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Driscoll, Jones Win Grimes Competition

By Bob Daniszewski

The 1990 Grimes Moot Court competition concluded on Sunday, April 7 with a stellar final argument in Room 315. Dan Driscoll and Calvin Jones emerged victorious over runners-up Ian Barringer and Kate Frame in a room crowded with spectators and videotaping equipment.

This year's competition concerned the constitutionality of the Secretary of Defense's satellite surveillance of the hypothetical plaintiff, inventor-entrepreneur Alva Tucker, as well as the Secretary's seemingly malicious disclosure that Tucker regularly underwent testing for the AIDS virus. All contestants were 2L's.

The contestants argued before a panel of judges described by Dean Coquillette as the "best ever" for the 27-year-old competition. Returning as chief justice for the thirteenth



Winners Dan Driscoll (left) and Calvin Jones.

time in the last fifteen years was retired Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Edward Hennessey. Two United States appeals court judges, the Honorable Joseph Weis of the Third Circuit and the Honorable Pierce Lively of the Sixth Circuit, rounded out the panel.

Driscoll and Jones were undefeated throughout the seven rounds of the competition. Ironically, Barringer and Frame's only previous loss came in the second round at the hands of the eventual winners. The final round matchup featured the two teams arguing the opposite sides from their preliminary face-off.

Additional competition awards were announced at the April 19 Advocacy Dinner, held to recognize the outstanding performances of the various national moot court and mock trial teams, the winners of the in-school competitions (Grimes, mock trial, negotiations, and client counseling), and the Board of Student Advisors. Calvin Jones received the Best Speaker award for the final round. In addition, awards were given for the Best Brief and runner up.



The Jessup team: (back row) Steve Barton, Carol Solomont, John Kacavas, (front row) Tom Hayman and Karen O'Toole.

Jessup Team Finishes Fourth in World

By Bob Daniszewski

The Jessup International Law Moot Court team last month defeated schools from as far away as New Zealand enroute to placing second in the U.S. and fourth in the world. The competition was held March 23-31 in Washington, D.C.

The team consists of 3L's Steve Barton, John Kacavas, Thomas "Hank" Hayman, Karen O'Toole, and Brief Editor Carl Solomont.

The Jessup competition involves disputes of hypothetical countries before the International Court of Justice. In this year's controversy, "Leonina" sought damages stemming from several barrels of hazardous waste being dumped into waters off the coast of Antarctica. The format of the argument parallels that of other moot court competitions, with each side given 45 minutes to argue before a three-judge panel.

"International law is a strange thing," said O'Toole. "There is no precedent and the decision of the court is only binding on the coun-

tries before the court." She added: "Research is always an abyss because there are no digests. You walk up and down the halls of the library until you find something useful."

In order to prepare for the competition, team members were required to take International Law. O'Toole said the course helped to unravel what she described as a hybrid of civil and common law traditions.

BCLS successfully negotiated the four compulsory rounds, gaining ground over teams from Hungary, the U.K., New Zealand, and Tulane University. Based on the combined scores of O'Toole and Hayman, as "Applicant," and Barton and Kacavas, as "Respondent," BCLS placed fourth in the world.

Under the rules of the competition, the first elimination round pitted the top two U.S. teams against one another for the national championship. In a tough round, BCLS' hopes were

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EDITOR'S NOTE

In this, the last issue of *The Alledger*, it is customary for the editor to make a few selective and self-indulgent observations on the year past. I shall limit myself to the minimum.

First, on behalf of my assistant editors, I want to thank all of the contributors for their help in bringing this modest newspaper into existence for the last nine months. We couldn't have done it without you, and even if we could, the public would never stand for it.

Second, I want to congratulate Mike Klein on his succession to this lofty perch. (Actually, congratulations are inappropriate; news that you have become editor of *The Alledger* is best delivered by a telegram beginning, "We regret to inform you...").

At this point it would be customary for me to expand on what a great time I had at BCLS, and to thank my friends for their support, which I always found was both ample and timely. I would also acknowledge the considerable assistance offered by Dean DiLuna, Father Malley, and others within the ranks of our outstanding faculty and staff who contribute so much toward making this a first-rate institution.

But that sentimental journey must wait. It is too soon to pack a way the memories, too soon to say goodbye.

No, dear readers, the time for sentimentality must wait until after I'm clutching that J.D. against my chest and I'm absolutely sure Ken Kryzwick isn't about to spring up out off nowhere and rip it out of my hands.

ASK THE ALLEDGER By Mark Hoerrner

Question 1

DEAR ALLEDGER:

Where is the Dean going when he's on his sabbatical? A.L. 2L

DEAR A.L.:

Wow, what a way to stir the coals of controversy! At BCLS's expense, the Dean is attempting to increase the diversity of the student body by travelling to areas that traditionally send very few applicants to school. The geographical areas in which the Dean has chosen to proselytize about the virtues of BCLS include the south of France, Australia, Hawaii, and Dubuque, Iowa. Just what we need, more Iowans infecting this campus like a disease.

Question 2

DEAR ALLEDGER:

In addition to the actual graduation ceremony, what other solemn ceremonies will take place on graduation day? P.R.B. 1L

DEAR P.R.B.:

Hot Damn, we are talking ENTERTAINMENT here! In addition to handing graduates their diplomas, this year the administration scheduled a "Circus of the Deans," for the enjoyment of BCLS graduates' families and friends. The plans fell through, however, when several participants became violently ill upon seeing Dean Lutch in a leotard. Looks like we'll have to play yatzee again this year.

Question 3

DEAR ALLEDGER:

Why was Brent Musberger fired from CBS? W.W. 3L

DEAR W.W.:

He might have become a victim of the vile fascist element that has taken over the leadership of Big Business in America and seeks to squelch all voices of freedom and democracy thereby preventing this country from becoming a true bastion of freedom as was intended by our founding fathers. On the other hand, Brent may have just gotten too damn big for his britches.

Question 4

DEAR ALLEDGER:

How come *Themis* and the advocacy teams have an office in the men's room underneath the library? G.R. 1L

DEAR G.R.:

You are quite mistaken, although these two organizations have offices *near* the men's room, they are not *in* the men's room. Three-L Tim Flaherty, however, does in fact maintain an office in the men's room beneath the library. Tim keeps quite regular hours and, evidenced

by the walls, produces quite a lot of written work there. It's nice to know at least one 3L isn't goofing off merely because graduation draws near.

Question 5

DEAR ALLEDGER:

Who is going to write the "Ask the Alledger" column next year? M.C.E. 1L

DEAR M.C.E.:

Golly, I've just been busting to tell someone about this! It is my understanding that a comedy giant (and one of my personal idols) has applied to BCLS and may be willing to take over the reins of "Ask The Alledger" next year. That comedic legend is none other than t.v. funnyman Jimmy "J.J." Walker. Next year's column should therefore be "dy-no-mite."

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dashed by a team from Georgia. Despite the loss, John Kacavas emerged with the competition's Best Oralists honors.

O'Toole said that the tone of the rounds varied widely depending on the nationality of both the contestants and the judges. For example, she observed, non-American participants tended to be extremely deferential toward the bench.

During their nine-day visit to the nation's capitol, the Jessup team and its coach, Professor Peter A. Donovan, enjoyed the accommodations of the Mayflower Hotel. The team is now in the process of selecting their successors for next year's competition.

TOP TEN REASONS THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF *The Alledger* THIS YEAR

By Mike Klein

10. Popular demand.

9. The editorial staff just remembered that we gave it up for Lent.

8. It's time for our real job—groundskeeping at Pawtucket.

7. Nothing seems funny anymore.

6. Too many brain cells destroyed from sniffing printer's ink

5. Stop *The Alledger*, save a tree.

4. "Hey, you with the Exacto-knife: keep your hands away from your body and step away from the car. You have the right to remain silent..."

3. Sudden realization that we're also STUDENTS here.

2. Entire staff commissioned to write *FIRE: The Life and Troubled Times of Brent Musberger*.

1. Help— I've fallen and I can't get up!

LOOK-A-LIKES Special Baseball Edition



Atlee Hammaker, with the Giants



Joe Kim, with the danish

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Conservation Research Group (CRG) has organized several events from April 18 to April 24 to mark the 20th anniversary of "Earthday." This year Earthday will be observed on April 22.

The following events were scheduled for the BCLS campus.

- Earthday Information tables in the Snack Bar, April 18-20 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.;
- Tree planting on Stuart House lawn, April 20 at 1:00 p.m.;
- Campus clean-up, immediately following tree planting;
- Earthday march from the BC Dustbowl to the Esplanade, Sunday, April 22 at 10:00 a.m.;
- Presentation, "Multilateral Law Making and Global Climate Change," by Harvard Prof. Michael Molitor (sponsored in conjunction with the International Law Society), April 24 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 411.

Other BCEDC activities include a potluck with the Women's Resource Center, April 19 and "A Day on the Dustbowl," April 20 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. featuring live music, information tables, a raffle, and speakers.

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LSA ELECTION SPECIAL

PRESIDENT:

John Henry
Candidate for President

My name is John Henry and I am running for President of the Law Student Association. I come from a slightly different background than a lot of law students. My undergrad degree is in music, and I worked for a few years before law school. I was President of the Student Council in college, and my narrow career path took me along such routes as theater management and computer programming.

I've been involved with the LSA as a first year representative and I am currently the Vice-President. I've worked closely with John Reilly this year to improve the quality of the role played by the LSA in the academic and social atmosphere of BC Law. I have a good relationship with administration and have worked closely with all of the deans. I coordinated both of Dean Coquillette's social events, including the 60th Anniversary Ball.

The reason why BC Law stands out among all the law schools in the top 20 is its cooperative and supportive atmosphere. I am dedicated to the preservation of that environment, especially as each incoming class seems to add a few points to the mean LSAT and GPA. Bar review this year saw better beer, more food and most importantly, greater attendance. I hope to add more special events to the bar review and social calendars to spice things up a little. The LSA speakers got off the ground this year with a great array of political speakers, and I would like to build on this program, broadening both its scope and its attendance. Student involvement in the many academic committees which exist here has handled sloppily this year and I have ideas for a much more structured system which would assure that students take a greater role in the decision making process. I'm strongly committed to protecting and serving the interest of law students in the large amount of renovations and construction to be undertaken on this campus in the next several years. Finally I want to work closely with the other student organizations in support of their projects and activities.

I'm dedicated to the school and making this three years as positive an experience as possible. So get out and vote next week!

Right: John Henry
Above right: Matt Nestor

Matt Nestor
Candidate for President

My name is Matt Nestor and I am running for LSA President. Over the past two years I have been actively involved at the school, and I am confident, as President, I can contribute even more in the coming year. My qualifications are best shown in the following three areas:

- First as a property tutor in the A.S.P. program I was successful in easing tension of my first year students. I feel that I was successful because I was well prepared, easily accessible and always willing to listen. All of these qualities are essential for an effective LSA President.

- Second, this past year I served as Chairman for the LSA Speaker Series. It was difficult to get the Series going because it had been dormant last year. However, the Series has reached a point where Attorney General Jim Shannon, gubernatorial candidate Bill Weld and Speaker of the Massachusetts House George Keverian have agreed to speak at the Law School. This ability to plan and organize events with the student body and the Dean's office will be helpful next year.

- Third, as a cast member in the Law Revue Show I met a lot of new people and realized the diversity of the student body. As LSA President I will represent those diverse interests. I might also add that I look forward to participating in next year's show and would encourage everyone to do so.



As President I would, of course, continue to fund Friday afternoon bar review as well as other outside events such as this year's parties at the Sons of Italy. I also have a number of new ideas, which as President, I would like to implement:

- I think it would be a great idea if the LSA purchased blocks of tickets for B.C. football, basketball, and hockey games to sell at the Law School. Selling tickets at the LSA office would be more convenient for law students and would create a "Law School" section at the games.

- Student involvement in student organizations should be made easier. Last year there were no classes scheduled on Thursday at noon which allowed student organizations to schedule convenient meeting times. Unfortunately, this year the meeting hour was changed to Mondays at 3 p.m., a time when most students have already left the campus. I would work with the administration to return to the more convenient weekly noontime meeting.

- Student's ideas should be included in the scheduling of classes. There are many classes that meet during the same hours of the day preventing students from taking desired courses. A student voice in the scheduling process would allow the administration to consider these concerns.

- Finally, I would urge that a more humane way be created for returning our exams. We should not have to fight our way to Dean Diluna's office to sign out our exams in order to read them.

I believe that my day-to-day involvement and commitment to the Law School qualify me to be your LSA President. I ask for your vote in the LSA election on the 24th and 25th.



VICE-PRESIDENT:

Alison Kaminsky
Candidate for Vice-President

My name is Alison Kaminisky. I am a 2L. I'm running for the office of vice-president of the LSA. I've been involved with the LSA since the beginning of law school. First year, along with two other 1L's, I did the legwork for the social committee. We were responsible for the success of bar review and start of the LSA parties at the Sons of Italy. An extensive social life, as we all know, is the key to surviving law school.

This year, I represented the student body as the LSA Secretary. In addition to keeping everybody up-to-date through Counsellor notices, I helped to facilitate the successful parking appeals process—one that seems to have been beneficial to many students.

As Vice-President, the only promises I'm going to make are that I am willing to devote my time and attention to the LSA and make myself available to the student body—open to your concerns and willing to present them to the appropriate administrators.



Scott Toomey



Alison Kaminsky

C. Scott Toomey
Candidate for Vice-President

Last fall, when I was running for (and winning) First Year (Section 1) Representative, I ran on my belief that LSA was about balance: balancing law school with outside interests, balancing serving the self with serving others, and generally keeping a perspective on law school. Nothing in my year as class rep has changed my feelings that LSA serves to provide the outlet that every law student needs.

LSA also sets the tone that allows B.C. to be a special law school. I'm glad I don't go to BU. I'm glad I don't go to another law school. I still believe B.C. is different and better than other law schools. I also believe the difference is created by the students.

As the group that is the most visible reflection of law students' values, the LSA provides the leadership that helps groups like PILF, International Law Society, and Rugby get started and find the support they need to thrive.

I want the LSA to continue to provide the leadership, the Bar Reviews, and the support for other groups that is the legacy of LSA. I feel that my year of experience as a 1L Rep, my involvement with the organization (and occasional

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TREASURER:

B. Dane Dudley
Candidate for Treasurer

Yes, it's true, I wore a dress to the Dean's "Sock-hop." Yes, it's true, I did dance with Dean Coquillette while wearing this dress at the sock-hop. Yes, it's true, my bra was showing. Yes, it's true, I want to be the next treasurer for the LSA. Seriously, I have enjoyed serving as a first year LSA representative and want to continue my work with this organization. I have seen during the past year that the LSA provides an undeniably vital function in our law school community at B.C. It tries to promote openness

and unity among the students by organizing events and activities that will appeal to all members of the community. I believe that this function can and should be continually enhanced through the hard work and dedication of LSA officers and representatives. My goals include increasing the communication between the various law school organizations and sponsoring more dynamic programs to help meet the needs of our diverse student body. I know that at the treasurer of the LSA I will continue to work with the same enthusiasm and energy as I did this year as first year representative. As I said this fall to the members of section two, LSA stands for a lot more than "Law Students Association," it stands for "Light Soup Appetizers," "Lingering Stress Anxiety," and "Legal Sexual Activities." Remember, a vote for B. Dane is a vote for the LSA



Alissa Spielberg



B. Dane Dudley

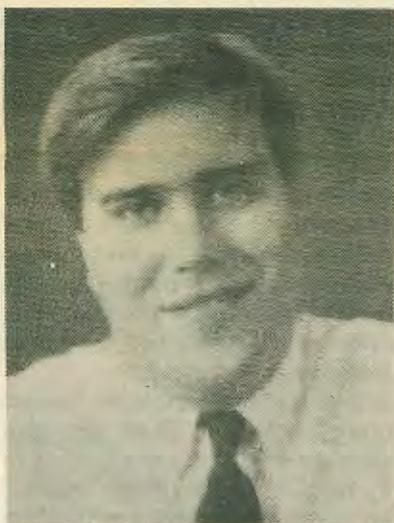
Alissa Spielberg
Candidate for Treasurer

As a first-year LSA representative, I have had the pleasure of getting to know both my classmates and the administration of the "warm & friendly" B.C. Law community. I am one of the people who believe the hype. This year I have contributed to B.C.'s warmth by personalizing my own law school experience: developing close friendships, recognizing and acting on student concerns, and working toward maintaining our supportive atmosphere.

I have met with deans and faculty members to bring your gripes to their attention. Through those meetings, I have argued successfully on particular student's behalf, as well as voice your common problems. Specifically, we were able to create an outlet for students' views about their first year writing courses. The Legal Research & Writing (Abuse) Committee will affect structural decisions for next year.

As a student rep, I was able to affect policy not only through personal meetings, but also written projects, notifying the administration of school-wide concerns. I co-authored a memo to the Dean, dealing with the dining services issues, including the inflated (and not always consistent) prices and the narrow selection available. Improving Q of L is always a good thing...

As Treasurer, I will continue to uphold current traditions such as the Speaker Series, Used Book Exchange, BAR REVIEW, and LAW REVUE, while exploring creative directions for LSA funding. I need your support and your input to make it happen.



John Bartolis

Joe Bartolis
Candidate for 2L Representative

I would like to be elected LSA representative for a number of reasons. First, I am well-qualified for the position. I served in over a dozen different capacities in various organizations in college. Without listing them all, I'll name just a few. I served on the fundraising and as President of the Baylor University Marketing Club (150 members) as well as social chair, liaison to the administration, treasurer, and president of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Second, I am highly motivated to work to achieve the goals of the class of 1992. Furthermore, I am willing to devote the time necessary to successfully reach these goals.

Once again, regarding my credentials, I have held offices in the following areas: fundraising, event organizing, treasurer/finances, public relations, administrative liaison, judicial committee, and planning. The experience of having done these jobs has enabled me to develop strong management and organization skill. When coupled with my motivation and willingness to devote the necessary time, this will enable me to successfully reach the goals of our class.

My primary goal as representative will be to actively vocalize the concerns and desires of the class of '92 to the administration and student government. Vote Joe Bartolis—Thank you.



Glenn E. Deegan

Glenn E. Deegan
Candidate for 2L Representative

This past year I have served as a 1L Rep. for Section 2. I have learned a great deal and I feel that this experience will be valuable next year as well. Throughout the year, the LSA sponsors a variety of activities which offer the students of B.C. Law an inexpensive and convenient means of socializing with each other. Events which relieve some of the daily pressures of law school (at least temporarily) are an important part of what gives B.C. Law its unique character and should continue to play a role in the law school's future. Nobody wants to look back on their law school experience and only remember objective memos and piles of books. Equally as important however, is the recent progress the LSA has made in bringing speakers to campus and in the area of academic awareness. Next year's LSA should continue to undertake special projects, such as this year's L.R. & W. recommendation report, and also continue to expand the on-campus speaker series. Most importantly, the LSA should continue its support of other law school organizations by co-sponsoring and subsidizing activities run by these groups.

Two important qualities that should be possessed by all representatives are a genuine interest in doing what they have been elected to do and a willingness to put forth the time and effort to do it. I have tried my best to listen and respond to the various points of view that were raised this year and to keep our section well informed. I could continue to work hard next year if given the opportunity to remain a member of LSA.



Tony Rizzotti

Tony Rizzotti
Candidate for 2L Representative

My name is Tony Rizzotti, and I am running for Second Year Representative. It is difficult to state in 250 words or less my qualifications, wants, and goals. I suppose that I could summarize my resume. However, I think that the best way to go about this is to tell you a little bit about myself and my reasons for running. While I was an undergraduate at Boston College, I worked here at the law school. During that time, I became friends with many students and professors. When it came time to decide on

a law school, my experience with the people at B.C. Law convinced me to go here. I think that the LSA plays a vital role in preserving this friendly atmosphere, and I want to help guarantee that it continues to do so.

I know enough of my fellow classmates to realize that everyone is interested in different activities. If I had to identify one goal for the upcoming year, it would be to generate more student input on what events to program and what policies to change. My role as 2L representative would be to ensure that the concerns of the second year class are addressed. This all sounds like I am standing on a soap box, but I honestly think that B.C. Law is a great place to go to law school. My enthusiasm about the school is my greatest qualification for the job of 2L representative. I do not have any snappy campaign slogan to end with, but I can say that I would do my best to represent you if elected.

SECRETARY:

Joan Redleaf
Candidate for Secretary

As a first-year law student, I tried to take an active role in the activities of the law school community. I listened to what the student body said and incorporated their requests into the activities I helped plan and run as a member of the LSA. As Secretary of the LSA next year, I would continue to listen and be as visible as possible in order to help facilitate the representative aspect of the office. The LSA had a lot of great activities this year and I would like to help make sure that this tradition continues in the future. As I am not participating in any clinical programs next year, I will have more free time to devote to LSA activities. Having spent so much time around the LSA this year, I feel I can bring a lot to the organization, and as Secretary I think I can help strengthen the links between the LSA and the student body and the law school community.



Joan Redleaf



Joan Yanofski

Joan Yanofsky
Candidate for Secretary

My name is Joan Yanofsky, and I am running for LSA Secretary. I have the dedication and organizational skills the position requires. In college and for the past four years I held positions which demonstrate these skills.

In college I was active as a student representative and Vice President for Programming. These elected positions involved activities to promote faculty/student relationships and campus-wide social activities.

During the four years between college and entering B.C., I worked as a self-employed sales representative and in banking personnel. As a self-employed person I had to be organized and have good planning skills to be effective in my position. Working in the bank, I learned to work as part of a team and adapt to other ways of organizing. Banks, I found, were not terribly open to new ideas.

Speaking of new ideas, the LSA has been and should continue to be an integral part of B.C. life. As a first-year it was heartening that so many student concerns were being addressed. LR & W will be a continuing concern, but continuing student input will improve the program. The smiling and helpful 2L's and 3L's aided me during the first week, especially in finding the Barry Pavilion. It may be helpful to develop a mentor program linking 1L's with a 2L or 3L to alleviate some of the fears of the new students.

I look forward to returning to B.C. some of the smiles and good times I've had this year. If elected I will try to make B.C. as special to others as it has become to me.

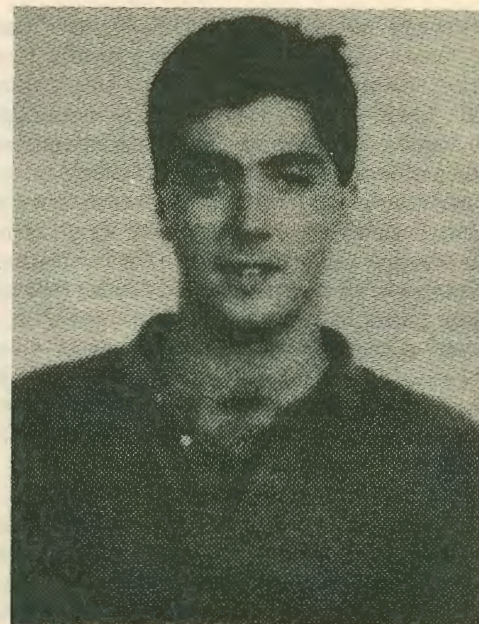
3L REPRESENTATIVE:

Richard Cordes
Candidate for 3L Representative

The job of 3L representative basically involves planning the graduation events at the end of the year. I feel I am qualified for this position because of my previous LSA experience.

As a 1L, I was intimately involved with putting on Bar Review each Friday. This year, as LSA Treasurer, I have been able to exert some influence to try to improve our parties and Bar Reviews (notice the quality of the beer this year?).

More importantly, however, I have been working closely with this year's 3L Reps in planning their graduation events. This has given me the expertise needed to help make next year's graduation an experience you won't forget.



Rich Cordes

Ron Joseph
Candidate for 3L Representative

Hi. My name is Ron Joseph and I'm running for Third-Year Representative of our class. During my two years at Boston College Law, I believe I've displayed my desire and commitment to serve the law student community. I represented our class as 1L representative in the LSA. This past year, I co-chaired the LSA Social Committee (arguably the most important function of the LSA!). Personally, I believe the Bar Reviews and LSA parties have been better than in previous years.

Besides my LSA duties, I've been engaged in a variety of other duties and projects around school. By tutoring two courses in the Academic Support Program, I've strived to help first-year students to better achievement academically. Again, over my two years here, and the various projects I've participated in, I've always attempted to portray B.C. Law in the light which earned us our 20th ranking in U.S. News & World Report. (Hey, what happened to B.U.?)



Ron Joseph

Matt McGinnis
Candidate for 3L Representative

Military spending, flag burning, whether broccoli should be served on Air Force One—these are tough issues, issues that deserve real consideration, and issues that I, Matt McGinnis, will take a stand on. But not here. Instead I will address the less interesting, but more relevant issues concerning my candidacy for Third Year Representative.

Why? Because I think the LSA can serve a wider array of student needs. I know not everyone in our class wants the same thing out of B.C. Law—some desire simply a degree, others want to be part of a dynamic community. The conventional wisdom is that the third year is when we're "bored to death" (after being "scared to death" and "worked to death") I'm aiming for more. I think you are too. Let's work together to make our last year at B.C. Law something to remember. Thank you for your support.



Matt McGinnis

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disorganization), and my leadership throughout the year qualifies me to be Vice-President of the LSA.

In the past year, I have organized fundraisers within my section, led and focused the discussion and criticism of the LR&W curriculum, and provided a liaison and buffer between my

section mates and the issues that confront 1Ls. At the same time, I have founded the B.C. Law Rugby Club. I have represented my constituents' interest and have furthered the interests of the student body as a whole. As Vice President, I will be able to continue fulfilling the needs of the students and ensure that LSA continues to provide sanity as a counterweight to law school.

COMMENTARY

A Few, Final Thoughts

By John Hayes

This is my last *Alledger* article—one of those many “lasts” that us 3Ls are beginning to experience, when I started writing this column last fall, the idea was to stir up some discussions about topics other than career prospects and the odd behavior of various professors, as well as to provide myself with a diversion from my mundane, celibate, eviscerated law school march toward unemployment. As far as I can tell, George Malley was an avid reader (thanks, George), though I saw one other sign that on occasion someone would read these—every other Friday, dozens of *Alledgers* would invariably be strewn about the men’s room, and a few would even be open to one of these columns. Let me tell you, that kept me going.

An exception, of course, was the infamous 2L article, which was commented upon by nearly everyone, including people who did not bother to read it. Well, to clear the air, I agree that, as a 3L, it wasn’t my place to say what I said. In any case, I really am not prejudiced against 2Ls—some of my best friends are 2Ls.

There were a few issues to which I was never able to get around. One, of course, was abortion. I am continually struck by the hypocrisy of George Bush and his brand of pro-lifers. I can respect someone who consistently believes that all life is sacred. But to argue that abortion is wrong—except in the case of rape, incest, and danger to the mother’s health—exposes the true underlying principle of the “pro-life” movement. If unborn life were sacred, they wouldn’t be making such distinctions based on the conduct of the mother, because there is no apparent difference in the worth of the fetus’s life based on *how* the fetus was created. The fetus’s life isn’t the issue—it’s that the mother engaged in conduct of which they don’t approve. When the woman is not “responsible” for the pregnancy, then it becomes OK in pro-lifer’s eyes to terminate the life of the fetus. That by itself is a rational-enough position (for persons who believe in traditional sexual morality and the traditional role of women), but most pro-lifers refuse to openly admit this, and instead hide be-

hind the emotional smokescreen that they simply wish to protect the fetus’s life. What they really want is to punish women for engaging in sexual relations (but of course not the men), and to promote the “moral” ideal of women as incubators.

I made several attempts at discussing Nicaragua, but was never able to write anything that didn’t quickly become overly emotional. I had done a fair amount of activist work on Central American issues, and have always opposed Reagan’s policies in Central America. Ortega’s loss was disappointing, not so much because he was good (though I believe on balance that Ortega was a good President and not the tyrant that Reagan painted him as), but because the right in this country now believes that it is acceptable to use economic and military coercion against the *population* of a country to force them to cry Uncle. Despite Reagan’s propaganda, Nicaragua was not a dungeon (for that, we need to look north, to Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala). Even during a state of civil

war, Nicaragua was a country with a comparably free population (those who point out that they were political prisoners are likely not to also admit that they were mostly captured contra fighters and their direct, material supporters), and that Nicaragua had free elections in 1984, according to every observer except those from the United States.

In any case, the recent elections (which despite Reagan/Bush’s claims, were not forced by the contras—these elections were held as the Constitution of Nicaragua required, and would have been whether or not the contras still existed), provided the Sandinistas with the victory of sorts, because they were finally able to show directly that they were not opposed to democracy. On a pragmatic side, the election results have some positive elements—a democracy needs to institutionalize the peaceful transfer of power, which will hopefully result from the election outcome. Furthermore, the transfer of power will check the most disturbing aspect of Sandinista rule—the tendency to equate the government with the party. Chamor-

ro’s presidency will hopefully separate the Sandinista party apparatus from the institutions of government, a necessary element of long-term democracy.

Finally, here at law school, I fear that the administration is beginning to sully our Disneyland image with conduct that appears to disregard the hard work of those students who work on the various scholarly periodicals. Several students on one of the Law Reviews, who had put in the additional effort needed to produce notes for publication, were not allowed to publish because the Review exceeded its page limitation by a few pages. This, even though an outside author wrote an article that was longer than expected, even though cutting that one article would have allowed three students to publish, and even though the members of the Review tried several ways to resolve the issue. Apparently, the administration decided that the work of those students was less important than their page/budget limitations, and less important than the school’s reputation with an outside author. Moreover, the administration acted with a mean-spirited arbitrariness that made obvious their disrespect for the students who, after all, ARE the publications.

Writing for publications is thankless enough, given the cumbersome process and the surliness of the paid staff on the fifth floor. The school now seems intent on making clear that the work of the students matters little, that students do the grunt work while the school makes the decisions—decisions that can include disregarding the work of the students. Somewhere, the administration forgot that the publication exist for the students, to provide for student scholarship. The work just isn’t worth it without some level of respect and responsibility. The students who work, and now apparently slave, on the fifth floor deserve better. If this conduct by the school continues next year, I hope the students will take a more active stand in opposition.

Well, I’ve filled my requisite quota for column-inches.

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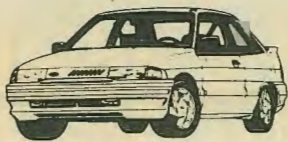
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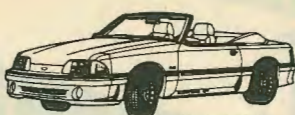
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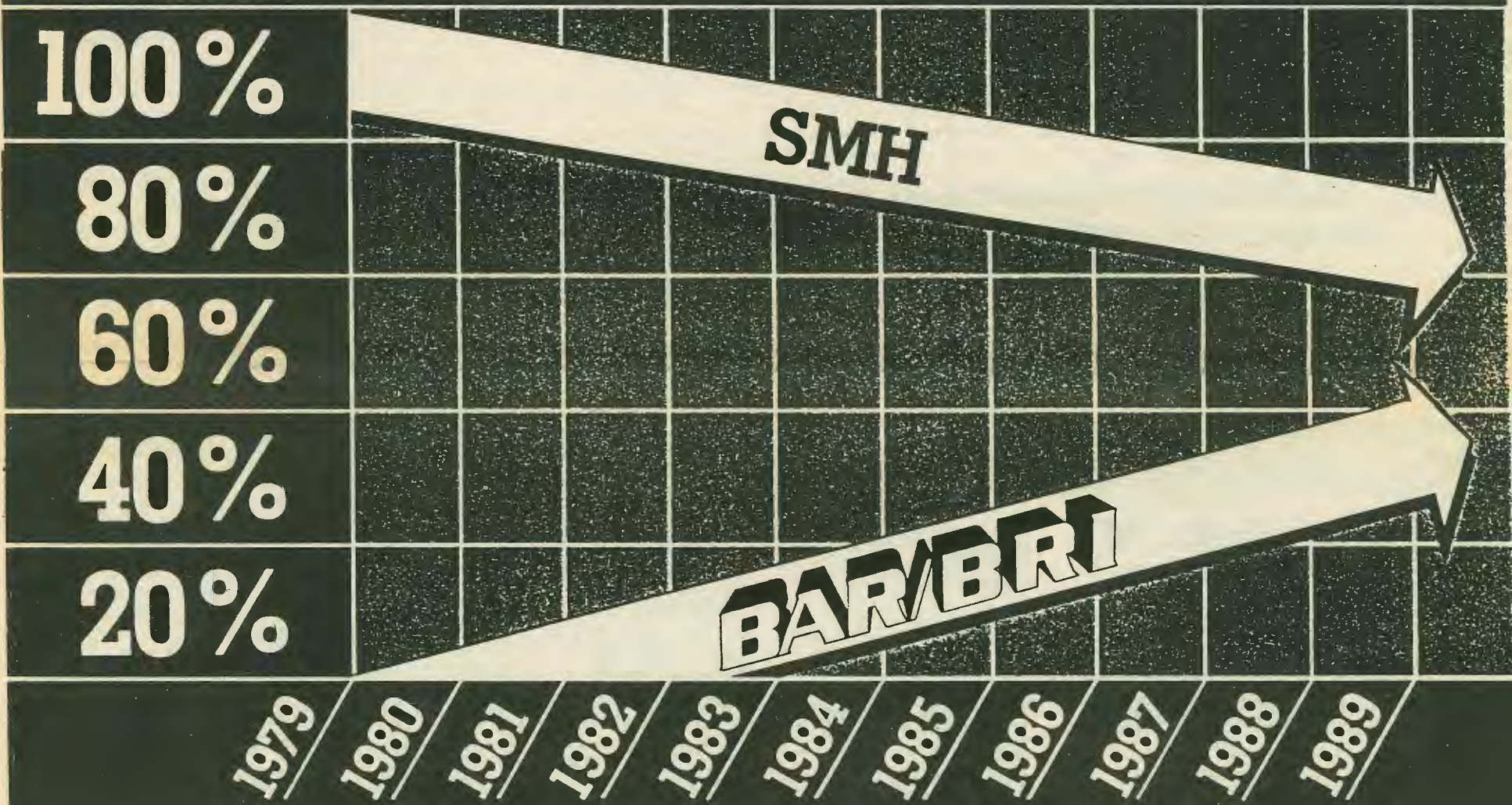


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