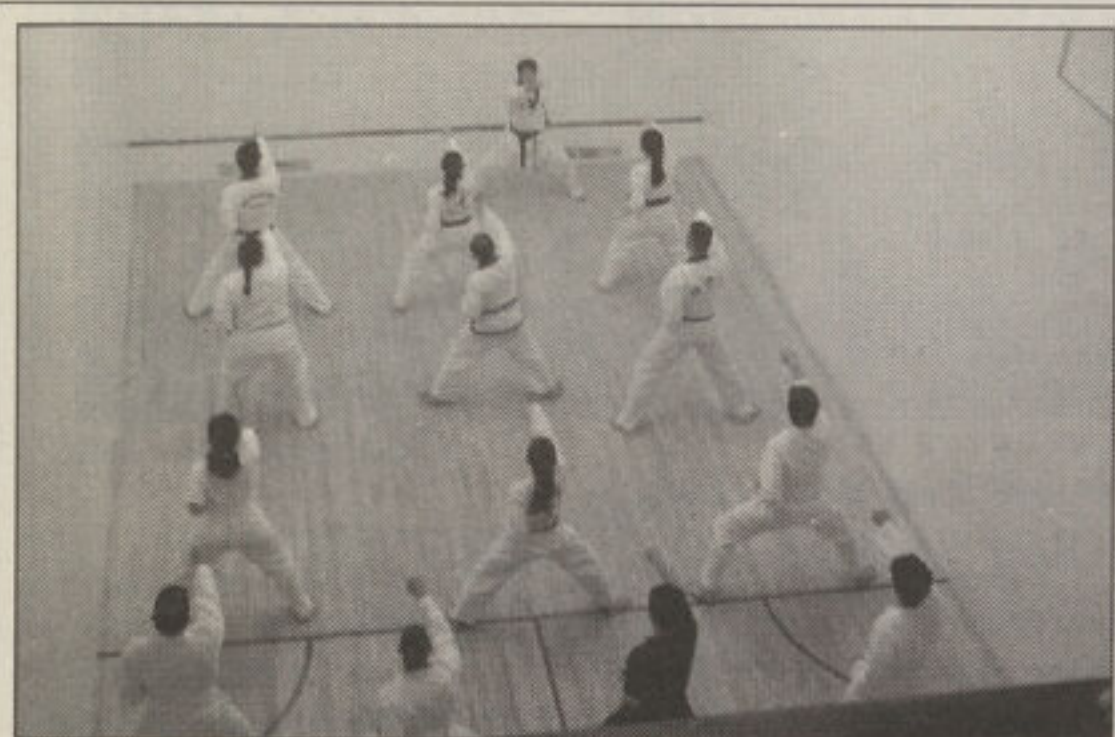




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Stress busters: As finals season approaches, students practice looking tough at a karate class in Hemenway Gym.

Alum's millions go to future feds

by Justin Herdman

Concerned about decreasing rates of student entrance into government service, HLS has announced a new plan to encourage federal employment among graduates. With a \$5 million gift from Samuel J. Heyman '63, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GAF Corporation, the program promises to have financial bite in addition to public relations bark.

But the announcement has also revealed the embryonic stage of the program. Inquiries by the RECORD have yielded little in the way of specific details concerning the plan's implementation.

Calling All G-Men

While the Heyman program

must add flesh to its substantial skeleton of funding, a few details about the inchoate scheme are known. The money will be used to provide fellowship-type funding in the form of student debt repayment or an honorarium for those who serve at least three years in the federal government following graduation.

It is likely that about 20 students per year will benefit from the program, with approximately half receiving significant debt relief. "If you had an average heavy debt, you could go into government and all debt would be discharged for those years," said Phil Heymann '60, who took a lead role in securing the gift. For illustrative purposes, Heymann said that "average"

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Winds of change blow with LIPP reform draft

by Justin Herdman

In a move sure to provide fuel for the reform machine at HLS, a plan to comprehensively revamp the school's Low-Income Protection Program (LIPP) is in draft form and nearing completion. The RECORD has obtained access to the proposal, which is under consideration as part of Dean Clark's '72 Strategic Planning Process.

The draft sets out four broad goals for a faculty-approved overhaul of LIPP. First, the draft calls for the lifting of salary caps on program recipients. Secondly, it recommends eliminating the distinction between LIPP money destined to repay "ordinary" borrowing and that which is calculated to repay loans taken out to substitute for "parental contribu-

tions." Thirdly, the committee asks that HLS guarantee each incoming class that LIPP will be available until the students have paid off all of their debt. And finally, the proposal recommends that LIPP's current requirement of "law-related" employment be eliminated for those entering public interest and government.

Earlier this week, the draft was submitted to the Student Public Interest Network (SPIN) and the Office of Public Interest Advising (OPIA) for their respective opinions.

A Statement of First Principles on LIPP Reform has been circulated by SPIN for endorsement by other student organizations, and, as of Wednesday, 44 student groups had signed on.

The draft proposal for LIPP reform was written by the Connections to Practice Committee,

which is chaired by Prof. Andrew Kaufman '54. The committee, one of several involved in the Strategic Planning Process, will vote on the draft proposal during its Friday meeting.

Prof. Margo Schlanger has been very involved in the committee's work on LIPP reform. Schlanger was reluctant to discuss the details of the LIPP proposal. "The committee has not finished its work on [the draft] and it would be premature to talk about what it says," said Schlanger.

Still, Schlanger was able to outline the process that could eventually lead to the plan's adoption. The Strategic Planning Process committees, which are appointed by Clark, are the initial sources of all proposed re-

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Edley '78 shrugs away hints of asbestos bias

by RECORD Staff

As the RECORD reported several weeks ago, Professor Christopher Edley '78 has been working on landmark legislation to reform the litigation of asbestos cases. Since then, *The New York Times* has reported that Edley received significant funding from

the Coalition for Asbestos Resolution, which is coordinated and bankrolled by the GAF Corporation, a former asbestos producer.

When asked about his connection to GAF, Edley is upfront about the fact that he has benefitted from the corporation's bank account.

"There's been full disclosure to everyone on the Hill that I've been working with GAF and its coalition, all members and their staff know that, there's nothing mysterious about that," Edley said.

The GAF Corporation is headed by chairman and CEO Samuel J. Heyman '63, who recently donated \$5 million to support federal employment among graduates. (See story, p. 1)

Edley outlined two reasons why he was chosen to draft the legislation: "One, the solution to the problem involves administrative law, and two, I have a strong reputation as a liberal Democrat."

That reputation may be the source of some concerns about

Edley's objectivity in the shaping of asbestos legislation, but he insists that such concerns are misplaced.

"The reality is, in both my academic and political work, my reputation as a principled person is a crucial asset. It would be foolish for me to squander that," he said.

"People who know me well understand that I put my convictions ahead of all else. I wouldn't be supporting a legislative effort unless it was good for victims."

Edley cited the support of several well-known Congressional liberals as further evidence of the nonpartisan benefit of the legislation.

"You wouldn't have people like Moynihan, Schumer, Barney Frank, Harold Berman, and Bob Torricelli, with strong progressive track records, supporting the legislation unless it had a strong pro-victim stance," Edley said.

The legislation, now in bill

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Who's afraid of big, bad Y2K?

by Kimberley Isbell

Not to be outdone by survivalists in Montana, HLS this week previewed for the RECORD the extensive preparations that are being undertaken to head off any Y2K disasters.

According to Selena Tan, Student Computer Services Coordinator for Information Technology Services (ITS) and point-person for the Law School Y2K task force, HLS has been making extensive tests and preparations to ready itself for the millennium changeover. The task force has been working out detailed contingency plans since August and has brought together a diverse segment of the school's administration, including ITS, the Dean of Students' Office, the Administrative Dean, Building Operations, the Dean of Finance, Alumni Affairs, the News Office, the Registrar, and Personnel.

Emphasizing that the preparations were focused on "prevention rather than hysteria," Tan nevertheless stressed that

HLS was covering every angle, from toilet facilities to protecting electronic equipment, as part of a larger, University-wide effort.

To help HLS in its preparations, the Dean of Students' Office is currently conducting a survey of all dorm residents to find out how many students expect to remain on campus over the holidays.

According to Dean of Students Suzanne Richardson, any student planning to be on campus Friday, Dec. 31, or Saturday, Jan. 1, should inform her office. Resident Assistants have also been asked to survey their residents and report back on students' holiday plans. The school is currently expecting 50-60 people to be in residence during the New Year holiday.

Any students remaining on campus over New Year's will likely notice a number of changes to the campus in preparation for the Y2K bug. According to Tan, 10 port-a-potties have been ordered in case of problems with the campus sewage system, and extra cases of bottled water are on order.

In the event of a potential loss of power or heat to the dorms, HLS has arranged for Langdell to be turned into a temporary dormitory, complete with 150 cots. Tan said that efforts would be made to accommodate off-campus students who experience heat or power problems in Langdell as well.

Plans are also in the works to increase the number of security guards on patrol around the University in order to ensure students' safety.

ITS has been working hard to ward off any Y2K-related problems with the school's computer systems, managing to update most faculty and administrative computers over the course of the last year.

Students should be prepared for a scaled-back level of services over the holidays, however. Personnel is reportedly requesting that any HLS employees who do not have to report to campus stay away from campus from Dec. 24 to Jan. 2. Any employees who do arrive on campus will be requested to check

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form, was taken up last week by a Senate subcommittee, and a similar version is now making its way through the House of Representatives. One of its more controversial components would be the eradication of high punitive damages, which in practice can add up to many times compensatory damages. That provision has prompted resistance from some Democrats, who traditionally receive a significant amount of support from trial lawyers — a group that would lose money if the legislation passed.

"This is a compromise bill; it has elements that some people oppose," Edley said. "I'm disheartened by the knee-jerk support for trial lawyers that several Democrats and their staff have demonstrated."

The legislation is opposed by the Association of Trial Lawyers and labor unions, including the A.F.L.-C.I.O. Opponents claim that the legislation would prevent many victims from recovering and reduce settlements. Critics of the bill also claim that the proposal would decrease by more than half the number of victims who are able to have their claims adjudicated. The A.F.L.-C.I.O. estimates that as many as one million of its present or retired members have been exposed to asbestos and that a considerable number of them will experience serious illness.

However, the bill has received a warmer response than expected. Bipartisan support for the bill has been strong, with 18 senators and 57 representatives support-

ing the legislation. Commentators feel that the bill has a high probability of passing either this session or the next.

"As I said to many people on the Hill, if this is done right, it's a win-win situation for the victims and defendant corporations," Edley said. "The only losers are a handful of trial lawyers."

Edley is aware of criticism from groups such as Public Citizen's Congress Watch, an organization founded by Ralph Nader '58. "Some see this as part of the broader tort reform battle," Edley said. "I don't support broad tort reform because generally, it's anti-consumer. I think some people are taking a knee-jerk ideological stance on this."

"The bottom line is that people who are sick should get faster, fuller compensation, with less money going to legal fees and transactions costs," said Edley.

Edley's legislation proposes eliminating the statute of limitations for filing a claim against former asbestos producers. He also stresses that the compensation pie is of limited size and should be divided among only the deserving. "We have limited resources. People who are sick now often wait years, and many don't recover all they deserve," he said.

Edley is optimistic about working with some labor groups who oppose his legislation. "We're in negotiations with the A.F.L.-C.I.O., who think the current system is broken."

He is less optimistic, however, about the prospect of cooperation with trial lawyers. "They will never support the bill, because they've made billions and have no stake in the new legislation," Edley said.



David Barrett/RECORD photo

THE RETURN OF SPIKE?

Students ward off the growing cold outside by moving rhythmically to the haunting echo of slapped balls in Hemenway Gym.

HLS prepares for 2000

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in with Building Operations.

In addition, all departments are being asked to unplug any servers or computers. The only servers on campus that will continue running over the holiday period will be web and e-mail servers, Tan said.

Students who will not be on campus over the holidays will also be affected by the Law School's Y2K preparations. ITS is encouraging all students to unplug any computers or expensive electronic equipment to prevent damage from potential power surges.

Since classes are scheduled to begin on Monday, Jan. 3, contingency plans to cancel class if Y2K problems crop up have been put in place. According to Tan, if Y2K problems are unresolved as of 6 p.m. on Jan. 1, classes on Jan. 3 will be canceled. The situation will be reviewed each day at 6 p.m. until any problems have been resolved. Students will be kept informed about the status of classes through e-mail, on the HLS webpage, and through a call-in system.

Responding to reports in the press that increased looting and theft might accompany the year 2000, Building Operations is encouraging all students to lock their windows and doors before leaving campus.

Richardson and Tan emphasized that despite the seriousness with which HLS is approaching the Y2K issue, students should not panic.

"We don't anticipate any problems whatsoever, but we're doing what we should be doing, making plans just in case," Richardson said.

Richardson encouraged students to use common sense when approaching the year 2000. "Be alert, keep an ear to the radio or an eye to the TV, check the website," she said, "Keep alert to whether there are problems state-wide or locally."

For students who live off campus and are concerned about Y2K preparations in their communities, the City of Cambridge has posted an assurance of Y2K compliance on their website at <http://www.ci.cambridge.ma.us/>. In addition, the State of Massachusetts has posted a guide to Y2K concerns on their webpage at <http://www.state.ma.us/consumer/y2k/>.

All students will receive memos during the second week of December regarding the details of HLS's Y2K plans.

Big bucks for D.C.-bound graduates

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debt would be around \$80 thousand.

The other ten beneficiaries of the program would receive stipends in the amount of around \$5,000. "We may decide not to do it in precisely this form," Heymann said, "It is just what people are thinking about right now."

Those familiar with the plan are hopeful that it will be in place in time for the class of 2000 to qualify. "We'll have to do it in time to allow people to go into government this coming summer, so maybe at the end of January. We're going to have to get it in place so students know what their opportunities are," said Heymann.

Heymann will lead the implementation of the federal fellowships, which are also designed to diversify federal employment among graduates. "Lawyering in government is much broader than the Justice Department," Heymann said.

Prof. Margo Schlanger, who will also serve on the program's faculty committee, said that the road to government service can also lead through agencies such as the Federal Communications Commission or Food & Drug Administration. "All of these are places where lawyers have terrific careers, and where our graduates don't think about going," said Schlanger.

At this point, there are no indications that an administrative component of the program, such as increased funding for the Office of Public Interest Advising (OPIA), has been provided for. Whether this dearth of career guidance will affect the ability of applicants to find employment outside of the DOJ remains to be seen. "We're going to have to hire someone out of the funds to administer it, but not so much for facilitating the job search. We'll probably leave that to the students," said Heymann.

However, OPIA Director Alexa Shabecoff will be involved in the planning process, and she insists that OPIA's resources already cover a wide array of federal jobs.

Questions regarding the Heyman gift's

coexistence with programs already in place, such as the Low-Income Protection Program (LIPP) or Kaufman Fellowships, will ultimately need to be answered. For students locked into judicial clerkships, inquiries may focus on whether the Heyman program will follow the Kaufman Fellowship model, which allows for applications during the clerkship year.

"You'll be able to apply either on graduation or during a clerkship," Heymann answered.

Gaps Plugged by LIPP

A meeting on Thursday will help to determine the developmental course of the program. In attendance will be Heymann, Schlanger, Shabecoff, and two leaders of the Student Public Interest Network (SPIN).

SPIN Co-Chair Ayn Ducao '01 will provide a student voice in the program's developing blueprint. She hopes that the Heyman gift is merely the tip of the fundraising iceberg. "I hope that donors will look at the example set by Mr. Heyman and realize what great good their money can do by supporting public interest," Ducao said.

Embracing the Heyman gift does not mean that SPIN's work is done, cautions David Markus '01, chair of SPIN's Financial Reforms Committee. Markus pointed to the numerous positions in state and local government, not to mention public advocacy, that will not qualify under the program. "The Heyman gift is wonderful, but it's no panacea, and it's incomplete without comprehensive LIPP reform," said Markus.

Demonstrating the wide support for reform of HLS' primary public interest program, Markus hailed the endorsement of SPIN's Statement of Principles on LIPP Reform by 44 campus organizations. Ranging from the Society for Law, Life, and Religion (SLLR) to Lambda, the viewpoints of the various groups encompass a broad spectrum.

Markus notes that the consensus was for a LIPP that will support a diversity of public interest employment. "The Statement of Principles endorsed by 44 student groups notes that Harvard must defend its leadership in all sectors of the legal world, not only federal service," he said.

Schlanger's response to such concerns is to rely on LIPP itself. "Most of those other jobs end up with people being able to qualify for LIPP, and so the need for debt relief is somewhat lessened," Schlanger said.

"The faculty has been working quite hard on thinking about LIPP reform to make it a more encompassing program as well," Schlanger continued.

Heymann reflected on the donor's desire to increase interest in government service. "Young people today are very civic-minded, and yet generally uninterested and cynical about government. [The Heyman gift] is an effort to start doing whatever is necessary to change that," he said.



Saving the whales ... and the parrots, too

by RECORD Staff

Students hankering for advocacy can now move beyond the confines of defending only the two-legged.

Providing legal support for mankind's furrier friends, the Harvard Law School Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) held its second meeting of the

school year Tuesday evening and pledged to uphold the rights of all creatures great and small.

SALDF has received increased publicity recently as a result of the Animal Rights Law course to be taught at HLS next semester by local attorney Steven M. Wise. The organization hopes to strengthen its clinical and volunteer offerings for students, as well as expand its

advocacy efforts through letter-writing campaigns and the Internet.

Current events have also highlighted the controversial status of animal rights in the legal system. In Wisconsin, Chad Alvarez has been charged with felony theft and mistreatment of an animal for placing a friend's parrot in a microwave. Alvarez, who is a son of the University of Wisconsin's head football coach, faces up

to 7 years in prison.

SALDF has encouraged students to write to the judge in the Alvarez case, since the defendant has filed a motion to dismiss the charges on the grounds that his prosecution is a result of his father's high-profile position. In addition, SALDF is urging students to sound off on proposed animal-related legislation in Georgia and Massachusetts.

The members of SALDF bring various interests and goals to the organization. Chris Green '01, who is interested in attending veterinary school after HLS, hopes to "connect my legal interests and abilities with something beneficial to animals."

"Animal law does exist beyond Judge Wapner's animal court on Animal Planet," Green said.

Other students are similarly motivated to getting the message out. Shara Corrigan '01 joined SALDF to promote "greater awareness and knowledge of animal rights law and different services [and] organizations that promote animal rights."

SALDF stressed that students can become involved in animal rights issues by working with local officials, including state administrative judges or housing attorneys who handle landlord-tenant cases with issues of animal abuse. Additionally, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) enforces animal cruelty laws via investigation and some police powers. Volunteer work in animal boarding homes and shelters is also available.

The inclusion of a course on animal law has been met with great enthusiasm by SALDF members. Vice President Jodi Alexander '00 hopes that the Animal Rights class "generates new ideas and [thoughts] about issues and [that] more people will want to become involved with [SALDF]."

Alexander has already taken advantage of Wise's expertise; the professor is serving as her third-year paper adviser.

LIPP draft eliminates salary cap

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forms. Any proposals adopted by the individual committees are then forwarded to the Steering Committee, chaired by Prof. Dan Meltzer '75.

The Steering Committee then votes on the proposal and sends it to the HLS faculty. According to Schlanger, a vote will not be taken by the faculty at that point. Instead, appropriate changes or modifications will be suggested, and the proposal will go back to the Steering Committee. At some point next spring, the Steering Committee plans to send an entire package of reforms to the faculty for approval.

The committee has been careful to solicit student opinion throughout the process. In addition to the student members of the committee, Schlanger made a conscious effort to put the draft before SPIN for its input. "We've been getting ideas and we've been paying attention to what the students think. The students and the graduates are the ones who have to live with the program, not the faculty," Schlanger said.

Despite the rather secretive nature of the current draft, Schlanger insists that campus-wide input will be more than welcome. The draft should be released to the public early next week, and a town meeting on the subject has tentatively been scheduled for December 2.

"This proposal is not to start the ball rolling and get people talking — the concept is that this should be adopted and should be the policy of the school," Schlanger said.

The specific details of the LIPP reform draft seem to comport with student and public interest input on the issue. Using the SPIN Principles as a measuring stick, the draft apparently will meet with student approval.

"I'm not an expert in LIPP, but I am somewhat of an expert in student and alumni dissatisfaction with LIPP — what the issues are. And I think this addresses most of [them]," said OPIA Director Alexa Shabecoff.

"I'd be surprised if students weren't close to 90 to 100 percent happy with it," said Shabecoff.

Both Schlanger and Shabecoff were interviewed before the RECORD obtained access to the draft.

SPIN's Principles called for an increase in the income cap (currently set at \$51,000), a commitment by HLS to provide adequate funding for LIPP, an elimination of the "parental contribution" dis-

inction and the protection of more assets in the calculation of LIPP funding. All but the last principle have been incorporated into the draft.

"Overall, we were very pleased. This draft lines up very well with the benchmarks we set up in the Statement of Principles," said Jonathan Freimann '01, co-chair of SPIN.

While satisfied with the draft's general spirit, students did feel compelled to offer some changes. "We did make a series of recommendations to Professor Schlanger, addressing items such as the marriage penalty, imputed parental contribution and asset protection," Freimann said.

SPIN echoes Schlanger's reluctance to comment about specific elements of the proposal. "The reason that we can't comment is because the proposal is not even a proposal yet," said David Markus '01, chair of SPIN's Financial Reforms Committee. "When the proposal is released publicly, then we'll have something formal to say about it."

SPIN's uncharacteristically silent position has been adopted out of respect for the organization's inclusion in the decision-making process. In the committee's judgment, forwarding the draft to SPIN was a vital link to student concerns. "The fact that Professor Schlanger has shared a draft report with SPIN testifies both to the seriousness of the effort and the close working relationship that students and faculty are trying to build," said Markus.

SPIN's suggestions "will ultimately make for a better proposal, one that we hope both faculty and students will embrace," Markus said.

On initial impression, one potential problem with the draft can be inferred from the provision to lift the salary ceiling. The proposal presents both a bolder option to lift the ceiling altogether or a more conservative ceiling that would track natural growth in government salary from cost of living increases. The former alternative poses questions about determining participation in LIPP — without a salary ceiling, does eligibility for the program hinge not upon "low-income" employment, but rather on being employed in "public interest"? And a ceiling that is designed to keep pace with governmental pay raises is also inherently designed to assist students working in public interest jobs, as opposed to those who choose to work in smaller markets for private firms.

The draft itself points to cost as a major obstacle. Because of the draft's prelimi-

nary status, the final figures are not entirely reliable. Still, the proposal's guarantee provisions will require funding well in advance of current levels and could approach \$40 million.

Other concerns about the draft may center on the elimination or softening of a "parental contribution" distinction. Currently, LIPP does not pay directly for the "parental contribution" portion of a student's debt. Rather, the program loans money to the student, which must be repaid if the student is disqualified from LIPP through increased salary in less than 10 years.

The draft proposal would convert LIPP loans for parental contributions to grants after six years. This softened approach to debt forgiveness leads some to fear that wealthy students will enter LIPP following graduation, thereby allowing their parents to forego any educational payments.

Perhaps the most revolutionary element of the draft is the elimination of the "law-related" employment requirement for those entering the public and nonprofit sectors. Such a provision would allow students to pursue employment in a wide variety of fields, and the absence of line-drawing will lead to more diverse representation within LIPP. But such a reform could also prompt questions from alumni donors who care deeply about participants' commitment to the legal profession.

Flim-flam dupes students

by Justin Herdman

A stranger approaches an HLS student on a well-lit street. The student, preoccupied with thoughts of social justice and inequity, is treated to a tightly crafted tale of woe. And it (the tale) always ends with an appeal for money.

Whether or not the student gives into altruistic urges could determine if a crime is committed. For this scenario is an example of a "flim-flam" scam, one that is commonly used in urban areas to defraud charitable citizens.

A recent alert printed in the Adviser brought the scheme to the attention of the HLS community. The printing of the warning, along with comments by police and university officials, confirm that the best weapon against such scams tends to be copious amounts of information.

Dean of Students Suzanne Richardson cited a student's concern as the impetus behind the bulletin. The student reported an incident to Richardson's office, which in turn led to the Adviser notice.

Officer Bill Chipman of the Harvard University Police spoke about the flim-flam's popularity among insensitive swindlers. "It's a slow and steady type of thing, and it's been happening for awhile," Chipman said.

University authorities have become aware of a particular individual who has preyed upon students in the Harvard Square area. "He was very articulate. He would come up and say, 'I'm stuck here, and I don't have money,'" Chipman said. The suspect would tell students that he was from a wealthy family and that reim-

bursement was guaranteed.

The Harvard Police responded to student reports about the man. In addition to warnings printed in University bulletins, an arrest warrant has been issued for this particular suspect. "He hasn't been very active recently," Chipman said.

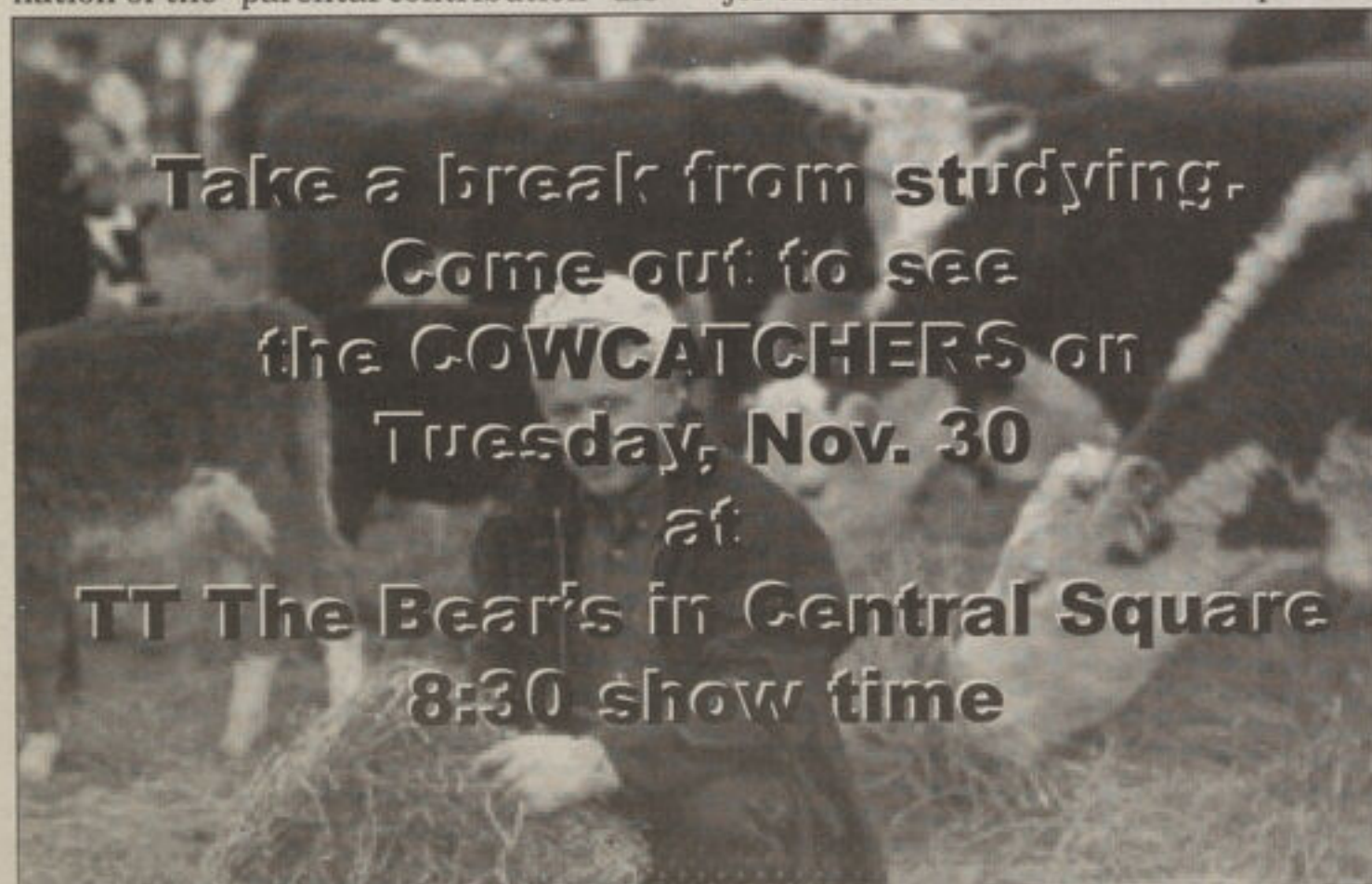
The scam operates effectively, much more so than sophisticated students are inclined to believe. Perhaps not coincidentally, the crime's efficacy hinges in part on the embarrassment of its victims. "The more reports we get, the more everybody benefits. Reporting it definitely helps us," Chipman said.

Pointing again to the Harvard Square suspect, Chipman credited reporting with what the police hope will be an eventual apprehension. "With this guy, it was like the sweater song. It just kept coming out and coming out," he said.

The police urge students to remain cautious. Swallowing any semblance of selflessness is an effective prophylactic to fraud, according to Chipman. "If people are cautious and aware of what's going on, it's easier to protect themselves," he said.

Richardson also urged students to be more apprehensive in their generosity. "It's good that people have big hearts, but be careful. There's a saying, that if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is," Richardson said.

And if students truly believe a heart-wrenching tale, they should certainly be thorough in their efforts to reclaim the money. "If you think someone is really deserving of money, get some picture I.D. Anyone who's a flim-flam isn't going to give I.D.," Chipman said.



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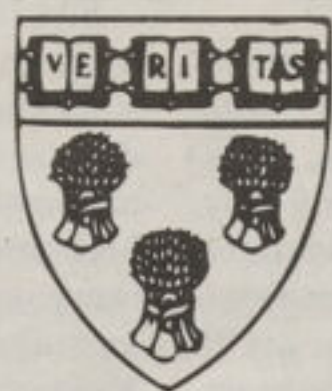
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Turning the Tables

In anticipation of a special guest editorialist who will grace this space in two weeks, we'd like to take this opportunity to offer the traditional RECORD Fall Report Card.

Class of 2002: Pull yourselves away from keg stands pumped by TJ Duane, people. You're students here, and that doesn't mean you need to devote time to LRA assignments. Get involved, get active, and most importantly, get noticed. Your class participation kills your grade. **D+**

Samuel J. Heyman: Thanks for the money, how about sending a bit more down to the RECORD? Seriously, though, nice gesture to help encourage HLS grads to go into government service. And shrewd business move to get Edley to float your asbestos proposal... **A**

SPIN: Aren't you the ones who called for a "spirit of transparency and inclusiveness" last week? But no hard feelings here. Your commitment to LIPP reform is going places, and it's not just because Dave Markus said so. Just remember that your position as spokesperson for the student body on LIPP reform only works as long as you actually consult the student body. **B-**

Strategic Planning Committees: Thanks for the efforts to include students in the process, but you might want to reevaluate the scheduling of the town meetings to increase 2 and 3L participation. And how about convincing Margo Schlanger to share her proposals with the entire student body, and not just the folks over at SPIN? Mad props to Elizabeth Warren, just because. **A-**

JLSA and Islamic Students: After weeks of back and forth tit for tat on these pages, how about sitting down face to face and discussing your differences? Come on. You're all adults. You can do it, and you promised. **C-**

LIPP Letter Writers: Well, you've certainly helped us fill our pages recently. And Ben Glassman even floated an interesting idea or two. Now let's see if you all show up at the town meeting on Dec. 2. **B+**

OCS: The leaves are now off the trees, and the recruiting process has lost its luster for another year. There were a few glitches here and there, but everyone seems to have made it out unscathed. Paula Garvin rocks! **A-**

Campus Activists: What happened? You guys have been decidedly quiet recently. Too quiet. What are we supposed to write about? The lack of diversity in RECORD editorials, no doubt. **C**

LSC: Who are you? A silent majority may have brought Manoj to power, but that doesn't mean the leadership has to be tongue-tied. "Effort" has two "f"s, but we'll give you just one. **D-**

Dean Clark: We'll see what comes out of the Strategic Planning Process in the Spring. **Incomplete**

Registrar's Office: We know Steve Kane means well. He's trying, really, he is. But the 2L Negotiations Workshop blunder was not a good way to start the year. And please tell us there will eventually be an end to the hell that is bubble sheets. **B-**

Recruiting Event Services: Apparently the powers that be in ITS have decided that spamming your fellow law students for a quick buck is an appropriate use of the HLS network, but we still maintain that it shows a lack of class. **F**

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• Letters •

LIPP at heart of HLS's mission

Russell A. Simpson's [65] letter of Nov. 12 states that LIPP-reform activists are unwilling to confront the difficult questions the debate stirs up. In my view, the crucial questions are: Why does HLS exist? And why should its alumni support it?

According to its Web page, HLS is in the business of legal education in order "to prepare its graduates for law practice, for public service at the local, state, federal and international levels, and for law teaching and legal scholarship." Presumably, alumni give money to HLS in order to help it accomplish

those noble goals.

But a JD graduate saddled with \$100,000 in debt is not realistically prepared for public service at any level. As a former dean, Mr. Simpson probably knows that \$1,000 monthly loan payments will likewise cripple most aspiring teachers of law. The stated goals of our school cannot be achieved without a broad and comprehensive program of debt forgiveness, equal to those offered by our peer institutions.

I believe that HLS alumni are proud to count Janet Reno '63 and Justice Breyer

'64 among their ranks, just as they are proud of their classmates who have become senior partners and CEOs. Both HLS and its supporters lose when future attorneys general are forced to put their dreams aside. A LIPP program reorganized under the Statement of Principles would help return Harvard to its historic place as the trendsetter in American legal education. The only beneficiaries of Harvard's current program are the overjoyed recruiters at Yale and NYU.

Hanna Stotland '02
Nov. 14, 1999

LIPP fosters pursuit of justice

The Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA) would like to take this opportunity to publicly endorse LIPP. Like many other student organizations, members of JLSA intend to pursue a variety of different types of employment after graduation, many of them low-income jobs. With law school debt outpacing the ability of a recent graduate to balance significant loans with lower salaries, changes in LIPP are essential to enabling students to apply for the employment of their choice.

Harvard students provide much needed services when they enter low-paying jobs. Whether entering a public defender's office, working for a

government agency, organizing impact litigation, or joining a legal services office, graduates connect legal access to poorer and disadvantaged people. Harvard is an institution with a public responsibility. Each student, armed with her unique legal training has an opportunity, and an obligation, to perform tikkun olam — a healing of the world. Tikkun olam is the Jewish version of a universal ethic that we can all contribute to the well being of others, and that we all are mandated to contribute our unique gifts to repairing the rifts that injure other human beings.

Justice is an elusive concept. The worthy goal is not

just to reach justice, but to strive for it. There is a Jewish mandate that is often repeated: "Justice, justice shall thou pursue, that thou mayest live." The pursuit of justice enriches us even as it heals others. There are many different ways to seek justice and to use our legal skills to help others. One of those ways is by taking a low-income job. Reforming LIPP so that it can more effectively assist students who select this course of action will insure that LIPP remains a meaningful method of support for recent graduates.

Jewish Law Students
Association
Nov. 16, 1999

Keep that #2 pencil sharpened

I received the following letter last week that I thought might be of interest to my classmates, particularly those who took the MPRE recently.

Dear Jonathan,

Congratulations! I am delighted to inform you that you have been selected for admission to the Harvard Business School. Should you choose to accept your place here, we encourage you to discard your #2 pencils, as you will never have to fill out a bubble form again.

A graduate of HBS, when faced with a bubble form, may use the skills developed here and contact her attorney. HBS, with the help of its alumni, has sought to ensure that graduates of top law schools, particularly Harvard Law School, will be well qualified to fill in your bubbles. Through our generous support of HLS, we have arranged for the registrar to require HLS students to fill in pages of bubbles each year to register for their classes. We

have also contracted with most state Bar Associations so that a student will not be able to pass the bar exam without at least adequate bubble-filling skills.

I sincerely hope that you will join us so that you will be able to enjoy the creative, independent, bubble-free life of an HBS graduate.

Sincerely,
HBS Admissions Committee

Jonathan Soros '00
Nov. 15, 1999

Emerson's speech defended

I can think of no more appropriate speaker to have delivered the second Annual Alisa Flatow Memorial Lecture on Law and Terrorism than Steven Emerson, a man who puts his life on the line reporting on terrorists and their supporters, the comments of our critics ("Beyond Good and Evil" and "Why was JLSA surprised?" by Asifa Quraishi and Nilufer Shaikh) notwithstanding.

These critics wrote that the event "was both destructive and politically slanted" because it articulated positions from a "Muslim v. Jewish angle" and harmed intergroup dialogue and the pursuit of peace.

The charge that Emerson's position is articulated via "a Muslim v. Jew angle" is baseless. Emerson has never said that Muslims as a group are terrorists. Emerson stressed that the fundamentalist Muslims, who cite Islam for their extremist positions, do not constitute the majority of Muslims. Emerson said that other religions, including Christianity and Judaism, also contain fanatics, who justify their terrorism in the name of religion. He also noted that Muslim fundamentalists pose a threat to people of many religions and that, in fact, other Muslims are the most frequent tar-

get of the fundamentalists. Quraishi and Shaikh claim that "Emerson paints nearly every local and national Muslim organization and charity as militant or clandestine supporters of militant Islam" and that "Emerson has typed nearly every American Muslim group and leader as 'Extremist.'"

I dare them to point to a single statement in which Emerson has cast a single individual or group that has not openly endorsed, sanctioned, rationalized or justified terrorism, as an extremist.

The two examples Quraishi and Shaikh use to criticize Emerson are indeed revealing.

Emerson's criticism of the invitation extended by the White House to the American Muslim Council is a perfect example of his courage to speak out against terrorists and their supporters. Far from being a voice of moderation, the AMC has cooperated with and supported various fundamentalist groups. Seif Ashmawy, the late American Muslim publisher of the Voice of Peace in New Jersey, has said that "[t]he American Muslim Council is a radical group that supports radical

Islamic terrorist movements."

Quraishi and Shaikh's comments regarding Emerson's comments on appointments to the National Commission on Terrorism and the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom presumably refer to Salam and Leila al-Marayati.

Emerson has criticized the appointment of Salam al-Marayati to the Commission and appropriately so. It is amazing that Gephardt even seriously considered appointing al-Marayati in the first place. Marayati is not a moderate by any measure. Marayati said, "Saddam Hussein's behavior in and around Iraq has been characterized as reckless. The same can be said about U.S. policy as a result of its reactionary mode."

Marayati has also sought to justify Hamas suicide bombings. Emerson was right to criticize the appointment of Marayati to the Commission.

Emerson has never condemned the appointment of Leila al-Marayati to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. Is it Emerson or his critics who see "ghosts" because of a "boogeyman approach?"

Aharon J. Friedman '01
Nov. 16, 1999

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INTERVIEW

By Doug Sims '01

Life 'on the Dole'

For a brief, shining moment this fall, Rachel Brand '98 was Campaign Counsel for the presidential campaign of Elizabeth Hanford Dole '65. Shortly after Brand began her official duties, Dole pulled out of the race, citing the difficulties of fund-raising. The RECORD asked Brand to talk about the Dole campaign from the inside.

Why Elizabeth Dole?

I liked George W. and Mrs. Dole a lot. I thought the best opportunities would be with her. I can't say that I loved her for her policies, but I really liked her. After I joined the campaign, I began to think she was the best candidate.

What made her the best candidate?

The combination of her experience and her long years in public service. I respect George W. and like him, but he's a newcomer. And she's squeaky clean. She's the most ethical person I've ever known.

How did you become campaign counsel?

It's kind of weird, actually. Originally, I volunteered [to work on the campaign]. I had finished my clerkship and knew someone who knew Dole. I went to Iowa and did a lot of grunt work. Then in D.C., I did ballot-access stuff. I was the only lawyer there. [When] they realized I was about to leave they offered it [the campaign counsel position] to me. I was very surprised to be offered it. I just fell into it at the right time.

What did you do? And specifically, what's 'ballot access'?

Most general counsels do a lot of FEC compliance. I did very little of that because it's very specialized. Other people knew more about it than I did. 'Ballot access' is compliance with procedures to get candidates on a ballot. It's a very big job because the requirements are different in

every state. It's not hard but very detailed. I worked closely with political people on it. Most states require signatures, some require a certain number statewide and some by district. In Virginia, 10,000 people have to be registered and live in the district. In New York, you need 5,000 statewide. And if you sign for Dole you can't sign for Bush. So you need 5,000 people who are registered Republicans and who haven't signed on for any one else. Then you have to submit the paperwork on certain colored paper, numerically ordered. A lot of states have fees, affidavits, some have similar requirements for each of the national delegates. You're on edge a lot because your candidate won't be on the ballot without compliance and each state is different. I also worked on some contractual matters, commercial real estate leases and tax assignments.

Were you compensated?

Yes. Once I officially became counsel. In September they asked me to be counsel, but it wasn't official until Oct. 11. Mrs. Dole withdrew from the campaign on Oct. 20 and I left on Oct. 30, so I was only Counsel for about three weeks. I left early because I had a job lined up and didn't want to take money from the organization. I'm still on call, though.

Why do you think she quit? Were there other issues besides lack of money?

Other issues? Not that I know of. I only found out the morning of her announcement. I heard that even the top people didn't know until the night before. The third-quarter report showed the contributions had slowed down. And two weeks before she dropped out, a TV station reported that was she was planning to quit. That was completely untrue. But it caused money to dry up even more.

Do you think the campaign was well-managed?

The people around her were phenomenal — they really believed in her, worked hard and were dedicated. But I'm not an expert. I'm new to campaigns.

What do you think will be lost in the debate after Dole's departure?

I can't think of an issue that no one else would discuss. Maybe gun control. She took the lead on that. Maybe campaign finance — but I guess McCain is really focusing on that.

Do you think the campaign made a difference for women?

Gender was not a drawback or a plus for me personally, but it was a big plus to the party in terms of bringing people in. A lot of women we met on the campaign trail were Democrats. I think she [Dole] showed women that women can be Republicans. At the 45th Convocation at Harvard last year, all the women seemed to think that no women were Republicans. But we can have a diversity of opinions. So I think that Mrs. Dole's campaign was important for that.

Whom are you supporting now and why?

George W. I think he's respectable, has got leadership skills and has done a good job in Texas. He also brings people into the party and is charismatic. I'm opposed to McCain. I think his [campaign finance] policy would be a burden on speech. I don't think we should say that money is the only part of the political process. And we should increase the hard-money limit at least to account for inflation.

Do you think Bush is a shoo-in?

I think he still is. I know McCain and Gore have been creeping up in the polls. But if the election were held today, he would win.

Do you think Bob Dole's Viagra commercials or other statements played any role in the failure of the campaign?

I've heard that some of the things he said were mischaracterized, though I don't know. I really don't think Viagra played a role. I think people thought it was weirder for him than it was for her. Maybe a small group of people weren't happy, [those] who didn't like the idea of them sleeping together.

Would you do it again?

Yeah, it's a lot more fun than working at a firm. As far as this campaign goes, I would definitely do it again. It's great for the résumé and as a conversation piece.

What are your plans?

I just started at Cooper Carvin & Rosenthal, a small litigation firm in D.C. where I worked the second half of my 2L summer. They do appellate and trial work. On my first day, I was assigned to work on a Supreme Court brief. They've done a lot of famous cases, and they had a case before the Supreme Court a couple of weeks ago.

Do you want to go into the public sector?

I think so. I want to prosecute, but it seems you have to get a job in a firm first. I worked for the FBI my 1L summer. I thought about going back there, but I doubt it.

What, if anything, at Harvard equipped you for your work now?

The best thing about Harvard for me was being vice-president of the Harvard GOP and the other groups I joined. I was in the Federalists and other student organizations and met a lot of amazing people. All of that stuff was the best part. The textbook stuff I probably could have done anywhere.

PERSPECTIVE

By Reese Pecot '02

Getting 'It' at HLS

Ronald Reagan has it. Michael Dukakis does not. Ted Turner has it. Al Gore does not. Margaret Thatcher has it. Dan Quayle does not. The question is, do you have it? And if not, is HLS a place where you can get it?

If "it" were sex, I might owe you an apology for bringing up Margaret Thatcher and Dan Quayle. I would also feel obliged to tell you that your chances of getting "it" at Harvard Law are probably pretty slim.

Instead, the "it" is high emotional intelligence (EI). In plain English, this refers to the ability to understand others, and to use that ability to be a dynamic, popular team player and leader.

Ironically, the chances of getting "it" at Harvard Law School are still pretty slim.

EI was a concept first pioneered by Harvard Professor Howard Gardner in the early 1980s. It generally refers to that peculiar skill set some people mastered while still tykes in the sandbox. Namely, the ability to make friends, to lead, to influence others and to handle complex interpersonal situations with tact and grace. It's a skill set that is both innate and learned. It's also a skill set that matters; CEOs, U.S. Presidents and other big shots tend to score high on EI scales.

From a cynic's perspective, EI is just another crack-pot psychological theory brought to you by the same folks who divided our brains into left and right lobes. From a realist's perspective, EI and similar theories reflect fundamental social forces that sooner or later we all have to deal with as we advance through our lives and careers.

HLS is a poor place to sharpen these skills, but it's not all Harvard's fault. The law school curriculum and teaching method are, in many ways, not inherently geared towards creating leaders with strong interpersonal skills. Large classes where one's biggest daily thrill is watch-

ing someone else get castigated by an eagerly Socratic professor do not build communication skills in the same way as, for example, small seminar classes where ideas can actually be meaningfully exchanged. And unlike business and government graduate programs, where networking and group assignments strengthen teamwork and leadership skills, law school is structured more individualistically. It's every woman for herself and every man for himself.

Author Merrit Bennett hits the nail on the head in "Law and the Heart: A Practical Guide to Successful Lawyer/Client Relationships" when he writes, "Law schools offer very little, if any, training in understanding how humans relate, how the mind works, how important feelings and intuition are, yet lawyers graduate from law school into a population 'in relationship' and find that most of their legal work is about relationships."

The fact that HLS is not a forum geared towards creating interpersonally skilled graduates is not a bad thing — unless, heaven forbid, you came here expecting to become better prepared for the real world. Or if you came here expecting to climb the corporate ladder. Or if you came here with entrepreneurial aspirations. Or if you hope to follow the fast track to law firm partnership. Of course, if none of those things matter, then hey, you've got nothing to worry about.

"I see, Sensei," you reply with a haughty smile that seems to indicate you still think you've got nothing to worry about.

"But, of course I am emotionally intelligent," you say, "I am the best of the best; I go to Harvard. The HLS admissions guide says right here that student body 'classes in recent years have been able, interesting, lively, energetic and promising.' I mean, I wouldn't have even been admitted were it not for my well-round-

ness and universal excellence."

Grasshopper, you have much to learn.

Permit this Sensei to tell you the cautionary story of Ms. 3L, she is in fact interviewing right now. Let's stop by and take a peek:

"So, Ms. 3L, your transcript is quite impressive."

"Thank you, I've enjoyed the academic challenges HLS has given me."

"Yes, I can see that. And you speak Russian and French?"

"And Cantonese, too."

"Oh yes, I missed that. I see it's right here on your resume under your near perfect LSAT score."

"Actually, that's my I.Q."

"Hmm. So how does that compare to your E.Q.?"

"Excuse me, sir?"

"You know, your EI quotient, your ability to relate to, motivate and understand others."

Suddenly, Ms. 3L finds herself having an Al Gore moment. A for-all-I've-accomplished-I-can't-believe-I-am-being-judged-for-my-ability-to-make-small-talk-at-a-cocktail-party-moment. She looks back over her time at HLS. She seems to have gotten along pretty well with her study groups. Her brown-nosing (which surely must count as EI) has earned her sterling recommendation letters. She definitely improved her leadership skills when she ran that 1L subciting workshop. Didn't she?

If the Ms. 3L hypothetical sounds far fetched, grab a seat in a post-interview evaluation and listen to how many otherwise qualified candidates are rejected for being a poor "personality fit." Of course, this matters in some industries more than others. Take, for example, the management consulting industry, where problem solving abilities usually get one through a first round of interviews. While in later rounds, interviewers grill their candidates

on how they would handle not just analytical problems, but complex interpersonal work-related situations. Teamwork skills and leadership abilities become key candidate assessments.

At the other extreme, a high tech start-up may staff a number of positions with engineers and programmers who wouldn't know E.Q. from B.B.Q. Still, the typical divide of a high tech start-up is not so different from your average Fortune 500. The brains of the company, the engineers, programmers and product designers tend to keep the gears running, while the emotionally intelligent types handle the strategic planning, marketing and general management functions.

On the importance of EI to career advancement, the legal profession may hover near the middle of the spectrum. Those who hope to make the fast track to partner or become brilliant litigators would do best in actively developing this skill set, while those who enjoy legal writing more than client interaction, or research to directing a team of attorneys in case strategy, may do better to concentrate on their I.Q. than their E.Q.

But the legal profession's proximity to the middle of the EI scale is to its own detriment. It's not just coincidence that lawyers have so long been the butt of jokes that characterize them as predators like sharks, barracudas and other creatures generally lacking in basic interpersonal instincts.

As if we didn't already have enough to worry about, the drive to succeed requires more than getting smug in the fact that we are here. Whether through summer jobs, extracurricular activities, your fellow students or professors — seek leadership, seek interaction, seek cooperation and seek teamwork.

Grasshopper, it is by faithfully following this path, that you can actually get "it" at HLS.

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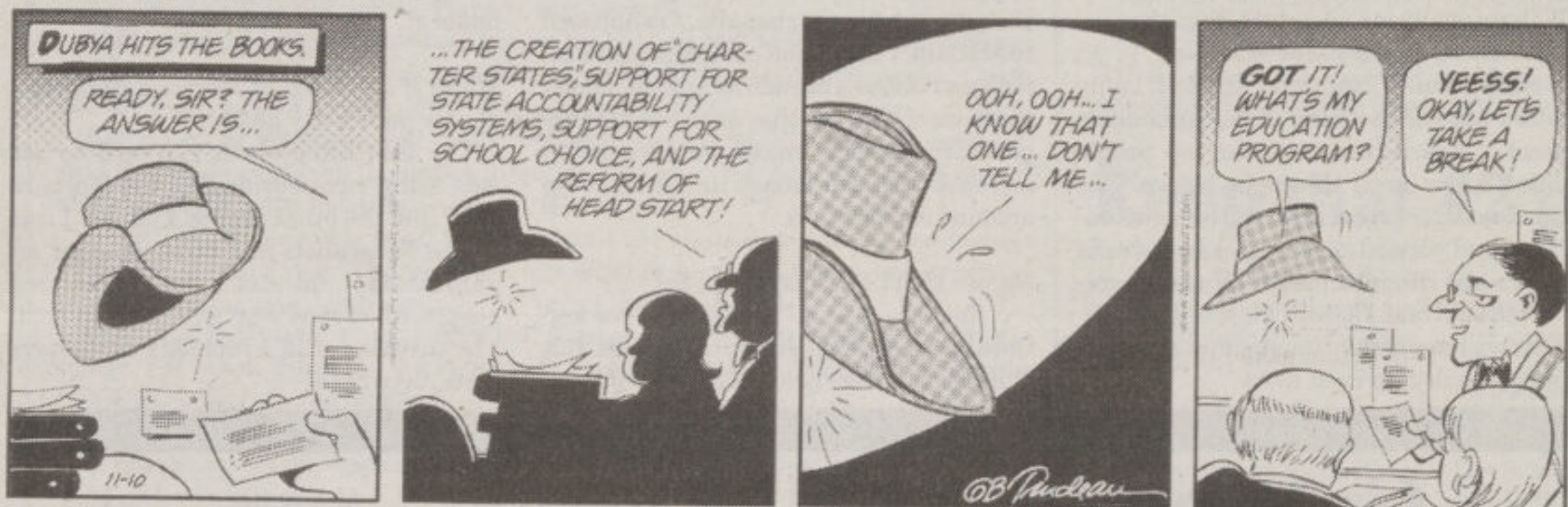
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• Letters •

HLS Republicans support LIPP

At our last general meeting, the HLS Republicans voted unanimously to approve the five LIPP principles. After significant discussion, our organization chose to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the SPIN leadership for its efforts to broaden the scope and appeal of SPIN and LIPP. Over the past couple of years, there has been a marked attempt by SPIN to reach out to the conservative and libertarian interests in the student body, from creating a conservative/libertarian committee to constant contact with and outreach toward the conservative and

libertarian organizations on campus. Overall, SPIN has been remarkably successful at raising awareness of conservative and libertarian public interest. The HLS Republicans applaud the efforts of SPIN, and we hope that SPIN will continue to expand and improve the scope of public interest at Harvard Law School, as well as continue its efforts to strengthen LIPP.

Beth Collins '00
President, HLS Republicans
Nov. 17, 1999

Columns mystify avid reader

I subscribe to the RECORD because I want to know what's going on at the Law School, and I used to enjoy your columns because they were primarily devoted to important current issues, both on- and off-campus. Some of your recent columns, however, strike me as being more narcissistic than anything else. Mr. Schlanger's column purporting to be on editorial writing in the October 15 issue is a case in point. Other than showing off his fondness for bedrooms, bathrooms, and four-letter words, what was the point? Mr. Ahn's column in the same issue that I guess had something to do with opera was similarly mystifying. Those of us who are classical music fans tend to like opera,

chamber music, and the like because people like Mozart, Wagner, and Puccini have been able to put together sounds in ways that are breathtakingly beautiful. What is Mr. Ahn's point?

Surely there must be things of consequence that your columnists could write about. Lawyers and the courts are dealing every day with significant issues that affect all of us. I assume that your students and faculty are discussing serious issues affecting the Law School. Can't you find some columnists who are capable of addressing these issues?

Peter L. Faber '63
Nov. 8, 1999

Law Review salutes Legal Aid

I write to salute the members of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, and to thank them for the work they do day in and day out to make our campus and our community a better place. The Law Review and Legal Aid Bureau share Gannett House as equals, but we at the Review must admit to having been thoroughly defeated (and embarrassed) by the Legal Aid Bureau on the flag-football field by a score of 77-7.

We at the Review would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the Legal Aid Bureau's contributions to Harvard Law School. Considering the caliber of the Bureau's current membership, it's no wonder that the ranks of Bureau alumni include the Justice William Brennan and constitutional

scholar Laurence Tribe. As the Bureau celebrates its 86th anniversary this fall, I have no doubt that our current colleagues at the Bureau will continue to uphold the high standards set by their esteemed predecessors.

And when someone asks me where to go for top-flight talent at Harvard Law School, I tell them — as you should as well — the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau. The editors of the Law Review look forward to continued camaraderie within Gannett House, not to mention a Law Review/Legal Aid Bureau flag-football rematch next Fall!

Michael Leiter '00
President, Harvard Law Review
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SOME ISSUES ARE JUST TOO IMPORTANT TO GO AWAY

By Jake Zimmerman '00
Staff Columnist

Sometimes it's nice to feel vindicated. Many people enjoy the opportunity to gloat a little. To say "I told you so." Of course, I'm not one of those people. That sort of behavior has always struck me as petty and unnecessary. But as it happens, I recently received information conclusively demonstrating that, two years ago, I was right and all of you were wrong.

Purely as a public service, I think it important to pass this information along. Naturally, I take absolutely no pleasure in this task. The mere fact that I was astonishingly prescient while the rest of you had your heads in the sand is certainly no measure of any superiority on my part. The same thing could have happened to anyone. (Anyone who happened to possess my breathtaking, Nostradamus-like ability to predict future trends, that is.)

See, about two years ago, I wrote a column for the RECORD about that great master of the ocean's briny depths: the giant squid. Much-studied yet little-known, the giant squid is an enigmatic creature that has never been encountered while still alive (much like the similarly mysterious "Yale law student"). So, in 1997, I theorized in this newspaper that the pursuit of the giant squid would be the great romantic adventure of the future, and that we would all be wise to abandon the law in favor of this more worthwhile endeavor. (As I recall, I was mostly enamored of the fact that they apparently search for the giant squid by mounting some sort of bizarre camera

apparatus on the back of a sperm whale and then sending the whale off to go squid-hunting. And, let's face it, if there is a creature in this world that is just inherently funny, that creature is surely the sperm whale.)

At the time, I remember several of my readers demanding to know why I had wasted their time with this irrelevant nonsense. (Thus assuming, I suppose, that they ordinarily found my columns to be highly pertinent and useful in their daily lives.) "What's up with this giant squid thing?!" they asked me, a mixture of confusion and contempt dripping from their voices. "Maybe you need to get a life."

Well, I didn't listen to them. I stood firm. I believed in myself. (And after all, honestly, it's not like "getting a life" was something that was real likely to happen, y'know? At this point, I'd pretty much settle for getting a clean dorm room.) And now, time has proved me right.

You see, I recently learned a piece of fascinating news from an out-of-town guest. (I get a lot of guests these days, probably because of that ad I ran in the *New Yorker* for the "Prestigious Wyeth Bed and Breakfast" and the "Wyeth Military Boarding School." Talk about free money! Besides, it's not like the Better Business Bureau can really do anything to me. I just hope my suitemate stays out of town for a while longer, because he might not like the new camouflage decoration on his walls.)

Anyway, this guest informed me that

researchers somewhere in [insert name of some far-away country that I can't remember and no one really cares about, anyway] have recently come upon the largest and best-preserved giant squid carcass yet obtained by humankind. This, apparently, is huge in scientific circles; the news is probably making waves in the sushi chef community, too.

But wait, it gets better: apparently, there is some sort of world-wide priority system for determining who gets to keep each new giant squid specimen as they are found. (It's sort of like Harvard's wait-listing procedure, only the rules are less arcane, there are no bubble sheets, and instead of getting into some tax class, you get a giant squishy cephalopod to call your own. What a deal! Maybe somebody should inform Steve Kane about this.) And the word is that the Smithsonian is next on the list to get its number called, so that America can finally have its very own national giant squid. So, basically, this fantastic specimen that was just found in [you know, that one country, with the people who talk funny and wear weird hats]? Yeah, baby, that supersquid is ALL OURS.

Never have I felt quite so patriotic as I do today. This is a great day for America, and for all those who treasure the unique promise of America's greatness. There is no escaping it: This is manifest destiny,



writ large at last for all the world to see. Let there be rejoicing throughout the land, and let this day hereafter be treasured as a national holiday for celebration, commemoration and feasting on big platters of fried calamari. The Europeans can have their silly old marble build-

ings and their Roman ruins. What are these ephemeral things, before the lasting truth that the giant squid represents?

So there you have it, you doubters and naysayers. Two years later, you must surely see the error of your ways. If only you had seen the truth when there was time to act on it. But by now, of course, it is too late. You are 3Ls, the law firm calls, and you are helpless to resist its powerful song. Let this be a lesson to you: in the future, you really ought to listen to me more carefully. Now, at last, you see what you get when you ignore my advice: despair, hopelessness and bloated salaries at large New York law firms. It's a hard world, people.

Oh, and if you still think I'm making up all this giant squid stuff, check out <http://seawifs.gsfc.nasa.gov/squid.html> or <http://partners.si.edu/squid/> so that you can finally learn the truly important things that they never teach you at Harvard. Education is a two-way street, people. I can only take you so far. Go forth, and learn. Fly free, my pretties! Free!



Fenno scratched her head as she walked through the Hark, trying to figure out why she couldn't get a multi-million dollar grant from Samuel J. Heyman — after all, it seemed like everybody else was cashing in on that gravy train right now, and there was no sign it would stop.

Fenno contemplated the possibilities. Next would probably come endowments for Bruce Hay to study A.D.D. and Charlie Nesson to continue his "research" in Amsterdam. Or perhaps Sammy would just take Bob Clark's offer to donate a few hundred million and get all the buildings named after him. Fenno tried to imagine life at a law school where every structure was named "Heyman," and was forced to utter a giggle of pure adolescent glee.

However, since it seemed that Fenno's sugar daddy wasn't going to be coming through right away, she would have to keep going on Crimson Cash for a while longer. She walked to the soup counter and grabbed a bowl of something that claimed to be "juliened tater tot gumbo with soba noodles and fajita spices." Doing her best not to gag, she walked to the cashier and handed over her card. There was a quick swipe, a beep, and the screen displayed its readout: \$47.25.

Fenno sighed and began looking for a place to sit, but all the tables were full of 1Ls yapping about oral arguments (and the occasional suave French LL.M. yapping about oral sex). Fenno ducked her head down and did her best to ignore the awful din.

There didn't seem to be any safe place to sit. Fenno briefly considered ducking into the oh-so-luxurious private faculty dining room. (She figured she could just pretend to be Arthur Von Mehren — it wasn't like anyone would know better.) But then she spotted a secluded table in a dark corner that was blessedly free of any noise.

Only after she plopped her tray down did Fenno notice the two barely-visible figures slumped over the edge of the table.

Their faces were buried in their hands, and she could hear faint, muffled sobs emanating from their vicinity.

"Tough day, boys?" Fenno asked in an obnoxiously chipper voice.

The sobbing grew louder as the two slowly lifted their faces. Fenno smirked evilly as she recognized the unlikely pair: Mike Leiter and Jay Webber, sharing the pain of the defeats their respective football teams had suffered. She rubbed the salt in a little further: "Parity sure has its downside, don't it?"

Leiter took a deep breath and did his best to be stoic in defeat. "The guys from the Bureau fought hard, and I'm proud of them. And, y'know, they will all be working for me some day. So I guess it's not the end of the world."

"Nah," said Fenno with a dismissive wave of her hand, "not for you. Nobody really expects the Nerd Squad to win, anyway." She turned to face Webber and regarded him with a long, cruel stare: "Now, you, on the other hand..."

Jay tried to keep a stiff upper lip, but his emotions betrayed him and the tears came flowing again. "Why, God, WHY? Am I not your faithful servant? Did I not instill complete discipline and abject fear into the humble lambs of my flock, that they might better fight for your glorious name? Why have you forsaken me?!"

Fenno smiled. "Didja ever consider the possibility that maybe God enjoys watching you lose as much as the rest of us do?"

Webber shot her a glance of pure hatred. "Obviously the Lord has punished me for not being strong enough in his service. My men and I will now embark on a mission of penance. All of them will receive ritual beatings before the end of the week. Then, we will spend the next month eating nothing but rice and beans to remind us of our failure."

Fenno couldn't help herself. "You know, the Christian Fellowship already had that idea, bucko."

Webber was not about to be one-upped: "SAWDUST! My men will eat nothing but sawdust for the next month. While watching videotapes of partial-birth abortions. Any who vomit will be beaten again to cleanse them of their sins. We WILL be pure!"

Fenno shook her head with disbelief as

Webber's tears began to flow again and he collapsed back onto the table. As Fenno got up to leave, she could hear him muttering behind her: "Oh, the pain... the pain. Mike? Mike, would you... hold me, just for a minute?"

Fenno quickened her pace as she walked across the room to dump her tray. But before she was even halfway across the main hall, she suddenly stopped. She could swear she had heard her name called from somewhere across the room.

Fenno looked to see who it might have been. As her eyes scanned the tables, she immediately spotted an all-too-familiar figure: the author of her weekly exploits. Fenno knew the drill: she immediately put her head down and began walking away, lest she be seen with him in public. But she didn't get far before she heard it again, this time in a stronger voice that left no doubt:

"FENNO. Come over here."

Fenno glanced back in disbelief: this was the one person whom she knew she was never to speak to in the presence of

others. And yet, there HE was, unmistakably waving her over to his table.

Trying not to let her face register the shock she was feeling, Fenno gingerly stepped over to the Author's table. Without looking him in the eye, she let out an urgent whisper: "What the hell do you think you're doing? Someone will see us!"

The Author let out a long, hearty laugh. "That doesn't matter now. Didn't you hear? It's time for us to part ways. Two years is a loooong time, baby."

Fenno stared at him, her face looking as blank and confused as Joe Singer. "You mean... you're leaving?"

The Author paused to let it sink in. "Sit down, Fenno. You and I have a lot to talk about."

In the next issue of the RECORD: Is Fenno's chronicler really throwing in the towel? And if so, what will become of Fenno? Stay tuned...

Quote of the Week

"What do you mean by 'legally binding'? Does that mean you get a spanking if you don't abide by it?"

— Prof. Lani Guinier

The Buzz

By Tanya Marsh '00
RECORD Columnist

THE BUZZ GUIDE TO HOLIDAY FLICKS

Turkey day is almost upon us, which means that we are about to experience the biggest glut of feature films since the Fourth of July. The worst has already past — *Pokemon: The First Movie* has already made over \$51 million in its first week of release. I hear Nostradamus predicted this as one sign of the coming apocalypse. Never fear, there are a number of potentially very good films that will be released between now and December 31 (not coincidentally, the deadline for Oscar consideration). Here are the Buzz's picks for the films to watch for in the next six weeks.

Sleepy Hollow

Opens today. This is the third collaboration for director Tim Burton and the enigmatic Johnny Depp. An adaptation of the classic tale by Washington Irving, *Sleepy Hollow* tells the story of Ichabod Crane's pursuit of the Headless Horseman in 18th Century New York. The previews are reminiscent of the odd beauty of Burton and Depp's first joint effort, *Edward Scissorhands*, and the offbeat humor of their second, *Ed Wood*. Word has it that Depp's Crane is an unlikely hero, a coward who uses women and children as shields from danger. Co-starring a glowing Christina Ricci, the ever-creepy Christopher Walken, and Miranda Richardson, a woman who needs no adjectives.

Toy Story 2

Opens November 24. You may have noticed that Disney's '90s marketing plan requires them to release sequels to their blockbuster animated features in straight-to-video format. *Toy Story 2* is the first exception, reportedly because stars Tom Hanks and Tim Allen were so pleased with the final product that they insisted it receive a holiday season big screen release. Woody (Hanks) is doll-napped by a toy collector and it's up to Buzz Lightyear and the rest of the gang from Andy's toy chest to rescue their friend. I hope that the cute little green alien with three eyes ("You are chosen!" "The Claw! The Claw!") has a bigger role in this movie. I had to look all over FAO Schwartz to nab one of the little fellas. This ain't just for the kids, friends.

End of Days

Opens November 24. Ah-nold is back and Gabriel Byrne stars as the devil. 'Nuff said. Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as Jericho Cane, a beaten-down cop who is unwillingly charged with saving the world from evil incarnate on the eve of the new millennium. Oooh. Original storyline. Unless you are just crazy for the Terminator (who is reportedly not interested in becoming California's next Republican governor), save this one for a rainy afternoon.

Angela's Ashes

Opens November 26. Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir by Frank McCourt, *Angela's Ashes* is being touted as an Oscar vehicle for star Emily Watson. The book is a very funny, touching, and inspiring tale of a young Irish boy's struggle to overcome poverty in Brooklyn and Limerick, Ireland. The best part about the book, however, is McCourt's unique prose and I'm not sure how well that will translate to the big screen. Director Alan Parker successfully adapted Roddy Doyle's book *The Commitments* in 1991, but he is also responsible for Anthony Hopkins' buck teeth in 1994's *The Road to Wellville*. One can only hope that McCourt's book receives the respect it deserves.

The End of the Affair

Opens December 3. Based on the book by Graham Greene, directed by Neil Jordan, *The End of the Affair* stars Ralph Fiennes, Julianne Moore, and Stephen Rea. Whew. I would have a hard time imagining a better lineup. (Maybe if they cast Russell Crowe ...) In this romantic tale set in World War II era London, Sarah's (Moore) sterile marriage to Henry (Rea) is threatened by her passionate attraction to brooding novelist Maurice Bendrix (Fiennes). During a bombing raid, Sarah strikes a bargain with God — save her lover's life and she will return to her husband. When Bendrix re-emerges in her life, Sarah is torn between her loving husband and the man she loves. I am so there.

Holy Smoke

Opens December 3. The newest project by filmmaker Jane Campion, starring Kate Winslet as Ruth, an Australian girl who goes to India to find herself. Her parents hire a cult buster (Harvey Keitel) to bring her back to "reality." Ruth and the crafty American (who will hopefully appear fully clothed throughout the film) enter into a battle of wills over her fate. Campion makes beautiful and lyrical films which definitely do not appeal to a wide audience. If you enjoyed *The Piano* and *Portrait of a Lady*, be sure to check this one out.

Cradle Will Rock

Opens December 10 in New York and L.A. Tim Robbins' first directorial effort since 1995's triumphant *Dead Man Walking* tackles censorship in the art and theater world of the 1930s. Based on the true story of a young Orson Welles' infamous stage production of "Cradle Will Rock" which was closed on the eve of its opening night by U.S. soldiers, *Cradle Will Rock* promises to be a highly political pic-

ture. Co-starring Hank Azaria, Rueben Blades, John Cusack, Joan Cusack, and Cary Elwes. This one screams Oscar, if it doesn't offend too many of the old timers left in the Academy.

The Green Mile

Opens December 10. Speaking of Tim Robbins, *The Green Mile* is writer/director Frank Darabont's second adaptation of a short story by Stephen King. (Remember *The Shawshank Redemption*, my pick for the best movie of 1994?) Starring Tom Hanks, *The Green Mile* is set on the Death Row of a Southern prison in 1935 and tells the story of a remarkable friendship between a white guard and a black inmate who possesses a mysterious gift. Stephen King has written stories that became wonderful, touching movies (*Stand By Me*, *Shawshank*), and he has written pure drivel (*The Lawnmower Man*, *Sleepwalkers*). The involvement of Hanks and Darabont promise that *The Green Mile* falls into the former category.

Scream 3

Opens December 10. Okay, guilty pleasure — I like the *Scream* movies. This one brings back Neve Campbell, and newlyweds David and Courtney Cox Arquette, for one last scream fest. Writer Kevin Williamson (*Dawson's Creek*) and director Wes Craven guarantee that the rules about sequels don't apply to a trilogy. Indie queen Parker Posey and *Felicity* hunk Scott Foley also star in this one — I know Suzanne will be there...

Flawless

Opens December 17. *Flawless* is the story of a retired ultraconservative security guard (Robert De Niro) who suffers a debilitating stroke and enters a rehabilitation program that includes singing lessons — with the drag queen next door (Philip Seymour Hoffman). Written, directed, and produced by Joel Schumacher (the man who added nipples to the Batman costume), this could either be a great opportunity for De Niro to show off his acting skills or a horrible mess. I'm willing to chance a matinee ticket on it.

Any Given Sunday

Opens December 22. Oliver Stone has taken a short break from war and political intrigue to bring us behind the scenes in the world of professional football. Starring Al Pacino, Dennis Quaid, Cameron Diaz, Jamie Foxx, and James Woods, *Any Given Sunday* looks like an adrenaline-charged look at the "modern day gladiators of the gridiron." I know, this thing sounds like it's aimed straight at the guy demographic, but it looks like fun.

Man on the Moon

Opens December 22. When Milos Forman (*Amadeus*, *The People vs. Larry Flynt*) decided to direct the story of eccentric comic Andy Kaufman's life, he auditioned some of Hollywood's finest for the role. Evidently, it came down to two choices: Jim Carrey or Edward Norton. Forman chose Carrey. I'm a big fan of Norton, but man did Forman make the right choice. I've only seen the trailer at this point, but Carrey absolutely channels Kaufman. It's eerie! Co-starring Danny DeVito as Kaufman's manager,



Jessica Lange stars as Tamora in Julie Taymor's adaptation of William Shakespeare's gory *Titus Andronicus*

George Shapiro, and my feminist icon for the '90s, Courtney Love, as Lynne Margulies, the woman who falls in love with Kaufman. Many think that Carrey was completely robbed of an Oscar nomination for *The Truman Show*. If *Man on the Moon* turns out to be half as good as it promises to be, the Academy may make it up to Carrey this year.

The Talented Mr. Ripley

Opens December 24. Anthony Minghella's first film since *The English Patient* brings together Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, and Cate Blanchett in a story of deceit, longing, and seduction in the sun drenched landscape of 1950s Italy. Dickie Greenleaf (Law), an errant American playboy, enjoys a care-free expatriate life with his girlfriend Marge Sherwood (Paltrow) until Dickie's wealthy father enlists the assistance of Tom Ripley (Damon) to bring him back home. No one realizes that Ripley's secret agenda is to make Greenleaf's life his own. After all, it's better to pretend to be a somebody than live as a nobody. Based on the book by Patricia Highsmith. If only Ben Affleck was in it...

Titus

Opening in December. I opened up the Arts section of the Sunday *New York Times* to find a two page ad for the new adaptation of Shakespeare's bloodiest and most criticized tragedy, *Titus Andronicus*. On the left page was Anthony Hopkins, dressed as the Roman General, covered with light blue mud. On the right was Jessica Lange, burnished in gold. I was sold in an instant. *Titus* is the first film for Julie Taymor, the winner of six Tony Awards for Broadway's *The Lion King* and the first woman to ever win the Tony for Best Musical. The ad alone suggests that her innovative approach has been applied to this unlikely follow-up effort. *Titus Andronicus* is not one of Shakespeare's best loved plays. T. S. Eliot described it as "one of the stupidest and most uninspired plays ever written." Even Yale Professor Harold Bloom, the self described "last high Romantic Bardolator" argues that the play is so over the top it must be a parody. Featuring over a dozen murders, a number of dismemberments, and the emperor Saturninus sitting down to a pie made from the bodies of his stepsons, *Titus* isn't your standard holiday fare, but with Hopkins and Lange, and Taymor at the helm, it should be memorable.

The RECORD Staff would like to wish everyone a happy Turkey Day. There will be no issue next week due to the holiday. The RECORD will return December 3 with the final issue of the semester.

SPORTSGUY

By Phil Barengolts '01
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COUGARS FEAST ON WARRIORS IN CHAMPIONSHIP

The last HLS Flag Football season of the millennium came to an exciting end on Sunday. A full day of action featured some playoff surprises and plenty of prime time performances.

The competition opened with wild-card matchups between the Fighting Peilins and Dicken's Cider, while the Weekend Warriors faced Aaron's Mom. Dicken's Cider slipped out to a 8-0 lead on a drive engineered by **Lars She Blows Johnson** '01 that featured several key catches by **Jonathan Honest Abrams** '01. Cider would add to the highlight reel on the two point conversion when **Dominic Of Time Lanza** '02 made a diving one-handed grab on a fade pattern in the corner of the end zone. Cider's happiness would not last long, as the Peilins marched back down the field on the next drive. **Fletcher Big Johnston** '01 found **Kwame Cain** and **Abel** '01 in the end zone for the initial score and **Joe Dead Man's Gulley** '01 completed the conversion to tie the game. The Peilins took control from there, including a huge day for **Jonathan Freimann McNeil** '01. The lineman caught two dump-off passes and, in runs reminiscent of Barry Sanders, came away with two touchdowns in the Peilins 34-14 victory.

Aaron's Mom got some quality play from **Scott Mayne Attraction** '02 and **Mike The Dishes Are Dunne** '02, but could not overcome the veteran savvy of the Weekend Warriors as they handed Mom a 37-19 defeat. Mom will be a top contender next year, and word is that Mom has already begun probing the free agent market for some depth.

The Warriors moved on to face the defending champions and undefeated Sons of Liberty. **Jay Charlotte's Webber** '00 connected with **Mike Medusa's Gaies** on a number of long passes to move the Sons of Liberty ahead early, but the Warriors would not quit. **Matt Siben** and **Simon** '00 ran wild all afternoon and **Chris Jacobs Ladder** '00 provided three sacks and a plethora of QB pressures to propel the Warriors to a 25-22 win and a berth in the championship.

The Fighting Peilins, fresh off a good performance against Dicken's Cider, faced their arch-rivals, the Cougars, for the other championship spot. Late in the first half, with the Peilins up 12-7, the Cougars got a critical stop on fourth down and took over at the 50. They wasted no time as **Tim Weston Side Story** '00 found **Plutonium Corey Wilson** '01 to give the Cougars the lead at half time. While the Cougars played

well all around, the real story was in the trenches where **John Can I Bum A Fagan** '00 kept the formidable Peilins rush at bay all game, giving Weston enough time to find his receivers downfield and lead the Cougars to a 28-18 victory.

The Warriors and Cougars both have impressive offenses, but it would be defense that would decide who walked away with the trophy. The Warriors opened up the scoring on an 80 yard strike to **Matt psylo-Siben** '00 that left the Cougars defense tripping over themselves. That 6-0 lead would hold up until Weston found Wilson for a shoe-string catch just before time expired in the first half. A failed extra point would leave one half to decide the championship. Both teams stalled on their opening second half drives. **Mike When The Ledley Breaks** '00 menaced the Cougars receivers and kept them out of the end-zone, while Wilson made a key interception at his own 5 yard line to stop the Warriors on their next scoring chance. The game would eventually come down to desire, and **Tim Weston Side Story** '00 had the most. With seconds left on the clock, he was flushed from the pocket by Jacobs and, seeing his receivers covered, took off down the sideline. After making one defender miss, he crossed the goal line

for the potential game winning score. The Warriors would make it interesting on a Hail Mary, but **Darien My Left Futrell** '01 came down with the interception to end the Warriors' hopes and seal the Cougars' 13-6 victory.

With the championship settled, it is also time to dole out some postseason awards, as voted by the sportswriters. The all-Pro selections at lineman were the Warriors' **Chris Jacobs Ladder** '00 on defense and **Chris Bau-wow-wow-man** '00 of the Sons of Liberty on offense. Four all-Pro receivers were selected this year, led by **Plutonium Corey Wilson** '01 (Cougars), **Kwame Cain** and **Abel** '01 (Peilins), **Matt Siben** and **Simon** '00 (Warriors), and **Mike The Dishes Are Dunne** '02 (Mom). In the defensive secondary, **Darien My Left Futrell** '01 (Cougars) and **Dave Make a Run For the Borders Jr.** '01 (Peilins) received top honors. The all-Pro Quarterback selection went to **Jay Charlotte's Webber** '00 (Sons). Rookie of the Year honors go to **All's Well That Ansel Brown** '02 (Mom), whose deft touch and nimble feet helped put Aaron's Mom in the playoffs. Finally, this year's Most Valuable Player Award goes to **Tim Weston Side Story** '00 of the Cougars, who leaves the HLS gridiron on top.

Mad Drama

By Matt Ahn '02

'BEYOND THERAPY' PROVIDES GOOD THERAPY

The HLS Drama Society presented Christopher Durang's "beyond therapy" to an appreciative, slightly inebriated and most likely sexually deviant audience in the Ames Courtroom over the past weekend. The comedy follows the dating and mating habits of New York City 20- and 30-somethings as they seek out quality relationships from a pool of unimpressive candidates. Directed by Darren Schlanger '00, who also guest starred in the play but shouldn't have, the story brings to mind E.M. Forster's wise admonition, "Only

connect." In our crazy postdiluvian world, the play seems to posit, all we can really hope for is that moment of connection, that strange phenomenon known as empathy when two individuals form a bond that transcends all explanation, bounds and, apparently, sexual preference.

Bruce (Trevor Jones '00), strangely reminiscent of a bizzarro Tom Hanks, is a bisexual man under the guidance of Charlotte Wallace (Alexandra Speck '02), a therapist with her own problems. Playing opposite Bruce is Prudence (Caroline

Davidson '00), the embodiment of a middle-aged woman caught somewhere between sex kitten and spinster. In her corner is Dr. Stuart Framingham (James Greeley '01), a wannabe macho whose comic potential is never as fully exploited as it could be.

The story begins when Bruce and Prudence first meet at a restaurant after responding to each other's personal ads in the *Village Voice*. Durang's mastery of subtle dialogue comes across in such memorable lines as, "I like your breasts," and "Hi." After a rather amusing interchange that unloads the entire arsenal of potential relationship foibles, the two throw water in each other's faces and depart for their respective therapists.

Dr. Framingham makes his entrance in Zap Brannigan (of *Futurama* fame) fashion, laying on the overly masculine charm as Prudence comes in for her appointment. The concept for the character is entertaining per se, but Greeley's performance left a bit to be desired. He failed to leave behind the requisite slime trail so commonly associated with his swarthy Mediterranean lover-type character.

Like Prudence, Bruce immediately dashes off to his therapist seeking easy answers for his relationship mysteries, but gets nothing more than a few dog barks and a kiss from a Snoopy doll to boost his self-esteem. References to Peter Shaffer's *Equus* fly left and right throughout the scene as a sort of counterpoint to the eventual moral of this story. *Equus* explores questions about what is normal and to what extent society will go to normalize people, whereas Durang's play maintains abnormality as the norm.

Bruce and Prudence once again find themselves the victims of cruel destiny as they respond to each other's modified ads in the paper. Despite their initial aversion to each other, the two sit down and complain about their lives and love in general and eventually come to the grand and woe-fully predictable conclusion that maybe, just maybe, they might have enough in common to sustain a conversation, and perhaps marriage. The soul-searching that takes place in this scene is most likely reminiscent of everyday life in Gropius and beyond, where countless students ponder their own solitude and curse their gods, waving their fists in angry desperation and wondering why they are single.

Eventually, we are introduced to Bob (Adam Hootnick '01), Bruce's live-in lover. In the vein of Jar-Jar Binks, Bob successfully fulfills his role as the comic relief in this comedy. Though he began the night more flaming than a San Francisco beach bonfire, Hootnick became straighter and straighter as the play progressed, which is a shame given the enormous humor inherent to wild homosexual camp antics. Durang's writing approaches high farce as the scene culminates with Bob threatening suicide and singing '80s tunes, and Bruce and Prudence desperately trying to salvage their incipient romance.

The second act opens with overtones of *American Beauty*, what with all the dysfunctional relationships and the appearance of a gun in the lithe hands of Bob. Bob and Charlotte have an effective little therapy session and somehow decide that threatening Bruce with the gun will be a good idea. Eventually, the *denouement* is reached in high Georges Feydeau style as all the characters descend upon the same restaurant to engage in an intricate verbal ballet that would make Joyce Kilmer proud. Bruce announces that "we're all alone and crazy," and that "we'll end up in unsatisfactory relationships," just before he and Prudence decide to get married.

"beyond therapy" reminds us how screwed up and dysfunctional we all are through its portrayal of sexual and psychoanalytic confusion in the dating universe. While not the most original work in the "relationships are messed up" repertory, the comedy will make one question assumptions about mental health and sexual preference, or at least wonder how the species has survived for so long. Though the portrayals were adequate and at times quite entertaining, the line between actors and Law School students made itself apparent a little more frequently than hoped, though by and large the direction and production were good. If nothing else, the show underscores how bizarre love can be in general, and a comparison between the characters and people at HLS is irresistible. The overarching moral of the story seems to be, in part, that despite our own weaknesses and flaws, if we remain true to ourselves and keep ourselves open to a wide range of unconventional experiences, we just may find what we've been seeking.



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Madness With Method

VOTING DOWN THAT ROAD

By Darren Schlanger '00
RECORD Columnist

Al Gore hires Naomi Wolf to help him get in touch with his penis. George W., whose wild youth strongly suggests he had acquired at least the rudimentary biological whereabouts of his manhood, wishes to relocate the UN to user-friendly Epcot Center and replace the world's diplomats with more nominally ubiquitous Disney characters. Bill Bradley adds chin mass slower than his speeches dull audiences into fantasies of Novocain-free oral surgery and "Full House" marathons. Leave it to 260 million Americans and one of these three lucky contestants will rule the free world. Wonder if Turabi could put in a good word for a verbose, expatriate defector to the Taliban (W: Turabi does not come with a side order of babaganouj and couscous).

Sadly, this has become an anticipated phenomenon among the increasingly disaffected and justifiably cynical members of today's American youth. Every four years, presidential hopefuls armed with cash and platitudes enter the fray courting the vast tapestry of political interests with the same strategy: Stay on the fringes during primary time and return to the mainstream center during national election time. Ultimately, fortuitous timing (Willie Horton in defeating Dukakis), luck (Perot in defeating Bush), or complacency (Clinton as "the devil you know" in defeating Dole) differentiates winners from Visa commercial actors. The choices are thoroughly disturbing. Two presidential elections ago, it was Clinton, a savvy political-coward, and Big Bush, a cowardly political-savant; last time Clinton and Viagra-Big Dole. The fact that Clinton won back-to-back championships, that Bush almost did and that Dole even made it to Final Four should sound the apoca-

lyptic tocsin of the collapsing American democratic gestalt.

Countless theories have been offered to account for the dismal amalgamations of vision, charisma and leadership advertised to the American public as executive pedigree. Plausible is the hypothesis that the two-party political structure obliges candidates to appeal to a broad coalition of interests and simply cull ideology on the basis of mass appeal and poll results. The end result is the civic equivalent of mindless movie blockbusters like "Independence Day" that sacrifice vision and experimental ingenuity at Mammon's altar of the functional bottom line. Some blame soft money, lobbies, financial fat-cats and wealthy independents for holding the electoral machine hostage to the whims of a specie that demands stability and detests dynamic reformation. Others would prefer to focus on the pathology of a candidate — the needs of a displaced individual seeking succor and definition from a celebrity-obsessed public. It is this need for mass acceptance and public love, some would argue, that translates into our nation's policy: If 50 percent plus one member of the public favors a certain agenda, candidates, not wishing to disappoint their adoring fan base, will typically defer to the whims of a body politic that actually accedes all strategy decisions to its leaders upon bestowing their titular mantle.

To some extent, a combination of all these theories accounts for the paucity of aptitude plaguing our national leaders, though the latter pathology theory seems more timely and relevant in describing our current leadership infirmity. For decades national leaders have capitulated to money and pollsters and bi-party demographics, yet in the past a grander and

more dynamic crop of personas seemed better able to overcome those interests in achieving political prominence. Though perhaps in presentation and style rather than in substance, there appeared a more palpable moral and civic commitment to leadership as a noble pursuit, as alone a means to execute the public

good. In today's world, politics attracts the power whores who view elected office as currency fungible for meaning and success, as the designation that forever glosses their names with the patina of omnipotence. (He's still President Ford and there's nothing you can do about it.) Whereas idealistic youth in the past regarded the political arena with awe and esteem, today's suspicious generation views it with disgust and mockery.

In a culture caricatured by Watergate, Iran-Contra and Clinton's infidelity, where amputated is the mystique from public service, one must regard with a healthy dose of skepticism the motives of those who gravitate towards office, who voluntarily submit to the scrutiny of an undaunted media, who invite the intrusion of a voyeuristic public into every facet of their private lives, who forego healthy experimentalism in their youth for fear of political backlash in their dotage. Indeed, though many of the overeducated have harbored fancies for public service at some point, a cursory examination of those who retain such aspirations will depress you. Gone from the remainder of political aspirants are intellectuals, visionaries, reformers; absent from their personalities is charisma, passion, introspection. The good



ones went to start Web sites, to write novels and screenplays, to teach high school, to edit magazines, to create, to inspire, to Brooklyn. The okay ones went to law school, med school, Wall Street. The dregs are called Congress.

Integrity demands outrage, perhaps even short-sighted acts of civil disobedience such as abstaining

from voting for a weak candidate. Harvard Law students, anachronisms incongruous with the mass of their generational peers, will find this suggestion appalling either because of their own investment in future elected office or judicial confirmation, or because of a concern with the ideological tenor of appointments to the bench and federal government, or because of a democratic fervor indoctrinated in their minds by junior high civics teachers to whom voting is likened martyrdom for the state. To the rest of American 20- to 30-somethings, choosing among Gore, Bush and Bradley is akin to choosing between offerings at Taco Bell — none is particularly tasty or salutary, and avoiding the choice altogether saves unparalleled indigestion and sleeplessness. In the long term, prospects for attracting effective leadership are far more daunting as the continuous trend of weak candidates further entrenches and magnifies the triviality and apathy with which people regard politics. Short of more dramatic institutional changes in political incentives, the best alternatives we can expect are Ralph Nader, Donald Trump or Jesse Ventura. At least if they can't name a foreign leader, they can sue, buy or bodyslam the annoying reporter who asks such frivolous questions.

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Where is "Harvard"? Recently, I concluded that wherever "Harvard" is, it isn't here. Like many other people (maybe even you!) I had certain ideas about "Harvard" before I came here, ideas undoubtedly formed in part by movies and books like "The Paper Chase" and "One L." Without detailing exactly what I thought about it (I'm not sure I could even if I tried — you can just fill in whatever you thought about it and that will do), it is not what I thought it would be. And this is more than just the fact that the "hallowed halls" aren't covered in ivy or that my room in Gropius doesn't in any way resemble the comfy turn of the century type quarters actually found elsewhere at Harvard. (Think Lowell House.) No, it is the ordinariness of the place, its physical existence. This is because "Harvard" is more than a place; it is an idea. (I can see the Recruitment Office gearing up already.) Your idea. Other people's ideas. But not the place. Definitely not the place (except maybe the fourth floor of Langdell). No amount of warning from the Dormitory Services people about how not to expect "luxurious" accommodations quite prepares one for the reality of Gropius, the concrete block walls, the acoustical tile ceilings, the scarred wood on the closets, doors and desks. There's none of the romance of a place so steeped in history. (I said "romance," not "sex.") "This is what I struggled to achieve?" you think as you lug heavy boxes up two or more flights of stairs, "the right to live here?"

This idea came to me when my mother visited during fly-out week. The "physical plant," as they say, of Harvard definitely did not fit her image of "Harvard." It was too prosaic, too ordinary. It should

have grandeur, pomp, circumstance, ceremony [swell theme music]. She found it perfectly appropriate that Gropius was a designated historic building because it would serve as a permanent reminder "of what a bleak period in American architecture the Bauhaus phase was." Somehow that is small comfort. But still, despite her lack of enthusiasm for the architecture, she was enthusiastic about the place. And I realized that I felt more "at" Harvard once she arrived than I had felt before because she wasn't "at" Harvard even though she was here, in the institution, a part of it. She still believed in the idea of "Harvard" and no amount of disillusionment about how it looked could counteract that.

What this means is you are most "at" Harvard when you leave it, or when you see its reflection in other peoples' ideas of the place. Think of this now as you go home for Thanksgiving or when you interact with "outsiders" and see if you don't think that's when you most feel a part of it. But it would be a mistake to leave it there and say "there is no there, there" (to echo Gertrude Stein), no reality. If you are a 2L you've already experienced part of the real, tangible expression of Harvard — the job search. In very few other institutions in the country are you isolated as much from the tyranny of grades and law review as you are here at Harvard. You can *actually* get a job without regard to those issues (or at least less regard.) Believe me. That is a *very* different experience than that of most law students in the country. But notice, that *again* this very real, tangible, concrete part of the experience isn't "here," its out "there" — in the law firms, in their idea of what it means to go to Harvard.

Well, all of this existential angst and cognitive dissonance could give you a complex. It could make you think it is JUST YOU that did not feel suddenly "worthy" or validated or ... *something*. But it is not. It is just that the idea is bigger than any reality could ever be, i.e., not *Harvard's* fault. So enjoy the admiration and envy

of your friends and the pride of your parents with the guilty knowledge that maybe it is not what they think. And don't try to talk them out of it. "Gather ye rosebuds ..." and all that. And think about this as you mourn that "ding" from Cravath or that job offer from Skadden. There probably isn't any "there, there," either.

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