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This summer it was not surprising to step on an elevator at City Hall and find one of your classmates grinning back at you, for Villanova law students seem to be everywhere. From the largest firms in the city down to a one-man office, from places as divergent in thought as the DA's office and the Public Defender's, and at places as far apart as Mohopac, New York, and Amsterdam, Holland, these law students were getting a chance to put into practice what they had been learning for a year or two in the classroom.

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From The Dean's Desk

As I See It...

By HAROLD GILL REUSCHLEIN

As has been its practice during the last several years, THE VILLANOVA DOCKET resumed publication in September with its familiar “Welcome Aboard!” edition. This is a valuable means of acquainting incoming students with the School of Accounting Students' Union... This year's first year class numbered 177 as against 172 entering the previous year. In the present first year class, sixty-one different colleges and universities are represented. Thirty-three percent are non-Pennsylvanians.

Happily, all our faculty are with us again this year. Professor David Harris of Nottingham who is teaching one semester of Criminal Law, Professor Robert R. Lurie, who has had a broad experience as a Trial Attorney for the Federal Trade Commission, is teaching one section of Tort and will offer a course in Unfair Competition, and a seminar in Administrative Law.

The working drawings for the very extensive addition to Garey Hall are now virtually complete and we expect to begin actual construction during this academic year. We are delighted to have as a visiting professor here at Villanova Professor David Harris of Nottingham who is teaching one section of Criminal Law, Public International Law and a seminar in Criminal Litigation. One professor with whom I have just joined has been Professor Howard R. Lurie, who has had a broad experience as a Trial Attorney for the Federal Trade Commission, is teaching one section of Tort and will offer a course in Unfair Competition, and a seminar in Administrative Law.

Professor David Harris of Nottingham who is teaching one section of Criminal Law, Public International Law and a seminar in Criminal Litigation. Our floor space will just about be double that in the present building. Both the library wing and the classroom wing will be extended and a new wing paralleling the present central wing of Garey Hall will be constructed so that we will have, when completed, a quadrangle surrounding a beautiful garden. What is now the upper parking area will become the enclosed garden. As a matter of fact, the Class of 1968 has made a generous gift to be used for the equipment and beautification of the garden.

In the structure which will parallel the central portion of our present building will be a number of seminar rooms, additional faculty offices, quarters for various research projects and adequate new quarters for student activities such as Moot Court, The Student Bar, The Honor Board, the InterClub Council and THE VILLANOVA DOCKET. There will also be offices for the Villanova Law Alumni Association.

The present reading room of the Law Library will be expanded to double its present size. Stack space for books will also be greatly expanded. Perhaps more exciting are the changes in reading room arrangement and the far more effective and attractive use of reading space which the “new” library will afford. A great many individual study carrels will be provided. THE VILLANOVA LAW LIBRARY will be housed in the Library Wing, to the great advantage of the Review.

In the enlarged classroom wing, we shall have two new large classrooms each seating approximately 200 students. These rooms are designed to enable us to combine the two rooms to form one large auditorium. In this wing, we shall also have an attractive and commodious cafeteria, so constructed that it can be readily converted into an attractive dining room for occasional “sit-down” dinners. The new dining facilities will eliminate the need for the present kitchen and the present cafeteria. With this expansion, we will be able to enlarge the present student lounge to double its present size so as to make a magnificent step-down Commons Room. A gift for the furnishing of the new Commons Room is in hand.

STUDENT LOANS

Loans in amounts up to $500 are available to members in good standing of the SBA. Applications may be procured at the counter in the administration office.

Perhaps the best news is that the entire plant—old and the new—will be air conditioned, thus promoting a climate of at least 33⅓%. We shall continue to grow modestly in numbers—but we are even more concerned about growth in quality. It is, then, a building we are talking about—and when we talk about more building, we are, of course, talking about more students. If we propose to teach more people, you need more space. In other words, quantitative increases immediately suggest their own qualitative improvement. The breach between abstract theory and the hard facts of trial life may be bridged early by the Pennsylvania law student under a program to be called the Reimel Moot Court Program. The student would receive a seminar or Moot Court.

SYMPOSIUM: STUDENTS ADVOCATE

THE VILLANOVA DOCKET

OCTOBER, 1968
Students Participate In Poverty Law Program

Villanova Community Legal Services, a volunteer poverty law program, began last year — its second year of operation — with twenty-five students under the faculty supervision of Prof. Peter Brown, a member of the Philadelphia C.L.S. Board of Trustees. The students each volunteered a minimum of four hours a week in a poverty law agency, either Community Legal Services in Philadelphia or the Delaware County Bar Association. This year, a number of students have been expanded to include Pub­licity in Pennsylvania.

In addition to the study of poverty law, Villanova students interview clients and gather information for the law schools in Philadelphia and the Delaware County Bar Association. The students volunteered their time in order to gain practical working experience as a law student. The students are now working to improve the conditions in the war poverty program.

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On October 4th, the Committee on Academics of the Student Bar Association submitted its evaluation of the current year's activities of the Organization for the benefit of the readers of this issue of the SBA REPORT. The report reflected the need for additional resources in order to meet the academic requirements of the Student Bar Association. The report was directed at the future of the organization and the need for increased funding in the coming year.

...the SBA wishes to thank Ed Fitzgerald, Tom Riley, Joe Costanzo, and Betty McKeon as well as the many students who took part in the preparation of this report. The Forum Committee, which has been processing at a steady pace, is currently turning to the task of preparing the annual report of the SBA's activities for the past academic year.

...the plans for the agency's air operations are developed by the SBA's Finance Committee. The Finance Committee, which is composed of five students elected by the SBA's Executive Committee, is responsible for the financial management of the SBA. The Finance Committee is also responsible for the preparation of the annual budget of the SBA.

...in addition to the above activities, the Executive Board has been engaged in the compilation of a more comprehensive housing list, the drafting of bylaws and standing rules, the revision of the Constitution, and the preparation of the Student Directory.

...the officers and representatives of the Executive Board hope that they are succeeding in meeting the needs of law students at Villanova. The Executive Board has been working closely with the Student Bar Association and the Student Government to ensure that the needs of law students are met.

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