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Third Year	Joan Hurkett William Manganiello
Second Year	Mark Green Brian Corey, Jr.
Day Program	Philip R. Ottaviani, Jr.

We are currently seeking a representative for the January 1990 class and a 2nd representative for the Day Program. Anyone interested, please see Dave Johnson.

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Staff Writer: David Berger*

A MESSAGE FROM SBA PRESIDENT JOSEPH MEDIEROS

For some, May marks the passing of yet another year at SNESSL. For others, it marks the end of a long battle, but it's not the end of the war! To those of you returning to fight against next year, I personally wish you success. To my classmates graduating this May, I wish you every success in July.

It has been said that the Bar Exam performance of this graduating class will be of crucial importance to the school and its future. I know I speak for the rest of my class when I assure you that we are aware of this responsibility, and we intend to make every sacrifice necessary to return a favorable result. As much as we hope to accomplish this task, we also look to you who are returning to SNESSL to continue to embody the spirit, support, and comradery that has brought SNESSL to this point.

In the Fall of 1988, the Student Bar Association was only a dream of a handful of students in the cafeteria of New Bedford High School. Since those early days, we have seen more growth than we dreamed possible. This growth didn't come easily. Many late nights and agonizing hours of planning and debate over the slightest details produced our SBA Constitution and Bylaws. This instrument has provided the organization with a foundation and a focus. I strongly recommend that all SNESSL students become familiar with the document.

This school is much more than what is found in that document. It's about people who share a common purpose. Sometimes that purpose is clouded when facing obstacles. This year, for example, we began with an eager group of students only to find that we had no common time to conduct meetings. Yet we were able through planning and scheduling to continue SBA work throughout the year, and somehow we survived. It was through the indomitable efforts of people like Professor Duncan, Dave Johnson, Frank Julian, Bill Manganiello, George Van Duinwyk, Jackie Grasso and many others that this organization was able to continue its work. These people work diligently, without fanfare, and I thank them for their efforts.

Thanks also to Karen Benson and David Berger for their work publishing Res Ipsa.

Congratulations to the SNESSL student Bar Association Officers for 1992-1993.

Now SNESSL will grow into its new home in North Dartmouth and take its place on the New England law school road map. We, the graduating class of '92, won't have the opportunity to take advantage of the new SNESSL, but we are a part of its legacy. It's not the building that makes the institution. It's the people in it ... the students, faculty and staff working every day to enrich the tradition of the institution. And it is from that tradition that all of us benefit.

WESTLAW NEWS

Student passwords will be suspended on May 31st and reactivated on August 15th. Those students who already have a Westlaw password and are enrolled in courses for the summer must fill out and submit an "extension card" to West by May 15th. Cards are available at the Library at the circulation desk. Those students who fill out a request from and turn it in before May 15th will be able to continue using their password during the summer period.

Anyone who does not request an extension by May 15th, must call West after May 30 to get a password.

Summer training will be offered starting May 20th on Wednesday evenings from 4:30pm to 9:30pm, Thursday evenings from 4:30pm to 9:30pm and on Friday afternoons from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Sign up sheets are available at the circulation desk.

LIBRARY MEMO

Don't forget to return everything to the Library by May 5th. Outstanding Library loans can block your graduation. If you are registered for summer courses, please have your library card re-validated; if you are returning in the fall, get a new library card then.

Alumni, don't forget that you are welcome in the library for the rest of your life.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

This year's graduation will be held at 10:00 a.m. on May 30th at the Whaling Museum here in New Bedford. The main speaker and honorary degree recipient will be Rhode Island State Attorney General, James O'Neil.

There will also be a graduation dinner celebration the week before graduation. It will be held at the new "Up on the Roof" room at the Bristol Motor Lodge, in Bristol, Rhode Island. SNESL students who would like to attend should see their SBA representatives about purchasing tickets for the evening.

We plan to publish Res Ipsa this summer. Publication will be erratic, but with so much happening here with the new building and the ongoing Dean search we should have print worthy news at least one time during the summer session. Watch for a summer edition in mid- July. Anyone who would like to contribute may leave a note in the SBA box in the administration office.