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Search Planned For Schwartz's Successor

by Ray Bowie

Within a week of the unexpected resignation of Law School Dean Richard Schwartz, effective at the end of the 1975-76 academic year, the mechanism for the selection of a successor has already been put into operation.

Dean Schwartz announced, in a letter to University President Ketter dated March 26, that he intended to leave his administrative post next year in order to devote his time to "scholarly interests" and teaching. Dr. Schwartz also wanted to give the University adequate time to secure a replacement.

In recent statements, President Robert Ketter has outlined the recruitment procedure, which will begin shortly with the creation of a search committee to solicit and evaluate applications for the post. The search committee, which will be headed by Dr. Ketter, will reportedly include several law faculty members, at least one student, and one or two representatives of the legal community. Charged with receiving applications both from all over the country and from within the University, the search committee will be expected to narrow the number of candidates to approximately a dozen by

next January. Following that, personal interviews will be conducted, with the new Dean taking office in June, 1976.

In his three-page letter of resignation, Dean Schwartz broached the possibility of his remaining with the Law School, and possibly the Sociology Department, in a teaching capacity. "I have an appointment with the Sociology Department," Schwartz noted, "and I am project director for Training Lawyers as Criminal Justice Specialists." He also expressed interest in teaching a substantive criminal law course.

Speaking of his resignation, the 50-year-old Dean, a Sociology Ph.D. who became the first non-attorney law dean in the nation in 1971, explained: "It was a question of whether I wanted to go on for another five years. It has not been an easy thing to keep up my scholarly interests as a result of all the administrative details," Schwartz added.

Dr. Schwartz indicated that his primary reason for having left teaching for administration, though "I've taught for most of my career," was to spur the growing trend toward integrating law and the social sciences. Schwartz previously taught sociology at Yale and Northwestern universities, later teaching at Northwestern Law School as well.

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Sen. Buckley To Speak Tomorrow

U.S. Senator James L. Buckley will visit the Law School tomorrow morning as the guest of the Distinguished Visitors Forum to deliver a lecture on the topic of selected current issues facing the nation. The address, scheduled for 11:15 a.m., will be given in the Moot Court Room.

A former businessman and attorney, Senator Buckley was elected as the candidate of the New York Conservative Party in a three-way race in 1970. Buckley, a life-long Republican, lists himself as "Conservative-Republican" in the Congressional Directory, and currently serves as a member of the Senate Republican Policy Committee.



In his four years in office, Senator Buckley has sponsored bills which give parents the right to inspect their children's school records for unwarranted information, ban the installation of seat belt interlock systems in new automobiles, would create a special cost-of-living index for the el-

derly, and would provide incentive for investors to participate more actively in minority-owned businesses.

He has frequently called for a strong national defense, a tougher U.S. posture on international drug traffic, a discontinuation of federal economic regulation which is unwise or outdated, and spoken out against the Congressional practice of "pork barreling."

Law Review Elects Editors



Review Editorial Board: (seated) Marc Schiller, John Hartje, Sam Kazman, Deborah Schwartz; (standing) Richard Murphy, Richard Cohen, Jeffrey Tannenbaum, Howard Solodky, Shelley Taylor Connissar, Vincent Cox, William Ernsthaft, David Weber, Jane Clemens.

by Ray Bowie

Recent Buffalo Law Review elections have resulted in the selection of a new Editorial Board and the laying of plans for the 1975-76 volume of the *Review*.

William Ernsthaft has been elected Editor-in-Chief for Volume 25 by the outgoing Senior Editors and second-year Associate Editors. Others elected to the *Review*'s Editorial Board were Jane Clemens (Managing Editor), Richard Murphy (Publications Editor), Jeffrey Tannenbaum (Technical Editor), Vincent Cox (Research Editor), Marc Schiller (Articles Editor), John Hartje (Articles Editor), Deborah Schwartz (Articles Editor), Richard Cohen (Case & Comment Editor), Howard Solodky (Case & Comment Editor),

Shelley Taylor Connissar (Case & Comment Editor), Sam Kazman (Case & Comment Editor), and David Weber (Case & Comment Editor).

The new Editorial Board has pledged itself, in a letter sent to the faculty by Mr. Ernsthaft, to "the high level of quality that is expected of the *Review* by the legal and academic community."

To this end, the Board has decided to retain the procedure adopted last year for the selection of new Associates from the first-year class. All candidates will be required to submit a competition paper, but half of the Associates will be chosen on the basis of the quality of their papers, while the other half will be selected on the strength of their first-year grades, provided their papers are of acceptable quality.

Another procedure from last year which the new Board intends to continue is the "team approach" to the processing of professional and student articles. The procedure entails a team of associate editors, under the supervision of a senior editor, handling a single article through the various stages of editing and publication.

The *Review* hopes next year "to increase income and reduce costs without sacrificing quality." While retaining the present schedule of three issues per year, the Editorial Board will investigate ways to reduce the printing costs of the *Review* and boost the number of subscriptions, particularly within the Buffalo legal community.

The Board also announced that Volume 25 of the *Review* will mark its silver anniversary. To honor the occasion, authors who have published in the *Review* in the past will be invited to contribute to the volume. Faculty contributions are especially encouraged.

Noting that "the *Review* is an integral part of the academic community," the editors have emphasized the relationship between the *Review* and the faculty, inviting faculty comments and criticism. Gratitude was expressed to Professor Louis Del Cotto, the *Review*'s advisor, for his assistance over the past year and for the "bond between the faculty and the *Review*" that he has created.

Strauss Outlines Revenue Sharing

by Louise Tarantino

A principal draftsman of the Federal Revenue Sharing Bill, Robert Strauss, addressed a small group of interested students Monday, March 24 at O'Brian Hall.

A guest of the Distinguished Visitors Forum, Strauss discussed varied aspects of revenue sharing and other federal programs for fiscal relief.

Strauss, currently a professor at the University of North Carolina, noted a trend in federal fund appropriations back to the 1920's system of increased state and local government involvement. He traced a reshifting of obligations from the federal government to the state level, with the federal government giving out money and the states using it under federal law.

Professor Strauss outlined several proposed goals of the current Revenue Sharing Bill, among them increased fiscal relief, heightened interest and increased participation in state and local government, provision of an insured source of revenue and improvement of fiscal management at the local and state level.

The general provisions of the Bill allow the allocation of federal funds over a five year period, 1/3 of the funds directed to states, and 2/3 to localities. Strauss commented on the absence of federal watchdogs or audits on the use of the revenue: "there are relatively few strings attached, no matching requirements and it is presumed that the funds are being used correctly."

Social Security

Mr. Strauss also discussed the implementation of a Supplemental Security Income Bill (SSI), a form of negative income tax designed to assist the blind, aged and disabled. He viewed this bill as an experiment in welfare which has received little publicity and therefore has not been utilized to its full potential.

The goals of SSI legislation include uniformity of assistance in every state, a positive incentive to work and prompt assistance through a simplified application. The SSI would guarantee an income of \$1700 each year for qualified applicants.

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Editorials

From the Past . . . Into the Future

The sudden resignation of Dean Schwartz, prompted apparently by a desire to return to teaching and research, caps a five-year period in the Law School's history which has truly seen a greater range and depth of institutional development than any similar period in that history.

The debate has and undoubtedly will continue as to whether various developments have been for the best, either for legal education or for the profession. But while we have indeed been at times critical of certain Administration priorities, there is simply no obscuring that it was during Dean Schwartz's tenure that student enrollments expanded from under 600 to 800, that the law faculty was increased 25%, that library collections grew to 200,000 volumes, that strong support was given accredited student activities, and that the Law School itself escaped cramped quarters on Eagle Street for a superb new physical plant. Few would deny the Dean's contributions in these areas, the hallmarks of his Administration.

Attention has already shifted, however, as it invariably must, to the selection of his successor, a subject which elicits both the hopes and fears of many at the Law School. Whoever holds the office of Dean can, as has been seen, do much to shape the image and priorities of this institution. And whoever sits on the search committee, which will

shortly be formed to review applicants for the post, will inevitably be seeking a candidate for Dean who best reflects their own institutional image and priorities.

However the faculty members of the search committee are to be selected, it would be advisable for everyone concerned, from President Ketter to the faculty itself, to insure that individuals who have vested interests in particular programs or extra-curricular projects do not dominate the selection process. The good of the institution, all parts of it, should be the concern of the search committee, rather than the little academic fiefdoms always aspiring to empire.

Similarly, with respect to student representation, early hints that one student may be selected as adequate for this purpose must be strongly resisted, for student interests are scarcely so monolithic as might allow such scant representation to succeed. Among students too, there are vested interests and conflicting priorities, and at very least, the search committee ought to provide for the representation of two or three different perspectives.

The responsibility for insuring a balanced search committee, one that hopefully will put the institution ahead of the individual interests of its members, rests not only with President Ketter, but perhaps moreso with the Law School's faculty and students. It's a responsibility that should not be abdicated, since the Law School's future rests upon it.

The Phantom Gravy Train

Most graduate programs which provide graduate or teaching assistantships do all they can to publicize those positions, encourage applications, and incorporate the GA's or TA's into the framework of the program. However, at this Law School, assistantships are apparently accessible only to those who succeed in boarding a phantom gravy train.

Assistants to the faculty are paid from various funds — some from State money, others from Administration discretionary funds, a few from private grants, and several out of the professor's own pocket — but one thing common to virtually all assistantships here is the secrecy in which they are awarded. There is a gravy train transporting a certain number of students each semester. However, for the vast majority of students, the opportunity is truly a phantom.

Where State money or the Law School's "soft" funds are involved, we believe that there is an obligation to advertise the availability of these assistantships, as every law

student should at least have the opportunity to apply for those grants supported by public funds. With a greater number of applicants to choose from, faculty members might even find that the overall quality of assistants would improve.

Assistantships funded through private grant money or personal funds of faculty members may not entail as compelling an obligation to advertise such opportunities to all students. But it would seem to be in the interests of the faculty, as well as fairer to the student body, to have a broader base of applicants from which to select.

A system which has worked well for other graduate programs using student assistants will hardly hurt this Law School or the teaching effectiveness of the faculty. It may flag down the phantom gravy train, but more students might then be able to board that erstwhile phantom.

The Outside World

by Carl S. Heringer

Arise, all ye harried fans of concerts past; rejoice, veterans of long-lines gone; celebrate, you who searched for unknown boxoffices; repent, scalpers of Xeroxed tickets — Ticketron has come to Western New York.

Ticketron is the electronic wonder of the Western World. For you who have never heard the term before, Ticketron is a computer complex based in New York City, with terminals in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Boston, Montreal, and now, Western New York, among other places.

Ticketron works in the following manner: every morning a report of new items available on the computer is given to every outlet. When you want tickets to a concert, or almost any other major event, go to your nearest Ticketron office. The computer will give you a ticket on the spot, that very instant — not a voucher, or a pass, but a real ticket. Furthermore, everybody has an equal shot at the best seats, since every outlet works through the central computer. There's no more worrying about which outlet gets the best seats and trying to get to that store before the rest of the world does. Tickets are sold at their regular price, plus a small service charge of up to fifty cents.

Those acquainted with Ticketron are familiar with its past penchant for breaking down. No more. Buffalo Area Manager Edward Schilling stated that there are now two computers operating, with only a four-second delay in switch-over. Also, these computers are no longer burdened with OTB transactions. Therefore, things should be running efficiently in the future.

Ticketron in Buffalo is already available in all four Purchase Radio Stores. President Gerald Abelson of Purchase, reported that it is a solid success, running smoothly, giving excellent service, and in popular demand despite a dearth of advertising while the entire system is being installed. Within two weeks, additional outlets will be available in all Hengerers, Man-Two/Pantastik, and at the Source in the Main Place Mall. There are negotiations for an outlet at Norton (although I put in a vote for the North Campus).

Each outlet has available tickets to every Ticketron event, such as a concert in New York City, a Broadway show, a Montreal event, or a happening in any city serviced by Ticketron. Ticketron is close to agreement with major Buffalo outlets for tickets to concerts, the theatre and sports events.

All machines are operated by trained personnel, so the machine will be ready when you are. Ticketron magazine, listing all upcoming events, is no longer published, so rely on radio and newspaper ads for a listing of events.

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Editorial Elections

Opinion Editorial Board elections for the 1975-76 school year will be held Wednesday, April 30 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 624. Positions are open to any interested law students. Anyone desiring to run for an editorial position must submit a statement declaring his candidacy to the Editor-in-Chief in Room 623 by noon Monday, April 28. Absolutely no late applications will be considered. Interviews will be conducted prior to the elections.

LSA Plant Sale

The Law Spouses Association will hold a plant sale this weekend to raise money for the LSA Scholarship Fund. The sale will take place tomorrow morning in Norton Hall's Center Lounge, and Saturday at the Law School on the second floor. Proceedings will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. both days.

The plants, all house plants, are of many different varieties. All are suitable for the limited space of student rooms or apartments. Hand crafted plant hangers will also be sold, while LSA members will be available to offer instruction on the care and feeding of plants.

The Association has also tentatively scheduled a box lunch and bake sale for Friday, May 16th. This was planned for the examination period to give students an alternative to cafeteria fare.

Elections to be held

The nominating committee has presented a slate of officers for the annual elections. The slate presented by the committee is: President, Tina Stouffer (unopposed at present); Vice President, Don Monacelli, Sheila Rostow; Recording Secretary, Sally Shermer, Cathy Donnelly; Treasurer, Steve and Roberta Piersonson (running as a team); Corresponding Secretary, Marilyn Delorio, Victor Rostow. Nominations will be taken from the floor before the election. Election speeches of two minutes or less will be allowed before the election.

The LSA's annual banquet will be held Sunday, April 20th at the Crouching Lion Restaurant, with cocktails to be served at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 5:30. The cost is \$10.95 per couple, and April 12th is the deadline for receipt of money. Checks should be made out to the Student Law Spouses Association and forwarded to Cindy Monacelli, who is in charge of the arrangements. The Association will cover gratuities.

Strauss

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Strauss indicated that government funding programs have had a positive effect on the fiscal situation. "Injecting money into the economy has to help. There has been a greater response on the local level and a slow-down in property taxes," he added.

"SSI benefits have also doubled as of January 1974, a sign that the program has worked in helping needy people," Strauss continued.

Strauss predicted that the Revenue Sharing Bill would be re-enacted when it expires in 1976. He also foresees a broadening of the SSI idea to encompass more people under its assistance program.

Sudden death

by Dave Geringer

The proposed wrestling conference which would include Buffalo could be an advantageous one for the Bulls to join. The aggregation would include wrestling powers Penn State, Pittsburgh, Clarion State, Lock Haven State and Bloomsburg State, along with Buffalo. However, the Bulls would be forced, as members of this conference, to maintain the high level of performance that they have attained annually since Ed Michael took over the coaching reins five years ago. The alternative would be a winless conference record and a perennial last-place conference finish.

Michael, an excellent recruiter, has been extremely adept at enticing wrestlers to Buffalo since moving here from Corning Community College. His main source of talent has been the junior colleges. However, as more universities recruit junior college wrestlers, Michael's job will become increasingly more difficult, especially in view of the fact that the Bulls have no scholarship aid to offer.

The conference would help Buffalo's schedule if the Bulls could maintain their present level of efficiency. Unable to schedule Penn State and Pittsburgh in past seasons, Buffalo could earn national recognition by defeating other conference schools. Presently, the Bulls must make an expensive excursion to Maryland or Navy in order to be "noticed."

The hockey Bulls have added Lake Superior State to next year's schedule in an apparent attempt to strengthen their ties with the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. St. Louis University, a national power, is the only CCHA squad Buffalo will not meet next season.

Unfortunately, the Bulls' recent performances have tended to show that they cannot compete with other CCHA squads. Buffalo was soundly thrashed by Bowling Green four times during the past two years, and dropped all four contests to Western Michigan in a four-game series this past semester.

Now Lake Superior, one of the few teams to soundly defeat Western Michigan last season, has been added. The Lakers will undoubtedly add a pair of defeats to the Bulls' record next year.

Previously Buffalo was one of three teams in the CCHA's Division II. Since Division I also had only three squads, the Division II champion was invited to the league's postseason tournament, leaving the Bulls with a chance, albeit a slim one, for postseason action.

Western Michigan, buoyed by last year's successes, will shift to Division I this year. Ohio State, which has never lost to Buffalo in eight contests over three years, is expected to join them. Thus, the CCHA will no longer be forced to go outside Division I for playoff participants.

The Bulls will remain as part of a two-team CCHA Division II. The other half is Lake Forest, a relatively pathetic squad based near Chicago. It is clearly not worth an eight-hour drive and two nights' lodging to register two one-sided wins.

Buffalo would undoubtedly be better off if they removed Western Michigan, Lake Superior and Lake Forest from future schedules. Rochester Tech would fill the bill nicely as a local patsy, while ECAC squads such as Army and/or other New England schools would provide the Bulls with even contests, and games that will have Eastern Collegiate Athletic Association Division II playoff importance should Buffalo be victorious.

Search Planned

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Faculty Included

In his letter of resignation, Dean Schwartz recommended to Pres. Ketter that "the faculty members and the chairperson of the search committee be chosen by the faculty according to its principles of governance," presumably by direct ballot, and that the faculty members, include at least one non-tenured law professor and one representative of another department. He also suggested that a student and a practitioner be included on the committee "in a manner which accords with the wishes of the law faculty."

Most of the letter, however, was devoted to a summary of the Law School's development over the last five years and an expression of confidence in its future.

"I am glad to be able to say," Dean Schwartz concluded, "that my faculty has devoted itself vigorously and concentratedly to the strengthening and development of the school." Of the students, he commented, "it is heartening to find, in the bar and bench, as pervasive an affirmation of the ability of our students and recent graduates." The Dean also expressed his appreciation for the School's support staff, "one of the finest groups of such staff people as I have ever known."

END OF THE BAR

by Jeff Chamberlain

"SELF INDULGENCE"

And the sad truth which hovers o'er my desk
Turns what was once romantic to burlesque.

- Byron

A parody, properly, is a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature; a comic or satirical imitation of a piece of writing exaggerating its style and content in a sort of *reductio ad absurdum*, playing especially upon any weakness in structure or meaning of the original. An excellent example is Lewis Carroll's "I Met an Aged, Aged Man," which parodies (verb. transitive) Wordsworth's "Resolution and Independence." *Harvard Lampoon* takeoffs on national magazines are parodies; the *National Lampoon* is not. (Ideally, neither of these magazines are "lampoons." A lampoon is a malicious or virulent satire upon a person, and is never good-natured.)

Originally, a parody required a specific piece of serious literature as a foil. The more modern liberalization of the word allows a more general foil. Thus, we speak of a parody of events or personalities, as in the play *MacBird*, or *Doonesbury* comic strips. This broadening of the use of the word has muddled the distinction between parody and burlesque. The vulgar (Middle English from the Latin for mob, common people) synonymy of burlesque with striptease is inaccurate. (Travesty: a deliberate debasing of which the speaker disapproves.) A burlesque is an artistic composition, usually literary or dramatic which, for the sake of laughter, treats mundane matters with mock dignity, or vulgarizes lofty material. Alexander Pope's "The Rape of the Lock" is a proper burlesque, although it has many satirical elements. Satire is the employment of irony, sarcasm, ridicule, and so on, for the purpose of exposing vice and denouncing folly or indecorum. It differs from invective in that it remains humorous, and may be distinguished from burlesque in that its primary aim may not be. Jonathan Swift left his fortune to found a lunatic asylum in Ireland.

To show [he said] by one satiric touch
No nation wanted it so much.

urn of the Screw

by Ian DeWaal

Students who are currently in work-study positions have until June 28 to finish their grants. After that date, only students who have received summer work-study grants will be continued in the program.

Summer work-study decisions will be made at the end of April. On a date to be determined, students who wish to participate in the summer program will have to go to the financial aid office on the main campus and apply to have their files evaluated. In a departure from past procedure, release forms will not be issued on that day but will be sent to the student within a week. Hopefully the chaos traditional to this event will be eliminated.

The date will be posted in the law school once it has been announced. Failure to go to the Financial Aid office on that day will preclude you from receiving a summer grant.

As mentioned in a earlier column, please check with the Financial Aid office now to see if your financial aid application for next year has been completely received and filed in that office. Financial Aid is not concerned with students who pop up in September and claim that they filed all the forms but no awards have been received.

Resume Day at O'Brian Hall

Wednesday, April 16
1-4 p.m. Room 316

We at University Press realize that many of you don't often come to the Main Street Campus, so, to make it easier for you, in an attempt to better serve the Law School community, we will have a representative of the Press at O'Brian Hall. You may look at our portfolio of finished resumes, select your own typeface and stock color, and arrange for printing at this time. 50 copies of a one-page resume will run you \$13.25, 100 copies is \$1.50 more. A two-pager will cost \$19.75 for 50, \$22.75 for 100. You'll have to come to our offices to proofread your copy before it's printed, and pick it up there too. 50% deposit. If you have any questions before hand, call 831-4305 or 4215.

Proper legal parody is in short supply, probably because we are an illiterate profession. Another reason may be that the rule of *stare decisis* is in itself an inadvertent form of parody. Swift noted: "it is a maxim among these lawyers that whatever has been done before may legally be done again; and therefore they take special care to record all the decisions formerly made against common justice and the general reason of mankind. These, under the name of precedents, they produce as authorities in subsequent controversies."

A precedent, of course, embalms a principle. To one unaccustomed to look seriously at any attempted systemization which builds upon the collective misapprehensions of generations of lawyers and judges rather than logic, the common law appears at least ironic. Irony derives from a Greek word meaning a dissembler. Today, the term implies a deliberate distortion for effect or to intensify meaning. An essential feature is the contradiction between the literal and intended meanings of what is said. In *Mac Flecknoe*, Dryden praises his enemy, Shadwell, by noting "Shadwell never deviates into sense." A string of legal precedents is dramatically ironic in that the literal meaning of a word or phrase (for example, person) may be changed into a concept unintended and unforeseen by the original courts (for example, corporation), and indeed contrary to the plain meaning of the language (necessary "may import that which is only convenient," [91 P. 2d 1087, 1088]). John Quincy Adams called it "law logic;" "an artificial system of reasoning, exclusively used in courts, but good for nothing else."

This "development" of legal doctrines through ironic transubstantiation of the meaning of words is highly paradoxical. Subsequent cases imitate their predecessors, changing their meaning in the process. All that is lacking (ignoring stylistic considerations) is an advertant humorous purpose. But when the law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep on park benches, perhaps humor in law is either inappropriate or implicit.

Two weeks ago, an announcement that stated ABA loans were available to students was posted. Unfortunately, it was not made clear that these loans are available for this semester. Each year, an application must be filed by the law school to request new funding. Funds were available late this year because last year's application was not filed on time. The program is currently being reevaluated by the ABA, which will soon announce if the program will continue. If it is continued, an announcement of available funds will be made early next year.

Please remember that this is a federally guaranteed loan program and that all loans (including NYHEAC) cannot total more than \$2500 a year and \$10,000 total. Also, the Financial Aid office is investigating whether or not a student who already has a federally guaranteed loan from a lending institution can participate in this program.

Scholar Incentive applications for the summer and next year will be available in June. Anyone who is seeking a summer award must take six credits. In addition, the summer tuition will have to be paid with a reimbursement being sent late in the fall from the Scholar Incentive Center.

Finally, a minimum repayment schedule for NYHEAC loans has been secured. This amount becomes due each month independently of National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) payments. The two amounts should be added together to estimate how much your monthly payments will be after graduation. Estimates of the NDSL payments were in this column on February 20, 1975.

MINIMUM PAYMENTS

Amount Borrowed	Monthly Payment	7% Interest	Number of Mo. (Yrs.)
\$1,000	\$36.43	\$ 92.90	30 (2½)
\$2,000	39.60	\$ 376.00	60 (5)
\$3,000	\$45.28	\$ 803.52	84 (7)
\$4,000	\$50.03	\$1,403.24	108 (9)
\$6,000	\$69.66	\$2,359.20	120 (10)
\$7,500	\$87.08	\$2,949.60	120 (10)

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Judgment Proof,
We Haven't Given
A Damn About Whom
We Have Maligned
By These
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And We Don't Even
Like Them.
So, Go Ahead ... Sue.

Faculty of Socratic Sophistry

Belated April Fools' Day

Placement Director Found; Red Lost to Law School

by S. Tomic Spy

Law School Dean Red Porsche announced last week before a hushed faculty meeting that "after three years, two months, and fifteen days of battling against adverse forces surrounding this law school and especially me, I am pleased to announce that Nancy the Placement Secretary has been selected as the new Placement Director. By the way, I also resign."

The stunned silence of room 209 was shattered only by the "HAW, Ha, ... Hee Hee Hee" of John Henry Bagel, the knitted brow of Del Grotto, the machine-gun staccato of Newschool, and other sounds too obscene to characterize.

Unperturbed, the Dean announced that a three-month search of Room 309's secretarial staff had resulted in Nancy being selected as best qualified by a search committee consisting of Assoc. Provostial Dean Bob Phlegming. Student participation was assured when Mr. Phlegming asked a random student "whether he liked Nancy the Placement Secretary" and the student replied "She's O.K., I guess."

Nancy, Dean Porsche continued, "stood head and shoulders" over the other candidate for the job, Iron the Mailman.

Asked about the job's qualifications, the Dean replied that the Law School required that applicants be admitted to the bar and have one year's administrative experience. "Nancy," he added, "was admitted to Mulligan's when she went there last Friday night, and her resume indicated that she is fully capable of administering her typewriter so as to cause the keys to leave imprints on paper, a skill exceeding that of anyone else in the administration here."

The long delay in acquiring a Placement Director for the law school, Dean Porsche explained, was caused by "unfavorable sounds from Hayes Hall," "Mysteries in Albany," and "a dense fog which seems to permeate my office whenever I'm in there."

Questioned as to the notice of resignation which he had publicly posted last Tuesday, he impishly grinned. "Last Tuesday? You mean April 1st? ... APRIL FOOL! Five more years, Five more years ..." [Chorus of Cleo, Milton, Marc, and Herman join in the chant.]

Coup at Hayes

SUNY/Buffalo President Robert Critter was killed yesterday in a bloodless coup at Hayes Hall. Six members of the Psychosomatic Liberation Army (PLA) are holding Vice President Albert Vomit under official arrest.

Former Students Bored Association (SBA) official Don Boor reported that the PLA members had made several demands after being drunk for 77 consecutive hours after Critter was overthrown. "They have demanded that the administration turn Adheson Hall into an amusement park," declared Boor. "They also have called for the Amherst Campus to be converted into a lake via the use of nuclear weapons and the diversion of Niagara Falls. In addition, they want an airplane, immunity from persecution, not to be called on in their law classes, and safe passage to Cheektowaga."

Former intramurals director Bill Muckrake, leader of the insurgents, was reported cursing loudly over the megaphones at Hayes. His second-in-command, former professor John Spaniel, yelled "Long live the Revolution" into the telephone. He was, however, unable to specify the revolution he was referring to.

Empty car

According to several blind witnesses, the event began when the the members of the PLA rode up to the main entrance of Hayes in an empty car. They demanded to be shown to the Office of the President, a seemingly idiotic request that was granted.

Once inside, they caused Critter to suffer "irreversible psychosomatic brain damage," the technique that inspired one observer to give them their name. Vomit was held in his office by assorted lunatics wielding blades of grass, which they claimed were ray guns from another planet.

The vending machines in the basement of Hayes were reportedly used to fend off reporters who came to investigate the coup. A newsmen from Channel 19's "Eyeless, Witless News" was supposed to have been beheaded.

Suicide Disrupts Class

by J.J. Catastrophe

A fifth-year law student from a suburb of Tonawanda was found dead yesterday during his Constitutional Law class. Wax Incredulous, age 23, was found wedged between the blackboard and the wall in Room 107 O'Brian, the victim of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Professor Hy Loman revealed that he had become suspicious when the blackboard began moving toward him as he was addressing his class. "I thought that someone was getting his revenge for my surprise, in-class, no-book final last year," said Loman, who failed his entire class when they all burned their exam books in disgust. "When I heard the thud, I thought that the wall was crumbling," Loman continued, "but then I saw a head fall out of the wall." Loman then collapsed, causing the remainder of the body to drop to the floor.

World traveler

Incredulous, a well-traveled law student, had been the only Buffalo law student to ever apply for a summer job with the Urban Corps in Antarctica, where he hoped to initiate the Antarctica Civil Liberties Union. When he was told that the Corps had abandoned Antarctica during the previous year due to a lack of suitable office space, he took a summer job as advisor to the Dalai Lama in Tibet.

After he returned from his summer internship, Incredulous was told by the financial aid office that his final three paychecks had mistakenly been shipped to Nepal. He found them at the top of Mt. Everest in October.

Incredulous then intended to come back to Buffalo, but his flight was hijacked seventeen different times. When he finally arrived in Buffalo, he was told that he had been given four F's for failure to take his final exams.

No weapon, no conviction

In January, he was arrested for the yak murder of three financial aid officers, but since the murder weapon was never

found, the charges against him were dismissed.

Last week, he attempted to pay for his spring textbooks at the bookstore with a Tibetan money order. The bookstore's manager, Caribou Mesh, suffered a stroke when he saw that Incredulous was serious. Incredulous then fell asleep in the classroom with a pistol taped to his head. He leaves three wives and 2½ children.

Hockey Bulls to Switch Site

by Punch Drunk

Due to an attendance problem, the hockey Bulls have transferred their home games from the Holiday Thin Picks to the Amherst Wrecked Center, effective next season. The Wrecked Center was an alternative to the proposed site, the Amherst Bubble, which had to be scrapped when it punctured while workers were attempting to install ice-making equipment. "\$%† (&%*+\$\$!:" exclaimed one.

The Wrecked Center, which got its name when an airplane traveling from Ethiopia to Moscow crashed into its roof three years ago, has many advantages. "We have the world's first tilting ice surface," beamed Bull Coach Ed Wrong. "It is controlled by a panel under the ice. Last year, the Tonawanda Twerps used the Center and were unbeaten, untied and unscored upon at home."

Secret weapon

The Center also possesses a new movable electronic scoreboard. "We can use it in many different ways," Wrong noted. "I may use it to block the door of the other team's dressing room, if we need a forfeit late in the

season. It can also be used as an extra goaltender. Last year, Tonawanda dropped it on the ice when the other team got a 5 against 0 break. It wiped out 2/3 of their team," Wrong laughed.

Wrong also disclosed that new seats have been installed at the rink. "We have removable seats," Wrong explained. "When one of our players gets a hat trick, fans can throw their seats on the ice instead of their hats. In addition, they can throw them at the officials when we get a penalty, or decapitate the goal judge if he rules that a goal has been scored against us. Finally, they can be used to start fights in the stands, another aspect of having a good time," Wrong added.

Trappdoors galore

The Center also has many trappdoors beneath the ice surface. "They usually learn not to send players into our zone after a couple of times," Wrong advised. "Sometimes they are very stubborn. Last year, St. Mary's School for the Deaf lost eight players in the first period alone, and the others fell into the whirlpool in the middle of their dressing room. They dropped hockey," Wrong said. "We may finally achieve that unbeaten season this year."



by I.M. deWalrus

The entire staff of the Financial Impediment office will walk off the job next Monday, according to Ms. Claire Mangrove, Financial Impediment liaison for the Law School. "The cuts in available funds really hit home when the Governor announced that we would be transferred from the state budget to work-study positions," explained Ms. Mangrove.

Student reaction to the upcoming walkout was mixed. "I don't anticipate any delay in receiving my financial impediment award for next year," stated "Big Bucks" Headstrong, a freshman law student. "They haven't processed my award for this year yet."

Students were apparently unaware of the implications of this new budget cutting decision. Because of time-consuming attempts in Congress to raise revenues by authorizing the sale of students currently indebted under Federal Loan programs to the highest-bidding Middle East power, there will be no expansion of the Work-Study program to absorb the new participants. "They will just have to tighten their book-belts and bite their Cliff-notes," stated a White House sorcerer.

The Financial Impediment Office announced that due to the absorption of its staff by the Work-Study Program, there will be no funds available at all for students next year. "We have to eat too," pouted Director Joe Stillborn.

However, Ms. Mangrove told *Opinionated* that the staff would not take their transfers lightly. "When we heard about this, we decided for the first time in ten years to request additional work-study funding," said Ms. Mangrove. "We never needed additional money before." Their request was refused by the Feds.

As a result, the Financial Impediment staff convened a strike meeting yesterday. Proposals to engage in a work slow-down were defeated after disgruntled members suggested that no one would notice a difference. There was an apparent voice vote in favor of a strike, however, due to calls for a "reading of the roll," the final tabulations were delayed until representatives of the College Striking Service could certify the results.

The final vote will apparently never be known. The College Striking Service maintains that the ballots were lost in the mails.

Charles Wall'n, Law School registrar, has announced new registration procedures for next Fall. Law School observers suspected such a change was coming when Mr. Wall'n was seen erecting "start" signs at the west end of the newly constructed Amherst athletic bubble, while placing a box, apparently full of class cards at the opposite end of the structure.

"This will really speed up the registration process," claimed Mr. Wall'n. "Students who participate in the new registration procedures will immediately know what classes they are registered for. We decided to adopt the speed of the computer registration process and combine it with the certainty of the old manual registration in the gym."

Under the new system, the entire population of the school will assemble at the west end of the bubble on September 1, with seniors at the front and freshmen at the back. Each class will alternately line up in alphabetical order and then reverse alphabetical order, to insure the randomness of course selection and to guarantee fairness. At the sound of a starter pistol fired by Iron, the Mailman, the entire group will proceed as quickly as possible to the other end of the bubble and begin selecting class cards. "We expect the whole registration to take no longer than five minutes," beamed Mr. Wall'n. "As soon as it is finished everyone will know what courses they are registered for."

When asked how he planned to keep the law students from killing each other in the anticipated rush for the box of class cards, Mr. Wall'n explained that wasn't his problem. "Listen, the local bar has been urging us for years to cut down on the number of graduates and when Ketter told us we couldn't reduce admissions to cut back on class sizes, we had to think of a quick way to jack-up the attrition rate," said Mr. Wall'n. "No one was going to flunk out."