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# RES IPSA...

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A look at the SBA  
By Joseph C. Ferreira

The idea of encouraging more student involvement at SNESL was shared by many, I know, when I began at the school in October 1988. At that time, before professor Cleary became Acting Dean, and subsequently Dean, and classes were held at New Bedford High School, students were concerned with the future of the school. A permanent site was still only a dream.

Despite our concerns, the school rapidly advanced and the concept of a Student Bar Association was approved in the late Spring of 1989.

Elections were held shortly thereafter and the other Representatives chose me to be President of the Association for the 1989-1990 academic year. Tentative by-laws were written (which are now being amended) and the organization started working diligently in September 1989. The first student newsletter was issued in October and the task of writing and editing Res Ipsa was soon taken over by Robert Pike and Janet Pike. Both Pikes currently serve as Editors and have done an excellent job in writing this monthly publication, getting to press on time, and making sure copies are distributed. Through their efforts the newsletter now raises revenue by selling advertising space to local businesses!

In November 1989 Representative Margaret D'Alfonso suggested a food drive and subsequently took charge of the event. The drive culminated in a large donation to Market Ministries, located in New Bedford. In December 1989, the SBA sponsored its first annual Law Revue and Buffet, at which certain professors were "honored". The event was fun-filled; Dean Cleary was the recipient of this year's "Tim Henley Award".

In January 1990, Representative Stanley Moszczenski directed a student survey which resulted in a recommendation for course offerings. In February the SBA sponsored a lecture on medical malpractice and provided a buffet for all in attendance. (The meal was a little late, but it finally arrived.)

Since last September the SBA has also been busy with other activities. A "Sunshine Fund" was established and Naomi Carpenter has been the person responsible for sending flowers and the like to students grieved by deaths or illnesses in their immediate family. The SBA has announced the availability of scholarships and will continue to do so. "Bus Fund raising" raised money for the SBA through the sale of coupons redeemable at Rhode Island businesses. Sweatshirts were made available through the effort of first-year student Mark Devine. A student lounge will soon be opening thanks to the effort of the Administration. Throughout the year the Administration, Faculty, and Staff have been extremely helpful and cooperative with the SBA and their kindness has been appreciated. Mr. Hillinger was named as SBA Adviser in January 1990 and has been helpful in guiding our association.

The SBA is funded through the student activity fee and through various fund raising activities (including the sale of sweatshirts and the coupon books). For the academic year 1989-1990 only approximately one-half of the money raised was actually spent. The Association has been spending money prudently and is anticipating future expenses involved in furnishing an SBA office and possible contributions to the new student lounge.

Since one of the primary purposes of the SBA is to advance the interests of students and the school, in April 1990 the Association voted to donate two hundred dollars to the library to purchase hornbooks. I am confident that the organization will continue to help the school and continue to foster harmony among students, faculty, staff, and administration.

Due to other matters and time constraints, I decided not to seek re-election for the coming academic year. I thank you for the opportunity to serve in the Association and hope that you will be able to participate in future SBA events.

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#### Named to SNESL Board

The Administration is pleased to announce the April appointment of Norman Zalkind as the newest member of the SNESL Board of Directors. Mr. Zalkind is a special assistant to Dr. John Brazil of Southeastern Massachusetts University.

Summer Loans: Apply Now

The time to apply for loans for summer classes is now. Administration states: "We have Professional Education Plan (PEP) loan applications from a new lender who is offering them at one percent over prime rate, which is a better rate than we've seen in the past."

For further information, see Sandra Leger in Administration, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 2-4 P.M., Thursdays and Fridays, 4-5:30 P.M., or "Some Saturdays" 12-3 P.M.

At the same time, students may wish to ask about tuition loans for the 1990-91 academic year.

SNESL Student Bar Association Election Results (4/21/90)

The following individuals were elected to serve as SBA representatives for the 1990-91 academic year:

FIRST YEAR --       Section A.....Jacqueline Grasso  
                          Section B.....Franklin Julian  
                          January Section.....Carolina Africano  
SECOND YEAR --     Section A.....Margaret D'Alfonso  
                          Section B.....Joseph Medeiros  
                          January Section.....Eileen Naughton  
THIRD YEAR -- .....Naomi Carpenter  
FOURTH YEAR --.....Raymond Kolhman

The first meeting for the above elected representatives will be held on May 5, 1990 at 12:00 noon in the room adjacent to Mr. Hillinger's office.

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## Faculty Gains New Members

The school's Fall quarter will find some new faculty and personnel on campus. Prominent among them will be Judge Baron Martin, a Justice of the Wareham District Court, who will teach Evidence; and Atty. Bruce Pollock, now in private practice, who will teach in the area of Criminal Law. Atty. Pollock is a former law clerk to the Rhode Island Superior Family and District Court as well as former assistant to the Chief Justice of the R.I. Supreme Court and former Assistant Public Defender.

## Summer Courses

Summer courses begin Monday, July 16, and end Thursday, August 23.

The schedule for this summer's course offerings will be posted as soon as final arrangements for the courses have been confirmed.

Therefore, Administration asks that students hold any questions until they see the posted information.

Meanwhile, SNESL confirms that: Summer courses are four (4) hours per week for eight (8) weeks, with finals in the ninth week. Those four hours weekly will consist of two 2-hour sessions running either Monday thru Wednesday or Tuesday thru Thursday.

Cost: \$600.00 per course. A registration form will be mailed to all students.

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