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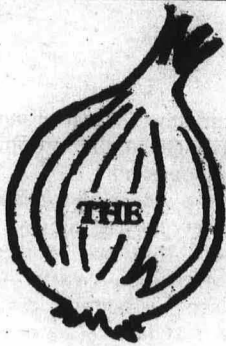
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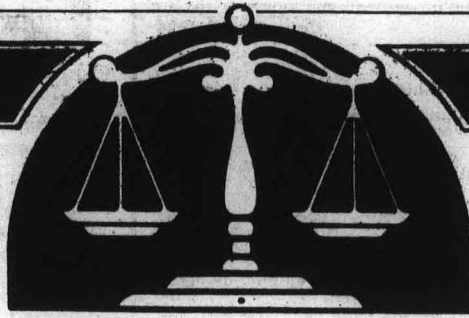
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SCHLEGELFACE WINS PRESIDENCY

Associate Dean Defeats Raygun and Mondull in a Landslide

by Bea Plaintiff

In the most humongous political upset in the history of the universe Associate Dean John Henry Schlegelface has been elected President of the United States. In convincing fashion, the infamous and pugnacious Schlegelface ran up a landslide in defeating both Republican Ronald Raygun and Democrat Walter Mondull. The final tally gives the Associate Dean 491 votes in the electoral college and over 90% of the popular vote. California was the only state not going for Schlegelface, giving all of its 47 electoral votes to adopted native son Andy H. Viets.

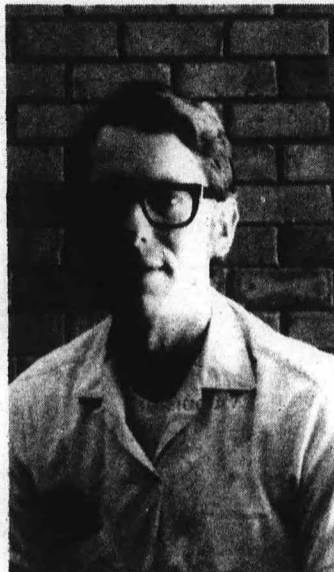
Schlegelface did not commence his candidacy until late Sunday evening when he went on national television to announce the start of his campaign. Using the slogan, "What's your bitch?," Schlegelface conducted a one day whistlestop tour on Monday of the entire nation, making speeches in every state of the union and imploring large, boisterous crowds to "make the argument" by voting for him.

"The hardest part of the trip," said Schlegelface at a post-election news conference, "was the train ride to Hawaii, which got a bit soggy, but I felt it imperative that every citizen of every state should have the opportunity to hear my message extolling the

inherent beauty of the Buffahole Model."

In announcing his candidacy, Schlegelface made it clear that he has no economic policy, no thoughts on military spending, no clue concerning how to fund social programs, and no foreign policy. "My only intent," commented the then-candidate, "is to inflict the Buffahole Model on the rest of the country. Once this is accomplished, all other problems will soon be forgotten." He did claim to have a plan, however, to deal with the ever-increasing budget deficits: "Parking meters will be installed for every parking place in the country. At a quarter an hour, we'll be able to balance the budget in a matter of days."

In a not particularly exclusive interview late last night, Schlegelface talked with *The Onion* about the campaign and about his victory: "I was urged last spring to take President Raygun on in the Republican primaries. My being a card-carrying communist, however, made this impossible. I then decided to wait until this fall to make a decision, in order to see if Gus Hall had any chance. When I saw that the polls indicated either a Raygun or Mondull victory, I felt that I had no choice but to take up the gauntlet and throw my ring into the hat. Also, since it appeared that I wouldn't be get-



President-Elect John Henry Schlegelface sporting a presidential-type haircut.



Vice-President-Elect Janet Planet Lindgreen making a vice-presidential-type gesture.

ting Dead Headcase's position, I figured that it would be a good idea to start looking for a new job now before the new Dean comes in and realizes the scam I've been pulling on this place all these years. Say, this is off the record, isn't it?"

Schlegelface's opponents had their own reactions to the election results. Ronald Raygun went to bed around 8:30 last night and no one has woken him up yet to tell him what happened. Walter Mondull accused Schlegelface of hiding in Buffahole during the campaign instead of debating the issues, to which the President-elect responded: "What's

his bitch? Who the hell's crazy enough to hide in Buffahole? Make the argument!" Attempts to contact Andy H. Viets proved to be fruitless, although *The Onion* did manage to track down his phantom roommate, Scooter Stechman, who issued a statement saying that Viets was outside waxing down his surfboard and had left specific instructions that no one was to interfere with his space or karma.

Finally, Schlegelface was asked what his first act as President would be. "The first thing I'm going to do," the President-elect responded, "will be to demand a recount."

Lindgreen Named Vice President

by Robert Remedial

During his whistlestop train tour of the United States on Monday, now President-elect but then candidate John Henry Schlegelface announced that his running mate would be Planet Janet Lindgreen. Lindgreen is rumored to be a professor of law here at the State University of New York at Buffahole, but this would not be confirmed by anyone in the school's administration.

Lindgreen held a news conference after the election at which she was flanked by her top aides, Bernard Gawrys and Leonard Noreen. "I'm just so happy about this," said Lindgreen, twirling her right index finger in circles. "The most I had expected was to be named Secretary of Labor, considering my extensive experience in that field." On the way out, Lindgreen was seen giving "Bernard Gawrys High-5's" to everyone in sight.

Schlegelface commented at his news conference that, considering the most political observers believe the vice-presidency to be worth no more than a bucket of warm spit, Lindgreen should be perfect for the job. When asked why he wanted Lindgreen to be just a heartbeat away from the presidency, though, Schlegelface responded: "Well, Janet's a screamer, and if I have to have someone beneath me for the next four years, I would rather it be a screamer than a moaner."

Schlegelface has announced no other appointments to his administration and he commented that it is unlikely that he will bother to do so. He did say, however, that once there is a vacancy on the Supreme Court, Allie Katz will get it. "If there's anyone who knows pornography when he sees it," noted Schlegelface, "it's Katz. In fact, he's at the Niagara Falls Cinema taking notes right now." For the time being, however, Katz will serve in a newly created post, that being "Lord of Lechery," which Schlegelface said would make Katz his left-hand man.

The Opinion, Star Columnist Meyer Object to \$100 million Libel Suit over 'Chronicles'

by Butch Martyr

On October 25, Pudge Meyer was served with a summons. Thinking it was a prank, he didn't even read it.

It was no prank. Pudge Meyer and *The Opinion* are being sued in the Supreme Court, Carson County for 100 million dollars. We spoke to the County spokesperson, Pedro Alvarez. He informed us that the county was seeking 73.2 million dollars in damages resulting from Pudge's publication of four episodes of his "Carson County Chronicles", which detail his experiences in the Office of the District Attorney. When we reminded him that no county has ever attempted to recover for defamation of character, Alvarez said, "What are you talking about?" and walked away.

Mr. Jergens, the D.A. for the last eight years, spoke with us at length. He outlined the breakdown of the remaining 26.8 million dollars in damages as follows: 11.6 million to A.D.A. Crenshaw; 3 million to M.C., Crenshaw's wife; 2 million apiece to

two local town justices; 1 million to Chief A.D.A. Liebowitz; .8 million to the retired stenographer; 2.2 million to Cammille; and a cool 4.2 million to Jergens himself. He clarified that the 73.2 million dollars is merely the cumulative punitive damages that the named plaintiffs have decided to donate to the county should they prevail.

Counsel for the plaintiffs, Jerry Balog, said that, as a county resident, he was outraged and was thinking of bringing his own derivative action as well. "His series of articles has ridiculed the entire county in addition to the named plaintiffs. Pudge Meyer has openly mocked a sacred institution. The damage that has been done to the D.A.'s office and everyone who works there is beyond all counting.

"Look how he has portrayed the D.A., Mr. Jergens — as someone who has no control over those that work under him. Here are some examples: an A.D.A. who leaves court early to play tennis (Vol. 25, no. 2); a staff that takes afternoons off to have

parties (Vol. 25, no. 4). Because of these articles Jergens has all but lost the upcoming election for County Court Judge, when, just two months earlier, he was endorsed by both parties and running unopposed.

"And Crenshaw — accusing him of cheating on his wife (no. 4); of being unethical (no. 5); hinting at overall irresponsibility as an attorney (Nos. 2-5); and labeling him as a sore loser (no. 5). Since publication, Crenshaw's wife has left him; and his second interview with a very prestigious Cleveland Law Firm has been cancelled.

"His entire series of articles is full of lies and exaggerations. And *The Opinion* has endorsed his stories by providing editorial introductory notes and by continually soliciting his contributions. A newspaper must have guidelines; liability cannot be waived by simply asserting that it is not responsible for its articles. *The Opinion's* policy of printing anything it receives is abhorrent."

We spoke to Pudge Meyer in a telephone interview. He had this

to say: "You know, just because someone gives you a summer job, they think they own you. They say my story is full of lies and that I knew it was all lies. Well let me say this: Every single word that has been written about the Carson County D.A.'s office is 100% truth, and I'll stand by that. Furthermore, I'm suing them in return for accusing me of being a liar."

Pudge Meyer has not been seen since that interview last week. The editorial board of *The Opinion* has resigned and has begun work as a unit on a book and a movie. They could not be reached for comment.

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Pictures, Pictures
and More Pictures!!!

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Editorials

SBA Condemns V.P.

Whereas *The Onion* has traditionally failed to show an active interest in the political, social or legal ramifications of the federal election process, we will hereby break with the values of our predecessors and endorse John Henry Schlegelface for President (especially now that the election is over). The editorial board of *The Onion*, the band of young space explorers who discovered the secret of VOLTRON, Defender of the Universe, wish Schlegelface all the best in his new career — and sympathize with those Buffahole Model fans that have been deprived of their cherished and beloved leader. O mighty master of the menial minds, the Voltran force salutes you — Form blazing sword!

Addressing the issue of the Vice-President, *The Onion* once again breaks from custom and wholeheartedly supports the Stupid Barn Association resolution condemning the invasion of the planet Earth by the alien Lindgreen of Janet's Planet. The editorial board cannot endorse an individual who, together with her nefarious counterpart, Allie Katz, has attempted to corrupt the youth of our nation by controlling their minds through a technique known as Boredom, and instilling pornographic suggestions about the United States Serene Court into them. Voltron will return to Earth from the planet Arus soon and set things aright within our solar system. Until that time, however, resist the Robeasts!

Oral Skills Honed

The Smut Court Competition comes to a climax this week with oral arguments. The topic of the competition deals with censoring smut on public access channels.

Some of these students will argue before lawyers and judges of our community that the cable company can broadcast whatever smut they want on their stations. They will argue that the FCC cannot prevent transmitting material that depicts ultimate and perverted sexual acts and human excretory activities. Can you believe that? These are our future lawyers. God help us if they pass the Bar exam and go out into our community to practice.

To add to this, their partners will argue that the cable operators should have complete freedom to provide whatever programs they desire. They will claim the cable operators should not have to set aside channels for government, educational or religious institutions, nor give the general public access on a first-come, first-served basis. The nerve of these traitors, these conservative oligarchists. They accept the franchise and easement rights granted by the local government, but want to refuse the same government access to the channels. They also prefer the masses remain ignorant and without educational programming or religious or moral instruction. They are for the rich who can afford to pay their price rather than open their doors to the general public at a reasonable set price.

If there are any democratic inclinations left in this school, we should act now to censor these students. Urge your SBA to pass a resolution. Lose their exams. Withhold their grades. Garner support from the Moral Majority. Act now. Don't let these characters ruin the future of our children. Ship them back to Times Square before it is too late.

Letter . . .

To the Editor:

We the undersigned new members of the Law School community wish to see our names in print. We have nothing in particular to say; suffice it to note that we are shocked and dismayed.

Sincerely,
 1st year students
 Spencer G. Feldman
 Samuel Spiritos
 Laurence M. Spaccasi
 Hugh M. Russ III
 Daniel M. DeLaus

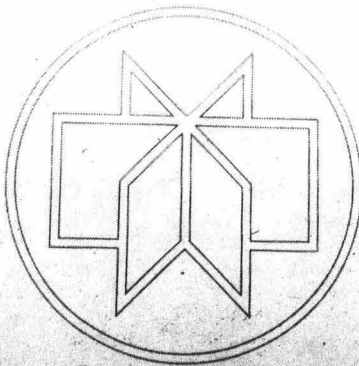
Editor's Reply:

It is only because we needed filler material for this issue would we print this. I mean, come on guys, be realistic. No resolutions; no political or social commentary; no left-handed remarks about President Raygun or the Buffahole Model — how can our readers expect to take us seriously. Are you people a bunch of

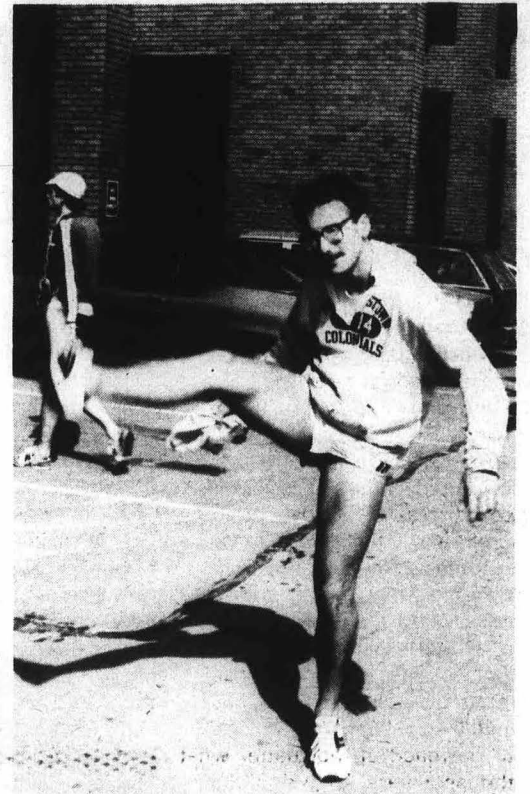
conservative, war-mongering, chauvinistic, anti-abortion, right-wing federalists?

By the way, only handwritten submissions are allowed to be printed. That way, if we can't read what you've written, we can exercise our editorial discretion and write whatever we want to — So There!

The Onion Editorial Board



The symbol of U/B: A revolving door.



Former Business Manager gesturing to former colleagues on his way out.



Just some of the participants at this semester's *The Onion* recruitment party.



Dean Search Committee Members making some decisions. The verdict: It appears unlikely that Dean Headcase will be found, and therefore the search will soon be called off.

A Survey of the UB Legal Educational Experience

by Butch Martyr

Now that I've been in law school for two-and-a-half years, there are some things that I need to find out. I've been holding out on asking them because I was embarrassed; but it's time I find out.

I've learned some procedural things; I know what the statute of limitations is, and courts of original jurisdiction. And I know that the Serene Court is the highest court in the land. But I don't know about all these other ones—but I'm not afraid to guess. First, there's the Deitrich Courts. Apparently named after the famous movie star, I guess the court handles Hollywood contract disputes—like that first-year case we had about Shirley MacLaine.

Then there's the Pellet Courts. I guess they hear cases like that one about the guy who got shot in the eye in a hunting accident, and they couldn't figure out which of two hunters fired the shot. My favorites, though, are the Circus Courts of Appeals—they get the tough cases where there's so many plaintiffs and defendants that it gets to be a three-ring circus. They also decided the landmark corporations case of *Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Shows v. Ringling* (1947—shareholder voting arrangements; one of Mick "the Quick" Shaeffer's favorite cases.)

There is one case that seems to be relied on no matter what the issues are, but I don't know where to find it. Maybe someone can help me—it's called *The Seminole Case*. I originally thought it had to do with the Government seizing land from In-

dians without just compensation. But every professor I've had has made reference to it at one time or another. I can't imagine what it has to do with strict products liability.

Some things you just don't learn until you graduate. I've had literally no instruction on how to petition for a cert. I guess you just wait for the decision and, as everyone is walking out of the court room, you go over to him and say, "Hi judge,— you got a

cert?" Unless you're in the Circus Courts; then you have to catch him on the high wire.

I also always hear something or other about the Grandfather Cause. I don't know what it is exactly, but I'm sure it's a worthy one.

I finally found out the riddle in the "Statue of Frauds." It's from when those biblical guys were running away from the land of Sodom, and someone looked back and turned into a pillar of

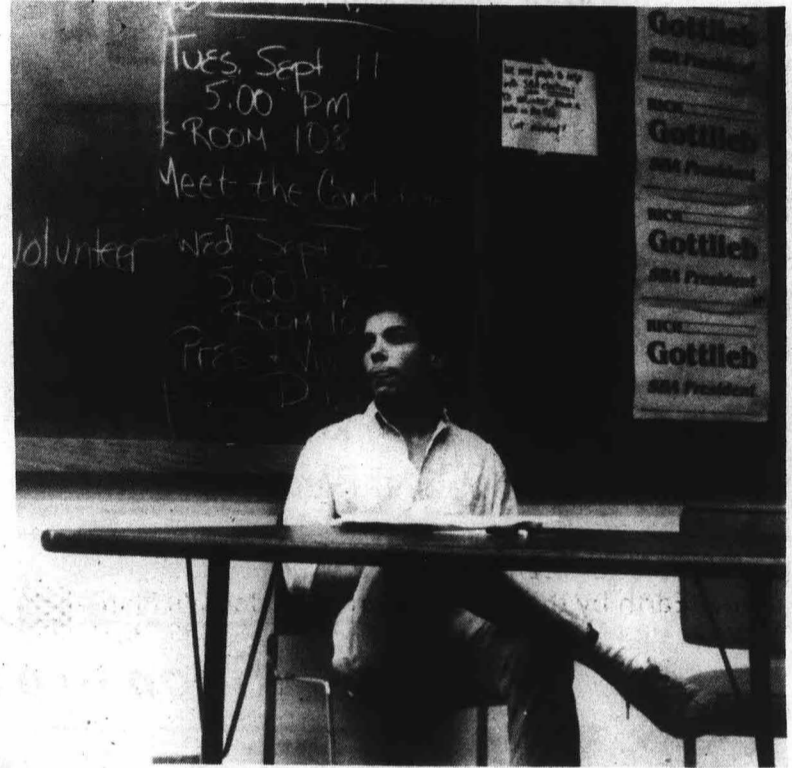
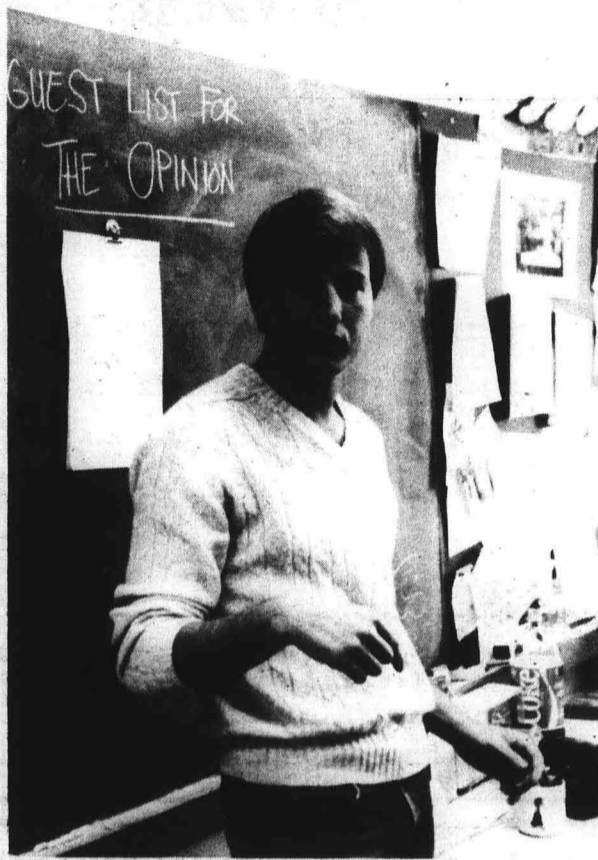
salt. It's a big tourist attraction in the Middle East out there.

It was great that we hosted the A.B.A. roundtable talks last week. I couldn't be there, but I really would have liked to talk to such past A.B.A. greats as Louis Dampier and Zelmo Beatty. Don't forget—Dr. J got his start in the A.B.A.—where do I sign? Maybe next year we can host the W.F.L. They had some good running backs. I'm happy to see the school has taken an interest in

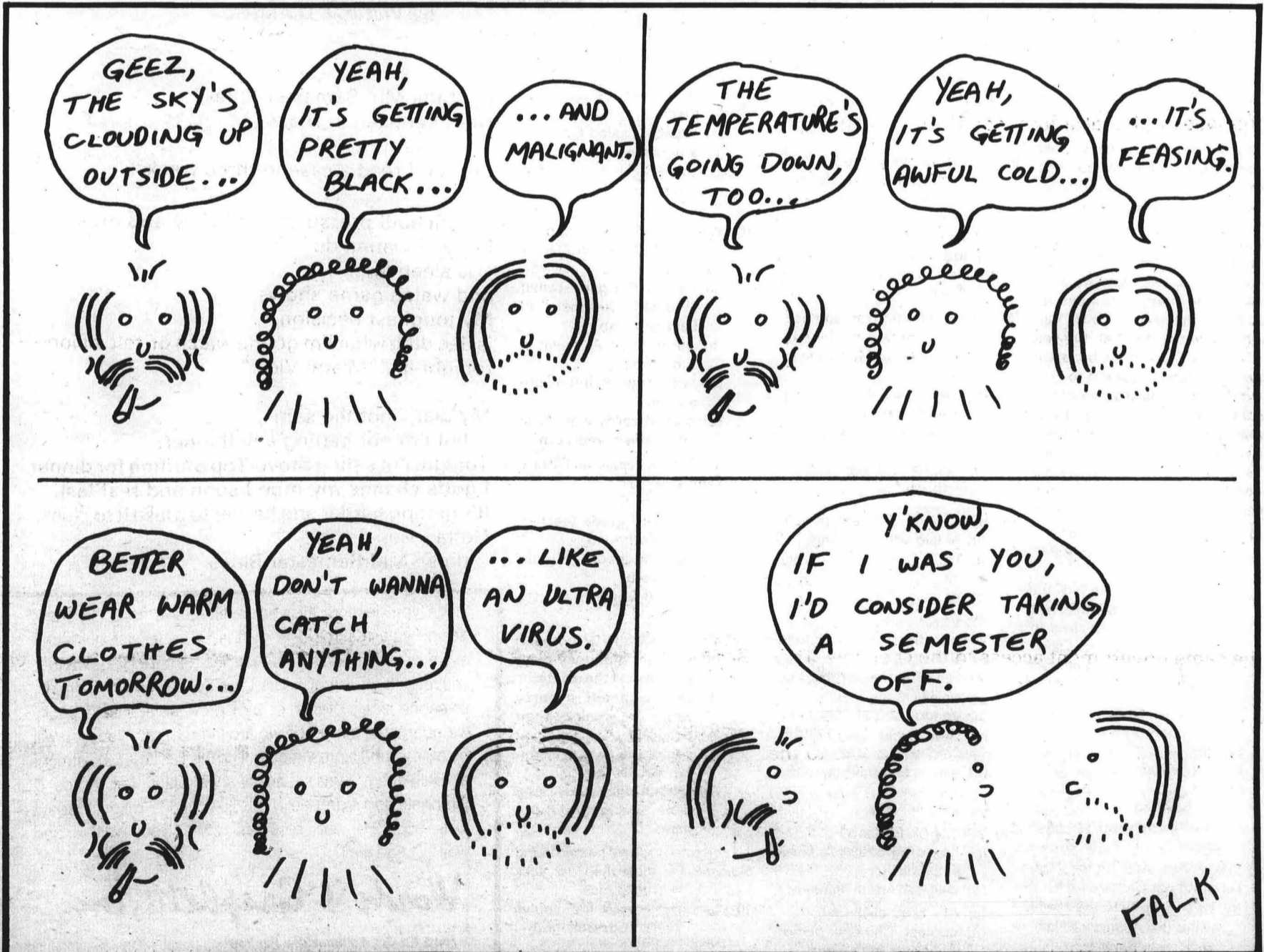
sports.

I think in the Spring we should have the Law School Olympics, with such events as the standing fraud jump; the four-by-forum non conveniens relay; and synchronized motion practice. How about the hop, skip, jump, nail and mail?

The other day I found myself singing "Tis the seizin to be Jolly," and Starry Stare Decisis. Now I know I've been here too long. I need help—Is there a Doctrine in the house?



This year's Student Barf Association Presidential campaign was a rough and tumble affair between Richard "Tricky Dick" Gottlieb and Robbie Saint. Above and at left are exclusive The Onion photos of the candidates gesturing at each other during the campaign.



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The HAIR!"**



Rated XXX

Coming Soon to a Law School Near You!!!

Pursuing a Trivial Al Stewart

by Alan Stewart

With the ever-increasing growth in popularity of the Trivial Pursuit board game, it should come as no surprise that the game's originators have been searching for different editions. Among the existing editions are the "Genus" and "Baby Boomers" editions, to name two. Well, in keeping with this newspaper's tradition of getting the latest news to you, what follows are a few of the many questions included in the newest Trivial Pursuit Edition — the "Al Stewart Edition." Al Stewart is a trivial UB law student who agreed to convert his life to board game status, in the hopes of improving his resume. (In light of the extremely trivial nature of Al Stewart's life, the makers of Trivial Pursuit agreed to break with tradition and include multiple choice answers.)

- (1) Who was George Mays?
 - (a) best 3rd baseman in P.S. 244
 - (b) forced Al to give him his lunch money in fifth grade
 - (c) sat next to Al in class in High School English Class.
 - (d) first person ever to contact rabies in P.S. 244.
- (2) What did Al do during most of his spare time in High School?
 - (a) get beaten up
 - (b) eat
 - (c) go bowling
 - (d) borrow money from people.
- (3) What was Al's junior high school most famous for?
 - (a) its proximity to the scene where the "Lords of Flatbush" was filmed
 - (b) its proximity to the best McDonald's in East Flatbush
 - (c) its bald-headed dean, Mr. Rappaport
 - (d) all of the above.
- (4) Which factors preceded Al's move off campus in college?
 - (a) all of his roommates moved out
 - (b) he got sick of dorm life
 - (c) food on campus stank
 - (d) half of his dorm burned down.
- (5) Who was Ralph Tramantano?
 - (a) the brightest student in P.S. 244 and Meyer Levin J.H.S.
 - (b) always beat Al at flipping baseball cards
 - (c) fattest guy Al knew in Brooklyn
 - (d) biggest sore loser in East Flatbush.
- (6) How many different people did Al live with in college?
 - (a) 19
 - (b) 13
 - (c) 12
 - (d) 24.
- (7) Which is the only job not held by Al?
 - (a) Felt slipper assembly-line worker
 - (b) vendor at Shea Stadium
 - (c) cook at Kentucky Fried Chicken
 - (d) waiter and bellhop in the Poconos
 - (e) toll collector.
- (8) Who is Chuck Lam?
 - (a) first drug addict Al knew in Brooklyn
 - (b) waiter Al met in Chinatown
 - (c) Al's brother-in-law
 - (d) coolest Chinese person Al knows in Queens.

- (9) Where did Al lose his wallet with \$125 in it two days after finding it?
 - (a) Rich Rosenberg's water-bed
 - (b) Wendy's salad bar
 - (c) a police car
 - (d) the law school mimeo room.
 - (10) Who was Michael Homninitz? (hint: he knew Claude Jurkow)
 - (a) part of the gang called "the Jolly Stompers" in East Flatbush
 - (b) put gum on Al's seat in sixth grade
 - (c) fatter than Ralph Tramantano
 - (d) played cards with Al in 9th-grade homeroom.
 - (11) Who does Geraldine Ferraro remind Al of?
 - (a) his aunt Sylvia
 - (b) his third grade teacher, Mrs. Kathmyer
 - (c) his neighbor, Miriam Berkowitz
 - (d) Hubert Humphrey in a dress.
 - (12) Who was Craig Grossman?
 - (a) lost lots of money playing poker in the cafeteria
 - (b) never uttered a curse word in Junior High School
 - (c) son of the Gym teacher, Mr. Grossman
 - (d) won money by asking male teachers out on dates.
- 1-4 correct — normal human being
5-9 correct — more than luck, seek assistance
10-12 correct — nice life you've probably got!

Mid-Semester Blues

by Victor J. D'Angelo

I got the Mid-Semester Blues,
Not interested in H's,
just want my Q's.
I haven't read a case in three weeks.

Law School pressures are heavy and great,
But all I wanna do
is sleep late,
and watch game shows.
My toughest decision,
is deciding what I'm gonna watch on television —
tonight it's "Miami Vice."

My diet's not the same,
but I'm not getting any thinner,
Tonight I'm eating Stove-Top Stuffing for dinner.
I gotta change my mood soon and real fast,
It's getting harder and harder to make it to class.
Gotta lose,
those Mid-Semester Blues.

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