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Presidential race not a party for two, says Nader '58

by Justin Herdman

Harvard blood runs like a river through contemporary presidential politics. Democratic candidate Vice President Al Gore attended the college, while his Republican opponent Governor George W. Bush received a degree from the business school. But only one presidential candidate could tell you the way to Jarvis Field — Ralph Nader '58.

Running under the banner of the Green Party, Nader is waging an insurgent campaign based on disillusionment with mainstream party politics. Campaign finance reform is just one of the issues that coaxed Nader into the race, but he points to it as a question of primary importance. In a recent interview with the RECORD, Nader derided the current system for sewing politicians into the purses of the wealthy. "Money is king," Nader said, "and cash register politics are making it hard for citizen groups here in Washington to get anything done."

A former editor and presi-



Ralph Nader '58 spoke with RECORD editors this week before his appearance on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

dent of the RECORD, Nader's law school career was occupied less with academic excellence than it was with insightful journalism. As a student, Nader wrote celebrated articles that detailed the hardships of Native Americans, the commonwealth status of Puerto Rico, and state discrimination of women jurors.

As might be expected from a man who once admitted to reading his case books after the exam, Nader hesitated when asked if any lessons from HLS were applicable on the campaign trail. "It never occurred to me," he said.

Though failing to cite non-mutual claim preclusion as a guiding light in his quest for

the presidency, Nader eventually pointed to a few enduring lessons from law school. "I learned how to distinguish reality from pantheons," he said, "and I learned how to focus on the pursuit of justice and not to be detoured by all kinds of secondary issues."

Making of a Candidate

Harvard provided the sparring ring for Nader's career as a heavy-hitter for the truth. While still a student at HLS, Nader penned an article for the RECORD entitled "American Cars: Designed for Death." This article caught the eye of Daniel Patrick Moynihan, now the retiring senior senator from New York, who had been appointed in 1961 as an Assistant Secretary of Labor in the Kennedy administration. When Moynihan decided to launch an investigation of automobile safety, he named Nader to head the study.

The result was a book published in 1965 that outlined the dangerous defects of General Motors' Corvair. "Unsafe at Any Speed" became a best-seller and made Nader into a nation-

al figure. He used his newfound fame to recruit "Nader's Raiders" — a group of activists who flocked to Washington, D.C. to lobby for consumer protection legislation.

As a result of these endeavors, Nader is uniquely positioned to offer advice to young lawyers who are desperate to make a difference. The challenge begins with finding out what "lawyer" means, according to Nader. "You have to define the profession as one that's supposed to further justice," he said, "which means that it has to have a dimension exclusively devoted to public interest law that's well funded."

He pointed to the Applesseed Foundation — an organization that promotes electoral reform — as an example. Perhaps not coincidentally, Nader is a member of the Applesseed Foundation's Board of Directors.

When asked about potential sources of financing for public interest law, Nader reacted with skepticism to corporate efforts in the area. "I don't think you're going to get fun-

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Sears Prize winners share secrets of success

by Juan Pablo Alban

In the hierarchy of life at HLS, there are the smart, the really smart ... and the Sears Prize winners. On Sept. 7, the Law School announced the four winners of the coveted Joshua Montgomery Sears Jr. Prize. The prize is awarded annually to the two students with the highest grade point averages in the 1L and 2L classes. Joshua Feltman '02 and Steven Lehotsky '02 received the honor for their 1L grades. Elizabeth Saylor '01 and John O'Quinn '01 accomplished the same for their 2L work.

In contrast to the last several years, only one of the 1L recipients of the Prize is on the Law Review. While Feltman is a member, Lehotsky decided not to try out because the only good reason that he could find to become a member is that it looks "good on a resume." Lehotsky does not question that the Law Review presents an invaluable social and educational experience for many, but he could not personally justify the time commitment it requires.

Neither Saylor nor O'Quinn is on the Law Review. Saylor is on the Board of the Legal Aid Bureau, while O'Quinn is the Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy.

And then they were law students

Some gifts may come naturally, but the Sears Prize apparently comes at a cost. All four award recipients maintained a proactive approach to academics, rarely missing class and keeping up with assigned readings on a regular basis. Says Feltman, "I attended pretty much every class, even when hurting physically."

In terms of preparing for exams, all four take different approaches. Saylor tends to use old outlines and edit them according to her understanding of the course, while O'Quinn also uses old outlines but also sometimes writes short "self-summaries" towards the end of a course. Feltman did most of his own outlining, though some of it was done in groups of people. Lehotsky feels that doing your own outlines is

"the only way to internalize the material and build connections between different doctrines, rules and policies."

The prize-winners all spend quality time studying old exams. O'Quinn and Lehotsky suggest that students can gain a valuable understanding of the types and styles of questions that a professor is likely to use.

The winners insist that the award has little to do with intelligence. Saylor, Feltman and Lehotsky mention a certain degree of luck. All of them say that they have found most, if not all, of their classes and professors interesting and enjoyable. Saylor finds that good course selection leads to crucial motivation. "The professor can be more important than the topic," she says.

O'Quinn says he finds inspiration in his religious faith and in the relentless support of his family. "My engineering background also helps because it is a similar type of analytical problem solving," he says.

Saylor also recommends involve-

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Faculty, students mourn another loss

Charny '82 succumbs to sudden illness

by Stephen V. Scali

The Law School registered shock and grief at the loss of Prof. David A. Charny '82, who passed away unexpectedly at his home in Cambridge on August 31, 2000 after a brief illness.

"All of us at Harvard Law School are shocked and saddened by David Charny's death," said Dean Clark '72, "David was a genius — a brilliant scholar and a wonderful teacher. He has left us much too soon."

Prof. Howell Jackson '82 and Prof. Terry Fisher '82 were both classmates of Professor Charny at HLS, and spoke of him with admiration.

"I remember him from my days on the Law Review," said Jackson. "Even then he impressed all his classmates with his brilliance and intensity, and how fantastically well-read he was even as a student."

"I remember one of our co-editors saying that working with David on an article was the highlight of his law school career," Jackson said. "He was incredibly brilliant, there was hardly any subject he hadn't read any literature on. He had an amazing appetite for knowledge, including philosophy, politics, science, and literature — the broadness of his appetite was outstanding."

Jackson also stated that Professor Charny's "dedication to students was impressive, he always put his classes first, and worked to have good classes."

"I would be hard-pressed to find anyone who wasn't impressed with David," he said.

Fisher remembered Professor Charny as "both a good friend and a very good colleague. David was brilliant, and has been



Charny

HLS welcomes soldiers, scientists and ballerinas

by Phil Barendolts

Like the first day of class and last minute scrambling for credits, the arrival of autumn brings with it another new crowd of Harvard law students.

There are 555 students in the Class of 2003. And according to Dean Clark '72, they all seem positively "wonderful."

The difference in the first-year class is not just based on attitude. With more women — 46% of the class are female — and a higher number of ethnically diverse stu-

dents — 31% are from minority groups — the Class of 2003

already signals a change from the traditional entering class at Harvard Law.

Dean of Admissions Joyce Curll noted that the level of minority enrollment is "actually higher than in recent years." Curll cautioned that some of this increase may be due to the method by which the ethnicity of applicants is reported. Additionally,

Curll said that some of these minority applicants are actually foreign students hailing from Asia, Latin America, and Africa.

Nonetheless, diversity is a noticeable trait of the first-year class. The minority makeup is 14-percent Asian/South-Asian American, 11-percent African American, 6-percent Latino and 1-percent Native American.

And like every group of 1Ls, these students are culled from a huge pool of applicants. According to Curll,

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"So we talked quite a bit about common predicaments," said Fisher. "More recently we served together on the Appointments Committee. He showed all of his strengths to the Appointments Committee. He was an

A Remarkable Career

Professor Charny's research interests were broad, including employment

Charny made valuable contributions to a number of legal fields. Some of his publications were "Workers and Corporate Governance: The Role of Political Culture"; "Efficiency, Wages, Tournaments, and Discrimination: A Theory of Employment Discrimination for 'High-Level' Jobs," 33 Harv. C.R.-C.L. Law Rev. 57 (1998); "Illusions of a Spontaneous Order: 'Norms' in Contractual Relationships," 144 U. Pa. L. Rev. 1841 (1996); and "The Employee Welfare State in Transition," 74 Tex. L. Rev. 1601 (1996).

A Superb Teacher

Jordan Konig '01 had Charny for Employment Law during the Winter 2000 session. "Although everyone

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In her first year, Sara Babst had one week to prepare an analysis for a major client. As the day got closer, Sara became so involved that she asked to attend the Board meeting, a meeting reserved for senior managing directors. She sat quietly while they presented her analysis. Suddenly, one of the Board Members

began asking questions—a lot of questions. He wanted to hear Sara's analysis, but in a different way. Someone suggested that members of the Salomon Smith Barney team, including Sara, step into a side room to resolve the problem. This was her baby



and she had worked too hard

to let it slip away—Sara took command. As they put together the framework, Sara and members of the team had a disagreement. The tension grew but she calmly explained that they were "double-counting." She soon won them over and the team got as close to the original numbers as possible. The meeting proceeded smoothly and the Board made a critical decision. Salomon Smith Barney had lived up to its promise—because a first year employee attended a meeting usually reserved for Managing Directors, and demonstrated grace under tremendous pressure. Sara is now permanently invited to all Board meetings.

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ment in extracurricular activities. O'Quinn agrees: "Take advantage of the many opportunities that your classmates, the University, and Boston have to offer. Be mindful of the important things in life and do not drown in the apparent urgencies of HLS."

Before the law

Saylor, a native of Atlanta, graduated from Amherst College in 1997. She worked for the Appeals Bureau of the Manhattan District Attorney's office for one year prior to law school. O'Quinn hales from Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina and graduated from North Carolina State University in 1996. He received a Masters in Science in Environmental Management from Oxford University and a Masters in Science in Chemical Engineering from MIT before coming to law school.

Feltman grew up in the suburbs of New Jersey and maintains strong state pride. "Bruce is God," he says. He graduated from Harvard in 1995. Before law school, he got a Masters in Development Economics at Cambridge University. He also worked in Washington, D.C. as a consultant for Price Waterhouse and later for the National Economic Research Associates.

Lehotsky joined HLS from Lexington, Massachusetts. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1999 and came straight to law school.

Beyond the Books

The activities of the prize-winners outside the world of casebooks vary as much as their backgrounds. Saylor's work with the Legal Aid Bureau occu-

pies forty hours a week, she noted. Saylor has also served on the Board of the Battered Women's Advocacy Project, and on the Women's Law Journal.

Besides the Journal of Law and Public Policy, O'Quinn is a member of the law school Christian Fellowship and of the Lincoln's Inn. He also works as a research assistant for Prof. Laurence Tribe '66. During college basketball season his attention turns to his alma mater's team, the Wolfpack.

Feltman plays indoor and outdoor soccer for the HLS team, and he tries to regularly play roller hockey and go to the gym. He works part-time as a research assistant for Professor Kaplow '81 and is a non-resident law tutor at Mather House. He also serves as an advisor to Harvard's chapter of Sigma Chi. His former experience as a member helps "keep them out of trouble," he says.

Lehotsky also partakes in the world of intramural sports at HLS, playing for a "young but talented" flag football team. He exercises regularly and spends a lot of time with his girlfriend.

Life after law school

Saylor and O'Quinn are beginning their careers in a manner befitting their status. Saylor will clerk for Judge Robert Sack Jr. of the Second Circuit in Manhattan. She would like to eventually work for a non-profit organization that deals with women's rights, civil rights, or poverty law. O'Quinn will clerk for Judge David Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit. His goal is to work in intellectual property litigation and/or environmental law. Feltman would like to litigate at a large New York City firm in the short term, but would eventually love to work for the SEC, FTC or DOJ. Lehotsky wants to work for a firm in Washington, D.C. or Boston.

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Too Cool for School

The transition from summer is never an easy one. Second and third year students are recuperating from three months of light work and heavy lunches. First year students experience their own rights of passage — whether moving from another college town to Cambridge or heading back to school after years in the work force, a period of awkwardness is part of every 1L's September.

So it's easy to explain the absence of students at Tuesday's town hall meeting on strategic planning. 1Ls were mystified, 2Ls were preoccupied, and 3Ls were at the beach. Poor timing combined with a topic of marginal interest equals nominal attendance. Of course, the administration is well aware of this formula — why else would HLS fail to hold its "Saturday School" lectures during the weekend? Student voices are even more muted when the issues at stake — such as those in strategic planning — will affect no one currently enrolled at the law school.

Yet there is a lesson to be drawn from this town hall meeting that couldn't. Those filling out the seats in Harkness North were inquisitive, attentive, and overwhelmingly 1L. Such an eager plunge into the complexities of administrative planning is to be applauded.

A disturbing corollary to this first-year involvement is the obvious disillusionment of second and third-year students. "McKinsey?" most of them say, "Is that still going on?" It is a relevant question, and one that probably needs to be posed after two years of strategic planning.

And if there is no one to ask the questions, there will be no answers. We at the RECORD believe that it is imperative for students to stay engaged throughout all three years at HLS. If only for the self-serving need to combat boredom and malaise, every student does have an obligation to participate in the discourse of the HLS community. HLS is a town of sorts — with a mayor, a city council, an intelligentsia, drunkards, and yes, even a newspaper. But what it needs most is a concerned citizenry.

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• Letters •

Arbitrary grades are the enemy, says 3L

The Strategic Planning Committee's sincere and energetic efforts to make Harvard Law School live up to its students' high expectations (not to mention its extravagant price tag) merit much praise and gratitude from all of us. However, with all due respect, I think the Committee's proposals regarding grade reform are misguided.

The Committee has proposed grading students with such phrases as honors, high honors, or low pass, instead of the traditional letter grades from A through F. One of the suggested versions of this scheme incorporates a grading curve which approximates the current one, so the effect would merely be to substitute a grading phrase for a letter grade.

Assuming that the intent is to mitigate the bluntness of letter grades, this proposal misses the point entirely. The problem with the grading situation at HLS is not that letter grades are somehow too stark for our delicate egos; if I deserve a C in a class, give me a C — trust me, I can take it. Nor is the problem that letter grades are not sufficiently inherently descriptive; we students, and anyone who is likely to read our transcripts, know perfectly well what a B means — or at least, what it is supposed to mean.

Rather, the problem is that our grades often seem to have little or nothing to do with the work we put into

a class. If I am any example, my efforts over the past two years have varied wildly from class to class. So have my grades. But as often as not, the two have borne little relation to each other.

Admittedly, I have been thoroughly grateful for the inappropriately high grades I have received (just as I have been appalled at the inappropriately low ones). Nevertheless, haphazard and unpredictable grades do not create good incentives for anyone.

Substituting high honors for A or low pass for C will not provide a remedy for our grading malaise. Personally, I would be delighted if the powers-that-be would do away with grades entirely, as is the case at another law school one might mention, and make all courses pass/fail. Too radical for HLS? Then perhaps the Committee should consider a less rigid grading curve, or a system of grades that takes into account class participation as well as a single paper or final exam.

In sum, the Committee should focus on making grades seem less arbitrary to students. We don't need our grades sugar-coated; we just need them to reflect accurately the quality and quantity of work we do in our classes.

Tori Jueds '01
September 11, 2000

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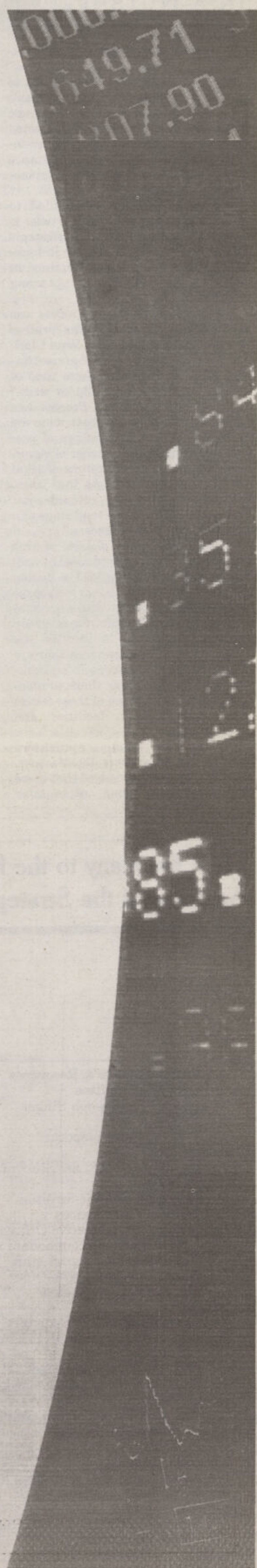
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If you hold a town meeting and no one shows up, is it still a town meeting?

That question needs to be posed to the HLS community after Tuesday's town hall discussion of the Strategic Planning Process. Defying an expected attendance in the hundreds, the twenty students who made an appearance at the meeting were blessed with plenty of elbow room.

For those students who failed to attend the meeting, this article is designed to introduce the Strategic Planning Process. Moreover, it highlights issues that will be examined in depth by the RECORD in upcoming months.

The Strategic Planning Process was initiated two years ago. The process was launched, according to Dean Clark '72, with the belief that "if an institution does not self-reflect from time to time ... then it might slip or drift." Since its initiation, the Process has inspired a campus-wide student survey by McKinsey & Co., a deluge of proposed reforms, and a number of significant debates over the future of legal education at Harvard. At this point, strategic planning has entered what Clark referred to as the "end stage of a long and complicated process."

One of the initial phases of this process was a survey conducted by consulting group McKinsey & Co. during the spring of 1999. Student responses from the survey, along with anecdotal evidence collected from focus group sessions, were used to identify elements of the HLS experience that are in greatest need of reform. In an interview with the RECORD, Clark summarized the most pressing of these issues as student feedback, facilities, and financial aid.

Five strategic planning committees were formed to address these issues. Though Clark acknowledged that these committees have "gone out of busi-

ness", their completed reform proposals have been forwarded to a Steering Committee. In turn, the Steering Committee is drafting what Clark deems a "brilliant synthesis" of the various proposals.

Clark anticipated that the Steering Committee plan, which is currently in draft form, will be finalized and sent to the faculty by the end of October. Additionally, Clark said that there are three remaining "sticky issues" that will be considered separately by the faculty: the first-year curriculum, grade reform, and a mandatory pro bono requirement for students. These proposals will be voted on independently of the Steering Committee's packaged plan because of significant division within the faculty. The first of these reforms, which details a structural change to the first year curriculum, will be voted on at a faculty meeting to be held on September 15. In early October, faculty votes are expected on a grade reform proposal and a mandatory pro bono requirement for J.D. candidates.

Steering the Ship

The Steering Committee, chaired by Prof. Dan Meltzer '75, is charged with presenting the proposed recommendations to the faculty. The Steering Committee is composed of the chairs of all five strategic planning committees, plus two student representatives — Jay Munir '01 and Rebecca Nordhaus '02.

Presently, the committee's primary role is to assemble a finalized plan of detailed reforms. A portion of the committee work is also assigned to prioritizing the various proposals, as the varied plans all carry hefty price tags. "In the end, the faculty will be the ultimate decision-making body, subject to overall approval by the university," Meltzer said at the town meeting.

While the details of the plan are still

confidential, both Clark and Meltzer hinted at a funding boost for financial aid. During the RECORD interview, Clark said that the plan would likely include up to \$75 million dollars of financial aid split between the Low-Income Protection Program (LIPP) and grants for J.D., LL.M. and S.J.D. students.

Meltzer also said that an increase in grants would be part of the final reform plan. And Meltzer acknowledged that a "considerable increase" in funding for LIPP is merited in light of rising private-sector salaries.

The final report will also address issues ranging from internationalization to student housing. Student input, however, will likely be limited to the student members of the committee. In response to a question regarding the continued input of concerned students, Meltzer pointed out that extensive solicitation of student opinion has already occurred. The time has now arrived to "figure out how to tee things up and get them resolved," Meltzer said.

Another important point, according to Meltzer, is that a variety of issues are not covered by the Strategic Planning Process. Examples of changes that have been independently implemented are refurbishment of the Gropius complex bathrooms and last semester's move to online pre-registration.

Grade Reform

Perhaps the most contentious of the proposals advanced throughout the process are those for grade reform. There continues to be widespread disagreement not only about the desired grading system, but about the supposed harms that such a regime would be designed to remedy. The competing grade reform proposals have emerged from two separate Strategic Planning Committees. The Academic Develop-

ment Committee, which was chaired by J.D. Dean Todd Rakoff '75, set forth a plan that institutes a mandatory curve among five grading classifications. The current system has eight different gradations.

A Primer on Strategic Planning Reform proposals in coming weeks

Proposals slated for

Grade Reform (alternate proposals): Faculty vote: early October

Academic Development Committee

High Honors	(A+/A)	16%
Honors	(A-)	22%
Honors/Pass	(B+)	32%
Pass	(B)	22%
Low Pass	(B-, C, D)	8%

Changes in First-Year Experience: Faculty vote: Sept. 15

1L Curriculum

Class Size: All 1L sections of 78 students.

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Proposed "colleges"

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in training, registrar's representative.

Under Rakoff's proposed grading system, almost three-quarters of students would receive grades of A-, B+, and B, to be re-named Honors, Honors/Pass, and Pass, respectively. The current grades of A+ and A would be collapsed into one grade, High

From the many to the few: Anatomy of the Strategic Planning Process

Infrastructure & Resources Committee

Chair: Prof. Joseph Singer

Completed Report:

- Student Facilities
 - Development of Law Student Center
 - Improved athletic facilities
 - 24-hour study spaces
- Faculty and Administrative Offices
 - New offices to accommodate new faculty hires
 - New space for support staff
 - Room for alumni gathering
 - More conference rooms
- Classrooms
 - Large auditorium (optional)
 - 1 to 3 more midsize classrooms (for 60 to 80 students)
 - Flexible classrooms needed
 - Small workshop spaces needed
- Housing
 - Renovate Hastings and Gropius
 - Provide many options for student housing needs
 - Probably increase the current HLS housing for 690 students
 - Recommended new student housing at North Hall and 23 Everett St.
- Research Programs
 - New construction or modification of Gropius for research centers



Internationalization Committee

Chair: Prof. Mary Ann Glendon

Completed Report:

- Faculty
 - Internationalism
 - Encourage research leave, language study and travel
- Improved International Curriculum
 - Enhanced content and structure of international coursework
 - Work with foreign scholars
- LL.M. Program
 - Introductory summer program
 - Specialized LL.M. programs
 - Increased financial aid for LL.M.s and S.J.D.s
 - Recruiting from underrepresented nations
- Encourage Instruction of Future Teachers
 - LL.M. program in law teaching
 - Post-LL.M. fellowship program
 - More funding for S.J.D. program



Connections to Practice Committee

Chair: Prof. Andrew Kaufman

Completed Report:

- Pro Bono Requirement
 - 40 hours of work in public interest or government as a J.D. requirement
 - Clinical work counts toward requirement
- LIPP Reform
 - Lifting of salary cap
 - Eliminate imputed parental contribution
 - Guaranteed LIPP coverage for each entering class and would
 - Redefine meaning of "law-related" employment
- Lifetime Counselling Program
 - Enhanced career counselling for students and graduates
- Program on Legal Profession
 - Funding, support for research into aspects of legal professionalism



by Justin Herdman '01

Honors, to be given out to 16% of students. Less than 10-percent of students would be given a grade corresponding to B- through D, all of which would be known as Low Pass. Failing grades would still exist, but would be used

Honors (which 20 percent of students will receive), Honors (70 percent), and Pass (10 percent). Again, failing grades would be given only when necessary, and would not be part of the curve.

Despite the differences between the two plans, there is some overlap between the proposals. One area of agreement is a mandatory grading curve. Both proposals require professors to assess students according to a rather rigid curve, though each allows for a slight variation from the curve of two percent or five percent. Another source of agreement between the plans is the need to de-emphasize the importance placed on letter grades.

Charting a new course for 1Ls

This Friday, a wide-ranging set of reforms will be considered by the faculty that could have a profound impact on the first-year experience. The modifications to the 1L curriculum are expected to address the concerns with a lack of feedback by professors. "This has an enormous potential to change one of the downsides of a big law school," said Meltzer at Tuesday's town meeting.

Yet a structural change to the 1L program has already been implemented. The hiring of six assistant professors has allowed HLS to "declare a dividend" for the first time since the early 1980s, Clark said. The resulting reform gives first year students a springtime course that is composed of a half section — about 70 students. This is a change from the previous system, which offered 1L students four full-section classes and one small section course of around 45 students.

The proposal that has emerged from strategic planning promises to be more radical. This scheme would divide each entering class into seven sections of 78 students. In addition to greater oppor-

tunities for academic interaction, this system would aim to "build a cohort that extends beyond the classroom," Meltzer said.

Such a goal would be accomplished by the creation of a law college system, where students would continue to be affiliated with the section throughout their tenure at HLS. A faculty master would be appointed to enhance the advising opportunities available to first-year students.

The proposal would also require a written exercise to be completed in the course of every first-year class. Each student would be given a writing assignment to test their knowledge of the subject matter and to organize legal arguments. These exercises would be returned with substantive comments from a professor or teaching assistant.

The final element of the proposal would allow first-year students to subscribe to any upper-level course during the spring semester. Currently, 1Ls are offered a choice of around nine courses that are limited solely to first-year students.

These proposals reflect a compromise between the plans submitted by the committees of Rakoff and Warren. "The question is whether the faculty will like the agreement that's been reached," said Clark.

"Any division is less about the objectives," said Meltzer, "than it is about the right way to go about [reform]."

Criticism of the plan has thus far manifested itself in two ways, Meltzer said. While there is no official alternative on the table, some faculty members favored the retention of a four section system with an additional small section course in the spring. The other objection is that in light of academic disenchantment among second and third year students, the devotion of resources to the first-year may be excessive.

Pro Bono Requirement

The faculty will also vote in October on whether J.D. students will be required to perform 40 hours of uncompensated public interest work as a prerequisite to graduation. This proposal was forwarded by the Connections to Practice Committee, which was chaired by Prof. Andrew Kaufman '54.

The 40-hour requirement would span the course of a student's entire three-year career at HLS. Students could satisfy the requirement by doing legal work for a wide range of programs, including legal services organizations, governments, non-profit organizations, or public interest law firms.

The faculty will not be completely off the hook, either. The proposal suggests that all members of the full-time faculty perform a similar amount of pro bono work. Unlike the requirement for students, however, the faculty element would not be mandatory.

The requirement also insists that the student's time be uncompensated. While the exact definition of "uncompensated" has yet to be determined, the proposal acknowledges that allowing pro bono work in exchange for class credit violates the non-compensation element. Nevertheless, practical considerations have made the inclusion of clinical programs a necessity.

Significant faculty opposition to the plan is expected. Critics of the proposal have branded it as paternalistic and counter-productive. In a statement issued last winter to the RECORD, Prof. Charles Fried outlined his opposition to the pro bono proposal.

"I agree with the premise that public service is an important part of a lawyer's professional life, but we have no right to compel our students to conform to our idea of how they should live their lives," he said.

Strategic Planning

Will face faculty vote in weeks

Separate faculty votes

Institutional Life Committee

High Honors 20%
Honors 70%
Pass 10%

Pro Bono Requirement:

Faculty vote: early October
Forty hours of work in public interest or government as a J.D. requirement.
Clinical work counts toward requirement.

only when necessary.

The Institutional Life Committee, chaired by Prof. Elizabeth Warren, proposed a three-tier grading system. Abolishing the current grade distinctions, Warren's plan instead groups student performance into High

Steering Committee Chair: Prof. Dan Meltzer

Duties: Forward proposals from individual committees to faculty for discussion. Eventually compile assessed proposals into a package for faculty vote.



Institutional Life Chair: Prof. Elizabeth Warren

Completed Report:

- Grade Reform
 - Would require three-tiered grading system
 - 70% of students to receive Honors
- Administrative Services
 - Increased resources for administrative services
- Faculty Engagement
 - Teaching Workshop
 - Policy to pursue limited tenure for Dean
 - Wednesday Afternoon Intellectual Life Program
 - "Declassify" HLS Budget
 - Formation of Committee of Faculty
- Student Life
 - Increased resources for financial aid
 - Increased funding, changes in LIPP eligibility
 - Proposed student center, changes to gym, housing



Academic Development Committee

Chair: Prof. Todd Rakoff

Completed Report:

- Grade Reform
 - Would institute five tier system: High Honors, Honors, Honors/Pass, Pass, Low Pass
- Third Year Paper
 - 3 or 4 credits for 3L paper (currently 2)
 - Or seminar with substantial writing requirement (30 pages)
- Joint Degree Proposal
 - Create small joint degree task force to design programs and facilitate advising
 - Negotiate arrangements with FAS and KSG
 - Increased resources for financial aid
- Law Teacher Preparation
 - Core seminar to focus on scholarship and instructional methods
 - Recommend courses to foster interest in law teaching
 - Connections with existing HLS research programs
 - Faculty advising
- Research
 - Increased resources to faculty for research support
 - Provide incentives for varied research activities
 - Create position of research officer
- Encouraging Curricular Innovation
 - More problem-based "case" studies
 - Foster collaboration between profs on new courses
 - Larger number of "seriously advanced courses"



PROFILES

By T.J. Duane '02

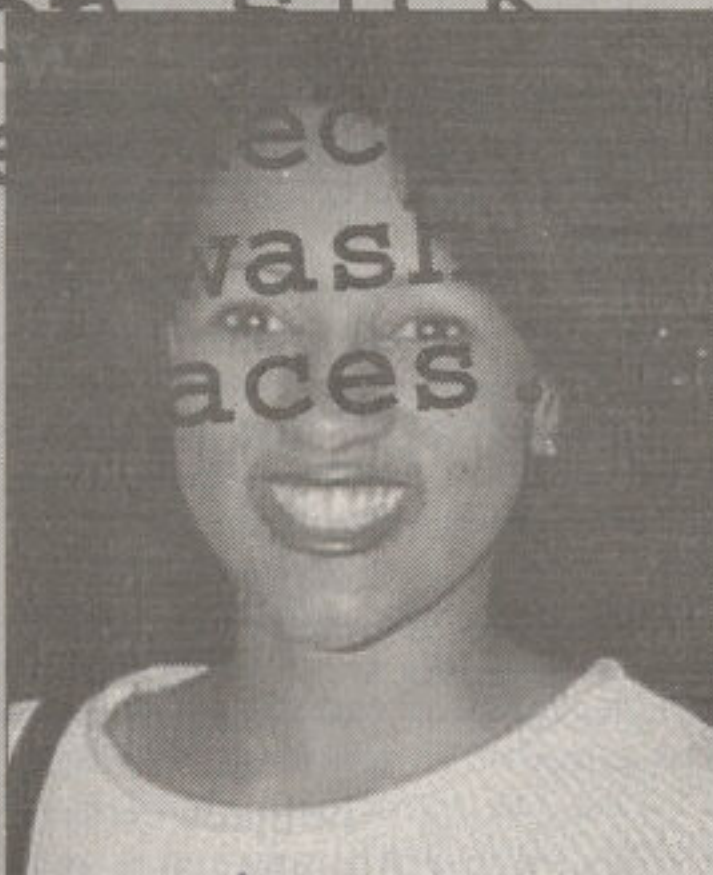
One!
The 1L Boat Cruise offers more than just cheap booze and motion sickness. There are also friendly faces.



Sarah Johnson
Salem, Ore.
Macalaster College

Before HLS? I worked for a non-profit dealing with Community Non-violence issues, and I also volunteered as an Advocate for women seeking orders of protection.

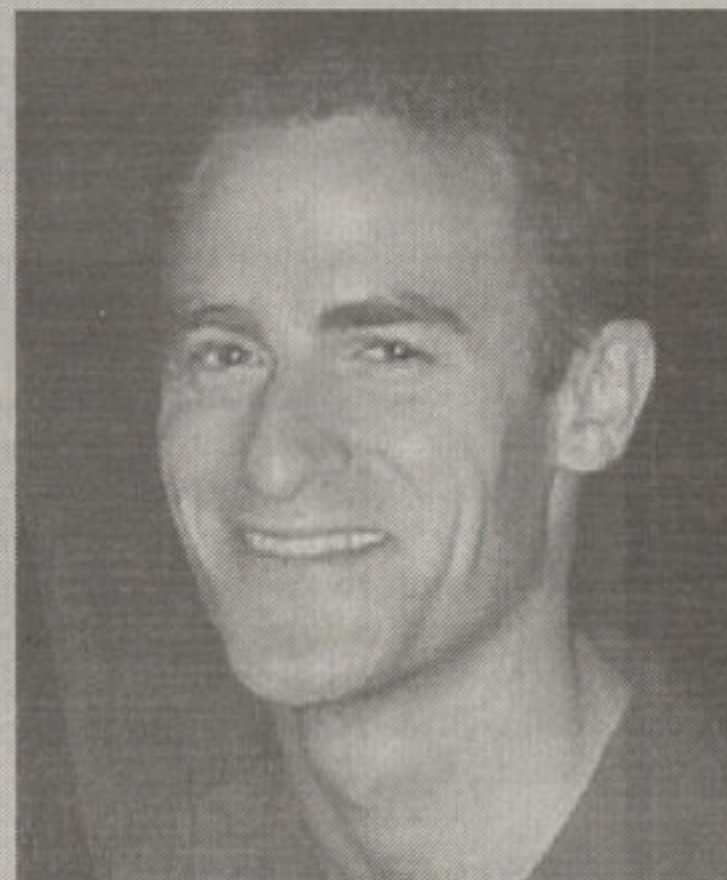
In five years? I'll likely be working on social justice issues.



Chris-Tia Donaldson
Detroit, Mich.
Harvard University

Before HLS? I came straight from undergrad, but worked as a paralegal over the summer

In five years? Married! Maybe working in international corporate law



David Kurtzer
Silver Spring, Maryland
Yale University

Before HLS? I taught in Bucharest, Romania, worked for the New York City parks department, studied Arabic and worked at a Brewery in Cairo, Egypt.

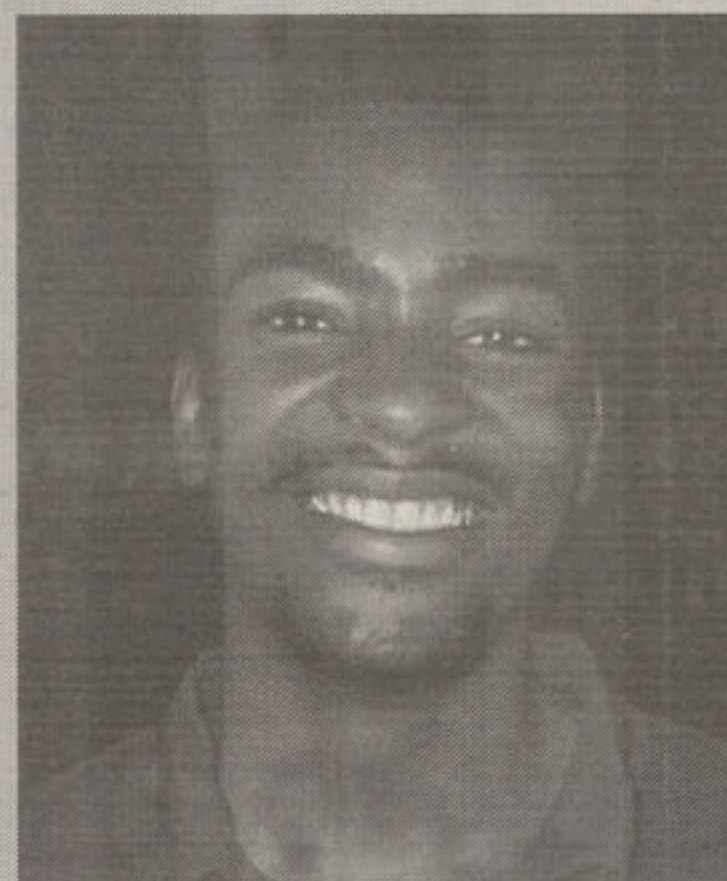
In five years? I don't know.



Sharmila Murthy
Smithtown, N.Y.
Cornell University

Before HLS? I was getting a joint degree at the Kennedy School, so I spent a year working on my MPP. Before that I was on a Fulbright scholarship in India working with womens groups.

In five years? Public interest law.



Randall Jackson
Detroit, Mich.
Morehouse College

Before HLS? I worked for Kaplan.

In five years? Working for the federal government, probably in prosecution.



Carolyn Heiser
Milwaukee, Wisc.
Stanford University

Before HLS? I worked in Jury Consulting and taught in Argentina and Brazil.

In five years? International Law focusing on Latin America.

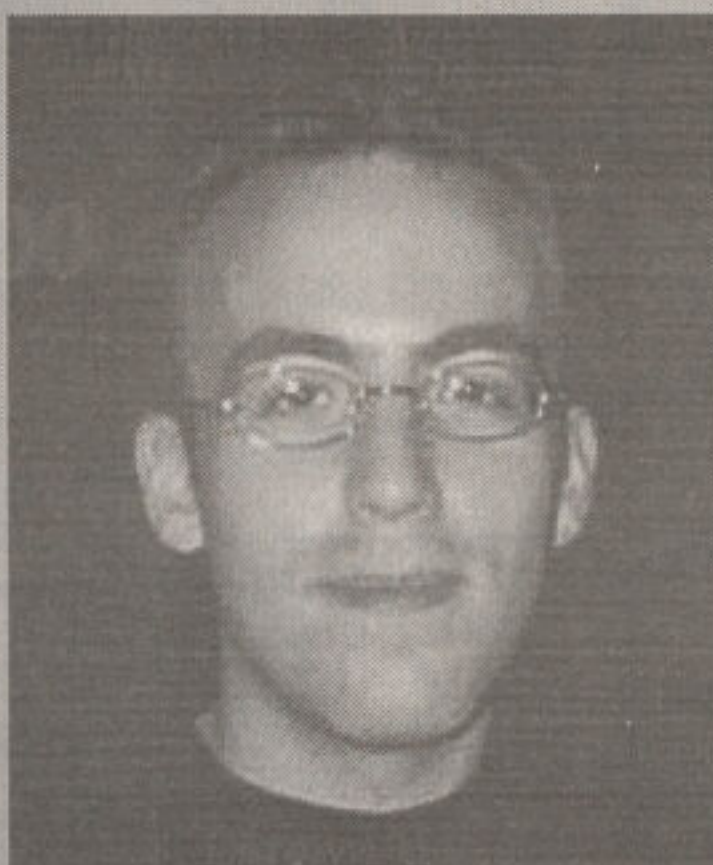


Lt. Matthew Hoffman
Springfield, Virginia
Duke University

Before HLS? I spent five years in the Navy as an Intelligence Officer, mainly on aircraft carriers.

How would I compare a Gropius room to one on an aircraft carrier? An aircraft carrier room is the same size as a Gropius room but has three more people living in it!

In five years? A private firm in D.C. or San Diego.



Dan Vogel
Riverdale, N.Y.
Columbia University

Before HLS? I came straight from undergrad, but traveled Europe over the summer.

In five years? Working in the State Department, maybe in International Treaties.



Karah Herdman
Cleveland, Ohio
Miami University of Ohio

Before HLS? I taught English in Columbia.

In five years? Happy.

ONE-L

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roughly 5600 people applied for entry to the Class of 2003. Approximately 63-percent of those who were extended offers of admission chose to accept. These figures are "not terribly different from previous years," Curl said.

Geographically, the students come from 45 states, Puerto Rico and DC; the missing states are Alaska, Maine, Montana, Nevada and South Dakota. The leading states are New York (79), California (68), New Jersey (32), Illinois (31), Texas (31), Virginia (29), Massachusetts (28), Florida (22), Maryland (18), Michigan (17), Ohio (14), Pennsylvania (12), and Georgia and Washington (11 each).

Curl described the class as a "very international group, which is not atyp-

ical for us." There are 31 citizens of 13 foreign countries, including Canada (10), England (3), the People's Republic of China (2), Scotland, Sudan, Ukraine and Venezuela. In addition, there are students who are now US citizens but were born in another 17 countries.

The Class of 2003 come to Cambridge from 160 colleges and universities, with the leaders being Harvard (59), Yale (41), Duke (22), Stanford (21), Dartmouth (20), Princeton (20), Berkeley (20), Columbia/Barnard (17), Michigan (14), Brown (13), Penn (13) and Cornell (11).

The group includes two Rhodes Scholars and two Marshall Scholars. There are also 6 Truman Scholars, nine Fulbright recipients, a National Institutes of Health fellow, 2 Coro Fellows and a NYC Urban Fellow.

Of course, the real stories behind the 1L class are where the most interesting details are to be found. With two physi-

cians, an osteopath, and a medical student among the class, a first-year student who comes down with the sniffles will always have access to a second opinion.

And if a heated classroom debate erupts into fisticuffs, watch out. The Class of 2003 has several members who have been to bootcamp, with two former Marines and an Air Force officer among them. There are also a few first-years who know how to keep a secret — a former CIA officer, an ex-Navy intelligence officer, and a former member of the State Department who served in the embassy in Albania. Other previous careers include two students who were staff scientists in a law firm and a biomedical engineer who is the principal inventor on three pending patents. There is also a researcher for Common Cause, a market researcher for Gallup Polls, and a former reporter for the Baltimore Sun.

There are a number of 1Ls who have worked in human rights around the world. One spent two years working with Human Rights Watch in China. Another assisted battered women in London's South Asian Community. Other areas of past student work include: a 1L who served in the Jewish Relief Corps in Romania; one who was an international observer in East Timor; one who worked in Pakistani border camps; and one who worked with the Bosnian Peace and Reconstruction Program.

But the Class of 2003 is not limited in its talents. In the arts, a number have been involved in screenwriting, one has been the principal violinist in a symphony orchestra, and another is a ballet dancer.

Curl is obviously impressed with the class. "We got the ones that we're most interested in," she said, "These are people that can handle Harvard."

Fenno

Fenno lay, splayed and shirtless, in the middle of Jarvis Field, sated with the greasy goodness of the All-Law School Welcome Back Party. As the sun set behind Langdell, he wondered what the new academic year had in store. After a promising start last semester with his first new Author in two years, Fenno had high hopes. That guy had seemed fun, had whispered sweet sarcastic nothings into Fenno's ears. But then... he left. No reason, no explanation, just—"I want to do different things."

Different things my ass, thought Fenno. You just got scared. You just wanted to be—

"Fenno. Hey, Fenno!"

Someone was trying to stir Fenno from his reverie. Fenno was determined not to let that happen.

"Fenno. Get your lazy ass up. It's me — your new Author."

Fenno snorted. "Sure it is. I've heard that one before."

"Maybe you have, Fenno, maybe you have. But what are you going to do—just lie there and do nothing for the rest of the year?"

"Maybe."

"Right, Fenno. Listen, just because Liz Falk is gone doesn't mean you can't have fun anymore. Look at me, Fenno. Look at me."

Fenno opened his eyes. What he saw... surprised him.

"You're... different. You're a—"

"Right, Fenno. But keep it down, okay? I'm supposed to be anonymous—and unlike your last two moron Authors, I aim to keep it that way."

"But, I mean—still, that fact that you're a—"

"I know, I know, it's been a while for you. You think that's gonna be a problem?"

Fenno sat up and shifted uncomfortably. "Well, it's just that I like to.... I mean, it's kind of fun to...."

"... be a pig? Yeah, Fenno, I know. But I can do that—but both sides are gonna get it this time. Fair game. Fair play. Equal mockery for equal idiocy. That okay with you?"

Fenno was started to warm to the idea, but he still wasn't sure.

"I'm just not sure you have the same edge. Can you really be as, I dunno, mean?"

The Author sighed. "Fenno, I am the Elizabeth Warren of sarcasm, the Socrates of the sardonic. You want proof? How about this: You ever seen the Website that those newly engaged 2L's came up with? Probably not, because they got a lot of crap for it and seem to have taken down some of the

best parts. But they didn't get it all—check out <http://www.geocities.com/kellyhartline/friends.html>, where the girl, who is white, affectionately calls her fiancée, who is black, 'a handsome prince from the deeps of Africa.' This—and I am not making this up—was a change from the old description, which called him 'a spear chuckin', drum thumpin', tree swingin', lion growlin' jungle bunny from the deeps of Africa!' Nice improvement, Margaret Mead. Someone has serious exoticism issues. Paging Dr. Jung. Jesus!"

Fenno liked this one. How many people would have the um, guts to mock a perfectly harmless Website that two lovebirds had made up to show their friends? So what if they seemed to have a wee little problem with suppressed racial issues? It's love, baby!

Still, Fenno thought, this could be fun.

He looked the Author straight in the eye. "You really want to do this?"

"Damn right. You need more proof? You want to see me go after women as hard as your other Authors used to go after Liz Falk? Two words, bright boy—Stephanie Denton. We haven't seen that kind of meltdown at a law firm since... oh, right, since Ron Kasner. Those two should team up. Can you imagine the damage they could do as a team? And Stephanie—girl, please! If you're going to melt down at a law firm, at least have the decency to do it in a real city. Atlanta? That's like Chicago for morons."

Fenno smiled. This was getting interesting.

"So," he said, "You're serious. You're really serious."

"Yep. You've been making trouble around here since before I was born. You say things that no one else has the guts to say — and I want to be a part of that."

The Author was on a roll, and Fenno was intrigued. He wanted to hear more. "I'm listening," he said.

The Author continued. "Take the One-L's for example. Someone needs to tell them the truth — that the whole 'everyone gets B's' rumor is ridiculous. They need to know that people do get A's here. Those BSA idiots try to make them feel better by telling them that B's are fine, that you can get great jobs

and clerkships with B's, that you don't need to kill yourself trying to get A's, which are impossible to come by anyway."

"Why do they say this? Because most of them got B's and they don't know any better. Sure, you have exceptions like Katie Porter, the Caroline Soultanian of the student body, but other than that, we're talking mediocrity — an organization populated by people who didn't make Law Review. And the fact that they tell One-L's not to reach higher — it creates a kind of ghetto mentality. It makes people afraid to try — especially after first semester grades come out — because they're afraid that they'll fail. Better to kick back and admit the 'inevitable' than actually make an effort and risk failure."

Fenno grinned. "Did you just compliment the Law Review?"

The Author grinned back. "Yeah, right. I still don't get why people think those folks are smarter than anyone else. Sure, some of them graded on, but the rest — write-ons. All of them. All they had to do was string together a few somewhat interesting sentences, and — bang! Law school elite. And only 200 people try out anyway, so we're talking a 20 percent acceptance rate. That, of course, gets back to my point about this school's ghetto mentality. Think about how people act when they first get here — all excited to be at the most storied law school in the country, ready to rip it up. You

take a poll of how many first-semester One-L's want to be on Law Review, and I guarantee you'll get upwards of 60 percent."

"But grades come out, and suddenly it's 'I'm not gonna take a week out of my life and do some stupid writing competition. And I don't want to teach anyway, so why would I put up with that B.S. scutwork?' Think about that — think about the change we're seeing here, between the clear-eyed enthusiasm of the first-semester One-L and the 'can't be bothered' nihilism of those same people nine months later. What should it take for One-L's to realize if they just keep doing what they've done to get here — work hard — then they'll be fine? How do we convince them not to give up from the get-go?"

Fenno had heard enough. "All right. I get you. But let's remember — we come not to praise Harvard students, but to bury them."

The Author smirked. "Well, duh. But that doesn't mean we can't fit in a little truth along the way, right? There's more to what you do than anonymous sarcasm, and I think we both need to realize that."

This one's good, Fenno thought. This one has potential.

"Okay, enough. You're on. Let's get to work. But first, we need to do one thing."

"What?"

"Shots."

The Author smiled. "That's the smartest thing you've said all year."

Quote of the Week

'You're sort of liking it after a week and a half. Two of you, anyway.'

—Dean Clark '72, remarking on his conversations with 1L's and their impressions of HLS.

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damental public interest work done by corporate funding," he said.

Corporations will funnel money into less revolutionary avenues of public interest law, Nader argued. "They'll usually fund groups that are involved in charitable activities, which are alright," he said, "But they're not going to lead to any structural change in the fundamental causes of the problem that leads to the charitable need."

Towards a One-Party State

Nader has staked out a defiant position in the 2000 presidential campaign. The image that he aims to project is that of the critical outsider, railing against the systematic exclusion of candidates who are neither Democrat nor Republican. Nader's recent effort to gain access to this autumn's televised presidential debates is but one example of this free speech strategy.

On the issues, Nader has declared a territory independent of what he deems the "converging" positions of the two mainstream parties. One of these subjects is the death penalty, which Nader has opposed since he was at HLS. "It's one way we show the two parties as the same," he said.

Rather than promoting novel cures to the lasting ailments of American society, Nader noted that the current system leads to socio-political stagnation. "The two parties are becoming more and more similar," Nader said, "and lots of solutions are not being applied because the few control the many."

"And they favor themselves naturally, the few," he continued.

Nader also wants to pry open the blind eye that the current crop of politicians turn to corporate harms. "When we talk about crime, it's always street crime instead of corporate crime,"

Nader in his own words

On corporate funding for public interest law —

"I don't think you're going to get fundamental public interest work done by corporate funding. I think they will pursue charitable public interest like legal services. They will pursue charity rather than advocacy. They will usually fund groups that are involved in charitable activities, which are alright, but they're not going to lead to any structural change in the fundamental causes of the problem that leads to the charitable need. So there's a difference between advocacy public interest law and charitable public interest law. Legal services for the poor is charitable, especially now when they can't even bring law reform cases under congressional requirements and restrictions. They can't bring class-actions and law reform, they just have to represent individuals in child custody or landlord tenant cases one by one. They can't deal with wholesale lawsuits like class actions, and they're restricted from suing the government [for reform] in many instances as well."

On gun control —

"I want military weapons reduction in the Pentagon. Those are the real big weapons, so let's not just ... look, when we talk about crime, it's always street crime instead of corporate crime. When we talk about welfare, it's always poor welfare instead of the hugely greater amount of money spent on corporate welfare. [Since] you talk about gun control, let's talk about the Pentagon and the huge private weapons sales all over the world that are leading to the deaths of thousands of people...[these sales are] funded by our tax dollars and pursued by the current administration as a way to reduce our balance of payments problem."

On the death penalty —

"I've been against it since I was a law student. It's one way we show the two parties as the same. It doesn't deter — the studies show it doesn't deter — it's very discriminatorily applied, the quality of defense counsel is often atrocious, and for those who care about it, it costs more to pursue a capital punishment case than it costs for life without parole. You know what [the attitude towards the death penalty] was when I was in law school? Public opinion was 70 to 30 against the death penalty. You see what night-time TV news does? We're the only Western country left that has the death penalty."

Nader said, "And when we talk about welfare, it's always poor welfare instead of the hugely greater amount of money spent on corporate welfare."

Nader's critique of the two-party system extended to his discussion of narrower topics. When questioned about gun control, Nader urged that the issue be expanded to encompass a broader

policy decision. "When you talk about gun control, let's talk about the Pentagon and the huge private weapons sales all over the world that are leading to the deaths of thousands of people," he said.

Some contemporary campus debates, such as the one over gun control, did not exist during Nader's days at the school.

"The issues [then] were Joe McCarthy, civil liberties, witch-hunts, and the lack of clinical courses," he said.

Watching the watchers

If demanding answers from the corporate world defined the early part of Nader's career, the latter years of his life may be notable for playing a similar role in the political world. Though winning the presidency is an unlikely possibility, Nader views his campaign as a seed for the Green Party's growth in the national political conversation. Nader's overriding campaign goal is to "build a significant Green Party after the election so that it becomes a growing watchdog over the two parties."

A more robust Green Party would serve as a wake-up call to both Democrats and Republicans, Nader said. "In many ways [we're] telling them if they don't shape up and reform, they're going to be shrinking down and more votes will go in future elections to Green Party candidates at the local, state, and national level," he said.

Nader has already campaigned in all 50 states. At this stage of the campaign, however, he will be focusing on a core group of about 25 states in order to insure that he receives at least 5-percent of the popular vote. Such a performance would allow the Green Party to collect federal matching funds in the 2004 election.

The candidate has been overwhelmed by the turnout at certain campaign events. A Nader rally in Portland, Oregon witnessed over 10,000 supporters plunk down \$7 each for the chance to see the candidate. "None of the major candidates have come close to that kind of turnout," Nader said.

Those HLS students inspired by Nader's message can look forward to a similar rally in Boston. Though a date has not been set, Nader said that an event would likely be scheduled at the Fleet Center.

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Whitney's: *On JFK Street next to the CVS. Something for the public interest-ites among you. The perfect setting for a modern ethnography of working-class heroes and opera-singing truckers. This is THE place to be seen for 1Ls... Not!*

Abbey Lounge: *On Beacon between Cambridge and Kirkland. \$2 Buds and the possibility of a knife fight — "What are you looking at?"*

The Cantab Lounge: *On Mass Ave. in the heart of Central Square. Two levels of live music and Thursday night blues.*

The Miracle of Science: *On Mass Ave. past Central Square on the way to MIT. Miracle of MIT Frat boys. If you like engineers and binge drinking (and who doesn't) then make your way over.*

The Burren In Davis Square on Elm Street, *Immortalized in the indie flick Next Stop Wonderland. A solid Irish bar. They didn't name a square after Little Joe Cook for nothing.*

Grafton Street: *Harvard Square, on Mass Ave. Sweater vests, sailing stories, and prep school credentials required. Harvard Square cousin of Temple Bar.*

We all scream for (good) ice cream

Toscanini's

1310 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. If you get a craving for homemade flavors like Creamsicle, Belgian Chocolate or Guinness, head for the Square. The most amazing thing about this place (aside from the ice cream) is how crowded you'll find it at 11 p.m. on a freezing January night. Definitely date-friendly.

Herrell's Ice Cream

15 Dunster St., Cambridge, 350 Longwood Ave., Boston and 224 Newbury St., Boston. This franchise tries to be like J. P. Licks but ultimately can't. The ice cream is watery and lame, as are the wannabe-hip eccentric flavors offered, like Earl Grey and Jalapeño. Who'd eat that?

Grab some grub, y'all

Pizza

Dial-a-Pizza (868-6100) Good prices if you can get one of their flyer specials, with a solid pizza and wings menu, plus a selection of other things. Orders are sometimes misdelivered and you'll need to be precise (tell them you want sauce with your buffalo wings), but credit cards are cheerfully accepted.

Domino's (629-2929) What can we say? Domino's is Domino's the world over. If you've never had it, then you're probably just pretending to be human and actually hail from Alpha Centauri. Delivery in the past has been spotty, but after the change in the restaurant's management last year, they seem to be back on track. The Noid is dead, long live the Noid.

Harvard House of Pizza (864-8090) HHOP offers a variety of simple Mediterranean foods at great prices. They make-a da pizza (surprise-a!), she is-a nice-a. Their food specials are bountiful and help with any tight budget. Their kabob special would rock Hammurabi's palate, and their burgers will fill you up. Or cozy up to the meatball sub, and follow it with a homemade brownie. The grease content may be there, but this ain't the Harvard House of Tofu. Groovy posters on the wall guaranteed to make you yearn for the Greek isles.

Pinocchio's (876-4897) A Harvard mainstay for all kinds of grinders, including the Square's best toasted Italian and Steak & Cheese sandwiches. Also known for its gourmet Sicilian pizza (frankly more of an acquired taste).

Three Aces (491-2884) The key words here are cheap and close. The Aces, located just up Mass. Ave., is an inextricable part of the HLS experience for many. The menu includes pizza, pasta, calzones, and grinders, all of which seem to have one common ingredient: grease. For those frustrated with the lack of philosophical introspection during Torts class, ponder this nifty little koan—why not Four Aces?

Tommy's House of Pizza (497-4849) Think greasy blobs of lard covered with an acne-like array of pepperoni, sausage, and other sundry meat products. Surprisingly, such a description extends beyond Tommy's pie and encompasses its late-night clientele. Use whatever change you have left from your last Scorpion bowl to purchase the perfect hangover cure.

Chinese and Thai

Changsho (278-2100) Another restaurant in the Eat in Free stable, Changsho is hands down the best Chinese in Cambridge. The chicken in garlic sauce would make a cannibal out of Foghorn Leghorn, and the quality is consistently high. The all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is a great way to bury your feelings of inadequacy beneath mounds of Mongolian beef.

Siam Garden (354-1718) Easily the best Thai food in the Square, and a staple around the RECORD offices. One of the few Asian restaurants that will actually take you at your word when you request a dish to be prepared extra spicy. Try the Hot Basil Leaves and derive new meaning from the phrase "herbal ecstasy."

Indian

Bombay Club (661-8100) Where the gorgeous people go to smorgasbord South Asian-style. Expensive, but with a great location and celebrity clientele, who can complain?

Indian Club (491-7750) One of the finest Indian eating establishments around here. Indian Club has very nice buffets at certain times for nice prices. The selection of foods is a good mix of meaty dishes and traditional foods such as aloo gobi and tandoori chicken.

Sandwiches

Montrose Spa (547-5053) The friendly folks who run this place don't just specialize in bruised bananas and skin mags. Put aside your concerns about the counter-top dust and order up a deli sandwich to go. With nearly a pound of meat slapped down on two thick planks of Dutch Crunch, these sandwiches are guaranteed to beat any carnivorous cravings that may crop up.

Oxford Spa Just a quick walk up Oxford Street from the Grope, this sandwich shop is low on atmosphere and big on homemade everything. You'll find sandwiches, salads (potato, green bean, pasta, boring green), daily soups, and nutty banana bread. If you don't make it over here at least once this year, then you're not allowed to complain about food at the Hark.

Boca Grande Die-hards swear by this quick-serve burrito joint. Others won't go near it. Try the lemon-chicken open burrito with green sauce. As for the rest of the menu, proceed at your own risk. They're into indigestion/black beans and bathroom stalls...livin' la vida Boca.

The Wrap. A cut above the run-of-the-mill wrap joint, this place serves up some of the finest fast-food this side of Mickey D's. The bean and cheese burrito garners kudos from all quarters, and the Peking Duck Wrap...well, you'll just have to try it. Smoothies and salads also available.

When Someone Else Is Paying

Dali (661-3254) Either show up at 5:30 p.m. on a Tuesday or plan to wait for a table at this date-friendly tapas bar. Romantic tables for two abound, and the guys won't go hungry, either. The food is excellent (though pricey), and the menu changes frequently. Don't forget to indulge in a pitcher of Sangria.

East Coast Grill (491-6568, Inman Square — it's closer than you think!) A Polynesian blend of seafood, mammal meat, fresh fruits and veggies. The food is almost as amazing as the glowing red, paper maché volcano on the back-room wall. On the menu, you'll find delectable treats like roasted plantains and cornbread. Definitely a must-eat during your time at HLS. Sunday brunch is killer, and they've even got a do-it-yourself Bloody Mary bar.

Jae's Café (497-8380) Another excellent choice in Inman Square, this yuppie-friendly restaurant (don't let the "café" fool you) specializes in its own interpretations of Japanese and Korean specialties. The sushi usually gets rave reviews, but for those whose idea of "gourmet" isn't met with seaweed wrapped around raw fish, variety abounds.



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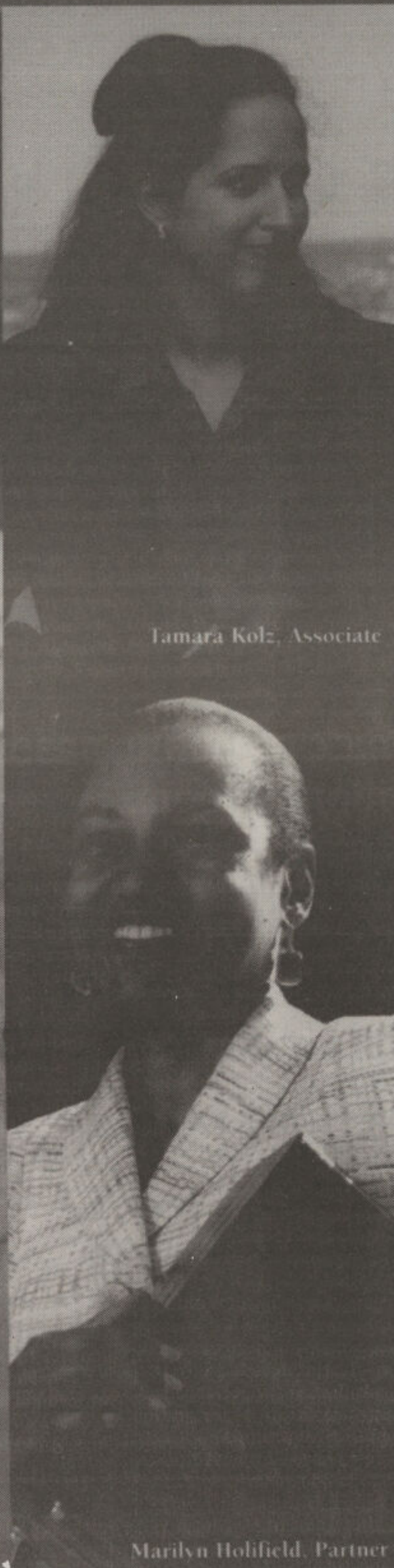
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