3L named #1 law student
ABA tabs Hollingsworth as best in nation

By Dewey Wright
3L Contributor

BCLS 3L Spencer Hollingsworth was named 1993-94 National Law Student of the Year last week by the American Bar Association. Hollingsworth was honored in an awards ceremony on March 25 in Barry Auditorium. 1993-94 is the first year in which the ABA has presented a Law Student of the Year award. In the future, the ABA plans to give the award annually to "the American law student who demonstrates the most superior academic ability, the most sincere extracurricular and community involvement, and who best exemplifies the ideals and aspirations of the legal academic community as well as the legal profession."

Hollingsworth was proud to be the first recipient of the Law Student of the Year award and was also pleased that winning the award could help BCLS. "It's certainly a great honor to be named the best law student in the entire country," Hollingsworth said. "But I sincerely feel that the most important thing to come out of my selection for the award is that people will realize that Boston College breeds just as much excellence as Harvard, Yale or any other law school."

BCLS Dean Aviam Soifer agreed. "Spencer is a fantastic law student, no question about it," Soifer said. "I know that there are other, equally impressive students throughout the country as well as several others right here at Boston College. Still, for the ABA to select one of our students as one of the best in the country should certainly have some positive effect on our national standing. I'm very pleased."

The recipient of the Law Student of the Year award is determined by the ABA's Awards Committee. Each law school sends a list of students whose grades are cum laude or better to the ABA, along with a list of students who are leaders of student organizations. The Awards Committee then selects two finalists from each school and asks the school to select one of its finalists as the first runner-up. The winner is selected following the interviews.

Soifer confronts #24 ranking
Dean appoints task force to bring up score

By Cathy Bukowski
3L Contributor

The BCLS administration has appointed a task force to investigate the cause of the school's plunge in the U.S. News and World Report rankings and to outline a plan for reversing the decline. BCLS, ranked as the 19th best American law school in last year's survey, fell to 24th this year. BCLS Dean Aviam Soifer emphasized that appointment of the task force was necessary.

"Some members of the BCLS community feel that the rankings are arbitrary and a task force isn't worth it," Soifer said. "However, the fact is, a great number of prospective law students look at those rankings; if we're going to compete, we've got to be competitive."
Plater: The Alledger is a worthless rag

By Professor Zygmunt Plater
Special to The Alledger

I objected to the continued publication of The Alledger!
First, The Alledger constitutes a ra raft er gross waste of our planet's precious resources. Here's a nugget for you: One thousand copies of The Alledger are printed every three weeks— or, at the editors' whim, every month, every two weeks, three times a semester or twice a day. Maybe this seems in nocuous to most, but not to the BC Lawyer! The BC Lawyer knows that 658 trees are needed to produce just one copy of The Alledger! The BC Lawyer also has enough creativity to discern that that means 10,847,598,433 trees must die every year for the dubious purpose of keeping this rag alive! Con sidering the fact that there are only 9,374,344,328 trees on the planet, the continued publication of... Never mind... Onward! Walk the land!

Allowing the continued plunder of our resources by The Alledger makes even less sense than discussing Ethiopian his tory in Property Class! If The Alledger printed quality articles, which it does not, perhaps the paper could justify its shame less use and abuse of trees, wetlands, oceans, shrubs, bushes, flowers, frogs, owls, condors, air and professors. This brings me to the second reason that The Alledger's behavior and continued publication really ruffles my malar y-imp ressions. Everything printed by The Alledger is mignitary!

I have submitted many relevant ar ticles to the paper, and received an imper sonal rejection letter each time, with nary a hint of proper admin istrative process. For the November 3 issue, I submitted an article entitled, "Funny Quips about Legal Latin and Legal French Phrases." The editor's reply stated that the article "would not be appropriate" because it was "too much like [my] Property class." I tried again for the December 13 issue, submitting a complete compilation of all the stories I've told about past students and their im pressive exploits in the world of law. That time the rejection letter simply read, "8156 pages exceeds the space allocation for the upcoming Alledger." Determined to cut down on the length of my next submission, I submitted a one page piece, a compilation of those stories which are actually true. But the results were the same.

Law students unite! The necessity and the opportunity for doing away with The Alledger is almost as compelling as the possibility of getting around zoning ordi nances through clever arguments about deficient administrative processes!

Sausages: Anything more would be precious, anything less is timid.

Finnis enjoys it best hot, tender and juicy

By Chuck Davis • 11 Foods Editor

HETEROSEXUAL SAUSAGE: Dual, extra large, spicy sausage baked separately, each in its own sauce and served on individual beds of rice, on individual dishes, each garnished with a robust sprig of parsley.

"It is crucial to the preparation of this dish that the chef not co-mingle the sausage. If cooked properly, the sausage will provide a heartening and enriching flavor that will fortify even the most timid of men. However, if the links are baked, or served together, the seepage of juices from one sausage would ultimately threaten the ability of the other sausage to adequately satisfy the diner. This dish is appropriately served with a full bodied lager, and never a wine cooler."

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"I encountered this wonderful semi-ethnic dish on one of my many trips to the Jersey shore. The amalgamation of seemingly incompatible and unrecognizable pork-by-products has inspired me in the formulation of my teaching method. Yet, regardless of the exciting flavor that you might expect, scrapple can be quite dull."

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BAR REVIEW
BCLS students listen to Dan Quayle’s Homogeneity Month keynote address.

April is the month for homogeneity

By The By Special to The Alledger

April is Homogeneity Month at BCLS. 2L John Smith Whiteman decided to organize Homogeneity Month in order to celebrate the homogeneous population at the law school. “I think that a lot of us have felt left out during the diversity month activities of the past few weeks,” Whiteman said. “The fact is that a large number of BCLS students are pretty darned similar to each other. Homogeneity Month is designed to celebrate that rich homogeneity.”

Whiteman and other Homogeneity Month organizers have already arranged a full slate of speakers. Dan Quayle will give the keynote address, entitled “Hanging Around Others Just Like Yourself: How to be Relatively Content as a White, Every Member of the Task Force Agreed That ing Around Others Just Like Yourself.” Deans DiLuna and Lutch, professors who will be discussing “The Angst of Being a Law Student From a Family Where at Least One Parent is in the Legal Profession,” will give the keynote address, entitled “Hang ing in Homogeneity.” New York City attorney Sal Uhree will speak on “The Benefits of the Legal Mentality: Why it is Important to Compet e for a Big Firm Job Even Though You’re Not Sure You Want One and are Pretty Sure You’ll Have No Life if You Get One.”

Reactions to the idea of having Homogeneity Month at BCLS have been mixed. “I don’t think Homogeneity Month provides a fair representation of what the BCLS community is like,” said Admissions Director Louise Clark. “Our ability to attract a diverse student population is well-documented—almost as well-documented as our penchant for breaking down the student body into statistical categories like race, sex, age, religion, disability, financial aid status, GPA, LSAT score, undergraduate institution, home state, prior work experience, foreign language proficiency, height, weight, depth, allergies, sexual hang-ups, secret fears and favorite foods and then printing the percentages of each category on every single document printed on BCLS stationery throughout the year.”

Reaction from most BCLS students, however, has been more positive. “I’m looking forward to Homogeneity Month,” said 1L Brian Lopuyebue. “For six months, I’ve felt that I’ve had to hide my love for random competitiveness, repetitiveness small talk and all things bourgeois and lawyerly. During Homogeneity Month, I’ll be able to celebrate who I am!”

Homogeneity Month has inspired one group of students to form a student organization for those who want to discuss homogeneity issues throughout the year. 3L group founder David Upurmihdal said, “I don’t think Homogeneity Month justifies to use limited data to explain why final exams determine ILP.”

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Know Law Revue, make Law Review

By George
2L Staff Writer

On Monday March 21, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Judy McMorrow announced that as of 1994 students could qual ify for Law Review by demonstrating that they participated in and/or had extensive knowledge of the Law Review. The announcement caused a reaction of student concerns that evaluation by GPA or writing contest results fails to identify worthy students. (Some folks freeze during exams, especially when it’s below zero, inside!) Students will be expected to have knowledge of the various skits and the classes, faculty and staff who were spoiled.

In order to avoid the stress associated with exams and papers, students will be allowed to demonstrate their knowledge of Law Review in whatever way they see fit. Possibilities include performing a skit from the show or writing a review of one of the shows in response to theTp.

Written submissions should not exceed five typed pages in length. Performances may last between fifteen minutes and one hour. All submissions are due to Dean DiLuna by 9:00 A.M. April 1, 1995. Good Luck to all!!!

This type of attendance is typical at BCLS events, unless pizza is served.

No pizza, no dice

By Line
Special to The Alledger

Studies show that there is one factor and one factor only which is relevant in determining whether an extracurricular speech or event will be successful at BCLS. The factor: Free pizza.

When free pizza is served, any event will be well-attended. No pizza means low attendance, regardless of the seeming merits of the event. Some examples: Room 315 was filled to capacity for last month’s talk on “Self-Adhesive Stamps: Convenient Improvement or Overall Non-factor?” A panel discussion on “The Underated Presidents of Martin van Buren and James Buchanan” was similarly well-attended. Although the speakers and student organizations who invited them pointed to “interesting content,” the real factor seemed quite obvious: 45 Papa Gino’s pizzas ready for consumption at each event.

Last week, the effects of lack of pizza at an event became evident. Dr. Francine Gordon’s speech on “The Guaranteed Secret to Getting the Legal Job of Your Choice” was attended by zero BCLS students. The apparent explanation: No pizza. “In retrospect, I would have liked to have learned how to get the legal job of my choice,” said 2L Maurice Simpkins. “But I pretty much ignored the announcements because they didn’t say anything about pizza.”

Battle rages between U.S. News and World Report, BCLS

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rankings. In practical terms, a high rank is at least as important as the actual quality of legal education provided.”

The task force is comprised of BCLS Deans DiLuna and Lutch, professors Hashimoto and Beney and one student from each BCLS class.

While views differed regarding the methods for improving BCLS’ ranking, every member of the task force agreed that action must occur immediately.

“You can’t ignore something like this,” said task force member Beney. “It’s at least as if a national magazine were to publish an article or list which came right out and said that 23 law schools are ranked ahead of Boston College.”

The task force has considered alternatives including increased emphasis on faculty recruitment, an expected construction schedule for the new library and publishing BCLS’ own list of law school rankings [see article on page 6 for details]. Dean DiLuna favors the third approach.

“We developed an impartial ranking system which we feel is less arbitrary than that of U.S. News and World Report,” DiLuna explained. “Our system is based on a variety of factors, including lack of parking spaces. Bonus points are given to all Jesuit institutions whose varsity athletic programs upsize number-one ranked sports teams within the last year. By coincidence, BCLS actually came out first using our system.”

Many members of the BCLS faculty were against appointment of the task force.

“A task force is a waste because the whole ranking system is so arbitrary,” said Professor Robert Bloom. “How can it ever be justified to use limited data to evaluate a given group and then affect people’s lives by stark assertions that one member of the group ‘ranks’ higher than another?” Bloom then went on to explain why final exams determine IL grades.

Bloom’s concerns regarding arbitrariness may not be unjustified. Alledger research has shown that Washington and Lee University, ranked number 23 by U.S. News and World Report, does not even exist, much less have a law school.

Margaret Hemmerman, a member of U.S. News and World Report’s university ranking committee, defended the magazine’s methodology. “Our system is very carefully thought-out and not arbitrary at all,” Hemmerman said. “The satisfaction I get from seeing our finished product is almost as great as the thrill I feel when a champion is named in college football.”
THE CANADA CONTROVERSY:
The Case For Open Debate

—a highly challenging message from C. O. D. O. C., the Committee for Open Debate On the existence of Canada—

The Committee for Open Debate On the existence of Canada seeks free inquiry regarding the multitude of questions that exist regarding this "North American country." The United States media has consistently and irresponsibly perpetuated the Canadian Myth. C.O.D.O.C. is not an anti-Canadian group. Rather, we simply seek open debate regarding the existence of this "nation." C.O.D.O.C. remains uncertain why the concept of free inquiry should be so disturbing.

The presumed existence of a land called "Canada" is an irresponsible exaggeration. Close examination of "Canada's" treaties, statutes and other government documents reveal many problematic issues and much potential fraud. Mapmakers and writers continue to perpetuate the Canadian Myth, doubtless due to fear of the powerful pro-Canada lobby. National leaders also participate in the conspiracy as they invite "Canadian leaders" to international conferences, while still refusing to openly debate the country's existence.

C.O.D.O.C. is for free inquiry of Canada's existence. Canadian revisionism is a very scholarly pursuit and some really intelligent people believe in it and it should be taken very seriously. Those who disagree with us do so because they are afraid of open scholarly debate. Contact C.O.D.O.C. for more information.

Editor's note  Even though we do not agree with the cause of the above advertisement, we felt obligated to print it. Sure, the First Amendment does not require a newspaper to print every advertisement it receives. And we freely admit that there is no factual basis whatsoever for the above arguments. The Alledger realizes that this ad will justifiably offend many members of the BCLS community, especially Canadians. However, our deep and immeasurable moral duty to print hateful idiocy obligates us to print C.O.D.O.C.'s ad. We view this as a paramount obligation to the U.S.A., the First Amendment, and to all things free and open. The Alledger will be donating the proceeds received from printing this ad to The Heights, a publication which stands for these very solemn and honorable principles. Thus, we can show our disagreement with the ad even while devoting an entire page of our paper to a hate-filled, ignorant and bigoted message. In the alternative, The Alledger editorial staff argues that it did not read the C.O.D.O.C. ad prior to publishing it.
The real results are finally in: BCLS is #1.
Nancy Kerrigan enrolls at B.C. Law

By Oksana Gilloolly
Knee Specialist

Nancy Kerrigan announced yesterday that she has decided to attend Boston College Law School. The announcement came as a surprise to many who were not aware that Kerrigan’s post-Olympic plans included law school, but Kerrigan stated that she will definitely be enrolling in next year’s 1L class at BCLS.


When asked why she chose BCLS over Harvard, Kerrigan’s smile vanished. “I don’t understand why I didn’t get into Harvard,” Kerrigan hissed. “My LSATs were cleaner than most people’s who got into Harvard. I think Harvard must have started their other applicants in the 150th percentile. I know for a fact that some people accepted to Harvard made some mistakes on their LSATs. I was flawless on every section.”

Kerrigan then cried continuously for thirty minutes, sobbing “I’m a human being. I just want to study Torts.”

BCLS Dean Aviam Soifer said that he was quite pleased to have the likes of Kerrigan enrolling at the law school. “I am quite pleased to have the likes of Kerrigan enrolling at the law school,” Soifer said.

Kerrigan denied that the rigors of being a Gladiator ever since she got here. “I’m surprised and sad,” said Associate Dean Brian Lutch. “Plus, I prepared some eggplant parmigiana and a lovely tiramisu.”

Kerrigan is confident that she has the ability to gain the psychological edge over opponents, with or without an intimidating pseudonym.

“One time, I was practicing the Obstacle Course at my gym after Bankruptcy class,” Kerrigan recalled. “And this cocky punk makes some comment about me not being Gladiator material. So, I called on him. Let’s just say that he seemed incapable of explaining promissory estoppel and has he wasn’t made any comments since.”

By Hadley Baxendale
Sports Editor

Professor Ingrid Hillinger has announced that she will be leaving BCLS next year in order to pursue a career as an American Gladiator. Hillinger made her decision official last week during a conversation with BCLS Dean Aviam Soifer. “I’m bored,” Hillinger said. flatly. “Corbin and Williston just can’t compete with the excitement and challenge of ‘Own the Bone.’”

The BCLS administration reacted to Hillinger’s decision with a mixture of surprise, sadness and Italian cuisine. “I’m somewhat surprised and quite sad to see Ingrid leave,” said BCLS Dean of Students Lisa Di Luma. “But she’s pursuing a dream. She’s been talking about being a Gladiator ever since she got here.”

“I’m surprised and sad,” said Associate Dean Mark Brodin.

“I’m surprised and sad, too,” said Associate Dean Brian Lutch. “Plus, I prepared some eggplant parmigiana and a lovely tiramisu.”

LSA President Jim Cantwell stated that students were concerned with the effect that Hillinger’s decision might have on teaching for the remainder of the year and also with the issue of whether Hillinger would choose to adopt a Gladiator-esque name such as “Zap,” “Ice” or “Jazz.” Hillinger addressed the latter concern earlier this week.

“As a Gladiator, I want to have a name that will cause maximum fear and effect maximum intimidation of my opponents,” Hillinger revealed. “Thus, I will stay with the name, ‘Ingrid.’”

Hillinger is set to enter BCLS as a 1L next year. Really, it’s true.

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right on a given point. Never did they apologize for their unforgivable behavior. They simply continued to harass my partner and I with questions, showing not a single hint of shame, almost as if it was their role to engage in such shenanigans!

Finally, the underhanded tactics which victimized me throughout the competition were not limited to the judges. I hate to say it, but our opponents’ (fellow classmates) were almost as boorish. One time, our opponents reserved rebuttal time to respond to our arguments! On several occasions, our opponents made arguments which were directly contradictory to those that my team was making! One time when an opponent said, “Great job,” after the arguments were over, I got the sense that she didn’t truly mean it!

Needless to say, I am highly discouraged about my moot court experience at BCLS. It got to the point where I was seriously reconsidering my career goal of being an appellate litigator. However, I chose to trudge on—mainly because I know that the horrific experiences of the moot court competition would never happen in real life.

Moot Court judges sadistic and mean-spirited

Plan for a “Welcome Nancy” party in the BCLS snack bar were cancelled after Kerrigan deemed the idea “too corny.” Kerrigan declined to comment on reports that Tonya Harding had been accepted to R.U. Law School.
"The BC ADR Group will be sponsoring a 7-week Brown Bag Lunch/Speaker Series starting Tuesday, March 22, in the Student Lounge (not the Snack Bar!) at 1-2pm. Please come and learn about Alternative Dispute Resolution!"

Week 1, March 22: ADR overview - Rick Reilly, Regional Vice President of the American Arbitration Association

Week 2, March 20 (the only Wednesday): BCLS Alums in ADR - Chris Kauders (discussing untraditional applications of ADR), Ericka Gray (BCLS mediation prof.)

Week 3, April 5: Families and mediation - Gail Packer, Exec. Director of Cambridge Dispute Settlement Center

Week 4, April 12: Environmental, Health Care, Construction Mediation - Carmi Reiss, Patricia Warlock Moore

Week 5, April 19: Retired Judges in ADR - Judge James Lynch (BCLS Alum; works at ENDISPUTE)

Week 6, April 26: International ADR - Eileen Babbitt (Bosnia/Ireland; Harvard PON prof.)

Week 7, May 3: ADR Marketing/Training - Cheryl Purcell, Melissa Broderick, Director of Mass. Assoc. Mediation Programs

Spencer A. Hollingsworth: genius & renaissance man

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an undeniably impressive. Spencer was granted special permission to work for more than one BCLS journal; he serves as Executive Editor for the Boston College Law Review and is also an Associate Editor for both the UCC Reporter Digest and the Third World Law Journal. Two of Spencer's notes have been published in each of those journals. Hollingsworth was named best oralist in last year's Grimes Moot Court competition at BCLS; he presently competes on the New England Moot Court team, a team comprised of the best four student advocates throughout the New England area. Hollingsworth's cumulative GPA at BCLS is a 3.96.

In addition to his scholastic success, Hollingsworth also contributes mightily to the BCLS community. Hollingsworth serves as co-president of the Board of Student Advisors and as treasurer for the International Law Society. Hollingsworth serves as special liaison between the LSA and the Boston College main campus administration and is an active member of the Conservation Research Project (as secretary), the Domestic Violence Outreach Program (as Events Chairperson), the Intellectual Property Group, the Reproductive Choice Coalition, the National Lawyers' Guild and Phi Alpha Delta.

Hollingsworth asserts, however, that his most rewarding work is the 25-30 hours which he volunteers each week as an advocate at the Greater Boston Homeless Shelter as well as the time he spends as President of the Student Division for the Children's Defense Fund.

Hollingsworth concedes that his rigorous schedule does not leave much time for personal life. "I've had to make some sacrifices to achieve what I've wanted," Hollingsworth said. "But so far, the wonderfully rewarding feeling of being so actively involved in an academic community like BCLS has more than made up for any and all sacrifices. I wouldn't change any decision I've made throughout my entire life."

Other members of the class of 1994 are not surprised that Hollingsworth was selected for the ABA award. "To me, Spencer Hollingsworth is really synonymous with perfection," said 3L Sebastian Nielsen. "But he never comes off as Mr. Do-Everything or Mr. Know-Everything. Forget all the achievements, Spencer is just an all-around nice guy who I feel truly fortunate to have met."

Hollingsworth, who graduated from Williams College with honors (he majored in Creative Writing, Political Science, Anthropology and Physics), says that his plans for the future are still taking shape.

"After graduation, I'll take the Massachusetts Bar Exam and then begin my clerkship with the First Circuit," Hollingsworth said. "After that, I'm not sure if I'll concentrate on my legal career or on marketing my patents more aggressively. Hopefully I'll be able to do both."