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Kupferschmid, Linsley Win Race

by Ian Veltzer

It's nice that some traditions remain. After some serious doubts, the annual Fall-Road Race did come off. Despite threatening skies and overall lousy weather, 31 hardy souls managed to conquer the tortuous 2 mile course that wound through the back lots of the Newton campus. And the winner, in a new course record of 9:21 (that's fast), was Owen (Flash) Kupferschmid (1st yr.). Owen looked so smooth crossing the finish lines, that he was immediately offered a job as the T.V. truck in this year's Boston Marathon.

The former record holder, Steve Gill, (3rd yr) finished a valiant second, narrowly beating out Mark Romaneski (3rd yr) and Steve Greenwald (2nd yr). Mr. Gill took his defeat very well, although the fact that he set a personal record and was awarded a six-pack of Molson for his efforts, may have helped.



In the Women's division, the winner, for the third straight year, was Karen Linsley. She finished almost a minute in front of the next woman, Lisa Wood (1st yr). Ms. Wood, in turn, narrowly held off a hard-charging Ann Bingham (1st yr) to capture second by a scant second. It was left to Barbara Egan (2nd yr) to uphold the honor of the second year class by finishing a close fourth.

Despite the amazing athletic achievements of the front place finishers,

the biggest winner of the day was Dianna Warrington, (1st yr) who finished last. From all of us who think that running to answer the phone is exercise, congratulations on a good run. At least you finished ahead of last year's last place runner, who is still missing.

Finally, for all of you who missed the race, Steve Gill and the LSA promise a bigger and better one in the spring. Maybe if we start running now, we can beat Mr. Kupferschmid.

FACE BOOK NIXED

By Michael Kilkelly

There will not be a book of pictures for the 1981-82 entering students, according to Dean Huber's office. About forty first year students did not have their identification pictures taken on orientation day because of long lines and several hours in delays, and then failed to have the pictures taken during the week of makeup times on the main campus. The Dean's office has decided that it would not be worthwhile to put out a book with 1/6th of the first year class and some transfer students missing. The delays of the photographers and reluctance of students to trek to the main campus combined to cause people to skip obtaining identification cards, which are only absolutely necessary for membership in the recreation complex. But since the class of '84 is split into two sections, the picture book, even without a significant number of people in it, would still be useful in getting to know people in the other section.

A Student Directory of addresses and telephone numbers will be coming out this year, in a form similar to last year's directory. It should be ready for distribution around Thanksgiving, according to Ameli Padron, president of Phi Alpha Delta, the publishers of the directory. The copy is presently being finished, at which point the advertisers will be lined up to cover the cost of the directory.

Bar Review Reviewed

By Nancy Nolan

The question of from when Bar Review came has a ring similar to that of the chicken v. egg controversy. Jon Albano, a well-known expert on the subject, comments simply that to the best of his knowledge Bar Review, like poverty, has always been with us, and even more importantly "Bar Review pre-dates L.S.A. by years," which clears up a mystery which a very quotable source (who prefers to remain nameless for the sake of consistency) claims lurks in the hearts of first year students and perhaps even the hearts of "the cafeteria." (Another unclear term. Who's really in charge down there is a mystery that still awaits solution.) Thus, clearly in this case, the chicken predates the egg (and for my money the chicken's still the best buy).

Of course, stating that Bar Review existed in the ancient days before L.S.A.'s renaissance tells one little about this venerable institution's origins. As

every third year student who's memory is still intact after the rigorous training it has undergone here at old B.C., and a number of well-informed second year students will know, the new L.S.A. was the brainchild of Joe Hobson, class of '81, and came into existence in the late spring of '80 as the result of a referendum run by, who else, Joe Hobson, its first president. (Rumor has it there was once an "old L.S.A." which

ceased to exist when the candidate who ran on a let's abolish L.S.A. platform was elected president in the early 70s.) Fascinating as the genesis of L.S.A. may be to the average B.C. Law Student, it tells us little about Bar Review's genesis. Unfortunately, Mr. Albano could impart little new information on this subject beyond -- Igoe begat Albano who begat Haddad. Or, more

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Smokers Banished

by Jeanne Medeiros

"Those vices which you have now will probably be magnified. Those which you don't have, you will probably acquire."

-- Advice given to entering first-year students on Orientation Day by second-year advisor.

True though this state-

ment may be, there is at least one vice which law students will no longer indulge in within the confines of the library -- cigarette smoking. A change in the library's smoking policy was instituted this fall, due to complaints from users of the library last year.

Two years ago, the entire area in front of the reference desk was designated as

a smoking area. Last year, when the Shepards were moved into that area, smoking was restricted to the small lounge area near the library entrance where "leisure smoking" could take place. Complaints were received, however, from students who wanted to smoke while they studied, and the L.S.A. suggested that a portion of the first floor reading area be

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LIFE AT NEWTON

By Fred Grant, Jr.

Part One: Biting the Hand.

This newspaper is not without its problems. Yet as a young institution at a campus ravaged by apathy, it has done a decent job of raising interest and issues. Hackles too. In the newspaper's relations with the L.S.A. we have the clash of two very young institutions with unclear goals. As directions get sorted out on each side (Is the Allenger to trade in allegations? Is the L.S.A. a chowder society, budget spigot, advocate or all three?) one presumes the institutional interrelationship will become more dull, and attention will flow to larger issues.

Part Two: Thinking Like a Lawyer.

One of the current hot topics in education, which I gather has been discussed at Boston College Law School, is the purpose and utility of multiple-choice testing. While such tests are under fire, they remain (as they have become in the last fifty years) the broadsword of the American meritocracy. Strong standardized testing skills are near to a firm prerequisite to success in the modern world. Students at Boston College Law School are and must be expert at them. As a result multiple choice testing, of which we have a good deal, is and will remain popular.

The classic purpose of law school is to learn to "think like a lawyer." The philosophy behind this goal is said to be that in a

system where the law constantly changes, students should be taught patterns of reasoning instead of specifics. Multiple choice testing, which rewards the learning of specifics and the singleminded pursuit of "correct" choices, runs contrary to this goal. These tests are inflexible and notoriously poor judges of modes of legal reasoning.

The use of such standardized tests at Boston College Law School should be examined with an eye to educational goals. If the school is out to test the retention of facts, fine. If the student is being readied for the bar, fine. But there should be some straight recognition that this is a departure, a significant one, from the traditional scheme of American legal education. I am quite certain that the drift away from the traditional emphasis on reasoning skills (which banished scrambling after facts to the bar exam) is not a positive development.

Life at Newton Puzzle Number One.

No Harps will be poured. Honorable mention to Ray Wallace for a near-miss, set out below.

People havethoughthard, creatively, and doubtless to a certain degree accurately (now if you wrote one of those extravagant policy opinions, perhaps conscience and an abundant respect for stare decisis - no day ticket rider you - would lead you to dissent to your own majority opinion) about the reasons a judge would dissent to

his - evidently female judges avoid this practice - own majority opinion. While every suggestion has its aura of possibility, the usual reason for such dissents is entirely mundane - that on occasion judges are assigned the cases in which they will write opinions before the court has considered the case. One cannot say what usually happens in this situation, but I have located a number of instances where judges who ultimately disagreed with the majority sat down and dissented to their own majority opinions.

Commonwealth v. Kostka, 370 Mass. 516, 539 (1976) (Hennessey, C.J.)

Commonwealth v. Walker, 370 Mass. 548, 584 (1976) (Hennessey, C.J.)

("I am impelled to utilize the unusual practice of writing the main opinion for the court and including in this separate opinion my dissent.")

Bonura v. Sea Land Service Inc., 505 F.2d 665, 670 (5th Cir. 1974) (Gee, J.).

United States v. Register, 496 F.2d 1072, 1086 (5th Cir. 1974) (Gee, J.).

Northern Natural Gas Co. v. State Corporation Comm., 188 Kan. 351, 355 (1961) (Schroder, J.).

Fabac v. St. Louis & S.F. Ry. Co., 119 Kan. 58, 67 (1925). (Burch, J., dissented as follows:

"In preparing the foregoing opinion effort has been made to state the facts accurately and to present the legal questions involved so they stand out clearly. Nothing more is needed to demonstrated the

unsoundness of the decision.")

Kansas v. Howat, 116 Kan. 412, 417 (1924) (Burch, J.).

School Dist. No. 8 v. Board of Education, 115 Kan. 806, 810 (1924) (Burch, J.).

I know of no means of manually researching this question. It is possible to run a LEXIS search, Opinion by (---) and Dissent by (---)," but even that represents an incredibly tedious process, as one has to run an individual search for each judge. LEXIS searches have failed to expand the basic list I have set out here, but they have produced Ray Wallace's near-miss entry, Davis v. Ellis' Administratix, 146 Va. 366, 409 (1925 & 1926) (author of initial majority opinion dissents to majority opinion written by another judge after rehearing), and an interesting Ninth Circuit opinion. Perhaps that court has the best solution to the dilemma of the dissenting majority author. When District Judge Charles L. Powell was sitting with the court and found himself disagreeing with the majority on the issue of damages, he wrote all of the opinion except the damages portion. Circuit Judge Merrill wrote for the majority on the damages issue, and Powell in turn dissented. Hecht v. Harris, Upham & Co., 430 F.2d 1203, 1212 (9th Cir. 1970).

Grounds for reversal? None of the above have been reversed or overruled.

Recommended Reading. A recent article, well on its way to becoming a classic. "The Common Law Origins of the Infield Fly Rule," 123 U. Pa. L. Rev. 1474 (1975).

THE PERFECT LAW STUDENT

Legal Fiction

By Dave Herlihy

It was a hot, steamy uncomfortable day but Holmes didn't seem to notice. As he sat through the first day of law school orientation with his classmates he seemed unaffected by both the extreme heat and the air of uncertain excitement that charged the crowded room.

Unlike the rest of the students, Holmes was not furiously scribbling the dates and times of the billion-and-one first week meetings in his newly purchased notebook. In fact, he didn't even have a notebook. He merely sat in his seat surveying the situation as would a mildly bored television junkie.

"Are you going to the wine and cheese party?" she asked. Holmes turned,

his trance broken, to see Cathy an already concientious classmate innundated with file folders, orientation outlines, miscellaneous messy papers and a rainbow of different pens in her breast pocket

"I hadn't yet decided," Holmes thoughtfully replied as the classroom exploded with the relief of finally being released by the professor.

"Well come on," she said, closing the jaws of her monogrammed brief case on the huge wad of papers. As the students sauntered into the corridor and milled about the wine tables Cathy kept up her one-sided conversation with Holmes, doing a bad job of trying to conceal her curiosity.

"I see you haven't purchased your notebooks or

casebooks yet," she said. "You can borrow mine if you'd like to."

"Well," Holmes replied, "I'm not sure I'm going to need notebooks. I have a very good memory. But thanks very much." Holmes pivoted quickly to his left and interrupted a discussion among several confused first year orientees.

"I think you'll find that the meeting of that writing section is at 3:00 o'clock in room 415," Holmes said.

"Oh thanks . . . Holmes," said Bill looking at his name tag. "Are you sure about that?"

"Absolutely," Holmes replied, "Professor Davis explicitly mentioned it at 10:27 during the orientation meeting."

Cathy stared at Homes in disbelief, as much surprised by his overly pre-

cise answer as by his ability to avoid pomposity in its delivery. At that moment the Dean approached the group, and noticing Holmes name tag placed his hand on Holmes' shoulder and said, "So you're Holmes Stuart. I've been anxious to meet you."

"Thank you sir," said Holmes gripping the Dean's hand firmly and looking in his eyes, "What have I done?"

"Well Holmes," the Dean said, "your reputation precedes you. Your application was the most outstanding qualified we have ever seen here. Your statistics and background are impeccable and I'm thrilled that you chose our institution for your studies. I think you'll be the perfect law student."

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reserved for smoking. A partition was set up, separating two tables in the rear of the first floor, and smoking was allowed in this area, affectionately dubbed "the cancer ward" by smokers and non-smokers alike.

It was this area which generated the most criticism from library users, since the partition was inadequate to prevent smoke from permeating the entire first floor. Complaints were also received about the lounge area, since this area is particularly drafty and smoke carried through-

out the floor.

In response to these complaints, Sharon Hamby, the head librarian, conferred with Dean Huber this past summer. They decided that Room 115 would be designated as a smoking study area. It should be noted that there was no student input into this decision, and the Library Committee has not yet met this year. Hamby acknowledges that "there is no perfect solution" to the problem given the architectural and ventilation limitations of the library structure, but student complaints have been minimal.

Certain problems exist with the Room 115 smoking area. The obvious security

problem was demonstrated by the attempted rape incident several weeks ago, and remains the most important concern. According to Hamby, Dean Huber is currently considering possible solutions. She suggested that either additional library staff or campus police may be assigned to the area, and recommended that students, particularly women, avoid studying there alone.

Hamby and Gyorgy Lang, reference librarian, both note that it may be possible to resolve the smoking problem in a more satisfactory manner when the plans for the law school library to expand into the undergraduate reading area are

realized. The date for this expansion is still uncertain, however. Additionally, some sort of partition would have to be built to segregate this area from the upper-level stairways and stacks, and makeshift walls have been proven incompatible with the heating and ventilation systems of the building.

So, for the immediate future, those of us who have given up on the idea of quitting smoking while in law school will have to practice our carcinogenic vice in 115, in the hallways and the snack bar, but not in the library.

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precisely, a third year student generally chooses and hires a second year student who in turn, as the reins of power are turned over to him, chooses a second year student, etc. and "that's the way it's always been." The only further information Jon could impart concerned the selection process itself.

The selection procedure has varied. When John Igoe first took over, he advertised in the placement office for an assistant. Jon Albano and another young man answered the ad, and "by the flip of a coin" Jon was hired. This year Jon didn't need to advertise. Five men and three women applied on their own. (New evidence that this 2nd year class has little use for the placement office.) Jon's primary qualifications for the job, someone who would take the job seriously but someone with whom he could get along (with a heavy emphasis on the latter), were easily met by an old friend, Mark Haddad a second year transfer from Western New England.

Running Bar Review is a little more complex than it may appear. It is not simply buying beer at one price and selling it at another. Jon rents a stereo and hires undergrads to clean up afterwards. Moreover, political ramifications often rear their ugly head. Jon reports that "security wants to shut us down, but dining services has supported us." Diplomacy is apparently another key quality for a Bar Review entrepreneur. Of course, the most interesting thing about Bar Review is probably not its history or its management, but its patrons. (Of

course, one could remark about the non-patrons, i.e. the majority of the B.C. faculty, but one notable faculty member, remarkable by his occasional attendance notes that students shouldn't feel too snubbed by the lack of faculty participation. After all they don't even attend the interview lunches and "they're free.")

Despite all the complaints, and derisive remarks, the students of B.C. Law keep returning to the Snack Bar Friday afternoon after afternoon. Why? Well, one regular third year patron thought it could be "the atmosphere" and "the beautiful decor." I beg to differ once again, Mike. Moreover, Mr. Reed, it's probably not simply because "The beer's cold." After all, the wine isn't always and I return. Instead, I think Mel Salvatore came closest to a reasonable explanation when he and a few friends noted that Bar Review has improved for them over the years: "Needing a beer on Friday hadn't quite set in during first year, but as I contemplate my future and glance at the unemployment figures, Molson Ale begins to look like a venerable friend." And impliedly, perhaps so does Bar Review. It is a place to unwind, to laugh, to reacquaint, to make plans; it is an event which occurs as inexorably and reliably as Tax II follows Tax I; (just kidding) it is, in short a venerable friend. Of course, old friends have their flaws and they become somewhat pronounced with constant association; so, Mr. Reed may complain about the inequitable male-female ratio, and Tia Sutter may remark about the lack of adventurousness among the populace, the dull sameness of Fridays following Fridays, and others may sigh about the music or the

lighting, but all things considered, as I've said, for my money there's no friend like an old friend. Besides, as Mr. Albano himself has remarked "To the best of my knowledge no bar review bartender has gone on any cross-country junkets." Would that us all had such clean slates.

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Editorial

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

As you can probably tell, we received several non-complimentary letters this week. The central theme that runs through most of them is that the Allledger is one-sided. Although we don't necessarily agree, we nevertheless offer a solution. Write something. The best way to get a wide variety of viewpoints in the newspaper is to have a wide variety of people writing on it. We have a long list of potential subjects and we welcome anyone who would like to write on them, or any other subject they choose. If you think the Allledger needs improvement or a different viewpoint, put your viewpoint in. Our office is downstairs from Mr. Pepper's office (across from the former book co-op). Our mailbox is in the mailroom on the 3rd floor. We're waiting.

LSA...

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the most recent edition of your newspaper. Quite frankly, I was appalled. The articles were vindictive, biased, and perhaps worst of all, extremely destructive.

I am not writing this response in defense of Mr. Goodale nor in defense of the LSA. Everyone has their right to an opinion about the job we are doing. However, in reading your editorial it became apparent to me that there is a fundamental difference in how we perceive the LSA, both in terms of its membership and its function. The Charter of the LSA defines the membership as consisting of, "every student enrolled at B.C. Law School." The LSA, therefore, does not consist simply of Mr. Goodale, Mr. Winslow, Mr. Cheek, Ms. Smith and myself. Rather each and every one of you is a member.

Thus, Mr. Editor, when your "survey" found that 90% of the women you asked thought that the LSA should have the responsibility to work for better security and safety, that means that every one of those women as members of the LSA has the responsibility to work for better security and safety on this campus. The LSA representatives did provide a forum for improvements to begin in this area during our Speaker's Series.

Despite the same amount of publicity as always, we had a much lower turnout than usual -- 6 people to be exact. That says one thing to me Mr. Editor and that is that either for some reason people did not read those signs, or this issue is simply not as pressing a concern as we had originally thought. The low turnout, however, was not a function of anything Mr. Goodale did or did not do. So you may well be asking yourself, what is the function of LSA representatives? I submit to you Mr. Editor that we are your representatives, nothing more, nothing less. We, as members of the LSA, like yourself, have our own ideas about what issues are most important and what issues deserve our greatest attention. The fact is that your concerns are not necessarily our concerns (or the concerns of the student body) until you make them ours. Five people working alone simply cannot solve every problem on this campus. So if you, as a member of the LSA want to see financial aid improved, if you want more toilet paper in the bathroom, if you want to see a new subject taught here, if you want a new faculty member hired, if you don't want us to fund trips to conventions for each student organization, or if you want a certain speaker to come and speak, I invite you to come to an LSA meeting (every Wed., 5:00), not just with your complaints, but with your ideas and a commitment to give your time and your energy. Otherwise, I as an LSA representative will continue to concentrate on those issues which appear to me to be most pressing to the student body. This is not an empty attempt to get you off our backs. Rather, this is a cry for assistance from someone who actually feels personally responsible for seeing that B.C. Law School is a better place to go to school.

This year I have seen time and again how people who are concerned about one issue have transformed things. The LSA Book Co-op worked this year because so many people took responsibility and volunteered their time to make it work. The first year orientation program was so great because 60 people took time out of their summer vacations and their first days back at school to make it better. The students who have been appointed to faculty committees are

making their voices heard because they have taken responsibility to be at those meetings.

Finally, I feel that one area of the law school which must change is this newspaper. It should not be a place for a few people to espouse their personal animosities. Rather it should be a forum for the entire student body to communicate with each other. I am personally committed to seeing that happen and I would hope that many of you too will take the initiative and an article. This newspaper is a perfect place for you to offer your ideas and your proposals...and even when necessary, your criticism. But if you want to see things actually change around here, writing articles is only the beginning. One person can do a lot. Five people can do more. And a whole student body and a great newspaper can do even more. The LSA is not Mr. Goodale, the LSA is you.

Debra Pell

Dear Editors:

I must confess that I have not been keeping up with the latest law school news. (Being involved with the U.L.L. program has the drawback of losing touch with Law School friends and activities.) However, news does trickle through, and the Allledger plays a role -- although its viewpoint is somewhat slanted. I was distressed to read the most recent editorial regarding the rape prevention meeting. Personal vendettas -- that editorial is a classic example -- should not be plastered all over a newspaper. Sure, you've got the First Amendment, but is that good, responsible journalism? (For the record, I attended that meeting -- it was scheduled at the regular lecture series time on Thursday morning.)

I find it difficult to believe that people did not know of the meeting. If they didn't, it is no fault of the L.S.A. I saw several signs scattered about the law school (and I'm only at school one day a week!), including the L.S.A. bulletin board on the main floor in Stuart House -- where all lecture series announcements are posted. Incidentally, this is the same type of publicity which previous lectures received. Is it the responsibility of the L.S.A. to hold everyone's hand and lead them to the poster to read? I would

like to go on record and say that publicity for lectures is more than adequate. The notices are there if students have the desire to read them. I would contend that the fluctuating attendance is a result of student interest in the speaker and the subject matter.

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TRAVEL...

Dan Winslow's November 4 article in the Allledger entitled "Travel Budget Travesty" has brought investigative reporting to an all-time low. The article was replete with innuendo, half-truths, and false statements. Mr. Winslow failed to contact BALSAs, LALSAs, or AALSAs to inquire as to the budget information. This article is intended not only to respond to Mr. Winslow, but more important to enlighten the student body as to BALSAs's activities.

The Black American Law Student Association, Inc. (BALSAs), is a national organization comprised of over 7,000 Black law students with chapters at 113 accredited law schools in the United States. BALSAs, during the 1981-1982 school year, will celebrate its fifteenth year of operation.

Boston College BALSAs's concerns are many and varied.

One of our main concerns is with the recruitment of more people of color into law school. Consequently, we are actively involved in the recruiting process. This entails: (1) visiting high schools and colleges; (2) reading the numerous applications submitted by prospective students; (3) personally contacting accepted students; and (4) answering questions from persons interested in law school.

BALSAs conducts a tutorial program for first-year students. The weekly program is staffed by BALSAs alumni. In addition to reviewing the subject matter of first year courses, students have the opportunity to write practice examinations.

Various community issues arise in which BALSAs members are actively involved. In the spring of 1981, BALSAs collected funds for the Atlanta Investigative Fund, which was donated on behalf of Boston College. In the past, we have been involved in voter registration drives, the High-

Reader's Forum

School Outreach Program, and the National High-School Law Day. BALSAs also sponsors a yearly joint Legal & Medical Fair in the Dorchester/Roxbury communities.

In our ongoing commitment to rendering legal expertise to the Black community, BALSAs often submits amicus briefs to cases of particular concern to Black people. BALSAs submitted a brief in the rape case of Willie Saunders v. Commonwealth. A brief was also submitted in the libel case of Scarpelli v. Remson.

The Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition was developed eight years ago to encourage and develop oral advocacy among Black law students. B.C. is especially proud of the reputation we have acquired as a force to be reckoned with in the Competition. In 1979, we had the best brief in the nation. In 1979 and 1980, our teams advanced to the final rounds of the National Competition, and in 1981 our team advanced to the Regional final.

In 1981, the National Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition Coordinator was a B.C. law student.

At the National Convention, local chapters from across the country congregate to exchange ideas and map strategy for the coming year. In addition to the national elections, seminars and symposiums on a variety of topics are conducted. The National Moot Court Competition finals are held during the convention, as well as a national job fair.

The BALSAs members have a vested interest in maintaining the viability and effectiveness of its organization. We, who are BALSAs, intend to vigorously pursue our policy of using our legal skills in the service of the Black community and to solicit as wide a participation as possible from Black law students throughout the country in doing such.

BALSAs is indeed alive and well. We are, in fact, one of the most active local chapters in the Northeast Region.

Consequently, Mr. Winslow, our members do travel. As a result of our efforts and achievements, the reputation B.C. has acquired is invaluable.

This is not to suggest that our organization is without problems. But aren't we all? There is a great deal for us all to learn.

The Struggle Continues,
Campbell Holder
BALSAs

To the Allledger:

The Allledger in its last edition questioned the travel expenses of various student organizations. As a voice of the law school the Allledger should be concerned with these issues. But I question why the organizations were not interviewed. The Allledger created a public forum for opposing views and the dissemination and expression of these ideas.

The exercise of the First Amendment by a journalist should encourage the honest search for truth and accuracy. In 1923, a code of ethics, known as the Code of Journalism, was created to govern American journalism. There, it is expressly stated that "by every consideration of good faith a newspaper is constrained to be truthful. It is not excused for lack of thoroughness or accuracy within its control, or failure to obtain control of these essential qualities."

I realize that there may be reasons why the organizations were not interviewed. The Allledger might have been unable to interview them before a deadline, or the Allledger might have wanted to generate a response from these groups and the law school community. But I fail to grasp these reasons as tenable. If all the information could not have been obtained by a deadline, the article should have been tabled until it was obtained. Nor should the Allledger have jeopardized the reputation of these organizations for the sake of providing a catalyst to cure apathy and create student involvement. The Allledger should not merely be a bi-weekly battlefield upon which one can vent one's hostility. It should not operate to create hostility between law students, organizations, the faculty, or the administration.

If we are to heed the advice of an Allledger reporter who offered that we as future lawyers should get off our high horses and help the kids in the projects, we might begin by allowing organizations that work to fulfill these goals the opportunity to present their accomplishments.

No, they don't shoot horses, nor do they shoot journalists. But when a shot has been made by a journalist s/he should be ready to hear its echo.

G. Kobayashi
M.S. Huang
Member of AALSAs

It is unfortunate that the author and the editor of the headline article in the Nov. 4th publication of the Allledger lacked the integrity needed to write an unbiased, informative article concerning certain expenditures by B.C. Law School student organizations. The one-sided story, which virtually attacked BALSAs and LALSAs (and other student organizations), "alleged" that these organizations are unjustified in sending representative members to regional and national conferences. The article characterized these conferences as only "...a good excuse to have a good time," and "often nothing more than glorified junkets." I am, therefore, forced to defend this attack and present the other side of the story, which should have been presented in the original headline article.

Student organization conferences are an integral part of organizations such as BALSAs, LALSAs and AALSAs. An important function of minority student organizations is to recruit qualified minority students to apply for admission of this law school. This recruitment process involves disseminating information concerning legal career opportunities to minority student communities, providing information on Boston College Law School, and a comprehensive search for qualified potential applicants. Attendance at student conferences is one aspect of this recruitment process. These conferences, designed to bring together minority law student organizations, are attempts at achieving visibility of the organizations and their respective learning institutions on a national level.

A sense of cohesiveness among these groups on a national (or regional) level is imperative to the objectives they are trying to achieve. The objectives are many. The principle one, however, is to help their brothers and sisters become aware of the opportunities available to them. It is anticipated the latter will take advantages of these opportunities, and better themselves, and in the end will "better their lot." In case it still goes unnoticed, minorities in this country continue to be oppressed, and proportionate representation of minorities in the legal profession remains an elusive goal. The underlying philosophy is that, hopefully, we shall all (major-

ity and minority) benefit from the realization of these opportunities.

Other student conferences are intended to bring groups together to discuss concerns which affect these groups on a national level, with the hopes of finding possible solutions to problems, or simply to achieve educational objectives, such as sponsoring symposiums and exchanging ideas.

People may have a "good time" during these conferences, however, that fact is irrelevant to the issue of whether participation at student conferences is justified. I suppose Mr. Winslow (our mystery author) would believe the expenditures for these conferences were warranted as long as no one had a good time.

The fact that "none of these conferences involved participation in student competitions" is also irrelevant of the issue. In stating what the conferences did not involve, Mr. Winslow refused to inform us as to what they did involve (other than a "good time"). Not every aspect of law school need involve "competition." Although we may all lose touch with life outside of competitive law school, there are indeed certain redeeming qualities attached to supportive endeavors. In short, so what if no competition was involved.

I am not necessarily defending the dollar amount of the travel expenditures. It is recognized there is probably a need to econ-

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To the Editor:

It has come to my attention, in conversation with students and my friends involved in BALSAs and LALSAs, that many students interpreted my remarks in the last edition of the Allledger to be of racist bent. I offer my most sincere apology to all who were offended by my statement; I assure you that no offense was intended.

I would like to make clear that the characterization of conference travel expenses as "junkets" was based on my knowledge of the LSA trip and the ABA student representative trip. It is my firm belief that these expenditures served no useful purpose to the law school community.

I invite the input of the entire student body to help me better serve in my representative capacity, and -- once again -- I apologize for any harm caused by my remarks.

Dan Winslow
LSA Secretary-Treasurer

BUS FUMES

By Ellen Frank

Yes, there are law students who ride the bus. To those of you who drive away in your cars, immediately after class, or when you wish to leave, here is an account of what you're missing by not taking the bus.

1. Some free time, sometimes ten minutes, sometimes twenty, sometimes even an hour, to contemplate when the yellow express will arrive.

2. Boston College undergrads, some of whom qualified to represent The Official Preppy Handbook.

3. A chance to meet William, the proslytizing bus driver. If you catch the 12:00 shuttle you may hear, free of charge, a daily church sermon.

4. The early morning wake up ride, if you have an 8:00 class you won't make it; but, you will be there at 8:10, along with a cassette concert of Beatles music to wheels.

5. A taste of carbon monoxide poisoning, if you catch the green and white bus with exhaust problems.

6. A chance to meet the humanitarian law student, who offers you a ride when the yellow express has rode on without you.

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mize. It is untrue, however, that students are always put up in "hotels." This past week-end representatives of AALSA attended a law day conference in

New York. They bedded down in dormitories and friends homes, not hotels. They traveled by car-pools, not limosines (as Mr. Winslow would have us believe). If you are going to give us the facts Mr. Winslow, we would appreciate it if you gave us all the facts. It is impossible for one to make an informed judgment on an issue when s/he is fed only biased information with prejudicial overtones. It seems to me that such tactics are an unethical means of gaining support for one's position, and only succeeds in creating animosities and bitterness.

I leave it to you, Mr. Goodale to inform us as to what you were doing while representing Boston College Law School in New Orleans this past summer. I hope you, at least, had a good time.

Christina Lopez, Member
of a Student Organization

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I take issue with your suggestion that Thursday is a bad day for the lecture series. It is one day when most of the community is free from classroom commitments and can attend lectures of interest to them. Room 315 has been jammed with students eager to hear other lecturers. Mr. Wilkinson's speech about the feared rebirth of the McCarthy era is a case in point. Clearly, students will make an effort to attend lectures of interest.

Now, you and I both know that one of the toughest jobs for the L.S.A. is to overcome lack of interest on the part of the student body. Is it fair to single out someone and drag him through the mud? Did he not suggest that the rape prevention meeting be held? Did he not make the time slot available? It is easy to criticize but difficult to be constructive, isn't it? The L.S.A. is a fledgling organization. Those involved would be the first to admit that it is having trouble defining its role. All of us with an interest in its success should work together; unless the Alledger is implicitly taking a stand that the L.S.A. be abolished?

Parting Thoughts:

Why did the Alledger poll only women (and how many women were polled -- percentages don't mean much unless the sample size is large)? Don't you think that campus safety and rape prevention are problems which should be addressed by the male component of this community? The more eyes that are open and aware... were any members of the Alledger editorial staff at the meeting?

Walter Stern

NOTICES

The last edition of the ALLEDGER contained "review" of the "No-Talent Show." It was written by a member of the cast and was meant to be tongue in cheek. Obviously, he bit his tongue. We apologize to anyone who was offended. (We thought the show was great).

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HISTORY OF THE LAW

By Holmes Frost

Anthropologists investigating the origins of the legal profession have ascertained that man first created a job similar to today's lawyer at about the same time that man began to form tribes. This position was assigned to very special men -- men who could perform formal ceremonies that would bring forth solutions. These men came to be known as "witch-lawyers."

The determination of which tribe members would become witch-lawyers was made through a series of tests known as "skool." Skool lasted several days and entailed leaving young tribe children alone in a designated, isolated area. The children were allowed

to bring only their clothes, their common sense, and two cattle. Skool was important to the child because his adult position in the tribe was determined by the survival method that he chose in skool. Children who killed the cattle and cooked the meat were set aside and later trained as either hunters or soldiers. Children who attached heavy sticks to the cattle and attempted to till the soil were set aside to be later trained as farmers. Strangely, but regularly, a child would sit by the road and stop passersby for the purpose of discussing and defining the rights of the cattle. This unusual approach to survival became known as "vision." The tribe would rescue these children and set them

aside to sharpen their skills in the hopes that they might some day become witch-lawyers.

Because each tribe could only sustain the guidance of one witch-lawyer at a time, there grew a need to distinguish between the true witch-lawyers and the mere intellectuals. A rigorous trial was developed and came to be known as "tess." During tess all the candidates who had shown "vision" were locked in a huge cave room and made to sit for hours. The candidates would view shadows cast onto the front wall by elder tribesmen. The elders would place their hands over a light shining in the rear of the cave, and would snap their fingers into the forms of objects. The tess candidates would be required to

draw whatever they perceived from the shadow figures. Those who successfully identified these shadows were considered to have more vision and were permitted to commence final training to become witch-lawyers.

As time passed, tribes became more sophisticated and became wary of hunting for fierce animals and farming with sharp instruments. Society members instead turned to the safety of jobs centering around the use of vision.

For a while the shift in employment emphasis produced great social benefits. Everyone was trying to vision and societies flourished due to the abundance of just and fair citizens. However, because there were not enough job openings for all these visionaries, the society's elders had to come up with a method of further distinguishing between qualified applicants. Consequently, a wise elder witch-lawyer would travel from society to society meeting with aspiring witch-lawyers (who were called "Lotteries") to evaluate their sincerity and potential. The elder, called the "Hinder," would meet with the Lottery in secret. This meeting became known as "Hinder-viewing."

Records of actual Hinder-viewing are scanty, but cave drawings indicate that while the Lottery did most of the talking, the Hinder's attention was spent elsewhere. Usually doodling or observing the slow movement of the sun.

The witch-lawyer's trained visionary wisdom was ideally suited to solving broad social policy questions. His dispute resolution procedure consisted of an elaborate ceremony that made frequent use impractical. During the dark of night, the witch-lawyer would perform two separate dances, each representing the argument of a contestant. Then amidst feverous shaking and incomprehensible shouting, the witch-lawyer would sum up.

After the witch-lawyer finished, his performance was judged by a panel of three of society's celebrities. Each celebrity would give a brief blurb about the performance and then would hold up a colored card representing his evaluation of the performance. The side that received the nicest looking score would be declared the winner and would be eligible to go on to the semi-finals in a larger village.

In this manner, prehistoric societies created order through law. It is obvious that we have come a long way.

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BRAD'S BRIEFS

By Brad Auerbach

It's not too late! The end-of-semester crunch has not set in, and there should be no excuse to forego the superb Boston nightlife. (In fact, it's not too late to take that trip you've been thinking about -- to the Cape, N.Y. City, Atlantic City).

Splurge a bit and check out a stage show. Boston will be hosting two superb plays from Buffalo's playwright, Michael Bennett (not Jim Warren, Jr. as thought by some). The mega-successful "A Chorus Line" will be at the Colonial until Dec. 19. Bennett's new play (and his third) again offers us a unique view of show business. Entitled "Dream Girls," the work traces the career of a female singing trio, a saga not unlike that of the Supremes. At the Shubert, through at least Nov. 28, when it heads for Broadway.

A pair of Arthur Miller dramas are currently play-

ing Boston: "Death of a Salesman" (at the Charles Playhouse, through Nov. 22) and "All My Sons" (at the Lyric Stage, through Nov. 29). Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire" is being presented at the Bradford Hotel Roof Theater until Nov. 29.

The longest-running play in Boston's history is still packing 'em in at the Charles Playhouse: "Shear Madness." You've no doubt heard of it by now, do yourself a favor and catch it. In fact, student rush seats (i.e. cheaper!) are available Sunday and Tuesday through Thursday. The play is an enjoyable humorous whodunnit.

In the form of transition, I will remind you of live comedy on various stages in and around Boston. Clubs such as Nick's, Ryles, Backstage, Ding Ho, among others present an array of stand-up comedians. The performances are quite good, there are occasional lapses, but that is part of the immediacy and excite-

ment of live comedy.

Of course, you can pay quite a bit more and see a proven winner: Rodney Dangerfield will be at the Met. Center on Nov. 24.

Boston's live music scene looks real fine for the next few weeks. (As an aside, if the Stones do grace Boston with an end-of-tour visit and you can't garner tickets, for 2 reasons fear not! First, the show might be cabled and broadcast to theatres, TVs and ships at sea. Second, your intrepid reporter (the one with the colorful briefs) will be filing a mid-tour report from Syracuse next week).

Speaking of taping, replays and such -- a future PBS-TV special will be the upcoming Tony Bennett/Count Basie and His Orchestra show at Berklee, Nov. 21. Likewise, the Metro Night Club (next door to Fenway Park) will be the site for a live recording of six Boston bands. To be released in the future, the records and club date will include The Stompers, City Thrills, Someone and the Somebodies, Private Lightning, New Models and The Lines. Check it out at Metro on Nov. 23 and 24.

Two unprecedented tours are currently underway: one

unprecedented for the mammoth sums of money it is generating (the Rolling Stones), the other unprecedented for the ground it is covering. The latter -- described tour is that of George Thorogood and the Destroyers. After opening a few shows for the Stones, George and the boys set out to perform in 50 states in 50 days. Their 26th stop is at Bradford Hotel on Nov. 17.

For some Springsteen-style rock 'n roll, see Beaver Brown at the Paradise on Nov. 20. Also at the Paradise: Suburban Lawns on Dec. 2; Renaissance (a pick-to-click) on Dec. 3; Jonathan Edwards on Dec. 4. Also, if you want to experience truly random music, see Pere Ubu on Dec. 9. This crew hails from Akron, Ohio -- home of DEVO.

Ellen Foley (the femme fatale who showed Meat Loaf "Paradise by the Dashboard Light" and now leans toward the Clash) will be at the Channel on Nov. 27.

Other club dates are as follows:

- Streets
 Nov. 18 - Dark Wednesday
 Nov. 19 - Suburbs and Sex Execs
 Nov. 21 - Bush Tetras and The Dark
 Nov. 27 - Certain Generals

- Mr. McNasty's
 Nov. 19 - John Lincoln Wright and Townes van Zandt
 Nov. 25 - Roomful of Blues

- Great Scott's
 Nov. 19 - Zaitcheck Bros.
 Nov. 21 - The Martels

- The Rat
 Nov. 16 - Science Friction
 Nov. 19 - Blotto
 Nov. 21 - Boy's Life

- Inn Square
 Nov. 21 - Hypertension
 Nov. 23 - Incredible Casuals
 Nov. 25 - Planet Street
 Nov. 28 - Lou Miami & Kosmetix

- Jonathan Swift's
 Nov. 17 - Chas Hillman & Rick Roberts
 Nov. 20 - James Montgomery
 Nov. 21 - Atlantics

Finally, for a steamy tale about the life of a Florida lawyer, see the film "Body Heat." It should be coming soon to the Paramount (in Newton Corner, across from HoJo's), so that means admission will be no more than two bucks. Summer associate work was never like that film.

Have a good turkey next week. This reporter won't; I'll be suffering the slings and arrows of having my wisdom teeth removed -- a prelude to a plummeting GPA?

Take That Job And... as told to Jo Katz

So you've read the bible of the season (How To Dress For Success), overcharged your credit card complying with its commandments, committed everyword of the firm resume to memory, lined up a few appropriate jokes, figured out how to pronounce the interviewer's name, and even learned how to keep a straight face while explaining why you always wanted to move to Cleveland. I suppose you think you've got it made, right? Wrong...unless you are prepared (and, in many cases, willing) to answer any or all of the following questions, you can watch that free trip to L.A. for a second interview go the way of every other fantasy you've ever had.

[Note -- everything written below are verbatim quotes gathered in answer to the question "What is the stupidest question you were asked in an on-campus interview?"]

1. Do you consider yourself cerebral?
2. How do you feel about evicting welfare mothers?
3. Charles Dickens wrote that the law is an ass. What do you think about that?
4. Can you identify this Shakespearean quote?
5. Where did you prep?
6. What does your father do?
7. Were your high-school SAT verbal scores as high as your math?

8. (to a woman with numerous honor societies and outside organizations on her resume) -- So what are all these sororities?

9. Why didn't you list the Ivy League schools you got into, but didn't go to on your resume?

10. What were your LSAT scores? (when the students answered, the interviewer said "Wow, I can drive faster than that.")

The next series of queries must be grouped separately for two reasons.

(A) they are the only questions more than 1 student gave in answer to the survey.

(B) As might be expected -- despite the fact that it is 1981 and we are dealing with the legal profession -- only women were asked them.

1. Are you married?
2. Do you have children?
3. Are you planning on having children?
4. What does your husband do?
5. And, of course, just to make it perfectly clear that - notwithstanding the beliefs of the producers of Virginia Slim ads - we still have a long way to go, baby... "Do you type and take shorthand?"

I also received several answers that did not take the form of direct questions. However, they most certainly deserve mention in this article. Try to

imagine your responses in the following situations:

1. Student walks in, interviewer glances at resume and says "Well, we must have gotten you on lottery."

2. Asian student, in reply to question, says that both her parents are doctors. Interviewer responds with a 1 minute harangue on foreigners coming to America and stealing American jobs.

3. Interviewer: "I don't think competence in an attorney is as important as the appearance of competence. I don't think justice is as important as the appearance of justice."

Finally, for those of you who have not already hurried off to answer that help wanted ad in the window of the nearest pizza hut, a note of encouragement: more than half of the students questioned in the survey had nothing to add to this article. In other words, chances are your next interview will be completely sensible and proper. However, in the event that you are faced with a question that would qualify for this list, and for which you have no answer, we direct you to that invaluable publication, Mad Magazine's Stupid Answers to Stupid Questions. Good Luck!