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A MESSAGE FROM SBA PRESIDENT DAVE JOHNSON

On behalf of the Student Bar Association, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Southern New England School of Law. I am confident that you will be impressed with the quality of the education that you will soon be receiving. The most accurate indicator of this level of legal training may be seen when reviewing the percentage of recent SNESL graduates who passed that Massachusetts State Bar. You will be happy to know that 100 percent of our December 1991 graduates passed this winter. Our May 1992 graduates are eagerly awaiting their results. We wish them the best and anticipate an equally strong showing.

We are also experiencing a period of growth at SNESL. This is the first year that a day school program is being offered. This will certainly help to attract a greater number of students from this area in the years to follow.

Plans for the near future include the possibility of scheduling moot court competition with neighboring law schools, expanding our Speaker Series, organizing an Alumni Association and discussing with faculty the potential for assigning faculty advisors for each student. As you can see, faculty and students are actively working to provide more for the student. We encourage you to help maintain this positive momentum.

One role of the SBA is to act as the liaison between the faculty and the student body. Part of our job is to notify the faculty of student concerns. We wish to do more than notify however. We wish to help the school during this period of growth. Within two months, you will be choosing SBA representatives for your own class. Please select those who are committed to improve our law school. I should add that all SBA meetings are open to all students and I encourage your attendance and participation.

Finally, as first year students I am sure you may have questions about the school. If I or any of the other SBA members may be of service to you, please ask for us during the school year and we will be more than happy to answer your questions.

I wish you success in your first year.

Editor: Karen Augeri Benson

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LIBRARY NEWS

Librarians Hazel Inglis and Howard Senzel attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) in San Francisco in July. In addition to attending many education programs, Hazel and Howard renewed old contacts and made new friends. Much of the work at such national meeting is to let people know about SNESSL. Hazel and Howard have been appointed to committees to prepare for the 1993 AALL annual meeting to be held in Boston in July 1993.

To accommodate the new day program, the Library is now open on Mondays from 9am to 10 pm. The Library staff requests that all students, new and returning come to the Library to register for borrower cards. Cards issued last year are invalid. When you register for your card please also pick up your copy of the Library's policies.

The Library has a new video tape on how to take law school exams. The tape may be borrowed on an overnight loan by students.

WESTLAW TRAINING

Westlaw training is once again offered to all second through fourth year SNESSL students. Training is available for new Westlaw users and those who wish to refresh their Westlaw skills. Upon completion of the Westlaw training session, students will be required to sign a Westlaw User Agreement for Law Students to receive an individual password and "Westmate" software for use on a personal computer at home. Software is available for IBM, Macintosh and IBM compatibles.

The individual password allows access to the four Walt-II terminals located in the rear of the reading room or from your home PC. The passwords are law school passwords and are invalid from commercial systems. The sign up sheet is located at the circulation desk in the library.

Students who have recently completed summer training should make arrangements to sign their user agreements and receive their passwords. Students who already have a password will find that they have been reactivated for another academic year. Please see Marianne in the library if there are any problems.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Editor's Notebook is a semi-regular feature of "Res Ipsa " your Student Bar Association Newsletter. The notebook serves as a bulletin board of events, issues and news items.

One function of this column is to encourage all SNESL students to submit stories and ideas for upcoming issues of Res Ipsa. Just leave a note in the SBA message box located in the administrative office to reach the Res Ipsa staff or any of the SBA representatives. The newsletter is currently looking for staff writers and op-ed writers to be responsible for regular assignments. We are also in need of advertising sales-people. Writing for your student bar newsletter takes only a few hours each month and it will look great on your resume.

Unsolicited material will also be considered for publication. You must submit all materials on or before deadline which is usually the third Thursday of the month. A formal publishing schedule will be posted next week.

Res Ipsa needs to hear from at least one student from each class, including the day program if we are to adequately serve the needs of this student body. To volunteer call the editor, Karen Augeri Benson, at 401-847-0872, during business hours.

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