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Timothy Jezec '01 and Mikhail Zeldovich '00 perform in "The Woman in Black," presented this week by the HLS Drama Society. See story on p. 10.

Students Take Protest Against Dwindling Diversity to Alumni

By Francesco Barbera

Last Friday, over 40 students protested declining minority enrollment at the Law School by leafleting hundreds of alumni attending a reception in Pound Hall. The leaflet questioned the Law School's commitment to diversity, citing statistics which point to a dramatic decline in minority enrollment in recent years.

According to the flyer, in the

last three years Latino enrollment is down 37 percent, African-American enrollment is down 30 percent, Native-American enrollment is down 25 percent and enrollment of women remains stagnant at 42 percent. "Our goal tonight is to raise awareness of the drop in minority enrollment and to bring that message home to the alumni," said South Asian Law Students Association Co-President Rajeev

Goyle '00. "This is the opening salvo in a larger campaign for the Law School to honor its own commitment to admitting a diverse student body."

"We want this trend reversed," said Baxter Wasson '01, an organizer of the event. "We want the institution to make whatever changes are necessary, be it pre-admissions recruiting or post-

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Law School Interviewing Season Enters Home Stretch

By Suzanne Carter

Sally Donahue's first year as Office of Career Services (OCS) Director has almost run its course as the fall interviewing season comes to a close this week.

Donahue said she was repeatedly impressed throughout the first year at the "stunningly accomplished and talented student body" at HLS.

"I came into the year thinking it would be easier than it has

been to change some things," she said. Specifically, she wished she could have used mass e-mails to communicate with interviewing students, and said that she would like to "build connections" between alumni and students.

3Ls who interviewed both this year and last year noticed the improvement at OCS since Sally Donahue took over as OCS Director.

"OCS has been a lot better this year than last year," noted Mina Kim '00. "The computer sign-up

thing has made a lot of sense."

High marks were given to Donahue's empathy and sensitivity to student concerns.

"I thought Sally Donahue did a good job, particularly in one-on-one meetings," remarked Theodore Folkman '00.

"I've walked into Sally Donahue's office a number of times, and she's great," Kim enthused. "She's good about responding to student concerns

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RECORD Photo/Dmitri Evseev
Students bring the decline in minority enrollment to the attention of alumni outside an alumni weekend event.

HLS Student Activists Gear Up for Change

By Ben Lehrer

As Berkeley students staged a massive walkout from their classes to protest California's ending of affirmative action, over 70 Harvard students gathered last week in Hauser Hall to show their support and to discuss the state of activism at Harvard.

The students listened as Prof. Duncan Kennedy spoke on the history of activism at HLS, and aired a number of complaints concerning the climate at the

Law School.

Ramesh Kumar '01, the event's principal organizer, said at the meeting's outset that he wanted to compile a list of things that students thought should change at the School. "And then," he said, "we have to go out and change them." Less than 24 hours later, many of these same students distributed flyers about declining minority student enrollment, and openly questioned HLS's commitment to diversity.

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Kerry Encourages Future Lawyers to "Commit to Public Service"

By Francesco Barbera

Articulating what observers described as an inspiring presidential agenda, Sen. John F. Kerry (D-Mass.) engaged over 200 law students in the Ames Courtroom on Monday evening with a speech entitled "Public Service, Citizenship and the Law." Addressing issues from childhood development to education and foreign policy, Kerry called on law students to become "citizen soldiers" in the struggle to rebuild community in America.

"Public service is an idea that has significantly diminished in our public consciousness," he said. "We ought to stop and think about that. We need to get people who come out of law school and business school to come out of the mainstream business of making money and commit themselves to public service."

Kerry, who graduated from Yale in 1966, spent four years in Vietnam serving as a Navy officer on a gunboat in the Mekong Delta. Upon his return, he became an active leader in the anti-war movement sweeping the country.

In his address, he spoke about the recent film "Saving Private Ryan," comparing Vietnam with World War II to illustrate how ideals of duty and service have shifted over time.

"Unlike in Vietnam, which was filled with divisiveness and where

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1Ls Clean Up Roxbury

By Alyssa Caples

Last Saturday, 1Ls ventured into Roxbury to clean up vacant lots with the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI), a community empowerment organization, as a part of the 1998 City Year Serv-a-thon. Organized by Jennifer Harvey '00 and Prof. Bruce Hay '88, the day brought together approximately 150 students from all different sections. In addition, several BSA members, Prof. Larry Lessig and spouses of some students also joined the effort.

The students cleaned up lots left vacant following arson and condemnation after the area became depressed as a result of red-lining and white flight. Over-run with weeds and trash, the lots are used as illegal dumping grounds, sites for drug traffick-

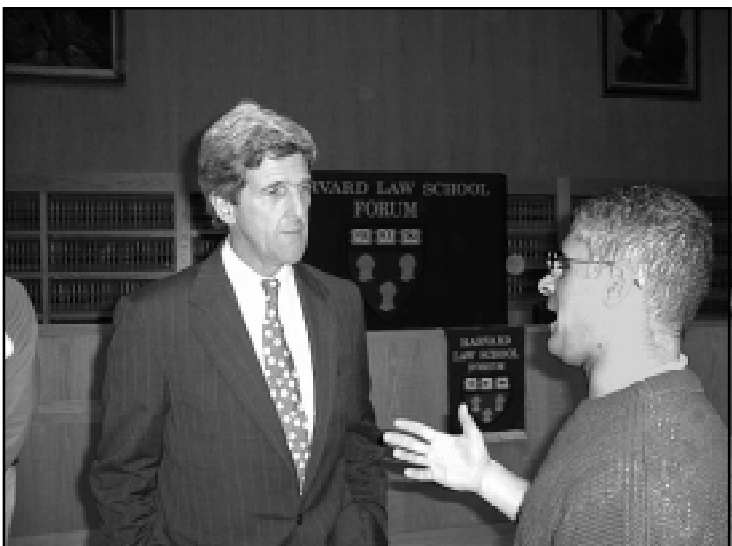
ing and general mischief. There are over 1300 vacant lots in the area, which the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative are trying to reclaim.

"We have the power of eminent domain over a 60-acre triangle in Roxbury and so far we have built about 100 houses in the neighborhood. We are also launching a beautification campaign to change attitudes in the area," said Trish Settles, Environmental Organizer for DSNI.

"We are already a thousand times better than we were when we first started. Ten years ago, we hauled away three hundred tons of trash, including refrigerators and autos."

On Saturday's visit, HLS students found a variety of different discarded items including a passport, beer, liquor bottles, a

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Senator Kerry is engaged by an enthusiastic student.

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