



GQ Article: Accurate Portrayal of HLS?

By Jeff Bucholtz

"Beirut on the Charles," John Sedgwick's exposé on life, love, and politics at the Law School in the February 1993 issue of *GQ*, has inspired considerable rancor on campus. Sedgwick visited the Law School in the fall, and spoke with many students about the diversity movement, the *Law Review* and *Law Review* incidents, and campus dynamics.

The resulting article portrays the Law School as a "faction-ridden" pressure cooker of contentious and sexually deprived extremists, obsessed with race and gender issues. Sedgwick describes the atmosphere on campus as overcome by the emotional clash of radically opposed and "all-encompassing" ideologies, and opines that "everyone is typecast by his or her race, gender, sexual orientation and political perspective."

Media accounts of fevered political disputes at the Law School are nothing new. But Sedgwick's account of life here struck many students as exaggerated and sensationalized. Dianne Rosky '94 found the article "kind of funny, because it made this place seem like a soap opera: more interesting than it really is, but at the same time, trivial and petty."

Many students thought Sedgwick's focus on the Law School's "cultural elite" skewed his perspective. In the words of Ellen Chubin '93, "he took the people who are the most involved in the controversies and presented them as the norm."

Several students criticized their depiction in the article. Law School Council Vice-President Raul Perez '94 objected to Sedgwick's characterization of him as a "radical leftist." Marie-Louise Ramsdale '93, LSC President, complained that Sedgwick trivialized the seriousness of the diversity movement's efforts.

The assertion that Law School men are "compliant," passive objects of female sexual predation also provoked some angry responses. As Zion Shohet '95 put it, "Not all of us are scared to approach a woman in the Bow."

Sedgwick acknowledged this week that his article did not necessarily paint a representative picture of HLS. But he added, "The extreme reactions by some students to my story are very reflective of my point: Harvard law students are deeply involved in these issues, and everything is grist for the mill."

Relative to last year's turmoil, which included CCR's takeover of the Dean's office and the Revue scandal, HLS is enjoying long-overdue calm. As Chubin observes, "The label

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New Law Review President Van Nguyen '94 in his office.

Review Confronts Past, Looks to Future

Conclusions of Report Unclear

By Johanna Davis

Special to the RECORD

Racism, sexism, and anti-Semitism were not the motivating forces behind *Law Review* President Emily Schulman's '93 controversial actions, but Schulman did commit various judgmental errors, according to the 109-page report submitted by Ralph Gants '80 to the Trustees of the Harvard Law Review on January 27.

Gants, a Boston attorney and former *Law Review* Note Editor, produced the report after a three-month investigation of allegations made by law review editors that Schulman had discriminated against them based on their race and gender.

While not absolving her of misconduct, Gants found that Schulman's judgmental errors were not serious enough to require disciplinary action. And, despite conflicts in testimony, the report concluded that no law review editor know-

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Journal Elects New Officers

By Johanna Davis

Special to the RECORD

The *Law Review* editors elected a new masthead this week, relieving an administration torn by factionalism and scandal.

Van Nguyen '94 will try to heal old wounds as the newly elected President of the Review. He feels the process has started already. "During the transition [meetings in January], we agreed to adopt specific resolutions aimed at addressing the divisions which occurred during the fall, at restoring community spirit, and instilling a sense of trust, mutual respect, and tolerance."

A Vietnamese immigrant, Nguyen (pronounced Ngyen) commutes over an hour every day from his home in Nashua, New Hampshire, where he lives with his wife and two children, aged 7 and 8. His former employer, Digital Equipment Corporation, transferred him to the United States in 1984,

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Elizabeth Warren Gets Tenure Offer

Students, Faculty Praise Visiting Prof

By Lisa Zornberg

The Law School Faculty voted on Friday, February 5, to offer Visiting Professor Elizabeth Warren a tenured position at HLS. Dean Clark '72, who officially extended the invitation, called the Faculty's vote "a fabulously good decision" and described his personal reaction as "one of ecstasy."

Warren currently enjoys tenured status at the University of Pennsylvania, where she has taught for the past five years. Other law teaching credentials include three years at the University of Houston (where, in 1978, she was the first woman law professor hired), six years at the University of Texas and a short visit at the University of Michigan. Warren received her B.S. from the University of Houston in 1970, and a J.D. from Rutgers University in 1976.

When she entered teaching, Warren muses, she never dreamed that one day she'd be asked to join the HLS faculty. "If you'd told me this, I'd simply have laughed at you and said, 'What a charming thought! I have as good a chance of flying a

rocket ship to the moon!" The first member of her family to graduate from college, let alone from law school, Warren explains, "My family still asks if they should call me 'Doctor.' I was always afraid someone would call me to perform a tracheotomy."

Warren's specialties include bankruptcy, secured transactions and contract law. Her acclaimed book, *As We Forgive Our Debts: Bankruptcy and Consumer Credit in America* (1989), with T. Sullivan and J. Westbrook, empirically analyzed how bankruptcy law affects society. It was the first demographic study of its kind. Warren continues to examine the impact of creditor/debtor law on different social groups, including women, ethnic and racial minorities, small businesses and the elderly.

Often asked to testify before Congress on bankruptcy issues, Warren considers her political role essential. "Law matters," she proclaims. "And I want my voice heard, not only the voices of paid lobbyists." Future positions in government or as a bankruptcy judge remain a pos-

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Prof. Elizabeth Warren

Liberators Theme: Shared History

By Betsy McGrath

An ethnically rich crowd of 1200 gathered Monday evening in Memorial Hall's Sanders Theater for a sold-out screening of "The Liberators," a documentary on the role of Black soldiers in the liberation of several Nazi concentration camps. Anticipation of the film, at a surprising height in light of previous showings and minimal publicity, mounted during the introducto-

ry remarks of Reverend Jesse Jackson, who said that "African-Americans and Jews have an obligation to come together. Our survival is at stake, and we share common values, dreams, and hopes." Jackson stressed the themes of "healing, not hurting," and "hope, not hatred." He talked about Arthur Ashe and what we can all learn from his life, including "the need to be ethical over ethnic."

Harvard University President Neil Rudenstine credited Rev. Jackson with having developed the idea for the screening, and for the panel discussion which followed, as part of an effort to promote better relations between Blacks and Jews.

The film, actually an episode of the PBS series, "The American Experience," combined interviews and newsreel excerpts to showcase the efforts of two exclusively Black military units who helped free Jews from concentration camps at the end of World War II. Notably, the production revealed the common, historic persecution of the two groups, juxtaposing portraits of bigotry in the American South with the simultaneous horrors of

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Breyer on Short List for AG

By Bryan D. Garsten

Crimson Reporter

Harvard Law School Lecturer Stephen G. Breyer '64 may be a candidate for US Attorney General, according to a report in Tuesday's *Wall Street Journal*.

Breyer, a federal judge at the First Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston, would not comment when reached at his home.

Recent speculation on Capitol Hill brought up Breyer's name as a possibility, but George Stephanopoulos, the White House communications director, has not commented, the *Journal* reported.

President Clinton had been looking for a woman to fill the Cabinet post at the Justice Department, but nominee Zoë Baird, a Connecticut

corporate attorney, and near-nominee Kimba Wood '69, a New York federal judge, pulled themselves out of consideration after admitting to hiring illegal aliens as employees.

"He's not female, but it would be terrific," said Frankfurter Professor of Law Abram Chayes '43. "He knows the law. He knows the political scene in Washington. He works very well with Congress."

Breyer has worked in government before. He was an assistant special prosecutor for the Watergate Special Prosecution Force in 1973, and chief counsel to the US Senate Judiciary Committee from 1979 to 1981.

He also "was instrumental in deregulating the airlines" while working with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, according to Professor Charles R. Nesson

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Ice-T Set to Chill at HLS

The controversial author of the song "Cop Killer" will be appearing at Harvard Law School to discuss the First Amendment and his personal experience with censorship. Ice-T is expected to respond to criticisms of his songs, both those criticisms he feels have merit, and those he feels are invalid.

The song "Cop Killer" generated a storm of controversy when it was released last summer, both from law enforcement officials and proponents of censorship, who said it encouraged or glorified the slaying of police officers. Attempts were made to force Time-Warner to remove the song from distribution, but they strongly defended their artist at the time, maintaining his right to free speech and denying that the song encouraged violence against police officers. Subsequently, relations between Ice-T and Time-Warner were severed.

Ice-T recently has been doing the college "circuit" to relate his experiences with free speech and the use of language that some deem offensive. Harvard Law School has invited him here to speak to students on these issues of personal freedom.

He will make one appearance, at the Ames Courtroom, on Tuesday, February 16, at 4:00PM. A Harvard ID will be required, and no taping or photographs will be allowed. The program is being sponsored by Saturday School.

HAP and FDIC Team up for Alum Jobs

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) is pleased to announce that their unprecedented "Job Fair," held at HLS concurrently with Harvard Alumni Placement's (HAP) Third Annual Minority Recruitment and Retention Conference on November 20-21, 1992, has produced results.

The FDIC has hired five attorneys for the New England field offices of their Legal Division and has compiled a referral list of candidates for possible positions elsewhere within that division. The FDIC states that their hiring success is the "direct result" of the Harvard Job Fair.

Additionally, based on the success of the HAP Job Fair, the FDIC plans to hold a series of other job fairs to be conducted by field offices throughout the country.

Harvard Alumni Placement is an independent affiliate of Harvard Law School founded by Alvin Kops '89. It is based in Cambridge.

HLS Grad to Help Reinvent Justice

Barbara M. Diamond '73 was appointed effective January 4, 1993 by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts as Director of Special Projects. In that role, she will work with the Justices to translate the vision of the future judicial system set forth in the 1992 report, *Reinventing Justice 2022*, developed by the Chief Justice's Commission on the future of the Courts, into a functioning statement of policy for the Massachusetts courts.

Prior to her appointment, Diamond was Director of the fiscal and policy unit for the Massachusetts Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Before that, she was counsel to the Massachusetts Senate Committee on Criminal Justice for two years.

Pro-Life Pow-Wow Planned

The Rutherford Institute is hosting an abortion forum with a pro-life perspective on February 18 at HLS. Five women from different backgrounds will speak on abortion, feminism and the dignity of life. The panelists include Michelle Matthews-Roth, Embryologist, Faculty Harvard Medical School; Mildred Jefferson, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Boston University School of Medicine; Susan Smith, Policy Director, National Right to Life Committee; Mary Roque, Family Lawyer; and Ruth Gava '91 HLS Visiting Researcher. Although the perspective will be pro-life, the organizers hope to encourage reasoned discussion.

Alum Gets Non-Profit Appointment

Dwight Golann '73 has been appointed as public representative to the Board of Directors of the Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association of Massachusetts (JUA). Golann is a Professor of Law at Suffolk University and former Chief of the Government Bureau in the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General. JUA is a non-profit organization providing professional liability insurance to 14,000 physicians, dentists and hospitals in Massachusetts.

Students to Compile Book on HLS Women

By Toy Chandler

Amidst the gender issues and controversies that continue to swirl about the Law School campus, two third-year students, Anat Hakim '93 and Vikki Wulf '93, have announced their plans to write and publish a book about HLS women.

A significant part of the book will consist of essays written by HLS women focusing on how Harvard has personally impacted them. Hakim and Wulf envision the book as contributing positively to the ongoing discussion about women leaders in our society.

"Many of us have had negative experiences here, but upon reflection we realize that we have grown from these experiences and can take something positive with us when we leave HLS," Wulf said. "This is not a *Broken Contract*, or *One L*-type product. This is a chance for everyone to reflect on their time here and to share their thoughts with women who come here in the future."

"Perhaps women will feel less alienated during their first year here if our book gives them some perspective before they arrive," Wulf added. "We hope that the insights presented in this book will illustrate the formative processes experienced at Harvard which have helped to

make HLS women stronger."

Hakim and Wulf encourage all women to write about their experiences at HLS. "We want women with different perspectives, experiences and ideologies to write," Hakim emphasized. "Feminist, conservative, liberal and other viewpoints are all important for this book to be written by women about women. We seek variety because that is our strength. We are not all of one voice."

Some might choose to focus on classroom discussions that affected them or experiences involving journals and organizations. Others might address the influence HLS has exerted on their personal relationships with family members, men and other women.

Still others might want to focus on a single transforming event, such as having a child while attending law school, getting married, or any event that has caused them to rethink deeply held beliefs.

Hakim and Wulf hope to have the book published sometime this upcoming

summer. They are currently consulting with professors and others on how to best obtain funding for the project.

The deadline for submissions is at the end of February. All second- and third-year HLS women interested in submitting essays should contact either Hakim or Wulf.



Anat Hakim '93



Vikki Wulf '93

Warren Receives Offer

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sibility for Warren, but her first priority is to work in that capacity where she can have greatest impact.

Diversity At HLS

Warren's tenure offer coincided with last Friday's silent vigil, held by students to demonstrate their ongoing commitment to faculty diversity. Should she accept, Warren will become the sixth tenured woman on the Law School Faculty. However that number is soon to be reduced, following Professor Kathleen Sullivan's '81 November announcement that she will leave HLS next fall to accept a position at Stanford.

Asked whether the campus politics that have made HLS a national media focus in recent months will influence her decision, Warren declared, "It's part of the reality of what Harvard Law School is today, and I'm a realist. The truth is,

though, I'm not sure whether it argues in favor of staying away or coming."

"Students here have exercised power in a very interesting way," she added, "but my suspicion is that it's time to exercise power in different ways."

Still, for Warren, Harvard's student body is what makes the offer most attractive: "The students are interesting people, truly diverse in the rich meaning of the word. I've never seen such an unusual mix, and it excites me."

Warren should be happy to know that her classes equally excite students. Most who have had Warren for a professor emphatically praise her teaching and scholarship. Michael Sullivan '93, a student in her fall bankruptcy course was asked for his evaluation by the Appointments Committee. "I'll tell the RECORD what I told [Professor Charles] Fried," Sullivan declared. "It doesn't matter if she's a man or woman or whatever. Warren is the best professor I've had at Harvard, and the school would lose a lot if they didn't get her."

Breyer up for AG

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'63. Nesson, who said he has known Breyer since 1962, thought it was "quite likely" the judge would accept an appointment.

"I think the job would be very enticing to him," said Nesson. "He wants to do what he can to make the world a better place."

Nesson described Breyer as "very astute about problems of justice...very good on civil rights and exceedingly conscious about the environment — he bicycles to work."

"He's also very sensitive on gender issues. He's always had a really deep appreciation of women's roles," Nesson said.

"He'd be excellent," said Pound Professor of Law and former Law School Dean James Vorenberg '51, who said he had not heard Breyer was a candidate. Vorenberg, who served as dean from 1981 until 1989, said he knows Breyer well from working with him on the faculty at the Law School.

Breyer was a professor at the Law School from 1970 until 1981 and at the Kennedy School of Government from 1978 to 1981.

This fall Breyer taught "Administrative Law: The Regulatory Process" and he co-lectures "Government and the Regulation of Industry," with Ramsey Professor of Political Economy Richard J. Zeckhauser this spring.

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