

Group calls for unity, recruitment



Co-directors, Helena Gurley and Mustafa Kasubhai, hope Minority Student Law Association will be a better resource for students than it has been in the past, the two say they complement each other.

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There is a student group for every activity and kind of person under the sun.

There are student groups that promote environmentalism, student groups that promote conservatism, student groups that oppose racism and groups that just want to have fun. These groups seek to unite people with common interests who might otherwise not find each other. The Minority Law Students Association (MLSA) is aiming to do just that for minority law students.

New co-directors, Helena Gurley and Mustafa Kasubhai, see recruitment of minorities as one of the main goals of MLSA in the coming year. "It is important to recruit a critical mass of students of color to the law school. It has been my impression that the pre-law adviser hasn't been focusing or concentrating on issues relevant to students of color," Kasubhai said.

Gurley who earned her bachelor's degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee also sees recruitment as a key issue, she was "displeased with the lack of organization and unity" shown by the previous leaders of MLSA and would like to see the group become more active and more of a resource for students.

"Law school is a different experience for most of these stu-

dents. It will be nice for them to have people to go to who will give them books or advice or tutor them if they need it. We would like to set our goals and accomplish them and provide the sense of unity that was lacking last year," Gurley said.

For Kasubhai, who came to the University after having earned his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley, attending school in Oregon has been an eye opening experience.

"At Berkeley it (race) was not so much an issue, here being one of only a few students of color awakened a drive to make sure more people don't have to go through the same experiences I have.

"I was born in the states and grew up in Los Angeles and family is from India and Yemen, so it was hard for people to tell what ethnicity I was. Sometimes people think that they can be racist in front of me as long as they are not talking about my background. It is very isolating and very challenging," Kasubhai said.

In addition to being a resource for students Gurley and Kasubhai would like to see the law school diversify its curriculum and concentrate on issue of race in their already established classes.

"Law school is a very white male focused education. It is supposed to be perspectiveless,

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but it is not. There is only one voice, and it is the voice of white men in power.

"Students need to become aware of other perspectives. For example in my criminal law class, no is mentioned in the case or else the crime has been committed by a black man," Kasubhai said.

Gurley agreed with Kasubhai's opinion and added, "Sometimes, people look to you for an opinion about a situation just because you are the only person of that race in the class.

"It is very difficult to represent an entire race or ethnicity.

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