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From The Dean's Desk

As I See It . . .

By HAROLD GILL REUSCHLEIN

Of necessity, the copy for this column must be in the editor's hands well before the day of registration. This year, I write under circumstances familiar to all. This is written amidst the uncertainty which engulfs us all—the uncertainty created by the military action in Vietnam. And so I write to welcome a class, the size of which I do not know. Despite the uncertainty, I do welcome the Law School Class of 1971 enthusiastically and warmly, whatever your numbers may prove to be.



Dean Reuschlein

We have admitted a greater number to your class owing to the uncertainties with which we are confronted. Happily, we have managed to do this without relaxing standards for admission to the School. This is by way of telling you that we are convinced of your worth and we fully expect you, despite distracting influences, to prove us correct in our judgment as to your worth. This "advance special issue" of THE DOCKET is calculated to give you a hearty welcome and to launch you auspiciously upon your new career.

One idea, above all others, must pervade all that you do from the first moment you enter Garey Hall. You have, today, entered the legal profession. In our book, your date of entry into the profession is not the day when you receive your license to practice, not the day you stand before the bar of the Supreme Court to take the oath, not the day you are notified that you were successful in your bar examination, not the day you receive your diploma from Villanova; but on your very first day as a law student in Garey Hall. Of course, you must be a student in the most serious sense of that term. But you must be something more—you must be an apprentice lawyer. This means you must discipline yourself accordingly.

I know that you will always feel that there is not sufficient time to do the work assigned. But your lifelong career is the career of a student—now, ten years from now, fifty years from now. A real student never has enough time. From the time of your entry into law school until you retire from practice (if you are ever foolish enough to retire), the law will demand more time from you than there is. You can never read enough, study enough or think enough. Here at the School of Law we shall treat you as responsible adults. When I say that, I mean to emphasize responsibility and self-discipline. No one is going to compel you to work hard. It is your own professional aspiration which must induce you to honor your commitment as a serious student and which must generate and propel your will to succeed. You are on your own.

For some of you being on your own will prove to be a new experience. I love to think of Villanova Law School as a demanding and exacting school, but withal a most friendly place. Despite the fact that we have grown relatively large over the years, I am determined that the School of Law remain a friendly place. Please do not forget this, especially during the initial months of your new career when you will, perhaps, frequently find yourself bewildered. If we seem to leave you in a more or less constant state of bewilderment, please remember that life is bewildering and that here we must deal with the stuff of which human experience is made. Indeed, very often, your teachers will pose problems which do not receive positive answers. Often this must be the case,

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Law Review Names Candidates

The VILLANOVA LAW REVIEW is a quarterly publication entirely produced and managed by students selected for their outstanding scholastic achievement. It is composed of articles written by authorities in varying fields of law and of commentary by students on the LAW REVIEW staff concerning noteworthy developments in the law.

The primary goal of the LAW REVIEW is to publish in-depth scholarly presentations which will be of value to practitioners in analyzing or keeping abreast of changing developments in the profession. The secondary goal, which is necessary to the achievement of the first, is to develop the individual LAW REVIEW member's skill in analysis and legal writing. Although the work is exacting, the individual gain from the LAW REVIEW experience is unequaled by any other single law school experience.

The following students were appointed to the Board of Officers for Volume 14 of the REVIEW: Joseph

A. Torregrossa, Editor-in-Chief; James H. Freis, Managing Editor; George J. Cappiello and Mark S. Dichter, Article and Book Review Editors; John R. Doubman and David H. Huggler, Comment Editors; Michael J. Izzo and Robert R. Reeder, Recent Developments Editors.

Third year students invited to compete for a position on the LAW REVIEW staff are: Bruce Lombardo, Villanova University; Steven McBride, Providence College; and Andre Sassoon, Victoria College, Cairo, Egypt.

The following second year students have been invited to be candidates for Volume 14: John V. Bonneau, Bowdoin College; Robert M. Britton, Michigan State University; Steven G. Brown, University of Pennsylvania; Carl D. Buchholz, Muhlenberg College; Robert Ebenstein, Long Island University; and Warren W. Faulk, LaSalle College.

Other students selected as candidates from the second year class

include: Barry H. Feinberg, C. W. Post College; Alan Gordon, Pennsylvania State University; David J. Griffith, Cornell University; Richard W. Hollstein, Muhlenberg College; Leonard C. Homer, Syracuse University; and Allen S. Kellerman, Temple University.

The list of second year candidates also includes: Richard J. Lavelle, University of Scranton; Joseph R. Marino, University of Detroit; David S. Markson, University of Pennsylvania; Gilbert Newman, Pennsylvania State University; Noel Powers, St. Joseph's College; and Terrence Quirin, St. Francis College and University of Pittsburgh.

Completing the list of second year candidates are: Richard Rago, Villanova University; John A. Roney, United States Naval Academy; Andrew I. Silverman, C. W. Post College; Michael R. Stiles, University of Pennsylvania; and Ward Williams, Villanova University.

PLACEMENT INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED

Villanova Law School has extended invitations to law firms, government agencies, and others to send representatives to the Law School during the months of September through December for the purpose of interviewing third year students interested in employment after graduation and second year students interested in law clerkships during the summer months of 1969.

Vice-Dean George D. Bruch has released a partial list of firms and organizations which will be interviewing at Villanova in the months ahead. Scheduled for September are: Blank, Rudenko, Klaus and Rome, September 17; Drinker, Biddle and Reath, September 24.

Firms interviewing in October are: Drinker, Biddle and Reath, October 1; Wolf Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen, October 4; Liebert, Harbey, Bechtle, Herting and Short, October 8; Schnader, Harrison, Segal and Lewis, October 8; Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company, October 9; Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, October 10; Stradley, Ronon, Stevens and Young, October 10; Duane, Morris and Heckscher, October 11; Internal Revenue Service, October 22 and 23; James P. Garland, Esq., Baltimore, Md., October 25.

Navy General Counsel will interview on November 6; U. S. Department of Agriculture on November 7; Estate Tax Examiner (Internal Revenue Service) on November 12; and Arthur Anderson and Co. on December 5.

Service Is Key Role of SBA

The Student Bar Association is the student governmental body in the Villanova Law School, whose purpose is the fulfillment of student needs in every sphere of law school activity. Since the Association is dedicated to student service, it is totally dependent upon student initiative in discerning felt needs and in suggesting effective ways for dealing with them. Although the Executive Board of the Association is composed of two representatives from the first year and three representatives from both the second and third years plus four officers, two each from the second and third years, this representation is inadequate for thorough discernment of student sentiment vis-a-vis problems of law school life; therefore, active involvement by all students in the operation of the Student Bar is encouraged and welcomed. Meetings of the Executive Board, with few exceptions, are open to all students, and any student interested in the business to be discussed at any meeting is encouraged to attend that meeting. The present officers of the Association will endeavor to post an agenda several days in advance of each meeting on the main bulletin board in the front of the administration office. This will enable interested students to adequately prepare and present their ideas on the matters under consideration.

Among the activities presently being conducted by the Student Bar Association are: the used book exchange, the Forum program, the committee on academics, the student loan fund, the first year orientation program, and liaison with the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association.

The used book exchange enables students who have completed courses to assign their used texts to the S.B.A.; payment to the student is contingent upon sales by the exchange, which is opened in the basement of the law school at the beginning of each semester. The

student establishes the amount he wants for each book. This stipulated amount plus a small percentage markup to underwrite the cost of the service constitutes the price at which used books are sold.

The Forum is designed to attract stimulating speakers to deliver talks on timely topics to the students at the law school after normal school hours. The Forum this year will be scheduled on weekday evenings so as to preclude conflict with students' social activities. The formal talks are supplemented by a question and answer period followed by an informal gathering at which the student is able to become better acquainted with the speaker and pursue specifics in the guest's area of expertise. This year the LAW REVIEW will aid the S.B.A. in deciding on speakers and program content.

The committee on academics is designed to offer suggestions to the faculty on improvements on present course material, to suggest additions to the present curriculum, and to make recommendations concerning the structure of the school

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DOCKET DEFINES AIMS

THE DOCKET is the school newspaper of the Villanova University School of Law. The Editorial Board and staff members are composed of members of the second and third year class. THE DOCKET's purpose is to present Law School news and student comment on contemporary law-related subjects to the student body, alumni and friends.

THE DOCKET can only succeed in accomplishing this purpose if interested students contribute their time and effort toward making the paper a worthwhile publication. Certainly, many newsworthy events take place at Villanova during the course of the school year, and it goes without saying that the Law is a subject fraught with change and controversy.

Both areas are worthy of "fair comment" from interested students. There is a need, then, for such students in writing and preparing a great variety of articles for THE DOCKET. The paper offers students the opportunity to participate in a school related co-curricular activity, and to develop skills in communication which are essential to the practice of law.

Any second or third year student interested in writing, editing or photography is asked to attend a meeting to be held at THE DOCKET office in the near future. The time of this meeting will be posted on the bulletin board. At this organizational meeting the roles of the staff and new members will be outlined.

Barristers' Brides Welcome New Wives

The Barristers' Brides bid a fond welcome to all new wives and to those returning after the summer vacation. All wives are invited to attend an organization meeting to be held in the student lounge of Garey Hall at a date to be announced.

The Barristers' Brides, an organization composed of wives of law students, married women students and faculty wives, looks forward to an informative and exciting year. Two meetings—a cheese and wine tasting party and a potluck supper—are scheduled during the course of the year. Husbands, of course, are invited!

Other anticipated meetings will deal with fashions, low budget interior decorating, a bird's eye view of what your husband's courses are

all about and many other interesting and enjoyable topics. In addition to the regular monthly meetings, members of the Barristers' Brides serve as hostesses at many important law school functions. Another project under consideration for this year is a money making program to raise funds for needy families in center Philadelphia.

Mrs. Judy Aydelott is President of the Barristers' Brides. Other officers in the organization are Mrs. Sue Cappiello, Vice-President and Secretary, and Mrs. Mary Waldau, Treasurer.

Come to the first meeting, learn more about the organization, meet new and old friends, and begin your involvement in your husband's legal career!

Honor Board's Duties Outlined

The Honor Board of Villanova Law School is composed of four representatives from the Freshman Class and three representatives from each of the other two classes. The President of the Honor Board is from the Senior Class and is elected at the end of the school year by that year's Honor Board to serve as president for the following year.

Edward R. Doughty, Class of '69, has been elected President of the Honor Board for the 1968-69 school year. The remaining nine positions will be filled by class-wide elections within the first five weeks of the fall semester. Doughty has announced that the three classes will also vote on the new Honor

Board Constitution, which will be the law school's first written Honor Board Constitution and is a codification of the rules, regulations, and procedures that have become the "common law" of the law school's honor system.

The Honor Board concerns itself primarily with those areas of student activity which can loosely be grouped under the phrase "unfair academic advantage." This includes, but is not limited to, matters affecting final examinations and violations of Moot Court and Library regulations. In addition, the Honor Board has a corollary role in supervising the various elections held by law school organizations during the course of the year.

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calendar. In the future the committee hopes to act as an efficient conduit between students and faculty for conveying imaginative ideas directed toward making the study of law more stimulating and meaningful.

The student loan fund, which is open to all students, advances short term loans of \$25.00 at an interest of \$.25 per month. Students in need of such loans should apply to the Treasurer of the S.B.A. who will fill their requests in accordance with the availability of funds.

This year's orientation program for the incoming class is quite an energetic undertaking which the S.B.A. hopes will effect the ready integration of the first year, both socially and academically, into the study of law. Talks will be given by the leaders of all of the school's activities to familiarize the new student with the opportunities offered by the law school. Social gatherings are scheduled to aid the novice in becoming acquainted with the faculty and upper-classmen, and study guidance sessions will be held to help launch the student into a proficient and beneficial approach to the study of law. Since the study of law is unlike any discipline pursued by the undergraduate, all first year students are encouraged to attend these orientation sessions.

The Villanova Student Bar Association is a member of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. The Bar's representative to the L.S.D. is selected annually by the Executive Board from interested applicants and effects useful exchange of information not only with L.S.D., but also with other student bars throughout the country in an effort to acquire new ideas to make the S.B.A.'s operation more effective.

The above programs are by no means exhaustive of S.B.A. undertakings, but are simply representative of S.B.A. strivings to satisfy student needs. Other programs have been initiated such as the compilation of a list of desirable area housing. All of these programs have in common the need for interested students to aid in their effectuation. The S.B.A.'s perpetuation is dependent upon student support, and all are encouraged to become involved in making this year's student environment the best in the history of the law school.

Law Clubs' Role Explained

The law club system is an integral part of life at Villanova. The four law clubs are the focal point of organized social and athletic activity in the law school. Two football and basketball teams from each club compete during the fall and winter with the winning club in each sport receiving a trophy. The club members are guests at the annual Inter-Club Dance in the fall. Last year, for the first time, the clubs sponsored a mixer to which coeds from neighboring colleges were invited. Elected representatives of the clubs serve on the Inter-Club Council which works to organize these events and coordinate club activities.

Throughout the year, the individual law clubs sponsor activities varying from hayrides to spaghetti dinners to cocktail parties.

Moot Court competition is also structured along club lines, and an award is presented to the club with the greatest percentage of victories in the competition.

New Members Appointed to Moot Court Board

Stewart Kurtz, a 1966 graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, has been selected as Chairman of the Moot Court Board for the 1968-69 school year. Other third year students who have already served one year on the Board are: Joseph Lally, St. Joseph's College; George O'Connell, Villanova University; and Edward Panek, St. Joseph's College.

Professor William D. Valente, faculty advisor of the Moot Court Program has announced that the following third year students have been appointed to the Moot Court Board: Gary Algeier, Gettysburg College; David Belkin, Temple University; Justin Blewitt, University of Scranton; Richard Meltzer, University of Pennsylvania; Ralph Scola, Drexel Institute of Technology; Jerry Snyder, Franklin and Marshall College; Joseph Wenk, St. Joseph's College; and Jonathan Wheeler, Haverford College.

The following second year students have also been named to the Moot Court Board: Michael Berman, Temple University; John DePue, Georgetown University; Steven Mason, Johns Hopkins Uni-

versity; David Otis, Gettysburg College; and John Rossi, Rutgers University.

The Moot Court program consists of exercises in appellate advocacy, brief writing and research. This will be the third year in which the program will be administered by the students themselves—in the form of the Moot Court Board. Members of the Board write hypothetical appellate court cases which are then researched and delivered in a court room setting by members of the first and second year classes. The brief and oral arguments in each Moot Court exercise are undertaken by two man teams which, to the extent possible, are comprised of members of the same law club. For the first year students, the program complements the course in Legal Research.

The Reimel Moot Court competition is an elimination tournament open to the second and third year students. The students prepare their cases and argue them before alumni lawyers and other members of the bench and bar. The Theodore L. Reimel Award is presented to the victorious team.

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since it is our task to make you constantly aware of the nature and working of legal processes. We shall deal appreciatively of the past and with awareness of the present, but we must also impart to you a realistic sense of the challenge of the future.

You must study faithfully and be constantly prepared for your sessions in the classroom. But we expect much more of you. There is much outside of the classroom and we expect you to buy this idea from the outset. Our co-curricular programs are *not* something for you to take or leave as you see fit. These co-curricular activities are part of the educational program of the School. You must embrace these activities—they are our way to make better lawyers and citizen leaders of you.

Let me refer to some of our co-curricular activities. The VILLANOVA LAW REVIEW is devoted to the publication of articles, comments and notes of scholarly and professional interest. It is student edited and is a fine ambassador for Villanova and its School of Law. We are intensely proud of our LAW REVIEW. Membership upon the editorial staff is based upon academic attainment and performance during a period of candidacy. Aspire to LAW REVIEW! The Moot Court program develops ability in forensic argument and research. Membership upon the Moot Court Board is also a recognition of academic success. At Villanova we have an integrated bar—every student is a member of the Villanova Student Bar Association. Our Student Bar will prepare you for a role in the significant work of the organized bar during your later professional life. The Law Clubs will foster and stimulate your professional growth through discussion groups and by affording real opportunities to develop new friendships. Law Forum activities will bring you persons of high achievement in the law or law-related fields and help you to view the law in its public dimensions. THE VILLANOVA DOCKET interprets the School of Law to our loyal alumni and to our friends. There will be opportunities for social service in public defender and other programs providing legal services for the poor.

The University offers you genuinely worthwhile lectures and musical events. Enjoy them.

And—remember, in the future, your wife will be deeply involved in your career as a lawyer. She is going to have to know your profession and she is going to have to live your profession with you. If you are a married student, see to it that your wife becomes a member of "Barristers' Brides." We want your wife involved in your career now.

And so—on with our business!

Unfortunately, the ideals of the club system have been eroded, to a large extent, by student apathy. However, it has been found that students who have taken an interest in their club have had a

more complete and enjoyable law school experience. To enjoy full participation in law school activities, all students are urged to join a law club and participate in its activities.