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# THE OPINION



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## Just Do It!

### Budget woes won't stop the New Curriculum

by Peter Zummo Senior Editor

Despite significant budget cuts, the much heralded New Curriculum debuted this fall semester. UB Law School Dean Barry B. Boyer said that the "New Curriculum will go forward, albeit in a slower fashion. We are looking at [implementation in] four to five years."

Boyer said the delay in full implementation was caused by a lack of funding. The special New Curriculum funding increase for fiscal year 1995-1996 -- known as Phase II funding -- was to have been \$337,500. UB Law's budget was cut by \$101,964, as part of the 2% across the board spending freeze.

In addition, a "savings target" of \$142,749 -- actually additional cuts -- resulted in a net increase of only \$92,000 earmarked for implementation of the New Curriculum this year, said Boyer.

Full implementation of the New Curriculum would also have required a lowering of the incoming class size. However, due to SUNY enrollment targets, UB Law was unable to reduce its incoming class.

"The class was slated to go down to 210, to bring total enrollment down to a 630-650 target. Instead we are near the historic high of 260" confirmed Boyer. With this many 1L's "we need three sections, while [under] the New Curriculum, we would only need two sections."

While three new professors, Martha McCluskey, James Wooten and Susan Mangold, were appointed last year, UB Law really only "gained 1 1/2 positions," said Boyer. Last summer Professor Thomas E. Headrick was named University Provost, while Professor Virginia A. Leary retired and Professor Alan D. Freeman passed away.

The lack of new professors, coupled with the large class size and budget cuts, forced the curtailment of one of the three basic elements of the New Curriculum planned for this year, said Boyer.

In addition to impacting the New Curriculum, the loss of the three professors has left some holes in the faculty at UB Law. "We have needs in International, and Corporate and Securities law. We hope to have private development money to fund these positions in the future."

"The 'Perspectives' course is on indefinite hold." The perspectives course was to be an intensive "problem solving approach to the first year curriculum that is resource intensive," said Boyer.

Two of the three new components of the New Curriculum were successfully introduced this semester. In addition to the full year Research and Writing program (which actually started last year) this year saw the "Introduction to Law" course during the first week of the fall semester for all incoming 1Ls.

Asked how this new course was received, Boyer said that, "Reaction to the course is still being evaluated. It all worked at some level. Different professors offered different views. Now the question is 'do we want more unity in presentation?' We don't have an answer yet."

As for the Research and Writing component, the feedback from last year "has been very favorable. We are headed in the right direction there."

An integral component of the New

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### SBA Community Service Day



Photos provided by Ben Dwyer

Carol Messito, Theresa Cusimano, Prue Fung and Susan Van Gelder pull up weeds. See Story and more photos on page 3.

## OUTLAW marks "National Coming Out Day"

Jessica Murphy, News Editor

October 12, 1995, marked 'National Coming Out Day'. Student groups supporting the rights of gays, lesbians and bisexuals encouraged members of the university community to wear jeans, and held a rally in the student union in support of "National Coming Out Day." OUTLAW is the law school student group whose main purpose is addressing the concerns of those individuals who identify with issues affecting lesbians, gays, bisexuals, "queers", their families and children.

OUTLAW sponsored the National Coming Out Day activities at the law school.

Originally known as LGBLS, OUTLAW changed its name in order to, "include all people concerned, not just those people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or 'queer.'" said Lisa Strand, president of OUTLAW. "It's also easier to say."

OUTLAW members created signs which listed the names of famous people who identified themselves as lesbian, gay, or bisexual to "heighten the awareness that a lot of 'known' people are 'queer' to society," said Strand. "Hopefully, this was



Signs like this adorned O'Brian's walls last Wednesday

interesting and eye-opening."

Strand explained, "We use the word 'queer' to include the people, like transvestites and transsexuals, who are not accepted by society, like the lesbians, bisexuals, and

gays aren't."

Members of OUTLAW also sponsored an information table on the second floor of O'Brian Hall, offering videos and books, answering questions and providing general

information.

"The fear people displayed amazed me," said Strand. "People were too afraid to come to the table, some were afraid of social repercussions. Of course, a lot of people weren't afraid. It's sad that some people were afraid, but I'm not surprised. There's still prejudice out there."

Members of OUTLAW and other campus organizations rallied in the student union, to thank those people who wore jeans in support of "National Coming Out Day" with stickers. OUTLAW members also offered stickers to those who forgot to wear jeans.

OUTLAW plans for the upcoming year include organizing an AIDS task force with other law student groups to educate and mobilize the law student body. OUTLAW also plans to hold another forum on "Queer Family Life" and create an official mentoring program for interested first year students.

OUTLAW president Lisa Strand invites all inquiries about OUTLAW. People who are interested can write to Strand at box 237, or at the OUTLAW office, room 118.

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# Freeman Remembered

*Students, colleagues, friends and family honor beloved Professor*

by Julie Meyer, Assistant News Editor

"Although Alan performed the roles of scholar, teacher, and colleague, I think better than most of us do, what stands out to me in memory is Alan as a human being, and the great joy that he found in life and in all of the people around him," began University of Buffalo Law School Dean Barry Boyer at the gathering to remember law professor Alan Freeman.

Family, friends, law students, and faculty met Oct. 12 to relive memories shared by seven speakers. Peter Gable, from the New College of Law in California remarked that Freeman's most valuable teaching skill "...was a lovingness for his students. Even though his classes were rigorous and challenging, every student knew that they would not be hurt in Alan's class."

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-Peter Gable

Thomas Headrick, Provost of the University, spoke of Freeman's love for animals, embodied in Freeman and his wife, Professor Betty Mensch through their

class, titled "Nature, Ecology and Law." Although the Freemans were criticized when they first offered the supposedly frivolous course, "...only a few years later, the joke was really on [their] detractors, as the area of animal rights legislation exploded,"

said Headrick.

Sarah Nichols, a former student and research assistant of Freeman, commented on Freeman's dress habits, "I do vividly remember walking into one of my first classes in law school and seeing those rumpled khaki shorts and shirt and feeling very much relieved and very welcome."

"He was a great, good friend, and I do and will continue to miss him."  
-John Henry Schlegel

Buffalo law professor, John Schlegel, summed up the feelings of all attending the gathering, "He was a great, good friend, and I do and will continue to miss him."

Other speakers included attorney Thomas Schofield, and former Buffalo law professor, Al Katz. Music was provided by Jill Buerk and Alfred Frenning.

Another former student, William Magavern, while remarking on Freeman's sense of humor, said, "He once told us that he had been described as a cross between Fidel Castro and a clown."

## Conformity v. Individuality in Japan

By Kristin Greeley, Reporter

Approximately 30 students and faculty members Oct. 13 attended a discussion with Setsuo Miyazawa, professor of law at Kobe University in Japan.

The discussion, sponsored by the Asian-American Law Students Association and the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, centered on Miyazawa's paper "For the Liberal Transformation of Japanese Legal Culture: A Review of Recent Scholarship and Practice."

Miyazawa is currently a visiting scholar in residence at York School of Law in Toronto. He has done work on a wide range of topics, including the Japanese government's response to the earthquake in Kobe, the sociology of policing, and alternative methods of conflict resolution.

In the paper, Miyazawa investigates the possibility for change towards a more individual rights-centered society in Japan. In doing so, he focuses on what transformation of the Japanese legal culture is desir-

able and how such transformation could be brought about.

Currently, Japanese society is largely based on conformity; citizens believe that conformity eventually will pay off materially. Intolerance for minority views is enforced by both formal and informal mechanisms.

There have been some recent examples of a change in this belief by some members of society. Miyazawa cites the fact that Japanese employers allowed their employees to help earthquake victims in Kobe as a promising advance toward greater individualism.

Miyazawa also takes issue with many Japanese post-modernist legal theorists. He said they do not adequately analyze the social structures and unequal access to lawyers. He also criticizes their advocacy of the marketization of lawyering because he says that the profession has already been marketized.

Miyazawa said that change must come from "a movement of citizens who mobi-

lize lawyers and other intellectuals as well as other resources." He views the movements by women, the disabled and resident foreigners for increased rights as a move toward the realization that Japanese society is not homogenous and all groups in society should have access to the democratic process.

In the discussion following Miyazawa's remarks, he addressed a number of topics, such as consumer rights issues and the role that American lawyers may or may not play in the transformation of the Japanese legal culture. In order for Japan to remain competitive in the world market, more individualism and creativity must be allowed, Miyazawa said.

AALSA also sponsored a discussion Oct. 17 by David Levine from Hastings School of Law about the California school desegregation case. Levine is an attorney representing trying Chinese-American students who claim they are being discriminated against because they are expected to perform better than other students.

## UB Law Professor tackles tough topic

by Kristin Jones, Contributing Reporter

UB Law Professor Judy Scales-Trent spoke before at a "UB at Sunrise" breakfast program on Sept. 22, about her experience as a black woman with white skin.

The word race causes discomfort and tension. But as discomfiting and painful as a discussion about race may be, Scales-Trent wants to talk about race and what it means to be a white-black woman in America.

"What is race all about?" said Scales-Trent. "Race has nothing to do with color. I can count how many people are brown. But, how many people are black?"

Scales-Trent explained that because the distinctions between race and color are so obfuscated, racial identity is defined in relationship to color.

To illustrate this point, Scales-Trent referred to two recent *New York Times* articles which identified playwright, August Wilson, and professional golfer, Tiger Woods, as black, although Wilson has a parent of European descent and Woods has a parent of Asian descent.

"In America, race is determined by hypo-descent," Scales-Trent said. "The rule is that the child takes the status of the lower status parent."

"This means that a child is black, even if they have one parent who is not of African descent," said Scales-Trent.

Scales-Trent added, "How can someone who is blonde be black? Americans can accept blacks who are light tan. But it is the next color which raises doubt ... I represent

"Racial purity laws help sort people out. The point of having them is to keep people out. America does not want to discuss how we create racial identities and why we do."

something America doesn't want to see or doesn't want to address. It took me a long time to realize that there is something wrong with America and not with me."

Scales-Trent discussed the history behind U.S. racial purity laws. "Racial purity laws help sort people out. The point of having them is to keep people out. America does not want to discuss how we create racial identities and why we do."

Later in the discussion, Scales-Trent read an essay entitled "Shock and Fear in America" from her recent book, *Notes of a White Black Woman*. The essay recounted the story of two people, one a drug store clerk, the other, a woman whom she met in a restaurant who were both shocked and surprised to learn that Scales-Trent is black.

"These two people got upset because there was not a good fit between what they saw and heard, and what they expected to see and hear," Scales-Trent added, "It is not I who is bizarre, but it is the racial categories that are bizarre."

In response to questions from the audience, Scales-Trent emphasized that her book is not about "passing."

"What gets published are stories about people who try to pass, she said. "The fantasy of blacks trying to pass as white is common."

"But my book is not about this. The book is about what race means in relationship to color. It's about what it is like to be black with [light] skin."

*New Curriculum presses on, continued from page 1*

Curriculum scheme is an emphasis in concentrations. In addition to the new concentration in Affordable Housing offered for the first time this year, a new concentration in Environmental Law will soon be ready for students.

The next phase of the New Curriculum will be the start of the bridge courses in January. Boyer also confirmed that a new course in Advanced Legal Research, in cooperation with the University Libraries, may be offered "as early as January."

"UB Law is still less than half the cost of the cheapest private law school in New York State, which last year was Touro School of Law," said Boyer.

Compared to other public law schools, UB Law is still competitively priced, according to Boyer. With resident tuition and fees at \$6,645, UB Law is slightly above the median cost of \$5,255 at Indiana.

The lowest cost public law school for 1995-96 was North Carolina at \$2,243, while the highest cost school was Michigan at \$15,830.

The tuition increase "did not significantly affect the number of applications to UB Law. Demand is still there," said Boyer. But the dean is concerned about a possible "lag effect."

With the Tuition Assistance Program assistance limited per student to \$512, "the neediest students are paying almost \$2,000 more in tuition and fees," Boyer said. "This may hinder the ability of UB Law to perform its goal of increasing diversity in the legal profession, and allowing members of all economic groups the ability to come to law school. We may have fewer and fewer disadvantaged students in the future."

With regard to next year's tuition, Boyer stated that "there are still serious structural problems in the state budget. SUNY is a large item in the state budget, and with its capacity for self-funding, it's easy to look to SUNY for major cuts." This means that we "must adopt to lower state support coupled with increased tuition, donations, grants, contract and maybe even fee for service programs," Boyer said.

Boyer remained cautiously optimistic about next year's budget. "We will be planning on a base of 95% of the operating budget" for the next academic year. "Restructuring in a fundamental way" may be inevitable, given the new political and fiscal realities the state faces.



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Samuel S. Chi  
Editor-in-ChiefSteven Bachman Dietz  
Managing Editor**EDITORIAL:**

## How do you spell circus? S-I-M-P-S-O-N

Heralded as the trial of the century, it was nothing more than a year under the big top. During the course of the trial, we have seen it all. We've seen the side show acts of vapid bimbo houseguests, Marcia Clark's topless photos, bloody gloves, secret packages, the tiff between Johnnie Cochran, Robert Shapiro, and F. Lee Bailey. We've seen the parade of witnesses and experts prodded and coaxed by media handlers. We've seen attorneys perform stunts and jump through hoops to the delight of millions. We've even seen the black robed ring master try and crack his whip as he pandered to the cameras.

The Simpson trial is a bloody red stain on the fabric of society. Besides Nicole Brown, Ronald Goldman, and their families, it has left a bevy of victims in its wake. The State of California spent millions on this trial; millions it could have spent somewhere else. Good or bad, OJ's life will never be the same. His career as pitchman, actor, sportscaster disappeared with a strike of a gavel. (His only hope maybe to work for Starburst; after all, the Juice is loose.)

OJ will never shake the notion that he got away with murder. Sadly, only three people truly know if he did it, and two of them will never tell.

The biggest casualty, perhaps, was the law and legal profession. Under the lights, cameras, and action, the real meaning of the legal system--truth, justice, equity--withered and died. Image is everything and substance is just an aside. Slick, million-dollar attorneys and charming smile can get you out of anything. The message we can glean from the verdict is that if you have the capital, you avoid the punishment.

The case was tried as much in the media as it was in the courtroom. The media devoted enormous resources to covering this ugly freak show. It fed the frenzy, and fanned the flames just to sell papers and commercial spots. It's a sad commentary upon our times, when coverage of a voyeuristic delight trumps over coverage of the signing of international peace accords.

After all the money spent, the words said, and lives destroyed, what are we left with? The haunting, sad truth remains: it was all of us, not just those who tuned in, that paid to see the clowns.

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**EDITORIAL:**

## Taking advantage of the retarded

An interrogation room in a police station, especially during the investigation of a murder, can be an intimidating, disorienting place. It is designed to be so. Many an overconfident suspect waives his right to an attorney, and finds himself cornered by a clever investigator, with no alternative but to confess.

Knowing this, is it fair to subject the mentally retarded to such a process? Can the results of such an interrogation be reliable?

An article appearing in the Oct. 9, 1995, issue of U.S. News and World Report focuses on that problem. It documents several recent cases in which mentally retarded people "confessed" to heinous crimes. They often spend years in prison until someone else confesses to the crime or new evidence is brought forward exculpating them.

Why would an innocent person confess to a crime he knows he didn't commit? Quite often, the mildly mentally retarded, fearing the stigma retardation bears, will try to "pass" for normal by relying on an authority figure. When that authority figure feeds him leading questions about the circumstances of a case, a frightened, eager-to-please retarded man can be easily manipulated into making incriminating statements.

One such person, Richard La Pointe, was interrogated for nine hours, and confronted with a spurious chart that "proved" that police had DNA, fingerprint and physical evidence linking him with the crime. In fact, no such evidence existed. His "confession" that convicted him of murder consisted of the following: "If the evidence shows I was there, and that I killed her, then I killed her, but I don't remember being there."

They often confess without knowing the consequences. Johnny Lee Wilson, who was recently pardoned after serving 10 years for murder said he thought he would be able to go home after he confessed. La Pointe said he confessed so police would let him use the bathroom.

Consider this additional fact: retarded people make up 2 to 3 percent of the prison population but accounted for nearly 13 percent of the executions, according to Amnesty International.

We think that courts should keep these facts in mind when applying Penry v. Lynaugh, 492 U.S. 302 (1989), which held that executing a retarded person does not in itself violate the Eighth Amendment's ban on cruel and unusual punishments. We also think that appellate courts should take a more jaundiced view of convictions resting solely or in great part upon the confession of a retarded person, especially when the correlating evidence presented is circumstantial at best.

# Follies and Fumbles

Greg Mattacola

Columnist

## I want my OJ

**WHAT DO YOU MEAN, OVER?** Over? It can't be over! What will I do without my 10:00 p.m. CNN wrap ups? What will I do without Marcia and Johnnie? And I thought the day after the Super Bowl was bad, when the reality sinks in that I won't have football on Sundays. It doesn't even compare to the loneliness that I, along with millions of others felt on October 5, the first day without the O.J. trial. At least this didn't end at the same time as football season. Then I truly would have needed counseling.

Who is going to benefit the most from this trial? O.J.? Nahh, his life is over as he knows it, despite the acquittal. My vote goes to Barry "I know my DNA" Scheck. Shapiro and Cochran had their reputations already established. F. Lee Bailey just convinced the world he's ready to retire.

But Scheck, a virtual unknown; this guy was a bulldog! Just watch Barry's bank account grow. I am concerned about his cockroach in the spaghetti theory, however. Where has this boy been eating? You never got any cockroaches in Mama Mattacola's pasta, I'll tell you that! Big, fat, cholesterol laden meatballs maybe, but never cockroaches.

**WILD, CRAZY STUFF.** Okay, I know they're overpaid. Okay, I know they're greedy. Okay, I know they don't appreciate us. I know all that, but I just can't help myself. IT'S PLAYOFF TIME BABY! I'm

talking some great baseball here. First, thank goodness for the introduction of the Wildcard system in baseball. Without it, the entire last month of the season would have been a yawner. With it, we got to witness the Yankees coming up with clutch wins against Toronto to snag a Wildcard spot. We got to see Randy "The Big Unit" Johnson (I'm not even touching that nickname!) pitch Seattle into the playoffs in the one game tiebreaker against the Angels. If baseball ever gets a commissioner, let me voice my approval now for keeping the Wildcard. Tradition, Shmadition.

**HELLO AND GOOD-BYE.** I've never been a Yankee fan, but it was refreshing almost to the point of pleasant to see the Pinstripes in the Divisional Playoffs. I don't care if your favorite team finished 30 games out of first (like my Phillies), you can't help loving Don Mattingly. Donny Baseball went 13 seasons before seeing any post-season play. This is a guy who deserves better. One Yankee official describes Mattingly as "a blood and guts player who is a throwback to the old days. The league needs more players like him." The Yankee mainstay didn't disappoint fans either. Granted, he did strike out a couple inopportune times and had some trouble with a bunt or two, but the guy went 10 for 24 with a Dinger and six Ribbies. Nothing to sneeze at. Wish you could have stayed longer, Don.

**PASSTHIS!** The US Senate passed an amendment last week that would increase spending on legal aid for the poor by \$340 million. Now the question is will (My brain is as big as a) Newt Gingrich allow this to go through the House? I wouldn't hold your breath.

**I FELT THAT.** A Get Well Soon goes out to Minnesota Twins star Kirby Puckett. Puck took an eighty-five m.p.h. fastball to the mug in the waning days of the regular baseball season. He broke his jaw and several teeth were knocked loose. Enjoy the off-season Kirby, you've earned it.

**WANNA BET?** Now, I am not a betting man. The Turning Stone Casino off Exit 33 on the NYS Thruway cured me of those delusions. But if I was, a *much* older and possibly slightly wiser source gave me a tip to pass on. "When it comes to Monday Night Football, pick the home underdog everytime. They won't just cover the spread, they'll win outright." Hey, Detroit proved it true against my beloved Niners.

You heard it here first sports fans.

**OHHH, SO THAT'S SHOW!** Michael Douglas is going to play the President of the United States in an upcoming movie. It got me to wondering, why him? Why cast him in the prestigious part of playing the Chief Executive? Okay, he's an older guy who can look nice in a suit but there's got to

be something else.

Wait a second. Let's compare Douglas' movie history with President Clinton's personal history. Michael played a guy who had a little trouble staying faithful to the wife in "Fatal Attraction." Does the name Jennifer Flowers mean anything to you? Michael played Gordon Gecko in "Wall Street", a big time businessman who didn't always make the most ethical decisions. This is a tough one. Whitewater!?! The real question seems to be is life imitating art here or vice-versa? Pretty scary.

**IN MEMORIAM.** On a personal note, I would like to pay tribute to my Uncle and Godfather, John Acee of Clarks Mills, NY who passed away recently. Uncle John had a big presence in my life and I mean that literally as well as spiritually. The man was HUGE! I'd stop over his house, fresh from the weight room, full of machismo and he would reduce me to a whimpering infant with a simple handshake.

In between working his family farming business and kicking my tail, Uncle John was a successful politician in his own right. He served on the local school board for over twenty years. In fact, the very first time I ever exercised my Constitutional right and rocked the vote, it was for my Uncle. Uncle John drove family members and educators crazy for many years and will be dearly missed. God speed.



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BAR REVIEW

# Law students dig in to aid St. Ann's

By Jessica Murphy, News Editor

The Student Bar Association sponsored this year's first community service Saturday, Oct. 7. Eleven law students volunteered to wake up early on a weekend to

landscape the St. Ann's Apartment Complex on Broadway and Emslie Streets in the City of Buffalo.

SBA vice-president Jeremy Toth, organized the event.



Left to right: Bari Levant, Prue Fung, Susan Van Gelder, Carol Messito, and Les Machado learn how to landscape

"Because the semester started so late, there wasn't a lot to be done with Habitat for Humanity. We're looking forward to organizing another community service day in the spring," Toth said.

Les Machado, Prudence Fung, George Hamboussi, Theresa Cusimano, Adam Easterday, Catherine Nugent, Bari Levant, Susan VanGelder, Carol Messito, and Ben Dwyer joined Toth to lend a hand.

"It was a lot of fun," said Ben Dwyer, a third year law student. "We hope to expand SBA sponsored community service events in the future."

The St. Ann's Apartment complex is a UB Law School Low Income Housing Clinic project. Janet Meiselman, of Delta Development, supervised the volunteers.

"The Law School Low Income Housing Clinic has been involved with St. Ann's since the beginning; from financing to



Left to right: Les Machado, George Hamboussi, Adam Easterday, Susan Van Gelder, Ben Dwyer, Catherine Nugent, Carol Messito, Jeremy Toth, Bari Levant, Prue Fung and Theresa Cusimano

construction to development up to present," Meiselman said.

St. Ann's Apartment Complex was formerly the rectory to St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church. The rectory was converted into low-income housing through the work of the U.B. Law School Low Income Housing Clinic, Toth said.

"There are a wide range of people who

live here," said Meiselman. "They range in age and sources of income. Tenancy is restricted to those people whose income falls at or below 60 percent of the median income."

Toth said, "It was definitely successful. We had the perfect amount of people for the amount of work we had to do. The weather held out for us. Everyone had a great time."

## U.B. Film Schedule

### Wednesday, October 18

6:30 *Strawberry and Chocolate*  
(1994) (Spanish/subtitled)  
9:00 *Apollo 13* (1995)

### Thursday, October 19

6:30 *Strawberry and Chocolate*  
(Spanish/subtitled)  
9:00 *Apollo 13*

### Friday, October 20

6:30 *Apollo 13*  
9:00 *Apollo 13*  
11:30 *Fritz the Cat* (1972)

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# Cross-country drivin'

Three second-years tell their stories of their lives on the road

By Marla Pilaroscia, Reporter

Now that we're into that part of the semester where the light at the end of the tunnel is most dim, one way to battle your blues is to start planning how you will spend next summer. And I'm not talking about finding a job - you should plan to have some fun! If you're looking for ideas, read on.

After a long year of law school, three students took advantage of their summer breaks this year to travel cross-country.

Dave Fitch, 2L, spent the first part of this past summer as a clerk for the Federal District Court Judge Larimer in Rochester during the day and as a distributor for Molson at night. After several sleep-deprived weeks of work, Dave spent the second part of his summer with a college buddy in a Honda Civic hatchback taking a circuitous route around the country sight-seeing, visiting friends and enjoying the local music scene at each stop.

Starting from Virginia, where Dave attended college, the guys first went to Athens, Georgia, home of the band R.E.M. Next stop was Austin, Texas, which boasts a happening music scene. Dave was there for an outdoor music fest which included Jill Sobule, who you may remember sang that song "I



David Fitch, 2L

Kissed a Girl." Dave says the fest was great.

From Austin, the next big stop was Los Angeles. Dave found LA's club scene to be very diverse and interesting, with lots of local bands and contemporary rock.

Dave took his guitar and enjoyed playing it throughout his tour. One of many highlights Dave points to was having a campfire with friends on the beach in San Francisco and playing guitar while everybody sang along. After that, Dave headed back to Rochester in time to return to law school.

Derek Brocklebank, 2L, took a trip which grew out of his younger brother's appointment to see San Diego State University. With his brother and a friend, Derek headed west from Canandaigua, New York, at the end of May in a two-door Plymouth. Like Dave, Derek and his crew cruised by Devil's Tower and through Yellowstone. Although they planned to camp, there was still as much as ten feet of snow in parts of the mountains, so many nights were spent in hotels. Derek says the comfort and access to swimming pools at some of these hotels was well worth the expense!

The next stop for the three was Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado, where he saw the ruins of Native American villages built into cliffs, and then Las Vegas, which Derek found to be really cool. In Vegas, the three stayed at Caesar's Palace, and won \$200 at the roulette table. Derek recommends staying at least three days in Vegas and bringing lots of money to thoroughly enjoy the experience.

Derek then went on to San Diego, where he and his buddies rented a studio apartment for three weeks, after which they headed up to San Francisco. San Fran was the highlight of Derek's trip.



Derek Brocklebank, 2L

They visited some family, saw some plays, and did some sight-seeing, which included lots of unforgettable (and strange) people.

After San Francisco, Derek's friend flew back home and Derek and his brother made a beeline back to Canandaigua in their car. Their trip lasted until the beginning of July.

Derek likened his trip to driving through one huge postcard -- really pretty and fun!

Mike Graff, 2L, spent his summer following Phish as a part of the Phish family. Phish is a band from the Northeast whose music is a fusion of many styles of music, including jazz and bluegrass. Mike has been following the band since 1991.

This summer, Mike started his tour at the Phish show in St. Louis, Missouri. The next three days took him to Memphis, Atlanta, Raleigh, and eventually to the Midwest.

Mike and his travel companions, comprised of a caravan of three vehicles, camped when the weather was good and took to motels when the weather

dictated. Mike's trip covered 6,000 miles in three-and-a-half weeks. Selling Phish stickers and burritos at the shows helped defray the travel costs.

When Mike first started following the band, it had not yet even put out an album and their most dedicated following numbered about 30. These days, though, Phish has grown to a national music label and has expanded out of the Northeast. Mike estimates their nationwide following to be about 300, with as many as two or three thousand touring the regional circuits.

For Mike, cross-country traveling is an ongoing thing. He's going to Chicago soon to see a major Phish show. He expects a special celebration in which the band will play three sets for a total of about eight hours. The second set will be devoted entirely to playing the audience's most requested album in its entirety. Last year, that was the Beatles' White Album. Therefore, it's guaranteed to be a one-of-a-kind show and an historical event for fans.

Mike has found travelling this way to be a great way to see different cities and to visit cool places that you don't hear about from AAA!

The best advice you can take from these three is simple: don't be afraid to just get in your car and drive!



Mike Graff, 2L

## Movie Review

### "Showgirls" lacks show

by Az Ulita, Special to the Opinion

"...Alright, we'll get Elizabeth Berkley..., nude, yeah, she's got to be nude, a lot. We'll make her a Las Vegas lap-dancing ex-prostitute, give her a bad perm, she'll have sex... and we'll work with it." Can't you only imagine the makings of "Showgirls?"

So, what was the making of "Showgirls" about? I mean, besides the fact that it was a ringer to make loads of bucks off of the pubescently sex-crazed American movie-going public with anything that shows a forbidden. NC-17, sure, it had a lot of potential, throw in a gratuitously vicious rape scene and we'll give you a big ole "NC-17" and an extra mil in box office returns.

So we have a girl with a past, who's going to Vegas to be a dancer, yeah, sure you are, kid... Apparently "Showgirls" was to depict a real life version of what the scene is in Vegas. It's all about prostitution. Yeah, even though they think they're artists they're all just a bunch of prostitutes. Didn't you know you've got to be broke if you want to be a real artist, and most likely you'll just get some dumb blonde pregnant and have to marry her anyway, so why bother with the artist "thang?"

So, we subject the audience to two hours and ten minutes of a lot of tits and ass and try to make a social statement about the strength and power of an aspiring young woman with a dream, who's trying to pull herself up by her bootstraps. Wait... rewind... It

was more like let's portray this girl as being as stupid and irrational as possible. She's a cocky bad-ass, won't listen to a word, and her most endearing quality is her mis-pronunciation of "Versace."

Where'd she learn to dance? Not from the classical old-world school of ballet, but from the world's oldest profession. Come on guys, give us a break! Since when were even the best professional prostitutes professional showgirl dancers?

"Showgirls"'s ridiculous homophobic portrayal of the dance world, as evidenced by the aging, ever-brooding star of "Goddess" was not only inaccurate but boring. How many times must we be subjected to these outrageous translations of alternative lifestyles? I gather we were supposed to think higher of the people who do not subscribe, or only occasionally so, to "traditional" patterns of heterosexual sex? I believe the role of the veteran dancer was to show the absolute perversion and insincerity that exists when we meet a homosexual character. Throw in the fact she toys with hardworking straight boys with MBAs, really wants only a piece of that young little girl, and a bad cocaine habit and we've got a real winning portrayal.

Maybe "Showgirls" shouldn't be knocked quite so hard. Honestly, when else would we give kids on Columbus Day the opportunity to hang outside the local movie theaters and beg people

## Inside...

### Photos from the SBA/Gold Group Social



Above: The SBA/GOLD Group Social at Pettibones on Thursday, October 12th.

to buy them tickets to "a movie," or for those wonderfully self-righteous folks to get up and walk out halfway into the movie so they can get in to their cars stickered with "Abortion Kills Children" and NRA support motots and go home."

Also...  
Professor Ewing  
"Dear Judge Friendly"

## "Dear Judge Friendly"

Dear JF-

My girlfriend of three years is a med student at Georgetown University. A good friend of mine recently told me that she's been "playing doctor" with a couple of guys on the basketball team. Judge, this is the first girl I have ever loved, and I don't want to lose her! What's your Rx?

-Feeling Ill

Dear Feeling Ill-

I would listen to your friend, for he seems to be a good color commentator. Funny thing is, I think I have heard of your girlfriend through a friend of mine on the D.C. Circuit. Open your eyes and look at the scoreboard! Seems to me that this girl is more interested in playing a round robin rather than a one-on-one. Apparently, the Doc's into her jocks. It is time for you to blow the whistle on this player because she has fouled out of the game. Take it from the Judge, there's 5 seconds left in the game. She is up by two, and you have the ball... you have to go for three! My advice, head on over to our own conveniently located med school. We have plenty of our own future doctors wanting to specialize in sports medicine and willing to take on their own game of one-on-one. Out of the law school, into the med school and off the head board... nuthin' but net!!

Judgment Affirmed.  
Judge Friendly.

Dear Judge-

Is it just me or is it totally inappropriate for people to talk about and/or ask about grades? The other day a "friend" of mine asked me to look at her resume, and I am sure that she just wanted to show off how many H's she's got! What's your opinion?

-Missing my own business

Dear MMQB-

Wow, for second time I thought we were talking about the chicken case again. There was a time when all I dreamed about were grades of chicken - boilers, roasters, broilers, etc. It was getting to be pretty fowl!! Anyway, it seems to me that you may be somewhat paranoid. Maybe your friend was truly seeking your valued opinion... On the other hand, maybe she's just an obnoxious loser. Regardless, I do happen to believe that the focus on grades is a little ridiculous. Take it from me, those bizarre H's and Q's that you have here will mean very little in the real world. As a matter of fact, I wasn't a very good student in school either and look where I am... There ain't nothin' wrong with riding that Q-train! What matters is that you do your very best, and not be concerned with what the person next to you may be doing. It is important to focus on what you are learning, not what you are earning. Usually people who are so concerned with grades have nothing better to do. This causes them to boost their ego by flaunting their grades and trying to belittle others. Frankly, this behavior makes me sick... If they were in my court they would be in contempt faster than you could say "transcript." If you are really concerned about this friend, I would approach her and tell her that it makes you very uncomfortable to discuss grades and you have no time in your life for cut-throats. Of course you may want to tell her a little more tactfully. Good luck.

Remanded.  
Judge Friendly.

Do you have any questions or problems with law school or your love life?

**TELL IT TO THE JUDGE!**

To reach the Judge, just drop a note in Box 640 by next Tuesday, October 24th.

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## Free laser printing in our Computing Lab?

By Jennifer McGinty, Special to the Opinion

Do you know that we are charged \$60 every semester on our term bill for a computing/technology fee? When questioned, many law students were unaware of, and even astounded by this additional fee. Why then do we have to pay ten cents per page for laser printing in the law school computing lab, you ask.

Answer: it's a "non-public" computing facility. According to Jason Klindtworth, the Director of Law School Computing, the law school computing lab is a "non-public" computing facility since it is used exclusively by law students.

Klindtworth stated that the \$120 yearly computing fee is primarily used for the maintenance of "public" computing facilities. Therefore, in order to recoup costs for the paper and printer upkeep (i.e. toner, repairs, etc.), it is necessary for the law computing lab to charge students for laser printing since it operates on a restricted budget.

As Denise Yates, 2L, comments, "if we're already being charged for computer lab use, then why are we being charged twice -- they are double dipping."

Laphone Louplor, 2L, a frequent Macintosh user, adds "it's very unfortunate that we have to use other facilities, [e.g. the computing lab located on the second floor of the undergraduate Science and Engineering Library] in order to bypass printing charges

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graphic by Len Opanashuk

and to use more updated computers and programs when word processing is so essential to completing our classwork."

Unfortunately, it doesn't appear as though the law school computing lab will be rescinding its laser printing fee any time soon. But, keep in mind, if you want to laser print your documents at no additional cost, you can do so at any of the following "public" computing locations: Baldy Room 202, Capen 201, 207 & 212, Computer Center 205 and Clemens 128.

## The SBA/ GOLD Group Social at Pettibones Thursday, October 12th



# Professor Charles Ewing: Inside the Criminal Mind

By David Fitch, Asst. Features Editor

Unlike many law professors, Charles Ewing found his way into the classroom through the courtroom. For the latter-half of the 1970s, Professor Ewing was a practicing psychologist in Rochester, New York. He started spending more time on the witness stand in criminal trials than sitting in front of a couch. For him, the step to law school was natural. "As a psychologist I was testifying in a lot of trials and [decided] I wanted to become a forensic psychologist," Professor Ewing remembers.

Once matriculated at Harvard Law School, Professor Ewing was hooked. "I loved law school, and I loved my professors. I thought it would be great to be a law professor. So, I started thinking about how I could combine the two professions."

Upon receiving his J.D. in the spring of 1983, it wasn't long before "Professor" was added to his resume. "I was a third year law student in May and a professor in August," Professor Ewing says with a laugh. He explains that the quick assent was due to the fact that he already had a Ph.D. with work experience in Psychology, and that UB Law School is very receptive to professors who have joint degrees in different areas.

Since starting at the law school twelve years ago, Professor Ewing has taught Criminal Law and Juvenile Law every year. He also teaches Evidence and Psychology/Psychiatry in Criminal Law. Starting next semester, he will

introduce a course on the death penalty to the law school's curriculum. He has written about the psychologist's role in the capital punishment process and feels it's now an obvious necessity at UB. "We have to educate our students now, many of whom are going to practice in New York State, . . . to deal with this new statute," he says.



Prof. Charles Ewing

Outside of class, Professor Ewing has realized his original goal of obtaining a J.D. and works as a forensic psychologist. He has come to specialize in cases around the country involving battered women and abused children who kill their abusers. Part of the notoriety has come from three books he has authored dealing with this unique kind of homicide: *Battered Women Who Kill*, *Kids Who Kill*, and *When Children Kill*.

Professor Ewing attributes the increasing legitimacy of the Battered Women Syndrome defense in criminal cases to newfound public acceptance. This has been a result of media coverage and attention being called to the

problem. Unfortunately, abused children today have had a hard time using this type of defense. "We haven't gone as far with abused kids who kill their abusers. It's still somewhat taboo. I think with education we'll come to see that as a legitimate kind of defense as well," he notes.

Professor Ewing makes time to help in this type of education. He works through the University's News Bureau to interact with the media. "I spend two or three hours a week doing interviews with television, radio, newspaper, and magazine [journalists.] I think that's a good way to spend my time . . . to influence the process to some extent," he comments.

When not involved in professional matters, Professor Ewing spends time with his family and watching America's favorite pastime. His wife is currently working towards her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology at UB. His twelve-year-old daughter would like to follow in her dad's footsteps and become a forensic pathologist. His nine-year-old son would like to be a major league baseball player. Again, an influence from dad. "I love baseball. Baseball is life!" Professor Ewing exclaims with a smile.

Asked if he had any advice for first year law students, Professor Ewing says to enjoy it. "I think the first year . . . is the most exciting intellectual experience you'll ever have. My advice is . . . live it, eat it, breath it, sleep it, [and] soak it up. It's never going to be the same [in the second or third year.] You'll never have this rich an opportunity to learn."

## FREE Outlines!

Check out the Unofficial U.B. Law Web Site

By Craig Hurley-Leslie, Special to the Opinion

Each semester a strange mania sweeps over our law school. You will notice it occurs shortly after the administration presents us with a lovely neon-colored final schedule individually delivered to our mailboxes. The hunt for outlines has officially begun. Like ravenous animals we pursue our prey. Each rumor of the perfect outline makes your study group either salivate with wild anticipation or collapse into painful seizures when you hear the magic outline has fallen into the possession of another study group that intends for it to disappear forever. (Or at least until after they use it on the final...)

Of course there are always alternatives. You could sign up for a Bar Review course solely for the commercial outlines they offer as incentives. Alternatively you could part with a small fortune in cash to buy an outline from a seasoned veteran who may not have made an "H," but certainly knows how to make a buck.

This year you have another alternative. Go online and download FREE outlines from the Unofficial UB Law Web Site. In addition to a selection of first year outlines specific to UB Law School, you will find links to other outlines from around the Internet covering both first year and upper division courses. If you are in a generous mood you can even contribute your own outlines to the mix. (NOTE: No commercial outlines will be posted; we all know copyright law well enough to know that copyright infringement is a bad thing!)

In the coming months, the Unofficial UB Law Web Site will expand to course reviews and evaluations, student group information and links to other resources around the

Web which will be of interest to law students. Keep checking back and contribute to a student-lead initiative to give UB Law a vibrant and unique presence on the World Wide Web. By supporting the Unofficial UB Law Web Site you are supporting a new voice of the UB Law student community and electronic free speech at its finest. (NOTE: Only student generated and supporting information will be

placed on this page, we are unofficial, after all, and have no intention on stepping on any official toes...)

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<http://wings.buffalo.edu/law/latis/unub/unub.html>

Where you go from there is entirely up to you!

## 20th Annual Alumni Convocation and Jaeckle Award Luncheon Set for October 28th

Law Students are welcome to join the festivities when Gerald S. Lippes, a founder and managing partner of the Buffalo law firm Lippes, Silverstein, Mathias & Wexler, is presented with the Jaeckle Award Saturday, October 28, by the University at Buffalo Law School and Law Alumni Association.

The prestigious award will be presented to Lippes, Class of 1964, at the 20th Annual Alumni Convocation at its noon luncheon at UB's Center for the Arts, North (Amherst) Campus. Named for UB alumnus Edwin F. Jaeckle, Class of 1915, the annual award is the highest honor bestowed by the Law School and its Alumni Association.

UB President William R. Greiner will present the award following the 12:15 luncheon.

The topic of the morning-long educational Convocation (from 8:30 a.m. - noon) will be "Elder Care Counseling for Today's Practitioner."

"It's a topic all law students should probably learn about, regardless of their future area of practice," says Hene Fleischmann, assistant dean for alumni and communications. "And it's a great way to network with our older, more established alumni. I hope students take advantage of the opportunity," she says.

"The first 50 law students who sign up in the alumni office (Room 309) are invited to attend for just \$5 each. The fee includes the educational program, written materials, breakfast and the awards luncheon."

The Jaeckle award is presented annually to the individual who has distinguished herself or himself in the profession and made significant contributions to the UB Law School and the legal profession.

Lippes is a distinguished corporate attorney who represents businesses such as Mark IV Industries, a Fortune 500 company of which he is corporate secretary. He also serves on the board of directors of Gibraltar Steel Corp., National Health Care Affiliates, Niagara Envelop and Upgrade Corporation of America.

Lippes heads the Law School's Dean's Advisory Council and the university's Regional Advisory Board. He also serves as a member of the President's Board of Visitors, and is a trustee of the University at Buffalo Foundation.

Well known for his tireless and enthusiastic efforts

for his alma mater, he is equally active in civic, cultural and community development organizations.

The focus of the Convocation is particularly relevant since 17 percent of Erie County residents are at least 65 years old, rivaling the percentage



Gerald S. Lippes, Esq.

of elderly living in Florida.

To be included in the discussion:

- Accessing services
- Paying for care
- The application and appeals process
- Advising elderly clients

Speakers on the program include David Dunkelmau, president of The Weinberg Campus, Amherst, Mark E. Hamister, president and CEO of National Health Care Affiliates Inc., Hon. Barbara Howe, New York State Supreme Court Justice, Eighth Judicial District, UB Law professors Kenneth F. Joyce and Anthony H. Szyzygiel, Karen L. Nicolson, Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled of Western New York Inc. and David R. Pfalzgraf, of Renda, Pares & Pfalzgraf.

Corporate underwriters of the Convocation are Marine Midland Bank and National Health Care Affiliates, benefactors, Harold C. Brown & Co. Investment Services, patron, Independent Health, sponsor, Fizer Title Guarantee, donor, and Commonwealth Title Insurance Co.

For more information, please contact Hene Fleischmann at 645-2107.

Contributed by Hene Fleischmann, Asst. Dean

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Plan ahead for your trip home this Thanksgiving!

# Summer Funding for Public Sector Employment

by Sara Meerse, Special to the Opinion

If you have begun your public interest summer job search, you might have noticed that candidate qualities include characteristics like "willingness to volunteer" or "ability to bring own funding." You also may have noticed, under the compensation line, statements like "stipend," "matching grant," "volunteer," "none," and other words a thesaurus might list under "no compensation provided." Unfortunately, pursuit of summer public interest law jobs is not likely to offer huge financial rewards; however, it does not mean funding for summer jobs is completely nonexistent.

## BPILP Self-Initiated Internships

When employers refer to school stipends, they are referring to BPILP grants here at UB Law. BPILP funds summer public interest law internships students design through cooperation with sponsoring agencies. Last year, six of these self-initiated internships were funded \$2,000. Projects ranged from Covenant House in New York City to female victims of violence in Serbia. BPILP will be sponsoring 1L and 2L summer internships again this year. Applications will be available in December with a late February deadline. Eligibility for a fellowship includes active participation in BPILP. So... if you think you might be interested in such a grant, stop by the BPILP office in Room 704, and talk to any member.

## BPILP Matching Grant

In addition, BPILP will join with other law student organizations to sponsor matching grant fellowships. The co-sponsoring student organization will determine the nature of the internship. Details will be forthcoming. Watch for the CDO Newsletters.



Sara Meerse, Graduate Assst.

## LSPIN

Are you interested in working in the New York City area? Then, the LSPIN grant is a "must-apply" for you. Like BPILP, LSPIN allows students to select their placement site. One difference: at the time of application, LSPIN does not require students to have a placement

established. The selection criteria are based upon a student's demonstrated commitment to public interest law and an expressed interest in working on a specific substantive issue. Applications are currently being accepted; the deadline is December 1, 1995. Pick up your application from the F&A Drawer in Room 610.

## American Bar Association Fellowships

Two ABA fellowship programs are available to students who want to develop their own projects. These fellowships include the ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty (John Curtin Legal Internship) and the ABA Public Service Summer Internship. The application for the ABA Public Service Summer Internship Program is available now.

## Other Funded Fellowships

Other funded internships are available; however, these

internships are placed at a specific agency. Deadlines are fast approaching, so students should read the CDO Newsletters and check the Job Books often. Some examples include:

- PILI, a Chicago summer internship program paying \$4,000 for 10 weeks. Applications are available now,
- National Lawyers Guild Summer Internship Program,
- NAPIL Rural Legal Corps Summer Program, open to 2L's only,
- New Jersey Summer Internships,
- Dean's Public Service Fellowship, sponsored by the Dean's Office here at UB Law,
- Martin Luther King Jr. Pennsylvania Summer Internships, and
- Everett Public Service Summer Internships.

Students always ask, "Are these fellowships competitive?" Like anything else in life, the answer is yes! However, this should not deter you from applying for one. This past summer, UB Law students received 3 NAPIL Rural Legal Corps Fellowships (out of 49 selected nationwide) and one ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty (John Curtin Legal Internship) (three were available nationally). In addition, four students received the Dean's Office Public Service Fellowship; six students received BPILP Fellowships; and one student received the DVTF/BPILP Fellowship. Stop by the CDO if you have any questions. Good Luck!

*Sara Meerse is a Graduate Assistant in the Career Development Office.*

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## Group Spotlight

## Committee helps challenged students

By Sarah Braen, Reporter

The Committee on Law Students with Special Needs is a committee of students and faculty which helps those students who need special accommodation because of a disability, including physical or learning disabilities.

The Committee was formed to help the Law School comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of New York State, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, which require educational programs to be accessible to otherwise qualified students with disabilities.

The Committee will assist any student with a documented need for accommodation, even if the need is temporary, through individualized course, exam and even room accommodations. Students can provide proof of their disability to Marie McLeod in Rm. 306B O'Brian Hall. Assistance cannot be given unless the student specifically requests help. Among the specific types of assistance available are:

- Aid in coursework: Assistance has been given in many ways including tutoring, taping of lectures, and note-taking.

- Physical accessibility: The Committee's efforts to help students in this regard are more obvious to most students. For example, in some of the large lecture halls, chairs have been removed to accommodate wheelchairs.

This is not a complete list of help that can be requested. Other accessibility plans will be made for individual students.

One participating student, Noemi Fernandez, 3L, said that the program works "extremely well" and that it has been able to meet her needs "in every possible way."

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Birthday party supplies: cake mixes and frosting, party favors

Packaged snack items: animal crackers, pretzels

Tables will be set up outside the library to collect these donations. Please help us support Haven House!

Don't miss our training session next Friday, October 27th for those who didn't make our first two meetings!  
New members welcome!! (5th floor Faculty Lounge, 1:00-4:00 p.m.)

## Law Groups, Advertise For Free On The Docket

For more information, call 645-2147, drop a note in box 640, stop by room 724, or e-mail [sschi@acsu.buffalo.edu](mailto:sschi@acsu.buffalo.edu)

### Opinion Personals!

Hello Leonard!

Sam, where are you???

The photo deadline is the Thursday preceding!

Good luck, Dani!!!

Thanks for the article, Celeste!

Personals are FREE!!! Place your personals in box # 10, and we might print it.

## BAR/BRI BAR REVIEW



Prof. Spak received his master of laws degree from Northwestern University School of Law, where he was a Ford Foundation Fellow, and his bachelor's and law degrees from DePaul University, where he served as associate editor of the *DePaul Law Review*. He was professor of law at DePaul University from 1969 to 1974 and joined Chicago-Kent as a professor in 1974. He has been a national lecturer for BAR/BRI for more than 20 years.

### MPRE COURSE

BY

**Prof. Michael Spak**

BAR/BRI's NATIONAL MPRE LECTURER

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