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SBA NEWSLETTER

A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS: or the trials and tribulations of a first year law student.

A first year law student's life is a manic-depressive existence filled with peaks of excitement and valleys of despair. From the start his life centers on three things: Classes, Casebooks and Escape.

Classes are a new experience. Stand up, recite, sit down. Waiting to recite is like waiting for the headsman's axe to fall. The timing is uncertain but the discomfort is not.

Learning law is a strange thing. Sometimes, hearing "What do you think?" echoing from a professor, the student wonders whether there is any body of law to learn. But the casebooks and hornbooks reassure him (in their own perverted way) that indeed the law is there. There they lurk--thick with issues, oozing facts, heavy, somber, and cold-looking. Every one is indispensable in class. Each has enough reading to fill thirty hours a day if you let it. After the first few weeks you don't.

By then the law student is starting to pick up "the" words--in conversations you hear things being discussed "in the alternative" or assumed "arguendo." The discovery is made that the law is on his side. It assures him through one judge that in propositioning a date "there's no harm in asking."

Social life is slow for all but an envied relative handful of the class (and for the married students), but these are always the watering holes where a friendly hour or so can be spent getting away from the books.

Morning breaks are spent at the Wig. Afternoons, evenings and weekends find the gathering of the Order of the Quaff at the Pub, Colonial, Cave, or Hinge. There is always some time for a break--time for casual conversation, a quick rumor or two, or, in more pressure-filled moments for common comisseration over the woes of law school.

The three piece suit has found little acceptance in this class. More common are jeans, and other less-studied clothes. Hair grows, mustaches and beards sprout. The winds of change.

One thing the winds couldn't sweep away. Pressure. Never far away during first term, lurking in dark corners of the mind, in conversational cul-de-sacs, pressure

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Editorial

A short time ago we were assured that after we decided on the Barrister's Ball, we would be given another chance to ratify the proposed budget. This promise (backed by Constitutional mandate) has not yet been fulfilled. If the budget is subsequently ratified, then applying the relation back doctrine, all the past disbursements by

our officers are "as if" they were authorized. If not ratified, do these disbursements amount to a misappropriation?

THE COLONIAL**Luncheon Specials****\$.85 - \$1.25****Colonial Special****Food Speaks For Itself****Better Than Ordinary****DELI SANDWICH****Ask Other****Law Students**

"WELL, MEL BETTER WHIP OUT THE THESAURUS WE NEED A NEW WORD!"

Pilgrims' Progress from p. 1

skulked. To fall behind could be fatal at exam time. EXAMS!! The word was electric. The professors each cautioned in general that the tests would be unlike anything perviously experienced. Wave after wave of exams washed over the class leaving some high on the shore, others gasping in the surf, and carrying some out with them never again to be seen.

Dick Carrington

S.B.A. EVENTS

- Feb 23 Student Practice Act Discussion
- Mar 8 Film, "State of Judiciary Address of Chief Justice Burger."
- Mar 18 Joseph D. Tydings
- Apr 1 Henry E. Howell, Jr.
- Apr 12 Florence Kennedy
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TO THOSE NO LONGER WITH US AND THOSE WHO ARE BUT MAY NOT BE FOR LONG: A Dialogue Between a Former Law Student and the Academic Conscience.

ACADEMIC CONSCIENCE: You have failed. You have let down your family, your church, your country and all of the people in Troop # 139 B.S.A.

FORMER LAW STUDENT: But, Sir, I was only in my first semester and I was going to Marshall-Wythe.

ACADEMIC CONSCIENCE: Remember son, when you go to the oldest law school in America, you have to think like the oldest people in America.

FORMER LAW STUDENT: But most of them are in nursing homes.

ACADEMIC CONSCIENCE: I know, I know.

The bantering continues with the Academic Conscience becoming less and less sympathetic with the plight of the student.

ACADEMIC CONSCIENCE: I feel that you are actually responsible for your own failure. You did not make good use of your time.

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L.S.C.R.R.C.

All those who have expressed interest in the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council please be informed that the Southern Regional Director will be here during February. Plan to keep yourself available.

The S.B.A. will present "An Attorney's Opinion of the Law Student Practice Act" on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. in Room 216. Participants will include:
 Vernon M. Geddy, Jr.
 J.R. Zepkin
 Stephen D. Harris
 Gilbert A. Bartlett

COME TO PAD's RALLY.
 SAT. FEB. 27, 1971.
 \$1.00 a head.
 Beer and 3 Trophies

The following students have applied for positions on the AMICUS CURIAE.:
 Larry Solomon: Bus. Agent
 Ronald Case: Artist-Photo.
 H.J. Witman: Gnl. Reporter
 Tom Newton: Special Reporter
 Bob Byrum: Bus. Agent
 There will be a mandatory meeting Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 12:00 in the S.B.A. office. The above plus anyone else interested should attend.

VILLA ROMA**JOIN THE CAVE CROWD****HAPPY HOUR 4-6****BREW****.25 MUG****.70 PITCHER****KEG SERVICE ALSO****500 JAMESTOWN ROAD****MENU**WEEKLY

11 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Chicken & Dumplings & Salad	\$1.35
Hot Beef Sandwich & 1 Veg.	\$1.15
Ham Omelet & F.F.	\$.95
Fish Sticks, F.F. & Slaw	\$1.35
Rigatoni & Meat Sauce	\$1.25
Cheeseburger, F.F. & Soup	\$.95
Chicken Salad Sandwich & Salad	\$.95

VEGETABLES

Mashed Potatoes
 French Fries
 Turnip Greens
 Black Eye Peas
 Cole Slaw
 Apple Sauce

FORMER LAW STUDENT: That is probably true. I must have wasted a good four or five hours during the semester.

ACADEMIC CONSCIENCE: Remember the old saying that you have really got to want it.

FORMER LAW STUDENT: Only too well. Oh, if I had but heeded the advice of those young stalwarts destined for legal stardom. Things would have been so much easier if I had not thought nor used imagination and merely followed the reasoning I was taught by those who had taught me and those who had taught them. All that and I have given it up because I did not read West Publishing Co.'s booklet on how to write a law exam.

ACADEMIC CONSCIENCE: You realize of course that it is my duty to sentence you for this failure and as yet you have shown nothing that would lead me to lessen your sentence.

FORMER LAW STUDENT: Okay, then get on with it.

ACADEMIC CONSCIENCE: We the combined academic conscience of all that is pure and good find you guilty of failure and sentence you to a life of freedom from frustration and relevance. (Turning to the baliff) Baliff, take this man out and banish him to the real world for the rest of his life.



A LATE ENTRY
FROM THE GREAT
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AN ATLANTA
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