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## Niagara Competition Wayne State Victor

by James Brennan

The team of Larry Powe and Michael Irish of Wayne State University won the Niagara International Moot Court Competition Saturday afternoon in County Court.

Presenting their argument for Connie Catalyst, the respondent in the case before Judge Matthew Jason, Professor Marjorie Girth of State University of Buffalo and Professor Raymond Brown of the University of Windsor, they defeated Richard Grant and John Reid of the University of Western Ontario in the final round of the competition.

David Zifkin of the University of Toronto was chosen best speaker of the competition and Wayne State University wrote the best Factum, which is a typed argument similar to a memorandum of law concerning the issues of the case.

The moot court team from the State University of Buffalo, consisting of Bill Peltz and Bill McTiernan, won as Respondent against Osgoode Hall Law School of York University on Saturday morning and lost as Petitioner to the University of Western Ontario on Friday evening.

The University of Toronto was beaten by Wayne State as Petitioner on Friday and lost to the University of Western Ontario on Saturday morning.

Hearing the moral arguments on Friday evening were Michael Dillon, district attorney; William Angus, professor at Osgoode Hall; Leonard Walentynowicz, Vincent Doyle, Philip Abramowitz and Judith Manzella.

Presiding over the moot Supreme Court of the United States on Saturday were Richard Arens, University of Toronto professor; David Jay, Herschel Reingold, Judge Buswell Roberts, Ray Green, Robert Sommerstein, Sheldon Markel, Tim Dwan and Marge Quinn.

Each panel of judges played the "devil's advocate" as the attorneys for both sides presented their arguments. Asking penetrating and at times rather difficult questions on the facts and legal principles of the case, the judges rendered a verdict more on the performance of individual teams than the relative merits of the case.

They graded each participant on the organization of his argument, speaking ability, responsiveness and flexibility in answering questions and knowledge as to the facts of the case.

The Moot Court Board offered their thanks to Maurice Frey, Marjorie Girth and Ken Joyce for coming to the competition and offering faculty support to our team.



Law Review Staff 1972-73 Standing (l to r): Mike Place, William Feigenbaum, Lauri Filippu, Barry Bassis, Sitting: James Gresens, David Sands, Editor-in-Chief, Paul Comeau.

## Law Review Announces Appointments

The Editor-in-Chief of the Buffalo Law Review for the 1972-73 year will be David Sands, it was announced recently. Assisting Mr. Sands will be James Gresens, Managing Editor, Paul Comeau, Publications Editor, Barry Bassis, Research Editor, Mike Place, Articles Editor, William Feigenbaum, Note and Comment Editor, and Lauri Filippu, Associate Editor.

Senior members of the Review will be Arthur Ackenhalt, Susan Bloom, Terry Difilippo, James Donovan, Sammy Feldman, Neil Goldberg, and Stanley Valkosky.

The new Editor did not reveal any specific plans for next year's Review at this time. He did note, however, that Freshmen may anticipate being notified in the near future concerning becoming candidates for the Review.

## Faculty Meeting

## Grades, SCATE Discussed

by John Samuelson

The Faculty meeting of March 1, 1972 began at 3:30 P.M. with a discussion of the current problems raised by the opinion of the Court of Appeals regarding certification of graduates. The general consensus was that the faculty and administration should continue examination of the situation with the Court of Appeals in an attempt to reach a solution agreeable to all. It was revealed that there was some basis for cautious optimism in these discussions.

Both Dean Schwartz and faculty members expressed concern for current Seniors and Juniors and stated that as they were "involuntary participants in an educational experiment", it was the responsibility of the administration and faculty to try to work to alleviate the situation as much as possible.

### SCATE EVALUATION

Professor Hombberger, chairman of the FSRB, moved that the SCATE evaluation be made available to the faculty and the student body, as recommended by the FSRB. Professor Tietelbaum then

moved that this motion be amended to allow dissemination of only those results in which at least 60% of the students in class participated. The motion was passed with the above amendment.

### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Appointments committee then announced that Nancy Gertner has declined her invitation to join the faculty next year. The body then reviewed the qualifications of two candidates for faculty position, Daniel Steinbach and Mark Fisher.

### SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

General discussion was then held on the new schedule proposed by Registrar Charles Wallin. There was no unified consensus on the topic with some faculty members expressing concern that the early start before the Labor Day holiday would mean wasting the first week of classes while others commented that they favored the advantages of a longer break between the first and second semester which the new schedule would allow. No action was taken at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

## Law Alumni Host Dinner

The University of Buffalo Law School Alumni Association hosted a dinner last week at the Buffalo Athletic Club at which diplomas were awarded to January graduates of the Law School and awards were presented to outstanding alumni. Dean Richard Schwartz was the main speaker of the evening. His address emphasized the

contributions of the Law Alumni Association to the Law School and also outlined the expansion of legal education into areas previously the exclusive domain of social scientists. He emphasized, however, that this expansion must be based on a sound and thorough traditional legal education.

William Mahoney was honored as the outstanding practitioner. Receiving the award for outstanding Jurist was Judge John T. Curtin. Gretchen Hazel received the award for outstanding contribution in public service.

The master of ceremony for the occasion was Judge Bayger, the President of the Law Alumni Association.

## Concerned Students

Room 110 is flooded with students as Provost Schwartz explains the implications of the recent Court of Appeals statement at a recent Student Bar Association meeting. For a report of the three meetings held since the release of the statement, see page three of this issue.



Belling

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## Notice

The Opinion regretfully announces that unless funding can be found for further publications, it will have to cease publication with the next issue. At the present moment every effort is being made to secure funds, and it is hoped that we will be able to continue to serve the Law School through the end of this semester.

Professor Tietelbaum then

# Editorial

## Crisis

At this time it is still uncertain what the final outcome will be in the current crisis over grades and certification. What must be clear to all, however, is that the parties most likely to be harmed are those who had the least control over the situation and therefore the least responsibility for the crisis.

It is of no value at this point to try to find fault or blame. It is important to emphasize the potential harm which may fall on Seniors and Juniors at this law school. There are few students here who have not made major sacrifices in order to attend and successfully fulfill the degree requirements of the Law School. To tell them in the last semester of their Senior year that the standards have been changed, and that more effort and expense must be borne in order to reach that degree, is a very serious act.

We are not in any way asking the Court of Appeals to lower standards or grant exceptions. We do ask, however, that the court examine carefully all the evidence before coming to a final decision, which will affect so many.

The situation is serious, and it is a time when the entire School must work together. All alternatives must be examined so that, in the end, whatever comes out will be the best that could be accomplished.

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Malcolm Morris

I think it best, because of the still existent general uncertainty on my part, as well as on the part of some more reknown persons, that I not speak to the issue of "U" grades and their true meaning in life. However, I do think that some discussion of the opposite pole of the grading system, the HD grade, is in order.

From my attendance at some committee meetings (both faculty and S.B.A.) I have noticed that there is increasing confusion as to what the HD was meant to be, and what it has become. It seems that this confusion has also passed on to employers and other institutions that request transcripts. In light of this confusion the S.B.A. will hold a referendum to see whether the student body favors the continuation of the HD or abolition of the grade.

My feelings on this matter is that the student body, and the school as a whole, can only benefit from the abolition of the grade. My reasons for this are based on what I understood the intention of the new system to be and on the fact that the faculty has never faced the issue squarely and set down meaningful guidelines to be followed.

I understood the HD to signify a level of work that was assumed, from past experience, to be achieved by one or two students a term, not by two or three students per course per term. I may have been wrong in my interpretation, but certainly the current state of affairs demonstrates that there has

been misinterpretation on the part of some of the faculty. Whether the error belongs to those professors who have not given any HD grades since the system's inception or to those who have consistently given two or more HD's per term, I do not know. But I do know that the inability of the faculty to come to some general understanding on this matter has created great confusion and some unrest.

Rather than to have the faculty eventually promulgate some standard for the HD I feel it is best that the grade be eliminated. No matter what standard may be established there is always the problem of enforcement, and in this case a situation where only one or two professors were not following the standard would heighten, and not lessen, the problem.

Election Commissioner Jeffery L. Sommer had decided that this referendum will be held the day of the S.B.A. elections. Whereas I usually end my "corner" by making an impassioned plea for student support, at this time I do not think it necessary. I think that the events of the last few weeks have demonstrated the usefulness and desirability of a strong student government. In light of this I expect many students to come to the office for their petitions to run for the five executive positions. Elections will be held in the last week of March for the executive positions, with the representatives being elected the second week in April.

## Letters To The Editor

### To the Editor:

I am perplexed on how (or whether) to reply to Otto Matsch's reply to my answer to his column. Fearlessly, however, I have prepared three counterreplies to his reply, all equally relevant, material and undistorted.

### Counterreply No. 1:

I am unaware that Claude Kirk, Vance Kilpatrick or William Hazlitt are or were ever historians. Hazlitt, for example, is a Wyoming, Pa., physician much given to penning letters to the *Wilkes-Barre Record*. As for Milton Friedman, not only is he not an historian, but there is doubt he is an economist.

For the relevance of beards, Matsch should consult the wisdom of the courts: *Tinker v. Des Moines School District*, 393 U.S. 503, 89S.Ct. 733, 21L.Ed.2d 731, (1969) and the 1966 Fifth Circuit cases, *Burnside v. Byars and Blackwell v. Issaquena County Board of Education*, 363 F.2d 744 and 749, for guidance on substantial disruption and symbolic free speech.

One can clearly see that while a radical leftist no longer causes substantial disruption when wearing a beard, when a locally well-known conservative wears one, the shock at this inference of symbolic expression is likely to cause spontaneous fist fights as Matsch's friends attack him for being an apostate.

No amount of lollygagging will hide the fact that

Matsch has sidestepped the real issues: Will he be attending another school? Is he anti-American? I suggest Matsch read deeply in the brilliant and provocative series of lectures delivered at the Gonzo Journalism Symposium at the Lyons (Kansas) Nuclear Park in 1968. I especially commend him to Dr. Raoul Duke's "Objectivism vs. Recidivism."

### Counterreply No. 2:

You misread. I did not write that conservative historians support public schools, but I did say they agree such schools are part of the American value system. Consult Daniel Boorstin, for example (i.e., I'll see your three historians and raise you one). And, how do you reconcile attendance at a public school?

### Counterreply No. 3:

No, Otto, Eddie Waitkus did not play in the early '50's Brooklyn outfield. While you're right that Carl Furillo and Duke Snider were Dodger outfielders, Waitkus was a Phillies first baseman. In fact, Waitkus greatest claim to fame was the bru-ha-ha resulting when he was shot and wounded in his hotel room. Your mention of Sam Cook further confused your readers, for Cook was shot in a motel room. And, of course, Andy Paiko was the other Dodger outfielder.

Now, can you answer these questions: What field did Andy Paiko play? Who shot Eddie Waitkus? What position did Sam Cook play?

Gene Goffin

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by OTTO MATSCH

### The Horrible Ordeal of Eddie Weeper, A True Tale of Woe

By the time this article appears in this, your favorite newspaper, Ed Muskie will probably have won the New Hampshire Democratic primary. His wonderful supporters will hail it as an overwhelming victory. His wonderful opponents will say he lost, because his margin of victory was not enough. (These predictions are being made 7 days before the primary.) But the New Hampshire voters are a strange bunch, and unpredictable, and if Ed jams his mouth full of foot again he may end up wondering how McGovern got their votes.

Ed's hoof-in-mouth disease became publicized late last year when he declared that the Democratic Party, and Democratic voters across America, were too racist to vote for a ticket starring Muskie for prez, and any black in the world for veep. Having outraged lots of folks with his candor he pretty well kept his mouth shut for a while and performed an excellent imitation of Snoopy imitating Lincoln. He did bark a bit at Nixon's peace plan, but his howls were drowned out by the yelping of the other Democratic candidates trying to out-peace each other. And then he was embarrassed by McGovern's challenge to reveal his donors.

Then Eddie saw a chance to generate some hitronics and snatched it up. The Manchester, New Hampshire, *Union Leader*, published by William Loeb, printed two pieces that Ed disapproved of. One was a letter to the editor, in which the writer claimed that he had overheard

some of Muskie's staffers making derisive remarks about "connocks," meaning French-Canadians, and claiming that Muskie had joined in the laughter. The other piece was a reprint of a short article that had appeared in *Newsweek* magazine and which was critical of Eddie's wife. After making sure that publisher Loeb was not at the *Union Leader* office, Muskie led a parade of staffers and newsmen to the *Union Leader* building and challenged Loeb to come out and face his wrath. Muskie then moved into phase three, and launched a passionate speech. In it he called Loeb a "liar" and a "gutless coward," said that it was a good thing that Loeb wasn't there on the platform with him, and wept big crocodile tears. It was a beautiful scene, perfectly executed.

But there were a few anomalies in the sermon on the stump that might be examined. For one thing, Ed never denied the truth of the allegations made by the letter writer. The omission was either deliberate or Ed was so distraught that he plumb forgot all about straightening matters out. (Take your pick.) Another odd thing was his reference to Loeb as a liar and a gutless coward. If he meant the letter to the editor, then the writer, not Loeb, was the liar. Perhaps he meant that Loeb was a coward for printing it but that doesn't make any sense even if he meant that the heroic thing for Loeb to have done would have been to suppress that nasty of thing. On the other hand, if Ed was referring to the article about his wife, it was merely a reprint from *Newsweek*, so Loeb would

hardly be the liar of that piece (assuming it was false). Perhaps Ed meant that Loeb was a coward for reprinting it, which makes Ed a hero for attacking the dastardly deed, and that leads one to wonder why Muskie was too cowardly to attack *Newsweek*, a powerful news magazine with national circulation, but brave enough to castigate the publisher of a small newspaper. To top it all off was Ed's remark about how lucky Loeb was not to be on the platform with Ed. The implication is that Honest Ed Linc-, er, Honest Ed Muskie would deal summarily with the villain. My, my, looks like a clear case of casting a chilling effect on the first amendment to me, leaping around like that and threatening people for carrying out their constitutional rights. Wait 'til the Fun City Times hears about that!

The tears were a good touch. Look, folks, here is your candidate, the reincarnation of Lincoln himself. Look at that sympathy for the down-trodden, that courage, that gen-yew-wine Yankee, the perfect combination of guts, heart and brain.

I can see it now: Jan. 4, 1973. President Muskie picks up the hot line from Moscow. After half an hour of bluster Kosygin decides that he can't talk Ed into giving up Alaska, so he calls him a dumb Pollock, and calls his wife a canuck. President Muskie breaks into tears, pushes the red button on his desk, and thereby launches Armageddon. "Good thing he isn't here in the oval room with me," mutters Ed as he hangs up.

JOHN LOVES THE OPINION (AND HE'S THE ONLY ONE)



S B A

# Crowded Meetings Over Grade Problems

By Michael Montgomery

The 25 Feb. SBA meeting involved a presentation of the problems presented by the apparent misunderstanding between the Faculty and the Court of Appeals on graduation and certification requirements. As stated, the Court requires the successful completion of 81 hours, a U grade not being considered satisfactory completion, and the passing of all required courses. Administration error in regard to the believed requirements of 72 non-U was admitted. Provost Schwartz suggested review and reexamination in problem courses, supplemented by negotiations with the Court as a possible route to remedy the situation. Open book, takehome exams, and papers were suggested as various means of making up a U grade. Balancing of a U grade in a non-required course with an H grade in the same semester was also a possibility. Re-grading by fiat was considered unacceptable. It was stated that the institution of a differentiation between passing and failing U grades for this semester is presently before the Faculty.

### Professor Newhouse's proposal

A special meeting was held on 28 February for the general student body in regard to the certification problem. This meeting was highlighted by a presentation by Professor Newhouse of the rationale behind the institution of the present grading system. Professor Newhouse asserted that the present system serves and reinforces the desire for quality in graduating students which is the basis for the Court's stand on certification requirements. Mr. Newhouse stated that the grouping of

D's and F's in the U category was designed to promote student quality by eliminating marginal students who had managed to skate by on the old system by balancing out D's, which would now be U's but were considered successful course completion by the Court, with a B grade in an easier course. He pointed out with statistics that while previously there had been 1% F's and 14% D's, there were now 15% U's, and that the present grading system was actually tougher than the traditional system previously in force. It was the feeling of the body present at this meeting that Professor Newhouse's position be supported actively, coterminous with an examination of the possibilities for review and reexamination and further negotiations with the Court.

### FACULTY MEETING RESULTS, GRADE REFERENDUM CONSIDERED.

Provost Schwartz commenced the 3 March SBA meeting with a presentation of the fruits of the recent Faculty meeting in regard to the Bar certification problem. Concurrent with the 2 alternatives suggested at the general meeting above, Mr. Schwartz expressed strong hopes for further negotiations through direct conversations and written presentations. He hoped to have the results of these negotiations by the week of March 13, hopefully agreeable to the Court, students, and faculty. The basis for this solution were outlined as follows: 1) that the present system was an experimental one when instituted in the Fall of 1970. 2) that shortly thereafter proper notice of this change was sent to the Court of Appeals and the State Board of Education with no negative reaction forthcoming (and approval by the State Board and the ABA). 3) that students accepted in good faith the propositions of this

system in regard to requirements of successful completion of 72 hours. 4) that students enrolled under this carefully considered system should not be penalized by additional requirements for their good faith reliance on the system as purported to them.

Provost Schwartz recognized that the required course problem is yet unsettled, and that the 1 credit for Legal Research will be handled administratively. He emphasized the need for little publicity in regard to negotiations, asserting that too much noise may detract from the desired result to be obtained.

**GRADING REFERENDUM:** In regard to Lee Ginsburg's proposed referendum on the elimination of the HD grade, to be held during the election of SBA Officers, it was felt best to form a committee to submit a presentation of the various grading alternatives to be presented to the student body. It was noted that the elections for Officers will be on the last week in March, runoffs and the election of Directors to take place on the return from Spring vacation.

**LAW WOMEN:** A line allocation budgetary change permitting Law Women to fund a trip to Albany to attend the NY State Women's Political Caucus was approved 11-2-2.

**NEW SCHEDULE:** Student input on the new schedule is to be obtained through meetings of the Freshman and Junior Classes under the Leadership of their elected Directors.

**STUDENT FEES:** A question was raised on the failure of the SBA to make provision for the waiver of mandatory student fees for poverty level students, as has been done by the GSA and other student bodies on the Main Campus.

## Women in Prison

A dedicated advocate of prison reform, Kitsi Burkhart, spoke before the Women's Study-Group at U.B. recently on "Women in Prison".

"Prisons should be abolished. I don't like the words 'reform' or 'rehabilitation'" Ms. Burkhart asserted. The author of a recent article on women in prison in Ramparts, discussed problems she encountered in her extensive research.

Inherent in the prison system, Ms. Burkhart noted, are the 'sexist' beliefs that women are not as dangerous as men. In none of the prisons are women given any of their natural rights.

Sexual discrimination comes up early in the arresting process, Ms. Burkhart found, for many young girls are taken to juvenile detention homes due to their sexual experimentation, whereas the same actions are considered normal for a boy of the same age.

According to Ms. Burkhart, this sexual obsession comes up regarding homosexuals, for the people who are most upset about homosexuality in jail are the same people who are most anxious to limit an incarcerated woman's contact with men.

"I haven't been able to find any jail that has decent health care", she stated, and gravely noted the experiments that are carried out on prisoners with new drugs.

The allocation of prison monies nationally is tragic, for about 96% goes for maintenance and only 4% for recreation, medicine and food.

Ms. Burkhart is looking in the direction of long-range alternatives to jails. Halfway houses offer a possibility, but oftentimes they can be far more repressive than jails. Rehabilitation, she feels, assumes by its very name that something is wrong with the person that must be corrected. "Alternatives must be provided for people to shape their own lives."

## GRADE CHART

Course and Prof.	Students	HD	(%)	H	(%)	Q	(%)	U	(%)	No	(%)	Rating
<b>FRESHMAN</b>												
Criminal Law-Holley	60	0	(0)	3	(5)	47	(78)	0	(0)	0	(0)	.88
<b>JUNIOR/SENIOR</b>												
Admin. Law-Gifford	125	0	(0)	25	(20)	82	(66)	15	(12)	2	(2)	1.08
Auto Acc Comp-Laufner	14	0	(0)	7	(50)	7	(50)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1.50
Civil Rights-Mann	29	0	(0)	4	(14)	15	(52)	0	(0)	10	(33)	1.21
Comp Ping & Dev-Kaplan	3	0	(0)	1	(33)	1	(33)	0	(0)	1	(33)	1.50
Future Interest-Mugel	84	0	(0)	18	(21)	57	(68)	6	(7)	3	(4)	1.15
Land Transactions-												
Homburger/Greiner	122	0	(0)	18	(15)	93	(76)	6	(5)	4	(3)	1.11
Min. Eco. Dev.-Donegan	11	0	(0)	2	(18)	8	(73)	0	(0)	1	(9)	1.20
U N Law-Buergeth	11	1	(9)	4	(36)	4	(36)	2	(18)	0	(0)	1.36

## Distinguished Visitors Forum

### Davidson Speaks On Women in Myth

by Rosalie Stoll

"It is my theory that the dominant role of men in Western Society is a defensive posture founded on their fear of women", thus began Prof. Kenneth Davidson in his recent speech "Women in Myth".

Professor Davidson, speaking before the SBA Speakers Forum, reviewed his recent thesis which is currently on reserve in the library. His belief is that men are dominant because people expect men to be dominant and women subservient. People become what society expects them to be.

One of the problems involved in studying myths is the difficulty in separating where the myth leaves off and rational explanation begins.

Beginning with a study of the ancient gods, Davidson explored the concept of the earth mother and the patriarchal father. The earth mother is married with children, and the male, the son, challenges. It is the usurpation of the female role that makes

the male god dominating. Judeo-Christian myths go much further to belittle the role of women. Pregnancy, according to the myths, gives women too



great a role in reproduction. Eve was created from Adam for the purpose of helping him. Unlike the Greeks, the Judeo-Christian tradition does not admit a greater role of women: the Holy

Spirit fills Mary with the Divine Child, a male.

All myths, Davidson believes, ignore the functions of the female body. He mentioned the "curious custom of congratulating the father on the birth of a child".

Female goddesses are qualitatively worse than male gods — the devil has female characteristics. Traditionally females have been characterized as Jezebel, Delilah, Salome — and forced to bear the burden of Eve.

Social structures attempt to recreate societies relationship between society and myth. Women have been eliminated from competition in business. Men start with more floating status than women. They are viewed as always uncontrollable.

Davidson pointed out that the images of women must be revised. To reach this end, he suggested that women play on other myths. "Like the law," Davidson pointed out, "myths lag behind cultural change."

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# Up Against The Bench

by Joe Heath

Thirty miles from Buffalo 100 men are locked into their individual cells CONSTANTLY (not just at night but continuously, day and night). They are allowed out, individually, once a week for a shower. Occasionally they are taken to a room without a ceiling which the humane and liberal prison officials call an exercise yard. This is not surprising from those same guys who conspired to place order over human life and decided to kill 43 men to wield the bloody club of their waning authority. These men, who are forced into solitude, have been oppressed like this 24 hours a day since September when they saw their brothers murdered and they were shot and beaten and stripped and made to crawl and run naked between lines of club-wielding police and guards and called, "NIGGERS".

What have these men done that calls for their being treated so brutally and inhumanly? They and 1200 of their brothers stood up one day and demanded that they be treated like human beings and not like animals. They could not tolerate beating, abuse, and tear-gassing by guards coupled with being allowed only one shower per week, added to no hot water in their cells, plus shortages of: even minimally adequate medical treatment, adequate library facilities, toilet paper and razors, and adequate recreational facilities. The state admitted that their demands were justified and that such improvements were long overdue. Yet because they stood together and demanded these minimal necessities, the state decided they must be shot, beaten, and punished. How is this insanity justified?

Several of the inmates were deliberately shot AFTER the assault was over. These men watched their brothers shot through the head while lying on the ground. They saw an inmate's head pushed through a glass window at the hospital; they saw inmates killed after they had been forced to beg for their lives. These are acts of extreme hatred.

One of the hostages has told about the inmate who was assigned to guard him during the attack. The hostage has related that when the firing had stopped he had to lift the man's body from his own. The man had been shot seven times and had given

his life to protect a man who had been one of his immediate oppressors. That is an act of incredibly strong love.

I ask: Who should be locked up: the men who did the shooting and the beating or the men who risked their lives to protect their oppressors?

And yet these 100 men are and have been in 24 hour-lock up for six months. When the state was finally forced by the reluctant courts to explain why, they, after three months, suddenly came up with the story that it was to protect them from the general prison population; they are not being punished! Even a cursory look at the realities of the situation reveal that this is bullshit. Since these men are on a separate wing from their brothers, why is it also necessary to keep them each locked in his cell when no one could even get to their wing? Any talk of protection is a racist lie.

The truth is that the state is so afraid of the solidarity of these men that they even prevent them from being able to talk to each other. How can their talking inside that cell of facism be harmful to any of the "good" citizens the state is always claiming to protect?

When I look at this situation of brutality, I am very saddened that it is allowed to go on. I am angered when I think that it is being done in my name. It is being done in all of our names, much like the bombing, burning, and slaughter of third world people in Southeast Asia. It is being done in our names like the killing of George Jackson and Fred Hampton. It makes me wonder how much more filth will be done under the banner of Amerika.

As people supposedly concerned with the workings of the "legal" system, we should be doubly outraged because all of this could be prevented if the state were made to follow their own laws. If such atrocities really bothered law students, they could get off their asses. Instead they lounge around the basement of Eagle Street and play cards and spew smoke into the air to poison each other. They are too busy learning how to charge \$30,000 a year and cheat like hell on their taxes to be concerned about their sisters and brothers who are being killed and brutalized to oil the machine that makes more money for those few in our society who can afford to hire lawyers.

# Attica: Six Months Later

"To be a law student here and not involved at Attica is a crime, in my opinion," stated Mike Deutsch, attorney with the Chicago Peoples Law Office.

The National Lawyers Guild attorney, speaking before the Distinguished Visitors Forum on March 1, discussed the current Attica situation and the work that is going on to aid the Attica inmates.

"There is a war going on behind those walls," Deutsch noted. He pointed to four beatings at Attica in the past four months, and stated that there is a documentation of harassment of prisoners since the Attica uprising.

The only way to avoid further clash, he stated, is to have impartial people presiding. One of the problems facing Attica inmates, he felt, was the alleged lack of this quality.

Charges facing Attica leaders are very serious, Deutsch emphasized: murder, kidnapping, riot or conspiracy are possible.

Deutsch discussed the legal actions that the Attica Defense Committee has taken to protect

the rights of the accused. He stated that the Committee has filed papers regarding wiretapping and illegal surveillance. He also questioned the impartiality of the Grand Jury - one suit being filed challenges the whole involvement of the Grand Jury and how it proceeds.

Suits filed before the federal judges have resulted in conflicting orders, some of them not even enforced. Deutsch stated that the judges were "hiding behind legalese. We're trying to trap them in contradictions".

He noted, however, that "we're not asking them to do anything, only to follow the law as set down."

There is a lot of work available to interested students with the Attica Defense Committee in 816 Prudential. It includes drudgerous work such as addressing envelopes and making phone calls. However, there are many opportunities for students to go to Attica to "relate to prisoners". Many appeals are being made, and there is a great need for students

with legal background to do research work. Suits are ripe in the area of the lack of legal facilities at Attica. Mr. Deutsch stated that if Johnson v. Avery is to be a reality there must be an adequate law library established at Attica. He pointed to the number of good jailhouse lawyers who are unable to help themselves or their fellow inmates without an adequate library. Another possible suit involves the alleged confiscation of letters to prisoners at Attica. Attica inmates, he asserted, have causes of action relating to the Due Process and Cruel and Unusual Punishment provisions of the Constitution.

Law students, it was asserted, should understand the situation and "put aside our bourgeoisie tendencies and hangups and become a strong, militant people."

## POEM FROM TEN DELAWARE (Eric County Jail)

by Toni

I have love  
I suffered  
Now I hate the mistakes  
I have made

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD NO. 6

1. MASS UNDOO ARTS  
 2. ESTE IMOUV CORA  
 3. SHER AMONS COLA  
 4. MENEYCAOITLDBEE  
 5. FRA AUG  
 6. NARAN SAULTISTE  
 7. ASER SATOY NIS  
 8. SOAR SPARK PUS  
 9. ANN DEERG CANOE  
 10. FETOCAF MESSON  
 11. ZIE DEHA  
 12. FORTICERANOBAS  
 13. ONAR HICON UNTO  
 14. AIA ROES NITA  
 15. NENE ENTER SUIT

# BULLETIN BOARD

## GRADUATION

Portraits for the Law School Yearbook will be taken in the Faculty Lounge on the seventh floor of the Prudential Building on Thursday, March 9th from 9:00 to 11:45 and 2:45 until finished. The portraits are for both Seniors and Faculty. No special dress is required but it is recommended that students remember that they may wish to use the pictures for purposes other than the yearbook.

## CAPS AND GOWNS

The Graduation Committee is attempting this week to learn whether Seniors would prefer to wear Cap and Gowns or suits to this year's graduation ceremony. A list has been placed on the Bulletin boards for Seniors to show their preference. It is important that the committee learn this in order to complete plans for the graduation.

## CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS

The Opinion will publish an election issue which will come out the morning of March 28th, the first day of balloting for SBA officers. It is asked that all students considering running or SBA office submit a one page double spaced statement of their position and why they want to be elected. Please leave the statements at Shirley's office or at Room 216b.

## Crossword No. 7

Jon Kastoff

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### ACROSS

- Sneaky
- art style
- divan
- New York town
- ex UK PM
- baby bed
- radicals
- annoy (colloq)
- collar item
- morays
- reflections
- force of
- Moslem priest
- pro-voter
- monastic establishment
- played
- tasteless
- old European country
- troubles
- O. Henry gimmick
- Opera highlight
- expected
- twist of hair
- use up
- Court of General
- his (even steven)
- followers of Mary and Jo
- become fair, as weather
- Sickle's partner
- Dies
- nutshell
- Pinza
- subordinates
- Columnist Barrett
- girl's name
- Rye fungus
- Kiin
- one kind of school (abbr)
- remainder (fr.)

### DOWN

- page
- alien
- Liverpudlians
- long long time
- precipitated
- Perry's aide
- summer drinks
- meaning (abbr.)
- element
- beats it
- Genuine (abbr)
- Resp
- Saperstein and Lincoln
- small din
- bonne
- certain breads
- African antelope
- French religious symbol
- circus features
- go bragh
- scan
- helps
- scent
- breakfast grains
- dictatorial power
- S. Pacif. city
- Flexible shoot
- Pittsburgh
- Polynesian
- winged
- ex-rock group
- lost (arch)
- pert
- Leander's beloved
- Russian's sea
- dig for ore
- warm an engine
- nothing
- annoy

## SHAMBLES

by Michael Montgomery

Court Appealing seniors reeling latent bombshells bursting fast U's will screw you cry the blues you can't amend the course unpassed Grades pass/fail rain like hail but who knows what they mean U's are failing soul derailing impassable unlooked for screen

Up the flue why after you burning learning three years old Prosser save us or enslave us Freshman Failures in the cold Grades confusing or deluding unqualified or total doom Hook a course without remorse or find yourself locked in a tomb

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