The Advocate Monday, March 21, 1988 Page 8 A View of Down Under: Clinics Sponsor Open House

A VICW UI LOUVE Together with the SBA, the Community Legal Clinics will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, March 23, 1988 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Clinics, located at the lower level of Stockton Hall. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about the school;s excellent clinical program. Al students are welcome. Refreshments will be available. Supervisory attorneys and students in the various Clinics will be on hand to answer questions about their programs. The following is a list of the Clinics and what they do: Administrative Advocacy Clinic; Advocates for Older People Indigent and elderly clients who are pursuing their rights and benefits before various local and federal agencies may use the services of these Clinics. Students represent indigent people in cases concerning retirement and disability claims, unemployment compensation and public benefits, conservatorship,

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draft pleadings, prepare cases for trial, conduct examinations of witnesses and argue cases under the close supervision of the Clinic attorneys. Many types of civil cases are handled (including landlord and tenant and small claims), as well as family matters and appeals. Prospective third year students who apply for the Clinic must submit an written application and be interviewed. For further information, contact Joan Strand and Deborah Barthel at 994-7463. Consumer Help Litigation Clinic This Clinic provides representa-tion to low income consumers in actions involving unfair or deceptive trade practices by local businesses. The Clinic is open

deceptive trade practices by local businesses. The Clinic is open exclusively to third-year students under the D.C. Court of Appeals student practice rule. Students are responsible for total case development and preparation, from investigation through trial. Student-attorneys interview clients and witnesses, conduct



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probate matters and landlord/ten-ant negotiations. Students enrolled in Administrative Advocacy may request placement with Advocates for Older People, which, as a part of Institute of Law and Aging, provides legal services to older D.C. residents. In addition, A.O.P. runs a Volunteer Income Tax Program in the spring semester. For further information, contact Steve Del Guidice, Alice Sullivan or Jackson Rose at 994-7463. Civil Litigation Clinic Low-income clients needing representation in the D.C. Court system rely on the services provided by the Civil Litigation Clinic. The program is open only to third year students who must commit themselves to participat-ing for both the fall and spring semesters. A minimum of twenty hours per week must be devoted to the course, for four graded credits will be received each term. Court-certified students are permitted to counsel clients,

fact investigations, prepare pleading, determine case strategy and engage in settlement negotiations, and argue cases under the supervision of the Clinic's staff attorney. A commitment of twenty hours per week is required in addition to mandatory attendance at a weekly two-hour seminar on substantive law and trial procedure. In addition to being certified to practice in the local federal and District of Columbia courts, students represent consumer before the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Administrative Law Judge. Applications for the Consumer Litigation Clinic and court certification forms must be submitted in spring, 1987. Students must take the course for two semesters and receive four graded credits per semester. Interested students should contact supervising attorney Carol Izumi.

Consumer Help Mediation Clinic Local consumers involved in disputes with area businesses use services provided by this Clinic. In the past Consumer HELP has been affiliated with television stations (Channels 4,5, and 9),



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exposing major consumer protection stories some of which have been the basis of Emmy Awards. The Mediation Clinic is an alternative dispute resolution program that seeks to aid in the resolution of consumer problems without court action. The Mediation Clinic is open to second and third-year students who act as "caseworkers." Students staff the Clinic's office, performing intake and working to help consumers and businesses



reach reasonable settlements to their disputes. Students develop and hone communication techni-ques in addition to learning substantive consumer law. The Clinic may be taken for two or three credit hours. FOur hours per week per credit is required, which includes a mandatory one-hour weekly seminar. There is a short paper requirement which may be satisfied in a number of ways. Students are supervised by third



year Student Directors and the supervising attorney, Carol Izumi. Interested students should contact the supervising attorney at 994-7463 with questions. Consumer Help Bankruptcy Clinic

This Clinic was established in 1978 by the Consumer Protection Center in conjunction with the D.C. Bar Foundation to provide assistance to low-income resi-dents of the District of Columbia, Bankruptcy Clinic students handle

a wide variety of legal and informal financial counseling services including client inter-viewing, preparation of consumer bankruptcy petitions and Chapter 13 Wage Earner Plans, and negotiations of informal debt



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reduction and consolidation agreements. All work is con-ducted under a staff attorney and the staff paralegals. The Clinic is open to both second and third year students. For further information, contact Nancy Davis at 994-7463. Immigration Clinic Clinical work includes counsel-ing and representation of clients at deportation in almost every area of immigration law. Third



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year students may represent clients at deportation and exclusion hearings and in federal court, The minimum level of work required for this Clinic is ten hours per week. Written application and permission of the instructor are required. Includes a weekly Clinic seminar. Immigration Law class is a prerequisite. For further information, contact Paul Grussendorf at 994-7463.



Small Business Clinic This Clinic is a joint venture of the United States Small Business Administration and the National Law Center. The Clinic's two primary goals are to assist local area entrepreneurs through the legal requirements of starting a new business and to give the students participation in the Clinic's extensive practical experience in interviewing clients, drafting legal documents, such as articles of incorporation,

bylaws, agreements and contracts, and providing basic tax and business counselling. Each student in the Clinic is given primary responsibility for a number of cases. That student, working in close coordination with the supervising attorney, will interview the client, conduct the necessary legal research and draft required documents. Once

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a week a two hour seminar is held to review specific areas of commercial law which are pertinent to the cases being handled by the Clinic. Periodi-cally, quest speakers will address the seminar on their areas of expertise. The seminar is held on Thursdays between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Additionally, the students in the Clinic will periodically present the cases they are currently working on to



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the Clinic. This gives each student the experience of speaking before a group of their peers and allows the entire class to benefit from each student's experiences. The size of the class is limited to ten students and students are required to complete courses in corporations and federal income tax before taking the Clinic. The students in the Clinic have found that the practical nature of the course has helped them to gain a more



in-depth understanding of the subjects taught in their formal commercial law classes. For additional information, please contact Dan Gropper at 994-7463. The Federal and Appellate Litigation Clinic This Clinic is open to a limited number of third year students. Participants must be eligible for certification by the D.C. Court of Appeals (Rule 46-III). They will be required to commit a minimum of 20 hours per week throughout Go To Page 14, Col.,4

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"I know. I was that one in ten. And mammography helped save my life". Debra Strauss <u>_</u>



Thanks to mammography, a fast and simple x-ray technique, breast cancer can now be detected at its earliest stagewhile it is still highly curable. If you're over 35, the American Cancer Society urges you to please call your doctor for an appointment.

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One out of ten women

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From Page 13 restroom lines simply by taking less time talking, primping, and smoking while others are waiting.

By wearing clothing such as miniskirts which are not only comfortable but also fashionable, and by using urinettes placed in open banks along a wall as in a male restroom women arguably male restroom, women arguably have a means to achieve equality have a means to achieve equality with men by simply doing as men do: letting it all hang out. Until they are willing to do so, maybe pleas for laws mandating larger restrooms for women than for men should be flushed!

Amnesty (Cont'd) From Page 5

court cased involving human rights violations abroad, refugees in the United States, and the death penalty in America. The in the United States, and the death penalty in America. The Legal Support Network is currently working as amicus in Rappaport v. Suarez-Mason, which arises from human rights violations of Argentina's Dirty War of the 1970's and early 1980's, when the military government executed, imprisoned, and tortured massive numbers of government opponents, real and suspected.

government opponents, real and suspected. Professor Steinhardt said anonymity is the real breeding ground for human rights viola-tions and that exposure of governments' human rights violations is one of the most powerful weapons for improving human rights. He said Amnesty International is one of the world's most effective human rights mechanisms, because it collects and disseminates a tremendous volume of reliable information on human rights violations, it conducts highly effective letter-writing campaign, and it is private and completely non-partisan. non-partisan.

Human Rights NOW! In celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Amnesty International has started its nine-month Human Rights NOW! campaign. The campaign seeks over one million signatures worldwide on a petition urging all governments to adhere to the Declaration and to the interna-tional human rights treaties that have followed it. The petition will be delivered to the United Nations General Assembly on International Human Rights Day in December. To collect this International Human Rights Day in December. To collect this many petition signatures, Amnesty needs the help of many Amnesty members and non-members in circulating the petition. Anyone willing to help circulate the petition should call Jon Katz at 785-2562 or Mary Witt at 338-2930.

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through visible on campus through publicity of meetings and by putting through legitimate bills and resolutions to address

and resolutions to address student concerns. Kessler's goal is to come up with a consensus opinion on many of the issues that come before the Senate, so that it can present one message to the Administration -- something that he believes will increase the stature of the legislative body in the eves of the students and the eyes of the students and university administration--especially the new University President

Asked about his priorities for graduate students, Kessler is realistic about his position and his ability to accomplish tasks. He sees his role as that of acilitator and advisor; as one with much experience with the Jniversity Administration, he

knows the ins and outs of dealing with the various deans and offices in rice Hall and is ready and willing to offer

ready and willing to offer suggestions to graduate groups who have projects and concerns. A prolific writer on most campus publications (and even published in this august newspa-per), Jon Kessler also serves as Speaker Chair for the College Democrats, programming speakers from the Hill for the campus organizations, and broadcasts a weekly radio show on campus station WRGW.

Drugs (Cont'd) From Page 3 foolishness, and falsehood. It stands as an honest response which addresses the most pressing concerns created by the drug problem. The only possible solution which is in the best interests of all Americans is the legalization of all restricted substances. Eirst the result of such a

substances. First: the result of such a policy on drug use in this country overall. No good evidence, or even poor evidence. for that matter, has ever been presented to this writer to suggest that legalization would lead to an increase in consump-tion on any scale. Certainly lead to an increase in consump-tion on any scale. Certainly logic does not dictate such a result. Drug doomsayers could hardly complain that the availab-ility of drugs will increase; it is difficult to imagine how drugs could be any more available than they claim them to be now. Second: the result of such a

they claim them to be now. Second: the result of such a policy on law enforcement. It is obvious that freed from having to enforce drug laws, the monies and energies of law enforcement agencies could be redirected to other areas of pressing concern. Of the utmost importance, theorem is the offect lacelization other areas of pressing concern. Of the utmost importance, though, is the effect legalization would have on street crime. The situation right now is bad and getting worse as rival drug gangs shoot it out on the streets with a host of armaments and an 'unrivaled brutality. The violence of drug marketers is truly appalling. The fact that even young children carry weapons shows clearly that this drug related warfare has gone far enough. enough.

enough. Rival drug gangs do not engage in armed conflict because their minds are crazed by drug use. No, their minds are crazed by old-fashioned greed. It is not the drugs, but the money those drugs represent that is at the source of all the killing. Legalization will instantly remove this element from our streets as

source of all the killing. Legalization will instantly remove this element from our streets as the industry becomes legitimate. The random bloodshed created by criminalization is the most vile and repugnant aspect of drug use in this country and short of an all out civil war on our streets legalization is the only way to stop the violence. Third: the result of such a policy on the economy. The most conservative official estimates reveal the drug industry to be a billion-dollar a year business. All of it com-pletely outside the American economy, untaxed and unregu-lated. The boon to American industries after legalization would be substantial. It would also bring a veritable tax windfall to the federal, state, and local governments. This, when coupled with the funds saved by the elimination of such authorities as the Drug Enforcement Agency and the relief to court dockets and time and the lessening of the burdens drug enforcement places on our penal system, represents a substantial taxpayer savings. These benefits of the legaliza-

substantial taxpayer savings. These benefits of the legaliza-tion of restricted substances are not fanciful conjectures, but

obvious end results. There are those who will claim such measures represent a moral, abdication on the part of lawmakers. Yet please remember that the law is not a tool for moral enforcement. To make a certain behavior or activity legal is not to condone them in the eyes of society. The moral reasons many may find to make drug use abhorrent will still be available through the sources from which such views are properly derived, namely our families, churches, and cultures. The law should never be used, as The law should never be used, as it seems to be now, as a bulwark for when these other institu-tions fail.

tions fail. In conclusion, let me ack-nowledge the more obvious detractions from what I propose. My approach has been pragmatic and it admittedly fails to deal with all aspects of the issue. In legalizing drugs and their use there is still the dilemma of addicts, broken homes, drug-related deaths through overdose and accident, and absenteeism.

related deaths through overdose and accident, and absenteeism. These are all important and costly concerns. But any true cure for these ills will be as effective whether substances are restricted or not. When Nancy Reagan suggests that even the occasional drug user is an-accessory to murder, the accessory to murder, the hypocrisy of her statement lies in hypocrisy of her statement lies in that those who criminalize drug use are equally to blame for the creation of the present situation and so, too, is blood on their hands. I challenge the reader to find any hypocrisy in my position whatsoever and look forward to all replies to my argument. Hoops (Cont'd) From Page 10

From Page 10 "we won't lower ourselves to their (Wilbur's) level". The Hands mashed the Couch Potatoes by fourteen points, with Ken Gelfarb tossing fifteen in the hoop. The "Bruise Bros." of the squad, Bob Goulder and Ron Gahagan, dominated the boards. Gahagan, called "Animal" by Arden has a penchant for diving into donnybrooks. "If he's pushed he'll push back " said the captain. "Tenaciousness. That's it. When we play against Wilbur, I hope he plays the same. He won't be intimidated". Interviewing Wilbur's Cliff Greenberg this week was about as much fun as going to a intramural board rule reading meeting. The normally voluble leader followed the example of sports heroes Steve Carlton and Jim Rice and refused to speak with this reporter. When asked if his souad won last week.

Jim Rice and refused to speak with this reporter. When asked if his squad won last week, Greenberg eloquently replied,-"Yes". His only polysllyabbic utterance aside from "I'm not talking to you" or "I have nothing to say" was "Everyone on the team played equally well, but Dave (Wecht) and Ralph-(DiPietro) did especially well." This reporter fully expects Greenberg to show up to this week's game with Iran-Contra fifth amendment whiz Brendan Sullivan in tow.

If the amendment whiz Brendan Sullivan in tow. If the B league's got you down, cheer up. One of the premier A league squads are the NLC's own Starlight Champions. Captained by Scott "I came this close" Miller, the team sounds more like an Andrew Lloyd Webber extravagan-za than a hoop power but the Andrew Lloyd Webber extravagan-za than a hoop power, but the team is undefeated with a 5-0 record. The cast includes guards J.J. "Sonar" Hearn, Mark "You Irk Me" Sampson, Mike "The Taunter" Nemeroff, forwards Iain Paige, Stuart Nash, Miller and a med student center called only "George". The champions are crushing their opponents as the mercy rule has been applied in

their favor three times this season. The towering front line is the key to this squad, said Miller, with Paige and the mysterious George often dominat-ing in the paint. "We hope to make it to the finals. We're a tough team and I think we have a good shot." Miller, Sampson, Nash and Paige will be playing in the Finals of the Mid-Atlantic region Schick Super Hoops 3 on 3 Tourney on March 24, 1988 at the Capital Centre during the half of the Bullets-Hawks game. This fearsome foursome emerged victorious from a field of thirtyinis fearsome foursome emerged victorious from a field of thirty-three squads of mortals. The Advocate urges all NLC hoop junkies to converge on Landover Thursday night to get their roundball fix while cheering on our own. If this quartet wins, look for Miller to get on the PA and and regale the crowd with his impersonation of Professor regale Romero.

Romero. Next issue: WHAT LAW SCHOOL TEAM DARES CHALLENGE THE STARLIGHT CHAMPIONS? **Clinics (Cont'd)** From Page 9 both the fall and spring se-mesters. Four graded credits will be awarded upon successful completion each semester. Students will represent clients petitioning for review of adverse agency decisions in federal district court and in the circuit court of appeals. They may also have an opportunity to represent or assist litigants in other civil and criminal matters before local appellate courts and the federal courts. Prospective third year students must submit a written application and short writing sample. Interested students should speak with Steve Del Giudice at 994-7463.



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