

Door opened

According to figures recently released by the American Bar Association (ABA) on law school enrollments of women and minorities, some progress has been made in bringing these groups into the law profession. Even though progress has been made, much remains to be done both nationally and at the University Law School.

The number of women attending the University Law School compares favorably to the national average. Minority enrollment in the school, however, is below the national figures.

At the University Law School for the past seven years women have comprised approximately 26 per cent of the entering classes. Nationally the figure for women is 22 per cent. The percentage of minorities at the University Law School, however, is five per cent, half of the national average.

Despite the low enrollment figures for minorities, the over-all picture for both women and minorities has improved dramatically in the last five years. In 1970 the University Law School received only 40 applications from women. In 1971 the number jumped to 168. For minorities the number of applicants was 20 in 1970. In fall 1975 the number was 90.

Traditionally in this country, membership in the legal profession reflects an elitist composition. The members, in general, echo status quo sentiments, make more money and enjoy greater social status.

The fact that more women and minorities are entering the field is encouraging. Their membership in the profession, hopefully, reflects a larger acceptance of them by society as a whole. The door, however, has been opened only a crack, especially for minorities. The door needs to be opened more if women and minorities are to be allowed the greater voice they deserve in our society.

Charge too much

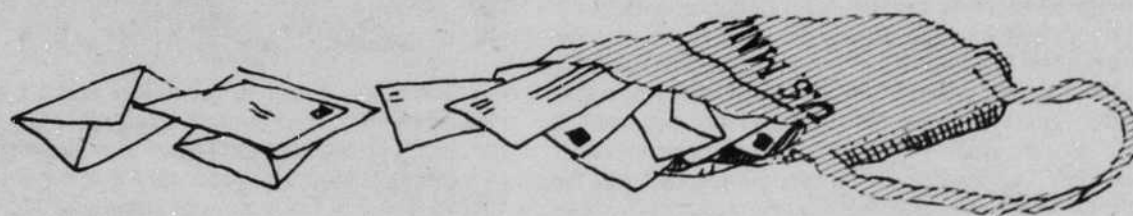
Even though fifty cents doesn't buy much these days, it is still too much for a student to spend for an unofficial University transcript.

The Registrar's office may argue that the fee is designed to cover the administrative cost of reproducing the transcript. Add the five minutes it takes an employe to pull the transcript from a student's folder to the four cent cost of photocopying it and the total cost is well below the 50 cent charge. Throw in a 13 cent stamp to mail it and the cost is still below 50 cents.

Even if the Registrar's office could demonstrate that the 50 cent fee accurately reflects the cost of reproducing the transcript, the point remains that students should not be charged. The transcripts should be supplied free as a matter of course to aid students in satisfying their degree requirements.



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Letters — Attack vicious

A particularly vicious attack on the state of New Jersey appeared in your organ last Thursday (4-1-76). Glen Gibbons, under the guise of a record review, wrote unspeakable things about my home state. His efforts to explain Patti Smith's music as a product of her warped and gritty Jersey roots amounted to libel of a state.

Here's Smith, just a Garden State gal with a yen to make a buck in rock; but to Gibbons she's a "poetess raised out of the perverse social forge of industrial

New Jersey." Many of us (Hugh Addinezzio, Ruben Carter, Anthony Imperiale, the Rutgers Scarlet Knights, and the Head family of pastoral Perth Amboy, to name a few) think this "perverse social forge" has done alright by us.

Who is this Gibbons man anyway? Anyone calling New Jersey a "street-wise, urban-industrial, subcultural vortex" is obviously on drugs. What New Jersey is is a very special — now, how would Gibbons put it? — time-space nexus.

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Laments relative

That article on Kesey last week was a maudlin piece of home town sentiment. Let's refold our initialed hankies and briskly dry our moist nostrils by inhaling three times.

First, the Oscars are not literary awards; the lack of recognition given Mr. Kesey at this dubious event should not be cause for dolour. Second, the financial laments of the writer are relative. Students and lower income families may share my wonder at how anyone can be broke after receiving \$10,000 during the last ten years and having this lump sum supplemented annually by as much as \$14,000. Also, if one is presented with an unfair contract, it is imprudent to sign it. If the deceit of those "movie guys" puts them right up there with Nixon, Kesey is right down there with that majority of fools who voted him in.

Once I came out of the library and found my bicycle gone. I was mad, and still am. Like Mr. Kesey I haven't paid to see the movie, nor do I watch Academy Awards, but I do lock my bike.

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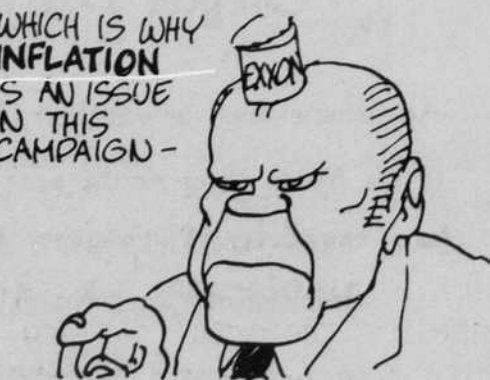
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AND PEOPLE WHO GIVE UP DON'T VOTE.

AND THEY RUN OUT OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND THEY GO ON WELFARE AND THEY LIVE ON FOOD STAMPS AND THEY GET DISCOURAGED.

WHICH IS WHY INFLATION IS AN ISSUE IN THIS CAMPAIGN.



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AND UNEMPLOYMENT ISN'T!



BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE VOTES WHAT DO I CARE?

