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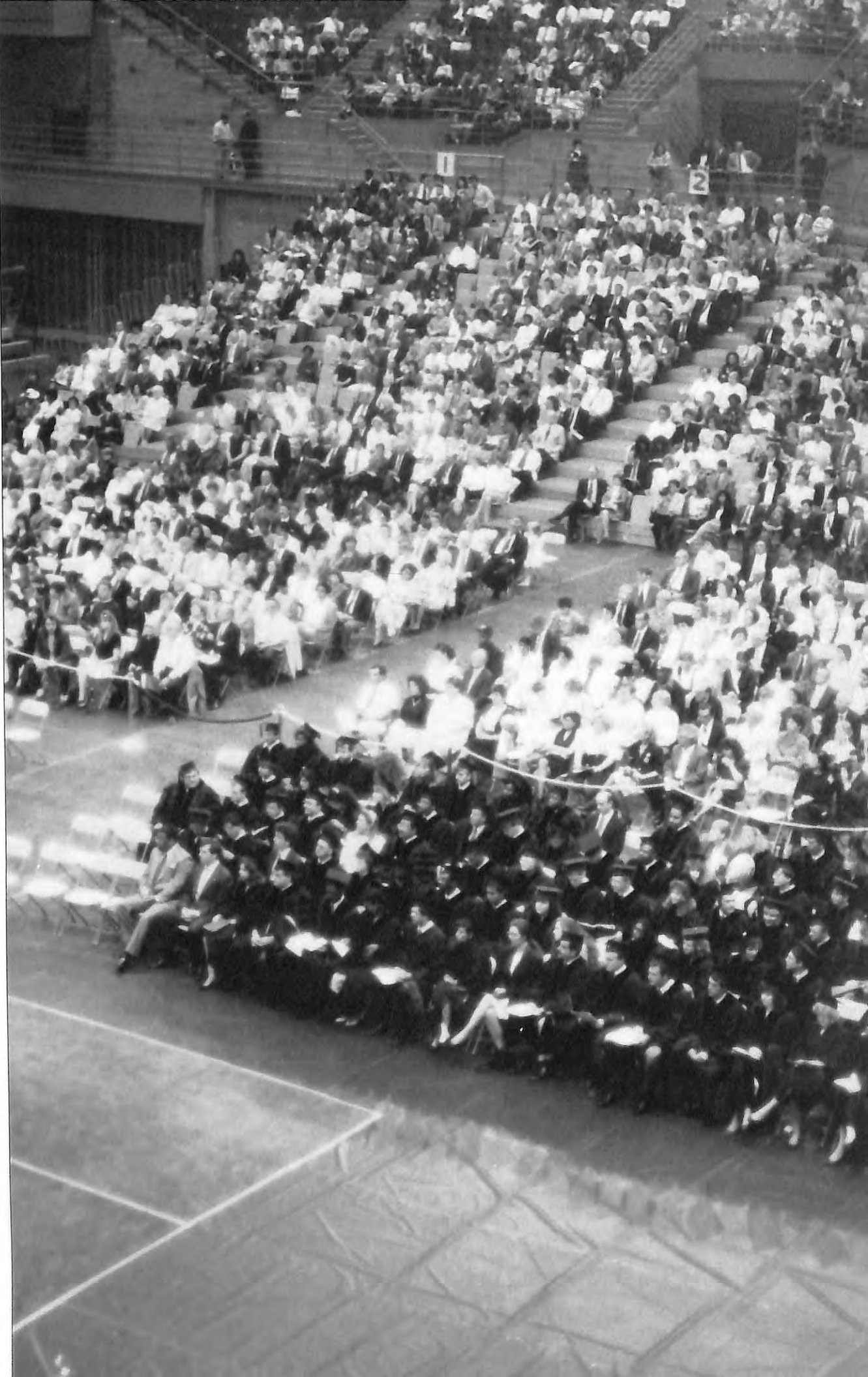
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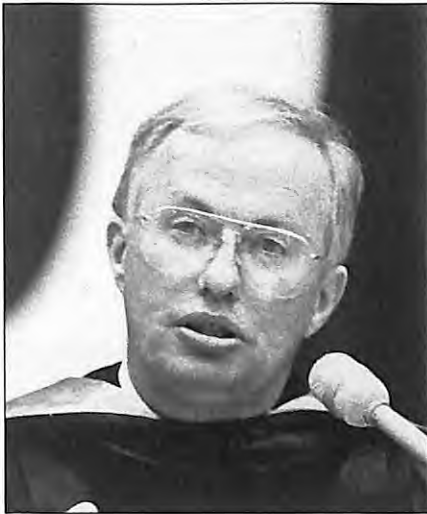
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Commencement '93





Lt. Gov. Stan Lundine

Time to Change

For new graduates, tough challenges at Commencement open up a bright future

Nearly 300 graduates marked an important passage in their lives at UB Law School's 104th Commencement—a whirlwind affair held in a flurry of celebration, challenges and unabashed idealism.

The May 16 evening ceremony, held at the University's Alumni Arena, was highlighted by the remarks of Stan Lundine, lieutenant governor of New York State.

Also speaking were Mark G. Farrell, president of the Law Alumni Association; Kenneth F. Joyce, a longtime professor at the Law School; Dean Barry B. Boyer; and William R. Greiner, the University's newly installed president, among others.

Greiner, who joined the UB Law faculty in 1967 and held several administrative positions in the school before moving on to University administration in 1980, quoted Robert F. Kennedy: "Courage is the greatest attribute of the lawyer."

"History unchecked does repeat itself," Greiner told the graduates and their friends and family in the audience. "But the law is the instrument with which we seek to check the repetition, to refine justice, to make incremental shifts in our civil and social landscape. Members of the legal profession have a special re-

sponsibility to display this courage, to press for the increments by which we advance as a nation and as a society.

"As you enter upon the practice of this noble profession, stand fast upon the courage of your convictions."

In her address, graduating law student K. Jill Barr paid tribute to the late Professor Muhammad Kenyatta, calling him "a man of principle and compassion."

"His hope," Barr said, "was that this school's law graduates would forever be able to say, 'We not only practiced law, we sought to set afoot each day a better America, an America of which we could be justly proud.'"

Even those who won't practice public-interest law, Barr said, can work toward a better approximation of justice in the nation. "If every one of us would strive each day to find a more just result in their work, whether practicing corporate law, family law, criminal law or something else, we also will be setting afoot each day to 'do justice.'"

She pointed to a litany of injustices that continue to plague the world: children living in poverty, brutality and oppression of minorities and homosexuals; world-



Darin A. Bifani '93 and Professor Wade Newhouse



K. Jill Barr '93

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wide ethnic strife; and a too-quick reliance on military solutions to conflict.

"Our profession has a long history of fighting for oppressed peoples, of effecting social change," she said. "Collectively, with each of us doing our part, we will be able someday to look back and say to our children and our grand-

children, 'I did strive each day to bring more justice to our community, to our country and to our world.'"

Lt. Gov. Lundine, whose state public service has been characterized by leadership in education reform, high-speed rail systems and economic competitiveness, presented a broad view of



Left to right: Dean Barry B. Boyer, Lt. Gov. Stan Lundine, Paul M. Hassett and Mark G. Farrell '72.



Annette Purper '93, left, and Elizabeth S. Kent '93

1993 Commencement Awards and Prizes

Max Koren Award: Suzanne D. Abair

John N. Bennett Achievement Award: Daniel A. Spitzer

The Dale S. Margulis Award: Alexandra L. Atrubin, Joanne E. Fuchs and Carla M. Goldstein

Charles Dautch Award: Roger F. Sagerman, Jennifer A. Smith and Daniel A. Spitzer

National Association of Women Lawyers Award: Suzanne D. Abair

The Adolf Homburger Law Alumni Association Award: Christine N. Dombrowski

The Judge Matthew J. Jasen Appellate Practice Award: Daniel A. Spitzer

The Laidlaw Law Alumni Association Award: Thomas P. Callahan, Stephanie L. Argentine and Robert L. Bencini

The Moot Evidence Award: Cynthia E. Vance

The Judge William J. Regan Award: Michael T. Culp, Barbara A. Bradshaw and Lloyd F. Gerbush

Birzon Prize in Clinical Legal Studies: Daniel A. Spitzer

The Robert J. Connelly Trial Technique Awards:

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Carlos C. Alden Award: Darin A. Bifani

The Justice Philip Halpern Award: Darin A. Bifani

The Edith and David Goldstein Award: Lloyd F. Gerbush and Raymond E. Welch

The Prentice-Hall Award: Barbara A. Bradshaw and Lloyd F. Gerbush

Law Faculty Award: Emily E. Sanderson, Jennifer A. Smith, Darin A. Bifani, Suzanne D. Abair, Angela L. Hoteling, William F. Trezevant and Micheal T. Hewitt

The Maurice Frey Award: Madeline Henley

The Minority Bar Association of Western New York Award: Cheryl M. Gandy

Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. Law Student Award - U.S. Law Week Award: Joi Cary

Callaghan and Company Award: Suzanne D. Abair

Order of Barristers: Michael T. Culp, Emily H. Goodman, Michael T. Hewitt, Michele Parker, Scott L. Rudnick, Shirley Sostre-Oquendo, Penelope G. Strothers and Rhonda R. Weir

Kenneth A. Gomez Memorial Award: Shirley Sostre-Oquendo and Vito A. Roman

Other Awards

State and Local Government Certificates: K. Jill Barr, Vaughn-Michael H. Cordes, Daniel De Rosso Jr., Vastye W. Gillespie, Angela L. Hoteling, Elizabeth S. Kent, Carole B. McNall, Robert A. Motzer and R. Craig Van Buren

Real Estate Development and Finance Certificates: Anthony L. Fumerelle, Teresa G. Huegel, Stephen G. Louie, Jason C. Reis and R. Craig Van Buren

Education Law Certificates: Darin A. Bifani, Carolyn L. Boone, Angela L. Hoteling, Joseph L. Mooney, Emily E. Sanderson, Glenn S. Wechsler and Raymond E. Welch Jr.

the work force the new graduates were entering. Despite their undoubtedly high expectations for their careers and their earning potential, he said, "The safe, comfortable world we once knew has virtually disappeared.

"The Class of '93 is graduating into a new world, a world of change and challenge. What we're seeing today is nothing less than the second industrial revolution. It's a revolution with proe the size of our economic pie, instead of cutting the existing pie into thinner and thinner slices."

The lieutenant governor also acknowledged the power of idealism in his own life, noting that in 1959, when he was a student at Duke University, he met John F. Kennedy. "A main reason why I went to law school," Lundine said, "is because President Kennedy inspired me to a career in public service. Today, we remember JFK because he defended the values that make us most proud to be Americans: decency, compassion, progress, and a fair chance for everyone."

Among those who attended the Commencement were:

* The Hon. Michael Amico, former sheriff of Erie County.

* The Hon. John Callahan, judge in the Appellate Division, 4th Department, who presented the diploma to his son Thomas.

* The Hon. M. Dolores Denman, presiding justice of the Appellate Division, 4th Department.

* Gayle Eagan, president of the Women's Bar Association of Western New York.

* Former Congressman Henry Nowak.

* Robert Schaus, co-author of the centennial history of the Law School and a 30-year officer of the Law Alumni Association.

* Hilda Koren, a longtime friend and supporter of the Law School, presenting the Koren Award.

* John Hettrick, recipient of the President's Medal for outstanding service to the University — and a grandson of Law School pioneer John Lord O'Brien. ■

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