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Honor Code ‘Altered’

by Tish Dugan

The 1979-80 Edition of the Student Handbook was distributed at registration with very little fanfare, despite the fact that it contains a materially altered and one-half sentence which appears to radically change the role of the Honor Board at Villanova Law School. In fact, it was not until a meeting of Student Faculty Committee on September 6 that the chairman of the Honor Board, John Ford, himself noticed something different in the Bulletin’s description of the Honor Board.

Last year’s Bulletin stated that the Honor Board had jurisdiction over violations of the Code of Conduct and that the Faculty had jurisdiction over all other violations by students of appropriate professional behavior. This year’s Bulletin proclaims that the Administration and Faculty “retain jurisdiction over all student conduct which fails to meet standards of academic and professional behavior, whether such conduct constitutes a violation of the Honor Code or not.”

The new Bulletin further asserts: “The Administration and Faculty may exercise such jurisdiction originally or after the Faculty has acted.”

Associate Dean Gerald Abraham was responsible for the literal change in the Bulletin that the additions to the write-up were not meant to change the role of the Honor Board but to clarify it. In a recent interview with the author, Abraham likens the changes to the many other specific changes that occurred each year in the Honor Code and establishing procedure. Abraham identified, feels the change has left the board with only one definite role — babysitting exams. Many students disagree. Abraham said that the Honor Board had not been consulted or notified as to the change of wording describing the Board. Ford feels that the role of the Board has not changed despite the new wording. Most students disagree. Another member of the Board, left the board with only one definite role — babysitting exams. Many students disagree. Abraham identified, feels the change has left the board with only one definite role — babysitting exams. Many students disagree. Abraham said that the Honor Board had not been consulted or notified as to the change of wording describing the Board. Ford feels that the role of the Board has not changed despite the new wording. Most students disagree. Another member of the Board, Abraham, who was responsible for the change, said that the Honor Board would be more lenient this year than they were last year. You better believe it. The Class of 1983 is here and it numbers more than 250 students, with enrollment up a dozen or so over the average Villanova first year class of 230. There are 251 new students, two students re-turning to VLS as first year students and three students in- volved in a joint degree program from Hahnenberg Medical College. Admissions Director Sandra Moore confirmed that the first year class is larger this year than last year. The reason is that the Law School emphasizes admission to students who are more than we usually do,” she said, because the law school generally accepts a few students from the waiting list, but fewer than expected turned down the in-vitation to matriculate. Villanova is bucking a national trend toward a declining number of law school applicants as well. Nationally, the number of stu-dents applying to law schools dropped “by about 16 percent,” according to Moore, “but Villa-nova applications were up 8 percent. What’s the reason for that?” “I think it’s the fact that we’re getting a growing name — our placement record is so good and our ‘bars’ record is so good,” Moore said. (The VLS placement record is well above the national average).

The first year class is a diversi-fied lot. More than 100 colleges and universities are represented and students hail from two dozen different states.

The state of Pennsylvania contributed more than half of the class, with 34 New Jersey, 33 New Yorkers and nine each from Delaware and Massachusetts making up the largest groups by state. Connecticut sent seven students; Maryland three; Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New Hampshire and Rhode Island are home for ten members of the new class.

With 162 male students and 89 female students, the ratio of men to women is approximately 65 per-cent to 35 percent.

The overwhelming majority of the entering class is between the ages of 20 and 24, but ten percent is older than that but under 30, and nearly four percent is older than that.

Fourteen members of the class have advanced degrees — and two first year students already have a doctorate. The undergraduate majors varied from “Mental Ad-ministration to Latin to Spanish, but fully one quarter of the class were Government or Political Science majors. History, English, Psychology, Economics, Ac-counting and Sociology were also popular undergraduate studies.

The size of the class has not caused too many problems, yet, according to Miriam McFadden, the registrar, there were enough lockers and enough chairs. More books had to be ordered and there were some delays, there she said. As the class passes into the less structured curriculum, however, other problems may appear. Seminar classes, for example, are limited to 15 students. An extra two dozen students, not noticeable as 12 extra people in each first year section, will be very noticeable at semester registration time in their second and third years. “We may have to offer more (seminars),” McFadden said.

Accepting more students was “certainly not a question of lowering our standards,” Moore said. The average grade point average for the Class of 1982 is 3.4, Moore said, and the average LSAT test score is 594, with the median LSAT score somewhat higher at 602.

Sandy Moore also said there was no truth to the rumor that the law school intended to flunk out a number of first year students to reduce the size of the class.

“That’s the classic student rumor. It’s simply not true, but we simply can’t convince the stu-dents.” Moore said she has been approached by a number of worried first year students about the rumor and has done her best to “reassure them.”

First Year Class Bigger and Better

by Kate Harper

Does the hall outside room 29 seem a little more crowded than last year (is it possible)? Can the steps to the cafeteria be more jammed this year than they were last year? You better believe it.

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SEENDING
LITIGATION
POSITIONS

by William R. Robie
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Law students who have an interest in pursuing a career in litigation after graduation from law school should begin to develop their contacts with an interest in litigation while they are still in law school. In particular, they should participate actively in voluntary moot court competitions, in legal clinics, in civil and criminal procedure, trial practice, and appellate practice courses, and in extracurricular activities which will provide them with exposure to the various elements of the litigation process. These elements include pre-trial aspects (e.g., discovery, witness preparation, and depositions), trial aspects (e.g., examination and cross-examination of witnesses, opening statements, and closing arguments), and pre-trial, post-trial, and appeal briefs. Obviously, work on a part-time or summer basis during law school with legal employers who participate actively in litigation work will be a useful credential for law students interested in litigation opportunities after graduation. Legal clinics, public defender and local prosecutor offices, U.S. Attorney and Federal Public Defender, and private law firms specifically interested in litigation provide valuable experience for this purpose.

Opportunities for litigation vary considerably from the public sector to the private sector. A law student interested in working in a private law firm should expect to spend at least several years writing briefs, depositions, and summarizing their research before being placed in direct support of actual litigation (including arguing motions which are being presented with the opportunity to handle a major case entirely on his or her own without another senior attorney having the major responsibility for the private firm’s litigation. However, these firms have considerably greater resources to support litigation and provide the attorney with an opportunity to gradually work into the litigation process. As a result of this longer range training and apprenticeship program, private firms tend to place greater emphasis on class standing and law review participation than on other aspects of a student’s experience with regard to litigation. This emphasis allows private firms to take a law student with a highly qualified academic and writing background and develop them into well-prepared litigators over a period of several years.

Public sector litigation employers place some premium on experience in the litigation process, primarily because public sector employers do not have the ability to hire new lawyers when the caseload increases because of budget and personnel ceiling constraints. As a result, while public sector employers also place heavy emphasis on academic credentials and seek talented law review participants as do the private sector, demonstrated interest and participation in litigation-related law school courses and activities and job-related experience in the litigation sphere are very helpful qualifications for law students interested in pursuing careers in the public service. Because public sector litigators usually must carry heavier caseloads at an earlier time than do private sector litigators, the need for a background in the litigation process becomes more essential because of this comparatively heavy initial responsibility that public sector litigators must assume.

Litigation is often regarded as the “creme de la crème” of the legal profession. Those law students who can identify this particular aspect of the profession as one they wish to pursue should concentrate on a solid academic background in law school and should seek involvement in litigation-oriented courses, extracurricular activities, and job experiences that will prepare them for job opportunities in both the private law firm and the public sector law office.

Villanova Law students traditionally have surpassed both Northeast and National percentage rates in the business and judicial clerkships categories. The prestige inherent in a close personal internship with a judge and the corporate opportunities in business make these employers obviously attractive. Villanova law students are more successful in obtaining these kinds of employment than most students in the Northeast or in the nation in general. Northeast and National statistics are based upon reports filed by 150 of 187 ABA approved law schools with the National Association of Law Placement for its June 1979 "Class of 1979" Report. Villanova statistics are based upon the reported employment of 181 students from a class of 205. Of the remaining 22, seven were employed but did not identify employment category, five were not seeking employment, four did not reply and six were still seeking employment at the time the report was filed.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK!

The New York marketplace represents a challenge for law students. Therefore, the Law School has made New York a "Target City" for placement efforts this fall.

The first annual MANHATTAN INTERVIEW DAY was planned for the Williams Club, 24 E. 90th Street, New York City on Wednesday, September 26th. Sponsored by the Law School, an interview day provides an opportunity for New York area employers to interview on their home turf and for second and third year Villanova law students to interview a large number of NYC employers on one day.

Students who are firmly committed to the practice of law in the New York area were asked to provide their own transportation to the city for interviews. Pre-screening by employers is permitted. Interview schedules for each employer were prepared by the Placement Office from the lists of selected students, as is done for on-campus interviews.

S-C-A-R-E C-R-U-I-S-E S.

A list of VLS cruises and drives going to New York on Tuesday and Wednesday, will be kept on the Placement Board. Please post your name if you are driving.

An AMTRAK schedule is posted on the Placement Board. It is a ten minute walk from Penn Station to the Williams Club.

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ANONYMOUS GRADING RECONSIDERED

by Kate Harper

A resolution that student anonymity be introduced to the law school grading system was voted on at a faculty meeting on September 5. The resolution is the result of a suggestion made by student representative Thomas Beesley in an informal letter to the Student-Faculty Committee. The letter stated that some students feel that grades are lowered unnecessarily by professors, and that some students feel that they are receiving grades that are not truly reflective of their ability.

The resolution calls for the introduction of anonymous grading. Under this system, students would submit to the registrar a sheet of paper directing the registrar to add extra points for class participation, attendance, or preparation. These points would be added to the students' grades, making it impossible for professors to know who belongs to whom.

The resolution was proposed by faculty member Mark Packel. Packel said that he believes that anonymous grading would allow students to participate in class more fully, without fear of being graded unfairly. He also said that anonymous grading would allow professors to grade more objectively, without being influenced by their knowledge of who belongs to whom.

The resolution was opposed by faculty member John Ford. Ford said that he believes that anonymous grading would be unfair to students. He said that students who do not participate in class should not be rewarded with extra points.

The resolution was passed by the faculty, with 9 votes in favor and 1 against. The resolution will be presented to the Student-Faculty Committee for further discussion.

The Student Handbook does not allow for any anonymous grading. No professor is supposed to lower a student's grade, Packel said, without notifying the student. However, anonymous grading would allow professors to lower grades without notifying the students.

The resolution will be presented to the Student-Faculty Committee at their next meeting, and will be considered by them. The committee hopes to be able to form a resolution at the October 9 meeting that will be submitted to the faculty for action at their meeting on November 6 or December 10.

The committee hopes to be able to solve the class participation/attendance/extras points for class participation, attendance or preparation problem by proposing a variation in the grading system. The committee hopes to be able to allow for any variation according to classwork. A system that uses students' names and identities, instead of numbers, may result in biased grading, critics fear.

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The Villanova Law School Honor Board is a student body which bears charges that a student has violated the Code of Conduct and investigates the charges. The board then votes to exonerate the student or to recommend that the faculty impose sanctions on the offender (the faculty is not bound by the recommended sanctions).

Chapter Four of the Honor Code defines the Honor Board's role this way, "The Honor Board shall have original jurisdiction of all cases pertaining to breach of the Code of Conduct as specified in Chapter Three of the Code." The Code of Conduct carries the notation that it was "prepared by the Villanova Law School Honor Board."

During the summer, however, the administration has made a substantive change in the Honor Board's role without bothering to consult the members of the Honor Board or the student population at large. The change was accomplished rather simply.

By the addition of a sentence and a well-placed phrase, in a paragraph which precedes the Honor Code, the administration and faculty suddenly "retain jurisdiction over all student conduct which fails to meet standards of academic and professional behavior whether such conduct constitutes a violation of the Honor Code or not."

In last year's handbook, the Honor Board had jurisdiction over violations of the Code and the faculty and administration "retained jurisdiction over all other violations." (Emphasis ours).

To make the meaning emphatically clear, the administration has also, with the stroke of a pen, given itself original jurisdiction over any violations.

It may well be possible for both the Honor Board and the faculty to exercise original jurisdiction over cases involving possible Code of Conduct violations. But it cannot be denied that the Honor Board's role has been diluted.

Now if the board investigates an accusation and finds a violation of the Honor Code, it retains its authority to investigate and adjudicate all violations of the Honor Code.

This can be squared with the Honor Board's raison d'etre. The Code itself provides that when a student is exonerated, "a report of any acquittal or dismissal of charges shall not be made to the faculty." The Honor Board was created by the faculty, the Code says, to "administer a Code of Conduct." It makes sense. A violation of the Honor Code is an injury to students by students. It is wise and just that it be administered by students.

In any event, to make sure such a change in the Law School's disciplinary procedure without first consulting the students is shocking.

There are at least three constituencies at the Law School — the students, the faculty and the administration — and when a major change in the community's response to a problem is anticipated, all three constituencies should be consulted.

Surely the students should have some voice in a decision which strips the student-populated Honor Board of its authority to investigate and adjudicate all violations of a code which governs student conduct.

The late Professor Joseph Weak In Memoriam

The Law School community was deeply griefed by the sudden death of Professor Joseph Weak on May 15.

Professor Weak, a 1964 graduate of the Law School, had supervised the Villanova Community Legal Assistance Association since its accreditation in 1975. He taught torts, law and poverty, and domestic and trust

Before coming back to the Law School to teach in 1973, the professor worked with Philadelphia Community Legal Services. He was a member of the Health and Welfare Law Reform and he worked to improve the state's welfare laws. At CLS, Professor Weak served as Chief of the Consumer Law Reform.

The Docket joins with the VLS students, faculty and alumni in offering its condolences to Professor Weak's family and friends.

Kudos

Best wishes of another sort are due to Professor Arnold Cohen, whose textbook, Debtor-Creditor Relations. Under the Bankruptcy Act of 1978, Cases and Materials, has been published by Noble-Merrill Law Publishing. The new book is already in use here at VLS.

Book

J. William O'Brien

Dean

Villanova University School of Law

must wholeheartedly request your presence at the Red Mass

Saturday, November 4, 1979 at noon (after the morning's Torts class). Congratulations also to Professor Weak's wife and his wife, Carolyn. The pair were married while the Professor was on sabatical last year.

"Target Date: September 26." The place? Manhattan.

With that, the Villanova Law School Placement Office began a concerted drive to expose Villanova law students to another field of potential employers. Seven employers (six law firms and the Federal Bureau of Investigation) had already consented to the date more than two weeks before, and other employers, listed as "interested in resumes," were expected to follow suit.

This fall, the New York City interview is just a small program, but it's a grand idea. New York City boasts an admirable number of attorneys and concerns that need lawyers. Also, the law school draws a large number of students from the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut area who would like to practice in the Big Apple.

Were the students interested? They showed their enthusiasm by flooding the potential employers with resumes.

The Docket is happy to give Placement Director Joan Beck yet another round of applause for this latest program. We know once the employers see the Villanova Law School students, they'll be as happy with the program as we are.

The Docket staff wishes to express its appreciation to the administration office for its help in preparing the manuscripts for print.
Second year student Tom Bovenzi accepts his jar of Rokeach Nyafat from Professor J. Edward Collins for having the Best Contracts Exam of the spring semester. The award commemorates that unforgettable Contracts case, Parev Products V. J. Rokeach & Sons.

**New Prof Is Yale**

by David Schrager

Assistant Professor Peter Goldberger, a 1975 graduate of Yale Law School, has been appointed to the faculty to head the Villanova Community Legal Assistance Association clinical program. Assistant Professor Goldberger will also be teaching one of the three sections of first year criminal law this semester.

While at Yale, Goldberger took an active part in a prison legal services clinical program and was a student member of the school's clinical program board of directors. An article he co-authored focusing on the federal parole system secured him a spot on the Yale Law Journal, and later won a faculty award for student writing.

A Haverford College graduate, Goldberger worked as a law clerk for one year following his graduation from law school Federal District Court Judge Edward R. Becker in Philadelphia. For the next two years he was an Assistant Federal Public Defender in Connecticut. He then returned to Philadelphia, where he became an associate with the law firm of Carroll, Creamer, Carroll, and Duffy, specializing in federal criminal defense until his appointment to VLS.

Assistant Professor Goldberger lives in Ardmore with his wife, Anna Darbin, also an attorney, and his dog, Snow. And how does he like life at VLS? "I'm working hard," Goldberger says, "and really enjoying it. I'm very pleased with the students, who seem well-prepared, enthusiastic, and, dare I say it, intelligent."

**Bryn Mawr Pizza**

Steaks

Hoagies

Seafood

**Tonight Tuesday, September 25**

**MEET ED RENDELL**

the Philadelphia District Attorney

At an SBA Lecture and Party.

7:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge

Dean Announces Date For Annual Red Mass

A notice to the students from the Dean's Office:

"One of our finest traditions has been the annual celebration of the Red Mass during which we ask God's blessing upon the work of the School of Law. The Red Mass, in honor of Saints Ives and Saint Thomas More, Patrons of the Legal Profession, had its origin in France in the thirteenth century. Its first celebration in England was in 1310 during the reign of Edward I at the opening of Michaelmas Term at Westminster Abbey.

Its inauguration in the United States occurred in New York City on October 6, 1928. The Mass derives its name from the color of the vestments traditionally worn by the celebrant. The Mass will be held in the Chapel at St. Mary's Hall which is located directly across the street from the Law School. The time and date are 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 28th. The main celebrant will be the Reverend John M. Driscoll, O.S.A., President of Villanova University. Professor J. Edward Collins, a distinguished member of our Law School faculty, will be the main speaker. The title of his address will be "The Practice of Law — A Noble Profession."

Law School graduates, faculty, students, School of Law and University administrators, Law School Consultants and area federal and state judges have been invited to the Mass and to the reception and dinner which will follow. Law School students are also most cordially invited to attend the Mass and reception and dinner. For those attending the reception and dinner the cost will be $15 per place. Mrs. O'Donnell will accept reservations through the early part of this week. The Mass is being said for all the members of our community and all the members of the community are welcome. Please do try to join us."
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS BEGIN ACTIVITIES

ABA REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND CONVENTION

by Marie Libots

When first offered a week long trip to Dallas, Texas, in mid-August (you know, temperatures of 100 degrees and humidity soaring to around 90 degrees), I hesitated to accept, thinking I had won first prize in a W.C. Field's contest: "second prize, two weeks in Dallas . . ."

My anxiety vanished, however, upon learning that Dallas had been chosen to host the 1979 Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association (August 9-19). The Texas city brought together thousands of judges, practicing attorneys, professors, and law students from the fifty states, Puerto Rico, and England to participate in the governing body of the legal profession.

For the members of the senior bar, time was spent pursuing literature on the latest, most up-to-date, processing systems, debating the merits of the proposed revision of the "Legal Code of Ethics," listening to experts in various legal fields expound on modern problems, or politicking with other lawyers with whom they must so infrequently meet.

For myself, and other members of the Law Student Law Association (LSD), the stay in Dallas was well-structured and purposeful. The LSD, a semi-autonomous branch of the senior bar, meets as a whole once a year and the ensuing schedule is meticulously planned to insure that all business will be accomplished as anticipated.

As a point of information, the LSD is headed by a Board of Governors and three national officers, and is governed by delegates representing the country's law schools. These delegates compose the General Assembly of the LSD.

All law schools are divided into particular circuits which are analogous to those within the Federal Court system. Each school is entitled to two votes in assembly matters -- one vote to be held by the LSD representative and one vote to be held by the Student Services Representative, i.e., the President of the Student Bar Association. Each school is represented by five delegates, with each LSD member being employed more than fifteen hours a week during the academic year.

One of the most sensitive problems discussed was the adoption of a "proposal of reaction" on the part of the LSD with regard to the reorganization of the Division as imposed by a recent mandate of the senior bar. LSD members expressed great concern that the plan of reorganization, which reflected a change in the election procedure, as well as in the number and nature of the national LSD officers, evidenced a demise of the Division's autonomy. The LSD representative from the LSD reaffirmed the important role of the Division and emphasized the unique need of the LSD to function independently from the senior bar.

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WLC SETS AGENDA

The Women's Law Caucus area as its purpose to provide a central support group as a basis for discussion, comparison and action in relation to the issues facing women in the legal today. To best achieve this, the Caucus is seeking this year to expand its membership to take in many different points of view, and is planning functions which will encourage recognition of these issues. It also seeks to encourage interaction between Caucus members and the outside community, especially their counterparts already in the legal profession.

The Caucus is very pleased to invite the entire student body to listen to the Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, highly respected member of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, which, speak on racism and sexism in the law. Judge Higginbotham will be at the law school on October 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 20-30.

In addition, the Caucus is planning an Alumni Get-Together in late November, to provide insight into what our graduates are experiencing in their various practices. The Caucus encourages any interested student to attend meetings, or to visit the office (39A, next to Student Services) with questions and suggestions.

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Currently, intramural sports slated for the fall semester are softball and flag football, with basketball being the predominant activity of the spring semester. However, the Council would be willing to sponsor any other sports as well, should any interest be shown. Any suggestions or inquiries can be directed to either of the co-chairmen, Mike Riedman and Greg Stanow.

For information, stop in the BALSA office, Room 39A, next to Student Services.

ALUMNI COUNSELING PROGRAM ORGANIZED

During the past summer the VLS Alumni and Placement Offices collaborated on an interactive program designed to pair each student with an alumna for the purpose of getting "real world" counselling and information in the career planning area.

Law School Alumni Director Chip D'Ambrosio says the program is designed to pair students with their own professional com­petence, to focus upon the relationship of the Black Attorney to the American legal structure and to instill in the Black Attorney and Law Student a greater awareness of and commitment to the needs of the Black Community; to influence American law schools, legal fraternities and associations to use their expertise and prestige to bring about change within the legal system in order to make it responsive to the needs of the Black Community; and to do all things necessary and lawful to accomplish all of these purposes within such limits as are provided by law.

For information, stop in the BALSA office, Room 39A, next to Student Services.

By Marie Libots

ABA Representatives who attended the convention this summer in Dallas. First row (L. to R.), Marie Libots, Judy Love, Second row, Dorothy Langton, Lisa Okunsky, Rick Widow.

The Garey Hall Rugby team has started its schedule, but is always looking for new players. For information, contact Rich McMonagle or John Gillespie. No experience necessary.

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Law School Alumni Director Chip D'Ambrosio says the program is designed to pair students with their own professional competence, to focus upon the relationship of the Black Attorney to the American legal structure and to instill in the Black Attorney and Law Student a greater awareness of and commitment to the needs of the Black Community; to influence American law schools, legal fraternities and associations to use their expertise and prestige to bring about change within the legal system in order to make it responsive to the needs of the Black Community; and to do all things necessary and lawful to accomplish all of these purposes within such limits as are provided by law.

For information, stop in the BALSA office, Room 39A, next to Student Services.
Your Fling In Philly

by Kathy Yeensko

For those students who are new to the area and have not yet had a chance to pull away from Prosser or Calamarri, there's a whole other world out there waiting to be discovered in Philadelphia. Most of you have probably given little thought to recreational activities at this point, but if you are ready for a break from your studies, here's a few suggestions.

Historic Areas: Philadelphia, as the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence, is rich in history. You can easily spend a day between the roughly square area formed by Sixth and Second, Market and Chestnut Streets, touring such sights as Independence Hall, the Todd House, the Declaration of Independence (where Thomas Jefferson drafted the Constitution of the United States), and the Liberty Bell. There's also the "Outdoor Restaurant Festival" on Sunday in October. Area restaurants set up outside cafes on the Parkway. Warning: go hungry because there are a lot of tempting and tasty goods.

Music and Shows: This fall, Philadelphia theatre-goers will be treated to such Broadway hits as "Miss Margarida's Way" at the Walnut, and ""The Sound of Music." For concert lovers, the Robin Hood Dell West is an open-air theatre which recently hosted "Chicago" and other pop music groups. The Spectrum has also featured many a rock group.

Dining, Dancing, and Night Life: For salad lovers, the best salad ad is found at Wildflowers, 516 S. 30th. After salad, you will probably be too full to even eat dinner, but every main dish is absolutely delicious. Don't forget about the restaurants in Chinatown, between Arch and Eleventh. The Imperial Inn is excellent.

Doc Watson's is the place for drinks. Since it's on Eleventh near Chestnut across the street from Jefferson Hospital, it's a favorite of med students. Surprisingly, the Magic Pan, at the Gallery, makes good strawberry daiquiris.

For disco-dancing, it's been rumored that the Library (not the one at Villanova), in Bala Cynwyd has an outdoor food, art, and music festival. Artisans sell their crafts, paintings, posters, prints, and clothes for reasonable prices.

There are just some of the things you can do in Philadelphia in your leisure time. I suspect that since you have too much free time, you'll probably end up eating a pizza and drinking a beer closer to home at Gullifly's.

New CLE Program

The Villanova Law School Trial Continuing Legal Education Institute is currently sponsoring a Trial Practice seminar series for practicing attorneys in the greater Philadelphia area. The ten-week program is designed to provide instruction in trial technique and strategy and is the first of its kind conducted at VLS, according to Charles G. Sprecher, Director of the Villanova Law Alumni Association and CLE at the law school.

Nearing 50 attorneys, most from southeastern Pennsylvania, attended in the Saturday morning program. D'Ambrosio says Professor Leonard Packel led off the series on Saturday, September 8, with an introduction to the principles of direct examination. Also participating as instructors are Professors James Manning, Jr., of the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, and Theodore W. Flowers is slated to participate as instructor on the Sunday morning program, September 23. Also returning is Professor Joseph DellaPenna who spent a year teaching and doing research in Taiwan. Recently wid, Prof. DellaPenna is shown with his new wife, Caroline.

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At The Cinema:

"Breaking Away"

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This is one of those "little movies" that is invariably described by the critics as endearing and / or charming. Such adjectives belittle the insight and compassion that film expresses in its recreation of that time-honored theme of a young man attempting to find himself in the world.

Denis Christopher portrays Dave, a recent high school graduate living in a university town (Bloomington, Illinois). He and his three high school friends, as townspeople, are looked down upon by the college kids who call the locals "citters," a holdover from a now vanished time when the chief local industry was stone quarry work.

Dave, a sensitive but high spirited escapee, cheerfully determines to cast himself in the role of an Italian bicycle racer. He rides through the streets bellowing Italian opera and greeting one and all with a hearty "Giai" much to the consternation of his used car salesman father (expertly played by Paul Dooley). "Papa," as the exasperant Dave in heavily accented English insists on calling him, is fit to be tied at this invasion of the foreign into his all-American home. He rails against all this "It" talk while the mother (Barbara Barrie) suggests patience and understanding.

The situation comes to a hilarious climax when Dooley discovers that his cat has been redubbed Feltini. "Your name is Jake, as the mother (Barbara Barrie) suggests patience and understanding.

Dean O'Brien

The reason for this is that costs are up and inflation has fueled tuition increases. Higher costs have placed one-third of the Law School with the University co-eds. The situation creates a low point in Dave's outlook on life during which he submerges reality to the point where he becomes embraced by the three friends that have been so valuable and important in his life. It is eventually the bike racing which lead him into his fantasy world that brings about his disillusionment and ultimately results in his ability to proudly and maturely accept himself and his background as worthwhile.

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The climactic little 500 bicycle race in which Dave and his friends find themselves pitched against the college students who had berated and insulted them must be one of the most exciting and finally exhilarating sporting events ever recorded on film.

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The reason for this is that costs are up and inflation has fueled tuition increases. Higher costs have placed one-third of the nation's small colleges in financial trouble, according to the Committee for the Advancement of Small Colleges and "larger or more prestigious schools feel the student enrollment decline less but still worry about the cost of quality," says Oomang.

Viewing the situation at VLS, the Dean notes that while "the institution is a complex mix of faculty, students, graduates, librarians, directors, administrative staff, maintenance workers, housekeepers, and dean, it is also a mix of books, mortar, machinery, forms and a seemingly endless supply of paper. All are necessary and none is possible without money." Dean O'Brien believes that with adequate financial resources the law school will obtain "a most favorable position as part of an ethical, intellectually stimulating, professionally and socially responsible, ever-improving and financially sound University."

In future articles, Dean O'Brien will discuss the likely effect on the Law School of the decline in birth rates; the population shift away from the east coast; the lessened interest in higher education; the budgetary process; and the effect of the financial interdependence of the Law School with the University. Methods to increase alumni awareness and participation in law school affairs, innovative fund-raising efforts, and student recruitment will also be discussed.

"We can and will deal effectively with the problems the future will surely bring," Dean O'Brien stresses. He says he strongly believes that the Law School possesses the characteristics necessary to provide workable solutions so that "we may be even better tomorrow." Dean O'Brien is confident that the process of sharing his insights and information with the Law School community will produce important advantages, not the least of which is "the probability that one or more of you will share with us ideas of value."