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New Editors for RES IPSA in '91

As editors of RES IPSA during the past two academic years, we have watched our school grow and have shared with others the SNESL spirit of commitment to the highest goals of law school education.

During this period we have valued the experience of establishing this newsletter, naming it, and then working closely with students, faculty and SNESL staff to promote it. We are grateful to the SBA for giving us this opportunity and for their continuous support; we also extend a special "thank you" to those who have contributed to this newsletter on a regular basis -- in particular, Hazel Ingliss, Sandra Ledger, Carol Vidal and Michael Hillinger.

Now, although the editorship of RES IPSA has been valuable to both of us, regretfully we must step down at the end of this quarter because of other obligations. Our final issue will be dated December 1990.

Accordingly, the SBA now is seeking student candidates for the editorship of this newsletter effective with the Jan. 1, 1991 issue. As we can attest, this is a valuable opportunity for involvement with SBA activity as well as for the experience it affords in writing and editing. During the transitional phase we will be happy to assist the person or persons who succeed us.

Interested students should contact their student representative not later than Thursday, Dec. 6, in order to allow time to prepare for the January 1991 issue.

Editors: Robert Pike • Janet Pike

'Open House' at SNESL for Bar Association

Approximately 50 members of the New Bedford Bar Association were welcomed to SNESL the evening of Oct. 24 for an Open House program designed to promote a closer and mutually beneficial relationship between the school and the Association.

Highlight of the program, which included a wine-and-cheese reception, was a tour of the school's 35,000 volume law library. Pointing out that SNESL's library holds the largest standard legal research collection in Southeastern Massachusetts, Dean Cleary said, "It is the only facility of its kind in this region that is open Saturdays and Sundays. We believe the school can provide a much-needed service to members of the Bar Association by making our library available to them". Use of the SNESL library in the evening or weekends, when court libraries are closed, could be a valuable resource for local attorneys.

Members of the School's Board of Directors and Faculty were on hand to welcome the Bar Association group, which included three judges; the Hon. John A. Markey, Hon. George P. Ponte and Hon. John M. Xifaras.

It is interesting to note that SNESL has four judges serving as adjunct faculty members. They are Judge George Jacobs, associate justice of the Appeals Court of Massachusetts; Judge Robert J. Kane, associate justice, Edgartown District Court; Judge Francis J. Larkin, presiding justice of Milford District Court, and Judge Baron Martin, presiding justice of the Wareham District Court.

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Westlaw Training

SNESL now has a permanent Westlaw Training Center -- a situation usually existing only in law schools with ABA status. The five-terminal center located at the rear of the Library, is for the exclusive use of officially enrolled SNESL students -- and it is emphasized that fifth-year students should be familiar with the system before they are graduated.

Westlaw training -- it takes approximately three hours and may require two sessions -- is ongoing for students in their second through fifth years of school with a cutoff date of Jan. 31, 1991. Students should sign up for such training at the Library's circulation desk. Training sessions will be conducted Thursday and Friday evenings, and on Saturdays (in the day time) for those unable to attend those evenings sessions.

New Student Adviser

Professor Dwight Duncan has succeeded Professor Michael Hillinger as our new student adviser.

Holiday Party

The Student Bar Association (SBA) will hold its second annual Holiday party in December, details to be spelled out in the next issue of RES IPSA. If you require information sooner, to allow for holiday planning, please see your class representative.

The Fajita Tale

Fajitas are a Tex-Mex delicacy that most northerners are unaware of. Fajitas are basically cuts of marinated meat or chicken rolled inside a soft flour tortilla.

The Fajita Tale was born in the Old West. Back then, most Mexicans could only afford to buy an inexpensive cut of meat known as skirt steak. To tenderize and flavor the beef, the Mexicans would marinate and cook it over an open fire. The sizzling meat would then be rolled up into thin flour tortillas, which Mexicans substituted for bread.

The price of meat kept rising while more and more Mexicans settled into Texas. The Texans learned of the inexpensive skirt steak from the Mexicans. The name "Fajitas" was given to it when marinated.

Eventually, fajitas became popular all over the great state of Texas. Later on, chicken fajitas came about as more people turned to eating poultry.



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Beef Fajita

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Refried beans, sour cream, cheese, and salsa served on a Mexican flour tortilla \$2.00

Breakfast Taco

Grilled onions, potatoes, and eggs served on a Mexican flour tortilla with salsa \$1.50

Refried Beans

Pinto beans with spices mashed and refried \$1.25

Nachos

Tortilla chips covered with melted cheese topped with sliced jalapenos \$1.75

Extras

Sour Cream \$1.25
Cheese \$1.25

Beverages

Sodas \$1.00
Coffee regular \$1.50
large \$1.75
Orange Juice \$1.65

Local Scholarships

Congratulations to John Connors, a third year student, for having been awarded a scholarship by the Fall River Bar Association. Last year's recipient was Tom Mello, also a third year student. We're happy to see the recognition and support of our school shown by local merchants and other organizations -- especially the legal community. Scholarships are available and SNESE students are getting them!

Administrative Announcements

Registration: Registration information for classes in the next semester will be mailed to all students. All registration requirements must be fulfilled by Thursday, Dec. 6.

Tuition: Students are reminded that their second tuition installment was due Oct. 31, and that satisfactory tuition arrangements are a prerequisite for taking those final exams this month.

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