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problem, not a political right.

Ellen Paul, head of the Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Bowling Green University, said nations deal with food production either in a collective manner or through private agriculture. In her opinion, "The closer you are to central planning, the closer you are to starvation."

In a panel discussion following the debate, Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman, R-N.Y., a member of the House Select Committee on Hunger, credited private efforts such as "Live Aid," the world-wide rock event, with raising millions of charitable dollars to fight hunger. He also cited pending legislation that would prevent deforestation and desertization and that would preserve tropical forests, important factors in the fight against hunger.

Another panelist, Steven R. Coates, director of issues for Bread for the World, focused on the need for health and sanitation aid in hard-stricken nations.

Other participants offering observations and remedies included:

Dr. Michael C. Latham, director of international nutrition, Cornell University.

Rev. Kenneth Dean of the Harvard University Physicians Task Force on Hunger in America.

Pierre E. Bergeron, theologian and public-interest lawyer for poor and developing nations, Washington.

Lucy Billings, attorney with Bronx Legal Services.

Virginia A. Leary, from the faculty of the U.B. Law School.

A year after the start of an international relief effort for drought-stricken African nations, Eagan is afraid that public interest in the war against famine will fade.

"We've won a few battles but certainly not the war. When the charity stops, those who are suffering from severe malnutrition won't be any further ahead unless we strike at the root of the problem. We need to get seeds, hand tools and water supplies to starving people," she said.

Eagan agreed with Professor Alston that the right to food is basic, and that those who fail to see this as a political issue are missing the point.

"Lawyers have to get involved . . . Without the input of lawyers, the political climate can't change," she said.

A teaching assistant while in law school, Eagan recently began her legal career as an associate at the Buffalo law firm of Jaecle, Fleischmann & Mugel. Her primary area of interest is estate and trust law.

She began to research the hunger problem while taking Professor Virginia A. Leary's human rights seminar at UB Law School. Eventually, she published a paper on "World Hunger—The Right to Food" in In the Public Interest, a student publication. The idea for the conference grew out of that article.

She said, "I can't become a full time crusader, but I do intend to keep abreast of legislation and other political developments concerning hunger issues and participate in lobbying efforts."

Other UB Law students who helped organize the conference were Carol Ho Rezvani and Alberto M. Benitez.

Held in the wake of "World Food Day," the event was co-sponsored by the International Law Society, the Graduate Group on Human Rights Law & Policy, the Erie County Bar Association, the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, and the Women Lawyers of Western N.Y. The symposium also received the support of the UB Law School's Mitchell Lecture Series and four foundation grants.

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The Charles B. Sears Law Library, 37th largest among 174 U.S. law school libraries, now contains 240,000 books and 415,000 microforms, according to UB Law School Library Director Ellen Gibson.

In addition to Gibson, who is also associate dean for legal information services, eight librarians and eleven support staff provide reference, circulation, audiovisual and other library services to the Law School community and UB alumni.

"We are delighted to help alumni in any way we can," says Gibson. The reference staff now handles over 11,000 reference questions each year, including several thousand questions from alumni. The interlibrary loan staff provides over 300 periodical articles each year to area law firms, charging only a modest fee to cover copying costs.

Alumni can borrow books through the new, automated circulation system after registering with the circulation staff.

Among the many library materials of particular interest to alumni are: current statutory codes; case reports and citations for the 50 states; selected state administrative codes; federal and New York legislative history materials.

In addition, there are books and audio-tapes on New York practice; over 5,000 subscriptions to periodicals, looseleaf services and other serials; and records and briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and New York Courts which are available on microform.

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