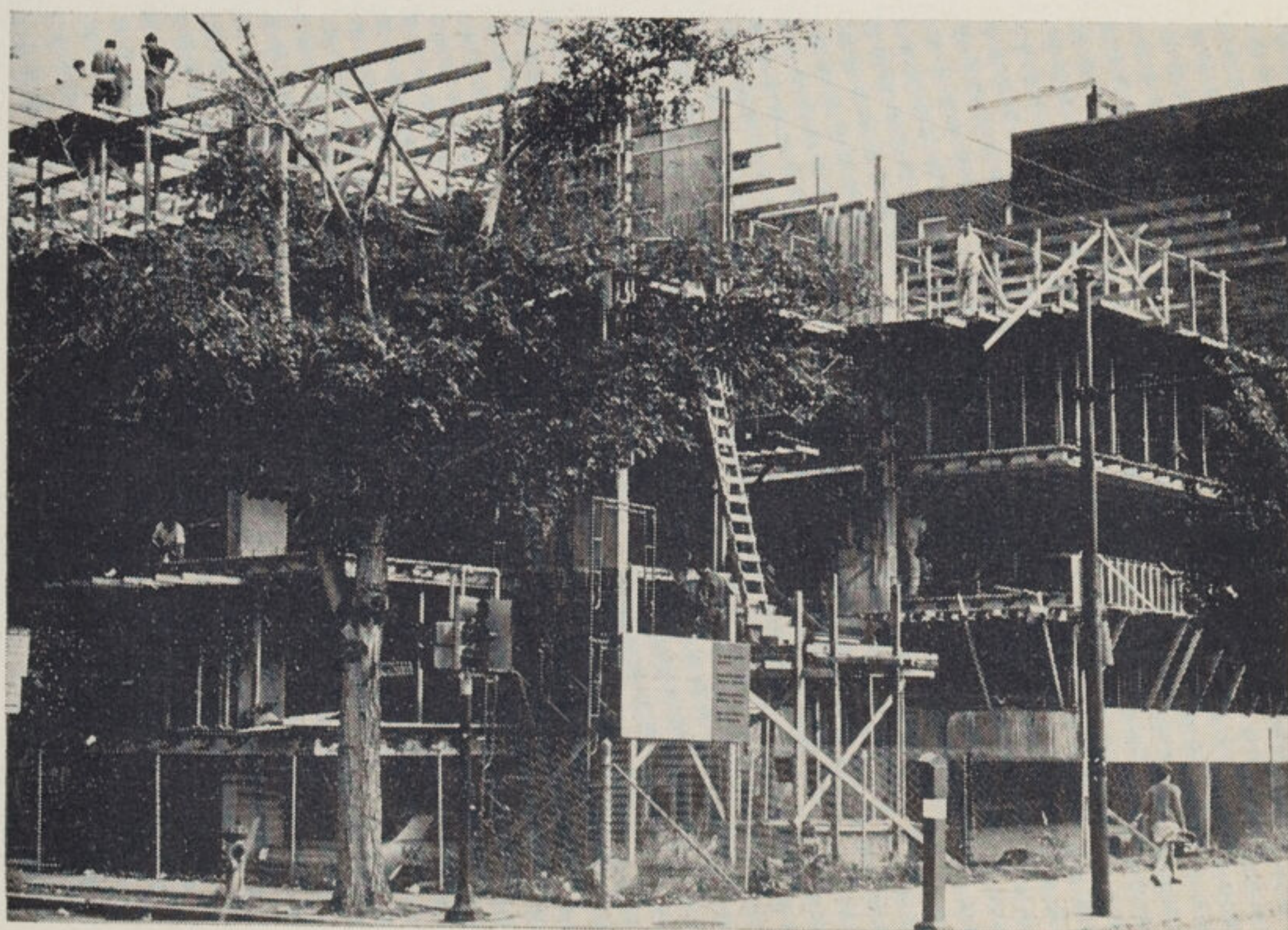
Dean Bruce explained to me that much progress had been made in all the dorms, and that Dane and Story only needed some more shelves (and of course the blinds). But there continued to be "a certain amount of turmoil" in the remaining dorms.

Among the more outrageous "honest mistakes" which had provoked the dorm council, I was told, was some of the early work

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With new office buildings, new classroom buildings, and a refurbishing of the dorms, it was bound to come.

There's a new parking lot on the Law School campus. Hopefully, it will look better when finished. But, it probably won't.



Dan Chill

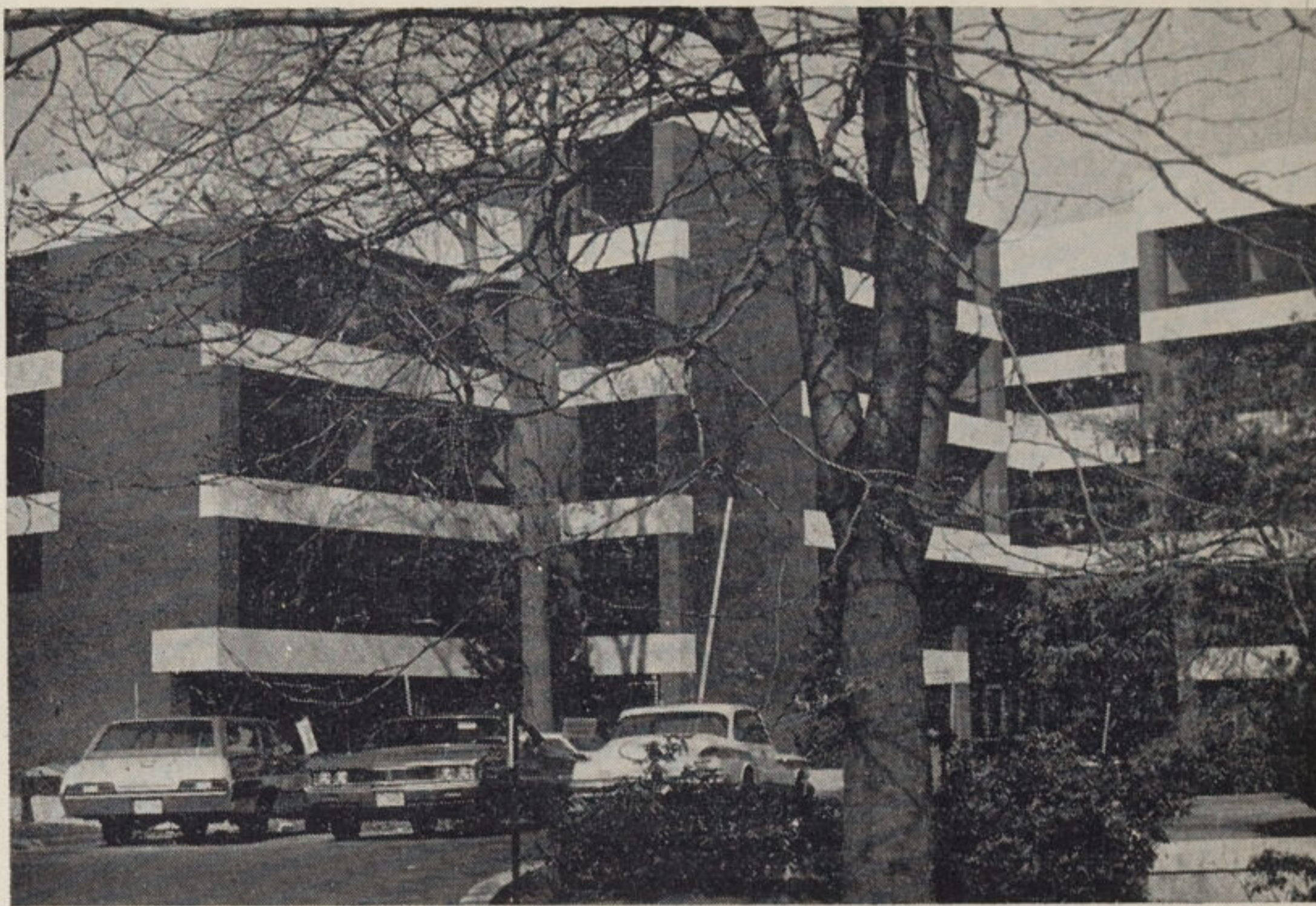
New Building Slated for Thanksgiving Completion

By Jerry Snow

By the time students return from a long Thanksgiving weekend, the area between Harkness and Langdell will have acquired a new look. Gone will be the fencing that got in everybody's way, the machinery, and all the general clutter. At long last the new Classroom and Administrative Office Building will be completed.

According to Mr. Warren Thibodeau, physical plant administrator, completion is scheduled for November 28. Costing roughly \$5.5 million, this addition to the classroom and office space of the Law School has been fifteen months in construction. It varies in height from three to five stories, making it the tallest building in the law complex, and averages a floor space about twice that of the new Faculty Office Building. As with most of the other Law School facilities, it can be reached by underground tunnel.

The new building houses some nine classrooms, including two large lecture halls, many smaller seminar rooms, a faculty-staff dining room, and several lounge areas in addition to administrative offices. A large multi-purpose room — the largest this side of Harvard Yard, stated Mr. Thibodeau — with an adjoining



Dan Chill

New Classroom and Administrative Office Building

student lounge is found on the second floor. Its presence will fill a need that Harkness was not designed to meet, and thus relieve some of the pressure there.

On the upper floors residence will be taken up by the Placement Office and the Admissions Office, presently quartered at 23 Everett Street. The International Tax Program, and several research groups will be among other high-level occupants. The basement will house the Health Clinic, now in Austin Hall, the Distribution Center, the mail room, and miscellaneous storage areas.

Occupancy of the building will take place as soon after completion as possible. Many second semester classes will be meeting in the plush new classrooms. However, final determination of which classes will be so privileged has not yet been made.

Prof. Field's Notice to Interviewers

November 1969

Notice to Interviewers for

2L Summer Employment:

Several second year students have reported that interviewers have asked them whether they elected the pass-fail option for first-year grades. We consider this question to be improper under the Faculty vote requesting employers not to ask students for "information about their 1L grades." Hence, we specifically request that inquiry of this sort not be made.

Students also report that some

interviewers say in some form of words that evaluation of an application is difficult in the absence of grades. They complain that this amounts to an effort to induce disclosure of grades. We believe that this type of statement is contrary to the spirit of the Faculty action and urge interviewers not to make such statements or otherwise to do anything to encourage voluntary disclosure of grades.

Richard H. Field
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Cheney Named Director; CLS Plans New Focus

By Joseph Rafalowicz

Cambridge Legal Services (CLS) begins this new academic year with a new director and a new approach.

The new director is Ronald Cheney '61 who spent three years in the armed services and subsequently entered private practice and community service work. He now comes to Cambridge Legal Services, which in addition to having him as a director and an attorney, also employs two other full-time staff attorneys.

The new approach at CLS involves an increased emphasis on working with and serving the legal needs of community organizations.

Funding Difficulties

In the past, CLS has had serious funding difficulties because it did not reach the communities it was intended to serve. This year, however, Cheney and his two staff attorneys intend to reverse that trend by assisting local groups to act in a more effective manner.

Right now, CLS's activities are all in the planning stage. Cheney and his attorneys are presently engaged in drawing up a detailed work program covering the next five months for the Northeast Legal Services Regional Office.

After that date they plan to start a full range of activities which include getting out and making themselves known and available in the community for legal services. Though this initial stage may take several months, Cheney is optimistic that CLS can achieve close ties with the community, so as to serve its needs and become more effective there.

Closer Relationships

CLS also hopes to establish closer working relationships with other groups involved in community action programs, including the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, an umbrella group co-ordinating the efforts of many other groups for legislative reform in the Commonwealth, and Community Legal Assistance Office (CLAO), with whom relations have not been too close in the past.

CLS hopes to have several volunteer Harvard Law students working with it this coming year. Since they intend to keep administrative problems to a minimum and engage in what Mr. Cheney calls a "modest amount of high quality work," CLS will be looking for only a small number of student volunteers. Attempts to recruit such students will begin soon.

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Espouse Broader Goals

Law Wives Stress New Activities

By Michelle Scott

While the Harvard Law Wives admit bemusement with the usual comic portrayal of their lives as alternating between white-glove teas and the harried mothering of numerous children, they contend that such a portrait is simply untrue. And, the range of activities which the organization sponsors for its members seems to prove their point.

According to Pat Rine, publications secretary, the Law Wives group is in a period of transition. "We're getting away from the purely social image," she explained. "In the past few years, our own events have become more informal and members have become more interested in community activities."

As a result, representatives of community service organizations have been invited to all of the wives' bi-monthly meetings this year. Rosemary Rossmann, vice-president, says, "Apparently there has been a very good response to these programs. For example, several girls volunteered to help the Massachusetts Association for the Blind. This involves a great deal of work because a volunteer takes over an individual student and reads him the work he needs done."

The group at large plans to contribute at least 10 per cent of its treasury to charity this year. Their service to the Law School community includes a handbook



Nate Weiner

Law Wives Sponsor Ghostly Party

on getting settled in Cambridge and a directory of typists, which is available to students at the main reception desk in Langdell. Members sponsor a babysitting pool, sewing machine, silk screen, and bed rental services.

Professor John Kenneth Galbraith spoke on Indian Art at the Law Wives meeting Wednesday night. On November 19, the Rev. Vartan Hartounian will talk about the Armenian genocide. Several classes will be conducted by Law School professors. Professor Frank Sander, for example, addressed the group on welfare law recently, and in the spring, Prof. A. James Casner will speak

on "Wives' Rights." Future panel discussions will treat pollution and sex education.

A winter sports meeting will discuss recreation opportunities in New England. In addition, interest groups meet weekly for bridge, arts and crafts, and cooking.

With the assistance of sponsors, Mrs. Derek Bok, Mrs. Frank Sander, Mrs. Donald Turner and Mrs. James Chadbourn, Celia Steingold, social chairman, has arranged coffee hours with faculty wives. Throughout the year, Mrs. Steingold plans parties for members and their husbands, and

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New Goals for Wives

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she supervises the Halloween and Christmas parties which fill the Mallory Smith Room wall-to-wall with the creeping offspring.

With Pat Glazer, president, and Jean Dietrich, former president, Mrs. Steingold has scheduled a show of Bobbi Baker and Krackerjacks fashions in April. Law wives, their husbands and law professors are being recruited to model.

Pat Rine points out that most of the law wives are students or work themselves as teachers, nurses, secretaries and bank personnel in the Boston area. "The idea that we do nothing is completely wrong," she insisted.

Her husband, Peter, came to the Law Wives' defense. He noted that law wives, like law students, have many varied interests and responsibilities. "The idea most people have of the Law Wives comes from skits in the Law School show," he said. "Those skits are often very funny, but they bear no relation to reality. After all, the guys who write them aren't even married."

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Dean Sees End in Sight for Dorm Improvements

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in Shaw. Doors were sawed off in three rooms, before it was discovered that the green carpeting wasn't about to arrive on time. "One of our major problems is that not a single carpenter has a law school degree," the Dean commented.

The carpeting of hall-ways has been held up because the rooms have to receive carpeting first. Occasional tie-ups, such as this one, tend to slow up the entire operation.

Someone asked about bedspreads. There is as yet no sign of the bedspreads.

Two of the workers came to announce that they were off to shoot ducks in New Hampshire. They wanted to get out quickly because "the traffic's a grind."

The dean discussed John Hilbert's problem with them for a few minutes, since as yet he had no place to sleep; his bed had to stay out in the hall until the carpeting arrived. By this time it was verified that the truck had taken the carpeting to Marblehead, for some obscure reason.

The workmen bowed out of the conversation as soon as possible. "I'm not even the boss, so I should keep my mouth shut." "Where's the boss?" "He's gone home."

Dean Bruce tried to console Hilbert, noting that it might be a good thing that this was happening to someone who could understand the problems in coordination.

On our way back, Bruce explained that the blinds will be in various colors to break up the court yard's monolithic appearance. "There won't be so much uniformity. Also each room is painted in different color combinations to give it some individuality." The study areas are also getting carpeting and imported drapes.

As we passed through Story, I

finally got a taste of the finished product. Footsteps and talking were suddenly hushed, and I actually felt comfortable in the dorms for the first time. The hall still had a new smell to it, but there was a tremendous difference from what I had just experienced. I realized for the first time that this whole thing would really be worth it for dorm students.

A student waved to the dean, as we left and said, "By the way, that carpeting is nice."

We approached the Dean's office in the New Classroom Building, and I asked him when he thought his ordeal would be coming to an end.

"If everything goes well, in two weeks," he answered. "If everything goes well."

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Breaking the Rules

We find reports of law firms attempting to get around the faculty resolution not to request information on grades from second year students most disturbing. Some interviewers, it seems, are subtly making known to students that the revealing of grades would significantly increase their chances of getting a summer job. Others, not so subtle, are asking point-blank whether students chose the pass-fail option for reporting their first year grades.

One of the arguments of those who support compulsory pass-fail is that these types of problems arise. Pressure not to choose pass-fail increases if employers clearly discriminate between those who chose pass-fail and those who did not.

Moreover, some law firms have always attempted to get around the Placement Office rules, usually by attempting to pressure a student to accept an offer before the student has had a chance to interview with everyone he is interested in.

Still the matter cannot be shrugged off lightly. Placement Office rules have valid reasons behind them. In this case, the purpose of not asking for grades is to give the pass-fail option a chance to work.

If law firms object to Placement Office rules, they certainly should have the opportunity to object to the Law School community through the faculty's Placement Committee or this newspaper. But to try to get around the rules, or to blatantly break them, is both unethical and really a violation of law. It is unfortunate that some of the same people who so strongly object to student activities think nothing of violating established rules when they so please.

This is not to imply that most law firm interviewers here are guilty; it may be, and probably is, only a few. But as we all know, it only takes a few law-breakers to stand out and give a group a bad name.

No on Haynsworth

Opposition to the nomination of Judge Clement Haynsworth to the United States Supreme Court has been growing ever since it was sent to the Senate for approval. We add our name to that opposition.

Judge Haynsworth has exhibited that same bad judgment with regards to possible conflicts of interest that eventually caused Justice Abe Fortas to resign.

It's not that Judge Haynsworth would become a rich man from his stock holdings; it's that he didn't have enough ethical sensitivity to realize that there was an appearance of conflict of interest.

We need better than that for the Supreme Court.

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Fenno

"Hi Fenno!" said Bunky as he came upon me in the RECORD offices putting up signs saying how to spell moratorium. "I need some extra copies of the RECORD."

After Bunky helped me to a chair and gave me some water, I recovered sufficiently to ask him why he wanted the extra copies.

"I promised to send them to some big-time lawyers I know. It used to be that the Wall Streeters only read the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Harvard Law Review*. Now they have to read the *New York Review of Books* and "Fenno" to know what's really going on. How else will they know what progressive law students are thinking when they come to interview?"

"Right Bunky," I added. "And now they have to answer questionnaires probing into their innermost secrets. Why, even Ralph Nader couldn't find out what made law firms tick."

"I wouldn't worry about it, Fenno. When those smart corporate and tax lawyers finish with those questionnaires, the answers will read like an article in the *Law Review*. They haven't been drawing up estate plans all their lives for nothing."

"Sure, Bunky. And have you noticed how all the firms send somebody from their litigation department to do the interviewing. That "where were you on the night before the torts exam?" is a real subtle way to find out if the 2L took the pass-fail option or not. After going through some of those interviews, I think I'd rather take my chances as a prosecution witness facing F. Lee Bailey."

After that, Bunky and I left the RECORD and began to walk towards the Hark when I tripped over a rug lying outside Story Hall. I tried to remember what I was doing on the night before my torts exam.

"Say Bunky," I said trying to figure out where the pain was coming from, made all the worse because Harvard is a charitable institution. "Don't the new dorms look great since they've put in carpeting and blinds? It's really worthy of Gropius now."

"Is that who designed the new dorms, Fenno? He really did a nice job on the Howard Johnson's, too."

"But it really was a good idea to put in the carpeting. Now it won't be such a big jump to the three-foot pile rugs on Wall Street, questionnaires or no questionnaires."

Letters to the Editor of the RECORD

Pass-Fail, Immature Students Disapproved

To the Editor:

I have noted the dispute over the Harvard grading system and the apparent victory of the Pass-Fail students with strong disapproval. I have also noted the quotation from Professor Field in the September 25th LAW RECORD which implies that everybody who graduates from Harvard is going to be a first grade lawyer whether he does an outstanding job or barely squeaks by.

The statements that have been made by the students would indicate that they lack the maturity to stand up to the realities of everyday life. Society is competitive, whether in law, science, religion or social service, and the bland assumption that competition is evil is just not so. Competition, when pursued in the light of proper ethical standards, advances society and brings out the best in the individual.

The assumption that everybody who graduates from Harvard is potentially a superior lawyer is the height of academic arrogance.

My impression is that the law school is no longer a law school but rather

is being used as an instrument for the teaching of abstract jurisprudence and social reform. If this is so, it seems to me that we should set up two institutions; the Harvard Law School to train lawyers to carry on the practice of law and to benefit society in their way, and another school, let us say the Harvard School For The Study of Jurisprudence and Abstract Social Reform, to train those who are interested in these subjects and are either not interested or not capable of carrying on the normal and necessary business of the outside world.

Arthur J. Riggs '40

Nader Chided for Criticism of Law School

To the Editor:

Your October 2 report of Mr. Ralph Nader's recent talk makes one wonder whether Mr. Nader is getting a bit paranoid. He evidently feels that a sinister exterior force foisted certain "assumptions" and "priorities of legal education" upon his generation of law students. He identified this force as "law firms." This mechanism is familiar to any of your readers with even a smattering of psychiatry.

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Justice in Chicago

Law Notes

Opposition is growing to the Murphy Amendment, which would allow a governor veto power over the funding of any OEO legal services program in his state. American Bar Association President Bernard Segal has condemned the Amendment, and the ABA Board of Governors unanimously adopted a resolution opposing it as constituting oppressive interference with the independence of lawyers for the poor and as depriving the poor of that representation readily available to the affluent.

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The nomination of Judge Clement Haynsworth to the U.S. Supreme Court has also come into more opposition. The American Trial Lawyers Association adopted a resolution strongly urging "withdrawal" or "disapproval" of the nomination on the basis of a poll of certain of its members. Of those responding, 79.29 per cent believed that the nomination should be withdrawn or disapproved; 26.71 per cent felt that the nomination should be approved.

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Results of the Law Firm Questionnaire, to which now approximately 75 firms have replied, are now available in the Placement Office for students' inspection.

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Yes, Virginia. Moratorium is spelled with a "u".

Javits to Speak

By November 10 we'll all know who the new mayor of New York is, and the Harvard Law School Forum is presenting Senator Jacob Javits of New York on that date to speak on the effects of the election.

Javits, whose topic will be "The New York Election—its impact on: the Republican Party, the Cities, the Nation," will speak at 8:30 p.m. in Lowell Lecture Hall. Tickets are available at the Coop or at the door for \$1.25.

Elected to the Senate in 1957 after serving as a congressman and New York's Attorney General, Javits is one of the most liberal members of the Republican Party.

The program will be moderated by Professor Adam Yarmolinsky.

Student Chairman Writes About Aid Budget

To the Editor:

As student co-chairman of the Financial Aids Committee I feel that your recent coverage of the financial aids situation (See RECORD, Oct. 23 and 30) has been helpful in bringing our Committee's deliberations to the attention of the Law School community and in providing another focus on the budgetary questions that are of such great concern to students and parents alike.

During the last week our Committee has considered the recommended financial aids budget in the article by Terry Liverman and Larry Pressler (See RECORD, Oct. 30) item by item. I wish to inform you of the following *proposed* changes in the budget for the coming year. First, the medical fee will be shown as \$120. This figure has been used in determining awards since the rate increased following the printing of the 1969-70 brochure.

Second, an adjustment should be made in our \$140.00 annual budget for books and educational supplies for second year students who have the most courses per year and often the most expensive books as well. We propose that second year budgets will allow \$170.00. First and third year budgets will remain at \$140.00, however, since that figure usually allows a student to buy each of his required text books new, to allocate some twenty-five dollars each to mimeographed materials and to educational supplies, and to have money left over for hornbooks or other study aids.

In addition, the student is usually able to buy some books used or to resell some books if he wishes. Further, we are informed that the library will have a larger supply of hornbooks next year to help the student who chooses not to buy more than the required materials.

Third, we conclude that the room and board figure should be raised from \$1215.00 to \$1315.00. The two categories are lumped together in our budget since we figure that off-campus living often results in higher per capita rents, but lower per capita food costs as compared to dorm living.

Fourth, we conclude that the \$500.00 per year allocation for "other expenses" should be raised to \$600.00 per year. Admittedly this figure falls some \$250.00 per year short of your enumerated list of other real costs. The committee does not feel that any one of the expenditures on your list would of itself be unreasonable. We do feel, however, that different students will be able to reduce different expenditures below those on your list, though we would not necessarily expect any one student to stay below each of them. We like, therefore, to treat "other expenses" as a group and allow the individual student to make his personal allocation.

Further, with your enumeration how do we treat a student who does not have a typewriter to service? Should the law school finance a newspaper or magazine subscription (even to the RECORD) when the publication is available in the Law School Library? I raise these questions not to attack any individual suggestion as unreasonable, but rather to demonstrate why the Committee prefers the lump sum treatment.

Further, your allocation raises touchy questions that may be avoided by the lump sum figures. For instance, I question whether it is appropriate for the law school to finance "gifts to

friends and family — \$25.00." This does not imply that I disapprove of such gifts, but rather that I question if law school tuition and alumni contributions should finance them.

Finally, I wish to explain that this budget is not meant to be a maximum reasonable budget. Rather, it is meant to be a budget that will allow a student at the Law School to complete his year of studies without unnecessary financial pressures. I think that it truly accomplishes that purpose.

Of course, I would like to see the Law School provide more money to those students with need since we are admittedly a long way from the upper bounds of a reasonable budget. But the financial aid program is under great financial stress just to maintain its ability to assure adequate aid to every student on the basis of need and regardless of grade average or other criteria. At this juncture this financial pressure precludes raising the budget above this admittedly stringent budget.

I wish we had more money to grant and I again ask the alumni to increase their support of our financial aids program. I share your desire to see this adequate budget become more liveable.

Marc Glass, 3L

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Having entered the Law School in 1959, I knew the phenomenon Mr. Nader decries, but I would suggest that the assumptions and priorities he discusses were not foisted upon the students, but came with them when they entered Langdell. Law school was not then a haven from the draft, but a way to learn a craft.

Most of my fellow students were aware of the differences in law schools, and came to Harvard because it was the best trade school, opening up the best prospects for economic success in the trade, e.g., Wall Street. I suspect that slightly different breeds went to Yale for more liberal and philosophic legal education, and to other schools that will remain nameless to get through local bar exams so as to milk the public. Each school tended to perpetuate its students' preconceptions by loading its faculty with alumni, and they were not likely to change the system in which they were raised.

Mr. Nader can scarcely deny that this has changed in the years since we

left Cambridge, and that more changes are coming. I agree with him that the basic trend of these changes appears beneficial. I would note, however, that this trend started with the new generation of law students, and springs from the radically different perspectives and preconceptions they are bringing to the law schools. The fault, Mr. Nader, was not in our stars, but in ourselves; we got what we were looking for. The New Breed, looking for something else, seems to be getting it, too. Perhaps you got religion a few years too late.

Thomas Lombard L '62
LL.B., U. of Pennsylvania '63

Grad Appeals For Used Books

To the Editor:

I direct this appeal to all those at Harvard who find that their law books, old and new, have ceased being "relevant." The solution I propose is to send them to Robert Hilgendorf, P. O. Box 767, Chinle, Arizona.

I am presently working as an attorney for Dinebeiina Nahiilna Be Agaditahe, Inc., an O.E.D. legal services program on the Navajo Reservation. The use to which the books will be put is the training of five Navajos who are serving on our staff as "counselors" in the theory and practice of Anglo-American law, so that they can assist their Navajo speaking clients in a variety of legal matters.

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Groups to Provide Assistance for Inmates

By John York

Four Law School organizations propose initiating a project to help Massachusetts prisoners with their legal problems, according to Harvard Voluntary Defenders' spokesman Chuck R. Hollen 2L.

If full approval for the joint project can be obtained from the Massachusetts Department of Correction, the Harvard Voluntary Defenders, the Center for the Advancement of Criminal Justice, the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau and the Harvard Community Legal Assistance Office will gather research data as well as provide the prisoners with free legal assistance.

"The idea for the project grew from reports we and others here had received from prisoners in the state—for example, that they had been wrongfully disciplined by supervisors or that they weren't allowed to send mail out," Hollen said.

Although the groups are presently operating together on an *ad hoc* basis, an eleven-page tentative-proposal report has been drawn up which confirms that prison inmates do indeed have a wide variety of problems for which they need legal assistance.

"We know that prisoners have criminal problems," stated Bruce R. Jacob, a Research Associate in the Center for the Advancement of Criminal Justice. "The Voluntary Defenders would work on these—post-conviction collateral attacks, detainer cases, and the like—providing legal advice and preparing any necessary writs."

"There is no question about it," Jacob added, "a lot of criminals have been illegally convicted. Just how many is one of the things which we hope to find out."

Inmates also have a wide variety of domestic legal prob-

lems, involving possible legal actions for divorce, child custody and support. The Legal Aid Bureau and CLAO would handle these civil problems of the inmates if they haven't the resources to hire counsel, as few of them do.

On the other hand, the Center is primarily interested in the research aspect of the project. If the results of the projected "research inventory" reveal the existence of large-scale unmet needs, such findings could be used by legislative bodies, legal aid agencies, law schools and correctional departments throughout the country in determining whether and to what extent to become involved in providing legal assistance to inmates.

Programs in Operation

According to the report, existing programs already established at a number of institutions are presently fulfilling discerned needs there. Student programs are operating at the following institutions:

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Law School), Kansas State Correctional Institution (U. of Kansas Law School), U.S. Penitentiary at Atlanta (Emory U. Law School), U.S. Penitentiary at Lewisburg (U. of Penna. Law School), Federal Correctional Inst., Milan, Mich. (U. of Mich. Law School), U.S. Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind., (U. of Ind. Law School), Federal Correctional Inst., Terminal Island, Cal. (UCLA Law School), Connecticut State Prison, Somers (U. of Conn. Law School), Montana State Prison (U. of Mont. Law School), South Carolina State Correctional Inst., (U. of S. C. Law School), Indiana State Prison (Notre Dame Law School), Utah State Prison (U. of Utah Law School), Georgia State Prison (U. of Ga. Law School), Arkansas State Prison (U. of Ark. Law School), Tennessee State Prison (Vanderbilt Law School), Wyoming State Prison (U. of Wyo. Law School), Minnesota State Correctional Inst. (U. of Minn. Law School), Wisconsin State Correctional Inst. (U. of Wis. Law School), Texas State Correctional Inst. (U. of Tex. Law School).

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On about October 10 I am sending every Coop member a copy of the proposed revisions to the by-laws, a supplement explaining the revisions, and a ballot. The editorial in the September 27 edition of the *Harvard Crimson*, reprinted below, sums up the situation exactly. I urge every Coop member to cast a ballot.

MILTON P. BROWN President, Harvard Cooperative Society
Professor of Retailing
Harvard Business School

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Brass Tacks

Coop Reform

LAST YEAR'S nearly successful coup at the Coop is beginning to yield results. Next month Coop members will have the chance to approve some long-overdue revisions in the Coop's by-laws. If at least 25 per cent of the members bother to return their ballots, the structure of the Coop can become more representative of the membership and open to future improvements.

The main changes proposed by a committee of the board of directors and already approved by the ten stockholders encompass:

- Democratizing the stockholders and board of directors to give students half the seats on each.
- Replacing the annual meeting with an election by mail.
- Allowing any member to run for the board if he can get a petition with 100 member signatures.

The amendments also implement a proportional voting system in which students will vote for student candidates and non-students (alumni, officers, employees) vote for non-students. Voting by mail with proportional representation will safeguard the Coop from a sudden takeover by a small number of members, while offering a way for minorities to have representatives on the board.

If no one petitions to be a candidate or if at least five per cent of the members don't vote, then, as

before, all bets are off and the stockholders' nominations automatically take office. Even if nobody cares enough to run for an office this year, the structure will at least be there for the future.

The amendments offered by the Coop shift virtually all decision-making power from the stockholders, who are self-appointed, to the directors, who would more than ever represent the membership. The directors instead of the "trustee" stockholders would set the rebate rate, for example. While continuing to hold the 500 shares of Coop stock in trust, the stockholders will become no more than a nominating board for the directors.

If the Coop is ever going to change, now is its chance. To approve any amendment affecting the relationship between management and membership at least 25 per cent of the members must vote. Last fall about a thousand members expressed interest in changing the Coop; this fall at least fifteen thousand have to react. The management plans to publicize the changes widely and to allow voting by mail. Only about 30 per cent of Harvard's alumni ever bother to vote for the Board of Overseers.

NO MATTER what happens to the by-law proposals, the Coop is working to push the rebate back up. The rates this year have slipped again to 5.5 per cent for charge and 7.5 per cent for cash. Because of a new charge arrangement with Harvard Trust, the Coop will now be able to cut billing expenses.

No one has to use the new Coop-CAP cards. Cash business will continue as usual, but anyone wishing to charge will now receive a monthly bill from the bank, listing Coop expenditures and any charges at stores honoring CAP. Since the bank is now handling all billing and immediately reimbursing the Coop for all charges, the Coop will give a rebate on all purchases, even ones not paid within a month.

Harvard Trust will have a tougher credit policy than did the Coop, but no tougher than the Coop planned for itself this fall. Because of the high cost of money the Coop was planning to tighten credit and tack a 1.5 per cent interest charge on overdue bills.

The new system, therefore, offers a chance for students to establish credit and for the Coop to cut expenses. The Coop's increased profits will flow back to members, which, after all, is what a cooperative society is all about. — ALAN S. GEISMER JR.

If you do not receive a ballot in the mail, please stop at any Coop store cashier's counter and pick up a ballot.

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Ballots must be in by Nov. 7th!

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Sports Briefs

By Jim Schuyler

Intramural football will enter a new phase next week. The winners of each league will compete in the first championship round. As the tournament for each individual league title nears an end, the leading contenders have emerged after a long administrative struggle to compile the scores and standings.

The game of the week involves the battle for first place in the "A" league between unbeaten rivals Noah's Lark and The Back Benchers. The winner will represent the division against the "C" league champ. There was no contest in the "B"

league as Justus Black took the league crown. They were 5-0 as of last week.

The Younger Degeneration appears to be headed for the title as they remain undefeated in the "C" league. A race may shape up in the "D" division since there are a number of games left to be played due to rainouts. The Crimson Swine remains the league leader.

The first championship round, "A" vs. "C" and "B" vs. "D", begins next week. The championship play-off follows in two weeks, so that the entire football season will end before Thanksgiving.



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Furthermore, programs are being established at other schools. And seven yet-unmentioned schools have programs which provide research and advice to prisoners through correspondence although these projects are not affiliated with any one prison or correctional system. In the latter category has been the Voluntary Defenders.

Like the extant programs, the tentatively-christened "Harvard Prisoner Legal Assistance Project" will attempt to: (1) clarify prisoners' misconceptions about the law, (2) reduce — via prudent advice and careful drafting — the workload of officials and judges, and (3) aid the rehabilitation of inmates by removing their preoccupation with legal questions.

Uncounseled prisoners have a great many misconceptions about the law. The joint-organization report states that in a recent study of writs which had been prepared and filed by inmates of the Florida State Prison without the help of counsel every writ in the sample of 170 contained one or more misconceptions of law. The report adds that it is probable that some of these misconceptions cause resentment toward and distrust of courts and the legal system.

Secondly, correctional officials, court clerks and judges have commented that much of their time is wasted in processing the chaotic papers of prison inmates. By screening potentially frivolous writs and improving the quality of those filed in behalf of those having meritorious grounds for relief, a prison legal aid program can probably reduce substantially the costs to the state in terms of time spent by these officials, according to the report.

Thirdly, prison legal aid programs may aid rehabilitation of inmates by counseling them on the marital and other domestic problems, financial matters, and those other outstanding problems which make it difficult for prisoners to concentrate on the vocational and educational programs available within the institution. The report concludes that elimination or alleviation of anxiety resulting from unresolved legal

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office explaining the faculty resolutions, the new grading options, and again asking interviewers not to inquire about grades.

In the letter, Field said that, "This option arrangement is tentative and experimental. We consider it of prime importance in evaluating its success that prospective employers not ask for grades in connection with summer employment between the second and third years. It was considered unwise formally to ask students not to reveal their grades to employers. It is our earnest hope, however, that employers will do nothing to encourage such voluntary disclosure or draw any

adverse inference against the student who does not volunteer his grades." (See RECORD, Sept. 25).

Students also claimed, Prof. Field says in his notice to interviewers, that "some interviewers say in some form of words that evaluation is difficult in the absence of grades." The students complain that this is intended to induce disclosure of grades. Field writes that, "We believe that this type of statement is contrary to the spirit of the Faculty action and urge interviewers not to make such statements or otherwise to do anything to encourage voluntary disclosure of grades."

Field told the RECORD that "a fair number," possibly ten or

more, students have come in to make such complaints and that this is enough to indicate there is a recurring problem because these students told him of others who had similar complaints.

However, Field is confident that the firms will take note of the problems his notice deals with. "I refuse to believe that they will deliberately go against the rules."

Still, there are many grey areas where an interviewer may ask a perfectly innocent question, such as whether the student has anything more to add, and the student may interpret that to mean that the student's grades are desired.

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problems may create a better frame of mind for the inmate.

But at least two steps remain before the Massachusetts penal system may avail itself of these benefits: the project must be approved by the Massachusetts Department of Correction and — if that — then information needs to be obtained which will enable the legal-aid aspect of the project to anticipate the kinds of cases and volume of work which can be expected later, according to Jacob.

"The joint program would be

run as a pilot project for a semester," Hollen stated. "We plan to have from eight to fifteen students initially, part drawn from the participating organizations and part from 1Ls and 2Ls who we hope will volunteer for the remaining open places."

The students would provide as complete a service as possible to the inmates, including everything that a retained attorney can do, such as interviewing, counselling, research, drafting pleadings and representing inmates in court (to the extent allowed by law). If an

inmate sought counsel, did not have an attorney and could not afford one, his application would be forwarded to the Harvard group, the report outlined.

"We are also trying to find a large Boston law firm which would wish to take on the program as an action project with social value," Hollen added. "This would diminish the heavy burden of manpower and advice-giving falling on the shoulders of students and professors at the Law School, as well as provide the program with other benefits."

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The lawyers are: Florence Kennedy, the key drafter of abortion reform legislation for the state of New York; Diane Sulder; Anne Garfinkle; and Carol Lefcourt. The latter three are members of

the Lawyers' Commune in New York.

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