Institute For Correctional Law Formed

Below is a portion of a letter from Professor Donald Dowd to Dr. Norval Morris, Director of the Center for Studies in Criminal Justice, University of Colorado Law School, in which he outlined the Institute for Correctional Law, which would be centered at Villanova.

The Philadelphia Bar Association Committee on Criminal Law has undertaken a series of projects to reform the justice system in Pennsylvania. Judge Speath, as Chairman of that Committee, and I, as Chairman of the Committee at Villanova, are drafting a proposed new sentencing code for Pennsylvania. In the drafting of this code, we became keenly aware of two problems.

First, if a code is to be adopted, it must not only be rational and fair but it must also have the support of the bench and bar with the responsibility for its operation or who will be affected by it. The most serious obstacle proved to be the opposition of the judges who were afraid of interference with their prerogatives and discretion, and the opposition of the law enforcement officials who were afraid that this was just another “do-good” attempt to codify criminal law. One way or another, we overcome such opposition (at the expense of sacrificing some provisions that we thought worthwhile) and the proposed code has passed the Senate and is now awaiting action in the House.

The revelation of these difficulties in enacting reform legislation was, of course, by no means novel. What did impress us, however, was that the enormous effort that was necessary to generate support and to explain and make the compromises necessary to prepare legislation was solely ad hoc and that whenever any other new ideas were advanced, the process would have to begin all over again.

The other major problem that we noted was also perhaps obvious, but still important. That is that sentencing was necessarily just a small part of the package of laws, rules, and regulations which govern the disposition of offenders and that any reform would have to include the other items in this package. Indeed together with our colleague, Professor Morris, and I participated in a symposium sponsored by the Law Review on Prisoner’s Rights and we are now working on a new parole law.

As a result of our work in these areas and our reflections on the problems, we became convinced that a permanent Institute where ideas for reform can be endlessly developed and where discussion of proposed changes can be held regularly with all those affected and which would have the responsibility of transmitting to the public ideas from other areas and where discussion of proposed changes could be held regularly with all those affected and which would have the responsibility of transmitting to the public ideas from

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ABA-AMA Sponsored Drug Abuse Symposium To Begin March 23rd

A three-day symposium for law and medical students from across the nation will be presented March 23-25 at Villanova Law School.

Top government officials, legal and medical specialists, and spokesmen for the counter-culture will participate in the program. More than 1,000 students are expected to attend.

This marks the first time the American Medical Association and the American Bar Association have joined together to sponsor an educational program of such magnitude. There is no charge for registration or housing. One of the immediate aims of Contemporary Problems of Drug Abuse is to fill the drug abuse information void in the training of most law and medical students.

Among the participants are: Jerome H. Jaffe, M.D., director of President Nixon’s Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention. Dr. Jaffe will deliver the keynote address March 23. Michael R. Sonnenreich, Executive Director of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, Sonnenreich will deliver the forthcoming final report of the Commission, which was appointed by the President to study drugs in American Society. Nicholas Johnson, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission. The controversial commissioner will discuss "The Mass Media and Drug Taking." R. Keith Stroup, Executive Director, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, Sander Vaneur, consultant to the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions.

Contemporary Problems of Drug Abuse will also include a number of multi-media, "alternative" presentations. "Reefer Madness," a 1938 scare film on the dangers of marijuana, released, the film is drawing overflow crowds from coast to coast. "The Concept," the internationally acclaimed drama on the life of heroin addicts. The performers are all residents of New York’s Doyon Village. "The Street People Look At Our Drug Hypocritical Society," a guerilla theater presentation by the Streetcorner Society of East Lansing, Michigan. A multi-media presentation produced under the sponsorship of the Michigan Office of Drug Abuse and Alcoholism entitled "Any Drug Education Program that talks only about drugs is at best... a waste." Produced under the sponsorship of the Michigan Office of Drug Abuse and Alcoholism.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1973
5:30 P.M. REGISTRATION
7:30 P.M. SCOPE AND PURPOSE
Opening Remarks: J. Willard O’Brien, Dean of Villanova Law School; Richard E. Palmer, M.D., Board of Trustees, American Medical Association; Robert W. Meserve, Esquire, President, American Bar Association.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS — The Honorable Jerome H. Jaffe, M.D., Director, Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.

MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION — “Any Drug Education Program that talks only about drugs is at best... a waste.” Produced under the sponsorship of the Michigan Office of Drug Abuse and Alcoholism.

Examination Proposal Stated

by John F. Bradley

The arrangement of the examination schedule for second and third year students has long been a source of student grievances, and faculty and administrative concern at Villanova Law School. Scheduling of first year examinations has never been a problem, since all first year courses are required. During the past semester, there was a particular problem, since many third year students were required to take examinations on consecutive days. In response to requests from students, the Faculty-Student Committee made recommendations to the faculty for modification of the conflict resolution procedure which resulted in some improvements for particular students with especially onerous schedules.

"Law and medical schools by and large, are not meeting their responsibilities in the face of the nation’s drug crisis," according to Peter A. Levin, the Philadelphia assistant district attorney who organized the symposium.

"In Contemporary Problems of Drug Abuse we depart from the traditional format of such education programs because they have not worked. Our presentations are interdisciplinary; they include medical, pharmacological, psychiatric, social, political, and legal points of view," Levin said. "We believe that this approach will help the students expand their understanding of the problems they will face as tomorrow’s doctors and lawyers."

The entire symposium will be videotaped and transcribed. Edited segments will be available to the general public.
The highlight of S.B.A. activities in recent weeks has been the annual Spring Social. At the first meeting of the spring semester, the S.B.A. Executive Board voted to hold a Spring Social in conjunction with the I.C.C., who at the time, unofficially offered to contribute the sum of $200.00 to the affair. The S.B.A. resolution passed with an appropriation of $500.00 out of S.B.A. funds and was moved contingent on the I.C.C.'s adoption of the proposal as written.

Considerable student discussion arose over the expenditure of S.B.A. funds for such an affair, and as a result, the S.B.A. opened its meeting of January 30th to the entire student body to solicit opinion. At that meeting, held later in the day, the I.C.C. had approved the S.B.A. resolution and had adopted it only with the understanding that the I.C.C. members would receive a ticket discount in consideration of their contribution.

Dinner Dance, November 12, the I.C.C. conditional approval, the S.B.A. voted to conduct a student referendum on the issue of a Spring Social and let the student body decide the issue by a majority vote. The referendum was held January 2nd, 1973 and the majority vote was cast in favor of the S.B.A. expenditure on the Dinner Dance will be in the amount initially approved by the Executive Board—$500.00 along with the I.C.C. contribution of $200.00.

The meeting of January 30th also brought the question of the validity of the S.B.A. constitution to attention of the student body. The question initially centered around the dispro­portionate vote of the Upper Class students in comparison to the First Year Class. The objectives of the S.B.A. and its method of appropriating funds were also called into question. At that time, President McGill announced that in accordance with the S.B.A. Constitution, itself, the Constitution was slated for revision and that a committee had been organized to rewrite the Constitution for the student body for final approval. Currently, a copy of the S.B.A. Constitution is available on reserve in the Library for any interested students.

Representative Burns, of the First Year Class, formally introduced a copy of a student petition requesting that the S.B.A. turn over the balance of its treasury to the I.C.C. for the use of the student body. The question of whether the S.B.A. expenditures were constitutional and therefore could not be considered. Other requests for the use of the remaining funds were submitted to the student body, but, no formal action has been taken.

As a further reminder, the S.B.A. is co-sponsoring a national symposium on "Contemporary Problems of Drug Abuse," to be held at the Law School March 23, 24, and 25, 1973. While the event is open nationally to legal and medical professionals, we hope that our own student body will be well represented as well as other law and medical schools. We encourage anyone able to provide housing for out of town registrants to contact the S.B.A. in advance of that weekend. In closing, the S.B.A. Mixer held on Friday, February 9th, was a resounding success. We hope to schedule another Mixer for March, so on the look out for announcements. Take a study break and join us!

DR. THOMAS S. SASS
SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1973
10:00 A.M. LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND SOCIAL REFORM: Marijanna Reconsidered.
Participants: John Finlator, Former Deputy Director, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, Washington, D.C.; Lester Grinspoon, M.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Author of "Marijuana Reconsidered;
R. Keith Stroup, Esquire, Executive Director of the Reform of Marijanna Laws, Washington, D.C.
(SPECIAL ATTRACTION: "Reefer Madness")
12:00 P.M. THE GREAT DRUG EDUCATION GAME
1:45 P.M. LUNCH BREAK
4:00 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS
Congratulations are extended to second year students Frank Fleming and Steve Smith and third year stu­dents Frank Hardy for their acceptance as staff contributors to "The Law Review" and the basis of their work submitted under the Open Writing Program.

The Mont Court has heard the arguments in the case of the Karin J. Blackwell and will hold a hearing in the near future. The pairings for the semi-final round, to be held March 1, 1973, George Dudley and Alan Hoffman will represent the respondents against Marilyn Cox and Carole Hartnett, who will represent the respondents. Ronald Ulavadinis and Stephen Walsh will represent the petitioners against Paul Becket and John Gabrey in the other semi-final pairing. Presiding will be Judges John Fullam, Charles Weiner, William Diller, Jr., Daniel Meyers, 3rd, Clarence Newcomer, and Clifford Scott Green, all of the United States District Court for the Eastern Dis­trict of Pennsylvania.

The Law School librarian, Professor Sarah G. Smithson, will present the recipients of a personal gift from the fund established in the memory of Professor John George Stephen­son, III. The gift is the original Minutes of the Convention of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the purpose of al­ing and amending the State Constitution, held in 1798, in Philadelphia. With this gift the lib­rarian, Mrs. Scott Green, will formally present this gift to Mrs. Stephen­son at the Commencement Exercises in May. This work will be placed on display in the Pulling Li­brary, the new library to be
ded in the other area law and medical schools. We encourage anyone to provide housing for out of town registrants to contact the S.B.A. in advance of that weekend. In closing, the S.B.A. Mixer held on Friday, February 9th, was a resounding success. We hope to schedule another Mixer for March, so on the look out for announcements. Take a study break and join us!

Docket Seeks Journalists
The Docket is now taking applications for positions on its staff. Positions to be filled include, but are not limited to, Research Assistant, Feature Editor, Alumni Ed­i­tor, and Managing Editor. No class­ification is necessary, although previous experience in journalism is required. Previous experience, journalistic skills and writing ability will be considered, however.

Due to the limited capacity of the Field House, the exercises will be limited to the first 200 persons to be held for three days with the under­graduate exercises to be held on May 16 and 17 and the Law School and graduate students graduation held on Friday, May 18. De­tails will be published in the next issue.
Duties Grow For Christine Wiener

There are probably very few students and even fewer alumni who will have two years at the law school in the last two years, created the position of Assistant to the Dean. However, this fact is that in this position is filled by Christine White Wiener, and her job at the school is one which affects nearly all the students.

Miss Wiener is a native of West-

concerning the size of the paper, the printing methods used, and the overall effect which make up what I have referred to as the “physical” aspects of the paper, there have been sug-

gestions that we discontinue the use of the “glossy” paper on which The Docket is presently printed in favor of a somewhat cheaper grade of paper. It is suggested that most other law schools use. Along these lines it has also been suggested that a more modern typeface be used and also that the size of the paper be reduced. From its present 10 x 11% inches to an 8 1/2 x 11% inches, meaning that it would take on an appearance more like a large booklet rather than its present tablet appearance. I’m sure that this really doesn’t make much difference to all of you, but I am looking ahead to the future cost of printing The Docket in ever increasing numbers, as well as choosing an up to date method and appearance, this really deserves some consideration.

Concerning the proposed changes in the content and approach of The Docket, many students in the past felt that The Docket was oriented towards only the alumni of the law school. Outdated news articles, announcements of primary interest to alumni, and the Alumni Association’s existence of the Alumni section itself perhaps justifies this belief.

While this viewpoint has considerable merit, I believe that at this time the present student-alumni approach will best serve the law school. While many might feel that this law school now contains a different type of student than in years past, these same people would be surprised to know that the school has many of the same problems that are often not different than those of their predecessors. One must also re-

member that it is these predecessors who receive 75% of the issues that are printed, and it is just as boring for them to read many of these “issues” as it is for the student who must read an article concerning something which happened a month ago.

The Docket can be what the students of this school want it to be. If there is little student interest, then the paper is likely to continue on its present course. There should be some purely announcement type articles, but they could also contain information otherwise than what has already appeared elsewhere. At present The Docket contains articles with articles being printed simply because space must be fill-

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discussion to those responsible for implementing the policies and procedures which are needed to assure that the University's resources and obligations are met.

After such papers have been prepared we plan to hold periodic meetings of the Board of Trustees and the University's resource representatives. We will also work to improve the means of communication between the University's resource representatives and the members of the Board of Trustees. This will be done in order to improve the efficiency of the Board of Trustees' meetings.

We have established a committee of the Board of Trustees to deal with the problem of the University's resources and obligations. This committee will include members of the Board of Trustees who are knowledgeable about the University's financial affairs. The committee will be responsible for preparing reports to the Board of Trustees on the University's financial affairs and for making recommendations to the Board of Trustees on ways to improve the University's financial affairs.

The University's financial affairs are of great importance. In order to assure that the University's resources and obligations are met, we must ensure that the University's financial affairs are carried out efficiently and effectively. The committee of the Board of Trustees will work to improve the means of communication between the University's resource representatives and the members of the Board of Trustees. This will be done in order to improve the efficiency of the Board of Trustees' meetings.

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