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The Student Bar Association is an official organization of law students. It is affiliated nationally with the American Law Students Association. The Association's National Council of Governors is elected each August at the A.L.S.A. Convocation, held this year in Chicago, Ill. Five Circuit Presidents complete the "upper echelon" of the organization.

The purpose of the S.B.A. is to act as the official liaison between the students and Faculty, to conduct various intra-scholar activities and organize such functions as the Advocate's Ball and the Law School Banquet.

One of the newest and more interesting features of the Association is the Student Loan Fund. This enables members to borrow up to $200 at low interest rates. The Union Book Exchange provides a rapid flow of used books to the various classes at prices more in keeping with the means of most law students. A speaking committee was inaugurated last year to give series of lectures on pre-legal preparation and the academic requirements of law school.

Voluntary Defender Program

In the area of practical training the Villanova Bar has begun a Voluntary Defender Program with the cooperation of the Delaware County Bar Association. This is a rare opportunity for second and third year students to gain experience in the processes of criminal defense. As an adjunct to this program the Bar is planning a visit to the State Penitentiary for all interested students.

Politically a number of amendments have been added to the S.B.A. Constitution pertaining to dates of elections and offices available. Heretofore the executive, president, secretary, and treasurer, was elected on a "top vote getter" basis where the nominees with the most votes became President and Secretary. The present executive proposes that candidates campaign for the several offices.

New Orientation Program

The most recent, yet unknown innovation to the Student Bar Association is the Orientation Program for the incoming first year class. The first such program was held April 1st. A speaking committee which had been inaugurated last year to give series of lectures on pre-legal preparation and the academic requirements of law school.

In addition to this year's Presidents, last year's co-presidents, Paul E. Creaser, Secretary, William Morris, Treasurer, and Conrad DiSantis and William Prejean, were the only persons to hold the same positions for a second year. Election for the first-year representatives will be held in late November.

Weaver Speaks at Villanova Law Forum

The Honorable Robert C. Weaver, Administrator of Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency will be the first guest speaker of the 1963-1964 series of High School and College Home Finance Agency will be the first guest speaker of the 1963-1964 series of High School and College Pre-legal Preparation Lectures. Mr. Weaver will present the federal government's role in the operation between city and federal government, and what assistance the government can give to the city to help in this endeavor. The meeting will be held on Friday, October 18, at 8:30 p.m. in the first-year undergraduate classroom, and will be preceded by the annual dinner of the Villanova Chapter of the Order of the Coif.

Urban Problems

Weaver defined the federal government's view on such topics as urban problems, the need for co-operation between city and federal government, and what assistance the government can give to the city to help solve these problems. The third and last meeting dealing with city problems will be held on Thursday, February 21, at 8:30 p.m., in the Home Finance Agency will be the first guest speaker of the 1963-1964 series of High School and College Pre-legal Preparation Lectures. Mr. Weaver will present the federal government's role in the operation between city and federal government, and what assistance the government can give to the city to help solve these problems. The third and last meeting dealing with city problems will be held on Thursday, February 21, at 8:30 p.m., in the Home Finance Agency.
As I See It
by Harold G. Reuschlein

The First Issue of The Villanova Docket marks the inauguration of another fine service which the law students render to the School. I welcome the Docket as an important addition to our program. While this is a student newspaper —student managed, student edited and student financed—we rather expect that its most avid readers will be the law alumni. From the Dean's Desk

numbers. There are now 279 Miami and from Portland in general years we have attempted can be kept informed at regularly News Letter. Now our alumni columns of the School and its alumni well. The publication is conceived primarily and regularly interpreted to her alumni and friends. significantly we believe has been a constant growth in this School of Law. I am profoundly grateful. We are a closely knit family, as we have been in the past.

I cannot emphasize too strongly that in editing and publishing The Villanova Docket, the students can serve the School and its alumni well. The publication is conceived primarily as an instrument whereby the School can be consistently and regularly interpreted to her alumni and friends.

I write this on the eve of the annual business meeting of the Villanova Law School Association and just as the books are being closed upon the 1963 Annual Giving Campaign. Again, I am happy to report that well over 80% of our alumni contributed and that in dollar volume this year's giving exceeded that of last year by more than 76%. This is a magnificent performance and augurs well for the future of this School of Law. I am profoundly grateful. We are in a time of growth. This fall the School of Law has welcomed its largest class in its history. And even more significant is the fact that we have received our largest first year class in the history of the School, but also because it is our best in quality. It is good news for and by our advertisers will be accorded, we hope, the same consideration that has been given to them. Also St. Bonaventure University, University of Scranton. College and Lehigh University.

"This is not only our largest first year class..." The Recent Developments Editor will be Joseph P. Doyle who will mainly supervise the work of the second year class in preparing short notes on significant aspects of the law.

Additional Editor

Rounding out the members of the staff who will review student material is Arthur Morgastem. He will act as Associate Editor, a new position to relieve the staff of the increased amount of work. His duties are not yet completely defined, but it is expected that first he will assist the Recent Developments Editor in evaluating the notes to be published.

Mark H. Pfeiffer on the other hand will deal exclusively with non-student legal writing in his position as Article and Book Review Editor. Finally, Nicholas C. Bosni will handle the remaining business of the Law Review as the Managing Director.

Change in Format

What was formerly known as the Casenote Section will in the future treat—not only significant cases but also legislative highlights. Academic failure and involuntary withdrawal alike represent a great deal of work for both human and material. Though we are aware of a declining attrition rate, our decline this year has been so sharp that we propose to re-examine our own grading practices in order to assure ourselves that we are not in any degree relaxing our exacting standards for advancement and graduation.

And Assistant Dean Clear has only one comment about the new class: "I expect BIG things from them!"

Statement of Purpose

We hope to print five issues this school year and to do so on a timely basis to best serve the students and faculty of the Villanova School of Law to her alumni and friends, wherever they may be, for years and years to come.

The VILLANOVA DOCKET

A newspaper published five times a year by the law School of Villanova University for the Friends, Alumni and Students of Villanova Law School.

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Fall Edition of Law Review Shows Changes With Largest Staff Ever, Editorial Addition

With the approach of the fall school term we are fully aware that the law student is a busy person. He is studying and must prepare himself for the Bar exam, if he is so inclined. With this in mind, we at The Villanova Docket have decided that it would be more appropriate to title this section the "Recent Developments." Selection of Members

A new system for selection of members for the Law Review has also been adopted. The top ranking twenty men at the end of the first year will be invited to compete for positions on the Law Review. The judges who will be the members of the staff will make their choices mainly by evaluating the writing skills of the candidates. However, other assignments and general law review attitude will also be considered.

After the staff has evaluated the first writing assignment of the candidates, they will shift the more exceptionally creative to producing comments. In past years, these tasks have been detailed only to third year students.

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Invitation to Alumni

Hodgson would be most happy to receive the suggestions of the Alumni as to pertinent and significant legal topics to be analyzed, which he and his law review colleagues will endeavor to treat adequately treatment elsewhere. Also, Hodgson, acting in his capacity as associate editor and general office assistant will consider any suggestions that the Alumni may have concerning the cooperation of every concerned and interested, the Villanova Law Review has become a significant analytical and research tool for the legal practitioner."

Statement

We hope to print five issues this school year and only to some extent support for and by our advertisers will this be possible. We received tremendous reception and splendid cooperation from our advertisers and hope our readers will now use their facilities.

"To those who treated us so cordially, Anthony Falcone of the New Roomest Place, Donald Eng- pinger of Lower Merion Federal Savings, Mrs. F. D. Breese and Pastout of The Title Insurance Corporation of Pennsylvania, and Jimmy Duffy of Duffy's Caterers would also appreciate your patronage.

A special thanks is extended also to the interesting Jules Marcella of Nurtown for his development of our pictures.

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Alumni Branch Out in Trade; Armed Forces, Clerkships Noted

Leo Kearney O'Drury, Jr., '58 was released from active duty by the Marine Corps in December of 1962, passed the Board of Admissions to the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business and Economics, and is now attending its Wharton School of Business and Economics, and is now attending its

James A. Mullen, Jr., '60 married the former Miss Judith Ann McElhinney on May 1, 1963. James J. Grucchio, '63, was married to the former Miss Elaine Rose Brassard on December 13, 1963. Mrs. Grucchio is a graduate of Rosemont College. The dissipative couple sailed to Nassau on their honey-moon, where they were guests of the Montego Beach Hotel.

Matthew McHenry, '63 was married also on July 21, 1963. Matt was an Editor of the Villanova Law Review and Chairman of the Home Board.

Frank McInerny and Gerry Lally, '63 have judicial clerkships with the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Barbara Andrews, '71 was recently made Chief Counsel of Certain-Teed's LEP Division.

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The village couples honeymooned in Bermuda.

William Prelle '65 was married to the former Kay Harland, junior grade, Waynes, Pa.

Bill and Jeanne MacDermott, '59 gave their daughter a grandchild this past summer. Their daughter, Susan Barone, is a graduate of Villanova University School of Business and is now residing at 600 E. McHenry Ave., Lawton, Oklahoma.

The Lepis family is living at 1918 Kinley St., Phila. 11, Pa.

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By Stephenson

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Annual Advocates' Ball Announcement; Center City Affair Set For Dec. 7

The Fourteenth Annual Advocates' Ball, to be held on December 7, from 9 P.M. until 1 A.M., at the Philadelphia Athletic Club, Broad and Woods Streets.

The center-city affair is sponsored by the Student Bar Association of the University of Pennsylvania, and the Alumni Association of the Law School, and sponsored by the Student Bar Association. It provides for the admission of the Law School students and members of the Law School faculty.

The dance will not be open to those other than the students and members of the Law School faculty.

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Home-Institute Endows Study By Stephenson

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In Memoriam

Dr. Arthur Clemm Pulling died suddenly Saturday, September 28 after a brief illness in Portland, Maine. Dr. Pulling, who was 79, had last year been a member of the Villanova Law School.

Villanova and Maine. Dr. Pulling was Villanova's first librarian and will be remembered for his nine years here.


**Villanova Professor Returns from Nottingham**

Roberts Explains, Comments on English System

For the future, Roberts forsee changes to American method in future


**Moot Court, Activities Announced by Council**

The first meeting of the Inter-Club Council was held on September 16, and the outline of this year's events was announced by the president, Tom A. Riley. Riley wished to thank first of all the members of the Student Bar Association and the members of the Inter-Club Council, and the Student Bar Association for the Orientation Day conducted for the first year class such an informative and active program.

**Moot Court Competition**

The opening date for the annual Theodore L. Retzel Moot Court Competition was announced September 10, October 16, 1963. The Council adopted the format, and at this year there will be one extra date for the Competition.

**Federal Bar Has Villanova Faculty As Participants**

The Federal Bar Association, a national organization of approximately 10,000 members, held its annual convention in the city of Philadelphia, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 25, 26, 27, and 28, 1963. The objectives of the Association and of its participating faculty are: "to advance the science of jurisprudence; to promote the administration of justice; to uphold a high standard for legal practice; to foster, by arguing before courts, departments, and agencies of the United States; to promote the activities of the Faculty in connection with the Philadelphia Bar Association."

Members of the Villanova Law Faculty, J. Forsses, Donald Ward of Villanova, Harold Berger, Chairman of the Villanova Federal Bar Association Committee on Space Law, and Bernard S. Segal, member of the Philadelphia Bar Association were present.

Some of the most impressive features of the convention included the reading by Governor Harold E. Stassen of a speech given by President Eisenhower, the recent decision of the United States Court of Appeals, and the presentation of the best briefs of the Federal Bar Association.

The closing address was given by Edward H. Wheelie, President of the Villanova Bar Association, and the Philadelphia Bar Association.

**Villanovans Attend ALSA Meeting**

This past August, Dale McClain, Paul Crawford, and Joseph Bassanala represented Villanova at the annual meeting of the American Law Student Association in Chicago. While there they were addressed by such national figures as such as John M. Deaver, former Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and the late William T. Dickey, former Dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. They attended five professional seminars under the sponsorship and guidance of the American legal system.

On the student bar level, there were numerous activities aimed at helping newly selected students. Among them were the first of the annual honor roll, which was conducted by the student bar, and the student bar selected the student of the year. The student bar selected the student of the year. The student bar selected the student of the year.

**Honor Board Initiates New Policies**

In keeping with the present policy of overhauling student organizations the Villanova Honor Board is undergoing its first revamping in eight years.

Under the chairmanship of Albert P. Massey, Jr., the Board has modified its methods of procedure and will soon announce its new procedures, defining its purpose and general jurisdiction. Also forthcoming is a charter which will take executive Board out of the auspices of the Student Bar Association making it a completely autonomous unit. The charter and statement will be disseminated among the student body for the purpose of indoctrinating each student with the functions of the Honor Board.

Until now the Honor Board has been a mystic creature which everyone knows is there but knows very little about. Massey said, "Our purpose is to remedy this situation and at the same time apprise each individual of his duties to the system.

The Honor System is a mode of conduct regulating the entire student body through its individual members. It is not to be over-emphasized that no student of the system ultimately rests with the honesty and integrity of each student.

The Honor Board meets each Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The Board will consist of seven members: two from each class and a chairman elected by the third year.

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