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From the Dean's Desk

As I See It . . .

By Harold Gill Reuschlein

It is a real pleasure to welcome the Law School Class of 1969 to Villanova. By design this year's entering class is not as large as last year's — but you should be our best class to enter the School thus far — and we do expect you to prove us right in our estimate of your worth. This "advance special issue" of the Docket is intended to make you welcome and to start you auspiciously upon your new career.

There is one idea, above all others, which must govern everything you do from the moment you first set foot in Garey Hall. You must come here with the full realization that you have now entered the legal profession. In a very real sense you enter the profession not when you receive your license to practice, not when you stand before the bar of a court to take the oath, not when you pass your bar examination, not when you graduate from law school, but on your very first day as a law student. From now on you must be a student in the finest sense of the term. Indeed you must be more — you must be an apprentice lawyer.

You will constantly feel that there is just not sufficient time to do your work. There is never enough time for the man whose career is being a student. You are a student today — and if you go on to win your law degree and your license, you will have embraced a career which of necessity makes you a student your lifetime through. This means that from the time you enter law school until you retire from practice, the law will demand more time from you than there is. You can never read enough, study enough or think enough. Obviously, we shall treat you as responsible adults. No one is going to compel you to work hard. We expect that your own professional aspirations will induce you to honor your obligations as a student and will generate the will to succeed. You are on your own.

We realize that, for some of you, being on your own is going to be an entirely new experience. I like to represent Villanova Law School as an exacting school but withal a most friendly place. I am determined that the School of Law remain a friendly place despite the fact that we have this year a substantially larger total student population than ever before. This we hope you will bear in mind during these initial months when you will often find yourself bewildered. If we leave you in a more or less constant state of bewilderment, please remember, life is bewildering and we deal in the stuff of which human experience is made. So often — perhaps more often than not — the law school will pose problems which do not receive positive answers. If so, it will be because of a determination to make you constantly aware of the true nature of legal processes. What the law school hopes to do is to give you a realistic sense of the challenge of the future.

There is much outside the classroom for you. We do not think of our co-curricular programs as something for you to take or leave as you see fit. These activities are part of the educational program of the school. To realize your full potential, you must receive them in that spirit. All of these activities are designed to make better lawyers and citizen leaders of you.

Let me cite to you some of the co-curricular activities you will find flourishing in the school. The Villanova Law Review is devoted to the publication of legal articles, comments and notes of scholarly and professional interest. Membership upon the editorial staff is based upon academic attainment and performance during a period of candidacy. Aspire to it! The Moot Court program develops research and forensic ability. Membership upon the Moot Court Board is also a recognition of academic success. The Villanova Student Bar Association, of which every student is a member, will ready you for a role in the significant work of the organized

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Dean Reuschlein

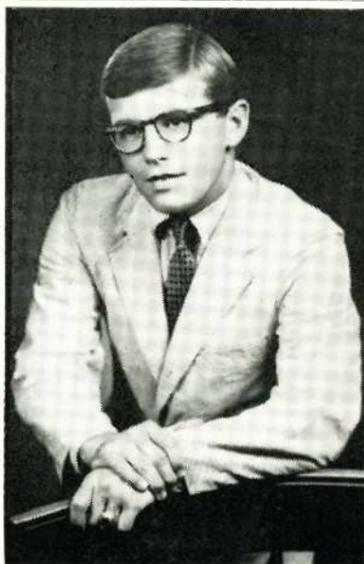
Dean Reuschlein Is Honored By A.B.A.

At the recent convention of the American Bar Association in Montreal, Dean Harold Gill Reuschlein of Villanova University Law School was elected Vice-Chairman of the American Bar Association's 12 member Council of the Section on Legal Education. Dean Reuschlein has been serving as a member of the Council since 1962.

The Council on Legal Education is comprised of members of the Bar and legal educators chosen for their interest and competence in problems concerned with the operation of law schools and is charged with the inspection and approval of all law schools operating within the United States.

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bar during your later professional life. The Law Clubs will foster and stimulate your professional growth through discussion groups and real opportunities to develop individual friendships. The Law Forum brings you persons of achievement in the law or law-related fields. It will help you to view the law in its broadest public dimensions. The Villanova Docket interprets the School of Law to our loyal alumni and other friends. The Universitywide lectures and musical events are also here for you to enjoy. You will find opportunities for social service in public defender programs and various programs to provide legal services to the poor. All of these programs plus the work of the Honor Board, spiritual exercises and social activities must have your enthusiastic support if you are to realize the full worth of your training here.



James Howley

HOWLEY, NEW STUDENT BAR PRESIDENT, CITES GOALS

Jim Howley, new President of the Student Bar Association, has some definite ideas about the role of that organization in the school structure, and about its relation to the students. In fact, the necessity of each individual's realizing a more active position in his current role as a professional student, is the factor which gave impetus to Jim Howley's candidacy for S.B.A. President. His election to this position indicates that he does not stand alone in his demand for a more enthusiastic and constructive student body. Academic indolence is not easily combatted; however

LAW REVIEW NAMES NEW CANDIDATES

The editors of volume twelve of the Villanova Law Review recently announced twenty members of the second year class and four members of the third year class as candidates for positions on the staff.

The third year students named were Miriam Gafni, A.B., 1963 Barnard College; Michael Goldman, B.A., 1964, Pennsylvania State University; William Danne, A.B., 1964, Georgetown University; and James McGrath, B.A., 1964, LaSalle College.

Among the second year students named were Walter Taggart, B.A., 1965, Belmont Abbey College; Marijo Murphy, B.A., 1965, Rider College; Jay Rose, B.A., 1965, Franklin & Marshall; John O'Dea, B.S., 1965, University of North Carolina; Thomas Byrne, A.B., 1960, University of Pennsylvania; and James Hutchinson, B.A., 1965, Dickinson College.

Also named were Harry Himes, J.B.A., 1960, LaSalle College; Frederick Moss, A.B., 1965, Georgetown University; James Falco, A.B., 1960, Holy Cross and M.S.,

1961, University of Wisconsin; Robert White, B.S., 1965, Drexel Institute of Technology; James Morrison, A.B., 1965, Villanova University; James Burger, A.B., 1965, Princeton University; and John Lanoue, A.B., 1965, Providence College.

The remaining second year candidates are Marc Kaplan, B.S., 1965, Temple University; Edward David, A.B., 1965, King's College; Barry Ackerman, B.A., 1964, Pennsylvania State University; Albert Lindner, B.A., 1961, Bucknell University; Daniel Murphy, B.A., 1965, Villanova University; Barney Welsh, B.S., 1965, Temple University; and William Kraft, B.A., 1965, University of Pennsylvania.

Those candidates demonstrating the required writing ability and initiative will receive full staff positions later in the year.

Various Summer Positions Attract Students

Summer for most people is a time for vacation and relaxation, but for the Villanova Law School student it is a time for gaining valuable experience and earning some money. Students are employed in jobs varying from law clerks to camp leaders.

Lee Silverstein worked as a law clerk in the Office of the General Counsel in Washington, D.C., which does all the civilian legal work for the Navy.

Washington was also the home of James D. Deasy, Donald W. DeLeo, and Alan G. Ellis. They were working for the Office of Education, in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. They interviewed school boards to see if the boards are complying with the integration requirements.

Thomas F. Carroll clerked in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, where he handled criminal cases for the Department of Appeals.

Many students while earning money and gaining valuable experience completed their clerkship period which is required in Pennsylvania. Michael M. Goss obtained his position through the school for the firm of Goodis, Greenfield, Narin & Mann. The following people also had clerkships during the summer: George P. Noel clerked for Donald Farage whose office is in Suburban Station Building in Philadelphia. The firm specializes in negligence cases. Sandy Sernak

clerked for the firm of Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald in Wilkes Barre, Penna. Martin G. McGuinn was hired by the Philadelphia firm of Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll.

Others serving clerkships included Wayne Jarvis who clerked for Tolson, Solom & Keznick. John Day clerked for Stradley, Ronan, Stevens & Young. Barton A. Pasternak clerked for Fox, Rothchild, O'Brien & Frankel. Arthur N. Brandolph clerked for his preceptor Harold Cramer, recently elected Chairman of the Board of Censors of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Harold was associated with the firm of Shapiro, Stolberg, Cook, Murphy & Kalodner. Thomas A. Cucinotta clerked for the firm of Richmond, Berry & Ferren in Camden, New Jersey.

Peter Boggia wrote briefs for the Prosecutor of Bergen County, N.J. dealing primarily with post-conviction relief. Pete also was associated with an attorney dealing with zoning.

Not all students, however, held jobs associated with law. Hershel Richman was an assistant director of a day camp; and Lee Sherman was a group leader at the Brookwood Camp. There was also the usual complement of students who spent their summer working in stores and factories, some of whom included Robert Borbe, Andrew Borek and Jerry Cardamone.

with creative leadership, the individual can no longer excuse his apathy.

Of immediate concern to Jim at this time is the need to make more effective the rapport between student and faculty. Ultimate realization of this goal will be insured by increasing the availability of the professors to the individual student. This will be the goal of the Student Bar.

Jim's capacity for success in his current role can be measured in part by his past experience. His potential for leadership was established at Mount Lebanon High

School, Pittsburgh, when he won the Junior Rotarian Award. As an undergraduate at Villanova, he served as the University's representative to the White House Conference in 1961, as Vice-President of the Student Body, and as President of the Blue Key Society. In his senior year he was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

These positions have afforded him ample occasion to represent the students not only to the administration, but also to parties who hold key positions outside the immediate university sphere.

Judgment On The Merits

By Dolores B. Sessa

PENN LAW SCHOOL ABOLISHES THEIR CLASS STANDINGS

Beginning with its present first year students the University of Pennsylvania Law School will no longer promulgate class standings. Number and letter grades are being abandoned in an attempt to discourage the present practice among large law firms to hire on the basis of rank in class. The hiring committees do, of course, consider other factors which they try to evaluate during brief interviews with the prospective associates. However, the primary emphasis is on the student's scholastic achievements in law school as evidenced by his rank in class.

Dissatisfaction with the present method stems partly from dissatisfaction among many law school professors with examinations, the results of which determine class standing, as an insufficient and unsatisfactory way to measure a student's knowledge and ability. The pros and cons of examinations have been debated at length by educators for many years with the conclusion that examinations will remain with us until a better method is devised. However, Penn's change in its grading system is an attempt to deemphasize the results of examinations as the ultimate criterion for judging ability.

According to the new grading method Penn law students will be classified into five categories: distinguished, excellent, good, qualified and unsatisfactory. No other differentiations will be made. Consequently, those students who have exhibited generally the same level of performance will be in the same category. There will be no attempt to make meaningless differentiations based on fractions of points.

The job of distinguishing among students will, under this system, fall to the hiring committees of the firms. They will now have to develop their own criteria for selection and for evaluating their applicants without being able to rely on the law school to do it for them by ranking the students. Perhaps the firms will be forced in this situation to give greater consideration to a student's writings, to recommendations of teachers who are cognizant of his ability, and to his classification in each subject rather than only to his cumulative average.

This new system seems to be a more sensible way of evaluating the student's scholastic achievement. It will probably be most advantageous to those students who are in the middle of the class, bunched together at almost the same numerical average, but separated by a standing spread that would indicate that they have different levels of ability. Referring to this situation as it exists at Penn, the law school's Vice Dean Theodore Husted, Jr. has said "that there is no real difference between number 70 and number 110 in the class."

The classification grading system will not affect the present second and third year students, so that it will be two years before the firms will have to hire under it. How they will receive it remains to be seen.

Although we at Villanova should be aware of this innovation I think that it would be unwise for us to initiate such a change at our law school at this time. Villanova graduates have been successful in procuring positions with some of the large Philadelphia firms and where they have, the result has been that the firms have had good experiences with our graduates. It is only through such good associations that these firms will be willing to hire more of our graduates and will compete with each other to get them.

Villanova is a source of highly qualified young lawyers which is, however, still untapped by many of the large firms. I do not think that we should risk, at this stage of our growth, a change which might result in these firms not hiring at all because they cannot judge on the basis of class standing and are not familiar enough with Villanova graduates to know what a "distinguished" or an "excellent" student means in terms of ability.

Legal Positions Available

Vice Dean Bruch has several current inquiries from law firms and others seeking applications from members of the class of '66 and from alumni already in practice. Please call him at LA 5-9715 if interested.

Any alumni member interested in being contacted by the school concerning employment opportunities is urged to keep the Vice-Dean's office advised so that new opportunities can be promptly referred as they develop.

Alumni Ranks Increase

The graduating class of 1966 was the largest yet in the history of Villanova Law School. The 74 members of the graduating class brought the total number of Law School alumni to 465.

Engagements, Marriages and Births

Births are once more in the spotlight at Villanova Law School. A baby boy, Kevin Colas, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Carroll on March 27. Thomas is a senior at the law school. I wonder if little Kevin has red hair!

Paul H. Ostien, former editor-in-chief of the Docket and '66 graduate, has announced his engagement to Miss Della M. Omlar of Lima, Pennsylvania. Joseph J. Rucci, Jr. '66 decided to follow Paul's example and became engaged to Miss Deborah E. Bacon of Hastings-On-Hudson, N. Y. Deborah is a part school teacher.

The class of '67 not to be outdone by the recent graduates have also announced a number of engagements. Arthur Brandolph has announced his engagement to Miss Karen Ross, a school teacher from Philadelphia. A December wedding

is being planned. George A. Edel has become betrothed to Miss Julie Fogg, '66 University of Pennsylvania Graduate. Julie resides in Bala Cynwyd. Miss Jill O'Dell has become the fiance of Dick Greiner. Miss O'Dell, a resident of Glenside and '65 Rosemont graduate, is a systems analyst for a New York Corp.

Paul L. Miller '67 was married to Miss Carol Sue Weinstein on June 12, 1966. Jeff Michelman and Mark Lublin, both of the senior class, were members of the wedding party. The couple spent their honeymoon in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and now reside in Yeading, Pa. Senior Robert Bacine became the husband of Miss Diane Davis this summer. Mark Lublin was married to Miss Ruth Glogo and the couple now resides in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 9—Friday—Student Bar Smoker, 1st year students only, Garey Hall.
- 16—Friday—Leonard Bernstein, Concert, Field House.
- 30—Friday—Annual Meeting of the Villanova Law Alumni Association, Garey Hall.

October

- 13—Thursday—General University Convocation, 10:30 a.m., Field House. Speaker—The Honorable John W. Gardner, Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.
- 21—Friday—Law Forum, William T. Coleman, Jr., Esquire, 8:30 p.m., Garey Hall.

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Alumni Villanova University School of Law

Dear Alumni:

In this issue we have begun an "Alumni in the News" column. This feature will be presented in each issue and will highlight those alumni who have participated in a particularly newsworthy event.

We are also planning to have an entire page devoted to the alumni. To do this we will need your interest and cooperation.

For your convenience we have provided a form which can be completed and sent to The Docket. This form can be used to relate any item of news in your life. Let us know about your job, marriage, children, activities, bar exam results, etc. Please let me hear from you during the school year. You can write to me in care of the Law School.

As this is the first issue of the semester, The Docket staff is taking this opportunity to wish you a very pleasant year.

Respectfully,
Jeff Michelman
Alumni Editor

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NEWSWORTHY EVENTS: