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STUDENTS TO BE TESTED ON LEGAL HOLIDAY. Since New Years Day falls on a Sunday this year, Monday, January 2, 1984 is a legal holiday. This fact has somehow escaped the Administration, but was the subject of heated discussion during the November 13th meeting of the S.B.A. Law students in those sections to be tested will no doubt find January 2, 1984 to be a cold day in Newark. Welcome to 1984.

S.B.A. XMAS PARTY - YOU SHOULD BE DANCING. Imagine a bunch of nutty law students on a beach in the Caribbean, sipping exotic rum drinks, soaking in surf and sun... then picture yourself in the student lounge on Thursday, December 15, 1983, sharing a bit of the holiday spirit at the annual S.B.A. Xmas party. Be there, it should be fun, before the storm of exams.

ANNUAL S.B.A. DINNER DANCE IN THE WORKS. The proposed date for the S.B.A. dinner dance is the first weekend in March. Any suggestions for the location, band and or disc jockey would be greatly appreciated. Contact Claire Calinda, chairperson for the event or drop a note in her mailbox.

DEAN DEFEIS ADDRESSES S.B.A. AFTER DELAY FOR MONTHS. Since September, the S.B.A. has attempted to have Dean Defeis attend one of the past four regularly scheduled Sunday afternoon meetings, to no avail. In a special meeting of the S.B.A. on Monday, December 5, 1983 at 4:45 in Room 202, the Dean finally met with the S.B.A. The Dean had previously agreed to meet the S.B.A. on Sunday, November 13, 1983, but injured her back in a health club accident. At the special meeting, the Dean was met with some hostility on several fronts. Brian Mason expressed disbelief in the fact that the Dean had addressed Balsa and Salsa before the S.B.A., "the elected representatives of the student body." Bill Purdy, Bob Baer, Ken Kovalcik, Joe Murray and Bill Courtney criticized the limited access that the S.B.A. members have to the Dean and in particular, the problems that Shawn Sullivan, president of the S.B.A., has had in meeting with the Dean. Courtney commented that the Dean's secretary was doing "too good of a job" keeping the students away from the Dean. Brian Mason asked the Dean to pledge that 1) the president of the S.B.A. would have better access to the Dean, and 2) that the Administration take more notice of the S.B.A. through consultations on matters which involve students, avoiding the unilateral actions that have previously taken place. The Dean met these pledges affirmatively and stated that she understood that the S.B.A. was upset with the lack of "communication" between the Administration and the S.B.A. and that she would work to bridge the gap. Shaun Schlich noted that the special meeting excluded evening Senators who were working or on their way to school. Other topics brought up during the meeting included the problems in the parking lot when evening students arrive early and day students stay late, the continuing saga of the physical plant and the limited class selection. The Dean said that much of her time has been spent upgrading the physical plant and she would address the other issues. The improvements made in the physical plant have not gone unnoticed, obviously much remains to be done.

EVENING PARTY - ULTIMATE SUCCESS. While funding for the first evening party was met with objections in the S.B.A. meeting on November 13, 1983, the event was attended by a majority of the first and second year evening students, making it a complete success. Many thanks are due to Richard Shapiro, first year evening, the party being his idea and the product of his effort. Many of the students in attendance expressed the hope that evening student parties would become the norm instead of the exception. It is certainly an opportunity for busy students to enjoy the company of their friends in the confines of the law school environment, an experience evening students often can not enjoy.

CLAIRE CALINDA SAYS THANKS. Thanks to all those who attended and helped make the Halloween Party a success. My special thanks to my good friends: Debbi, Diana, Kim, Margie, Brian and Bill for all their support.