



HLS Alumni Association Names New President

By Todd Hartman

Wesley Samuel Williams, Jr. '67, a partner with the Washington, D.C. law firm of Covington & Burling since 1975, has been elected president of the Harvard Law School Alumni Association. He becomes the first African-American to serve in that post in the 106 year history of the Association.

In a long anticipated move, Williams assumed the position effective June 5, 1992 from his former post as First Vice President. As the Association begins its annual meetings this Friday, September 25 in the newly renamed Lewis Center (formerly ILS), the first building on the Harvard campus named for an African-American, the increasing diversity of the alumni and the student body at HLS impresses Williams with a sense of optimism and pride.

"I think it's great. I'm always happy to make it clear that African-Americans can do any bloody thing they want to do, that there are those types of opportunities," said Williams. "I hope I inspire more African-Americans to follow and try to serve the profession."

The HLS Alumni Association, with 30,000 members worldwide, was formed in 1886 "to advance the cause of legal education, to promote interests and increase the usefulness of Harvard Law School, and to promote mutual acquaintance and good fellowship among graduates." Williams hopes to add his own spin to these traditions, particularly in preparing graduates for the rigors of the current job market.

"While the school has its concerns, there is right now a special interest of the alumni. The rosy picture being painted by the alumni is not being experienced by a great many in our profession," Williams explained. "These are very, very difficult times for people in our profession. In such times we have to worry about competing ethically."

Williams hopes to utilize alumni in working with HLS faculty in preparing students for the ethical dilemmas that come from having to compete for clients by telling them what they want to hear rather than what they have to hear.

"I would like to form a close relationship between the Association and Professor Wilkins and others instructing on the Legal Profession because there are thousands of professionals out there who have dealt with the problem over and over again," he continued.

With regard to more current struggles at HLS between students and faculty, Williams offered his support for the

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Members of the class of '95

Council Elections: Backdrop for Battle

By Greg Stohr

Due to suggestions of possible tampering, the Law School Council considered on Monday a decision of its Executive Committee to extend the deadline for candidate statements for fall Council elections.

Because the Council adjourned before reaching any decision on the extensions, the statement deadline will be extended to today, Friday, Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m. for all Council candidates. Elections will be held next week.

In a polarized debate, supporters of the extension said that, in light of the unexplained disappearance of at least two candidate statements, the fact that the LLMs were not informed, and the lack of any statements from Section 4, the deadline should be extended to

ensure that all prospective candidates have an opportunity to enter the race.

"I suspect tampering," Derek Honore '93 said. "It just stinks to me. At least two people said they put their statement in (Council Administrative Vice-President Raul Perez's '94) box, and it wasn't in Raul's box. I think that should be enough for any reasonably intended person to really worry that something is going on."



Hank Fincher

Fellow councilmember Hank Fincher '94, who had requested the emergency session of the Council, said the extension was unfair to those candidates who had submitted their statements on time. He suggested that political motives actually were underlying the deadline-extension efforts.

"I think it's just a trumped-up issue," Fincher said of the

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Mnookin: Mnew Kid on the Block

Negotiation Project Adds New Face; Hangs On To Traditional One

By Todd Hartman

The Harvard Negotiation Project, the first and still the largest academic center for alternative dispute resolution, had a conflict of its own to resolve recently. Founding director and active professor, Roger Fisher was being forced into "emeritus" status by the HLS policies, just when curriculum and faculty needs were at their highest. At the same time, HLS tenure standards demanded a more conventional scholar for a field of study already criticized as being too

"untraditional."

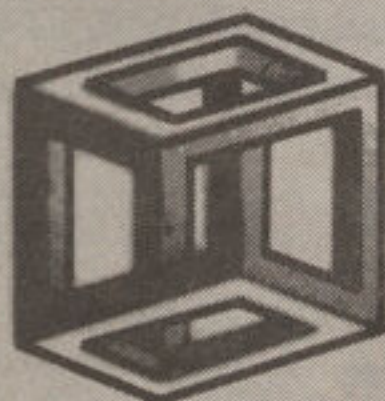
Enter Professor Robert H. Mnookin '68, perhaps the only person capable getting all parties to "yes." As current director of the Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation, Mnookin comes with the academic and professional credentials to satisfy the gatekeepers of excellence on the faculty appointments

committee and the progressively paced directors of the Negotiation Project.

"Every major law school is now looking for someone to teach negotiation and alternative dispute resolution, and they can't find any that meet their academic standards," said Bruce Patton '84, Deputy Director of the Harvard Negotiation Project. "We need faculty desperately because a lot of our curriculum needs are not being met."

Because of his respected academic background, HLS was more than happy to obtain Mnookin as only the third full professor at HLS specializing in negotiation.

"He's a much more traditional scholar. He goes out and does empirical research, interviews people, writes law review articles, a lot of things we do sometimes, but not as often," explained Patton. For example, Mnookin is the author of *Bargaining In the Shadow of the Law*, honored by the Yale Law



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Are changes afoot at the Negotiation Project?

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The Class of '95

Various Paths
to Law School

The Admissions
Scramble

By April Rockstead

By Glennis Gill

To those who envision Harvard Law School students as tedious, myopic academics, the Class of '95 poses a challenge: Think again.

According to information from the Law School Admissions Office, this year's entering class includes a former television actress, a New York City police officer, a long-time minister, medical doctors, and peace corps volunteers, among others.

Debra J. Dickerson, a former U.S. Air Force intelligence officer who hails from St. Louis, is one of many 1Ls whose personal horizons extend far beyond the dusty jackets of hoary tomes.

"I saw the world," Dickerson said of her 12 years with the Air Force. "I had a great time. I met every type of people you could imagine."

Prior to becoming an officer, Dickerson served as a Korean linguist for the Air Force, stationed in South Korea. Most recently, she was the chief of U.S. military intelligence for the U.S. General in Turkey during the Persian Gulf War.

In addition to briefing the general and other military personnel about potentially dangerous developments in the region during the war, Dickerson was

Getting into Harvard Law School is an ordeal for most, a life's ambition for some, and an honor for all. The five hundred and fifty-eight 1Ls who have just entered the Law School were selected by the Admissions Committee from 6500 applicants.

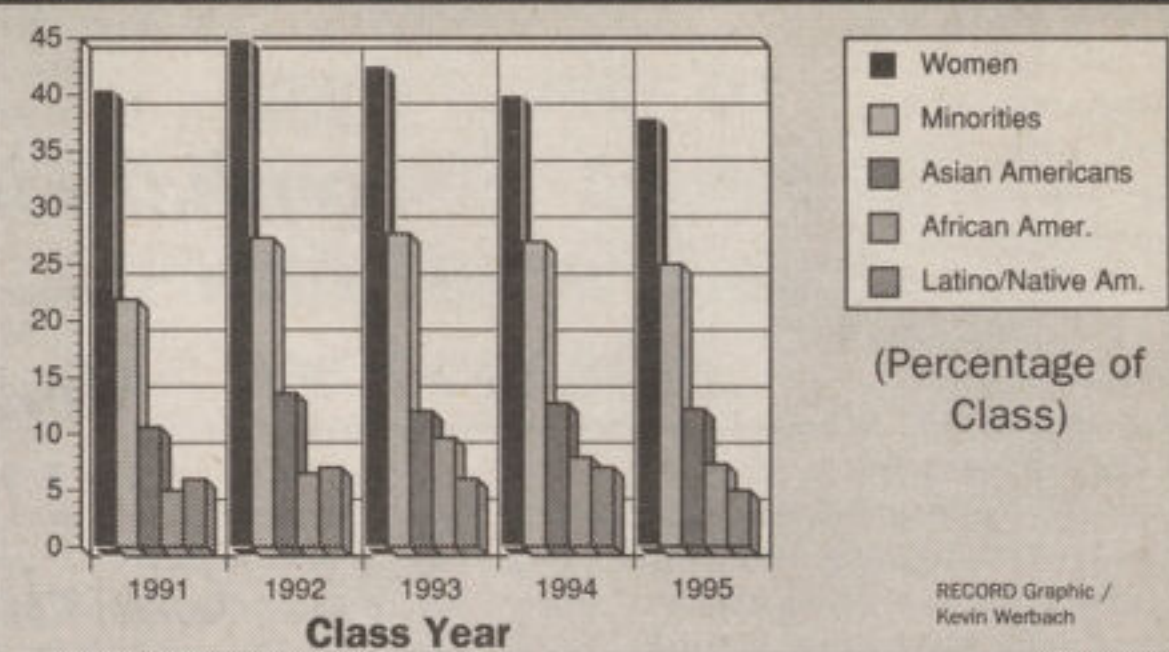
Although the number of applications was quite large, there were actually about one thousand fewer than last year. Joyce Curll, Dean of Admissions, speculates that "part of the reason for the decrease is that the numbers of applications were artificially up over the past two to three years. . . I think it bears some relationship to the score scale on the LSAT."

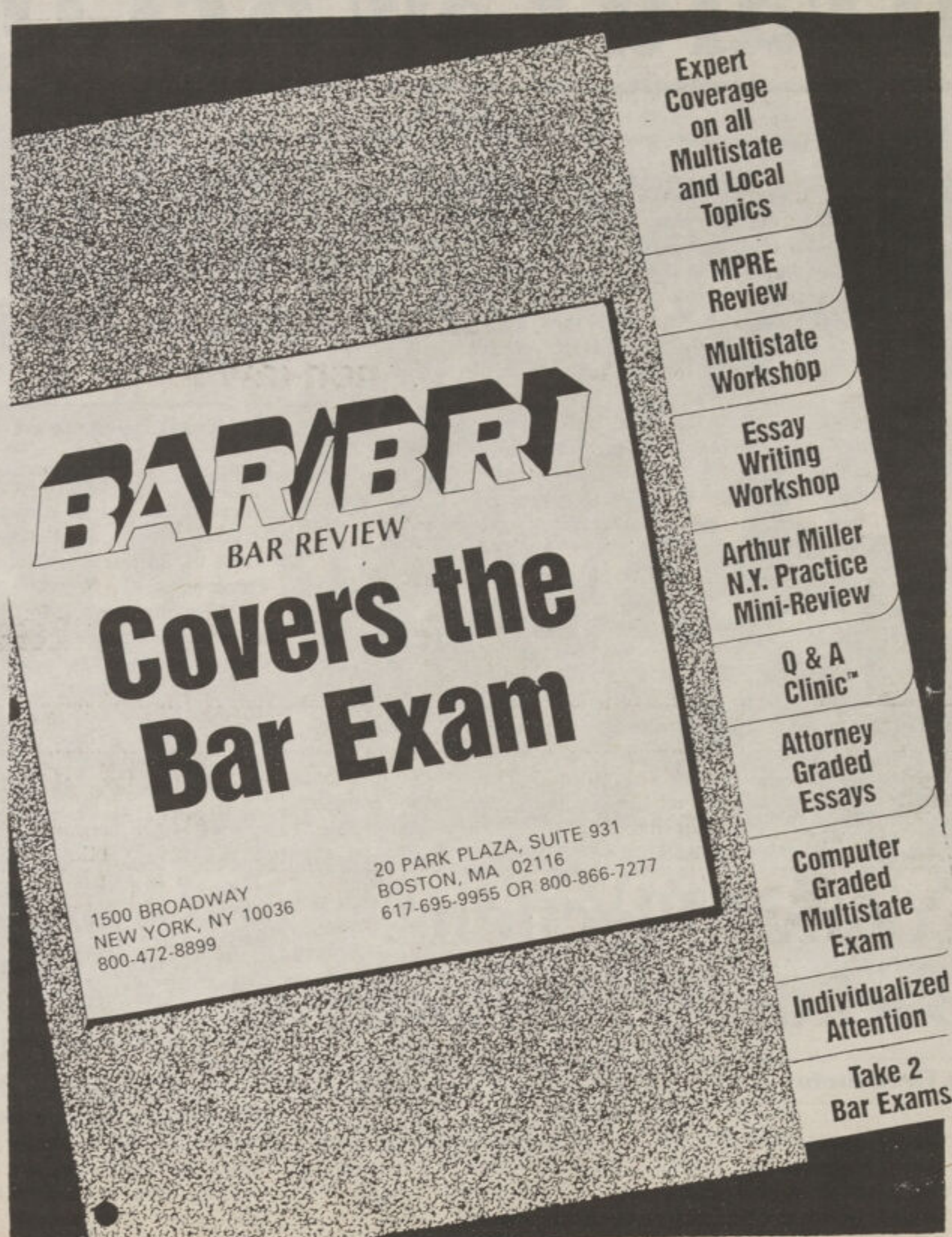
She explains that the previous scale resulted in lots of "48s," and this may have made people assume they could get into the Law School. Now that the test has been calibrated better, with a scale ranging from 120-160, fewer students get a "perfect" score and thus a smaller number apply whose only chance for admission rests on their LSAT score. Curll points out that the Committee looks at many variables, and that meant that only about one-third of the "48s" who applied were admitted.

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HOW THIS YEAR'S CLASS STACKS UP





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Placement Looks at the Roads Less Travelled

By Lisa Zornberg

Recognizing that at Harvard Law School not everyone wants to be a lawyer, last week the Offices of Career Services and Student Life Counseling kicked off a brown bag lunch series directed at students interested in pursuing non-law careers.

"Every year," explained Mark Byers, Director of the Office for Student Life Counseling, "we see a number of students with career plans that are a little off the beaten path; and others who realize: 'Oh my god! I love law school, but I don't want to practice law.'"

Traditionally, the Law School has not been a very useful resource in finding non-law jobs. While HLS boasts a phenomenal job placement record in the legal profession, it is admittedly less helpful to students who deviate from the straight and narrow. "I didn't find any encouragement or information on non-law careers," declared Andy Saperstein '93, who is currently investigating job opportunities in management consulting. "But it's a law school, so I suppose you have to expect that."

The Wednesday series will try to fill this gap by featuring speakers from a broad range of non-law careers, who have all utilized law degrees to their professional advantage. "Last year," Byers recalled, "we sponsored the World of Law Panel on nonlegal careers, which was well attended. But we thought it would be more helpful to customize the program, and to make it more intimate by holding

small workshops and luncheons."

The program will be most helpful for those questioning whether they want to become lawyers. According to Byers, it is difficult to say how many students possess these "heretical leanings." Statistics indicate that as many as 12% of HLS graduates are in non-law careers, and one of the goals of the new program, asserted June Thompson, Director of the Office of Career Services, is to "test how real that interest is" on campus.

While Thompson recognizes that some students discover midway that law is not for them, she is "baffled by people who come here knowing they are not interested in practicing law." Byers agrees, asserting, "The general assumption about law being a versatile degree is questionable. It is one of the myths of the profession that lawyers have access to influential positions in society by virtue of their legal background, when in fact the law is a specialized degree."

Students who came to HLS contemplating alternative career plans disagree. Johanna Davis '94, who is planning a career in journalism and spent this past summer working for ABC News in London, declared, "A law degree from Harvard resonates well everywhere. The name of the game in breaking into any field is impressing employers with your credentials." Saperstein concurs, "A law degree is a real asset. Employers often look for a way of thinking rather than technical training. I wouldn't have gotten a job at McKinsey & Co., Inc. (a

management consulting firm) this summer without it."

The brown-bag lunch series, which Saperstein calls "a great idea," focuses on

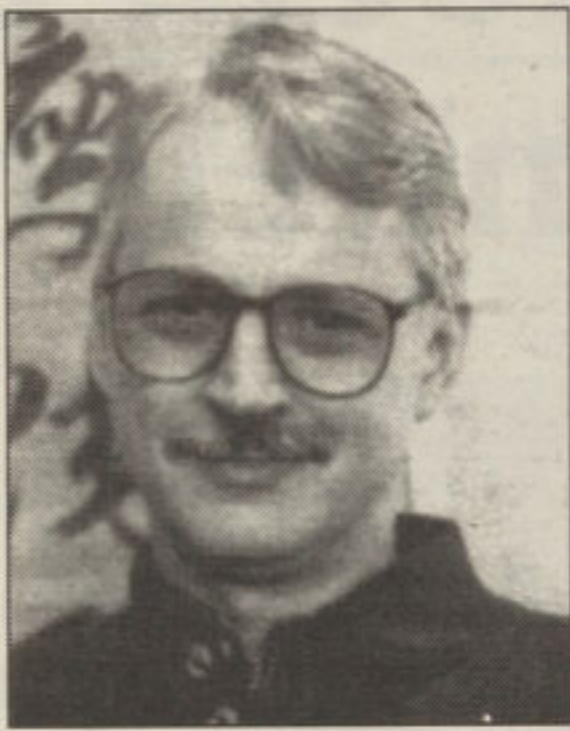
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these issues of when and how a legal degree can be useful in non-law professions. Margaret McKenna, President of Lesley College, led off the series on September 16, with a discussion of her

career pursuits as an attorney in educational administration.

Upcoming speakers include Adrienne Shishko, an HLS graduate who is now with the Green Century Capital Management Fund, and Connie Barnhart, an HLS graduate who works as a private consultant on international trade and U.S. investment in Eastern Europe. Barnhart will also discuss sources of support for women and minorities with entrepreneurial interests.

Byers and Thompson continue to solicit suggestions in choosing speakers who will particularly interest students. "If students don't like what lawyers do," Thomas declared, "we want to help them find something else."



Mark Byers

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one of a small group selected to debrief foreign hostages released from Iraq early in the conflict.

Dickerson completed her undergraduate degree in government and politics at the University of Maryland-College Park, and obtained a master's degree in international relations from St. Mary's University while in the Air Force.

In the interim between military service and law school, Dickerson worked for the Democratic National Committee in positions ranging from volunteer envelope stuffing to engineering campaign logistics for aides and candidates, most recently for Vice Presidential candidate Al Gore.

"It's not like we got to chat," Dickerson said of her contact with Gore, though she did get the opportunity to shoot the breeze with Tipper Gore on occasion.

Another 1L who spent his pre-law school years doing far more than scouring old LSATs is Raymond F. Staples, a 22-year-old from Dallas who created three successful businesses as a Washington University undergraduate.

The most complex of the businesses originally matched U.S. buyers with products in Eastern Europe — primarily in what was then Czechoslovakia — and vice versa. The company now provides financing and consulting services for investors interested in joint ventures in that area.

"I am a strong advocate of the free market system," said Staples, whose eventual goal is to use his business expertise to promote privatization and free enterprise around the world. "If you believe in freedom politically, concomitant with that is the freedom to pursue free enterprise."

Staples said that through innovative finance methods, he was able to launch his businesses with essentially no initial investment.

"I take a lot of risks, but one thing I don't like to do is lose money," he said.

Such varied pre-law school experiences provide many different lenses through which to view law school and lawyering in general.

Lisa Manshel, a 1986 graduate of Harvard College, who hails from New Jersey, is no exception. From production assistant for the movie "Dirty Dancing" to author of a nonfiction book chronicling the 10-month trial of a day care provider who was convicted of sexually abusing 20 children, her involvement in visual and print media provides many unique backdrops for viewing social issues.

"The phenomenon of child sexual

abuse is such a poorly understood phenomenon," Manshel said, "and yet I think it's at the heart of so many societal and personal dynamics."

1L and Montana native Matthew J. Ruppel said his interest in wrestling — culminating in a NCAA championship his junior year at Lehigh College in Pennsylvania — imparted values and lessons useful for philosophizing about law and life.

One such lesson was an instrumental way of looking at competition as a form of cooperation in which both parties to a contest work together to achieve personal betterment, he said, adding that American jurisprudence would do well to imitate that approach.

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Said Ruppel: "If we spend so much time focusing on an adversarial relationship, inevitably someone is going to lose and be unhappy — that whole approach is based on the wrong assumption."

Ruppel admits to being "terribly idealistic," but nonetheless avers that only by reassessing basic legal assumptions, rather than toying with minute, piecemeal alterations, can the legal system be improved.

"If a man loses a wrestling match because of a mistake in a certain technique, and all he does is go back and alter that one technique, he's going to continue to make that same mistake," Ruppel explained, "if he was in entirely the wrong position in the first place."

"I think the same thing happens in our legal system."

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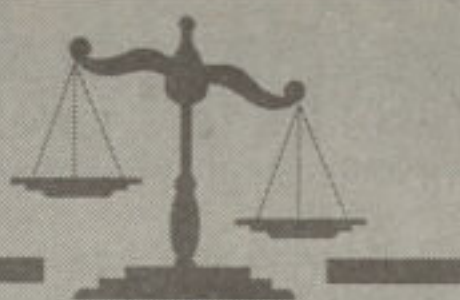
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Dormitory Broken Into Over the Weekend

A Wyeth Hall resident's quick thinking saved his suite-mate from being burglarized last Friday, September 18. An intruder had entered a suite on the third floor of the dorm and knocked on one resident's door. When the intruder realized that there was someone in that room but that the resident from another room in the suite was the person in the shower, the intruder entered the empty unlocked room. Within a few moments, the HLS student living behind the door which was originally knocked on came over and asked the intruder if he knew the room's resident. At this point, the intruder fled.

Marci Rothman '93, a resident assistant in Wyeth, explains that there were several similar break-ins last year. Each suite in Wyeth has 3 bedrooms and a bathroom, and since the doors do not lock automatically, residents often leave them unlocked when going to the shower, a fact which intruders seem to have figured out.

Harvard and Williams Named Best Colleges

For the third consecutive year, Harvard University is the top-ranked national university and for the second year in a row, Williams College was named the top national liberal arts school, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* sixth annual edition of "America's Best Colleges."

Harvard ranked at the top of the 204 national universities and Williams was number one among America's 140 national liberal arts schools. The 1,373 four-year schools included in the study (institutions with 200 or fewer students were excluded) were ranked according to a system that combined statistical data with the results of an exclusive *U.S. News* survey of academic reputations among 2,527 responding college presidents, deans and admissions directors, resulting in a record 62 percent response rate.

As in the past, the schools were divided into categories using the standard guidelines established by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. To simplify the groupings, *U.S. News* combined some smaller categories into larger units, and some larger categories were subdivided regionally. This produced 14 groupings of schools categorized by size, selectivity, types of degrees offered, dollar amount of campus research and region.

Yale Law Students Charged in Manhattan

A Yale Law School student, David Pardue, and an investment banker friend at Morgan Stanley, Jefferson Nutter, were charged early Saturday morning, September 19, in Manhattan with attempted murder after dozens of cinder blocks were thrown from a high-rise condominium on the Upper East Side, barely missing two police officers.

The blocks were thrown shortly after 4:30 a.m., forcing the two officers to hide behind a truck for about a half hour. The police believe they targeted the officers on the street, who were uniformed and on parking detail.

After the barrage ended, police officers spoke to the doorman who said he had noticed that an elevator had just gone from the 45th floor, the roof, which is supposedly closed after 11 p.m., to the 9th floor. Two officers walked along the 9th floor until they heard two men discussing the attack behind the door of apartment 9B. At first, the men refused to open the door, but they finally did and were arrested at 6:40 a.m. The two were charged with attempted murder, reckless endangerment, criminal mischief and criminal possession of a weapon.

Lucho, an Inspiration to Us All

Lucho Carrillo-Molina, an attorney with the Jamaica Plain Legal Services Center, passed away from AIDS-related complications on July 4, 1992.

Many HLS students had the privilege of working with Lucho. One of them, Heather Gold '93, comments that "Lucho didn't let the illness get him down — he just kept working. He was dedicated, ethical and really cared about the students. In addition, Lucho struck a good balance between teaching and helping his clients. He was a genuinely nice person who had high expectations for himself and his students."

Donations in Lucho's memory can be made to the Boston Living Center, Monday Night Dinners, 14 Clarendon Street, Boston.

Editor's Note: *I spent last Spring working at J.P. Although I never got a chance to know Lucho personally, he was an inspiration to me and all other students because he continued to persist and live his life to the fullest, even though the odds were stacked against him and his fate, unfortunately, sealed. He made the AIDS epidemic a reality for me. I will remember him and miss him.*

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Fewer Women and Ethnic Minorities in Class of '95

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One noticeable feature of the entering class is that only 38% are women, down from previous years. Curll explains that "the reason that there are fewer women isn't clear, but it is a phenomenon that seems to have taken place with many schools with which we compare notes." Columbia's entering class this year is only 36% women, Cornell 34%.

Of this year's applicants, only 39% were women, and, symmetrically, women comprise 39% of the students admitted, a statistic which Curll says is coincidental. For example, last year 40% of the applicants were women and 42% of the admitted students were women.

Curll has her own theory on the decrease in the number of women. She

believes that "the economy has played more of a role in women's undervaluing their potential for being admitted . . . women may be more likely to think that the cost/benefit of law school is much less favorable."

Like the percentage of women, the percentage of students identifying themselves as belonging to a minority group also decreased. Last year's entering class was 27% minorities, this year it's down to 25%. Of these 1Ls, 12.2% are African-American, 7.3% are Asian-American, and 5% are Latino or Native American.

The all important Admissions Committee is comprised of Curll, Sally Donahue, Todd Morton, Professors David Westfall, Charles Nesson and David Herwitz.

The Dean selects the Faculty who

serve on the Committee and the three faculty listed are expected to remain on the Committee this year. When asked whether last year's campus events influenced the selection criteria, Curll pointed out that the Committee remained unchanged and added "I don't have a sense that the Committee deals with liberal/conservative issues."

In explaining how the process works, Curll noted that when an application comes into HLS, either she, Donahue or Morton reads it. If an applicant shows promise for admission, the application is then circulated to a faculty member for further review. Last year, about two thousand advanced to faculty consideration, although all but about a thousand were reasonable candidates for admission. A portion of the class is admitted with just Curll and the one faculty reader "being sure this is a wonderful person." Others are read by more faculty.

Curll adds that "all applications get a full and fair reading. . . nobody gets admitted or denied without at least two people reading their application."

One difficulty in the process is that admissions are rolling. Curll points out that "keeping the same standard of consideration over several months really requires me and Todd Morton to monitor

the shape of the class and to watch that we're making decisions consistently throughout the year."

While the class reflects diversity in the number of schools and geographic regions represented, Harvard College has by far the largest contingent, with 79 out of 558. Yale comes in next with 46, Stanford sends 26, and Princeton 24. Brown, Berkeley, the University of Michigan, and the University of Pennsylvania each have 19, and there are 13 from Williams. The 1Ls come from a total of 146 colleges, and from 46 states, Puerto Rico, D.C., and 13 foreign countries.

New Alumni Association Chief

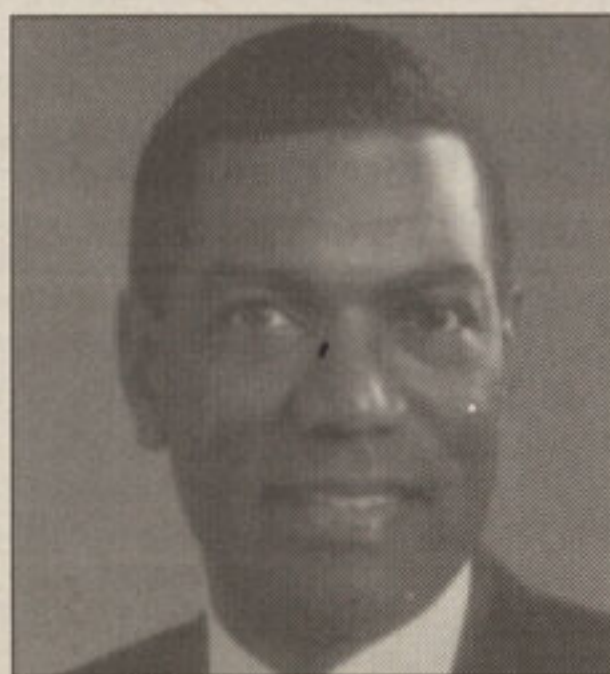
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Dean's efforts and some historical perspective.

"I think the perception of the alumni is that Dean Clark is a brilliant scholar, has done a wonderful job of fundraising and is personally popular with the alums," said Williams. "I think the case he makes, that he is earnestly and diligently trying to solve the current problems, is sincerely believed." As to the current level of controversy, Williams assures that he has experienced nothing else in his 29 year association with Harvard University.

"It's life, first of all," Williams offered to HLS students. "We can't agree on the

agenda and we can't agree what we should do about the individual. But hopefully through dialogue we can agree on an accord and if not an accord, then a deeper understanding. I bid the students to enjoy one another, rejoice in your diversity, and listen and learn from one another."



Wesley Williams '67

Williams graduated from Harvard College in 1963 and currently serves on the Harvard Alumni Board of Directors which selected current President Neil Rudenstine. Williams

received his L.L.M. from Columbia University Law School in 1969 and is currently and S.J.D. candidate at HLS.

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Haunting Advice From the Past

Poor Peter Cicchino '92. His aggressive but undeniably affable leadership is gone for less than five months, and already his words seem all but forgotten. While the Law School is trying to assimilate new students and put a fresh face on what all will admit was an ugly Spring, our purported student leaders have chosen to put us right back where we left off.

Last spring, Peter offered what I still consider the best reason for a change in the HLS administration. In an open letter asking Dean Clark to resign, which ran in our April 17 issue, the saged pundit of the campus admonished "In a community torn by strife, persons identified with either extreme are unlikely to be good choices for leaders." My extremist friends on both sides of the political spectrum agreed with this wisdom. That is, until it applied to them.

Apparently, what is good for the faculty is not necessarily good for the students. How else could Marie-Louise Ramsdale and Mike Twomey be engaged in a battle both have termed as "petty" for the right to represent the students of HLS?

Understand that I do not question the leadership qualities of either of these two. At the same time, it cannot be questioned that both represent approaches to life at HLS which are less than wholly representative. As one of the "Griswold Nine," can Marie-Louise honestly deny that her convictions lie deeper than the vast majority of HLS students who, while respecting her right to protest, chose not to? And does Mike Twomey honestly believe that most of us think last years sit-in was nothing more than "public posturing" when we all packed into the Ames Courtroom to watch the fate of the "Griswold Nine?" Though strong and defensible, these viewpoints are nonetheless unrepresentative.

The fact is that both Twomey and Ramsdale have questioned the credibility of the the other's leadership on the Council and both are right. Make no mistake that both of these "leaders" have definite agendas which are diametrically opposed and have little or nothing to do with the concerns of most of us who, to our shame, failed to even vote in the last Law School Council election. Proof of these convictions is evidenced by the very fact that Twomey and Ramsdale seem determined to season the new 1Ls with yet another public war of acrimony, name-calling, and spite.

As the word of Peter continues: "The very presence of such persons in positions of power tends to convey an ongoing message of subordination to those of an opposing ideology and, accordingly, exacerbate the tensions in the community."

Amen.

Todd Hartman

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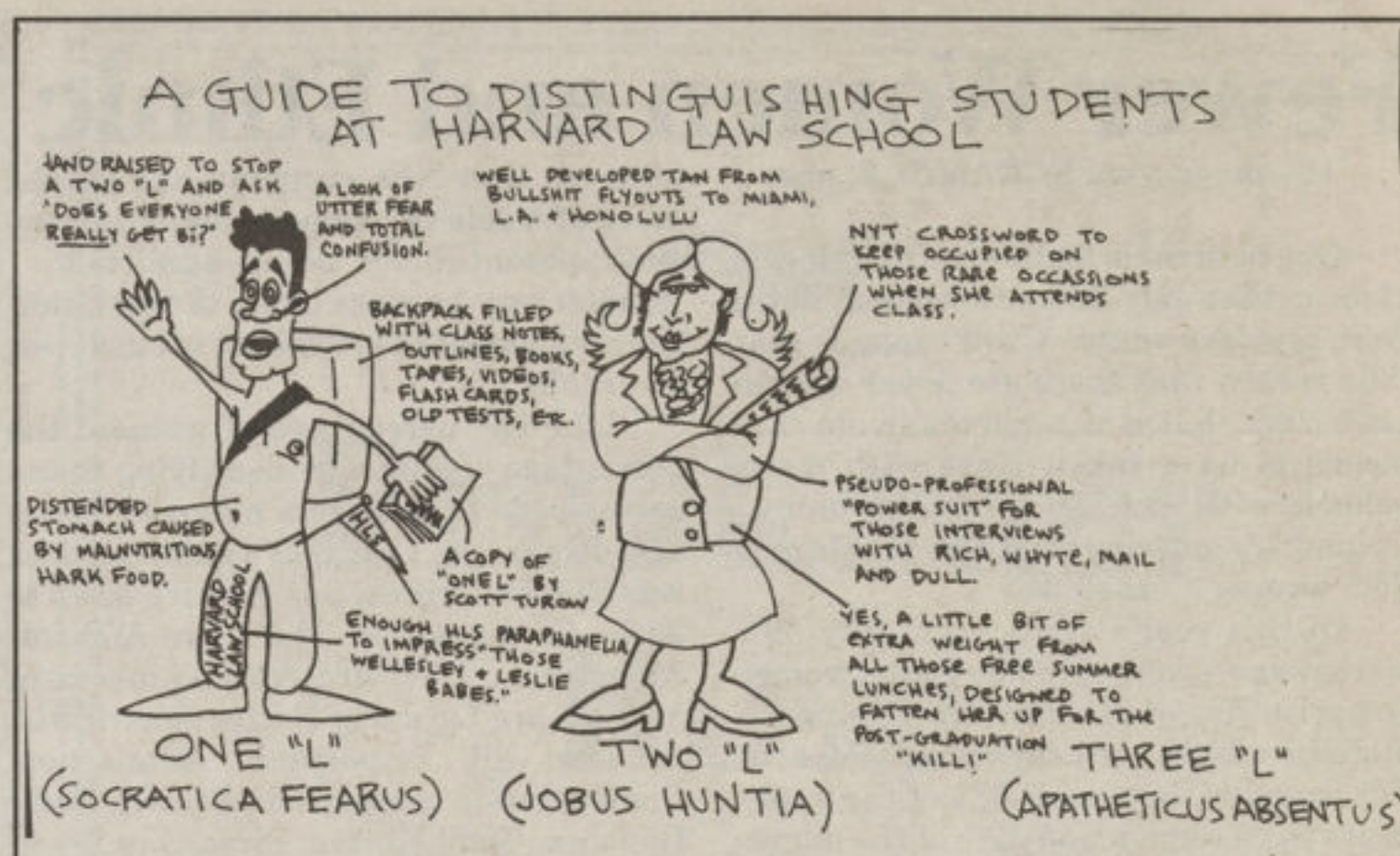
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Council Engages in Third World Politics

Marie-Louise Ramsdale, Law School Council president, and her puppet Executive Committee have perpetrated a fraud on the electoral

process as egregious as that of any Third World dictatorship. Unfortunately, this isn't Guatemala or Burma or Zaire. This is Harvard Law School.

We should know better.

Jim Bowen '93
September 22, 1992

Council Leadership Should Resign

On Monday night, I attended the now infamous Law School Council meeting. Besides being completely embarrassed to be a Harvard Law student, I also lost all faith in the leadership capabilities of the Council and those who control it.

What occurred on Monday evening was nothing more than a travesty of fairness. Marie-Louise Ramsdale and her cohorts preached their concern for the integrity and legitimacy of the Council, and then ran roughshod over the LSC Constitution. At every step, one or another of the ruling junta whispered the next move into Ramsdale's ear, while another person already had the floor. Chaos reigned as people politicked in the aisles for the parliamentary rule that they could bastardize to win this

battle.

I personally was told by one of the Council members that, as a non-member, I was being too divisive and he suggested that I ought to let the Council handle this itself. Looking past the easy objection that the Council obviously could not handle the problem, I was amazed and offended that one of our elected members, who purports to represent the student community, would request that I silence myself. In view of the miscarriage of procedure that was well underway, I would hardly be silenced. Nor should any student be silenced if they would like to express a concern or opinion in front of our esteemed Council.

In the end, the meeting was prematurely adjourned, with no resolution adopted.

Then, in a stretch of constitutional authority, Ramsdale announced, to the glee of her faithful, that her original decision would stand, despite the fact that it was made without a meeting of the Executive Committee and was not ratified by the Council.

Legitimacy? Integrity? Fairness?...Hardly. What happened to the notions of due process that we heard so much about during the trial of the Griswold Nine?

There is only one solution to the crisis which paralyzes the current Law School Council. For the good of the community, Ramsdale ought to do the honorable, and immediately resign her presidency.

Michael Sullivan '93
September 22, 1992

Petty, Spiteful Politics of Twomey & Co.

Michael Twomey's (former Law School Council President) remarks in "The Trial of the Griswold Nine" are those of a spiteful, discredited, and paranoid individual. Twomey postulates that the Law School Council has been discredited because students overwhelmingly elected

Marie-Louise Ramsdale, a white woman, and other people of color, all under the alleged control of the Coalition for Civil Rights. It's amazing that any Harvard student would even imply that any LSC representative elected through a democratic process would lack credibility or be considered illegitimate. Maybe Twomey believes that students should not select their own representatives, but instead, the Dean and the administration should hand-pick those individuals who they want to work with. In such a scenario, the Council would no doubt be comprised of white, male, sexist, homophobic, closet racists.

In addition, Twomey is under some false illusion that the LSC under his leadership (or lack thereof) was "poised to increase its responsibility and effectiveness." It's obvious that Twomey suffers from the same infirmities inflicting President Bush: convinced that all is dandy when disillusionment is rampant. The truth is, the LSC under Twomey was a body lacking credibility with students, void of any vision, and completely irrelevant to the administration. One need only to examine the number of actual and

threatened resignations under Twomey to understand the breadth of dissatisfaction with Twomey and his gang of status-quo puppets.

In contrast to Twomey's lame leadership, Marie-Louise Ramsdale has begun to restore the LSC's credibility. Already she led the effort to include a forum on diversity during 1L orientation, she organized a back-to-school unity jam, she played a significant role in creating the faculty-student appointments committee, she ensured that students will serve on the search committee to replace Dean Wald; and finally, she has begun to heal the wounds left from last year's strife.

Marie-Louise Ramsdale does have a vision — effective student advocacy. She refuses

to be a puppet for the administration. She shall succeed despite the effort of Twomey and his gang to discredit and "bully" her. If only students could have seen the immature and arrogant behavior of Twomey and his gang during the last LSC meeting, on Monday, September 21. They were intent on frustrating and disrupting her but to no avail.

I am confident that Ramsdale and her new administration will rise above Twomey's petty politics and provide leadership that Twomey only dreams of. Power to students!

Raul Perez '94
September 23, 1992

CORRECTION

Due to a production error, the final letter last week was inadvertently cut off.

The last paragraph should have read:

It's bad enough that the courts have handed down far-fetched judicial misinterpretations of the Massachusetts Constitution, which asserts that the right of enjoying liberty and acquiring property apply starting at birth. (Part the First, Art. I). Since those rights apply at birth, the Commonwealth had no right trying to impose a drinking age in the first place. But the Commonwealth doesn't even apply its blatantly unconstitutional statutes on non-alcoholic soft drinks. Readers should lodge complaints for illegal age discrimination under Massachusetts laws, whenever they see it.

Tom Alciere

BOTH SIDES

Law School Council Reeling in Turmoil

Petty Politics Have No Place in LSC

By Marie-Louise Ramsdale '93

Following Monday night's meeting of the Law School Council, I did a great deal of thinking regarding how the Council should proceed from here. It cannot continue as it has begun; the individual politics and agendas that many are bringing to Council meetings is making any real resolution of issues impossible. We have the opportunity to accomplish so much, but instead, we have been mired in petty politics that have no place in a legitimate student government.

I have thus taken several steps that I hope will move the Council forward as follows:

An ad-hoc committee has been established and charged with developing by-laws for the Council. Furthermore, the members of the committee, as a group, will be charged with issues of constitutional interpretation for the rest of this year. While past tradition has been that the administrative vice president interprets the constitution, given the emotions that are present on this year's Council, I feel that all will be more comfortable with a group of people addressing matters of constitutional interpretation. The Council members who have agreed to serve on this committee are Raul Perez, Chair, Alex Acosta, Enu Mainigi, and DeAnn Fairfield. They will begin meeting in

Marie-Louise Ramsdale is President of the Law School Council

the near future, and will of course welcome input from the entire Council as they begin their efforts.

The Executive Committee meetings will be held every other Wednesday night (the weeks the entire Council is not meeting) in the Hark at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are open to the entire law school community, and I encourage all interested students to attend these meetings. (Under the Constitution, the Executive Committee consists of the president, vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer, although all committee heads have been requested to attend all Executive Committee meetings.)

Until such time as the committee that has been established to develop by-laws and interpret the Constitution begins meeting, the Executive Committee will not be taking any other action other than to set agendas for meetings and to discuss projects of the Council. I recognize the fears that the power of the Council is too concentrated in the hands of a few, and have therefore decided that the newly-established committee delineates the exact reach of the Executive Committee's powers and the corresponding checks on these powers which may be exercised by the Council, that it would be more prudent to exercise restraint at this time. Furthermore, in response to a legitimate concern raised at Monday's meeting, no Executive Committee business whatsoever will be conducted outside of scheduled meetings which provide an

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Rethinking the Law School Council

By Christa Foster '94

On Monday, after spending the weekend encouraging people to come out and vote in the upcoming Law School Council elections, I received a notice in my Harkbox from Francis Phillip, LSC Secretary, stating that the elections had been postponed due to a lack of candidate response and tampering. After listening to Francis and Marie-Louise Ramsdale, President of the LSC, explain that several candidate statements had been misplaced, I was satisfied that postponing the election was the fair and just thing to do.

Later in the day I learned that a LSC meeting was being convened to discuss the events so I decided to attend. The meeting completely shattered my respect for the Law School Council and undermined any feelings of confidence I had in the earlier explanation for the postponement.

The purported goals of this meeting were to protect interests and restore integrity. Sadly, there was too much of one and not enough of the other.

I watched in disbelief as my friends and peers on the council argued and bickered and treated one another disrespectfully.

I watched, insulted, as I saw self-interested political considerations override rational discussion and reasoned resolution.

I watched, enraged, as I saw people on both sides of the political spectrum manipulate procedural rules in an effort to stifle consideration of the substantive issues so that their own self-interest could be furthered while ignoring the basic questions of the interests of candidates and the school at large.

I watched in confusion as I saw precedent and logic being twisted and ignored by council members who were too blind to see beyond their own political agendas and self-interest to seek the true interests of the Law School community.

The Law School Council said that they wished to restore the integrity of the council. I had deep respect for this goal. However, this morning, a second

shock greeted me. I received a memo purporting to describe the events surrounding the candidate statements. I read with horror an account of the events which occurred last night which contradicted the events I had personally observed.

Contrary to the first line of the memo, the LSC Executive Committee did not "vote" to extend the deadline. This decision (which was arrived at in debatable adherence to the constitution) was effected after the LSC decided to adjourn, having been unable to pass a similarly worded motion as well as an amended one.

Secondly, the memo claims that opening the filing deadline for At-Large as well as Section 4 and LLM positions "was necessary to ensure that all 1L sections and LLMs will have representatives." This is not a true claim either. Alternative possibilities for ensuring Section 4 and LLM representation were discussed last night and a proposal to close the submission for the At-Large positions and open it for Section 4 and LLMs was defeated by a majority of the LSC. One argument for the necessity of keeping the At-Large position open, namely that otherwise LLMs would wrongfully be excluded from the At-Large pool, is directly contradicted in the statement. Whether this was a mistruth when spoken last night, or today, or whether it is a mere error which LSC has failed to correct is uncertain.

What saddens me is that such an important issue was not resolved by a full vote on the merits of the issue but by the manipulation of policy and the refusal of some members of the council who were elected to represent our interests to vote because they had things they'd rather do than fulfill their duty.

In short, I feel lied to. The letter I received today doesn't address or explain the link between the Section 4 and LLM screw up and the need to reopen all of the candidate statement submission deadlines. The student body has the right to know what occurs at meetings. The LSC has the responsibility to accurately report its actions. To a person who was present at the meeting, the entire process seems tainted

Christa Foster is a candidate in the upcoming LSC elections.

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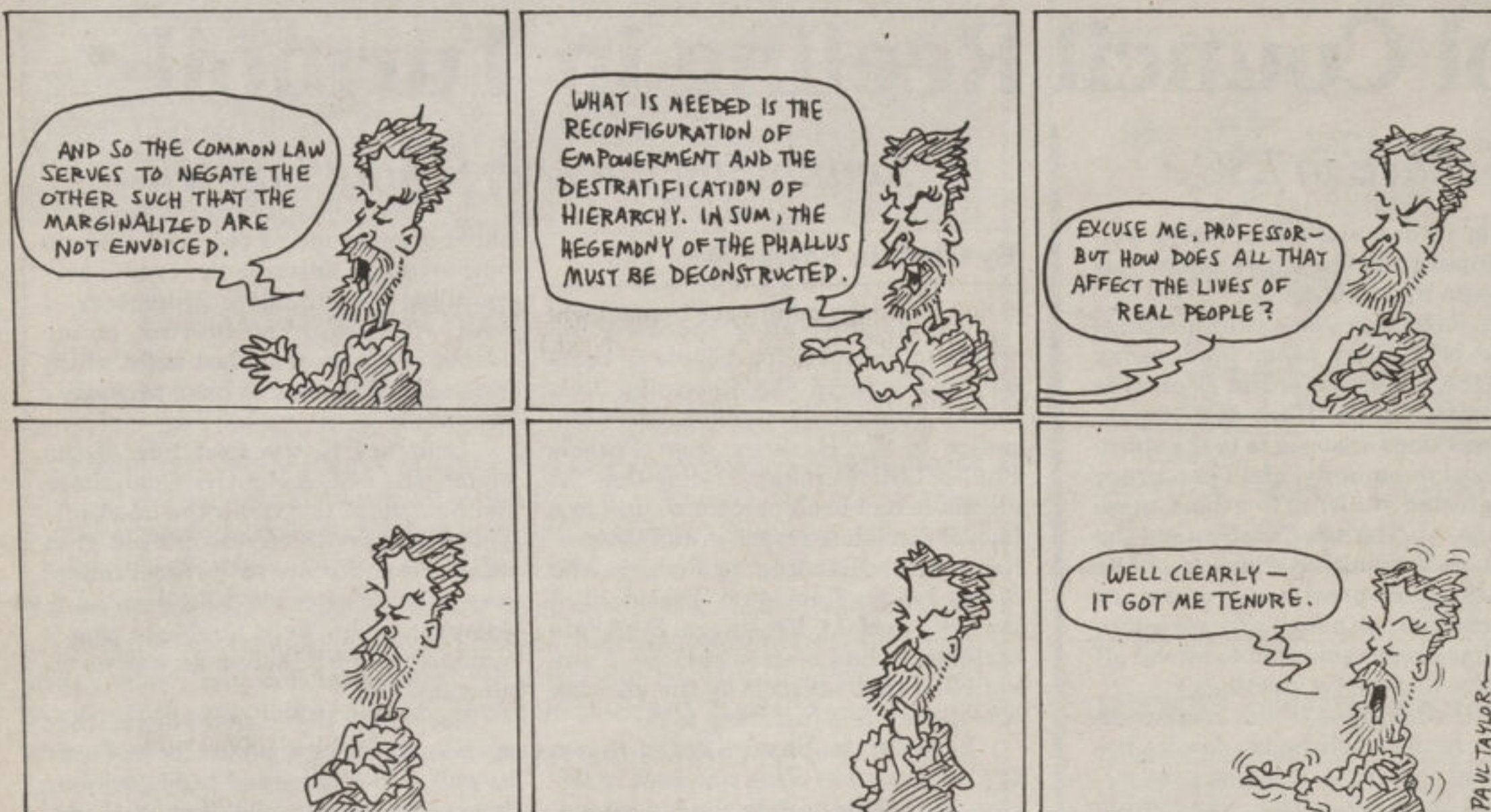
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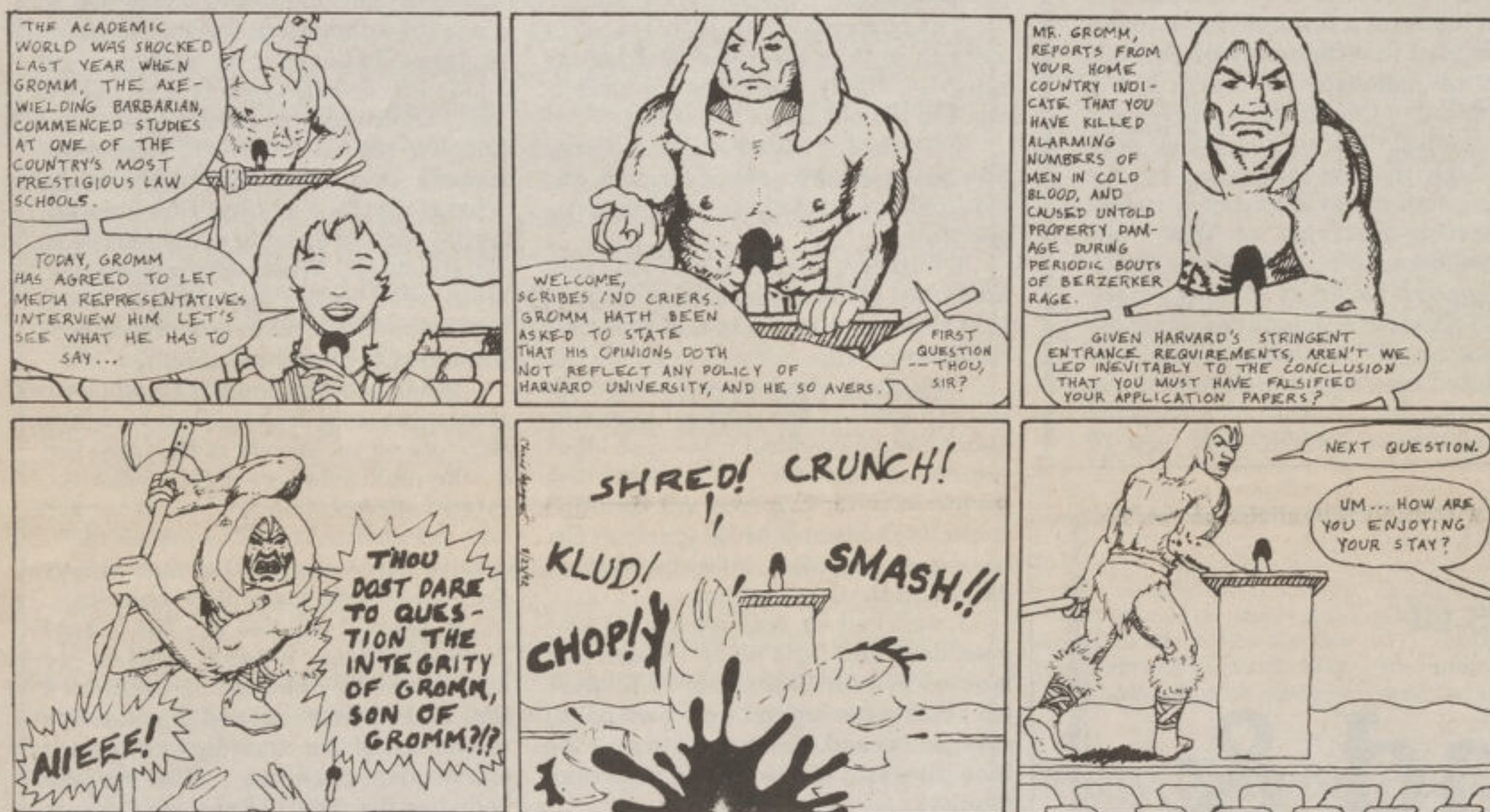
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HOROSCOPES

By Rosie Cosentino

ARIES March 21-April 20: The new moon brings new partnerships and responsibilities. Good for learning and for trying new physical exercises. Be careful of accidents at home.

TAURUS April 21-May 21: Work habits improve and you find studying with a friend can be very pleasant. Watch your driving, and your lead foot. Good grades and easy learning this week allows more time for social life.

GEMINI May 22-June 23: Impulsive buying can put you in a bind, so spend cash. Communication with authorities is like talking to a brick wall. Take a break, enjoy a movie and a little romance.

CANCER June 22-July 23: Emotions run high. This is a week of being in the fast lane. Family may come through with some extra finances. The party you are planning will be a huge success. Your school work seems to inspire you to do some extra research.

LEO July 24-August 23: Trouble behind the scenes. Keep your emotions under control. Traveling with a group offers lots of fun and business opportunity. Your values can save a friend.

VIRGO August 24-September 23: A good week for getting what you want. Extra work and pay. Friends offer sound advice, listen but make your own judgment. Car trouble with oil or transmission fluid. Memories of yesterday, friends or loved ones make you happy.

LIBRA Sept 23-Oct 23: A new appointment, brings money and recognition. Moving furniture can injure your back, be careful. Creativity comes through your friends. Listen to their ideas. A good week to catch up on correspondence.

SCORPIO Oct 24-Nov 22: Take time to play. It relieves stress and allows you to make good decisions. Write down your hopes and wishes, it is time for them to be answered. A visit from family. Friendship can warm into love.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23-Dec 21: This week starts the beginning of a new luck cycle. A time to collect things from the past and set them aside. New friends, opportunities and a chance to use your acting skills. Be a good listener, someone close to you needs help.

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 20: The new moon in your tenth house creates work and problems, don't be in a hurry, things are not in your control. Use your personality and let the tender side show. Your only enemy is your trying to dominate.

AQUARIUS Jan 21-Feb 20: A chance to study abroad this summer comes through a friend. Study carefully before you make your decision. There will be two places to choose from and business and romance abound. Taking charge of your finances now will help you later.

PISCES Feb 21-March 20: This is the week for love and romance. Be creative and competitive, victory is yours. Past mistakes can't hurt you. A short trip with new friends will be fun. A time to just be good to yourself.

New moons are a time for new beginnings and to renew resolutions. This Libra moon brings harmony and friendships, and a time for love and music.

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SCHOOL DAZE

By Alysse MacIntyre

RECORD Columnist

DEAR God, but 3L-itis has hit me big time. What ever week it is, that's how many weeks behind I am in my reading. I've never been such an egregious blow-off before.

I really keep trying to study; I really do. But things keep coming up. My firm made me an offer, but it was contingent on lowering my golf handicap.

I talked to the hiring partner at my firm. I told him I thought it was much more important that I get a handle on antitrust law and didn't he think so, too?

"MacIntyre," he said, "As far as your future at Dewey Dickum & Howe is concerned, you're better off lowering your handicap." Ah, firm life. I can really get behind these kinds of priorities. "Yes, sir," I said, and immediately packed to spend a week with my favorite golf pro and his amazing 9 iron. But, you know, the thing I really like about golf is getting to wear those hideous clothes. It kind of reminds me of when I was a punk rocker just to annoy my parents, only now I get to make a respectable spectacle of myself.

In a fit of self-discipline, I did head off to the library. Once, anyway. But I got there and walked straight into the new portrait of Roger Fisher, Professor Emeritus, Negotiations Guru, and new Father/Healer of the divided Harvard Law School. This portrait was donated by the "Fisher family" — i.e., by Roger Fisher (Oh, come on, do you really think Roger's cousins in Iowa donated this?) When it comes to arrogance at the Harvard Law School, I thought I had seen it all; but this portrait automatically qualifies Roger for the finals match in the 1992/93 HLS Hubris Cup and puts him in a good position to unseat seven-time undefeated champ, Alan Dershowitz. This year, my money is all over Roger — win, place and show.

And why is Roger suddenly so interested in the divi-

sions here at Beirut on the Charles anyway? I have one guess, and I think it's a good one. The handwriting is on the wall: Bob's days are numbered. Mein Dean could be retreating to a bunker in Berlin at any time now. And you can bet Neil Rudenstine will not want to repeat Derek Bok's mistake of appointing a dean who can't heal the divisions within the faculty. So could it be that Roger has his sights set on the deanship? Remember, Bob was hired to do two things and Roger is now having to do one of them for him, namely heal the school. In fact, it is widely rumored that all of Bob's letters to us lowly students are now written by Roger, including the letter asking us to cooperate fully with Roger. Thanks, Rog.

But on the other hand, Bob is incredibly well suited to that oth-

er mandate of his deanship,

shaking down the alumni for loose change. And, you know, the trains do run on time now. Moreover, there is the fact that Roger is so old that he farts dust. But that never stopped Ronald Reagan, did it? And it does remain to be seen how good a job Roger does. Don't forget one of Roger's last attempts at negotiating a playground dispute was between Kuwait and Iraq and we all know how that one turned out.

Well, anyway, after busting out loud in laughter at Roger's Monument to Himself, I tried to settle down into studying. Honestly. But there are just so many distractions in the library. I just love looking at the portraits. Al Sacks is just so cute, so flirty with his hand on his hip, so jaunty in his little bow tie. James Vorenberg's portrait, set in his office, has a view of Austin in the background that's not possible from any building in the Law School. I think this might explain why he wasn't Dean for very long. And then there is my favorite por-

trait, that of my beloved Brandeis, so grand yet sensitive that you just want to crawl into his lap and ask him to explain the Rule Against Perpetuities.

Yes, it all went downhill from there. I found myself walking around, looking for a proper place to put the portrait we really need rather than Roger's, that of my childhood hero, Archie Cox (Are you listening out there, alumni??) Then I found a nice dark corner in the basement where we could put the DBC's up-coming portrait.

Next I started reading those phony engraved Latin quotations around the ceiling. Drawing on my brief but memorable escapades in Catholic School, I started trying to figure out what they might mean. Here are my rough translations:

Propter legem tuam sustinui et domine — A proper diet of beans will keep you strong and healthy. Why it fails to mention that a proper diet of beans will also make you unpopular, I don't know.

Namque Iustitiam Colimus et boni et aequi notitiam profite-mur — Being named Iustitiam Colimus is good and will make you rich.

Lex est summa ratio insitua in natura — The law makes more sense when you are naked. Having tried it, I don't think its true.

Nisi valeas virtute irrumpere iniquitates — Nor is there virtue in interrupting the library staff.

I don't know what to say except that this could be the year I absolutely go off my rocker. If you walk into class in Austin East one morning to discover the portraits of the dead white guys gone, replaced by portraits of Bart Simpson, Calvin and Hobbes, and Alfred E. Neumann, you'll know it was me. And if my

premonition about the faculty going on "Family Feud," is correct, I hope one of you will call and wake me up for it.

When it comes to arrogance at the Harvard Law School, I thought I had seen it all; but this portrait automatically qualifies Roger for the finals match in the 1992/93 HLS Hubris Cup.

Fenno

Fenno couldn't believe it. He had a date, an actual date with a real live woman in Cambridge. "This is greeeeeat!" he said to himself as he stepped past the mountain of laundry gathering in his living room. "I haven't had a date in Cambridge in . . . well, never mind, that's not what's important, I actually have a date," he thought as he flipped through the latest issue of Cosmopolitan, Earth Digging Women and the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue in preparation for the biggest event in his life since he caught a glimpse of Suzanne Somers demonstrating the Thigh Master on late-night television. "A date," he muttered in amazement as he splashed a handful of Adidas Sports Cologne on the manly body that was certain to be irresistible to his sister's friend.

O.K., so they had never met. His sister had called him one night from Berkeley to tell him her college roommate was heading to Boston for an interview. Fenno was more than skeptical at first. You see, Fenno's sister was something of a flake. While the Fenno clan was generally a pretty steady bunch — prep school, The College, The Law School, New York, the Union Club, etc., etc. — Fenno's sister had gone to Oberlin and was in grad school at Berkeley for Cross Cultural Anthropological and Sociological Studies, or something like that.

Naturally, Fenno was reluctant when she suggested that he take her roommate out to dinner when she got into town. "I dunno, sis, the last time you fixed me up with one of your friends I ended up eating goat innards at a Botswana restaurant in the Village and having to watch the Woody Allen Film Festival. Twice," he blurted into the phone.

"Fenno, dude" she replied, "Holly is great, you guys will get along, trust me," she replied. "And besides, if you don't go

out with Holly, I'll tell dad about how you nearly wrecked his beemer trying to impress some bimbo secretary last month."

"No dice, sis" Fenno replied. "And if you do tell dad about the car, I'll tell mom about how you tried to break into your trust fund to send a donation to Ralph Nader."

"Oh, come on, Fenno, please," she begged. "Besides, Holly's your kind of girl."

"Hot?" Fenno hinted.

"Like Austin West in April," she replied.

"Easy?" he hinted.

"Like the classes you sign up for," she replied.

"I'll do her, uh, it."

"Good," she said, "I'll tell her to meet you in the Square Friday at eight."

"How will I know who she is?" Fenno asked.

"She'll be the dirty blonde wearing the crunchy peasant dress and sandals," she replied.

"Oh great, her and 40,000 other flakes," Fenno mumbled under his breath. "All right, never mind that," he went on, "just tell her to look for me. Oh, how will she know who I am?"

"I'll tell her to look for the geek in the Polo shorts and boat shoes," she replied.

Fenno was understandably excited as he walked towards the Square. After all, a law student with a date was normally front page news in the RECORD. Arriving in the Square, he looked at his watch, one minute to eight . . .

...to be continued.

Quote of the Week

"Catering is the key."

—John Soboeiro '93, explaining the deciding factor in determining which law firm receptions to attend.

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The Return of the Cigar

By Rich Wareing '93
RECORD Columnist



"I promise you one thing, the cigar will be back"

— Mike Barnicle

I WAS speechless. This, as many people can tell you, does not happen very often. Flipping through the RECORD last Friday I found that not only was I listed as "Senior Editor" in the masthead — pretty good for a guy who can't spell — but also that some wiseguy here at the RECORD decided that it would be good clean fun to plaster some awful picture of me next to my column.

"Nice picture," snickered every smart-ass around campus who thinks kicking a guy when he's down is the national pastime. By about 10:00 A.M. I had had it. That picture was going to go if it killed me.

"No problem," I thought, I just go see the boss." Bob Arnold, our Editor-in-Chief, was "away for the weekend," however, and "couldn't be reached."

"Great," I thought, "friggin' great." After moping around for a while, I decided to take some initiative. I went down to the Square, shelled out fifteen bucks, and had a relatively normal picture taken of me. It was perfect.

I marched into the RECORD newsroom Tuesday to write my column, ready for war. Either that picture or I was going to go. Period.

"Bob," I said, "that picture has got to go. Now I've had one taken that I want to use. I think this picture looks a lot more like a columnist, you know what I mean?" Handing Bob the picture, I braced myself for battle.

"Cool," Bob said laughing in his familiar way "I like it. We'll go with it," he said walking away, "By the way, I really like having the horoscopes in the paper, don't you?"

"You mean you don't mind?" I asked, somewhat crushed that he was more concerned with his horoscope than with me.

"No I like it, especially the cigar," he replied, caught up in the horoscope, trying to determine whether the moon was with Libra, or something along those lines.

"Oh," I said, walking over to the Mac to figure out what to write about.

Now, why you ask, did I go to all this trouble and expense over a stupid picture. Two reasons. Number one, I looked like an idiot in the picture in last week's RECORD, and I'll be damned if that's going to continue.

I would much rather put away a couple of cold ones and play darts than sip wine and talk about anthropology. Maybe I'm a little rough around the edges, but so what?

Number two, this week's new and improved picture is much more reflective of who I am and what I'm about. I am not some corporate stiff and it's pretty damn hard to write an effective gritty, moving, urban populist column when it gets put next to a picture of me in a \$500 suit.

Sure, I can play the corporate game as well as the next guy, but I'm much more comfortable in jeans and an old shirt. I hate dress up affairs, and I despise cocktail parties.

I would much rather put away a couple of cold ones and play darts than sip wine and talk about anthropology. Maybe I'm a little rough around the edges, but so what? If you're looking for etiquette, read Miss Manners. I haven't got time for that crap.

For those of you who are new around here or haven't figured it out yet, it's my job on this paper to talk about the world beyond HLS and the people who live there. I am interested in their concerns and their story, and on most days I don't give a rat's ass about HLS's latest outrage of the week. If you want Law School prattle, read the stuff that's jammed in your Harkbox every morning. If I want to deal with whining, posturing, self-important neurotics, I'll go watch a Woody Allen movie. Generally, however, I haven't got time for that crap either.

This finally brings me to the cigar. The Boston Globe used to use actual pictures, rather than little clay sculptures, of their columnists. Their picture of Mike Barnicle showed him puffing contently on a stogie. When they switched to the clay sculptures, the environmentally conscious Globe canned the cigar and gave Barnicle a suitcoat — hardly a fair trade in my book. Outraged, Barnicle vowed in his next column that the cigar would be back. It has never, and likely will never, return.

Now, as anyone who has read his stuff and mine can tell you, about the only difference between us is his talent and twenty years of hotdogs and beers. In other words, we usually write about the same sort of stuff, so I feel a sort of bond with him (along with Jimmy Breslin and Mike Royko, who are both O.K. guys in my book as well). Further, Barnicle's always been kind of a hero and inspiration to me, and it has always pissed me off that the Globe 86'd his cigar. Well, Mike, this one's for you.

Happy Rosh Hashanah!

Election Questionable

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tampering suggestions. "I think it's tragic that the principles of equity and fairness are being sacrificed for veiled political goals.

Supporters of the extensions noted that a number of other irregularities had occurred during the nomination process. As many as four candidate statements, in addition to four statements from Advisory Board candidates, were placed in the wrong Hark box and not found until two days after the original deadline. Additionally, information regarding candidate statements was not distributed to LLM candidates, and no candidates for section representative for first-year Section 4 applied by the original deadline.

"By having the field open, we are playing it safe," Council Secretary Francis Phillip '93 said. "What's the big loss?"

The Executive Committee voted unanimously last weekend to extend the deadline by a week, although at least one Committee member had changed her views by Monday. Some members complained that the Executive Committee had conducted its business via telephone, rather than in a formal meeting. But after Council President Marie-Louise Ramsdale '93 granted Fincher's request for an emergency session, the Council broke into two factions, with a bloc of about ten members opposing a blanket extension of all deadlines.

"It's just not fair to those people who submitted their candidate statements," Fincher said. "We're going to lose credibility if we go, 'Yes, No, psyche — the elections aren't this week. They're next week.'"

While considering the extension, the Council narrowly approved an amendment to limit the deadline extension to those races where an insufficient number of candidates had filed and additionally to those specific candidates whose statements were found in the wrong Hark Box on Sunday. But the Council then rejected the amended extension on a 10-10 vote with Ramsdale breaking the tie. After 2 1/2 hours of deliberation, the deadlocked

Council voted to adjourn on an 11-10 vote, leaving the Executive Committee's extension intact.

By failing to reach a decision and deferring to the actions of the Executive Committee, the Council raised questions about its ability to take decisive action in the wake of last year's turmoil at HLS.

"I am incredibly, incredibly concerned about the legitimacy of the council this year," Ramsdale said during the debate on the extensions.

"I really wish that we could all put political, partisan affiliations aside and come to some resolution."

The following day, Ramsdale announced the formation of an ad-hoc committee charged with constitutional interpretation for the remainder of the year. Ramsdale also said that all future Executive Committee meetings would be conducted during scheduled meetings and would be open to all individuals in the Law School community.

"We cannot continue as we begun," Ramsdale wrote in a letter to councilmembers. "The individual politics and agenda that each of us is bringing to Council meetings is making any real resolution of issues impossible."

Infuriated and Embarrassed

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with mistruths and cover-ups. I don't know if the lies occurred during the meeting or after, but a much better explanation and recitation of the events is necessary to prevent further undermining of the integrity of the LSC.

Last night, I was furious and embarrassed about the LSC. Today I am disappointed. Had this minor screw up and issue of tampering been handled easily, successfully and straight-forwardly by Marie Louise and her law school council without invoking political agendas, the law school community could have chosen their representatives and the candidates could avoid the necessity of recampaigning next week, at their inconvenience. Instead, the political trenches in the LSC have been more deeply engraved. Acceptance, diversity, true democratic representation, fairness, civility and most of all integrity have all been lost in the battle.

I feel deeply sorry for this Council and for the School. I respect the council members who have refused or learned not to play to these illogical and counterproductive political considerations in an inherently non-political issue. I suggest that students think long and hard about the current council and fulfill our duty to elect candidates who are not so far politically motivated that the very goals which are sought to be gained are lightly sacrificed solely for the purpose of political advancement. I suggest that current members think about what effect their actions will have on the students as a whole. How else can the long missing respect and integrity be restored to this institution? The LSC, as evidenced by last night's fiasco, cannot be trusted to do it alone.

Visions of a Better Law School

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opportunity for discussion and debate.

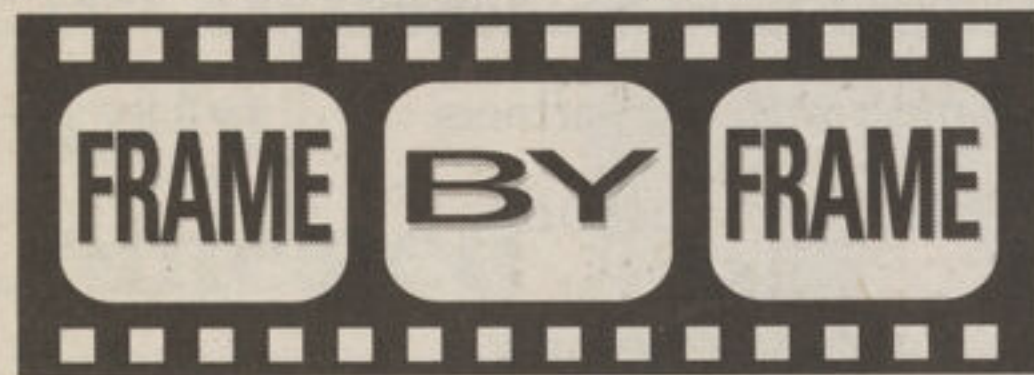
The Council has many goals for this year beyond the issue that has occupied our time over the last week. We will be sponsoring on-campus voter registration and are coordinating law school participation in a city-wide volunteer project. We are implementing plans to increase communication among student organizations and to establish a "free speech wall" for the expression of ideas. The facilities and services committee will be working on issues from the improvement of Hemenway gym to a higher standard of food service in the Hark to (finally) bringing an ATM to campus. The Council is also actively encouraging better communication between the administration, faculty and students by planning interactive social activities and appointing students to numerous law school committees. Further, we will be working for improvements in financial aid services, registration, and a myriad of other projects. If you have a concern, please let your elected representative know, and we will do our best to effectively address it.

We are working in an environment of distrust and suspicion. However, we are also working in an environment of genuinely talented people who have visions of a better law school, and a role that the Council can play in developing that vision. I have already spoken with many Council members individually about the future of the Council, and will be calling others in the days ahead to discuss with each of them the Council's future. I truly hope that it will be a good one.

Around Town at the Movies

By David Lopez

I began my week of movies at the Brattle Theatre, located off Harvard Square, by taking in *Aguirre: The Wrath of God*, directed by Werner Herzog and starring Klaus Kinski. The most interesting thing about the movie is the director himself. I was talking to a guy while I was waiting in line and he said that this director only films at an exact time of day



in the evening because he likes the light. So every day he films for one hour and that's it. Also, he likes to film on location. One whole cast quit on him once because they were off in the jungle somewhere getting shot by poison arrows or something.

The movie was about these Spaniards searching for El Dorado, the mythical Incan land of gold. The whole plot goes along with the terrain. It starts out with the expedition climbing down some breathlessly steep mountains and then cutting their way through jungle, then on to rafts where they start negotiating rapids. Everything is so fast you hardly get to know the characters.

The expedition runs out of food and gets so disheartened that they decide to turn back. Klaus "Aguirre" Kinski doesn't go for it, so he mutinies and takes over the party. The troops reluctantly agree and they all head off on rafts down an Amazonian river. As the river gets slower and slower, everyone gets more and more depressed, and the dialogue and everything seems to get slower. There is a bizarre scene at the end of the movie when a bunch of little monkeys are scurrying all over the raft, jumping around and swimming as Kinski goes into a monologue. I wasn't reading the subtitles at the time, I was watching the monkeys. There was one really good part where a guy gets his head cut off and the head finishes the sentence even after it's cut off.

The next movie, and this is one to watch, is *Blade Runner: Director's Cut*. Now, I saw the non-director's cut movie a couple of times, and my friend, let's call him "Ed," says there's not that much difference, but seeing it on the big screen is just awesome. For those that have never seen it, it's a movie about these androids that look human; they're called replicants. They are put to work on all kinds of jobs humans don't want to do and if they escape, they are hunted down and "retired" by Blade Runners. This is a story of a Blade Runner called Harrison Ford. Actually, it's Harrison Ford playing someone, but I can't remember the name. As far as atmosphere and putting you in a place, this movie is unparalleled. Harrison is this Sam Spade type of detective who is very good at his job, but doesn't like it, and doesn't like his co-workers either. He gets sent to interview this gorgeous android; she's a Nexus 6, the latest generation of android and so human that she doesn't know she's an android.

A couple of great scenes in the movie. One is when the gorgeous replicant visits the Blade Runner in his apartment. She asks if she's a replicant, she's worried and apprehensive. Harrison bluntly tells her the facts. She pulls out a picture and says that's her and her mother when she was little. Harrison says, "Oh yeah? Remember when a spider built its nest outside your window and you saw it build a web all summer? Remember you were supposed to play doctor with your brother and you got scared and ran away? Did you ever tell anyone about those memories? Those weren't your memories, they

were the memories of somebody's *nieces*! They were implanted so you would think you were human!" The gorgeous replicant runs out of the room, and then there's a great scene of Harrison Ford just sitting there and you know he's kicking himself. He later calls her from a bar, and she blows him off.

Another great scene is when he shoots an escaped replicant. Another, bigger replicant gets really mad and starts beating Harrison to a pulp. While he's doing it, he asks all these dumb questions, like "Do you know how old I am?" then he picks Harrison up and smashes him half-way through a car windshield. When he's done toying with Ford, the replicant slaps him around saying

"Wake up! Wake up! Time to die!" Important lines because they add closure to the grand finale, a showdown between Harrison and the smartest replicant — Rutger Hauer, specifically created as an attack android. That guy is scary. Everyone he stands next to is scared and it kind of rubs off on you. Ed says that what's really supposed to happen in the Director's cut is that Harrison Ford and the gorgeous android are killed at the end, but that audiences hated it so much

they gave it a happy ending. Well, the one I saw had a happy ending, fine by me.

The last movie I'll review is *Bob Roberts*, a movie starring, directed and produced by the guy who starred in *The Player*, Tim Robbins or some-

thing. It bored me. I didn't get it. But then again, it could be me. As one of the few conservatives who actually got past the Admissions Committee and because this movie is full of liberal inside jokes about conservatives, I just sat there scratching my head. I was also in the back, back row of the Janus and felt like I was in an airplane, so I just couldn't get into the movie. Basically, it's about a guy who grows up in a sixties-style commune and runs away to join a military college to get some discipline and he ends up running for Senator as kind of a conservative hippie. He goes around singing country music songs like "Drugs Suck." He has videos and the whole thing, traveling around in a van that doubles as his Michael Milken style trading floor.

The bottom line—*Bob Roberts* is just as cynical as *The Player*, but not as good. You might like the political jokes, you might like country music, and you probably won't waste your money, but if you're not in any hurry to watch the movie, don't rush.

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Mnookin "Excited" to be Coming to HLS

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Journal as its most cited law review article in the last ten years. And superlatives describe his reputation in the private sector as well. As one of two arbitrators in the IBM-Fujitsu dispute, he masterminded the most famous and largest (\$400 million) arbitration settlement ever.

"Mnookin is just a tremendous addition," reiterates Patton. "Everybody has been working non-stop since he left to try and get him to come back." Mnookin was a visiting professor during the 1990-91 academic year and was one of the controversial "Four White Men" offered tenure last spring. For Mnookin, the opportunity came at a time when personal and professional responsibilities argued for change.

"Both personally and professionally I'm very excited about the prospect of

A One-L's Letter Home

By Greg Stohr '95

RECORD Columnist

DEAR Mom and Dad,

I've just arrived here for my first year at Harvard Law School, and I'm already seeing things I wish I weren't.

Perhaps I've forgotten how intensely things happen at a university. But I think there's something about this place that goes beyond ordinary intensity to a level of unhealthiness.

People here take themselves extremely seriously. It shows in the way students in my classes worry about whether they will be called on and whether they will say something that will sound intelligent. Everyone knows class participation has nothing to do with grades, but people get anxious anyway. I have to admit I've been caught up just a bit myself in the sweaty-palm scene. I find myself unnaturally concerned with the possibility that I might say something completely off base. It's odd I feel this way; certainly, I've made my share of less-than-brilliant comments during 17 years of school.

I think it's the mystique about this place that causes heart palpitations at the sound of a professor calling our name. We've all read *One L* or seen *The Paper Chase*. We've all heard too many times that Harvard Law students are the cream of the crop and that even students who coasted through the best schools in the country find themselves struggling at Harvard Law.

But the intensity here goes beyond the classroom. Some of the events that took place last year are almost incomprehensible to an outsider. At a school that prides itself on intellectual achievement, there were protests, sit-ins, hateful articles, and cruel parodies. People yelled at one another, people sued one another, and people refused to speak with one another. They called people racists and they called people homophobes—and, at times, they might have been right. I don't know the details about all these events; in some cases I know enough to have formed an opinion, and in some I haven't. But regardless of the issues, I know I can't be satisfied by a "debate" that deteriorates to this level.

Everywhere there seems to be an underlying absence of trust in the good will of those who hold different views. This phenomenon is particularly acute with respect to Dean Clark. Many people have called on the dean to resign, but their rhetoric has gone far beyond simple policy discussions. Basically, either the dean is a mean-spirited, arrogant, intolerant man, or an awful lot of people on campus owe him and apology in a major way. I'll let you know when I figure out which is the case.

During the first week of classes, the Law School Council arranged a panel discussion on the subject of diversity, in the hope of soothing some of the bitterness of last year and sensitizing us first-year students to the problems here. During the forum, a first-year student asked, "What's the big deal? People in the real world deal with these types of problems all the time. If someone is irrational and closed-minded, why don't you just ignore them?"

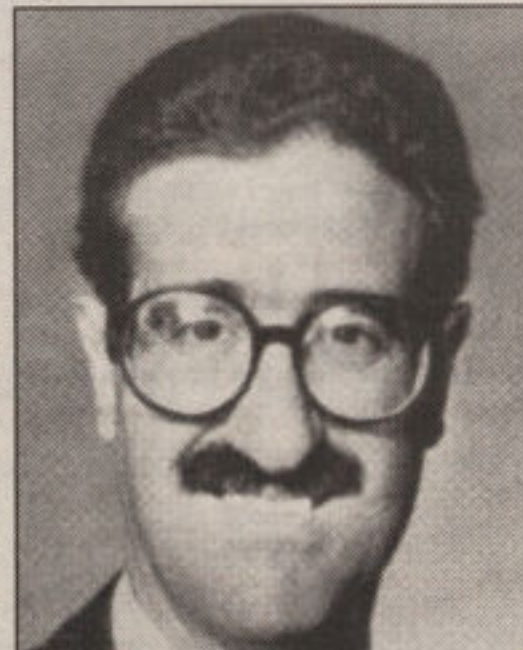
No one really answered that question, except to offer the general reply, "If you had been here, you'd understand." Well, if that's the case, maybe I shouldn't be here. I don't want to understand how people can fail to have respect for those who honestly disagree with them. I don't want to understand how hatred can overwhelm an institution like Harvard Law School.

It's both heartening and, perhaps, foreboding that I have detected no signs of intolerance among the first-year students I've met. Regardless of race, religion, political affiliation, or anything else, everyone seems only to have a desire to understand those who disagree with them. Everyone apparently wishes to learn by listening and exploring other sets of views and values.

I hope we don't change, Mom and Dad. I hope we never discover whatever it is about this place that makes so many people so full of contempt. I hope we don't ever take ourselves so seriously that we don't recognize that none of us has a monopoly on wisdom.

Love,
Greg

coming to Harvard," admitted Mnookin. "I feel a deep attachment to Stanford and California and our life here, but my wife and I have decided this opportunity comes at a wonderful time for us with our only child finishing college.



Prof. Robert Mnookin

professionals who will be involved in using those skills. That challenge and opportunity is what attracted me."

As for Professor Fisher, both Patton and Mnookin assure HLS that his influence will continue to overwhelm the

Negotiation project for many years to come.

"Roger is still director for the next couple of years and is teaching in the spring," Patton clarified. "Roger says he's now presumptively senile but he's not going to act it. We expect him to do what he did before but with somewhat less teaching, which will allow Roger to focus more on the international aspects of the program." True to form, Professor Fisher is currently in Canada doing private negotiation consulting and could not be reached for this article.

"Although Roger Fisher has retired and is now an emeritus at HLS and I expect his teaching will be winding down in the next 2-3 years, I expect and hope he will be actively involved in the Program on Negotiation," Mnookin agreed.

Mnookin graduated from Harvard College with a degree in Economics in 1964. He became a Professor of law at the University of California in 1972. Since 1980, he has served on the faculty of Stanford Law School as Adelbert H. Sweet Professor of Law and Director of the Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation.

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