ETS Fails The Test...

By Matthew Wolfe

All law schools accredited by the American Bar Association including Villanova, require all applicants to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The LSAT and the other admissions tests written procedures and administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) have come under scathing attacks recently. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader has released an investigative report on the ETS entitled The Rig of the ETS, The Corporation That Makes Up Minds. Also, in New York State opponents of the ETS system have managed to have a bill passed which will require the ETS to disclose the questions and answers to the test after it has been graded. All of this has prompted a mistrust of the LSAT and the LSA in particular.

Opponents of the LSAT contend that the test automatically excludes certain kinds of knowledge, certain social values, or certain people who have not had the opportunity to take the test. The primary defense of the LSAT is that it is only a common denominator among the different backgrounds of students. The academic standards and grading systems vary greatly between institutions, colleges, and even within an individual institution. Sandy Mannix, Villanova Law School’s Director of Admissions, says that the LSAT scores are of importance in the admissions process, and that all applicants are ranked according to an ETS developed formula (multiply grade point average by 115 and add LSAT). Ms. Mannix downplays the significance of this ranking system somewhat however, due to the fact that there is no cut-off point below which an applicant is rejected, and the fact that this ranking system is only a part of the admission process. Every applicant is read and points are added or subtracted from the ranking based on such things as quality and grading scale of the undergraduate school, the activities and participation of the student, and the student’s standardized testing history.

Professor Collins, the Chairman of the Admissions Committee, says that no one believes that the LSAT should be a complete determinate in the law school admissions process. He states that “No one has ever been admitted on the basis of the LSAT alone.” Since the LSAT is “one shot deal,” as opposed to most of the applicant’s other academic and extracurricular achievements, he feels that the test cannot be given too much weight. Professor Collins feels that LSAT’s are least helpful when dealing with students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Professor Collins does agree, however, that they are the only common denominator among students and are helpful for that reason. Most applicants to law school have studied law, and in the selection process the grade point average may not be completely revealing some of the students’ strengths. He states that “the demands and challenges posed by law school are not the test degree that you may be talking of apples and oranges in attempting to compare them based on their undergraduate background.”

There have been some recent internal changes at the ETS which could lead to reform of the LSAT. The Law School Admis­sion Council (LSAC), an advisory group of law school admissions officials which sponsors research and contracts with ETS, has become more independent of ETS. The LSAC has obtained from ETS ownership of both the LSAT test and the LSAT bank. They also hired a full-time administrator to manage the LSAT payroll. The LSAC has formed its own corporation and is ex-

...And Blames The Computer

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) switched to a new computer system this year, and problems with it have caused long delays in notifying applicants of their status. This will cause backlogs of applications at the schools and long delays in final decisions. It may also, at many schools, produce less careful evaluations of applicants.

The old computer system was reported to be on the verge of a complete breakdown and was replaced with a new computer. The new system was not installed until Thanksgiving, putting the whole process one month behind schedule. In addition, the reports which have been received have been processed about seven weeks behind about three months to begin with. In addition, the reports which have been received have been the subject of many complaints from students.

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Normally, the first group of decision let­ters would be sent out on March 15, although a deposit deadline of April 1. This year the process has lead to a delay of over two months. The LSAC has recommended that all schools write and administer the LSAT by the end of March. It seems that ETS has been able to increase efficiency.

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VLS Chooses New Faculty

By Bruce Allas Brimer

Villanova Law School will add three members to its faculty for the 1980-1981 school year. Don W. Llewellyn will be the Director of the Advanced Degree Program in Taxation. Professor Llewellyn received his A.B. Degree from Dickinson College in 1957, and his J.D. Degree from Simon School of Law in 1961, where he was a member of the Law Review. He earned a Master of Law in Taxation from New York University in 1967. Previous teaching positions include Williams, Win & Mary, and Syracuses Law Schools. He also has been a visiting professor at Temple and Rutgers. Last year he served as professor and Assistant Dean at Nova Law School in Florida. A member of the bar of Pennsylvania and Virginia, he engaged in private practice for some five years.

Charles A. Marvin will most likely be teaching courses in Comparative Law, Public International Law, Torts, and Decedent Estates.

He will bring a wealth of European and Canadian law and experience to Villanova. Professor Marvin received his advanced degree program for some time.

The decision was a difficult one for the judges to make, especially since the oral arguments were "a dead heat," according to Judge Gibbons. "We had to decide on the brief alone," Judge Gibbons stated, and the participants agreed that the Dougherty-McMonigle brief was "slightly better." Judge Schreiber, in commenting on the problem itself, said that balancing considerations have to be made between the constitutional right of privacy and the first amendment, with consideration of the public aspects of each.

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The appointment of the Honorable John M. Ferren, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, and the Honorable John M. Ferren, Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Commenting on this year’s argument, Judge Ferren said that "it was nice to see some emotion in the argument."
**THE DOCKET**

**Thanks For the Memories**

"But at my back! I always hear! Time's winged chariot hurrying near."

Andrew Marvell was talking to his coy mistress — and not about law school — but the sentiments are the same. The law student who hasn't once wished for one more hour before class, one more week before exams, one more month before the bar — is a rare creature, indeed. As if we needed to be told, the Villanova Law School Bulletin lets us know, on page 24, that "the study of law is a fulltime commitment."

And yet. And yet. There are some students who manage, while juggling classwork and part-time jobs or family responsibilities to squeeze in just a little more. You know who they are. They go out and get the beer for the T.G.I.F.'s. They write the skits for the Law School Show. They attend national conferences as Villanova's representatives. They put together lectures open to the public to enrich the law school experience. They join you out on the field on fall Saturdays for a game. They serve on committees for the law school and the university. They make posters to tell you what's going on. They give of their time and of themselves and we are all a little richer for it.

We at the Docket salute all of you who have managed to find the time to make life at the law school a little fuller for the rest of us. Thanks. We needed that.

On a more personal level, we'd like to recognize the senior members of the Docket staff, who graduate next month, and who will be sorely missed: Editor Emeritus Tish Dugan (whose tenure as Docket editor was recognized recently when theABA-LSD awarded the Docket an Honorable Mention award for a series of features on the police ride-along); Features Editor and reporter Criciv Chris Barbieri, who faithfully wrote for and laid out every issue for the past two years; our cartoonist Larry Phelan, who always had more good ideas every issue than we had room for, and Bruce Brinser, whose articles were always well-researched, well-written, and in hand on time. We'll miss you all.

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**Review Board Elected**

The Board of Editors for the twenty-fifth volume of the Villanova Law Review recently announced the Board of Editors for the twenty-sixth volume. Congratulations are in order.

James A. Matthews, III was chosen Editor-in-Chief, with James F. Anderson as Managing Editor of Student Work and Thomas G. Wilkinson, Jr. as Managing Editor of Non-Student Work. Barbara A. Schneuler will be Third Class Editor. Matt Wolfe is Business Editor. The following law review members were selected to be Case and Comment Editors: Frederick C. Bader, Veronica G. Karne, Helene M. Koller, Roberta D. Pichini, David E. Boeing, Joseph T. Stapleton, Andrew Marvel, and Robert C. Mickle were chosen to be Article Editors. Jami Lee Wintz will be Research/Projects Editor. Kevin J. Connors from page I)

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**Saying Goodbye**

Mr. Segal is a Director of the Executive Committee of the American Bar Association, the former State Bar President for the Americas of the World Association of Lawyers since 1975. Thomas F. Devine, Esq. Of Counsel for Blank, Rome, Comiskey & McCauley, is a 1943 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

The challenge in the first instance is with our law schools. The stakes are too high to leave this awesome teaching responsibility entirely to the chance of one trial advocacy, are "academic weakenings." This presumption is often predicated on the belief that facts are a given of every legal problem and further that the art of persuasion is an art devoid of science and reason, Nomenes.

Consider, if will, the benefits and attributes of a solid trial advocacy program such as the one at Villanova. Such an experience forces a student to apply facts to legal doctrine, as opposed to most law schools which allow the manipulation of legal doctrine to stated and hypothesized facts.

Every lawyer who has prepared or tried a case knows that problems of proof are among the most challenging, intellectually. A student who has prepared for a trial gains a critical legal judgment to a legal problem. A student must bring logistical expertise, legal precedents, oral advocacy and the ability to think and act under pressure and on one's feet. This is the essence of what a successful attorney must do, pre-trial and at trial.

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**ET's Falls**

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Interviewing some "real" lawyers; observing trials; volunteering Saturdays or a block of time weekly to a law office, a legal services office or a government office; or working a non-legal paid job for 8 weeks and a voluntary legal job for one or two.

The legal job market EXPERIENCE COUNTS, and VLS students are equipped to pick it up fast!

New Pros (Continued from page 1)
A.B. from the University of Kansas in 1964, then studied in France for a year at the University of Toulouse on a Fulbright Scholarship. He earned his J.D. at the University of Chicago Law School in 1968, and a Master of Comparative Law Degree from the same school in 1970, in conjunc

tion with studies at the University of Louvain, Belgium.

Returning to the New World, he has been a lecturer at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, and at the University of Ottawa. He was also a member of the Department of Philosophy at St. John’s University, New-

foundland, as well as an Assistant Professor at the University of Manitoba.

More recently, Professor Marvin served as a consultant for the Canadian Depart-

ment of Justice. He is presently the Direc-

tor of the Administrative Law Project of the Law Reform Commission of Canada.

Leonard R. Jaffe will be a visiting professor for one year only. He received his J.D. in 1972 from Rutgers, Newark, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review. He has been on the faculty of Louisville, Cleveland-Marshall, and Rutgers, Camden Law Schools. His principal interest is in the field of property. Since Villanova Law School has been looking for some time for a "property" man, Professor Jaffe should be a valuable addition to the faculty.

LEGAl BRIEFS

Bearing Good News

In the spring a dean's fancy turns to thoughts of— the pursuit of excellence, eh? Mrs. Mary O'Donnell, administrative assistant to the Dean, seldom gets to make announcements like this one: Dean J. William O'Brien is engaged to be married to Ms. Peggy Gruner. A June 1980 wedding is planned. Best wishes!

Mary and Jim O'Connor, VLS '80, are celebrating the arrival of their new baby on April Fool's Day.

Ryan Scallon O'Connor was born April 1, at 3:07 p.m. He weighed eight pounds, seven ounces. Congrats!

Cat's In Hot Water

How much do you think a few ounces of hot water is worth? Well, two first year students do not think it's worth 25 cents, but that's what the Villanova Law School cafeteria is charging for it these days.

The two first year students hoped to save a little money by bringing their own coffee cups and teabags or hot chocolate to school with them. They both said they'd pay a nickel for the privilege of filling up if they had to, but were shocked to discover that a "cafeteria policy" of charging 25 cents "a cup" was in effect.

That policy was enough to make a few mumps boil since the price of the hot water plus a cup plus a bona fide teabag is a quarter, too. A bit of multiplication turned up the fact that five cups a day is $1.25, and anybody who thinks this is a petty sum hasn't been a first year law student at the end of April lately.
In the fifties a whole new film genre emerged, the "teenagers' movies" problem. Beginning with Marion Brando in "The Wild One" (Greatest interchange in cinema history: "What're you rebelling against, Johnny?" - "What are you rebelling against?""). In "Rebel Without a Cause," the concept transformed itself into some pretty strong stuff. There was the Troy Donohue "do it once and you're pregnant" category typified by "Summer Place" and "Susan Slade." Then there were the Annette "beach party" epics and the whole carload of "Gidget" imitators. At the same time great "B" movies filled with Rock 'n' Roll interracial drive-in screenings. All this was followed by a great deal of confusion in the late sixties with "The Trip" and "Easy Rider" exemplifying the kind of sober fare dealing with the "younger generation."

Not surprisingly, after that, nobody wanted to hear anything about anyone under 20 for about 10 years (with the exception of 1973's "American Graffiti" which it about sixty-somethingers anyway). Now the genre seems to have come around again. Not only to the theatre, but to the theatre. An admitted worshipper of the genre in all its manifestations (with the exception of some of the more trying surf 'n' sand moments), the arrival of "Little Darlings" is like a blessed event. Not only is this film replete with all the important cliches about surf 'n' sand ( injunctions from the campgrounds, peer pressure abounding, etc.) but it features not only the health-eating daughter of long-haired hippies (the children of "Easy Rider"), and a fragment of the Waltons, but also, two of the most important casualties of the last decade, Kristy McNichol and Tatum O'Neal and wary street corner, Kristy McNichol. Ms. O'Neal is competent if a trifle mousy, as is Mr. McNichol. Well, there's nothing more nauseating than a crabby 15-year-old, not even an actress, but, here goes: Kristy McNichol is an extraordinarily talented performer. The complete absence of the kind of self-doubt here place her ability well within range of Dean's "Rebel." Everything she does in this film rings true. The only problem here is that "tough girl" vulnerability is the core of the film. Without her the film would be an unsatisfying film. In an article entitled, "Who Makes A Good Husband For the Executive?" Concerned executive is David, chairman of the board alumni, are featured.

The pair met while students at the law school. Dillon plays the sweetly stupid young man who shyly confesses "I've been around." His performance, though abbreviated, is a pathetically boring performance, but watching Fay Wray turn the tables on King Assante, not only puts in the Boyd's "Rebel." Everything she does in this film rings true. The only problem here is that "tough girl" vulnerability is the core of the film. Without her the film would be an unsatisfying film. In an article entitled, "Who Makes A Good Husband For the Executive?" Concerned executive is David, chairman of the board alumni, are featured.

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By Tom Bovens

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By Kevin C. Gleason

SBA Leader Speaks

In an interview following the recent Student Bar Association elections the new President, Frank Z. and Vice President, Sara Lee Keller '81, discuss the role of the SBA and their goals for the upcoming year. The major role of the SBA as the sole elected representative of student interests is to create an atmosphere of community in the law school thereby facilitating a more well-rounded experience. An additional function of the organization is that of liaison between the administration, faculty, and students. Finally, the SBA is the primary fund-raising body for student activities and clubs.

Paul Dougherty '81, and Vice President, Lee feels that the students must be encouraged to utilize the organization through their representatives. She also believes that the Student Bar Association can only be effective to the extent that the students make the organization aware of student needs. The first challenge to the newly elected representatives is the organization of the fall orientation program. All students are encouraged to attend.

The SBA has many potential members and officers recently elected include Patti Fleming, treasurer; Sheila Brennan, secretary, and Jim Brogan, university senator. Second year representatives are Bill Brittain, Mary Kaye Eades and Robin Williams; third year representatives are Joe Marcucci, Mary McGrath and Vincent McGuiness.