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Non-Psychotic Conquers Dissent

by David Curcio

Bruce Lee (not his real name) took control of the *Dissent* in a predawn coup Tuesday. The old editors were caught relaxing while laying out the paper in a dark barroom. Illicit drugs were found in all of Mike King's pockets as he and Judy Weiss were dragged kicking and screaming into an unmarked New York Post van. The new editor, who is not a third cousin of Rupert Murdoch and claims to have never met the publishing mogul, said the two were "definitely not executed, but they are not at all well."

The following is a touching personal interview with his honor, the New Editor, conducted by Joshua Welcome, respected Hollywood reporter for the *National* *Scene* and *Supermarket* *Patron's* Daily.

Why were the old "editors" deposed?

For turning a sleazy rag unworthy of toilet use into a quality paper in the tradition of high school papers nationwide. Which is a good thing, mind you,

but they didn't have to be so smug about it. That's why I was sent here.

Who is on your staff, my liege?

Anyone who writes anything. However, the Head Honcho does have one standard which must be met. No one on his staff must exhibit what he calls "journalistic prowess." And, personally, I refuse to hire anyone who has worked with asbestos.

What goals do you have for the paper?

I believe it was someone who looked like Benjamin Franklin who once said, "A newspaper needs one thing to survive: words. And, actually, readers too. Oh, not to mention advertising. And, of course, a quality dictionary." The guy was pushing eighty, but he was a wise SOB. A newspaper does need words. This one needs the words of students and faculty. And not just in any random order either. I'm talking paragraphs. Typed ones.

I understand you will institute an editorial column.

Yes. We will feature an opinion essay issue which will express the moral fervor of our staff in upholding the principles of fascism. Oh, I mean democracy. Yes, democracy.

Will opposing views be presented?

Why, of course. The *Dissent* welcomes responses to the ideas expressed. We require only that any questioning be limited to matters of sentence structure. All submissions must be of high moral character.

But, don't you yourself have a rather substantial criminal record?

Uh, I'm a man without convictions. Also, I'm an honor graduate of the Meese School of Ethics.

Would you care to reflect on your first year of law school?

The fact that a remainder could not follow a vested fee simple has changed my life drastically. It brought into question everything on which my past was premised and led to a radical change in my outlook and perspectives. I can now actually enjoy television.

But, hey, what do you think of law school?

Well, I can't shake this image of a vast toilet bowl. The third years are relaxing in a yacht, preparing to dock, sharing some beers with the tydi-bowl man. And the second years are clinging to the rim, occasionally gaining the strength to lift themselves up to peer out on the vast tiled wasteland of the real world and then glancing down at the first years rising into oblivion. A few sink in during finals week when the whole thing flushes.

This is, of course, a sick analogy—but I didn't get this job by being sane. Of course, one day we'll look back on all this and laugh, just like Vietnam.

You seem to have what we in the business call an attitude problem.

Well, if anyone ever tells you that what we do here is very important, just sit back and laugh and say, "I'm sorry, I thought I was in law school."

Thank you.
You're welcome.
I know.

Oh Yeah, the Elections

by Bill Christensen

Congratulations to the winners of the SBA's Super Tuesday election! The successful candidates have the distinction of serving in 1984—not only the Orwellian era, but the centennial of the law school as well.

The new power structure looks like this: President Lois Day (formerly Lois Daydream) was elected on a platform of backslapping, "good ole girl" politics and a monosyllabic last name. Vice President Tom Hart (formerly Harberne) won in a landslide vote cashing in on his cousin Gary's national success the same day. Tom's expertise about vice is, of course, handy for any politician. Doug Osterloh won by a slim margin to become "Business Officer." Doug liked the military sounding title and the students rewarded him with a full time job of hawking t-shirts, mugs and the like near the mailboxes. Rounding out the picture are Eileen Norton and Tim Travis as third-year representatives, and Steve Pradell and David Curcio representing the Class of 1986.

Other notable aspects of the election included the "also rans." First year celebrity Rod Carter received 8 write-in votes for vice president; these were explained away as a protest of Hart's hairstyle and Rod's recent transfer acceptance at Oxford. David Curcio, *supra*, received two write-in votes on ballots where his name was also printed. This came as a surprise because it was generally thought that Curcio's backers could not write. Honorable mention also goes to Sally Schmidt who generated one vote for Disco Queen, and to Ken Ford, who merited one recall vote. A shocked Ford said,

"Where were you when I needed you?"

This brings us to the failure of the campaign of ideas, led by Bill Christensen. Apparently the second year class was still clinging to the past and heavily supported Ms. Day. Although Christensen lost by over 170 votes, the first year class exhibited enthusiastic support for his approach to the future of the school by casting 8 votes for him in the various races. The candidate attributed his loss to three factors: his supporters were not sure what office he was best suited for and split the vote, Lois Day's persuasive negative campaign succeeded in revealing his LSAT score, and his stand against campaigning "may have been detrimental in the final analysis."

Christensen thanked the thinking element of the school which supported lower tuition and doubled faculty pay by voting for him. "The second years are having their day, but soon we will have ours. The Class of '86 is the future of this institution and we won't of all, Judy Weiss for sharing the thrills, agony and public scorn as co-editor; Ryne Jackson for saving us from financial ruin by launching our ad department; to Ken Ford for helping

In closing, this reporter would again like to congratulate the new student leaders of the school's second century. "Ask not what your law school can do for you, ask what the hell are you going to do once you get out of here."



A Parting Word or Two or Three by Mike King

With this issue a new name appears on the masthead. In exchange for Don Corson's LAP outline and an undisclosed second-round draft pick in 1987, David Curcio has agreed to take over the editorship of the *Dissent* for 1984-85.

Before gathering up my white-out and turning in my PRESS badge there are a few people I'd like to thank. First of all, Judy Weiss for sharing the thrills, agony and public scorn as co-editor; Ryne Jackson for saving us from financial ruin by launching our ad department; to Ken Ford for helping

ing us fight our battles with the IFC, his encouragement, moral support and hard work; to Dean Bell for taking the time to write a full page article for each issue and for not making me transfer out of state after running the George Washington shot on page one—glad you're staying around; to Dean Nagae for her articles, counsel and support; to Lois Day, Julie Davis and Laurie Abraham for helping us get our camera and budget through the IFC; and finally to the entire faculty and student body for their letters, articles, etc., without which we wouldn't have had much to print. Thank you.

JUSTICE BLACKMUN TO SPEAK AT COMMENCEMENT

Some headlines speak for themselves.

A Lesson Learned and Taught by Derrick Bell

(The dean's column in this issue is a talk given by Dean Bell at the Board of Visitors' dinner on April 6th in Eugene.)

In a few months, it will be four years since I first spoke to the Board of Visitors. In the fall of 1980, I was dean. My family was already here, and I was shuttling back and forth from the East Coast getting ready for a leading position in a school from which the major promise of a half-million dollars in much-needed program improvement funds already had been withdrawn in the wake of a recession that, in Oregon at least, eventually has come to border on financial collapse.

I did not know you then. But I was gratified at your warmth and support and, of course, your acceptance.

This was an experiment, and an experiment not without risk for all sides.

Law schools, and especially public law schools, are entities where reputation, as much as anything, is built on conservative policy and reliability of response. We are, if nothing else, bulwarks of predictability. My appointment represented a departure from the usual in at least three ways:

First, I find no record of a Harvard law professor leaving a position there to become dean of a public law school. And most back in Cambridge thought I had taken leave of my senses in pioneering in what they considered the hinterlands of both America and legal education.

Second, I find no prior instance where a public law school, other than those established for blacks, has hired a black person as dean. And in the black community, both on the East Coast and here, the predictions as to my fate were, to put it mildly, not optimistic.

Third, law schools, without regard to race, do not go out of their way to recruit as deans persons with long histories of controversy and trouble-making. Above all, they seek team players. Like the tired traveller choosing the Holiday Inn, they want "no surprises."

Of course, there are short-time benefits in doing the unusual. Oregon's offer of the deanship and my acceptance certainly raised eyebrows throughout legal education and in much of the professional and lay communities as well. Here, it was said, is a school ready to move, watch waiting, trying to build on its Wayne Morse tradition.

And there were benefits beyond those connected with image. I have not been successful in recruiting goodly numbers of black students to Oregon, but many white students have told me that my presence, even though they did not know me, was a positive factor in their decision to come here. Their statements have been a surprise and a source of much gratification to me

and, I hope, to those who hired me.

There have been other quite positive aspects of my pioneering, though much of the potential has been severely diluted by the constant struggle to gain and hold enough funds to keep the operation together.

But, I would agree with my critics that my three-year-plus tenure has given reason why so few law schools violate any of the three hiring rules ignored by the Oregon faculty. And in the last three months, my actions, many taken with little or no consultation with the faculty, have given pause and reason for deep concern to even my strongest supporters.

While the efforts by the school to resist further budget cuts have won the wholehearted public support of students and faculty, the process has strained the patience and made inroads on the support of faculty, already hard-pressed with concerns about the school's future. Their perseverance under stress is entitled to more credit and recognition than it has received.

But, you may say, if you knew your actions would create upset and controversy, why would you do what you did? If it was all a carefully wrought plan, why not share it with your colleagues? And if it was spontaneous and without plan, was it not irresponsible?

Explanation requires further review of the three risks taken by the school in bringing me here: Harvard, Black, and Controversial.

Harvard — remains the mecca for law teachers. It was a real plus for Oregon to gain a dean from there, and no less so because I claim it is not so great. Everyone would like to go. I have been there, and, worse, can return anytime I want. This looks fine on the surface, but when the faculty and I disagree on approach to our problems, my Harvard connections are not the firmest basis for good relationships.

Moreover, my actions do not further the school, but which risk the school's stability, even a declining stability, are seen as irresponsible because, it is said, I can leave, others must remain.

Blackness — is an area to be approached with caution. There is no need for use of the term racism here. Rather, we need only recognize the environment in which we were all born and raised and the expectations based on that environment as to what is normal, regular, stable, comfortable, and right.

And, sadly, in the world as it is rather than as we might ideally hope it might become, it is not normal to have a black man as the titular head of a mainly white institution, particularly a public law school with a reputation for stability and normalcy.

The abnormality would be survivable in good times, when the issues were not great, the problems not

crucial. But Oregon's public institutions have not enjoyed such periods in recent years.

And controversial — really means not the usual, different, a subject of discussion in which parties differ on approval, or disapproval of the conduct under discussion. Why is my approach and style unusual, different, controversial?

There are several factors:

My experience as a black and as a civil rights lawyer is a major cause. I have learned that when you are not perceived to have power, one must be confrontative to get that which you are entitled. I have told more than once the deep impression made on me as a child as I watched my mother, during the depths of the depression, get the landlord to make repairs on our house by withholding the rent until the needed repairs were made. My life has been filled with instances of both the need and the positive results obtainable through the use of such tactics.

Another cause is uncertainty as to my life role. Based on my training and interests, I am waiting for the call that does not come to lead the black masses as did King, DuBois, Douglass. I do what I can in civil rights while trying to administer the law school, and I am amazed to see (or think I see) so many parallels between the plight of people in this country who are black and the plight of people at this law school who are white. The causes of the plights are quite similar: a willingness of those in power to exploit those willing to accept exploitation. It seems to me that the remedies should also be the same.

It was with that perception in mind that I told the University Faculty Assembly that in accepting further budget cuts, their devotion to the University was being exploited. While their faces were white, they were being treated like colored folks down on the plantation.

As the old folk would say, "They been takin' 'low on the money so long, they don't know the way too high."

In this, there is more than a dab of frustration. In the black community, the expression is, "White people got it all." They are not supposed to stand for exploitative treatment "like the cullud."

I am certainly more sophisticated than those blacks I quote, but it is disconcerting to find so many whites who have not discovered what I learned the hard way: that there are few injustices that cannot be corrected when individuals and groups are willing to take and hold positions that are right, though risky and unpopular. At some point, they need only oppose those whose power and place are great by being willing to shout, "Opposition!" while all around those who are afraid to fight City Hall are whispering, "Acquiescence."

I believe this, but I tell you honestly that I had about concluded that there was simply too many willing to hope for better times next year. No one seemed willing to admit that there were real people exploiting us through the excuse of our serious financial crunch, and leadership that believes in business and protocol as usual even as the ship of state sinks beneath them.

I had about decided to bow out of this monetary morass while, at the same time both honoring my threat to quit, a clearly principled stand, and sending a message as to the likely course other faculty would soon take if budgets were not improved.

Three years seemed long enough to try and improve a superstructure while the financial base sank ever lower. Other opportunities beckoned, the university issued its budget, come what may. It seemed time to use Thurgood Marshall's handkerchief trick.

Back at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the now Justice Marshall would tell us that when he felt the strong urge to resign, he would go home, arrive in a small Southern town to defend a black man charged with raping a white woman, he would take his civil rights, fold them carefully in his handkerchief, stick them far down in his pocket, and leave them there until he got back on the train for home.

But my conscience was the students. "You," they reminded me, "got us into this mess! You cannot leave us now." It was a telling reminder of how frequently I have admonished students that lawyers must have the courage to apply back on the train for home.

And in urging that lawyers need conscience, they were being treated like law school faculty and administrators cannot be exempted from their most vital obligation to instill ethical values in students through course-work and by example.

It was time, my students were telling me, to practice what you preach, and learn what you teach. We have gotten your message, now go out and get it yourself.

And, so this is not my farewell talk to you. Nor yet is it a victory speech. For, as many of the Board has reminded me, the future road is long, the going is treacherous, and overhead, it looks like rain.

But we are not turning back. Ours is a righteous cause and we and those with us are uplifted by simply being together. We urge those who would to join us. To paraphrase one of the presidential candidates, we may not win, but because we join earnestly in the attempt, we cannot lose.

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On Needles, Gurneys and Handguns

Letters

Murder by injection on death row is not better than murder by a handgun in a back alley. In fact, it is worse. For the former killer is not some punk with a violent antisocial attitude but a calculating justice acting for all of us in the name of society. The street hoodlum on drugs does not care or does not know of the immorality of murder; we know killing is wrong, yet we sanction it anyway.

The vain hope of preventing future murders is the standard justification for capital punishment. Study after study has shown that letting the state kill does not clearly deter people from killing. While deterrence may work when individuals behave rationally, murder is often an emotional crime perpetrated by one who does not weigh the pros and cons of his actions. Those murderers who are aware of the consequences are equally aware of the low probability of capture and conviction.

The real reason behind the death penalty is as emotional as the original killer's motives. Fear of a growing crime rate and the satisfaction gained from retribution lurk behind the deterrence theory. This fear is exaggerated; its force has led to an impetus to make punishment more severe than our death penalty is as emotional as the original killer's motives. Fear of a growing crime rate and the satisfaction gained from retribution lurk behind the deterrence theory. This fear is exaggerated; its force has led to an impetus to make punishment more severe than our death penalty is as emotional as the original killer's motives. Fear of a growing crime rate and the satisfaction gained from retribution lurk behind the deterrence theory. This fear is exaggerated; its force has led to an impetus to make punishment more severe than our death penalty is as emotional as the original killer's motives.

Partly in recognition of the baseness of capital punishment, some business

of humanism has been coupled with the fear and the wrath. Numerous inevitable "safeguards," including a lengthy and expensive appeals process, were created to ensure that no innocent person is killed and to make the whole procedure a little less discriminatory. More recently, there has been a trend towards "humane executions." Thus, cells on death row are painted blue and yellow, some have TVs, and electrocution has been replaced with an allegedly painless lethal injection.

These reforms are hypocritical. Swabbing the victim's arm with alcohol before injecting the poison does not make the killing any less real or wrong. Replacing the electric chair with a gurney does not relieve us of the responsibility for the death.

No one has the right to kill. Society has to right to remove those who violate this proscription from the mainstream and place them in those hellholes we call correctional institutions. Killing is not a deterrent. It is not done in pursuit of what is right, but rather in response to a barbaric element in all of us. Capital punishment is not justice, it is murder.

AN INSTANT RESPONSE

The arguments above are just as emotional as those alleged to represent the other side. In fact, society and civilization demand sacrifices from all in order to preserve tranquility and stability. Persons so inhuman as to violate the most fundamental protection afforded by society, that of life, forfeit all the privileges and benefits of civilization. Their life can no longer be protected by society; justice must be served for the benefit of everyone. That is the way modern humanity must deal with such violence and barbarity.

by David Curcio

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I want something from the students, faculty and staff of the University of Oregon Law School and I have something to offer in return.

I want your vote in the Eugene City Council race for Ward 3. I am running against Joyce Nichols, a public relations officer who represents Weyerhaeuser.

Both my law degree and my B.A. in political science are from the University of Oregon and I feel the same way do when the newspaper headlines report cut after cut to our budget. The U of O is vital to the health of Eugene. But the patient is in trouble when there aren't sufficient funds to keep the best faculty and administrators from looking elsewhere.

If you will give me your city council vote May 15 I will be your voice in local government and I promise to make our voice heard all the way to Salem. Loud enough that we begin to get our fair share of funding at the U of O. Loud enough that Salem realizes the university is the largest employer in Eugene.

Eugene's Ward 3 includes the U of O. Please include yourself in this vote and consider it a vote for the university. Mail-in registration forms are at the post office. Or you can register at Lane County Elections, the corner of Oak and Sixth.

Please, let's work together for the U of O. Call me at 484-2611 or 345-1534 to ask a question, to ask for a lawn sign, or to lend a hand with the task ahead.

Debra Ehrman
U.O. Law School,
Student Bar President,
Class of 1980

To the Editor:

The students at this law school have a unique opportunity this year to expand the influence of the SBA on this campus. This year, a very highly qualified candidate for the position of President of ASUO comes from our ranks. She is Julie Davis, class of 1985. She served as chair of the IFC this year and has been widely recognized as an intelligent, thoughtful and fair leader.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Julie Davis as a friend and as a student leader. I recommend her to the university community as a person worthy of your vote for ASUO President, and as a representative of all students on this campus. She will be a brilliant student leader.

Additionally, other fine law students are candidates for ASUO offices. One in particular deserves your support: Ryne Jackson, class of 1986, a candidate for IFC. She would continue the excellent tradition of law student service on the IFC which began this year with Julie Davis, Lois Day and Julie Abraham.

I encourage law students to vote responsibly in the upcoming ASUO elections. Votes for Julie Davis and Ryne Jackson will be among the most responsible votes you could cast.

Ken Ford

Man is mortal. Socrates is a man. All men are Socrates.

Man is irrational. Man created logic. Logic is irrational.

"I don't think I'll ever take another woman to dinner without thinking about *Diege v. Boehm*." — Random First Year Student (Contracts B).

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their support in the SBA elections. I look forward to the next year as one in which the potential exists for accomplishing something substantial in the areas of greater funding for higher education, increased representation of women and minorities in the student population and an increase in the influence of students in the decisions which directly affect their education, such as curriculum development and course offerings.

There are a number of ways a student who wishes to contribute time, energy, ideas or anything else can become involved. Student/faculty committees conduct a lot of important business here at the law school and their effect on the decision making processes should not be minimized. There are a number of SBA programs in which a student can become involved. Plus, there is always room for innovative ideas like creative programming. GET INVOLVED!!! Please come by the SBA Office and see me or just catch me in the halls. I look forward to a year in which the student body takes an active part in determining just what their paid time and money is going to.

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to the upcoming ASUO elections. Julie Davis, a second year student, is running for President of the ASUO. I have had the opportunity to work with Julie this year on the Incidental Fee Committee and have found her to be an extremely talented facilitator, well versed in the pertinent issues, and to have well managed her time and talents to effectuate the fairest and most reasonable results. I strongly encourage you to vote, and to vote for Julie Davis.

Lois Day

To the editor:

There is a renewed sense of fairness and responsibility to the general university community in student government this year. Ken Ford, in a *Dissent* article last fall, attributed this change to "the spirit of reason and open government introduced by ASUO President Mary Hotchkiss." In this critical student body election we, as law students, must again take a serious look at the Students for a Progressive Agenda candidates.

The current SPA administration sponsored/organized many important events this year:

- Crisis in Central America Conference
- Unlearning Racism Conference
- Solomon Amendment Education Campaign
- 1984 Film Series (checking *The Front*, Nixon's Cheekers Speech, *1984 Revisited*, *Johnny Got His Gun*)
- Spring Women's Symposium

In addition, the SPA administration brought the federal cheese, butter, and milk distribution program to campus and funded the NLG divestment suit.

The SPA administration also joined forces with us in requesting emergency funds from the State Board. It nominated fellow law student Paul Konka as a candidate for student representative to the State Board of Higher Education.

I urge you to consider Barbara McCarthy and Bill Hallmark, SPA candidates for ASUO President and Vice President. They are issue oriented and have proven their effectiveness and willingness to work for all students.

David Gold

(I also request that the person removing Barbara and Bill's posters from the law school stop his or her unethical behavior.)

Warning! Caution! Mayday!

by David Curcio

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"Every Tort You Fease"
"Sweet Unconscionable You"
"Pleas, Pleas — Tell Me Now"
"I'm Voiding in my Pants Over You"
"Hey, Hey, Hi, Hi, We're Insane at the ALI"



Ross Leuning displays zero-gravity drinking form



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In what one witness described as "the most fun seen at this law school in a long time," the annual Talent Show made its debut before a capacity crowd April 1 in the moot court room. Organized by Steve Pradell for the benefit of the Class of 1986, the event featured a wide variety of law student performers. The judges, Professors Leslie Harris, James Mooney, Frederic Merrill and James O'Fallon, enjoyed (or endured) comedy acts, questionable drama, death-defying stunts, actual musical aptitude, poetry and such.

A few highlights are presented for those who missed the display. My apologies to those acts excluded from these pages—and my deepest sympathy to those included.

Persons with only photographic and paper talent,
Marian Naden
David Curcio

MARKETABLE TALENT AWARDS

The winners of the First Year Writing Stuff:
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SECOND PLACE: Barry Keil
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Thomas Axelsen
Lisa Ryca
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NIN IN A SCENE INVOLVING
RABBITS: To Be Announced



Mike and Mike perform a touching tribute to America's heroes.



"Why Don't We Do It In the Road," on guitar by young Kateb, Class of 2005.



Mr. C, part of the A-team, threatens the B's.



Maria Kuyser



Willie Waylon O'Fallon.



The Unknown Blind Pianist brings his Las Vegas act to Eugene, accompanied by "Sticks" Zwick and Spike. Law-school-induced catatonia influenced Chuck Levin's classical interpretations.



Kathy "F.I.G.M.O." Johnston raises The Dead.

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Law School Reporter

by Ken Ford

This is my last opportunity to report, in the *Dissent*, on the activities of the SBA. In looking back over the past year, I am both pleased and disappointed in the accomplishments of student government at the law school. That dichotomy is expected, of course. Over all, it is my opinion that much has been accomplished this year.

Perhaps the greatest success for student government in this past year has been the revitalization of purpose within the student body. Student government is much more visible, and thus responsible, than it has been in recent years. However, it would be incorrect to attribute this improvement to anyone in particular: the three classes have all assumed responsibility for effective action. Much of the credit must be given to the first year class for its ongoing efforts in the budget battle, and to the many second year students who have shown remarkable talent and leadership.

A large number of students put their hearts and souls into activism in the budget crisis (which was first driven home to us through Dean Bell's threat to resign). Some of these students deserve special recognition for their efforts: Tom Hart, Timothy Travis, Lynn Johnson, Terry Scannel, Don Corson, Lisa Rycus, Saulius Mikaloni, Suzanne Anderson, and Marsha Skudlarek. This list is by no means complete, nor are the ranks of concerned students yet fully defined. Without the efforts of these and many other concerned students, our voices would have continued unheard and without influence. We should be proud of them!

David Schuman and Sean O'Rourke are to be commended for helping develop student influence in curriculum matters. Their efforts have been herculean! In fact, the students involved in student/faculty committee this year have done an outstanding job. Many of these students have performed far beyond the call of duty. Cathy Metzler, tirelessly researched the problems of the law library and almost singlehandedly conducted the law library survey which helped the SBA and the law school administration understand the scope of the library's problems.

The student members of the placement committee sacrificed a lot of their personal time to help in the dramatic improvement in placement services offered to law students. Eileen Norton deserves a special thanks for her efforts.

Bob Turner accepted the very difficult position of student representative to the Academic Standing Committee, and conducted himself fairly, earning the respect of those who worked for him.

Mike King was the driving force behind the "revival" of the *Dissent* for this year. Even though some may have preferred the *Dissent* either as it was—dead—or at least in a somewhat more controversial vein, there is no doubt that the *Dissent* is back. Rye Jackson and Judy Weiss played crucial roles in helping the *Dissent* become partially self-supporting through the sales of advertising. Mike's efforts to procure funding for a camera for the *Dissent* were successful.

Steven Pradell and Mary Ellen Zalowski put a tremendous amount of effort into organizing the First Annual All-Law School Talent Show, and wound up with a great success! The talent show was one of the highlights of the year.

The subprograms continued the tradition of active student involvement. Russ Aoki and Tess Brasser have pushed the Minority Law Students' Association to new heights. Bruce White and Becky Craven have been very effective in the work of Land, Air, Water. They have been a pleasure to work with.

Evelyn Sparks, David Gold, and Sally Schmidt have played significant roles in the outstanding activities of the National Lawyers Guild. David has also served with distinction as a member of the University Book Store's Board of Directors.

Gayle Brooks, Chris Jessup and Susan Burke have managed to tame the Moot Court Board beast—no easy task this year. These may be some of the most underappreciated efforts of the year! Similarly, the co-directors of the People's Law School program also labor in quiet, but effective, anonymity. While their efforts have not received a lot of recognition, they have added immeasurably to the public perception of service in the legal profession.

Laurie Abraham and Mike King have served admirably in a review of the Externship Program, and future participants in the program will be the beneficiaries of their efforts.

Susan Randall and Alice Fent have worked hard for Women's Law Forum, and have continued the tradition of excellence in service to women at this law school.

David Fine and Ron Cook refused to allow the football and basketball pools to disappear, which certainly pleased The Commissioner.

Kristi Wallis' work as ABA/LSD representative were top-notch, a hard act to follow!

Several law students participated in campus-wide activities, extending the influence of the law school and enhancing its reputation. Julie Davis, Lois Day and Laurie Abraham established themselves as very effective members of the Incidental Fees Committee, which distributes almost \$2.2 million of students' fees to various programs on campus (including the SBA). Gordon Mallon served on the SUAB, Alan Contreras on the ASUO Constitution Court (among his many other activities), and Valerie Singer has been a lot of help to the SBA and other programs in her capacity as Comptroller of the ASUO.

Special mention should be made about Craven Young, who is one of those people who is always there. He accomplishes a lot in many different areas, and never seeks recognition for his efforts.

Credibility has been a concern of the SBA this year. For far too long, student apathy has convinced many that students shouldn't and cannot be entrusted with responsibility for the affairs of the law school. This year, thanks to the tremendous talents and efforts of a large number of students, many more than I have been able to mention here, credibility is being restored for the SBA. A growing recognition of our credence as a responsible, active student body has developed. Our relations with alumni, the Board of Visitors, and the general university community are at their highest levels.

We still have a long way to go, however. Lois Day will take over as SBA President for next year, and brings a lot of energy and skill to the job. But without your continued energetic assistance, the SBA will be unable to build upon this year's accomplishments. With your efforts, there are few limits on us for the future!

Women's Law Forum!

1. ANNE E. WOOD AWARD

The Anna E. Wood Award is presented in honor of the first woman graduate of the University of Oregon Law School. She graduated in 1896. The award is given by the graduating members of the Women's Law Forum, that is, the women members of the third year class. The award is to recognize energy, inspiration and commitment to issues facing women. A nominating petition for the award will be posted on the WLF bulletin board this week and will remain posted until April 20th. Ballots will be put in third year women's mailboxes and returned to the WLF box in the SBA office. The winner is usually announced at the final WLF function of the year and at graduation. Last year's recipient was Anita Engles. Any questions about the award should be directed towards Susan Randall or Jan Prewitt.

2. ELECTIONS

Officers for the 1984-85 year will be elected at the beginning of fall term 1984. This change will allow continuity of administration over the summer, as well as take advantage of the fact that people are more enthusiastic and generous with their time in the fall. First year women will also then have a chance to participate in the election of officers for the year. Presently WLF has three "co-equal" presidents, one of whom manages the money.

3. SPEAKERS/PARTICIPATION OF WLF FUNCTIONS

WLF views itself primarily as a social and educational organization, without trying to espouse any particular political philosophy on behalf of the female student body. This, however, can be changed and the organization should be viewed as a flexible forum, responding both to the constituency and the particular external pressures affecting the group. Unfortunately, there has been a marked lack of involvement this year in WLF. This may be a result of general apathy or the failures of the organization to respond to the concerns of its members. There is not much we can do about the first, and we can only fix the second if women voice these concerns. Please tell us what you would like to see.

It is particularly frustrating to plan speakers and programs only to have them poorly attended. We would like to hear your reason for non-attendance, particularly if the problem is inadequate publicity or inconvenient location or scheduling. Of course, the complaints should also contain suggestions for more convenient locations or scheduling.

We have tried to schedule a pertinent and varied agenda of speakers this semester, for instance: Joan Acker on Comparable Worth, Shirley Hufstetler on just about everything, and a panel of women judges. The panel of women judges was particularly poorly attended, although, in our opinion, equally interesting in information, not to mention fun.

WLF is every woman's organization. We hope for more participation, both in planning and attendance in the future.

Jan Prewitt
Susan Randall
Ann Lyons

National Lawyers Guild

The National Lawyers Guild is an organization of lawyers, legal workers, law students and jailhouse lawyers with over 7,000 members in 96 chapters throughout the United States. The Guild was founded in 1937 as a multi-racial and progressive alternative to the American Bar Association. For the past forty-five years, the Guild has been in the forefront on many of the most significant battles for political, economic, and social change.

The Guild's long and rich history reflects our country's movement for progressive change. In the 1930s the NLG drafted and defended New Deal legislation, championed civil liberties, fought for an anti-lynching law, initiated experimental legal clinics in working class neighborhoods in Philadelphia and stood in solidarity with the young industrial union movement.

The Cold War years found the Guild struggling almost single-handedly to protect the civil liberties of those under attack by the right. The Guild was involved in the defense of virtually every victim of the anti-communist witch-hunt, and continued to lobby against H.U.A.C., alien deportation legislation and other repressive measures aimed at the left. The Guild emerged from the McCarthy period smaller, but

organizationally whole and ready to move ahead.

In the early 1960s the growing civil rights movement ushered in a new era for the Guild. The NLG opened up an office in Jackson to support the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer. Staffed by a steady stream of lawyers recruited by the Guild, the office stayed open for over a year defending the hundreds of civil rights workers arrested while registering people to vote.

By 1967 the anti-war movement had gathered great momentum. Once again Guild lawyers were in the forefront defending activists and demonstrators, training draft counselors and counseling registrants. During the late 1960s and early 1970s the Guild staffed many mass defense offices serving the anti-war movement, the Native American movement, and the Black Liberation movement.

In the 1980s the Guild continues to provide representation to progressive political activists no matter how unpopular their cause. The Guild also continues to oppose all forms of racial discrimination and, together with the National Conference of Black Lawyers and the Center for Constitutional Rights, operates the Affirmative Action Coordinating Center to monitor

legislation, litigation, and other developments in affirmative action. The Guild opposes United States aid to the repressive government of El Salvador, has sent a fact-finding mission to explore human rights violations in El Salvador, and is again prepared to provide trained legal counsel to men who face prosecution for refusing to register for Selective Service.

The Guild expanded to include law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers in the early 1970s. Law students now comprise a substantial percentage of the Guild's membership. In recent years law students and legal workers have assumed leadership positions in many areas of the Guild's programmatic and organizational activity.

The NLG provides an organization for progressive lawyers, legal workers, and law students who are concerned about the fate of today's world and who want to put their special legal skills to work for a more decent and just society.

For more information, contact:

Saulius Mikalonis
Craven Young
Sally Schmidt
Evelyn Sparks
David Gold
Wendy Lawrence

Pretty Camera Available

The Dissent, with SBA matching funds, recently purchased an SLR camera. Although priority will be given to "newspaper business," the camera is available for use by any legitimate SBA subgroup.

The camera may be checked out through Ken Ford, SBA President. The care and safe return of the camera will be the responsibility of the student representative who checks it out. Basic instructions for use are available with the camera.

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THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Why does the Law Review get a nice big office with glass doors while the Dissent gets a closet in the typing room?

Wouldn't the Northwest Christian College or the U.O. Computing Center make a damn nice Law School parking lot?

Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Lawyers

by James O'Fallon
 (with apologies to Willie and Waylon)

Lawyers ain't easy to like and they're harder to take

They'd rather see you in jail than admit a mistake

Three-piece Brooks Brothers and button-down collars

And nights filled with billable hours

If you don't say he's brilliant and he don't make judge

He'll probably just turn out sour.

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Don't let 'em write briefs and read them old books

Let 'em be cowboys and beach bums and such

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'Cause they'll never be done and they're always on the run

Even with nothing to do.

Lawyers like musty old courtrooms and summary judgments

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