From the Dean's Desk

As I See It...

By Harold Gill Reuschlein

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You will constantly feel that there is just not sufficient time to do your work. There is never enough time for the many activities which 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 moment you enter Curry Hall until you go on to practice, the law will demand more time from you than it has. 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 shall expect 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 exciting school but with 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. 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, not only will you fail to gain the achievement in the law or law-related fields. It will help you to view the law in its breadth and to recognize the individual friendships. The Law Faculty and students place a high value on achievement in the law or law-related fields. It will help you to view the law in its breadth and to develop your potential, you must receive them in that spirit. All of these activities as 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 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 part of the educational program of the school.

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 of 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 connected 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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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 legal experience and earning some money. Students are employed in jobs varying from law clerking to camp counselors.

Lee Silverstein worked as a law clerk in the United States 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 Jay B. Rabin. 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 were complying with the integration requirements.

Thomas P. Carroll clerked in the Philadelphia Public Defender's Office, where he handled criminal cases for the Department of Appeals.

Many students while earning their required writing ability 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 Goodfellow, Greenfield, Marrin & Mann. The following people also had clerkships during the summer: George P. Noel clerked for the firm of Shapiro, Stolberg, Cook, Day clerked for Stradley, Ronan, McGee & Kalodner. Thomas A. Cucinotta clerked for the firm of Shapiro, Stolberg, Cook.

Villanova's Student Bar Association is the major student group in the School of Law. It is comprised of members of the third year class as staff.

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Behind the scenes, the Student Bar Association usually works quietly behind the scene, but a recent function which was held at Mount Lebanon High School, Pittsburgh, when he won the Junior Rotarian Award. As an indication of his wide recognition, Villanova was served as the University's representative to the White House Conference on Education of the Handicapped, and as President of the Blue Key Society. In his senior year he served Who's Who in American College and University Students.

These positions have afforded him ample occasion to represent the University at various functions, both on and off campus, but also to parties who held key positions outside the immediate university sphere.

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Legal Positions Available

Vice Dean Bruck has several current inquiries from law firms and offices seeking applications from members of the class of '66 and from alumni already in practice. Please call him at LA 3-9715 if interested.

Any 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 reviewed 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 456.

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 and have had good experiences with us until a better method is devised. However, Penn's change in its grading system is an attempt to de-emphasize 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.

This lack 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 his associates, and to his classification in each subject rather than only to his cumulative average.

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.

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