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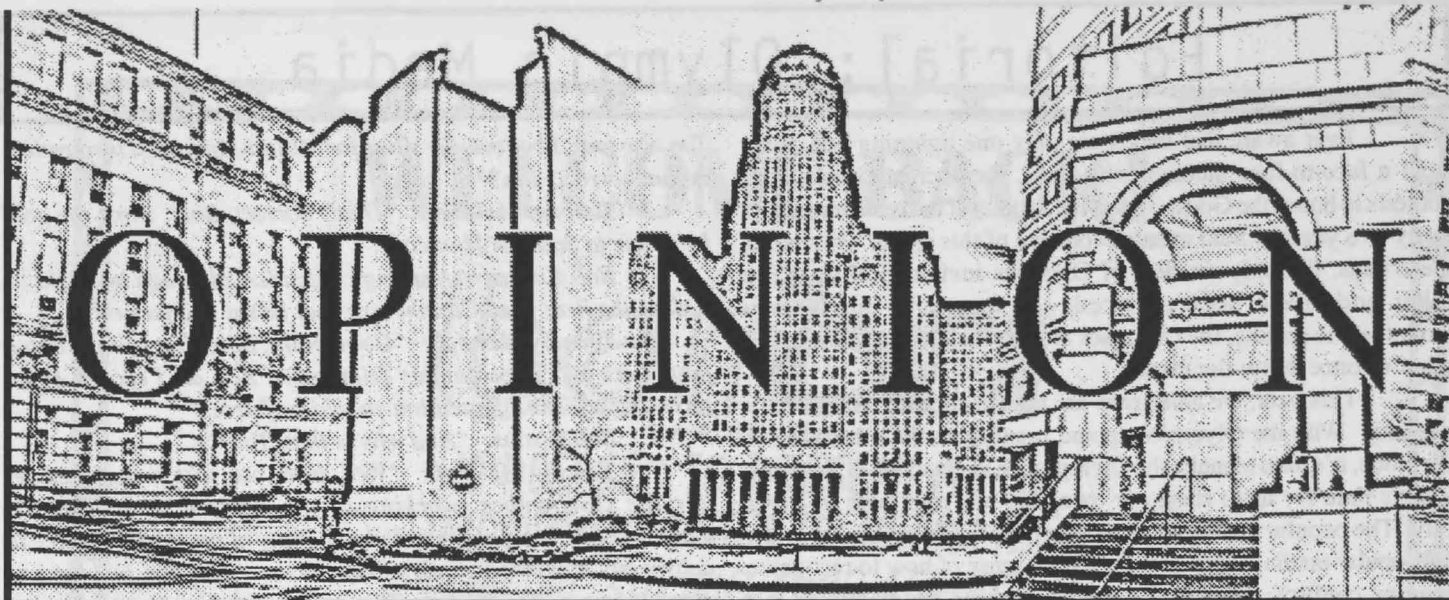
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SBA Discusses Opinion, BLSA, Barrister's Ball

by Kevin Hsi

The Student Bar Association (SBA) held its second meeting of the semester on February 3rd. This meeting was noteworthy for a number of reasons not the least of which the attendance was larger than usual given the presence of several members of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) in the audience. The most heavily discussed items at the meeting concerned the financial loan made to The Opinion, a financial request from BLSA and whether or not the SBA should donate some money towards the commencement reception for the graduating 3Ls.

The meeting started off with some announcements about upcoming SBA events. These include the planned Faculty-Student Happy Hour in the faculty lounge on Wednesday, February 25th from 4 to 7 pm, the upcoming Barrister's Ball on March 21st (ticket prices have not been determined) and a school-wide raffle. In

addition, the SBA also plans to have a Town Hall styled meeting between the students and the administration. According to SBA President Bahaati Pitt, town hall meetings between the students and the administration "happened years ago until it got too volatile and the deans stopped doing it. We're going to try it again this year." So far, an exact date for the Town Hall meeting has not been set yet.

The first major item of business concerned The Opinion. According to Bahatti Pitt, the SBA President, The Opinion needed to sell advertising to make up for the \$5,000 it received from the SBA last year which she claimed was a loan. Various members of the SBA expressed concern that there were no ads in the last issue of The Opinion. Pressure from the Sub-Board (the university-wide student-operated bookkeeping service for student organizations) and the SBA's own uncertain financial situation were cited as

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BPILP Solicits Students for Donations

by Russ Klein

The Buffalo Public Interest Law Program (BPILP) is once again soliciting donations from students towards their annual auction.

The annual auction has become BPILP's largest fund raising event in their yearly effort to raise money for summer fellowships. Last year, 15 summer fellowships were sponsored for such jobs as the Unemployment Action Center, Legal Aid Society, and in such fields as disability law, women's rights, housing, and domestic violence (both in the US and abroad). Contributions from local business, faculty, and students helped to raise over \$10,000.

Some of the items that have been donated in the past by students include dinners, custom cassette compilations, a tour of

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Effort Underway to Select Committee to Find Next Dean of UB Law School

by Sol Sandberg

The effort is underway to form the committee that will identify potential candidates for the position of Dean of UB Law School.

According to Provost Headrick who is in charge of forming the committee, the committee will most likely include

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Editorial: Olympic Media

Ever aware that they were only one lightning bolt away from a face-to-face meeting with Zeus, the ancient Greeks held contests to honor the Gods. Today, the nations of the world converge every two years to hold events evocative of this ritual. Of course, these days, the only resident of Olympus invited is Nike. The other gods have been replaced. In step with our largely monotheistic society, the Olympics are now held for the honor and glory of once deity: the media.

This year, we americans are not functioning at full deity capacity. With the Olympics up and running on the other side of the globe, it's hard to make the Olympics an exclusively U.S. event. So, it's time for us to stage our own face-off, right here in River City. The popular media, astute as ever, has realized this; however, the popular media, vapid as ever, has no sense of how to recognize genuine conflict. Hence, the best adversarial programming it's been able to cobble together is the sappy-looking "Breaking the Ice," a vapid reunion of white-trash Tonya Harding, and must-need-cash Nancy Kerrigan.

What this country really wants: a polemical grapple for the psychopathic prize, a wanton contest armed with bombs and blood.... Yes. The real question pounding in our hearts is: who will climb to the top of the sociopathic summit and go for the gold in domestic terrorism?

You don't get this kind of entertainment on TV.

Bob Costas: "Welcome to the 1998 Winter-of-our-Discontent Olympics. Today's event is the Ideological Slaughter Triathlon. Commenting on the contestants performances is none other than Timothy McVeigh, winner of the 1995 gold for both the Disproportionate Vengeance Vault and Political Message Slalom.

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Tim also took, I believe, the silver for Militia-Movement Inspiration. Is that correct, Tim?"

Timothy McVeigh: "That's correct, Bob. I lost the gold by a hair to Saddam Hussein."

Bob Costas: "A strong contender; although he might be feeling the heat from Clinton now that he's a two-term."

Timothy McVeigh: "Good point, Bob. But enough about that. Let's take a look at this Triathlon. Boy, am I excited about this contest. The competition should be fierce."

Bob Costas: "And why is that, Tim?"

Timothy McVeigh: "Well, Bob, you take a seasoned vet like the Unabomber...working alone, devoted to his Luddite ideology, utilizing the quasi-Federal entity of the Postal Service to deliver his homemade tools of destruction...and you just have to stand in awe of the finesse. This, taken with his recent refusal to plead insanity....well, you just have a very credible terrorist. This is no weekend militiaman--he put his whole life into this."

Bob Costas: "You made him sound so formidable. Does the Army of God really have any chance?"

Timothy McVeigh: "Hmmm...well, never underestimate the power of anonymity, Bob. I mean--the Unabomber and the Army of God have been training for this roughly the same amount of time. Throughout it all, the Army of God has managed to retain their subversive, shadowy status. That's a major aspect of this competition."

Bob Costas: "Indeed, that's one of the parts of this Ideological Slaughter Triathlon. And the other two are?"

Timothy McVeigh: "Well, Bob, those would be Technique,

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WELCOME BACK!



IS PLEASED TO PRESENT A FEW
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
FOR THE SPRING 1998 SEMESTER:

MPRE INFORMATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13 FILING DEADLINE
FRIDAY, MARCH 13 IS THE EXAM

BAR/BRI MPRE COURSES IN BUFFALO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
SUNDAY, MARCH 1

BAR/BRI CPLR COURSE IN BUFFALO

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

BAR/BRI TABLE DATES FOR SPRING 1998

<u>WED.</u>	<u>THURS.</u>
2/11	2/5
3/25	2/19
4/8	2/26
4/22	3/5
	3/19
	4/2
	4/16

BUFFALO

The filing
deadline for the
NEW YORK
BAR EXAM is
MAY 15th

Bar review books will be distributed
to graduating students on this day!

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someone from the Board of Directors of the Law School Alumni Organization, a faculty member from another school at UB, and an outsider drawn from senior administration. It will also include a member of the Dean's Advisory Council, a group that advises the Dean on the law school's development, financial support and interaction with the profession, a member of the law student body and someone from the law school staff.

The committee will conduct interviews with candidates and submit a report which will recommend suitable candidates to the Provost. The ultimate decision on whom to choose will be made by the President of the university.

It is not clear as to how long the process will take. Provost Headrick, who has been involved in the past year in four searches for new deans of various schools at UB, explained that the time frame depended on a number of factors including the process for developing candidates, the market, the kinds of candidates sought and the attractiveness of the position. Searches for heads of other schools have taken anywhere from a few months to a few years. He said, "Under the best of circumstances, we will have someone to ready to take over when Barry steps down in the summer".

If no candidate has been selected to fill the position of dean by the summer, an acting dean will be appointed for an interim basis, who according to Provost Headrick, will be R. Nils Olsen, the current Associate Vice Dean.

Dean Carrel on Loan to President Greiner's Office

By Sol Sandberg

Starting February 9 and throughout this semester, Alan Carrel, the Vice Dean for Administration, will be on leave from the law school to work in President Greiner's office in the position of deputy to the President. As deputy, Dean Carrel will be responsible for coordinating the President's office and for a number of external matters.

The move comes in response to a request by President Greiner to fill the vacancy in the position of deputy to the President after Molly Mckown, the former deputy, left to take charge of governmental relations for the SUNY system.

As Vice Dean for Administration of UB Law School, Dean Carrel's work is concentrated primarily in non-academic areas. He oversees the alumni program, fundraising, the career development office, public relations and publications and student services.

In an interview, Dean Carrel indicated that he will be maintaining his office at the law school and will not be replaced while away. He said that his responsibilities at the law school will be fulfilled by several people.

All submissions due Thursday by 5:00 pm in the Opinion office (in the basement).

NEWS

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additional incentives for The Opinion to start fund-raising immediately.

The next major item concerned whether or not to allocate \$2,000 to the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) so that several of its members could attend the 30th Annual Northeast Regional Conference of the National Black Law Students Association (NEBLSA) which BLSA will be hosting from February 5th to February 8th at the Buffalo Hilton. According to Arthur Wemegah, Buffalo's representative to NEBLSA, the high costs of the conference drained BLSA's budget and the organization would not be able to financially support any member who wished to go to the conference unless the request was approved. Wemegah's fear was that a low turnout on the part of UB law students, especially BLSA's members, would hurt both the reputation of BLSA and UB Law School since the school's chapter is the host of the conference. After much debate over the size of the request, including a counter-proposal for \$1,805 by 1L representative Rick Staropoli which was ultimately dropped, the \$2,000 request was approved by a vote of 14 -2.

The final major debate occurred over whether or not the SBA should donate \$750 towards the law school and Alumni Association-sponsored reception for graduating 3Ls in May following the law school commencement. Opponents of the donation led by 3L representative Nathan Van Loon argued that the SBA should not be pressured into giving money each year to an event with which the law school administration and its supporters normally foots the bill. According to Van Loon, "they (the law school administration) try to stick this to us every year... and it's time someone should take them up on it." Following much contentious debate over whether or not the SBA should try to please the administration, the request was approved.

The next SBA meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17th at 5:30 pm in O'Brian 209.

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New York City's Chinatown, boat rides, helicopter rides, web page services, and blue booking/typing services.

The auction is being held on March 27th, at the Birge Mansion in downtown Buffalo, and the event is expected to break last year's attendance of 300 people.

To inquire about making a donation, you can contact either Mindy Marranca (886-2140) or Kinda Serafi (886-4860) for information on how to make a donation.

LEGAL BRIEFS

INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE LAW

Reversing a 2-1 decision from last March, the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals recently held that "choice of forum" clauses can bind underwriters to the British Legal system. Assembled *en banc* to bring down a new ruling in favor of Lloyd's of London, the Court wrote that "the reach of United States securities laws would be unbounded," if litigants were allowed to ignore such clauses in favor of a hearing in a venue of their choice. Three judges dissented from the 8-member majority, writing that a decision for Lloyd's would unfairly burden the 600 American underwriters who contracted with Lloyd's on American soil.

The suit began when the American investors experienced significant financial losses due to a series of asbestos claims coupled with the wreck of Exxon's *Valdez*. Met with what they felt was a clear failure on the part of Lloyd's to warn them of such potential risks, the investors attempted to sue Lloyd's for fraud under American Securities laws.

The Securities and Exchange Commission filed an *amicus* brief supporting the American investors. The Ninth Circuit, applying the Securities Acts of 1933 and 1934-- which nullify venue agreements in securities cases--heeded their recommendation.

The recent reversal is based on a U.S. Supreme Court authority that venue agreements are binding without a strong showing that fraud has been committed.

HE CAN DO THAT?

President Clinton recently used a holdover provision to extend the terms of New York's top federal prosecutors. The extended terms will now expire at the end of Clinton's term of office.

LARGER PAYCHECKS FOR LAWYERS

The National Law Journal's ninth annual "What Lawyers Earn" survey of salaries has revealed that the earning power of lawyer's has increased dramatically. Last year, the median cash compensation for chief legal officers in corporations rose from \$225,000 to \$260,000. Median salaries for associates jumped from \$92,500 to \$100,000. For seventh-year associates at firms with 51-100 lawyers, the increase turned \$79,000 into \$90,000.

ABA DEFENDS MALIGNED JUDGES

Last week, the American Bar Association called on state and local bar groups to "adopt programs enabling timely and effective responses to criticism of judges." Reacting to a perceived effort by certain critics to chastise judges merely to shake their credibility, ABA President James Shastack endorsed the policy, passed by the ABA's House of Delegates, as a positive step.

The delegates also approved a resolution urging public officials to "refrain from threatening to initiate impeachment proceedings because of disagreement with isolated decisions of a federal judge."

RECRUITMENT WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

This week's choice is the multi-faceted Altheimer & Grey, whose practice runs the gamut from securities, finance, and government law, to environmental, intellectual property, and employment law. A&G also has a litigation division that specializes in antitrust, insurance, bankruptcy, intellectual property, labor and employment, criminal defense, and grand jury investigations.

This year, A&G plans to hire approximately 15 to 20 second year law student for their Summer Program. Participants choose a department in which to work; close work with partners and associates works in tandem with legal training to make sure interns don't just fetch coffee.

A&G is committed to pro bono work, and is committed to principle of equal employment opportunity. There is also a special effort to hire lawyers from other countries. For further information, their website can be found at: <http://www.altheimer.com/recruit.html>.

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and Ideology. For instance, how effective is your chosen weapon? And, backing that up, how compelling is the doctrine you are calling attention to? The key to success in this complex and exhausting event is a coherent belief system given widespread notoriety by an act of ruthless violence perpetrated by a flashily named anti-hero."

Bob Costas: "Wow. That's quite a mouthful, Tim."

Timothy McVeigh: "Well, you have a lot of time to brush up on your vocabulary in the ADX."

Bob Costas: "I'll bet! And while you're at it, you probably have a lot of time to speculate as to--who will win this contest! What's your bet, Tim?"

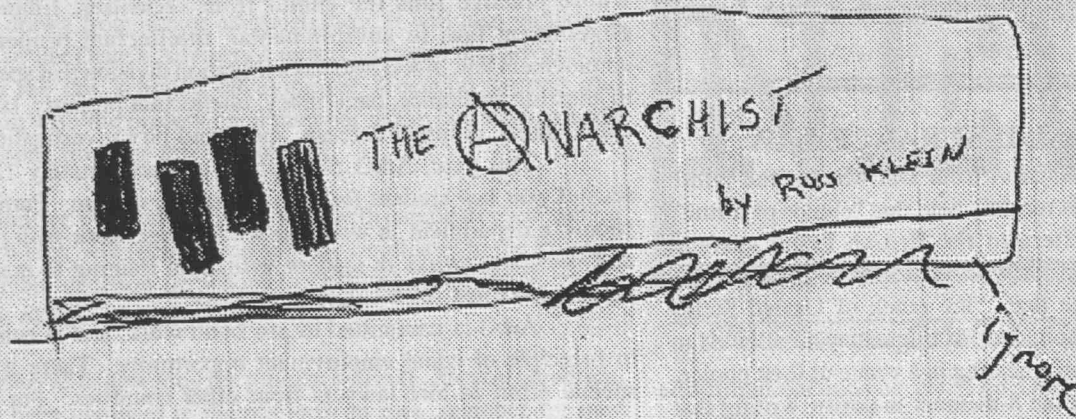
Timothy McVeigh: "Bob, if the federal government hadn't confiscated my possessions, right now I'd be betting it all on the Army of God. For all his zeal and determination, the Unabomber has embraced a philosophy that most people just don't understand. A world without advertising, tv, or R&D is just too radical on idea for right now, and this will cost him big time points in the credibility zone. Meanwhile, the Army of God embraces the type of moral surety commonly found in many of today's more fundamentalist Christian sects. While the killing of homosexuals and abortion doctors is not the sort of Sunday activity every snake-handler has on their calendar, many find the assertion that "God said they had to die" a compelling argument. Meanwhile, speculation runs high that the Army of God is more than once person. Teamwork is always a big scorer."

Bob Costas: "Incisive words from Timothy McVeigh. And now it's on to commentator Donna Rice at the Ruin A Political Career Women's Gymnastics Competition...."

Actually, I lied. Satirical flight of fancy aside, you get this type of entertainment on tv all the time. From Watergate to Tailgate, popular media is pushing the limits of the covered and the covered. There are more stories on "how the media is covering..." something than there is actual hard news.

Ted Kazinski maimed and killed people to call attention to his belief that mass media is strangling society. The Army of God is fighting an uphill battle, killing its "enemies" in a world where there is increasing media support for equal rights and choice.

And the media, which plays such an important role that people kill to fight it, gives us Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan. Who's on thin ice?



A FOOL AND HIS CAUSE

History is packed chock full of people quite willing to kill innocents, enemies, and perceived wrong-doers in order to achieve some mystical end that is vaguely identified, but always justified in the minds of the executioner. Some of the more bold in their goals are even willing to take the sacrifice to its logical extreme, and eliminate their own lives to get the most bang for the buck in their unholy quest.

But nothing has disturbed me more of late (and if you know me, you know I am usually disturbed about something) than the execution of Karla Faye Tucker. For those avoiding contact with the outside world, the state of Texas put her to death this last Tuesday, February 3rd, a little after 7pm, via lethal injection -- a process that entails the state injecting chemicals into a persons arm as they are strapped to a gurney...from first injection, it takes approximately 8 minutes for the victim to die (the state becomes a sort of twisted Jack Kevorkian).

Tucker creates an interesting case for us anti-capital punishment types. There is no question of her guilt. She admits that she did the crime she was accused. Her crime itself, was a rather grizzly murder of two people with a pick axe. There is no mistaking what she did. This was not some questionable case of "oops, my finger on the trigger slipped." Thus, anti-death penalty types such as myself are in a bit of a quagmire, because there can be no argument laid of "what about those that are innocent who cern in this case for me, since I feel that were I on death row, and I thought claiming to be a Christian would spare me, I'd find myself the biggest cross I can. People find all sorts of religion, peace, etc., when the executioners noose is about to be drawn. It almost seems like a natural reaction: I killed someone, I don't know if there is a God or not, but if there is, I'd better do something, or else I'm going to hell. Its Pascal's wager.

BORN AGAIN REASONS

While I do not think her born-again status should matter in cases of death penalty (even McVeigh, assuming guilt, would get me writing that he should be

spared - I guess I'm an equal opportunity pacifist?), an interesting notion has finally come to the forefront of debate with regards to the death penalty. What is its purpose of criminal punishment? There are three basic, broad, and generic philosophies that cover nearly every form of punishment one can dream of: Retribution, rehabilitation, and preventative.

Arguments on the

death penalty being preventative have always been suspicious to me. People come up to me, show me one set of numbers invariably called "murders" and another set of numbers called "executions." The purpose is to show that as executions go up, murders go down. Of course, these same people will never show any reason why I should think the numbers are related, aside from coincidence. After all, if the number of murders go up this year, I can develop charts, graphs, and correlation (just as valid, apparently) to show that every year in recent memory that the NFC has won the superbowl, murders go down, and



when the AFC wins the superbowl, murders go up (of course, this is based on a coincidental chart that compares NFC and AFC victories to economic prosperity and recession). The point is, until someone can show me some direct linkage, these comparisons are coincidence.

Retribution and rehabilitation, on the other hand, go hand in hand. You generally support one or the other. Some people believe that heinous criminals like Tucker cannot be rehabilitated. Some people believe that no matter what, people MUST be punished in certain ways for certain crimes. There are people who would execute drug dealers, rapists, and kidnappers.

On the other hand, there are people who believe in a second chance, or in rehabilitation -- the concept that through counseling, imprisonment, and any other combination of ideas, a person can conceivably be rehabilitated and maybe even re-enter society as a productive member. It may sound like liberal BS to you, but the fact is, not everyone gets to grow up in the middle class surroundings that most of us law students have had to endure.

Me? I think each case is different. Some people can be rehabilitated. The thought of rehabilitating a Timothy McVeigh or a John Wayne Gacey seems a little far fetched to me. But, when I was visiting Attica as part of Prisoner Law last semester, our class met an inmate in prison for homicide, and he admitted his crime, and explained what he has done since entering prison (went in illiterate, now has a bachelors degree, for example). This man did not strike me as a threat. Was he rehabilitated? He sure seemed to be, but that is not for me to decide. I'm not on his parole board.

A GREATER EVIL

But my concern is with a different kind of annoyance that has sprung up with the Karla Faye Tucker case. We can sit here arguing the death penalty all day, but we'd never get anywhere. The issues, positions, and sides have been hashed out so many times, they almost have taken on a life of their own.

What concerned and disturbed me most about this case was the reaction that some people had. Radio shows were alive with callers expressing their views that she deserved death. People were actually picketing outside the prison confines, and cheered on her death after it was announced. Can you believe this?

A small part of me can understand the pain that the victims family must feel. If someone killed someone close to me, it is natural to think that I would want revenge -- I would want to kill them myself (though this does not mean I would -- I am talking about basic animal/human instinct).

But what on earth would be the excuse that the rest of the people in this country have? If Karla Faye Tucker were to spend the rest of her life in prison (a fate, I assure you, that is no pleasant alternative), would she be a threat to the rest of us on the outside? Not likely. When she was executed, did it somehow rectify the wrong that she committed? No, her victims were not brought back to life.

A family member of one of Tucker's victims was on TV speaking about how Tucker got what she deserved, and that their (the victim's) family is now complete again. He spoke of bizarre ideas of Tucker meeting up with her victims in the afterlife, and then getting Texas style revenge. One can only imagine the amount

A Clean Well Crafted Case ¹

by Rick Adams (a.k.a. Katie Mc Dowell)

It was hot in Buffalo that August. It was so hot the hills shimmered like heat off white elephants and the gin went bad unless you kept it in the freezer.

The Toronto Star had me on loan to the Buffalo News to track down a story about a vanished judge. The Buffalo News had great sports writing. The kind of writing you want to do, never know how to do, but know you should do, just to work the fat off your soul.

Now here's the rub: the vanished judge was the governor's daughter and the governor's daughter always gets the finest kind of attention. Especially from the press. Like Lady Lucy at Juanles-Pins. Ah, Lady Lucy of the Magnificent Spirit! Lovely Lady Lucy who drank anisette from a mason jar and whose voice was like a gold coin sliding over the lacquered bar at Harry's Grill. But that's a story of another country and I will not visit that country today.

The governor's daughter had not been seen for three weeks. The last time anyone saw her she was in her chambers shaking her head and muttering incoherently about a purloined dagger from a celebrity murder case that she had just tried. Her clerk told the press that after the trial she kept murmuring that she had to find "a clean well crafted case." That was her grail. We all have grails. That murder case was damn bad luck. Bad luck all the way around. Bad luck in bad heat. Like a four-day blow you never get out of. The worst damn sort of luck.

I tracked the judge to Saratoga and then to Lake George. It was cool and lovely at Lake George, there at the Grand Sagamore, with its cool, lovely, rich, lousy guests. I was in no mood to socialize. I wanted to wrap-up this story and get on to Majorca for the cock-fight season. It would be spicy in Majorca this time of year and the Campari would run warm and dry. Lousy timing for this two-bit story.

And then I saw her. Lovely and fresh and cool with hair the color of blowing wheat in an Indiana rainstorm. She was indeed the Governor's daughter, Ainsley. Yes, Ainsley. Suddenly, Ainsley.

I walked quietly toward her. She looked as inviting as a temperance meeting in Utah. I said nothing. She was laughing hysterically. She kept dipping her hands in and out of the sand and murmuring "The dagger! The dagger! The Horror! The Horror!" It didn't mean much to me. It didn't seem so important to me any more, either. She was in another country. I would not disturb her in that country today. Not on this fine, cool day. There would be better days for fishing that trout stream. I walked back to the dock-side bar.

"Whataya have?"

"Beefeater's martini, extra dry, no olive. Make it a double. One for the lady, too."

"Over there?"

"Yeah. Over there."

I lingered over my Beefeater's. It was the kind of gin that swirls so clean and so clear over your tongue and down your throat and into that secret special place and makes you think about van-

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MY SPLEEN

TAMMY, IN A FEMINIST'S CLOTHING
BY KRISTIN GREELEY, 3L

I figured since this is my last semester, I might as well voice some opinions in my column. After all, this is the *Opinion*. So I'm going to voice what I gather to be a somewhat unpopular opinion. I know this because pollsters tell us that people actually like Hillary Clinton. I don't. I have never particularly liked the First Lady or agreed with her, and the events of the past few weeks have not helped endear her to me. Let's begin at the beginning, as they say.

The beginning of Hillary Clinton for me is her comment on 60 Minutes about not staying home baking cookies, and standing by her man like Tammy Wynette. Fast forward to the present -- her husband is accused of having an affair with a 21-year-old intern, and has already admitted to having an affair with Gennifer Flowers. Mrs. Clinton attributes these latest allegations to a "vast right-wing conspiracy." She's standing by her man.

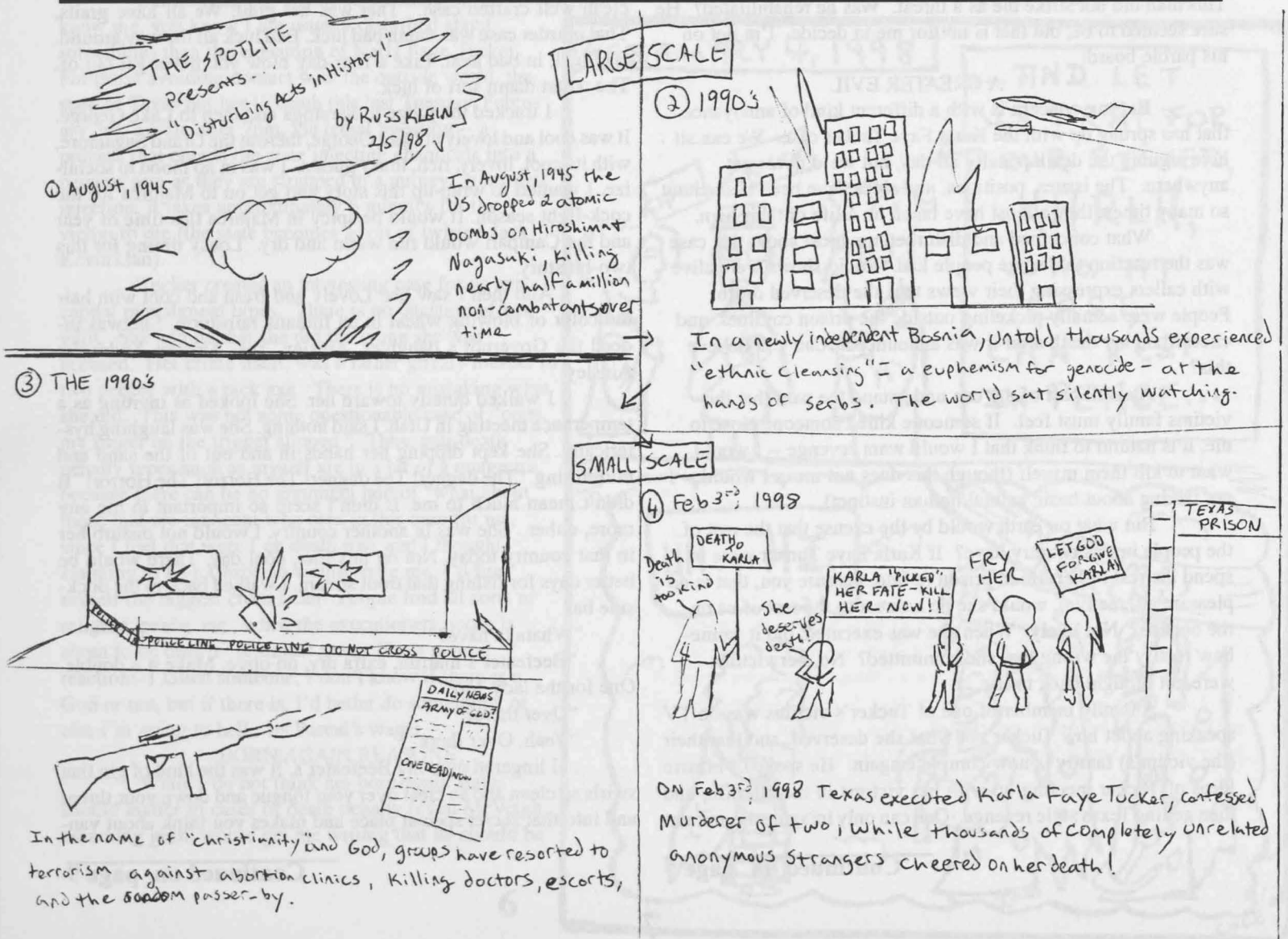
There's nothing wrong with standing by your man. In fact, I think if you have a man, you should stand by him. Unless

you have a reason not to. If these allegations are true, Mrs. Clinton has a reason not to stand by her man -- he's been unfaithful. She, and everyone else, knows that he has been unfaithful to her in the past. It would seem logical, therefore, that these allegations are not outside the realm of possibility. Yet Mrs. Clinton acts as if they are, suggesting that some mysterious conspiracy is out to sabotage her husband.

Is this the position taken by a feminist of the caliber Mrs. Clinton purports to be? I don't think so. Wives often know when their husbands have affairs, especially if they are habitually unfaithful. I think she knows whether or not these allegations are true. If she knows that they are true, her position is not the one that a strong, educated, allegedly feminist woman would take. The position she has taken is one designed to save her husband's political career. That's what got her to where she is now. She knows enough not to bite the hand that feeds her, so to speak.

But she's not at home baking cookies, standing by her man, she says. I say that's exactly what she is doing. A more moderate position, a wait-and-see attitude, would be more befitting a woman of her convictions as she has expressed them in the past. She's educated and successful on her own, and doesn't need to stand around waiting for whatever her husband chooses to give her. If the allegations are true, and Mr. Clinton is impeached or forced to resign, Mrs. Clinton will go down with him. And all she will have is an unfaithful husband to show for it.

Well, Hillary, sometimes it's hard to be a woman.



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ished beautiful women, duck hunting, and fishing for wild trout on the Plampas in the early April rain. It made me think about things that were swell and not so swell, and about when you knew them and how you had to think of them, when you knew them, or you couldn't think at all. It all mattered then.

A cold wind blew. Some people have rotten luck. Plain rotten luck and lousy timing. She had both. After awhile I thought about how I'd explain this one to my boss. But that's another story in another, more distant country.

¹ See Hemingway's classic short story "A Clean Well Lighted Place."

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of hate that this man was and is consumed with. But as I said, a part of me can actually understand this.

Its the people who were outside, consumed with such rage, that really make you wonder.

Many people who support the death penalty are Christians, who seem to view it as a tool God gave us to deal with heinous criminals (is it conversely possible that abortion was God's tool to help us deal with overpopulation?). However to hear Governor Bush of Texas invoke God in the hour that he refused to grant her a stay of execution, made me cringe. He said that he hoped God would bless her and then sent her on to her death.

CONCLUSION

It is a sad day when we live in a society that endorses its own brand of murder to deal with undesirables. The message that we send, that "some killing is OK," is just unfathomable when we have political zealots on TV decrying violence.

The society that kills together, stays together?!!

Boy, if that's the point that our society has come to, then I'll be sure to continue to keep myself at arms length.



by Ken Grant

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TIPS FOR PI/PS

AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE N.Y.U. PUBLIC INTEREST JOB FAIR AND SYMPOSIUM

by Kevin Hsi

Prior to coming to Buffalo for law school, I was fortunate enough to attend the annual Public Interest/Public Service Job Fair and Symposium (better known as PI/PS ("pips")) at N.Y.U. Law School last year. In addition, I have also attended the NAPIL job fair in Washington D.C. last semester during the fall break and had a similar experience. Given that the PI/PS fair is THE major event for law students looking for public-interest jobs and internships in and around the New York City area, I feel that a little advance knowledge (call it advice if you wish) could be helpful particularly for the 1Ls and other students who are going for the first time.

First of all, the fair itself is open to everyone (who's a law student that is - although I was able to get in last year by mentioning that I was a proud graduate of N.Y.U.'s paralegal program). This means that I will strongly encourage everyone, especially my fellow 1Ls, who have any interest towards the public sector (i.e. government or non-profit) to do their best to try and attend the PI/PS fair which will be held on February 19 and 20 at N.Y.U.'s Law School. Even if you have not submitted a resume through the Career Development Office (CDO) and/or you do not have any official interviews lined up for the fair, there are three major reasons why you should try and go.

The first reason is that while several organizations have previously scheduled interviews for the fair, virtually every organization will have some additional representatives available to speak to everyone else at a specified table where they will have informational material available. These are known as "table-talks." They are basically informational interviews which require no previous arrangement and they are a good way for learning more about what's out there in the public interest field. Almost all interviewers will accept resumes on the spot and some have even been known to schedule a formal interview right away within the next few days right after your talk (though that did not happen to me personally). From personal experience, I have found almost all the representatives to be very friendly and open to all questions. Of course, it's up to the individual to approach them first since there could be hundreds of people moving around the fair and talking at the same time. As a side note it should be noted that the representative may not be the most "representative" member of that organization, so don't let F.I.S. (First Impression Syndrome) deter you from speaking to someone at an organization which you might be interested in.

The second reason for going is that there are several career panels which are open to everyone. These panels cover a wide range of the public interest world (i.e. legal services, criminal justice, civil rights and civil liberties, labor and employment law, human rights and public international law, etc.) and consist of practicing public interest attorneys from all over the country. basically the attorneys tend to discuss what they do, how they got to where they are and what you can do to try to get where they are or wherever else you want to be. Having attended all of the panels last year, I know that all the panelists strongly en-

courage questions from the audience and tend to be frank yet optimistic about their life in the public interest field.

The third reason is simply this: networking. The sad truth is that it's hard to get any job (at least one which is satisfying in the long-run) without networking. My impression of this is that it is especially true within the public interest law community. There are various reasons for this, not the least of which are economic ones. Non profits by their very nature are forced to be selective in their hiring (whether for internships or full time jobs) by virtue of their limited funding. As such, they will like to hire people who they can rely on and the way to become one of these people is by networking (and by demonstrating your commitment to some of their causes along the way).

In addition, because we are in Buffalo, it is even harder for these groups to come up here as it is for us to go down there to New York City given their limited budgets. (Heck, even many multi-million dollar Wall Street law firms would rather have us visit them than for them to visit us although it's likely that their reasons are not solely economic ones.) Without a doubt, the PI/PS fair is the best place to meet the largest number of employers from the largest number of places all at once. Even though it may not be the ideal way to conduct a job search (being in a room with hundreds of lawyers and law students isn't too pleasant for most people), the potential networking opportunities are tremendous especially if you remember to follow up on them. Even if you don't get any offers right away, keep in touch with your contacts as many will try to help you out so that you can maintain your commitment to causes that both of you believe in. The public interest community (sadly) isn't that large, so even one connection with one person or organization can likely go a long way.

My final tips are these: first, dress up as you would for any formal job interview. While there's no official dress code that I know of, it's much safer that way. One irony is that for an area of law that tends to pride itself on its relaxed dress code and attitude (as compared to the private firms), the appearances of virtually all the interviewers and interviewees were formal yet comfortable, professional, and yes, even conservative (although the attitudes did vary from interviewer to interviewer). Second, bring more than one version of your resume and bring lots of them. Third, do some advance research on your top choices in CDO and if possible on the issues which those organizations deal with. This is a good way to impress the interviewer with your knowledge and will prevent him/her from having to give you the same canned speech again (they'll probably appreciate it too). Fourth, when you get there, try not to be intimidated by the size of the crowd and the hectic pace. As long as you don't have any formal interviews scheduled, you can work the room at your own pace. Finally, as clichéd as it sounds, try to relax, talk to different people whenever you can and have some fun - after all, you'll have a weekend in New York City to look forward to when you're done.

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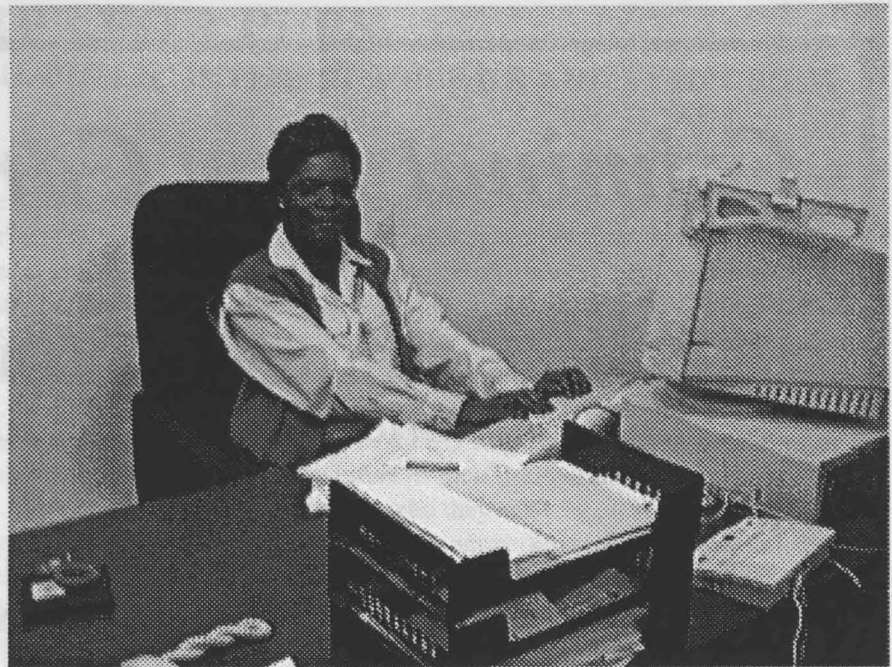
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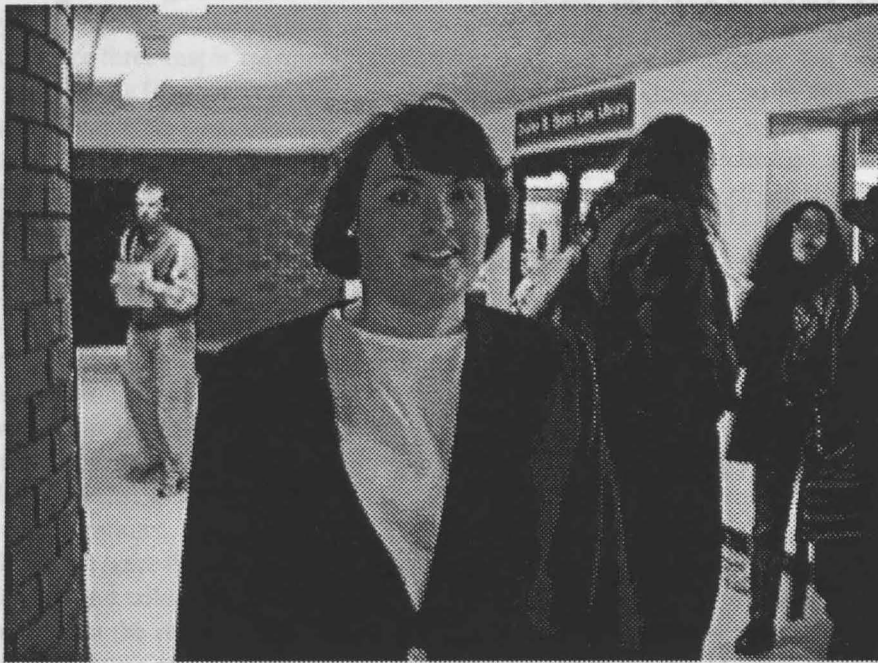
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