Paper Chase Begins
For Class of '81

Area Schools Continue
As Largest “Feeders”

by Sandra G. Moore
Admissions and
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This column is just another of the many voices welcoming the class of 1981 to the Villanova School of Law. I have been fortunate in having met many of you but look forward to getting to know all 230 of you.

If you are curious about your classmates, here are a few of the basic class statistics: Male — 138, Female — 92; Number of different colleges represented — 104; 5 largest “feeder schools” — Villanova University, University of Pennsylvania, Penn State, St. Joseph’s College, Temple University; Number of different home states — 21; Your median LSAT score is 677; Median GPA — 3.4; Highest LSAT — 800; Highest GPA — 4.0; 3 most popular majors — Political Science, History, English; Median age — 32; Youngest class member — 20; Oldest class member — 45.

Every indication is that you are a bright and eager group, ready to tackle the rigors of law school successfully. Good luck!

I know that many of you have utilized every possible source of assistance. Posted throughout the Law School on the bulletin boards and outside my office are copies of a list of possible financial aid sources and their application deadlines. My office also is open to you at any time. Come by any time you have questions and problems. Many students in the past have missed deadlines through their own tardiness. Why not make the Class of ’81 the first one to establish a new way of doing things?

In short... WELCOME! We’re glad you are here! Keep in touch with me! Be sure to check the bulletin boards for information! Have a good year!

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Reflections of the Docket

I have been given the task of writing something serious and convincing about The Docket, for the benefit of those entering the law school who do not already know and love this law school publication. This is a rather unenviable chore, considering that it really does not allow for the interjection of any smug anecdotes about the horrors of law school life. Any honest upperclassman will tell you that being smug is what makes law school worthwhile.

In addition, the market for first year students is tight on supply and high on demand — with every organization from the SBA to the Anonymous Bulletin Board Sign-Up Sheet Scribblers vying for freshman manpower, it becomes a dear commodity and one's words must be chosen with care and the realization that it is a sellers market.

Still, this is not an impossible assignment since The Docket speaks quite adequately for itself. When viewed next to other law school publications it becomes evident that The Docket is of sufficient quality to indicate the general high quality of our school, was arranged for The Docket to be sent to every judge in the Eastern half of Pennsylvania. In addition, each issue was distributed to the Law Library of the Philadelphia Bar Association, more commonly known as Jenkins.

These are simply a few of the positive things about The Docket. They do not provide a reason for joining The Docket staff as opposed to participating in some other school organization. This is the weakness of my position, that I cannot argue that we are better than any other group. I can say that we are just as serious an enterprise as any on this campus. We make people mad. And if we're making people mad, then we must be doing something right.

Jay Cohen

Litany for First Years

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Cini Seely, who with Angel Martinez, are co-chairpersons of this year's Women's Law Caucus.

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Tish Dugas
Pizza to Clothespins, 
Philly's got it all!

by Chris Barbieri

New residents from the area needn't bother reading this since they probably know more than I do and will be thoroughly disgusted with the glaring omissions I am undoubtedly about to make. Those of you from outside Philadelphia, having perhaps had nothing previously to go by other than some oft-repeated W.C. Fields news, may be harboring under­standable feelings of trepidation as to Philadelphia's potential as a cultural hot-spot. On the other hand, one and all convinced by the prevailing horror stories that first year will be all work and no play, may be devoting no time whatsoever to thoughts of recreational activities. Whoever believes this is absolutely right... but on the off­chance that you will get a little free time in between sweat sessions, here are a few suggestions.

Arts: Besides sculpture by such noted artists as Lipchitz, Robert Indiana (the famous "LOVE") and Claes Oldenburg (the infamous giant clothespin) displayed in prominent outdoor places, along with works by local sculptors of all schools, Philadelphia has numerous highly-acclaimed museums. First and foremost is the Philadelphia Museum of Art which, in addition to its sizable permanent collections (The Arness­berg Collection, partially made up of Brancusi's sculpture and almost all of Dada Marcel Du­champ's important work) is especially worthwhile but unfortunately unpredictable as to availability to viewers due to a lack of city funds to pay guards, has special exhibits, daily tours, classic film screenings, talks on various art-related subjects, and a small but well-stocked gift shop. Admission is free on Sundays until noon. Other excellent area museums are The Three Threes and Astral Plane (both fairly expensive); Waston's and McGillares (both classy but relatively inexpensive) and Le Bec Fin (you can take out a long-term loan to eat there). Locally, Gul­lfy's is the place everyone seems to go to (thick­skinned patrons a specialty). As for dancing, aside from the resident Pennsylvania Ballet, the only place I've ever even heard about is the Liberty (3 Bala Cynwyd Plaza), but as a result of the current resurgence of interest in the oldest art form, almost every dive around has a disco (right) and a dance floor the size of a postage stamp. Also, if all you want to do is just get drunk with a lot of Villanova students, then Kelly's on Lancaster Ave. is the place for you.

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Furthermore: Besides having its own Chinatown, Greek Village, and Little Italy, Philadelphia is loaded with near-championship sports teams (not to mention the "nowhere­near" championship Eagles), historical landmarks (At­tention rubes: the Liberty Bell is located at Independence Mall at 4th and Chestnut St.), and crazy people who stand around on busy Wednesdays in weird get-ups or scream obscenities while striding purpose­fully down the street (any resemblance to Villanova Law pro­fessors would of course be purely coincidental).

For further and more in-depth details on Philly activities, first year students are directed to the Sunday papers' arts and happenings sections or any latest issue of Philadelphia Magazine which provides monthly documentation attesting to the local leisure-time abundance of events and happenings.

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A Tort Primer: Issue Spotting in the Marrying Lot

The Student Message Board, located on the first floor next to the Registrar's Office is the most direct method of student to student communication during a class day.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE
Friday, August 25
10:00 A.M. Dean's Welcome, etc., Room 29
10:30 A.M. (approximately) Meet with colleagues, Room 29
1:00 P.M. Registration Sec. A Room 103
2:30 P.M. Registration Sec. B Room 103
5:00 P.M. Informal Orientation Reception Student Lounge
Saturday, August 26*
10:00 A.M. Introduction to Law: How to Brief a Case Room 29

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* Note: due to unforeseen circumstances, the activity planned for Saturday, August 26, in the evening will NOT be held. You're on your own. Sorry.

There will be a meeting for the Docket staff, including those interested in joining, on Wednesday, August 30, 1978 at 3:00 p.m. in the new Docket Office, Room 33.

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SBA Pres. Webster Adresses New Goals, Past Limitations

by Dave Webster

The Student Bar Association is the student government of the School of Law. All registered students are members, and are represented by a thirteen member Executive Board. Present members from the class of 1979 include: President Dave Webster, Vice President Dan Satriani, and Class Representatives Paul Skurman, Mara Stratt and Rick Tompkins. Class of 1980 members are: Secretary John Sparks, Treasurer Kate Buttolph, and Class Representatives Lisa Cetroni, Judy Nilon and Nancy Norris. These Board members were elected in March, 1978, and will serve for one year. Three Class of 1981 representatives will be determined in an election to be held in approximately six (6) weeks, and will serve on the Board until elections next spring.

Section 2, Article I of the SBA constitution (part of Student Handbook) outlines the purposes of the SBA to be to responsibly govern the activities of its members; promote and stimulate academic, social and other extra-curricular programs; to vigilantly protect the intellectual freedom of the members of this organization while encouraging a sense of individual professional responsibility; to promote and increase cooperation with the various Bar Associations; and to encourage the members of the Student Bar Association to toward ever increasing participation in and commitment to the affairs of the Law School.

These lofty goals notwithstanding, the main activity of the SBA during the past two years has been to allocate money to various student organizations to fund programs and activities at the Law School. The SBA has $6,000 yearly to allocate, and there is always a greater demand than can be met. This situation has led to problems with funding in the past. The budgeting process has already been changed for this year to provide for more open and equitable funding.

In general the SBA should serve as the voice of student opinion and the exercise of student power within the school. The SBA strives to solve students' problems and grievances. We look forward to your help and the helping you.

Meetings will be held once or twice a month, schedules permitting, Thursday at noon. A notice will be posted before the first meeting announcing the exact time and place.