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Alumni/ae Luncheons Attract Capacity Crowds

Alumni/ae luncheons attracted capacity crowds in New York City, Washington, D.C. and Rochester, N.Y., as UB Law grads gathered to network, schmooze, and hear the latest news of the Law School.

In New York, alumni/ae from across the state came together for the traditional New Year's luncheon at the Tower Suite, atop the Time Life Building. Once again, this popular event was held in conjunction with the New York State Bar Association Annual Meeting in late January. Neal E. Botwinoff, president of the Greater New York Chapter, welcomed the group. Dean Filvaroff was the speaker.

Washington, D.C. and Baltimore alumni/ae gathered during January at the Washington Hilton and Towers Hotel during the Association of American Law Schools meeting. The luncheon enabled alumni/ae to visit with faculty members as well as meet other UB lawyers who practice in the Washington area. Victor R. Siclari, president of the Washington-Baltimore Chapter, introduced Dean Filvaroff, who gave an update on the school.

The Rochester Chapter held their Fifth Annual Luncheon at the Harro East Athletic Club in May.



State Supreme Court Justice Robert E. Whelan '70 attends alumni luncheon.



Vincent Dunn '89, left, and Frank T. Herdman '89 at the New York City luncheon.

Reservations entitled alumni/ae to use club facilities through the week-end. Associate Dean John Henry Schlegel and Assistant Dean Aundra Newell spoke on the subject of Law School admissions. Chair of the luncheon was Janet H. Korts. Julia A. Garver, outgoing president, conducted chapter elections. ■



Julia A. Garver '83 of Rochester.

Greater New York Holds Career Panel

After graduating from law school, Earl Pfeffer '83 wanted to work for a labor union, but couldn't get hired. So he knocked on the door of the United Mine Workers in Washington and offered his services — free. Understaffed and overworked, they put him to work, and eventually made him an offer.

Such creative strategies for climbing the career ladder outside the traditional law firm were the subject under discussion when the Greater New York Chapter held a panel discussion in May on "Alternate Careers for Lawyers." The conference center of Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelsohn, in New York City, was the setting.

In addition to Pfeffer, who now is an associate at Cohen, Weiss & Simon, panelists were: Francine Colon, assistant vice president and financial editor, Prudential Securities; Karen Comstock, public interest coordinator, Brooklyn Law School Office of Placement and Career Services; Gary DeWaal, vice president and general counsel of Brody, White & Co. Inc., a brokerage firm; Lester Goodchild, deputy circuit executive of the U.S. Courts, Second Circuit; Wayne Lopkin, of the Macklowe Organization, a real estate development company; and Dean Silvers, of Dean Silvers Associates, a film production company and entertainment law practice. All are located in New York City.

Says UB Law Career Development Coordinator Audrey Koscielniak, who served as an adviser to the panel, "Non-traditional career options for law graduates have become the hot topic in legal employment." She cites quality of life, broadened responsibility, avocational interests, financial reward, personal commitment, professional independence, personal

Rochester Chapter Elects Officers, Board



H. Todd Bullard, Class of 1987, (pictured at left) was elected president of the Rochester Chapter, UB Law Alumni Association, at a buffet luncheon held May 10 at the Harro East Athletic Club. Bullard, an attorney with the Rochester law firm Fix, Spindelman, Brovitz, Turk, Himelein & Shukoff, succeeds Julia Garver, Class of 1983, an attorney with the firm of Woods, Oviatt, Gilman, Sturman & Clarke. Bullard was elected for a one-year term.

Other officers elected at the fifth annual luncheon were Terry M. Richman '86, vice president; Janet H. Korts '86, secretary; and Ronald J. Mendrick '83, treasurer.

Richman practices in the firm of Chamberlain, D'Amanda, Oppenheimer & Greenfield. Korts practices with Harris, Evans, Fox & Chesworth. Mendrick practices with Harter, Secrest & Emery.

Assistant Dean Aundra Newell and Associate Dean John H. Schlegel spoke on factors that influence Law School admissions. Also attending the luncheon from the Law School were Dean David B. Filvaroff, Associate Dean Alan S. Carrel, Alumni Director Ilene R. Fleischmann and Career Development Coordinator Audrey Koscielniak.

At the meeting, association members voted into office the following Board of Directors:

Those whose terms expire in 1992 are: Nancy Baker '83, of Chamberlain, D'Amanda, Oppenheimer & Greenfield; Gail Donofrio '85, of the Law Office of A. Vincent Buzard; Julia Garver '83, of Woods, Oviatt, Gilman, Sturman; Catherine A. Maxwell '85, New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 4th Dept.; Ronald J. Mendrick '83, of Harter, Secrest, & Emery; Raymond C. Stilwell '84, of Relin & Goldstein; and Steven T. Wickmark '85, of the Monroe County district attorney's office.

Those whose terms expire in 1993 are: H. Todd Bullard '87, of Fix, Spindelman, Brovitz, Turk, Himelein & Shukoff; Samuel DiSalvo '84, of Mousaw, Vigdor, Reeves, Heilbronner & Kroll; Marilyn Hoffman '78, Principal Law Clerk, Surrogate Court in Rochester; Theodore Kantor '70, Office of Theodore Kantor; Jason Karp '70, Monroe County Family Court; Janet Korts '86, Harris, Evans, Fox & Chesworth; and Terry M. Richman '86, of Chamberlain, D'Amanda, Oppenheimer & Greenfield.

Directors whose terms expire in 1994 are: Susan Dieter '89, of Mousaw, Vigdor, Reeves, Heilbronner & Kroll; Charles Johnson '88, of Lacy, Katzen, Ryen, & Mittleman; Susan Schultz Laluk '85, of Boylan, Brown, Code, Fowler, Randall & Wilson; Louis A. Ryen '59, of Lacy, Katzen, Ryen, & Mittleman; Lisa L. Strain '88, of Alan J. Knauf & Associates; Michael R. Wolford '68, of Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle; and Mindy L. Zoghlin '84, of Althoff & Zoghlin. ■

growth and creative opportunities as reasons for electing this route.

Among many helpful suggestions made by the panelists were the following:

* Establish your professional and personal reputation first, then network. Lopkin, for example, worked for several years as an associate at Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelsohn. Clients and business associates whom he met through the law firm were the key to his successful move to his current corporate position.

Law firms, however, are not the only route to establish your professional reputation.

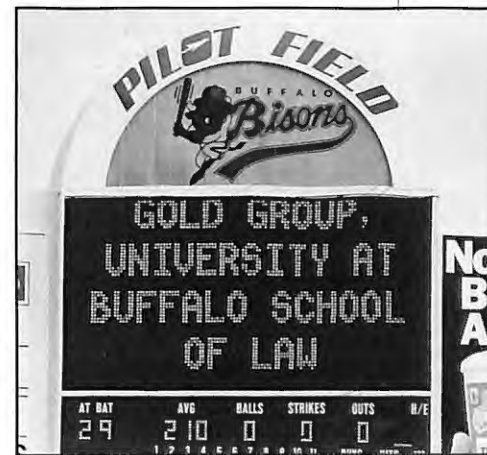
* Volunteer. Silvers signed up with Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts. The legal work he did on behalf of his assigned client was his entrance into the world of film production. His pro bono case work gave him credibility as a qualified attorney who also had an interest in the field.

* Move if you must. Lester Goodchild's move out of state was the starting point for his career in the federal courts. Tired of waiting for a federal court administrative vacancy to occur in New York, Goodchild took a similar position with the federal courts in Kansas City, Mo. When such a position finally became available in New York, he was already in the court network. His experience and seniority were the winning combination that brought him back East.

* Capitalize on your past. Law school credentials and legal experience are not the only qualifications a candidate can market. Pre-law avocations, personal interests and hobbies can be important, too. Karen Comstock had a strong personal commitment to public interest work and helping others. Her pre-law school employment and activities gave her an edge when applying for her current job. ■



Alumni at Bisons game.



Introducing the Alumni Association's New

GOLD Group

Graduates Of the Last Decade — UB Law School's Most Precious Resource!

Recognizing the energy, enthusiasm and unique interests of the Law School's newly minted graduates, the Law Alumni Association has embarked upon an exciting project — the formation of a GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade) Group. All those who have graduated within the past 10 years are automatically members. And best of all, it's free.

This organization will address the needs of more than 2,700 recent UB Law School alumni/ae by planning activities and events that are fun, informal, inexpensive — yet priceless for career and social networking.

In addition, opportunities to be of service to the Law School through the GOLD Group's committees and volunteer projects will soon be available. Please call Alumni Director Ilene Fleischmann at (716) 636-2107 if you wish to set a shining example!

The GOLD Group's inaugural event was a buffet dinner and Buffalo Bisons game held on Wednesday, June 26, at Pilot Field's "Luke 'N Ollie's," a covered area in the mezzanine. More than 125 alumni/ae devoured all-you-can-eat hot dogs and hamburgers, socialized, and then watched the Bisons beat the Toledo Mud Hens in a special reserved section. Many cheered when the GOLD Group name flashed in lights on the scoreboard.

Catherine Wettlaufer '85 is chair of the Steering Committee, and Rosemarie A. Wyman '81 is co-chair. Serving with them are: William C. Altreuter '82, Mary C. Baumgarten '89, Michael J. Biehler '88, Richard Binko '82, Robert L. Boreanaz '89, Mark E. Brand '88, Margaret R. Burke '86, Elena Cacavas '85, Joan E. Casilio '87, Lynn A. Clarke '83, George W. Collins Jr. '84, Douglas Dimitroff '89, Paula M. Eade '90, John Feroletto '82, Richard Galbo '84, Andrew C. Hilton III '84, Edward Joziak III '88, Kathleen M. Kaczor '89, Richard P. Kriegler '90, Edward Markarian '85, Hugh M. Russ III '87, Susan Schoepperle '88 and Kevin Stocker '90. ■

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