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Paper Chase Begins For Class of '81

Area Schools Continue As Largest "Feeders"

by Sandra G. Moore
Admissions and Financial Aid Officer
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 617; Median GPA — 3.4; Highest LSAT — 800; Highest GPA — 4.0; 3 most popular majors — Political Science, History, English; Median age — 23; 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 made all of your financial plans for all three years of law school, but many more of you have not done so. I cannot stress enough the importance of your seeing me to make certain that 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 opened 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!

Some of what lies ahead.
Editorflaps protective wings; ultimately exercises self-control

For some it may have started sooner, but for most it begins on that first day of the first year of law school. "It" is that deluge of advice from professors, upperclassmen, and even members of your own class, though their utterings are usually just repetitions of what they have heard elsewhere. The advice will concern everything from which study aids to use to how to make your spouse feel a part of your new experiences. If day number two your head will be spinning; and the advice will still come, even though you may not have solicited it.

Being a second year student myself, I find that my present encounters with the class of '81' bring back many memories of my own such experiences, several of which invoke painful feelings and embarrassed mutterings of "If I'd only known then what I know now!" These laments are quickly followed by a mad desire to accost the very first student I see and take him or her under my protective wing in an effort to prevent them from making the same mistakes.

That very feeling is attempting to manifest itself here even now as I write. But, instead of exposing my personal philosophy of opinions I would rather take this unique opportunity to give you a suggestion on organizing all of the other advice you will be getting. My words of wisdom are simply never take the advice of just one other person on any given facet of law school. One year's experience has taught me that absolutely no one is infallible. If you seek counsel from several different people, you will be forced to decide for yourself and in the end your mistakes will truly be your own. In this profession of precedent the isn't much you can call your own.

Finally, next year when you find yourself in my timely position, exercise a little self-control and keep your advice until it is asked for.

Good Luck

Tish Dugan

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 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 as 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 has also attempted to represent Villanova students to the legal community at large. Feeling that The Docket was of sufficient quality to indicate the general high quality of our school, it 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.

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Students reaped another benefit from our news coverage.

In the course of our news gathering, we talked with students to find out what they felt about law school life. This resulted in a dividend of closer cooperation and communication with the Administration which perceived the Docket as having its finger on the student pulse. In this way, The Docket was not only able to report more fully to the students about many issues, but was also able to communicate to Administration officials aspects of student opinion on those issues.

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Jay Cohen

Litany for First Years

If you're lucky, you'll have a roommate who's not a law student.

If you're lucky, you'll find an upperclassman with a used Conroy's for sale — cheap.

If you're lucky, you'll be eligible for work study — at least for the summer.

If you're lucky, you'll find Professor Levin as your first advisor.

If you're lucky, you'll have a car — with snow tires.

If you're lucky, you'll have a boyfriend at home, cause there's sure nothing shaking around the law school.

Current Docket Editor Dugan, "one year's experience has taught me that absolutely no one is infallible."

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

WLC primed for year by Cini Seely

The purpose of the Women's Law Caucus is to contribute to the Villanova Law School and the surrounding community in such a way as to reflect and stimulate the social environment and to encourage everyone's participation. This year's first goal is to present events that will prove to be valuable, interesting and necessary. A second goal is to raise enough money, through the sale of WLC T-shirts, coffee houses, etc., to send all active members to the April, 1979, National Women and the Law Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Angel Martinez and Cini Seely, co-chairpersons of the Women's Law Caucus, extend an invitation to all to this year's first meeting on Monday, September 11, at 3 o'clock (the location is not yet designated).

This year's WLC will not only be led by the co-chairs, but by a representative from both sections A and B from the first year class. Elections will be discussed at the first meeting and those who are interested will be this year's schedule of events including: a prison forum (Sept. 22), a coffee house (Sept. 27), a judge's panel on oral advocacy (Oct. 6), a law and environmental perspective forum (Nov. 2), a hunger project - film and discussion (Nov. 17), and a spouse abuse discussion (Nov. 30). A self-defense class is also being organized.

Once again, all interested students are encouraged to participate.

Every first year student is required to have a series of identification photographs taken today in Room 102. No student should report until these pictures have been taken these photographs must be presented before regis­

ration can be completed.
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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Any student who has not completed financial aid arrangements, has questions about financial aid, or is still in need of financial aid, should see Sandy Moore in the Financial Aid Office, Room 51.

Furthermore: Besides having its own Chinatown, Greek Village, and Little Italy, Philadelphia is loaded with near-championship sports teams (not to mention the "nowhere-near" championship Eagles), historical landmarks (At- tention rubes: the Liberty Bell is located at Independence Mall at 6th and Chestnut Sts.), and crazy people who stand around on busy corners in weird get-ups or scream obscenities whilestriding purpose-fully down the street (any resemblance to Villanova Law pro-fessors would of course be purely incidental).

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