



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '56-'58 delivers address at Celebration 40.

Ginsburg: Days of Token Women Over

By Maria Politis

Marking the "days of the token, one-at-a-time woman" as over, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, '56-'58, accepted a Celebration 40 award from her daughter, Jane Ginsburg '80, Saturday at a luncheon held in their honor.

Ginsburg recalled her days here as one of nine women in a class of more than 400. She said that as a student she felt like her every move was closely watched, as if she and the other eight women were representing her entire sex.

She also recalled that after graduation, no firm in New York would employ her on three counts: She was Jewish, she was female, and she was a mother. Ginsburg said she "look[ed] for-

ward to the continuing improvement of the law and the legal profession through the increasingly full use of the talent of all this nation's people."

Together, the two Ginsburgs comprise the first mother-daughter team to have attended the Law School. Following her husband's move to New York, Justice Ginsburg transferred to Columbia Law School and graduated from there in 1959.

The luncheon's mood was generally festive. Dean Clark '72 spoke of the many recent accomplishments of women and said he hoped his years as dean would be remembered as a time when women made a "quantum leap" in terms of achievements.

But the lunch took on a more serious note when Clark men-

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Vacancies Extend Clerkship Hunt

By Greg Stohr

With some 130 federal district and appellate judgeship positions vacant, many HLS students are finding the clerkship hunt this year to be an extended and increasingly complicated process.

The vacancies mean that the dream clerkships for many 3Ls might not materialize until as late as next spring. By that time almost all of these students will have accepted job offers, and many likely will face difficulties in persuading their prospective employers to allow a change in plans.

But the vacancies also mean increased opportunities for students who can remain flexible about their plans for next year, says Margaret Tuitt, administrator of clerkship placements at the Career Services Office. She says she is encouraged by promises by the Clinton Administration that the vacancies will be filled soon.

"Just the fact that the administration has said it will

attempt to make nominations and get people seated within the year makes me very hopeful," she said.

With the nomination of Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the Supreme Court taking top priority last summer, the Clinton Administration delayed making any other judicial nominations until after the Senate confirmed Ginsburg in early August. The list of vacancies, however, predates the Clinton presidency. President Bush was unable to fill all the 80 new judgeships created during his term, and in the final months of the 1992 presidential campaign, the Senate stopped considering all Bush court nominees.

A spokesperson for the Clinton Administration could not be reached for comment.

For students, the vacancies have meant that career plans remain a bit unsettled. Greg Luke '94 says he is waiting for district court clerkship opportunities to open in Colorado.

"The pace is slow," Luke said. "I am somewhat surprised there's not more news on federal

judgeships at least."

Luke says he is lucky that he has received an offer from Cravath, Swaine & Moore, a large New York firm that he expects will be somewhat flexible in allowing him to make a clerkship decision at a late date. He says he wonders whether students seeking jobs with smaller firms will have as many options.

Mark Channick '94, who has received an offer from the San Diego office of a large firm, says he is keeping an eye on appellate and district court vacancies on the West Coast.

"I have friends who are currently clerking and they're letting me know what's going on," he said.

The clerkship hunt has become such an extended process in recent years that it potentially can occupy almost two years. Tuitt said that some students have received offers as early as November of their second year, while others might not receive offers until as late as a month before graduation.

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Langdell will receive its first major renovation since 1928.

Library to Close, but Not Before 1995

By Matthew Huggins

The bad news is that Langdell Library will close for about a year. The good news is that current students at HLS will probably not be around to see it.

As part of the \$150 million capital campaign that is financing the construction of the Holmes Field building, the library in Langdell will soon undergo its first major renovation since 1928. In fact, plans for the library's renovation provided much of the impetus for the Holmes Field Building construction.

Under the renovation plan, Langdell's overhaul will be comprehensive. Faculty offices presently in the north wing will be moved to the Holmes Field building, and the vacated space will be used by the library; the electrical system of the library will be overhauled to accommodate improved technology; the heating system will be improved and air-conditioning will be added for the comfort of users and to preserve the collection; access to the library will be improved with more stairs and elevators; and the seating mix

will be shifted away from open tables toward more study carrels.

The renovation will happen in one of two ways according to Administrative Dean Sandra Coleman. One scenario calls for the library to be closed and renovated in stages over approximately three years, with the reading room possibly moved temporarily to the Ropes Gray Room in Pound Hall. This plan carries with it the question of where to move the functions now held in the Ropes-Gray Room. The second scenario calls for moving the entire library into temporary quarters in the Holmes Field building while the renovation is carried out during one 15-month stretch.

"The current operating decision is to do it all at once," Librarian Terry Martin said. "But when detailed planning takes place, I expect to revisit that goal." Or, as Coleman put it, "Would we rather have one year of hell, or three years of purgatory?"

Nothing is going to happen, however, before June, 1995. Even if Dean Clark's office were to give the go-ahead tomorrow,

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Council Elections: Improve the Gym or Give us Free Beer

By Louie Lopez

With platforms focusing on everything from better Hark food to free Ginsu knives, HLS

students elected 17 new representatives to the Law School Council last week.

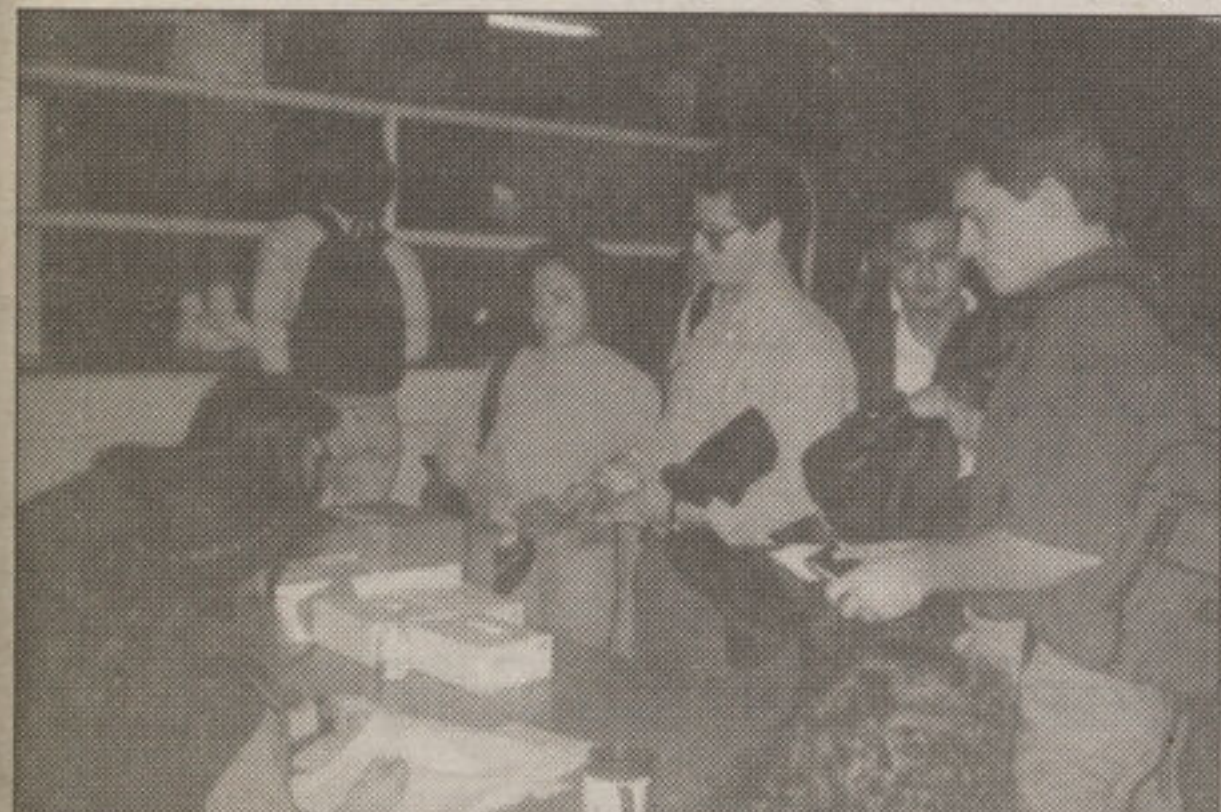
Common platforms offered by winning candidates included improving the Hemenway Gym,

offering better food at the Hark, eliminating computer charges, and refining the registration process. Although these issues are not new to HLS, the candidates said they require further attention by the administration.

But not all of the platforms were so issue-oriented. Other candidates opted for less conventional strategies.

Yellow Light Breen '96, a self-proclaimed "offspring of hippies," won an at-large seat by employing a Marxist-style approach that urged students to vote for him in order to "avoid the bloody revolution which is even now whispered in the factories and hamlets of the American proletariat."

Invoking the words of past President George Bush, Adriana Inocencia Reyes '96 won a



Students vote in Law School Council elections.

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Judge Kozinski Delivers Speech About "The MTV Constitution"

By Jeff Bucholtz

The Constitution has mutated from "the original, shortish document with everything in the same boring type" to the "MTV Constitution," decorated and defaced with "bright colors and flashing lights" around certain large-print "favored" rights, Judge Alex Kozinski said here last week.

Kozinski, since 1985 a judge on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, spoke Thurs., Sept. 30 in Pound Hall. Aided by a display stand of the Constitution complete with electronic readout, Kozinski discussed the evolution of the Constitution in terms of liberal and conservative approaches to jurisprudence.

The 43-year-old Romanian native first recounted how, in his view, liberal Supreme Court justices "found" constitutional protection for many personal rights, including (in *California v. Cohen*) the right to wear a jacket emblazoned with the words "fuck the draft." Kozinski then compared the Court's "expansive" treatment of personal rights with its disregard of economic rights such as the ability to contract.

Emphasizing that "I'm for *Cohen* and for broad protection of all rights," Kozinski attacked what he termed an "inconsistency" in judicial liberals' interpretation of the Constitution. "Douglas, Brennan and Marshall were right in their pervasive skepticism about government interference with personal rights," but they were too willing to sanction state interference with property and economic rights, he said.

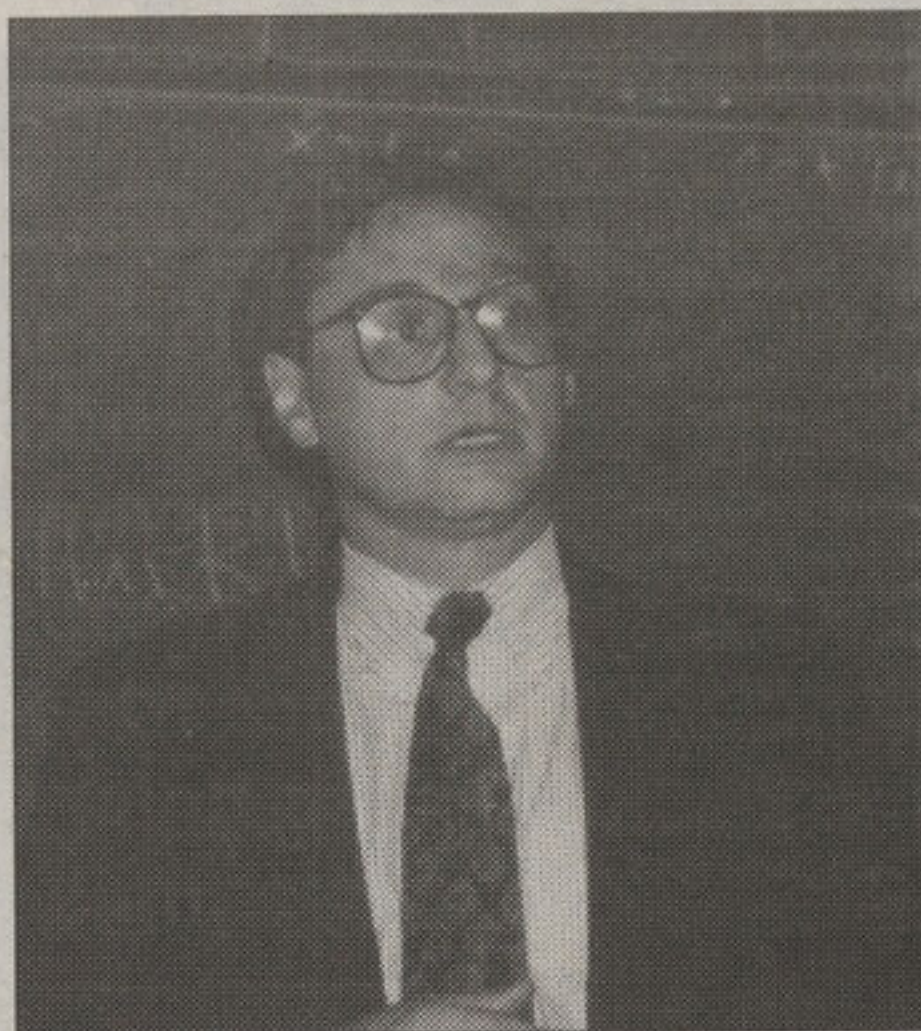
Kozinski noted that since "liberty" is in the Constitution, it deserves the

expansive protection given it by liberal justices in the personal sphere. "But 'property' is right there next to 'liberty,'" Kozinski added, "and the liberals treat it like dirt." Kozinski said that "conservative judges understand that property is an extremely important aspect of freedom," but in today's "MTV Constitution," property rights "have been reduced to small print."

"The story," according to Kozinski, "is that conservative judges are conservative and liberal judges are liberal." Since conservative judges, then, depart from precedent much less readily than their liberal counterparts, the latter's jurisprudence outlives the liberals' numerical dominance of the judiciary.

Kozinski seemed to agree with the "adverse possession" theory of the Constitution proffered by Hans Bader '94: "If you take control of the Constitution, even wrongly, and hold it long enough, [interpretation] doesn't revert back to normal." The judge cited *Marbury v. Madison*, in his view wrongly decided ("judicial review isn't in the Constitution — they made it up"), as an issue clearly too long-settled to reexamine. However, Kozinski wavered on whether "enough has been based on" *Roe v. Wade* to make overruling it unthinkable.

Given what he sees as the natural proclivity of the judicial system to become more and more liberal over time because of conservative adhesion to the rule of



Judge Alex Kozinski speaking at HLS.

stare decisis, Kozinski concluded that the "war against regulatory overkill" and interference with economic rights must be "fought and won outside of the courts."

Kozinski urged businesses to adopt a "political," rather than a judicial, strategy to limit regulation, because "telling conservative judges to be more activist in overruling bad precedent is like telling peace activists to go fight." He further warned against industry's tendency to make "pacts with the devil" in order to secure protective regulation, because "in the long run, politics will change, and it will be hard to argue that they can't do to you what they've been doing for you."

Kozinski's speech was sponsored by the Federalist Society.

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Woman President a While Off, Schroeder Says

By Ray Kahler

It will be a long time before a woman is elected president, Rep. Patricia Schroeder '64 (D-Colo.) said in her keynote address at the Celebration 40 convention here Saturday.

"I don't think I can give you a date," she said. "I wish I could give you a date."

In a speech entitled "When a Woman President?" Schroeder noted that women make up only ten percent of the House of Representatives and seven percent of the Senate and that no woman has ever been elected to the leadership in either body.

She said Americans think of the president as "commander in chief" and "leader of the free world," titles that correspond to the secretary of defense and secretary of state, respectively. No woman has ever held either of those posts. Schroeder also pointed to the small number of women CEOs and major foundation heads as evidence that women have a long way to go to gain equality with men.

Schroeder expressed some optimism, citing the appointment of Janet Reno '63 as attorney general. Schroeder said she was pleased that Ruth Bader Ginsburg '56-'58 was appointed to the Supreme Court but was appalled that it took so long to get two women justices on the Court.

Schroeder also pointed to Hillary Clinton's successful testimony before Congress on health-care reform last week as a positive sign for women. But Schroeder said the dazzled reaction of many of her male colleagues to Mrs. Clinton's ability to answer questions



Rep. Patricia Schroeder '64 talks to students during the Celebration 40 conference at HLS.

made Schroeder wonder if there will ever be a woman president.

Schroeder said the lack of prominent women in government in American history partly explains the unlikely prospects for having a woman president. She contrasted the United States with Britain, where "some of the best kings were queens."

Schroeder said the important roles that women have played in American his-

tory need to be recognized. "We don't know the stories of women in American history," she said.

"We still have to pave the road to equality before we can have a woman president," Schroeder added. Making reference to the children's game of Hockey Pokey, she urged women "to put their whole selves into the game of equal rights for the first time."

Women have successfully led many other causes, Schroeder said, but on the issue of equal rights they are divided. She said the media makes these divisions worse by getting women to debate equal rights, turning the issue into a "cat fight."

Schroeder said women need to agree

on a definition of what "equal rights" means. The debate over equal rights tends to degenerate into a debate over whether women are the same as or different from men, she said.

Schroeder also urged women to demand a more family-friendly workplace. "Every other industrialized nation has made this a family issue, not a women's issue."

Schroeder said women should get into the health-care debate right now if they want to debate on an equal basis. She said that if women are not aggressive in demanding the same health-care benefits that men get, they will be left out of the health-care debate.

Legal Reconstructionism: Panel Demands Changes for Women in Workplace

By David Weiss

Women have begun to shake the foundations of a male-oriented legal profession, but it will take a great deal of effort to change the institutional and attitudinal biases that continue to preclude equality between the sexes in the workplace, according to panelists who spoke as part of the Celebration 40 program here.

By removing these obstacles in the legal workplace, the panelists suggested, women in the legal profession will be in positions to change the law to help improve the standing of women in all professions and in society as a whole.

The three panelists spoke before approximately 250 students, alumni, and other members of the legal community in the Ames Courtroom Saturday morning. They described a legal world in which women who challenge historically female roles in the workplace encounter a "glass ceiling" and a hierarchy that looks down upon working mothers.

Mona Harrington '60, author of the upcoming book *Women Lawyers Rewriting the Rules*, linked the roles of men and women in society today to the teachings of Aristotle. According to Harrington, Aristotle viewed the world as consisting of two distinct spheres: the male-dominated public sphere, maintained through order; and the female-dominated private sphere, maintained through caring.

"If women declare themselves to be rulemakers, they are challenging the entire dichotomy that has been in place for the past 2500 years," Harrington said.

Jamienne S. Studley '75, a member of the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession and deputy general counsel to the Department of Education, said that women must work to challenge institutions to reform their standards. She suggested that women work with other socially disadvantaged groups, such as racial minorities and homosexuals, in

building a coalition to influence the existing hierarchy to share its power.

Studley said the obstacles women face will not be easily removed. "Let's face it: people with power hold on to it," she said.

Anne C. Weisberg '85, co-author of the upcoming book *Everything a Working Mother Needs to Know* and organizer of the Celebration 40 program, focused on the particular difficulties women face in trying to combine work and family. Weisberg argued that a hostile attitude remains prevalent in the legal profession and often means that women are "treated as mothers trying to be lawyers rather than as lawyers who are also mothers."

This attitude arises in part from a misperception about the nature of women's commitment to their work, according to Weisberg. When a woman gains a family, she is believed to lose her commitment to her work and to have become softer due to her pregnancy and motherhood, she said. On the contrary, Weisberg argued, many women believe their work rate and work product are better after they start a family.

Harrington said the rules that hinder women have changed for the better since HLS first began to graduate women in 1953. But, she cautioned, the work has only just begun. "The impact has been revolutionary, though we still have not felt the full impact yet," she said. "We are still in the opening phase of significant change."

Weisberg called upon women to work toward reshaping workplace policies, including programs and policies to relieve work-family tensions. She said women need to take the initiative to free themselves from the male-based career-advancement model and the "good mother"-based cultural model.

"Rather than recognize the inadequacy of these standards, women simply see that they don't meet them," said Weisberg. "We have to stop blaming ourselves. . . . We need to redefine our models."

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Philly Firms Do Public Interest Work

Seven of Philadelphia's most prominent law firms have decided to participate in the Philadelphia Public Interest Fellowship program. The program sends new attorneys to work full time at the city's public interest organizations for one year before they begin work for the firm.

Under the program, graduating law students can accept an offer from one of the participating firms and defer entry into the firm for one year. During this time, they can work full time for a local public interest law project of their choosing. The law firm will advance the associates one-half of the associates' first year salary to provide them with some income during their work at the public interest organization, and the following year when the associates begin work at their firms, they will receive the second half of their first year salary.

The program allows new law graduates to work for a year in public interest law knowing that a big-firm job and salary awaits them. It also enables law firms to perform pro bono services. The program was developed by two Philadelphia lawyers and is serving as a model for bar associations across the country.

Public interest organizations are supportive of the fellowship and hope it will help them attract more top graduates to their organizations. "Hopefully, we will be able to tap into some of this lost talent," said Frank Cervone, executive director at the Support Center for Child Advocates.

Public interest organizations are conducting interviews for fellowships beginning in the fall of 1994, and any associate accepting an offer with one of the participating firms is eligible to apply. For more information, contact Laura Waters, fellowship coordinator at the Philadelphia Bar Association (215) 238-6300.

"Final Club" May Drop Ban on Women

One of Harvard's nine all-male "final clubs" may soon open its doors to women — not only as guests, but as members. By a vote of 28-0 (with one abstention), students in the Fly Club last week agreed to seek permission from its alumni council to admit women. The vote represents a concrete step toward ending the 157-year-old ban on women members in the clubs.

Although only five percent of Harvard undergraduates are members of the final clubs, elite social organizations that house themselves throughout Harvard Square, their exclusionary policies have attracted much attention and protest. In 1984, Harvard University officially cut ties with the clubs after they refused to admit women. In 1987, the Fly Club became the focus of student protest when a woman student filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, claiming that the club's men-only policy was illegal. Three years later, the MCAD ruled in the Fly's favor, finding that the club's private nature allowed for its exclusionary policies.

Last week, however, the Fly's members voluntarily decided to seek change. "It is just something that the time has come for," said Scott B. Logan, the club's president. "The Fly existed for 130 years before women were even admitted to Harvard. But now we live in dorms with women. We go to classes with women. There's no reason why they shouldn't be a part of our club as well."

The Fly's alumni council was scheduled to consider the student proposal Wednesday night, after the RECORD had gone to press.

Kennedy Speaks on Multiculturalism

Scholars must realize they can teach about both Western and non-Western cultures without resort to extreme thinking, Prof. Randall Kennedy told an audience of more than one hundred Tuesday night. Speaking alongside Dinesh D'Souza, author of *Illiberal Education*, the two said multiculturalism should be introduced to the University curriculum, but must not be watered down so as to be "politically correct."

Recognizing that a curriculum emphasizing culture and history "is biased in fact and favor of white males," D'Souza advocated the incorporation of non-Western classics into student syllabi.

But D'Souza also warned that "bogus multicultural readings" selected to demonstrate a "politically correct" viewpoint, "reflect less of a true heritage of the non-Western world. . . Non-Western classics in the main tend to be politically incorrect," he said.

Kennedy expressed concern that extreme thinking had become the focus of the multiculturalism debate. "People are so hot to see a squabble and a fight," he said. "That's entertainment."

— from the *Harvard Crimson*

Sperm Bank Opens Near Harvard

Male students can rest assured they already have at least one outstanding offer — to donate their sperm, that is. On September 13, California Cryobank opened a sperm bank on Mass. Ave., and the company is hoping to attract top quality donations from local students. Located between Harvard and MIT, the bank's most active donors have so far been college men between the ages of 21-23. Already, between 50 and 100 men have expressed interest in participating.

Donors are required to fill out extensive questionnaires. The screening process lasts for approximately two months and involves in-depth medical and social evaluations. The company says such careful screening is very important, as potential sperm recipients often seek specific characteristics, and the bank wants to make sure its donors are in top form.

Potential clients of the sperm bank receive a catalog with a list of basic information, including education, physical characteristics, and ethnicity of potential sperm choices. Most of the clients are heterosexual couples who are unable to conceive children on their own. "Only a small percentage are single women," said Karen Fox, the lab manager of the Cambridge sperm bank.

Sperm donors receive just over \$100 a week for making donations, and many donors view it as just another job.

Supreme Court Hears "Curious George"

The Dying of the Light

Consider This, Senora

By Harriet Doerr

New York: Harcourt Brace
241 pp. \$21.95/hardcover



By Mike Fischer '95

Book Review Editor

TEN years ago Harriet Doerr published *Stones for Ibarra*, her first novel, at age seventy-three. Ostensibly the story of an American couple, the Evertons, and their quixotic efforts to revive the Mexican silver mine abandoned by Richard Everton's ancestors, *Stones* was, in fact, a lyrical tribute to the Mexican people among whom the Evertons lived. Juxtaposing the Evertons' misplaced attempts to resurrect a past that never was with the complex social histories unfolding, unnoticed, all around them, *Stones* explored the consequent clash of cultures with a rare combination of sympathy and irony — one respectful of and insightful about both the Mexicans and their myopic guests.

Doerr's recently published second novel, *Consider This, Senora*, once again takes up the theme of North Americans south of the border. But there is little evidence here of the insight and even less of the irony which distinguished its predecessor. *Stones'* nuanced probe of cultural difference has devolved into picturesque and sentimentalized renditions of Mexican landscapes and people, rarely emerging from their roles as props for the gringos who move within and among them. And the gringos themselves, also with some fine exceptions, rarely emerge from the cardboard caricatures within which Doerr's novel confines them.

As the novel opens, two of them — Bud Loomis and Sue Ames — meet, improbably, in a small real estate office in central Mexico. Bud — squat and loud, ambitious and obnoxious — is hiding from the IRS. Sue — a beautiful, introspective artist — is hiding from her past and, more specifically, from her ex-husband Tim. The two of them couldn't possibly be more different. So, of course, they form a real estate partnership and begin carving the barren mesa above the imaginary village of Amapolas into half-acre lots.

Even more improbably, they soon have takers. Fran Bowles, thirty-eight and twice divorced, uses Amapolas as the base from which she sorties forth in search of a good man and material for another guidebook. Her mother, Ursula, widowed after forty-five years of marital bliss, takes up residence next door and waits to die. Otto von Schramm, a famous German pianist and concentration camp survivor, accompanies torrential downpours on his concert grand.

One never really gets to know most of these characters — and doesn't really care. Fran's romances are too typical, and Fran herself too self-absorbed, to ever extract her from her primary mission in life: insuring that Sue and Ursula have someone to be annoyed at when the plot drags. Otto never rises from his piano long enough to escape his fate as the token tormented genius. And Sue's predictable dance back into the arms of her ex-husband — who arrives, *deus ex machina*, at novel's close to sweep her away even as Fran, coincidentally, finds her perfect man — is a microcosm of a plot which resolutely refuses to leave loose ends behind for us to contemplate.

The most notable — and moving — exception to this tedium is Doerr's portrait of Ursula. "Wrapped in the mists of her brief, uncertain future and the brilliant patchwork of her never-ending past," Ursula nevertheless manages to embrace the present, generously expending her wealth of experience to make sense of and establish connections with characters — and a novel — unworthy of her.

Though Ursula cannot close the distance separating her from her troubled and impatient daughter, her forty-five-year love affair with her husband Philip helps her understand how Fran suffers and why Fran searches, even as it forces the rest of us to wonder why what had always come so easily to Ursula remains so difficult for most of us. Ursula's childhood in Mexico, where she had lived until she was twelve, teaches her an instinctive respect and understanding for the people around her: the children like those with whom she once played as well as the adults struggling against the same spectres of poverty and hunger, drought and disease once confronted by those past children's parents.

Eighty years old when the novel opens, Ursula's age prods her to seek out and make space for the eccentricities and the histories of Amapolas' otherwise forgotten and ignored old people.

Unlike Sue, the elusive artist upon whom Doerr bestows a "painter's eye, converting what was actually there to her private way of seeing," Ursula's insights into those around her are meant to be shared. Though Sue has moments where what and how she sees recalls the most lyrical passages in *Stones* — she describes Amapolas' lake on village-washing day, for example, as "adorned like a bride with the laundry drying on its shore" — it is Ursula who is this novel's best artist. More than the narrator and more than any of the other eminently forgettable characters, she occasionally brings Doerr's novel and those characters to life with her wisdom and her compassion.

Nor is this surprising. When Ursula dies late in the novel, she is eighty-three — the same age as Doerr herself is now. And whether or not her progenitor would be willing to admit it, Ursula is most certainly an autobiographical figure, embodying the best and finest of what Doerr herself has learned from the years once lived in Mexico and, more importantly, from the many more years spent living, period.

Ursula's death, then, represents more than the termination of what is best in this disappointing novel; it marks the passing of what was best in Doerr's work as well. Genius of the kind that produces a *Stones for Ibarra* — which won a deserved American Book Award for best novel of the year — is evanescent: Precious few are able to command its powers even once, let alone twice. *Consider This, Senora*, which is destined for oblivion rather than a book award, confirms this.

I wish that *Consider* hadn't been written. It isn't fair to Ursula. And it isn't fair to Doerr. *Consider* has just enough of the magical, poetic quality of *Stones for Ibarra* to remind me of how inferior it truly is.

So consider this, reader: Ignore it altogether. Better to remember Doerr for the bejeweled quality of her first, great novel than for the dying of the light in its successor.

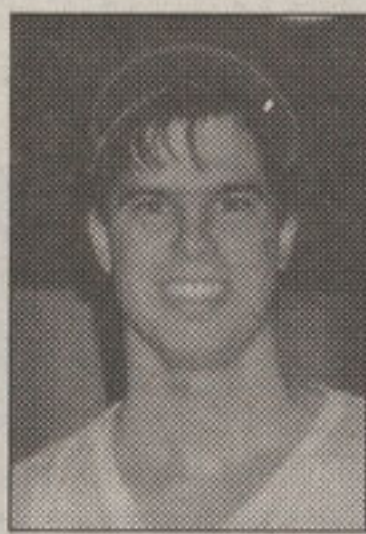
College Football Season Climax in October?

By Bill O'Dowd '94

Sports Editor

The college football national championship may be all but decided tomorrow when the third-ranked University of Miami Hurricanes travel to Tallahassee to play the top-ranked Florida State Seminoles. Not because Miami is the only team that can beat Florida State, but because Florida State is the only team left that can beat Miami before New Year's Day.

After tomorrow, Miami's schedule is filled with Big East teams. Syracuse is the only one of these teams with the talent to compete with Miami. The



eted national championship trophy in three of the past four seasons, often in dramatic, come-from-behind fashion.

Confidently predicting the winner of this game is impossible. The Seminoles look unbeatable, especially at home. They have beaten Georgia Tech and Clemson (both of which were ranked at the time) at home this year by a combined score of 108-0 and probably have both the best offensive player and the best defensive player in the country, quarterback Charlie Ward and linebacker Derrick Brooks, respectively. They also sense that this is "their" year.

Miami, on the other hand, is young and inexperienced. This is probably the weakest of Hurricanes teams since 1984.

Yet, a poor Miami team is better than most teams in the country. The defensive line is as good as any quartet in the

school's history. They will have to put tremendous pressure on Ward all day long both to contain the FSU playmaker and to protect their green secondary.

Dealt a tough hand this year, Miami Coach Dennis Erickson still has an ace up his sleeve. He knows that if his Hurricanes can just keep it close, the ghosts of Miami players past may start haunting the current Seminoles and Coach Bowden. Self-doubt may start preying upon the minds of the Florida State players, making them ask whether they can lose yet another close game to Miami.

As tough as it is to bet against Miami in a big game (or any game for that matter), most fans will certainly be rooting against them. Bitter fans resent Miami and its "bad-boy" image.

Those in favor of change want to see Miami, which has

played for the national championship six of the past ten years, out of the title picture. Sentimental boosters will be rooting for perennial "bridesmaid" Bobby Bowden and his Seminoles. And "smart" fans of Michigan, Ohio State, Penn State, Nebraska, Arizona, and any other team with a chance at a national championship should be rooting for Florida State, and not Miami, simply because Florida State, as impressive as they have been, stands a better chance of losing on the road against Notre Dame or Florida than Miami does of losing at home against Syracuse or Virginia Tech.

Mr. sports guy

Orangemen, who were talking about contending for the national championship before the season started, are struggling. The past three weeks have seen Syracuse tie a very poor Texas team, squeak by Cincinnati, and lose to Boston College at home. Also, the Miami v. Syracuse game will be played in the Orange Bowl, where the Hurricanes have won 53 straight dating back to the mid-'80s!

On the other hand, Florida State will have at least two other games as difficult as tomorrow's. Give Seminole Coach Bobby Bowden credit. FSU's out-of-conference schedule consists of #3 Miami, #4 Notre Dame, and #5 Florida. The game against Notre Dame will be played in South Bend in November, most probably at temperatures that disfavor Florida State's wide-open passing attack. The Florida Gators will be waiting for their hated arch-rival in The Swamp in

Gainesville, where the Gators have won 19 straight games and are unbeaten under the leadership of current Coach Steve Spurrier. Also, remember that no less than five of FSU's ACC opponents have been ranked in the top 25 this year!

If the Seminoles survive this schedule unscathed, they would have my vote not only for this year's national title but for the mythical distinction as the "Greatest College Football Team of All Time."

In what has consistently been the college football "Game of the Year" in recent seasons, Florida State is carrying the biggest of grudges: The Miami Hurricanes have cost the Seminoles a shot at the cov-

As tough as it is to bet against Miami in a big game (or any game for that matter), most fans will certainly be rooting against them.

THE FOOD GRADER

Bennett St. Cafe Makes a Good Interview Break



By Jill Daniels '95

The Charles Hotel, temporary abode to many 2Ls and 3Ls during these next few weeks, affords a tranquil haven away from the Square's notorious commotion. Situated just off the hotel lobby, **The Bennett St. Cafe** is a convenient place to have a good meal in a spacious, colorful environment.

Customers are greeted by a seasonal display of pumpkins, fall leaves, and woven baskets set upon a rustic cart. (All that's missing are the horses.) Don't be intimidated by the multiple business suits dining about you; the wait staff is far from formal, although the manager is often visible lurking about, vigilant as a pit boss.

Inside the restaurant, two glass walls create a well-lit environment and allow patrons the ideal vantage point for people-watching in the plaza. A third glass-paneled wall separates the spacious main dining room from a commodious banquet hall, but leaves room enough for each table to enjoy a comfortable spread. Or, if you stop by anytime soon, you may be able to soak up the last rays of sunlight before they all disappear to California, as you dine outside on the patio.



In lieu of tablecloths, sheets of white butcher paper grace the tables. A rainbow assortment of Crayolas, which the wait staff meticulously maintain at each table, invites customers to let their creative juices flow as they await the flow of their gastric juices.

The menu is a wide variety of dishes, ranging from salads, pastas, and seafood to free-range chicken (animal rights activists would be pleased). Bennett St. Cafe also features several starred entree selections, known as "Le Pli Cuisine." Prepared according to strict nutritional guidelines for sodium, fat, and caloric content, these dishes are perfect for the dietitian in you. (What dishes lack in seasoning is made up for in nutritious value, if that's what you're looking for.)

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The wine selection we assume to be good, although we have no confirmation of this since the wine list was whisked away as soon as we sat down. A refreshing alternative is found in the sparkling apple cider (\$3.25). The Cafe also offers a selection of 93 specialty beers from around the world, available at your table or at the bar near the Cafe entrance.

While you make your selection, you can munch on quasi-Italian bread, served cold in a wooden basket on each table. The cornbread with Bennett St. Cafe's special lemon cream-cheese spread is particularly good.

For starters, choose from seven different types of salads, soups, and fish appetizers. I recommend starting off with either the New England Clam Chowder (\$4.00) or the Mixed Baby Greens with Lemon Tarragon Vinaigrette (\$3.75), a flavorful salad with a light and tangy dressing. While not exactly New England's finest, the chowder is sure to warm your innards while whetting your palate.

The entrees include a selection of traditional foods prepared in a slightly eclectic way. In addition, the Cafe offers two specials daily, including one pasta dish, ranging from Pizza Margharite (with toppings) to Roasted Duck. Each dish is a visual delight, colorful and carefully decorated.

If you order the Grilled Halibut, Miso Broth, and Tea Noodles (\$16.50), be prepared for a large piece of fish sitting atop a heap of green noodles and sundry vegetables, all seasoned in a fresh, miso broth. Although it sounds unusual, this dish tastes surprisingly good. Portions are generous, so bring along a hearty appetite (or a hungry friend).

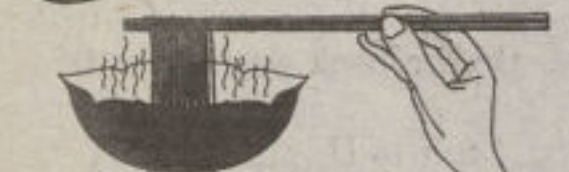
Vegetarians may find solace in the pizza options, or in pasta dishes like the Penne Pasta with Roasted Vegetables and Extra Virgin Olive Oil (\$10.50). The lightly oiled and garlic pasta comes heaped on a mound of shriveled, finely-diced vegetables, which, when enough courage is summoned to taste, are found to be quite flavorful.

The dessert menu ushers in a new set of choices. For \$4.50 connoisseurs may choose from delicacies like Cheesecake with Strawberry and Mango Sauce to Berry Farmer's English Truffle with a Hint of Grand Marnier. The less daring may opt for one of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream selections (sorry, no Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough at this fine establishment).

Mom's Favorite Shortcake of the Day with Fresh Fruit (seasonal) and Cream, served with strawberries, blueberries, and blackberries, was a delightful surprise. The Malted Bittersweet Chocolate Cake with Creme Anglaise is neither moist nor sweet, but is accompanied nicely by the Creme.

Prices here are a little high, so if you're looking for a cheap eat, this is not it (try Nick's!). However, if you want a place to go after you've finished up your interviews, or need to relax before starting them (remember, there are 93 different specialty beers from around the world here), the Bennett St. Cafe may be just the place.

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Edith and Claire

More than one-half century after she died, Edith Wharton has finally arrived. Riding the coattails of Martin Scorsese's brilliant film, her novel *The Age of Innocence* has gone all the way from oblivion to the top spot on *The New York Times Book Review* bestseller list — in just one week. The distribution of the film itself, after selling out in the eighty-odd theaters in which it initially opened, has been dramatically expanded. Wharton's novels — all of Wharton's novels — are selling like hotcakes.

Such news would be encouraging even if it did no more than underscore that we aren't all as brain-dead as Hollywood imagines. If the entertainment moguls give us serious movies, we'll not only swell the box returns, but we'll even read the books they're based on. But the current Edith Wharton renaissance is less about the opening of the American mind than the closed doors still barring women from realms in which they might fully exercise their minds — let alone being acknowledged as *having* them. Wharton's prose continues to speak to people — both at the box office and in her novels — because she was imaginative enough to create strong women and courageous enough to acknowledge their constricted options. If her stories remain relevant and provocative in the 1990s, it is less because she was ahead of her time than because of how little the times have changed.

Wharton's great novels — *The Age of Innocence*, *The House of Mirth*, and *Custom of the Country* — all have heroines who are splendid less because they had the guts to revolt than because their revolts were such splendid failures. Lily Bart moves from failure to failure in *The House of Mirth* because New York society has no place for an intelligent woman who cannot bring herself to accept a choice between a sordid marriage and an equally sordid affair. Undine Spragg moves from success to success in *The Custom of the Country*, but only because she is willing to prostitute her tremendous talents on the altar of the man of the moment.

The Age of Innocence gives us the inevitable consequence: a heroine who, part Lily and part Undine, beats a retreat for Europe, having fortuitously inherited enough to live comfortably and having lived enough to know that she will not stay comfortable unless she remains quiet. Ellen Olenska could not keep the rules, so she would have to keep out of the way.

To be sure, Celebration 40's participants intimated this past weekend that women today have additional options, and the statistics support them. But statistics do not reveal the subtler stereotypes and the glass ceilings, the subtle hints and the not-so-subtle comments that leave psychic scars and produce lives of quiet desperation. As Claire Dalton recently wrote in describing her tenure experience here, HLS was not an "overtly misogynist and hostile kind of environment." Her "male colleagues were largely genteel."

Wharton would have appreciated Dalton's words, for they describe the kind of barriers confronting her heroines. Ellen Olenska doesn't square off against Rambo and his progeny, but against an institutionalized, largely unconscious denial of her basic humanity. The same kind that "did in" Claire Dalton. The same kind that will confront many of the HLS women interviewing this month.

So before we celebrate the extent to which things have changed, let's make sure they haven't stayed the same. *The Age of Innocence* may look like a macabre tale from an oppressive past. But its current popularity suggests that it speaks to a particularly intractable version of sexism — one permeating our present and threatening our collective future.

— Fischer

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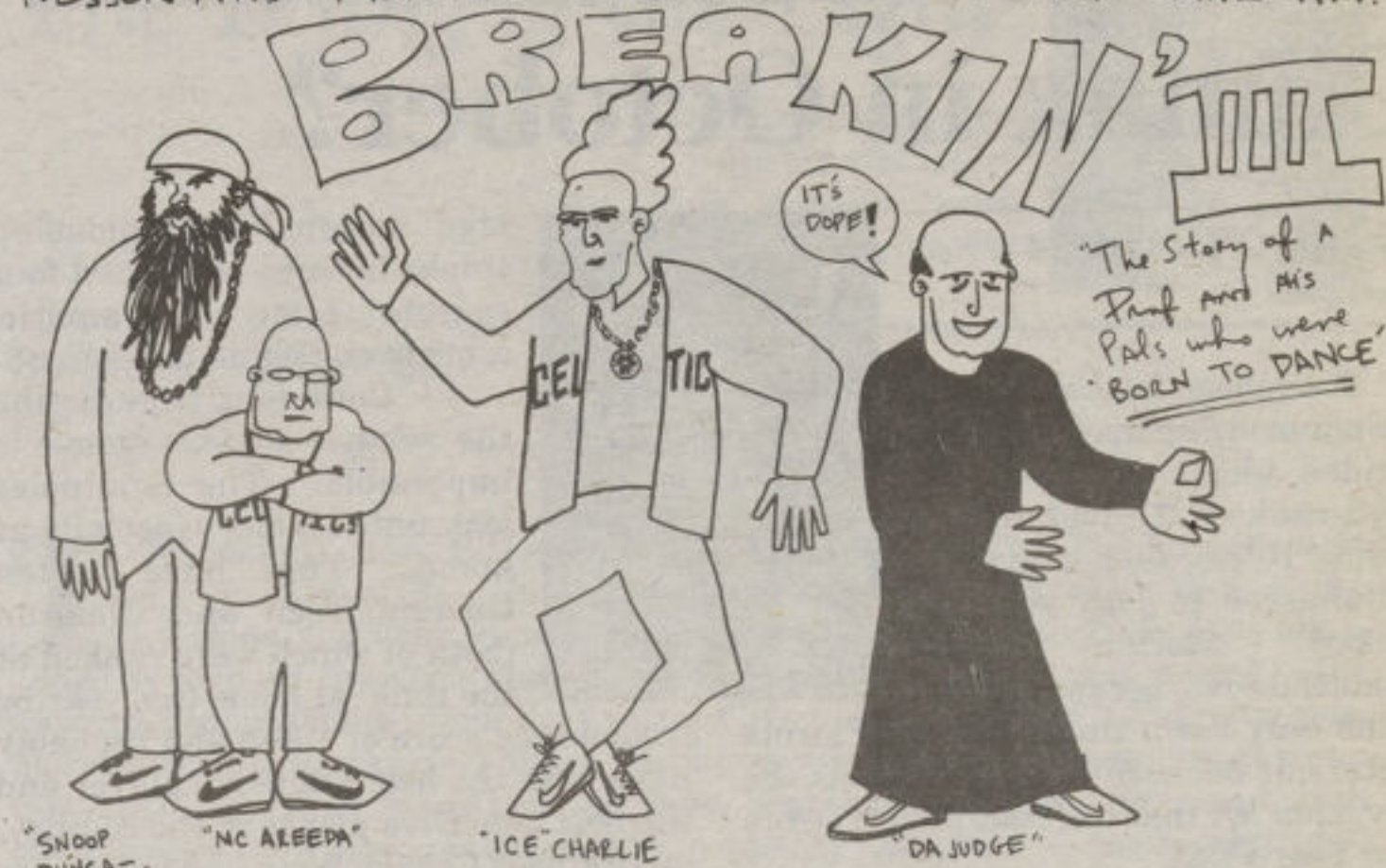
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Monster Trucks Fulfill Their Promises

As a card carrying constituent (holy alliteration, Batman) of the Monster Truck Coalition (MTC), I praise my MTC representatives for their principled stance in sponsoring and approving the infamous "beer resolution." The MTC withstood political strong-arm tactics, a smear campaign, and

unjustified ethical innuendoes, all staples of the opposition. Perhaps the rest of the Council is merely embarrassed that MTC was able to accomplish a rarity in the bloody battlefield of law school politics: it actually fulfilled a campaign promise. I eagerly await successful passage of

the MTC's only remaining campaign objective, a monster truck rally down Mass. Ave. Oh how I shall cry sweet tears of victory on that day. Amen.

Billy Choslovsky '94
October 5, 1993

Help Make City Year A Success

On October 23, we all have an opportunity to do something rare: make a meaningful, tangible, lasting contribution to our community. Specifically, students will paint a public school in Dorchester. We'd like you to join us.

To do so, you need only do two things. First, fill out a

City Year participation form at the office of the Public Interest Advisor on the third floor of Pound Hall. Second, come to Boston Common at 7:30 AM on the 23rd and look for the HLS sign.

At the Common, City Year volunteers will be issued paint, brushes, and free t-shirts. Then, we will move en

mass to Dorchester. I expect that we will finish working by mid-afternoon. A free City Year party follows downtown.

More important, you'll actually feel good about yourself. Hope to see you there.

Brian Glasser '94
October 6, 1993

American Lawyer Survey Worthless

I would like to object to the American Lawyer's so-called Summer Associate Poll, released last week and distributed at Harvard's Career Services. It is fit only for entertainment purposes, and should not purport to reflect the quality of any of the programs "surveyed."

First, the poll is riddled with countless statistical inaccuracies. Although I am not a statistician, it is patently clear that the small sample sizes (often less than one third of a summer program responded), and tiny 1-5 score range in each area makes the results statistically insignificant. In Philadelphia, where I worked this summer, the difference between the "best" and "worst" summer programs was a scant .25 on a 5 point scale.

Secondly, firms can manipulate the results, and often do, by deciding when

they are distributed (close to the beginning of the summer, before or after a retreat to the Sierras), and to whom they must be returned (directly to American Lawyer or to the recruiting coordinator who will "ship them together" in a packet).

Finally, the poll does not take into account whether the summer associates received offers, which, as we all know, is the crux of the matter. Some of the firms rated extremely high in the city gave less than one third of their allegedly happy summer associates offers. To ignore this crucial fact when evaluating any summer program is misleading.

I'll admit that I'm writing this letter because my firm, despite running what I perceived as a top-notch summer program complete with group bonding and offers for almost everyone, scored sec-

ond to last in the Philadelphia. I was dumbfounded.

In a recent phone call, one of the members of the summer associates committee asked me what I thought had caused the bad outcome. I didn't know what to tell her, but rambled on about the reasons above. She agreed with me, but said it still reflected badly on the firm in an anxious tone which hinted the ranking might hinder their recruiting this year.

This kind of work is shoddy and irresponsible journalism. It hurts good firms, and rewards bad ones. American Lawyer should either improve their methodology or discontinue the poll, and go back to the kind of scurrilous reporting it is known for.

Johanna Davis '94
October 6, 1993

Write to us!



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Lessons Learned at Celebration 40

By Linda E. Friedman '85

When my law school roommate asked me if I was interested in going to Celebration 40, I thought back to a Friday afternoon when she and I were in law school. We were passing Austin Hall on our way to the Square when we saw a flood of grey-haired women wearing name tags and hugging each other.

At the time I couldn't imagine why anyone would voluntarily give up a weekend to come to the Law School. It turns out that they were at HLS for Celebration 35. Aside from the scary realization that I was now one of those grey-haired ladies, literally and figuratively, I still had the lingering fear that it would be a series of monotonous lectures given and attended by women at least twenty years my senior.

I was wrong.

For those current students who were there, it was good to see so many of you. For those of you who did not come, men included, it was a wonderful and enlightening experience I wish you had shared.

Participating in Celebration 40 was in some ways a lot like being at the Law School: It was at once an extremely humbling and empowering experience. The intelligence of the women, their power, their clarity, and their accomplishments took my breath away. Their devotion and commitment to the paths they had chosen was astounding.

But in a significant way, Celebration 40 was completely different from the time I spent at the Law School. We were a group of over 600 women sharing and exchanging our ideas and our life experiences. I don't remember ever doing that at the Law School. It touched my mind and my heart to be able to converse with women on and of this level. Instead of having to hide or downplay who we were, we could just be ourselves.

Meeting some of the first women graduates of the Law School and hearing about their experiences taught me the importance of legacy. In between discussion groups, I went into the tunnel under Austin Hall to use the ladies room and encountered the line we have all come to expect. One of the graduates in the second class

of HLS women followed me and was incredulous that the bathroom had not changed. She told me that when she was at HLS, there was only one bathroom at the Law School for women — one stall and a cot, actually — and it was right where we were standing.

So in honor of legacy, here are some pearls of wisdom from those who came before us. They are paraphrases only, but I hope the authors will not mind my passing them on to you:

Jamie Studley '75, the Deputy General Counsel of the US Department of Education, told us that one way to keep moving forward as women in the legal profession is to *talk truth to power*. The only twist I would add is to talk your truth to power.

Throughout the weekend we noticed how our truths are different from the truths for men, but also, how they are often different from each other. It doesn't matter what your experience or opinion is, share it. This is not about convincing others or being right. It's about testimony. Once you give your experiences a voice, you open up the possibility of moving another woman forward because she has someone to follow.

What always strikes me personally as difficult is the "to power" part — especially when you know that what you have to say is the last thing they want to hear. But remember that giving it a voice is the first step to giving it arms, legs, and, ultimately, a life of its own.

In her talk about health-care reform, Patricia McGovern, a former Massachusetts state senator, stressed the importance of *being in the room*. When there are six people locked in a room at 4 AM and budget cuts need to be made, what matters is who is in the room. All of the legwork that has been done, all the lobbying, campaigning, and consciousness-raising is just that — legwork.

If the six people in the room are all men of similar age and background, their discussion may well be affected by how enlightened they are on issues that particularly concern women. But if women (notice, more than one) are there participating, the discussions, if not the outcomes, are likely to be different.



We have to keep pushing to have women in decision-making positions. And not just one woman, but several. As many graduates stressed this weekend, no one likes to do it alone, to be the only voice. It makes us look like a minority when we are not.

If you are at all like me or the students and young graduates I spoke to, you may wonder what difference you can make — what room you can be in that would make a difference. Or how your job or stay at HLS can "have an effect."

One of the most important things I learned from Celebration 40 is that you should never question your contribution. *You make a contribution just by showing up.*

Until this weekend I did not know that many female graduates of HLS could not get jobs in the private sector immediately after graduation, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '56-'58 and Patricia

Schroeder '64, a veteran member of the US House of Representatives from Colorado, included. When they applied for jobs, they were asked if they could type.

Thinking about that, I realize what a contribution they made to all of us by just showing up in class each day. Sometimes it is easier to question your contribution than to continue it. But when you question your contribution to our collective history, just keep showing up. I realized this weekend that by persisting in a corporate law firm, I too make my contribution — by giving you someone to follow if you choose to take this road.

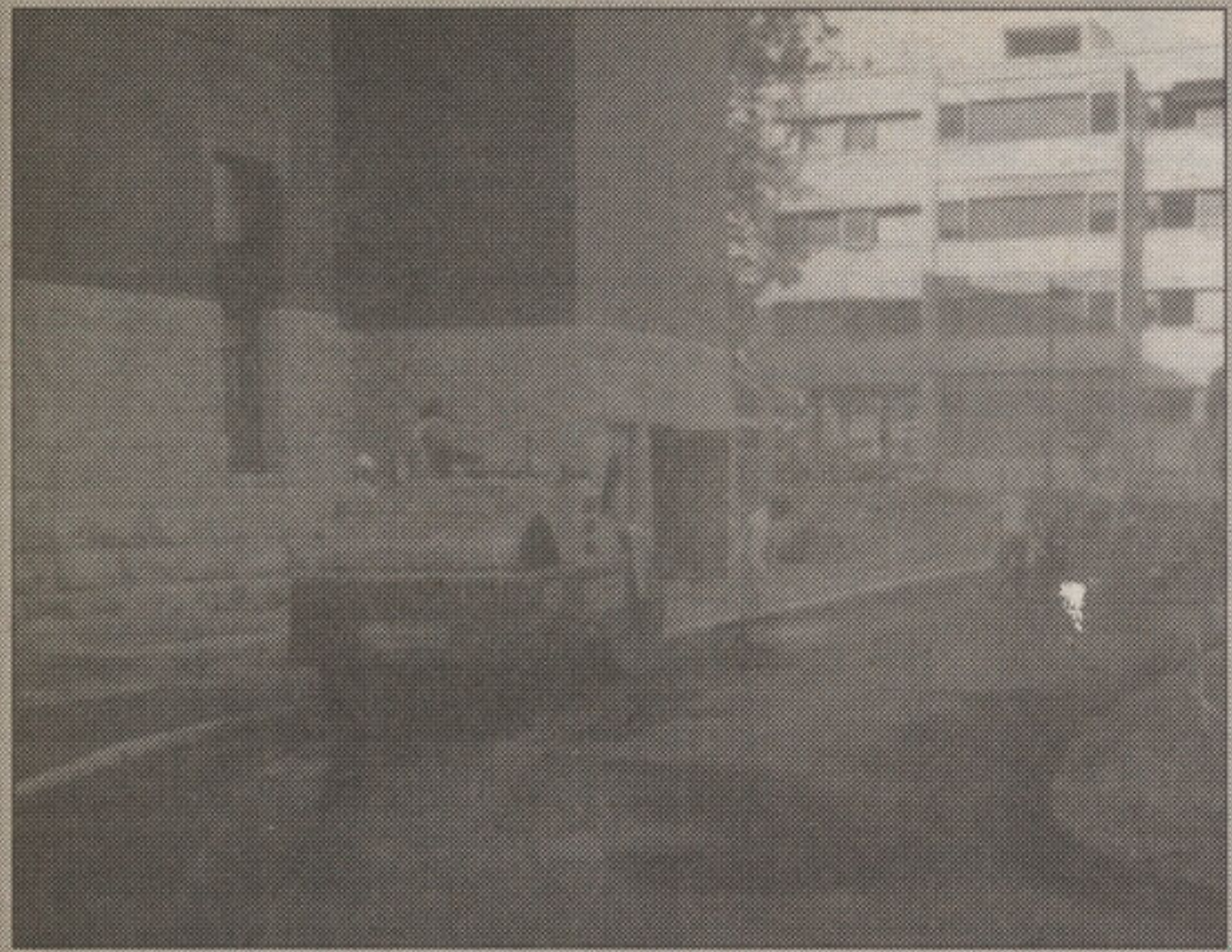
In her speech, Pat Schroeder spoke of the road we need to travel to arrive at a time and place where we do not have to talk about all of this anymore — when being a man or a woman simply isn't relevant. We are still building that road.

Pat Schroeder said she considered herself part of the "grating crew." What we need next is a "paving crew." Each one of us is that. Each in her own way.

I am proud of the tradition we represent, the groundwork we have laid so far, my own little corner of concrete. I hope that there are many of you waiting anxiously for the next footprint of concrete to be poured, so that we move down the road, in numbers, as fast as we can build it.

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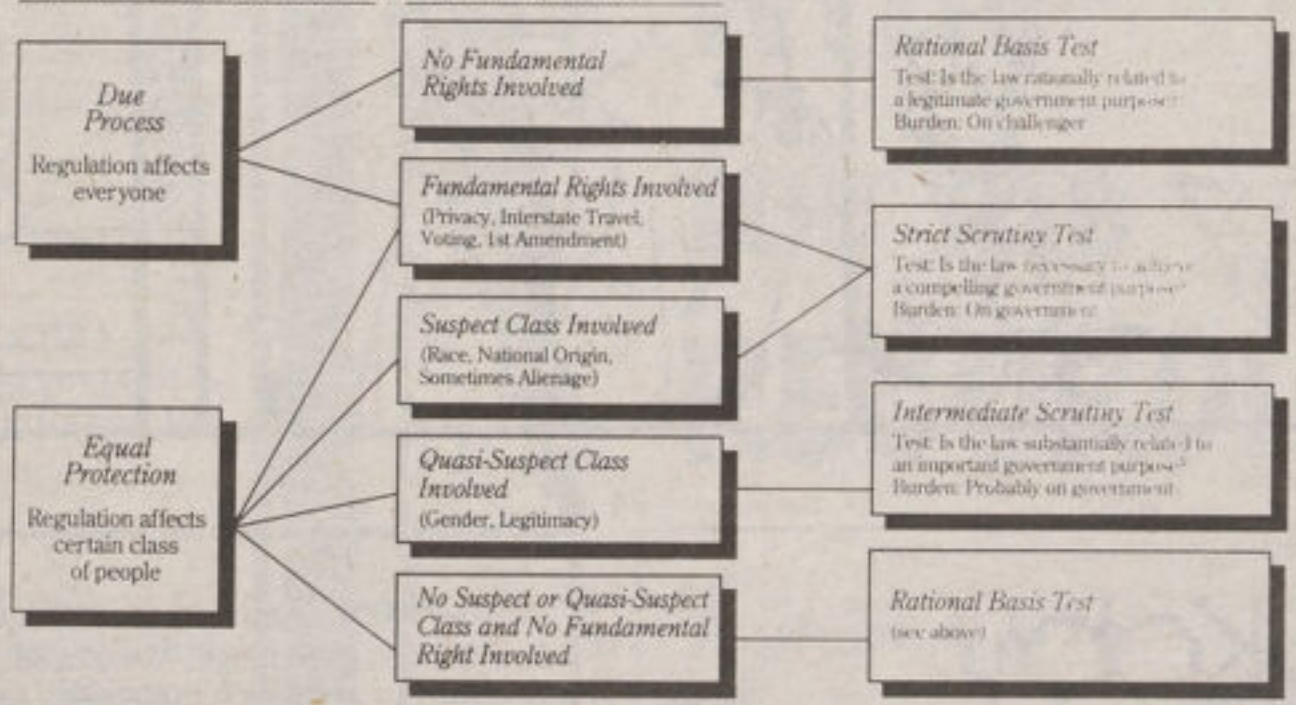


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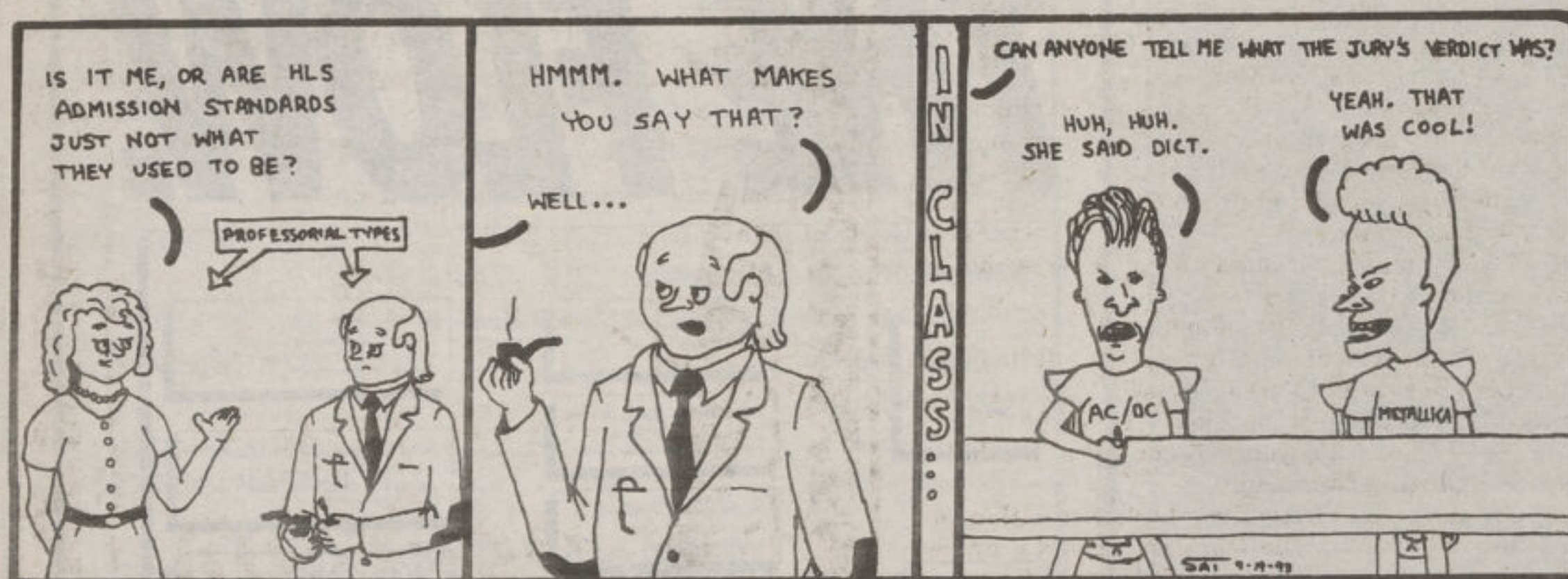
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TAURUS: April 23 — May 22 What can I say about yams that hasn't been said already? Expect more of this special Y food in your future. A Tina Turner wig dramatically revitalizes your social life.

GEMINI: May 22 — June 21 You receive an honorary PhD in Sociology from Harvard by demonstrating a positive correlation between Barry Manilow fans and their mothers. Start smoking again, but salmon this time.

CANCER: June 21 — July 22 You lose your white 1987 Acura in a double-or-nothing crapshoot at an Indian casino. Spending less on those 1-900 numbers could free up some disposable income for food.

LEO: July 23 — August 21 A romantic tryst with a wood nymph leaves you beguiled. But don't forget to protect yourself from wood nymphitis. Remember, fungus doesn't kill people: People kill people.

VIRGO: August 22 — September 22 Cashews, cashews, cashews. Where will it all end? Act on whimsy: Go ahead and sleep with the managing partner.

LIBRA: September 23 — October 22 You receive the Nobel Peace Prize for getting all 68 HLS professors to join in a spontaneous chorus of "We Belong" by Pat Benetar at Friday's faculty meeting. As the cow said to the heifer, "Too much masticating can make you go blind. Don't spill the seed — it's against your creed."

SCORPIO: October 23 — November 22 Prompted by Michael Jordan, you hold a press conference to announce your early retirement. The firm is not amused. Love is a two way street: Be careful crossing Mass. Ave.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 — December 23 Buy your significant other something extremely expensive, like orthoscopic surgery. You will gag on a small souvenir from Knott's Berry Farm: It might be that small change purse or that musical banana.

CAPRICORN: December 23 — January 21 To celebrate the baseball playoffs, you become the top hurler in your dorm. You will be attacked by a giant cheese marsupial. Carry a grater at all times.

AQUARIUS: January 22 — February 22 Music soothes the savage beast, except for that Neil Diamond record you've been playing incessantly to your roommates' Rotweiler. Splurge on that new desk chair for someone special. Nothing says it like office furniture. And oh yeah, get a life.

PISCES: February 23 — March 21 You learn an important martial arts lesson: Numchucks are not toys. Agree to purchase your friends new heads after they threaten to sue.

Word to the One-L

By Debra Dickerson '95

RECORD Columnist

If it's fall, then it's time to start the search for that elusive first-summer job. This search will be made much more "interesting" by the following information:

a. You will have learned absolutely nothing of any practical use between now and then, but
b. You will have become a Latin-manglin', outline-scrungin', arrogant little snot. (We public school alums will recognize this as the completion of the process begun at your prep schools and fancy-schman-cy undergrads.)

c. You will have completely disavowed the personal statement that got you in here (i.e. the one which quoted Mao and included a tape of you singing "If I Had a Hammer").

d. As a consequence, you will have no idea what kind of law interests you — except that you know it's the kind that makes your pockets expand.

Fortunately for us, firms like this in a person. So gather 'round and partake of the painful wisdom I gleaned from my summer job.* Don't let this happen to you.

The primary thing to look for in a summer job, and I just can't stress this enough, is the perks. Once you separate by city and into public versus private jobs, they all pay the same and they all chain you to a library carrel and turn you into memo machines. So you gotta focus on the side benefits.

To max out on perks, you gotta focus on a firm's real associate (RA) to summer associate (SA) ratio. For maximum pay and perkage, it's gotta be a mondo New York law firm. (Also, while there, consider engineering some "accidents" for classmates in NY likely to steal Law Review from you.)

My firm had a great RA:SA — about 6:1. This ratio is so important 'cause



the more RAs there are, the more free meals, the more people to plan outings, the more offices to hide in and avoid work.

See, RAs get to party on the clock and for free as long as they take SAs with them. They get to eat free at the snazzy restaurants they take us to. They get to go on the outings they so "altruistically" plan and which always seemed to be held during work hours.

They get to hide us in their offices and avoid work right along with us. So go for the gusto, 1Ls. Just

try not to lose your head like I did.

My SA power seduced me. When an RA displeased me, I'd get the word out to the other SAs and put the freeze on. No more lunches for you Mr. "This Memo Isn't Fit to Shred, Debra." No, we won't sign up for your country-club outing Ms. "My Granny Understands Antitrust Law Better, Debra." Maybe I will get an offer when pigs fly, Mr. "Were You on Drugs When you Wrote This, Debra," but it'll be a long time before I take your stinky ole Phantom tickets again.

I became addicted to the perks.

I started cruising the "org chart." I'd find an unfamiliar name and call the traitor who had not yet entertained me.

"Brady, Nicholas J.? Office number 314? It's mid-July and you haven't taken me to lunch yet. I'm an SA and I'm hungry, damn it." He whined about a trial starting in half an hour, but I just hissed at him coldly as I fished client/matter numbers out of trash cans and

pencil-whipped 80 billable hours onto my diary, "Don't make me call Recruiting."

I'm ashamed to admit it now, but I auctioned myself off. Just before a lunch, I'd call an RA and threaten to cancel (which would upset the delicate RA:SA balance required by the firm) unless the

restaurant had enough stars. "Il Nido? I think not. There's a trip to La Cote Basque. See ya."

RA friendships broke up as they vied for SAs and our power to lunch. God help me, I lost my head.

Then I hit bottom. I realized the dark power of the SA and found my unholy calling. I became a perk pusher. It was so easy. For instance, I'd go on-line and research deeds to find out which partners at which firms had cool summer homes and sell the info to SA buyers around the city. They'd then pressure the partners for invitations. I got to Cape Cod that way. I even engineered fake relationships between SAs at different firms based on their entertainment/food preferences. I'm so ashamed.

The real down-side though was the effect this scheme had on the RAs. As the summer's end neared and SAs left one by one, RAs became increasingly desperate to continue work-avoidance at the same levels. They began to hunt us down.

By the second week of August, it was getting ugly. There were days I had to stow away in friends' offices at dinky little firms

with low RA:SA ratios just to get any work done. All SAs were issued those fake noses and glasses by Security. It was pitiful. RAs were cruising the library on SA patrol, whining "Aw come on! Why can't you go to lunch? What are you doing that's so important? Xeroxing depositions? I was on Law Review — I should have that! But first let's have lunch. Pretty please? I'll let you touch my Sears Prize."

Just as I was expanding to Chicago and LA, the perk police busted me and it all came crashing down. Eventually, I lost the 50 pounds of SA fat and spent all the money I'd earned getting deprogrammed ("Brie is bad! Ramen is good!").

So take a lesson from me and go for the perks. Just don't get hooked on 'em.

*Yes of course I made this all up.

The primary thing to look for in a summer job, and I just can't stress this enough, is the perks.



Fenno

This week, Fenno releases his *Guide to On-Campus Interviewing*:

Resumes:

While you can't doctor your transcript (at least not without some manila-colored liquid paper, a typewriter that has Olivetti 10 pica typeface, and a jelly donut for Annie Bombard), you can walk in confident with your dream-resume.

Some good credits to list which can't actually be confirmed are:

Legal Consultant for Joey Buttafuoco, *The Untold Story*.

Harvard Journal of Zoology and Sexuality: "Tick Spermatology, the Warren Court, and The Rule Against Perpetuities: A Tenuous Connection."

Spiritual Advisor and Dance Instructor to Professor Charles Nesson.

Toppings Coordinator, Harvard Society for Law and Pizza (HSLAP).

Tip: It's always good to have loose staples attached to where your transcript might have been had it not slipped off in handling.

The Interview:

Always be on time, neat, and cheerful. Never walk into the room with anything in your mouth, unless it's pop rocks and you have more to share.

Sometimes it's a good idea to wear something slightly unusual as a conversation starter. A Gumby Costume, or a Greatest American Hero outfit are both good ideas. Or, you could wear that hellacious dark blue shirt which Josh Frieman was trying to pass off as interviewing garb last Tuesday.

Be prepared for the perennial favorite trick question: "What's the last book you read?" *Inside American Gladiators* is always a good answer. Or, "It would have to be *Lady Chatterly's Lover*, especially the pictures."

Other comments and questions to anticipate are:

"I didn't realize the grading scale went all the way down to W."

"I wasn't aware the *Women's Law Journal* nominated MVPs."

"Are you a crit?"

LA firms are a little different. While no questions are typical, expect the unexpected:

"I'm filing a brief in verse. Do you know any three-syllable words that rhyme with pomegranate?"

When the interview lulls, be prepared with a conversation starter. One that usually works well is, "I never knew that a firm could receive negative scores in the *American Lawyer* Summer Associate Poll until I did a little research on your so-called organization."

Or, after a prolonged silence, you might want to place your bare foot to the nape of your interviewer's neck, and remark conversationally, "I am the Lizard King. I can do anything."

Questions You Can Ask

It's good to turn the tables on your interviewer, to tip them off balance and take control. This can be done with a series of incisive, disarming questions, or with a full can of mace. Better stick to the questions:

"If you were a contagious disease, which one would you be?"

"What's li...ti...ga...tion mean?"

"Do you remember who played Julie on the Love Boat after Lauren Tewes?"

"Wait, perjury is a felony? Uh-oh."

"Is that really your hair, or just a chinchilla?"

Closing Remarks

It's good to leave the interviewer with a lasting impression. Therefore, you should prepare a few succinct comments in advance. Examples include:

"Bite the melon."

"See you in Hell."

"Wait, what city are you in again?"

Don't forget to leave either a writing or urine sample, depending on the success of the afternoon.

Special Contingencies:

An effective troubleshooter spots the problem before it happens.

- What to do if you're waiting in the hallway, the prior interviewee has exceeded the time limit allotted, and you hear heavy breathing from within the closed door: Pound angrily and scream, with a touch of irony, "Hey! Get a room!"

- What to do if you spring a nosebleed, and spray red all over your interviewer's Armani suit: Stuff a tampon in each nostril and announce, "If you think this is colorful, just wait until you see my vibrant prose!"

- What to do if a small rodent scampers into the hotel room, then flies at your neck in a screeching trajectory of doom: Accept the offer.

Let your creative juices flow!



Dateless, Desperate, and Despondent ... in Seattle

By Marc Channick '94
RECORD Columnist



I have a problem I need to talk about, and since I feel that we have developed a certain bond over the past few weeks, I was hoping to share it with you.

I was dating someone for about a year, but now we seem to have developed a bit of a communication problem — we haven't spoken for two weeks. I can't really point to the exact moment when the problem started, but I think it was around the time she told me not to call her anymore.

Officially, we're "seeing other people," which, as we all know, is datespeak for "we're broken up, but I haven't had a chance to get all my stuff back yet." So here I am, single again. (That overwhelming silence you hear around us is the women of America not rushing to break down my door).

Sure, not being in a relationship has given me time to catch up on all those back episodes of "Cop Rock." But other than that, it hasn't been too much fun. I miss being in a relationship. Actually, there are two parts to this. Not only do I miss the actual relationship, which was a good one, but, in general, I miss the *idea* of a relationship. As all you men out there know, there's just something very comforting about knowing that, even if you strike out with every woman at a bar, you still have someone to go home with.

All my single friends tell me that I should take some time to "enjoy my freedom." And which part of that freedom exactly would you be speaking of, folks? The freedom to spend Saturday nights playing "Tetris"?

Seriously, though, being in a good relationship is incredibly nice. Besides the companionship, affection, and back scratches, there's just that overwhelming sense of completeness that comes with having someone special in your life. Besides, being unattached has prevented me from seeing *Sleepless in Seattle*, which I'm told is a great movie: Because it's been officially classified as a "date movie," seeing *Sleepless in Seattle* alone constitutes a misdemeanor in 47 states and the District of Columbia.

All my single friends tell me that I should take some time to "enjoy my freedom." And which part of that freedom exactly would you be speaking of, folks? The freedom to spend Saturday nights playing "Tetris"? The freedom to call up every woman I've ever dated in my whole life to see if they're going to be in town any time soon? A couple more weeks of this freedom and I'm going to lose it.

Unfortunately, as much as I don't like being single, the prospect of starting to date again is, in a word, terrifying. For one thing, I'm not very good at it. Never have been. Now, having been in a relationship for the last 12 months, I've forgotten what little I did know. For example, I've been trying to come up with some good first lines, but so far my best is, "Are you going to finish that beer?" Is it just me, or is this approach slightly deficient?

Not only am I "datingly challenged," but I seem to have bad luck on first dates. Don't believe me? Here's a quick synopsis of one of my recent efforts. I took my date for sushi, a word that derives from the Japanese *su* ("raw food") and *shi* ("that you eat while sitting on the floor"). The two of us went to one of those "trendier than thou" places; you know, all black marble and glass, and a ponytail on every waiter. This place was so hip that the fish on the menu were kept alive in tanks on the premises. Customers made their own selections, at which point the chefs would cut pieces out of the fish for immediate consumption (let he who condemns this practice cast the first lobster).

Anyway, it was explained to us that if the cooks were really good, they could get a piece out of the fish without fatally injuring it, so that it could be returned to the tank to await "seconds." Lucky for us, we had a talented chef, and the next thing we knew, we were eating sushi under the reproachful gaze of the fish's former owner.

Trust me, this does not make for a pleasant dining experience. Every time one of us tried to take a bite, there was the fish, looking at us as if to say, "You like that? Is it good? IT'S MINE!"

Second date? I don't think so.

OK, so maybe this was an extreme example. Maybe I even made it up to get a cheap laugh. One thing stands true — it's rough out there. No one wants to get hurt, and therefore everyone is a little more willing to hurt someone else. We all put up our emotional defenses, and they get higher each time we get burned.

Unfortunately, you've got to open yourself up in order to establish even a connection. A lot of times you miss, but every once in a while it's right, and when it is, it makes all the rest worth it.

The French writer Quillard once pointed out that, "Marriage is like a besieged fortress. Everyone outside wants to get in, and everyone inside wants to get out." I'd have to say the same thing is true about relationships. Just as I am singing the praises of being part of a couple, I know there are those of you out there who are currently in relationships who wish they had a little more variety in their lives.

Switch places, switch perspectives. I know there's a lesson in this somewhere, but right now I'm just dizzy from the ride.

Tetris, anyone?



Graduates, students, and others pack the Ames Courtroom to hear Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '56-'58 address the Celebration 40 conference.

Ginsburg Speech

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tioned the need for more women on the permanent faculty. At this, the audience, which numbered about 650 and consisted of about 80 percent women, applauded in approval. The applause seemed to turn into mild protest, however, when it continued for over a full minute.

Members of the Coalition for Civil Rights later distributed leaflets outlining recent faculty hiring.

Following the lunch, Ginsburg found herself surrounded by a crowd of students. Many of them sought autographs or just a chance to say hello and shake the new justice's hand.

When asked what advice she would give to women law students today, Ginsburg said, "Dream. Work hard to achieve your dreams. Realize that no door is closed to you, and that anything is possible."

Law School Council

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Section One position by pledging to make HLS, "a kinder, gentler law school." Firoz Dattu '96, the other Section One winner, promised a handy set of Ginsu carving knives to voters who supported him.

Appealing to the more practical segment of Section Three, Damon Watson '96 offered to organize a videotape exchange program through which students could obtain episodes of popular television sitcoms like *Seinfeld* and *Melrose Place*. A member of the Monster Truck Coalition, Joseph M. Dittkoff '96 also won a Section Three seat by promising to work to get beer served at all HLS functions. "Beer equality and justice will prevail," he asserted.

In total, students elected 17 new councilmembers, including two representatives for each of the 1L sections, two from the LL.M. class, and seven at-large positions.

Voter turnout was mixed, according to

LSC President Enu Mainigi '94. "The turnout was pretty good for the first year students, but 2L and 3L voting was very low," Mainigi said. She said all of the candidates were very close with respect to the number of votes. Several of the races were uncontested.

Other new 1L representatives include Bryan James Yarnell and John Rissane-Gaisford for Section Two and Dave Aronberg and Angela Payne for Section Four.

The two LL.M. representatives elected are Esteban Ruizponce Madrid and Ahamat M.A. Omran.

Students elected the following students to the seven at-large positions: Julie Dane Cromer '96, Dave Friedman '96, Kimberly Jenkins '96, Henry Johnson '95, Joe Martinez '96, Steve Papkin '94, and Breen.

Students voted on the Executive Board positions and the remaining Council seats last spring.

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Tuitt said she hoped the clerkship search might become a more focused process if an initiative to standardize the timing of the application process in federal courts passes the Judicial Conference. She said many judges were growing frustrated with the flood of students seeking clerkships before they have even completed their second year of law school.

"[The judges'] reaction is just to go late," Tuitt said. "The more judges real-

ize that there are very good candidates who decide later, the more inclined they are to look at people in their 3L year."

About a quarter of HLS graduates accept clerkships in a typical year. In 1992, the most recent year for which the Career Services Office has compiled statistics, 113 graduates accepted federal district and circuit court clerkships, and 13 accepted opportunities to clerk on the US Supreme Court. Twenty-three clerked on the state level, and four on courts in foreign countries.

Library May Close in '95

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18 months of technical planning would precede the actual work. This process would involve architectural planning as well as financial and logistical decisions about the most cost-effective and most convenient approach. The earliest that construction could begin is after graduation in June, 1995.

But planning will not begin until the check has cleared. "This is something we desperately need to do," said Coleman, "but we are not about to go into debt to finance it." According to Coleman, the dean and faculty are reluctant to do anything that might put any more upward pressure on tuition.

The \$35 million needed for the renovation will come from donations to the ongoing capital campaign, which, according to both Coleman and Martin, is going very well. More than \$100 million of the \$150 million goal has already been pledged. (Another pledge the campaign still seeks is \$10 million for the privilege of actually naming the Holmes Field building, which takes its present title from the lawn in front of Langdell.)

Approximately \$20 million will be needed for a complete renovation of the physical plant, and the other \$15 million will be needed for other improvements, including expansion of the library's collection and staff, and new technology for administering the collection.

These technological improvements will include a bar-coding system for checking books out, a modern security system that will do away with bag inspec-

tions at the door, and a significant expansion of the on-line systems the library already has. HOLLIS, the catalog system on line since 1986, still does not encompass the entire collection. Part of the \$15 million would go toward the retrospective conversion project to put the old collection onto HOLLIS.

The library also needs more space for full-text on-line systems, LEXIS/NEXIS and Westlaw. The plan calls for more terminals and instruction space for the two systems. Because the renovations are so far off, the Library Committee would like to begin work this year on some of the automation projects, such as bar-coding the 1.5 million volumes in the collection.

Students are generally agreed on the changes needed in Langdell. Several mentioned better lighting, better elevators, and bathrooms on the fourth floor as potential improvements. "If they're going to renovate the whole place, they should do something about the acoustics," said Keith Rabois '94, as a huge fan was turned on making the rest of his suggestions inaudible.

Despite present uncertainties concerning the library's renovation, two things that seem relatively certain: The Holmes Field building will open sometime this winter and most of the faculty offices in Langdell will be vacated this summer. At that point, "we will have to make a decision on how to use that space," said Martin. In the mean time, the rest of the Law School can breathe easy.

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The forgotten ideal

By David Weinstein '94

RECORD Columnist



IN his master work *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, Gabriel Garcia Marquez describes the signing of a truce in the endless civil war between liberals and conservatives that is fought across the novel's pages. In order to gain a share of leadership after years of bloody fighting, the opposition agrees to give up the ideological tenets for which so many lives had been sacrificed. As the terms of the treaty are revealed, one lone idealist exclaims, "But that means all that we have fought for is power!" The signers seem little troubled by his epiphany.

The course of our century lies entombed within the young man's cry. One hundred years that began with fiery utopian visions are ending in a sea of petty squabbles for the spoils. The same stupid loyalties that drove the flower of Europe's youth into the machine guns at the Seine seventy years ago remain alive and vigorous, while the most honorable ideals our era has produced lie abandoned, even by their former defenders.

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Internationalism. The word today rings of the turgid prose of a Brezhnev speech or the conformist slogans of the Popular Front. Yet the basic tenet it embodies, that our first loyalties are owed to the human race and not to its national and sub-national slices, has aged well. History may have shown that ties to nation and ethnicity are far more entrenched than had once been hoped, as the bombed-out buildings and overflowing hospital wards that dot the former Soviet Union starkly testify. But that is a reason to rally to the defense of internationalist principles, not to abandon them.

The Left's proudest moments have taken place when it allowed the sweet music of belief to sound louder than the clarion call of ethnic, racial, or religious loyalty. It was a common vision, not a common ancestry, that drove poets to die in the Spanish Civil War — that prompted organizers to risk their lives amongst the miners of West Virginia or the sharecroppers of the Mississippi Delta.

That spirit has now been washed away. Today's Left has become little more than an amalgam of groups fighting side by side for their own particular aims. Its race and gender obsessions have lost their moorings in principle and are now pursued for their own sake. Thus more time is spent on the quest for ethnic balance in the corporate boardroom than in fighting poverty in our nation's cities. Thus more energy is expended expunging gender-incorrect language from our textbooks than in staunching the endless murder of youth on our streets. Issues are decided by dividing the world into two halves, designating one side as *per se* virtuous, and clothing that side with a permanent mantle of justice.

Here is a for-instance. When South Africa was at the center of the campus struggle, the positions of the African National Congress and Pan-African Congress were often offered side by side as evidence that the right groups supported the strategy of divestment. PAC speakers were invited to campus and treated with far more deference than white anti-apartheid liberals were.

Now the PAC, with its slogan of "one settler, one bullet" and its quest for a racially pure South Africa, has far more in common ideologically with the country's racist white separatists than it does with the multi-ethnic ANC. But this apparently matters little, as long as the group is on the right side of the racial divide.

The sympathy shown here by "progressive" groups to the sexist generalities thrown about by Catherine MacKinnon is cut from the same cloth.

These are hardly the most egregious examples of politics by ethnicity or nationality that are played out in the United States. The folks who pontificate about the bloody hands of Yassir Arafat while issuing apologies for every lethal Israeli strike into the refugee camps of Lebanon stand equally accused, as do those whose concern about human rights is weighted by a government's political proximity to the United States.

But when it is America's dissidents who buy into this logic, when they begin to replace the question of *whether* allegiance is owed to any narrowly defined group with the question of *which* group we should be loyal to, then the most important ideological battle has already been lost.

This is not to denigrate the value of ethnic, religious, or national pride. It is only when such identities become the sole basis for political action and individual conviction that they become instruments of fragmentation and blindness. The widespread alienation in the public at large toward the kind of identity politics practiced at America's universities should set off alarm bells about the propriety of such activism for mobilizing support for societal change.

Unless and until the American Left can find broad-based principles that speak to people's hearts and minds rather than to their guilt and fear, all hopes for stemming its current drift toward marginality will be in vain.

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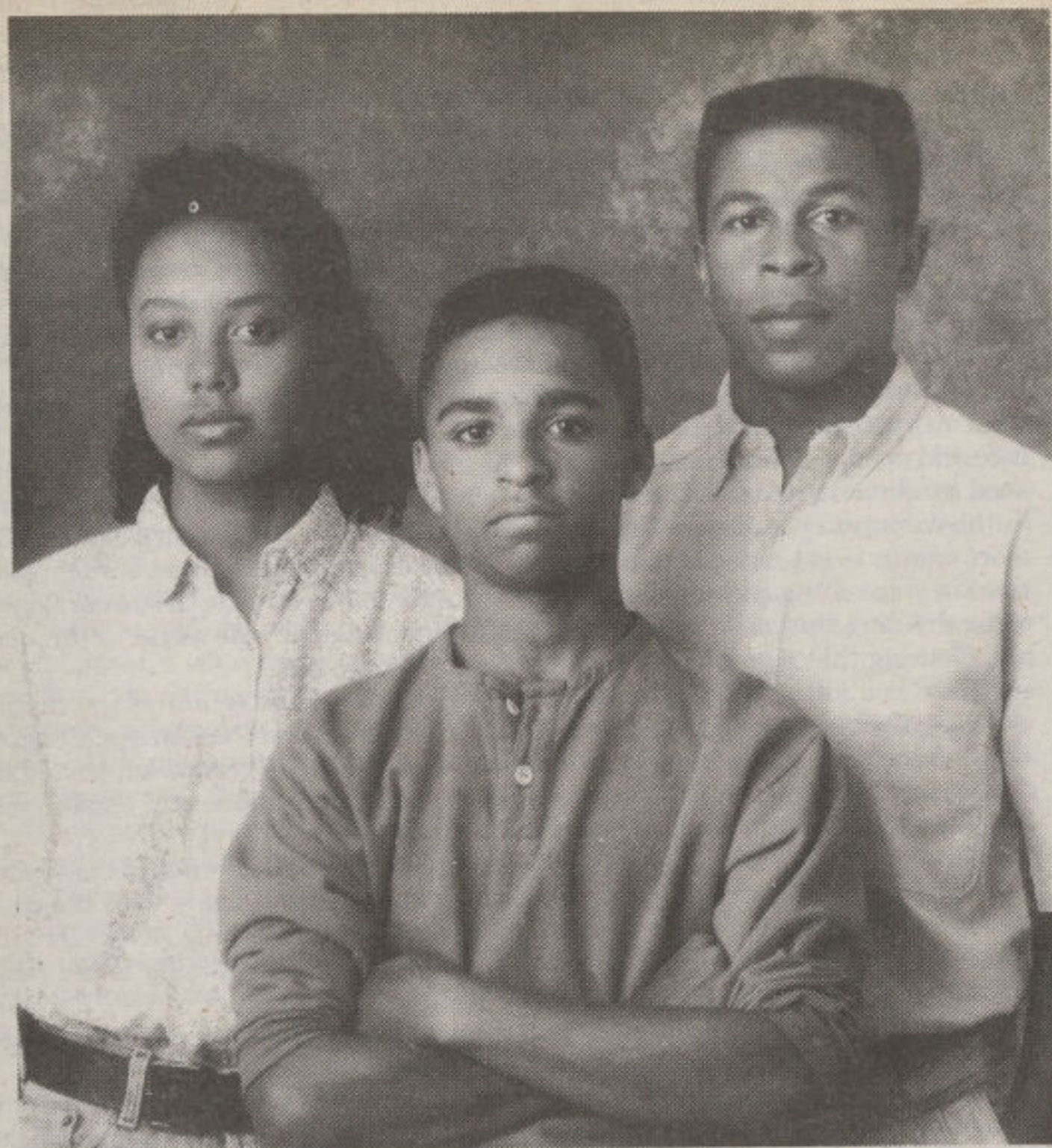
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