Farewell

John E. Murray, Jr.
When the Class of 1987 assembled for orien­
tation, we were welcomed by a new Dean. A
Philadelphia native, John E. Murray, Jr. had
obtained his B.S. from LaSalle University and
his J.D. from Catholic University. While attend­
ing law school, he worked two jobs to support
his family, yet still found time to be editor of the
Law Review. He graduated Order of the Coif.
He went on to study at the University of Wis­
sconsin, where he earned his J.B.D. in just one
year. Immediately thereafter he began his career as
an author, administrator and consultant.

It is not surprising that Villanovans were
amazed when John Murray first invited us to the
University of Pittsburgh and editor of the Jour­
nal of Legal Education. He had
achieved national recognition as a scholar and
an author. His text books were being used in
law schools throughout the country. His arti­
cles and his books are published in the field of
law education. In 1971, he was elected to the Amer­
ican Law Institute. He had even been elected
member of the Board of Trustees of the Amer­
in the spring of 1986, the law school com­
tinued the search for qualified candidates. In 1977, he be­
came a partner in the law firm of Kutak, Rock &
Huie where he was Chairman, Department of
Research and Education.

He went on to study at the University of Wisconsin,
where he earned his S.J.D. in just one year. The
excitement died, however, when John
Murray announced that he was returning to the
University of Pittsburgh after only two years at
Villanova. Even those most resentful of his
decision to leave Villanova would not debate the
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unquestioned stature in the legal commu­
nity. As a very gifted teacher once said, “It
depends…” It depends on who you ask and how

Dean Steven P. Frankinko

Dean Steven P. Frankinko obtained his J.D. from Cath­

odic University in 1962, where he served on the

National Board of the American Bar Association.

Among many other projects, he worked to
increase the number of minority students at Creighton by

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The Class of 1987 Dedicates This Yearbook
To The Memory of Robert A. J. Barry

ROBERT A. J. BARRY
1929-1986

Bob Barry came to Villanova Law School with a rich and varied background. He was born in the small town of Kingston in the coal country of Pennsylvania and as a boy was taken by his father, a mining engineer, from town to town throughout the state, graduating in 1947 from Johnstown High School, first in his class. Like many bright boys, he was attracted by the wonders of science, and encouraged by a teacher, he left Johnstown for the very strange and undoubtedly daunting city of Cambridge, Massachusetts. At Harvard he majored in physics and graduated with honors in 1951. But at college he learned a good deal more than a narrow discipline; a gregarious, open young man, he learned about people. He decided it might be even more valuable to concentrate on learning how to solve problems of man dealing with man rather than to continue studying how to solve problems of man dealing with nature, and therefore resolved to go to law school.

At the Harvard Law School, from which he graduated in 1954, he first became aware of the vast, complicated world of law in business, antitrust, sales, corporations — a world far removed from the study of physics. He determined to try his skill in the challenging legal milieu of New York, but first, two important decisions had to be taken care of. The first one was made for him. He was drafted into the Army. The other, he willingly made for himself. He married his college sweetheart, Harriet Clarke.

His commitment to the Army was brief. His commitment to Harriet endured until they were parted by death.

After his short military career, he was a law clerk to Judge Rozell C. Thomsen of the United States District Court for Maryland and then he became an associate in the large New York firm of Cahill, Gordon, Reindel & Ohl. He specialized in corporate matters and later went on to become a partner in Valente, Leighton, Reed and Pine and the business firm of McGrath Services.

Professor Gianella of this law school had tried to lure Bob early in his career into teaching here but it was only after long years of practice that he finally acceded and came to Villanova in 1973. At the law school he brought his considerable legal experience, his business judgment and knowledge of the world and his extraordinary common sense to bear on his teaching in corporations, business planning, tax and professional responsibility.

Perhaps his most valuable contribution was not his "know-how" but his demonstrating to our students convincingly that one could work and succeed in the highly competitive world of practice and retain one's integrity, warmth and concern for people.

Bob, as a boy, was an Eagle Scout, and to a remarkable degree, he kept true to the scout litany of virtues throughout his career as a lawyer and teacher. No one could doubt his loyalty, honesty and purity, but he was also humorous, self-deprecating and generous.

Bob was a loving man. He loved the law and he continued to love science. He loved teaching, he loved his students. He loved all those who worked with him, teachers, administrators, secretaries and staff. He loved Villanova and he loved Harvard. He loved his neighbors both in Villanova and at his summer home in Massachusetts. He loved ideas and he loved gadgets. He loved reading, music, sailing and swimming, but most of all he loved his mother, his wife, his daughter, Toni, his sons, Bob and Justin, and his God. And he was loved.

He will be sorely missed. The halls will not ring with his mock growls and his very genuine laughter. His door will not be open to anyone, colleague or student, who wishes to come in to disturb him (his nose in an advance sheet and papers all around) to ask a tricky question, or to get thoughtful advice, or just to receive sympathy or understanding.

Our students have lost a dedicated teacher, our faculty has lost a warm and dear colleague, his neighbors have lost a leading member of their community, his business associates have lost a wise and honest partner, but most tragically his family has lost the kindest and most devoted son, husband and father. I have lost a friend.

But, we are all richer, far richer for his having been with us.

Donald W. Dowd