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Class of 1988 is best yet

By Tom Kerner

For the first time in recent history, Boston College Law School did not need to use its Priority Wait List to fill any of the available spots in its first year class. Normally, the Admissions Committee classifies all applicants as A-1, A-2, B, or C. Until this year, every one of the A-1 applicants was offered admission and all A-2 applicants were placed on the Priority Wait List. In the past, there were always more spots in the first year class than A-1 applicants who accepted B.C.'s offer. Thus, between June and the beginning of classes, the Admissions Office referred to its Priority Wait List to fill the remaining spots. Last year, about 50 A-2 applicants were offered admission.

This year, the Admissions Office had to limit the number of A-1 applicants offered admission. There were so many A-1 applicants that 60 of them, mostly late applicants, were not initially accepted. Those A-1 applicants were placed at the top of the Priority Wait List, above the A-2 applicants. As it turned out, it didn't matter where applicants were placed on this year's Priority Wait List.

Since enough of the 1,038 applicants initially offered admission chose to matriculate at B.C., no one on the Priority Wait List was offered admission. In fact, the Law School didn't offer admission to any applicant after the middle of May. In contrast, about a dozen of last year's first year class were accepted during the last week of August, and even a couple on the first day of classes.



Who ate that burger? LSA V.P. Larry Goanos (left) and President Rich Stacey demonstrate what they have learned over the summer at the LSA Welcome Back Party. For those of you who did have a burger—you do not want to know the result of this particular one (photo by Arthur Jackson)

As one might expect, this year's first year class has impressive scholastic statistics. The average undergraduate G.P.A. is 3.42 (3.32 last year). The average L.S.A.T. score is 39 (37 last year). Some of the first year class' other "vital statistics" are:

- 1) There are 260 students (270 last year).
- 2) 47% are male (55% last year).
- 3) 53% are female (45% last year).
- 4) The average age is 24 (25 last year).
- 5) 21 have advanced degrees (20 last year).
- 6) There are 0 imposters (1 last year).

The exceptional scholastic accomplishments of this year's first year class reflect the continued improvement of the Law School's national reputation. While law school applications dropped na-

tionally by about 15% in 1986, B.C.'s increased from 4,086 in 1985 to 4,092 this year. According to Director of Admissions Louise Clark, Dean Coquillette was told at a recent forum for law school deans that most deans now consider B.C. a "Top-20" law school.

Another indication that B.C. is on the rise nationally is that the law school application overlap statistics from 1984 showed that only 30% of that year's applicants who were accepted at both B.C. and Georgetown Law School chose to matriculate at B.C. Last year, about 45% chose B.C. over Georgetown. Mrs. Clark is quite sure that when this year's overlap statistics are released, they will show over 50% of the applicants choosing B.C. for the first time.

The Real David Heyman stands up

By Kathleen McGrath

For the second year in a row, the class of '88 has a David Heyman in it—only this time it's the real one.

David, 24, smiles and shakes his head whenever people ask him about the imposter who took the spot in last year's 1L class that he had wanted so much. It's a wild story, but he'll tell it again, if only to clear any lingering doubts people might have that he had something to do with it.

As David explains it, here's how the scam unfolded: David hoped to come to Boston College Law School, but was having trouble getting adequate financial aid worked out with the school. So, late in the summer of 1985 he wrote a letter that circulated to the Admissions Office, the Financial Aid Office and to the various deans' offices explaining that he had to give up his spot, with regret, because another law school was being much more generous and helpful.

Losing a student of David's caliber simply for financial reasons was a disappointment to administrators, said Dean of Students Kenneth Ernstoff in a recent interview. That's why David's case was the first to come up when a man claiming to be a philanthropist called B.C. late last summer, saying he wanted to help any student with financial problems the school might recommend.

While Ernstoff was unwilling to discuss some details of the imposter incident, he did confirm Heyman's story that someone at the law school, acting with "the best of intentions," believed the "philanthropist's" story and gave him the name of a needy student—David Heyman.

The "philanthropist" turned out to be a blond guy from Wisconsin who had never taken the LSAT or applied to any law school, but who showed up for B.C.'s 1L orientation, got his picture taken, attended classes and eventually registered as David Heyman. He told people he preferred to be called Joe. School officials are considering a request from David to learn the imposter's real name and would not confirm for the *Allegder* if Joe was his real first name.

While "Joe" was at the first-year's welcoming barbecue in Boston, the real David Heyman was attending 1L orientation at Wake Forest Univer-

sity Law School in North Carolina. He had no inkling that someone was using his name, address and social security number at Boston College Law School, until one day last October.

"Ken Ernstoff called me and said, 'Sit down, David. I've got something to tell you,'" he recalled. "I was shocked."

The imposter was discovered when Ernstoff was scanning the first-year class list to assign people to faculty advisors. He saw the name "David Heyman" and was puzzled because he believed that David had not been able to come to B.C.

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Last Spring

Students Caught Cheating

By Arthur Jackson

Three students at BCLS were caught cheating during the exam period last spring. All three students were third-year students and had had tragic circumstances or pressures befall them, according to Dean Dan Coquillette.

The Dean declined to reveal the circumstances or the names of the students because of the students' rights to privacy. However, the Dean did say that if the students did apply for admission to the bar, BCLS would write a letter to the bar informing them of the students' transgressions. Whether the students would be admitted to the bar would then be up to the Board of Bar Examiners.

According to the Dean, many schools are finding increasing levels of cheating among their students. However, the cases of these three students, all unrelated, were the first at BCLS in a number of years. The Dean said he would like BCLS to be atypical of the rest of the law schools and hopes that the recent letter circulated to students will help bring that about.

The letter was designed to remind students of the serious consequences of cheating and that there are many support people here at BCLS if a student feels he or she is under a lot of stress. The Dean asked students to come to the administration if they had problems instead of sacrificing their integrity to get through school.

Editorial

Put those books away

Boston College Law School has the reputation of being in the upper echelon of law schools in the country. It also has the reputation of being the "good guy" among law schools. Academic excellence is attained, but students' personalities and emotions are not surrendered in the pursuit of excellence.

The professors seem to like the students. Even more important, the students seem to like each other. It all adds up to what some people have claimed is impossible—making law school a fun or at least an enjoyable place.

However, while the reputation is assigned to BCLS, it is not necessarily ingrained in the school. As professors and students come and go, the school can drift in many directions. As a football team's supposed dynasty can suddenly disappear, so can the atmosphere at BCLS suddenly change.

The law school's "new season" is

beginning and we should remember that now it is our turn to make BCLS an enjoyable place. It is our turn to demonstrate the spirit and friendship that has made this school different from most others; one where not only academic excellence is achieved, but also humane excellence.

Take a moment away from the bustle of classes and work to show the other side of yourself. The side that communicates with other people and not just the pages of your casebook.

Make the effort to be a personality along with a face. Go out of your way to join an organization (like the *Alledger*) or participate in the law school intramural sports program. Make BCLS more than just a place to come for classes and you'll make BCLS "fun."

See you around school. Good luck.

—R.T.

Did You Know That:

By Tom Kerner

1. The "F" in front of Father Nicholson's name, as it appears on course schedules, stands for "Francis," not "Father."
2. Joan Blum pronounces her name "Bloom."
3. Professor Berry never played on an organized basketball team with Wilt Chamberlain.
4. Dean Coquillette is referred to in "The Brethren."
5. Dean Ernstoff will publicly shave his beard if the results of *The Alledger's* poll are not favorable.
6. The persons who walked off with books from the LSA text book co-op without paying will have something terrible happen to them this year.

7. There is a basis for Professor Katz's Contracts grades.
8. No one is exactly sure what the basis is.
9. It doesn't matter whether you take tax now or after the tax code is revised.
10. Bar Review is definitely back this year.

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1st Year Tips

What law school is all about

By T.L.

Welcome, welcome, a thousand welcomes to the members of the Class of 1989. For those to be known as "One-L's" for the next nine months at BCLS, the following is a handy glossary of words and phrases frequently heard in the hallowed corridors of Stuart Hall. (From a cynical veteran who's been through it.)

IN THE CLASSROOM:

"Let me phrase the question another way..."

The euphemistic expression commonly used by professors when they really want to say, "Are you people stupid or something?"

"That's a good question."

How a student should never respond to a professor's question.

"I don't know."

What some students will never stoop to saying, even if it is obvious to all the world.

"Pass."

What you hope you never have to do and what BC's offense won't do enough (successfully).

"If you don't say anything, you won't be called on to repeat it."

(Credited to President Calvin Coolidge.) The approach to class participation that 10% of the class practices religiously, another 10% ignores but *should* follow, and the remaining 80% is indifferent to.

THE CURRICULUM AND THE BCLS ENVIRONMENT:

"The community spirit."

A uniquely BCLS trait, but something that is still difficult to reconcile with a grading system that seeks to evaluate and differentiate the abilities of each "neighbor" to the one-thousandth decimal place.

"Love" and "law review."

Two things that only 20% of the class will make.

"Torts, ILPR, and Legal Research."

Three courses that all One-L's

seem to think they are too good to be forced to deal with, but which still add up to one-third of the first-year curriculum. (And don't you forget it.)

"A genius," "A failure."

Two things, which, no matter how hard you try, 99% of you won't become.

"9% or \$910."

Next year's increase in tuition (whichever is higher).

"The Alledger."

The only BCLS publication to which you can "sign-on."

THE NEWTON CAMPUS AND STUDENT LIFE:

"We were all undergraduates at one time, and we must have behaved like that too..."

What you'll say after sharing the Newton campus facilities with the freshmen for a couple of weeks. (But what you'll still find hard to believe.)

"Dining decorum" and "the Jesuit tradition."

Two topics of conversation that you'll never overhear between two freshmen.

FOR THE OUT-OF-STATERS:

Two near misses, an increased pulse rate, and the finger:

What you should expect to get after an average day of driving in the Boston metropolitan area.

A Commonwealth of Massachusetts liquor ID; total disregard for the concept of "right of way".

What you will need if you want to 1) drink in Massachusetts; and 2) drive in Massachusetts.

The Patriots in the Super Bowl, the Celtics in the NBA finals, and the Red Sox in the pennant race.

Three things, which, if occurring in the same calendar year, should make you want to transfer.

2.999:

What BC will round off your GPA to if you end up with a 2.999333333.

Elgin's Alley

by Elgin

By ELGIN

Heee-low B.C. Law. How was your summer? It's me again, Elgin, back with my incisive commentaries and revealing insights into the world of B.C. Law. Last year a few of you B.P.'s (first-years: see last Spring's *Alledgers* for explanation of term) got a little hot under the up-turned collar over my B.P.-G.R.F. comparison. Well fear not, no more abuse this year, I'm on to bigger and better things. Besides, most of the really-B B.P.'s graduated and now they've been replaced by a group of first-years that are too timid at the moment to be much of a threat to anybody.

Speaking of first-years, welcome to our humble law school. Right now you may seem a little lost because you don't know many people yet but once you meet everyone and they start spreading rumors about you you'll feel right at home. And to make things worse, many of those rumors will be of the worst kind—true? Of course if they're true they aren't really rumors but I don't want to confuse myself with facts (basic rule of law school).

While I'm on the topic of first-years, just let me warn you new-

comers about the mean practical jokes some 2nd and 3rd year students might try to play on you regarding assignments. As you've already encountered regarding legal research and writing class, some upper-level students might try to post phony assignments on the first-year bulletin board. Another popular ploy, unbeknownst to most first-years, is the old dress-up-as-Professor-Donovan and conduct class routine. That's right, first years. Some 3rd-year actually sounds and looks incredibly like Prof. Donovan and he won't hesitate to imitate the man should he happen to miss a class. The best way to detect this imposter is to pull on his beard so you may want to try that every day before class.

Well, enough advice already. Has anybody heard the latest on that new class on English Legal History? It turns out that its enrollment has so far exceeded all expectations that it had to be moved to a bigger room. That's right, English Legal History buffs. From now on, rather than meeting in the phone booth at the bottom of the library steps you'll be having class in the spacious 3rd floor maintenance closet.

Hey, we're just kidding; the Dean's class is actually very popular. It's one of the few courses offering three credits and a good afternoon nap as well. Generally naps are only two credits around here.

Speaking of deans, we at Elgin's Alley would like to extend a hearty welcome to our new Academic Associate Dean, the only and only Dean Smith. I guess he saw the problems Lefty Driesell was having at Maryland and decided the A.C.C. was no longer the place for him. As a matter of fact, that other Dean with the beard looks an awful lot like Lefty. Hmmm, I wonder?

Well, that wraps things up for this bi-month (it's tough when you only publish every two weeks—news gets stale quickly). Elgin will be back again in the next issue with more news and, if you're lucky, maybe you'll even be mentioned. Let me just leave you with this distinctively law-schoolish riddle: What do you call the box score in the newspaper telling you how the Montreal baseball team did last night? Give up? Ex-post factos. Get it—Expos (Montreal) factos? Oh well, we'll try again next issue.

The Slew

The Legend Continues in T & E

By R.T.

Many classmates from his undergraduate days became his students. Many of Boston's well-known politicians and judges, including Frank Bellotti, Kevin White and Joe Nolan were his students. Many of his former students have now had children who are his present students.

Who is this pillar of legal education at BCLS? Who has been propounding the strictures of the Uniform Probate "Co-o-o-de" and other statutes for 42 years? He is Emil Slizewski, better known simply as "the Slew."

The Slew started his collegiate education as a BC Eagle and then continued on to BCLS in 1941. It only took the Slew 2½ years to finish law school and he even took the bar before he graduated!

BCLS deans couldn't wait for the Slew to graduate because they needed him to teach the rest of the law students. In fact, just four months after he graduated, the Slew was teaching Criminal Law and was only one of three full-time faculty members.

Besides teaching Criminal Law in those days, the Slew also taught Personal Property, Real Property, Future Interests, Domestic Relations and Sales.

The student body at BCLS was much different during the '40s and '50s. The Law School would accept anyone with a college degree. However, about 30 percent of those would flunk out in the first year and 20 percent would bite the dust in the second year!

The Slew says that students now at BCLS are

much brighter than the students he had in the past, but they don't work as hard as their predecessors. The Slew remembers students staying up all night to do an outline for one week's materials of a course and then meeting him at 7:30 the next morning when he arrived. (He still arrives at 7:30 every day, by the way.)

Of course, classes were tougher back then with the Old Slew around. He would teach by the straight case method—posing questions to students, but never giving affirmative answers and then forcing students to tie all the cases together. Plus, there weren't as many basket-weaving

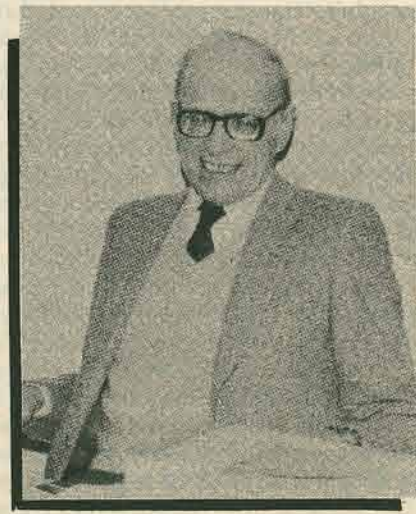
"This has been my life and I enjoy it tremendously."

—Emil Slizewski

courses (which indeed have proliferated recently).

The Slew also acknowledged that he had a reputation as a tough grader, but said that his reputation was exaggerated. The Slew reminded me, though, that a D is considered passing and that all his friends know he likes to say outrageous things.

Trusts and Estates, the class that the Slew has made famous, originated in 1954 when the school combined classes on Wills, Trusts and Future Interests. The Slew also began teaching Estate Planning that year, even though he had never taken a tax course. The fact that the tax code suffered a massive change in 1954 didn't make it any easier for the Slew, but he said he enjoyed mastering the area anyway.



42 years and counting—Prof. Slizewski (Yearbook photo)

Students wonder how the Slew always conducts his classes without any notes, but the Slew says he stopped bringing notes to his third class because one can never tell how a class will go.

The advice that the Slew had for the students was they should work harder, periodically review more and get interested in the material because as a lawyer you don't always do things you like.

Reflecting on his days at BCLS, the Slew said, "This has been my life and I enjoy it tremendously."

Warren Tolman: B.C.'s Favorite Son

By Mark Longietti

It doesn't happen very often that a young person steps right out of law school and runs for a major political office like state senate, especially in an area where politics is associated with names like O'Neill, Kennedy, and Roosevelt. Nevertheless, Warren Tolman is doing just that, and he is winning? According to the latest poll, Tolman, who began his campaign last year during his third year of law school, is in second amongst a field of six well-qualified candidates and just one percentage point behind frontrunner and former state representative Mike Barrett.

Warren's campaign for state senate is truly a grassroots campaign. Although he has managed to raise close to \$75,000 in personal campaign contributions, the mainstay of Warren's campaign has been the volunteer help from family, friends, law students, and the like. Tolman has been described as one of the most visible candidates in the race by the media and as someone who, if elected, would represent the district well, by one of his opponents.

Anyone who has traveled through Allston/Brighton, Belmont, North and West Cambridge, and Watertown, surely would recognize that the race Warren is in is the most intense po-

litical heat in the Boston area this year. While the congressional race between Joe Kennedy and George Bachrach finally gears up for the September 16th election, the seat for which Warren is vying has already witnessed thousands of visibilities, mail drops, phone calls, door to door visits, and even fights between neighbors and landlord and tenants as to which sign will be erected where. Only the sheriff's, oddly enough, has sparked comparable interest this summer.

Tolman's campaign has proven that hard work and an efficient organization pay off! Warren spends his days meeting people at their doors,

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Future J.D.'s

by B.C. Rowe

When we last left our hero, Jim the 1L, he lay jailed and falsely accused of theft! He was not allowed an attorney, and his roommates had given up waiting for him for lunch! But that was May, and now the question is—what is Jim doing now?!

Who, me? I'm a 2L now, and I just helped move in my new roommate! Meet Chris!

I am both pleased and honored to be in this comic strip.

Harlan

But Jim! What happened to the summer? How did you get out of jail? Where is Bill, your former 3L roommate? You can't just skip over all that!

Well B.C., it was like this...

That sucker they took looks just like me! Too bad he had no money, though...

The real thief had also stolen my wallet and tried to hide at BC.

Don't you know by now? Hey! Wait that nobody really shows a minute!

Show J.D.

But he was soon caught in the law library!

Mmph!

Hurry!

Bill graduated, studied for, and passed the Mass. Bar exam in ONE day to come and get me out.

Incredible!

Quite simply, your honor; a case of mistaken identity! By the way, I went to B.C.

The judge was so impressed, he gave Bill a judicial clerkship job on the spot!

But Bill doesn't seem to want to help me figure out my course schedule. Uh, Harlan...

Yipe!

Er—I have to give Chris a tour of BCLS! Come on, Chris!

A Summer not for the record books

By T.L.

"What you do in the summer after your first year of law school isn't important at all." I can't recall the number of times people told me that last spring when I expressed my disappointment over having failed to land a law-related job.

I interviewed with a few law firms in my home state, but lady luck wasn't on my side. (Although it was on the side of a few of my classmates who interviewed with the same firms. I might as well get used to the agony of defeat early.) So I was relegated to spending the summer doing more traditional tasks. As I was cruising southward on the New Jersey Turnpike two days after the Torts final, I tried to come up with the virtues of manual labor. It would be the last summer in my life where I would not be inundated with casebooks, I told myself. Plus, I could use a break from having to deal with all those reporters, copy machines, BC freshmen, etc. I also had to reconcile myself to the possibility that I hadn't really deserved a legal job (academically speaking). After I got through with my last exam, I wasn't sure if my grades would be good enough for me to grade on to the *Alledger*!

The day after I got back home, I hit the employment application circuit. I wasn't going to be too picky; anything that involved a salary would do. So, there I was, in grocery stores, department stores, lumber yards, construction sites, every place besides a fast food joint. I figured I had an advantage over the other college students in the area, since not all of them were out for the summer yet.

It wasn't long before I realized that I was competing with a bunch of sixteen-year-olds for the kind of jobs that a well-trained monkey could do. Well, nobody said it was going to be fun. So I swallowed hard. I filled out all the applications, faithfully and sincerely. But I have to admit, I wasn't sure if I should include BCLS under

"educational background." There was also the application from a gardening store that wanted to know what my "ultimate occupational goal" was. I laughed under my breath. What was I going to write down? State Attorney General? Senior partner at Shearman and Sterling?

And then there were those stores that wanted to know what position I was applying for. I had a real urge to write "In-House Counsel." That would have been good for a few laughs.

Just a day after filling out one certain application, I got an interview. Needless to say, it was nothing like that for a law firm. I didn't know what to expect, though, since I'd been out of that type of situation for so long. But there was no need to worry; a mere two days after the interview, I got the nod. I guess it was my naturally charming Roman good looks that pulled me through again.

The place that hired me was the local outlet of a nationally known retail chain. My official title was "stockroom clerk"—a fancy name for a job that entailed nothing more than lifting, pushing, pulling, stacking, taping, and dispensing huge boxes filled with clothes. And since I was an official member of the ladies' apparel department, I also had the task of counting and hanging various "intimate apparel" items (hereinafter, "lingerie"). But whatever glamour that is attached to this task is eventually lost when it is performed to the exponential repetition. I also had the duty of sweeping the floor and taking the trash out. While I was doing this one day, one of my smart-aleck associates looked at me and said, "Hey, you do that pretty good! Ever thought of making a career out of it?"

It was indicative of the kind of conversations I had with my co-workers the whole summer. Needless to say, we did not spend a great deal of time discussing the legal, political, and social

implications of the Rhenquist nomination nor the Supreme Court's judgment in *Hardwicke v. Bowers*. A typical conversation went like this:

Co-worker: So, what are you studying at school?

Me: Law.

Co-worker: Oh, you wanna be a cop, huh?

I looked for relief in the store PA system. I was hoping that the music would help pass the time, and make the drudgery more bearable. But how many times can a grown man listen to the same instrumentalist version of *Don't Cry For Me, Argentina*?

It was a pretty rough summer all the way around. It was a summer of sleepy mornings, peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwich lunches, sweaty afternoons, steamy nights, and uneventful days off. It was also a summer of minimal wages and a busted ego. (But, as I see it, I had no choice, financially. BC's financial aid office saw to that.) It got to a point when I was actually longing for the day when I could return to the "canned appellate briefs" and the "paper chase grind." As it turned out, the law review writing competition was the closest thing I came to a "vacation." (To the extent that walking around in a sleepless stupor could be considered a vacation.)

It's been said that a funny thing happens when a law student comes back for his second year. His magnanimous-socially conscientious—"I want to make the world better for democracy"—reasons for coming to law school go by the wayside. He shows up to school in a dark conservative suit, hoping to land a lucrative job with a big city corporate law firm. It's the classic "selling out."

After the kind of summer I've had, I won't have any regrets about going to interviews with employers who want to give me a real job. (If I can get enough money together for a suit, that is.)

It sure as hell is good to be back.

Why a Women's Law Center

By Gretchen Van Ness

Sometimes we hear the question, but usually it remains unspoken: Why a Women's Law Center? With women now constituting 50% (or more) or each entering class at BCLS, and maintaining our statistical majority in the population at large, is such a group really necessary? And didn't the *New York Times* report that the Women's Movement was dead a few years ago?

With all the gains women have made in the legal profession and in society in general in recent years, we believe that organizations such as the Women's Law Center are more important than ever. Despite our numbers in the student body, the faculty and administration of the law school is still predominantly male. Despite the unprecedented number of women entering the professions, women and children now form the fastest growing poverty group in America, and women still earn significantly less than men for doing the same work.

Women entering the legal profession can expect hostility and even harassment in the courtroom and in law firms across the country. They may have to give up any hope of partnership if they decide to have children, and may have to have their husband's or father's signatures to secure a business loan to start their own firms.

Clearly, women's life and legal experiences are different from men's, and one of the most important functions of the Women's Law Center is to provide a place for women to learn from each other. Each of us trying to reinvent the wheel on our own is a waste of precious time and energy. We hope we can provide assistance, support, and perhaps even expertise in some of the issues and problems that are unique to women in this, our chosen field.

A few words about who we are and what we do. Our organization is different from other law student groups in that our formal structure consists of a six-member steering committee and we

act through consensus rather than majority vote. In any given year, the interests of our members determine our activities.

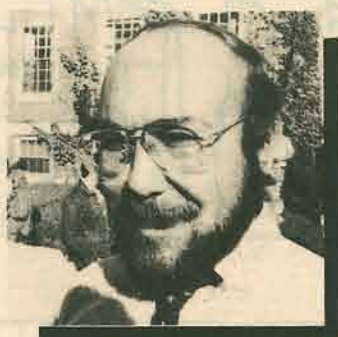
In the past we have sponsored a Brown-Bag Lunch series which brought women attorneys to campus to meet with students in an informal (and informative!) setting. Speakers included a family law practitioner, the Deputy Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility, and a BCLS student who was developing a women and the law course for the law school.

We have also sent and will send this year two representatives to the annual national Women and the Law conference. We sponsor events with other law student groups and help keep the law school informed of the activities of various local groups, including the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts, the Boston Chapter of the National Organization for Women, and the Feminist Attorneys Network.

Plans for this year include continuing the Brown-Bag lunch series, sponsoring a variety of speakers and movies, and working to defeat the anti-choice referendum which will be on the Massachusetts ballot in November. These plans will certainly change with our new membership this year, and this flexibility is one of our hallmarks.

The members of the Women's Law Center are diverse and deeply involved in the law school community. We have played key roles in everything from the Law Revue to the Law Review. If there is one unifying theme in our individual involvement in the Women's Law Center, it is our belief that the women of the law school need and deserve an advocate. And we also believe that our organization plays an important role in helping provide balance and fairness in the law school community. The legal profession has only recently been integrated with respect to women, and myths, inequities, and outright discrimination still remain. Through all of our activities we hope to educate and inform, and to strengthen the special "different voice" and the ethic of caring (as identified by Carol Gilligan in her book, *In A Different Voice*) women bring to the task of learning and practicing law.

Although we do not have regular office hours, we usually meet at least once a week and add new information to our bulletin board (outside our office, Room L124) as it is received. We encourage anyone (women or men) who is interested in these issues, or in personal or professional networking, or in proving the *New York Times* can be wrong, to join us!



You asked for it—Ken Ernstoff (Dean) with the before and after look (photo by Kathy McGrath and Yearbook)

Lifestyles Public Service Announcement

Students returning to school were greeted with a profound change upon their arrival at BCLS. Our trend-setting Dean of Students Ken Ernstoff provoked much commentary with his new facial adornment—a Lincoln-esque beard. Astonished and awe-struck students were heard all over the hallowed halls of the school with various remarks such as "wow" and "unbelievable."

In order to help our stylish Dean gauge public reaction to his new hirsute appearance, we at the *Alledger* have taken it upon ourselves to conduct a poll of student opinion on the subject of his beard. Please check the box of your choice below and stuff it in the ballot container located for

your convenience at the library entrance. Remember—it is *everyone's* responsibility to keep BCLS beautiful. To aid those first year students with nothing to compare the Dean's new appearance with, we include the above before and after pictures.

- I like the new appearance of Dean Ernstoff. ☐
- Off with his beard! ☐
- Who is Dean Ernstoff? ☐

Holocaust Project Informational Meeting

The Boston College Law School Holocaust Human Rights Research Project, HHRRP, will hold an informational meeting on Friday, September 12, 1986, at 11:00 am, for all interested parties. The HHRRP is a student-operated organization which develops and encourages legal scholarship on Holocaust-related issues in U.S., foreign, and international law. In the past, the HHRRP has provided research for anti-persecutor litigation and legislation.

Law concerned with World War II persecutors contains precedents for human rights cases generally. Legal logic illustrates the Holocaust's universal implications, and the HHRRP seeks to ensure that the precedential value of Holocaust-related law is fully recognized.

The HHRRP, which was started by Boston College Law Students in the spring of 1984, remains a unique endeavor. No other organization like it exists in North America. The advisory board of the HHRRP includes Dean Daniel R. Coquillette, various members of the Boston College Law School faculty, Alan Dershowitz, Elizabeth Holtzman, Kitty Dukakis, and Allan A. Ryan.

Thus, in conclusion, it is the HHRRP's hope that members of the Boston College Law School community will make an effort to, at the very least, become informed as to the HHRRP's activities. The very presence of an organization such as the HHRRP will ensure that the precedential value of Holocaust-related law is fully recognized.

By Dennis Duffy

Social Notes

What we did on our summer vacation

By Kathleen McGrath

While most B.C. law students focused on getting a tan or getting legal experience or getting both this summer, a few concentrated on bigger lifestyle changes like having babies and getting married.

Leading the way were Mark and Evelyn Power, both members of the B.C.L.S. class of '88, who became the parents of Stephanie Marie on June 1, just over a week after their last final exam. Stephanie, who could be a member of the B.C.L.S. class of 2013 if she follows in the family tradition, has already begun attending law school classes.

The next B.C. baby was Finian Parsons Brown, who arrived on Friday, June 13. The parents are David Brown, another member of the class of '88, and his wife, Nancy Parsons. Finian attended the welcome-back barbecue and may be accompanying his father to class, depending on sleeping and daycare schedules.

The last of the summer babies was Jonathan David Wall, who was born August 2, to Maria Wall, a member of the class of '88 and her husband, Jeff Wall. Jonathan has not visited B.C. yet, but his sister Sarah, 2½, came to class with her mother the first week of school.

At least eight B.C.L.S. students got married this summer. Ieuan Mahoney from the class of '88 married Carol Harmon, a member of the class of '88 at Boston University Law School. They went on a honeymoon to Ireland.

Eight in the class of '87 also got married this

summer. They are: Bob Orsi, Paul Loscocco, Bill Martin, Joe Valle, Bruce Berns, Peter Cary, Sara Borstel and Carol Schultze.

There were also a number of newlyweds in last year's 1L class who finally got a chance to go away for a honeymoon this summer. The students and spouses include: Donald Parker and Amy Wehrenberg; Alan Applebaum and Janine Corwin; Brian Albritton and Joo Hooi Ong; Kathleen Ryan and Joseph McDonough.

Engagements over the summer include one involving two B.C. 3L's, Nick Argy and Beth Leonard, and another B.C.-B.U. romance, Kathleen Brady, B.C. 2L and Tom Schulte, B.U. 2L. Dale Tamburro, a member of the class of '88 who is taking this semester off, has recently announced his engagement to Cynthia Priest.

As the *Alledger* was going to press, 1L student Shawn Cotter and his wife, Marie, were expecting the birth of their first child "any day."



The married look—Both Paul Loscocco and Bob Orsi took the plunge this summer (photo by Arthur Jackson)

What is Phi Alpha Delta?

P.A.D. is an international professional law fraternity—the world's largest, in fact—with 168 chapters at accredited law schools in the U.S. and abroad. P.A.D. is also a professional service organization whose purpose is to serve the law student, the law school, the profession, and the community. P.A.D.'s aims include bringing law students together with practicing attorneys, thus providing students with practical information and legal skills generally not touched by the aca-

demic curriculum, as well as helping to provide valuable attorney contacts. Both student and attorney members are dedicated to mutual self-help and to upholding the highest in professional ethics.

P.A.D. here at B.C. plans several programs beneficial to its members and the law school community. P.A.D. organizes the "Day With a Judge" program, which gives students the opportunity to spend a working day with a local judge.

P.A.D. also sponsors several "Meet a Professor" lunches, which give students and professors a chance to get to know each other in a less formal setting than the classroom. P.A.D. also organizes trips to prisons and police stations.

For more information on P.A.D., drop by the office in the basement (front) of Stuart House. The office hours are posted on the bulletin board outside Room 315.

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The Real David Heyman

It seems "Joe" couldn't have picked a worse person to impersonate. The real David Heyman had visited the school several times and had chatted at length with Ernstoff about U. Penn, their common alma mater. Ernstoff knew that if the real David had managed to come to B.C., he certainly would have stopped by to say hello by mid-October.

So Ernstoff visited a Contracts class the next day just before it started and asked if David Heyman was there. Someone pointed "Joe" out and Ernstoff knew at once he was a fake. He asked him to come to his office after class. "Joe" came and confessed the whole story. He later wrote a letter of apology in which he said he had hoped to be admitted under his real name after he had successfully completed his first year.

School officials say that his scheme would never have worked, because B.C. could never certify to the bar that "Joe" was a person of high moral character. In fact, the school wrote to bar officials and gave them Joe's name so he will have to overcome this mark on his record if he ever hopes to become a lawyer.

"Joe" left B.C. that day, and although he has asked the school to return approximately \$4,500 in cash with which he paid his first semester's tuition, the school has refused. He returned to Wisconsin and was last reported to be working in a gas station, according to Ernstoff.

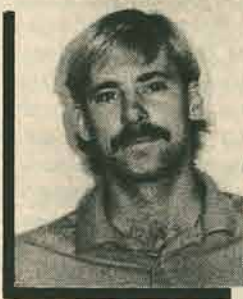
If the imposter hadn't been discovered that way, he would have been found out soon after. The real David Heyman was writing a letter that fall that said his financial picture looked better and he wanted to transfer to B.C.

That transfer has gone through, and the real David Heyman is now in Boston, trying to get used to a new school and new classes, while simultaneously sorting out just how far "Joe" went with using his identity.

"I know he had a place in Boston. Did he ruin my credit rating while he was here? I don't know. I got some literature I didn't ask for from the National Rifle Association. Did he sign me up? I have future political aspirations," David said, "and I'd really like to know how far this all went."

David says he is looking at possible legal action because of the imposter's use of his name, but no formal action has been filed against any party. At the very least, it made his study of intentional torts and long-arm jurisdiction a lot more immediate and exciting than for the typical first-year student.

Since this incident, the school will no longer release any information about any of its students over the telephone, Ernstoff said. "We won't even confirm a student's enrollment to the F.B.I. unless they ask for it in writing. Say a student called and said, 'I'm coming to the law school from Rhode Island and I'd like to know the names of other people from this area so I can form a carpool.' In the past, we'd have given out those names, but not any more," Ernstoff said.



Not the real David Heyman—photo of the student who tried to be David Heyman last fall.

Reflections of a 3L

By Bonnie C. Rowe

Perspectives. No, not that law course listed in the course guide; not geometric principles of space. This is an OPINION section. All students are invited to submit articles. I love it, because it's NOT like legal writing.

Being back for my third year is like treading water after an Olympic meet. As a 2L, I had been starry-eyed at the awesome menu of weighty legal offerings before me. (Oh boy, electives!) But now after a thrilling summer at a firm, I merely sigh and notice that there is yet another new coat of paint on the BCLS cinderblock walls, and a few replaced carpets here and there.

However, I am horrified to notice that some of my courses are actually beginning to interest me. A little of that starry-eyed anticipation returned. And I remembered my first year, when I got an insane giddy feeling from touching the binding of my very first casebook. Sick, you say? If you want to read something sick, read the following paragraph.

Over the summer, when I was furiously composing legal memoranda, I once came upon the phrase "contest of wills" in my research. It referred to two people locked in litigation. However, my mind immediately envisioned two parchment scrolls entitled "Bequest," growling and punching each other with little arms encased in boxing gloves. The ringside bell clanged, and I pulled myself together just enough to relay that scenario to my fellow summer clerk. He promptly informed me that he was going to use that idea as his next comic routine in the Villanova Law School version of "Future J.D.'s." Why that dirty...

But seriously, it was a terrific summer and now I am glad to be back. Because I believe in my heart that this year will go mercifully fast.

LSA Speaker Series

Dean Coquillette on the legal system's future

By Donna M. Stoehr

The LSA Speaker Series kicked off on September 5 with none other than our own fearless leader, Dean Dan Coquillette. The topic of the Dean's presentation was "Changes in Legal Education and Practice."

According to Dean Coquillette, the next 10 years in the field of law will be among the most challenging encountered by members of our profession. Central to the changes that will take place is a projected decrease in the numbers of qualified lawyers that will be entering the field. The Dean remarked on the tremendous decline in the number of applicants to law school which has occurred in recent years.

Since 1981, when the number of persons seeking entrance to accredited law schools peaked, applications have declined 41%. In 1981, approximately 82,000 applicants competed for an estimated 53,000 places available in accredited law schools. In contrast, last year only 55,000 applications were submitted for the same number of slots.

The decline in applications has not affected admissions at BCLS which, according to Dean Coquillette, is "on a roll, institutionally." Many other law schools, however, are experiencing trouble in attracting high quality students. As a result, less competent students are being admitted to law schools.

Dean Coquillette predicted that one of the major problems BC students will face upon graduation will be having to deal with the minimally qualified persons who will gain entry to the profession. More importantly, the Dean noted that the poor will be most likely to suffer since incompetent attorneys will end up representing them.

Why are the numbers of applications to law school declining? Part of the problem may be due to the perceptions of many people that the job market for lawyers is saturated. To the extent that such a perception exists, Dean Coquillette feels it is clearly mistaken. The Dean emphasized that the demand for talented lawyers in the private sector is strong and will remain so for at least the next five years.

In fact, Dean Coquillette stated that the perception of many law firms that the supply of talented new attorneys is dwindling is part of the reason that starting salaries have risen to the unprecedented levels currently existing. Overall, the job market has never been better.

Rather than the job market, Dean Coquillette attributed the decline in numbers of applicants

to the cost of law school generally. Prospective students are unwilling to invest time and money into law school, especially if they are unable to gain entrance into the better schools.

Moreover, the problem of cost is compounded by the attitudes towards education held by the Reagan administration. The current administration is completely uninterested in providing financial aid to persons seeking a professional education. For example, in a recent speech, Donald Regan stated that the government should be out of professional education altogether. Dean Coquillette noted that the U.S. is "the only country in Western civilization with that as a priority."

While the national picture regarding law school admissions may be bleak, the situation at BCLS is looking better than ever. The GPA's and LSAT scores of students admitted to BC are substantially higher than the national average. According to Dean Coquillette, BC is bucking the "dismal" national trend because of its informal and collegiate atmosphere—an atmosphere he desires to retain.

Dean Coquillette also discussed changes that have taken place in the practice of law in recent years. Firms have gotten much larger over time and the trend is towards domination of the legal

market by a few large firms. With the proliferation of larger firms comes several challenges to lawyers. Attorneys will be less in control of their work and their ethical environment. According to the Dean, the trend towards large law firms will make it "harder to fulfill oneself" with one's profession.

In response to the problems engendered by the more challenging working conditions that will exist for BC graduates in the future, the school plans to offer two new support services. Expanded placement services will be offered to allow dissatisfied alumni to switch jobs less stressfully. In addition, Dean Coquillette expects that the school will eventually expend more funds to provide students with the financial support necessary to allow them to engage in public service.

In summary, Dean Coquillette stressed the "remarkable responsibility" facing students graduating from BCLS. As the profession grows smaller and fewer attorneys enter the job market with the level of skill and training of BC graduates, the talents and skills of BC students will be needed more than ever before. The Dean stated that this country needs "a sense that people have a stake in a fundamentally fair and equitable society." According to the Dean, "that's our job."

Tolman: The State Senate Race

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attending coffees, club meetings and rallies, visiting homes for the elderly, and always listening to the concerns of the people he meets. His staff of a few full time paid workers and hundreds of volunteers squeezing time out of their busy schedules spend their efforts on talking to voters by phone, dropping leaflets door to door, holding signs, preparing mailings, and whatever needs to be done in a political campaign. Although it isn't always glamorous work, the work is rewarding and the people are fantastic.

Yet despite all of the hard work up to this point, the margin of victory will come down to who works hardest on the days before election and election day itself. I can say, proudly, that Warren has positioned himself such that he is one of the three candidates that has a legitimate chance to win on election day. For the rest it will be too little too late. But for these three it will

be a matter of who can do the most in the ensuing days.

Bearing this in mind, it would be extremely satisfactory if we as law students and colleagues of Warren would support his campaign by volunteering some of our time in the next couple of days and by voting for Warren on September 16. I know that especially on election day, the 16th, a great deal of volunteers will be needed. If you are interested in helping you should speak with myself, Wally McDonough, or the many other law students working on the campaign, or simply call Warren's office at 923-VOTE and speak to Kate Mehr or David Boundy who would be very glad to hear from you. The office is located at 19 Main Street, just beyond Watertown Square.

Warren Tolman and the Tolman Committee thank you very much!



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