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# THE DOCKET

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## Welcome Class Of 1983

By Sandra M. Mannix  
Director of Admissions

Welcome, Class of 1983! The Admissions Office has compiled the statistics below to let you know what the rest of your class is like.

As of August 13, the Class of 1983 was composed of 224 new students, 139 men and 85 women (38%). Five of these students are enrolled in the joint J.D./Ph.D. program with Hahnemann Medical College, and there are ten returning students. Twenty-one students identified themselves as members of a minority group.

The median grade point average for the new class is 3.45, and the median Law School Admissions Test score is 621. Students come from 99 different undergraduate institutions and had fifty different undergraduate majors.

The most popular undergraduate schools were:

Villanova University - 25; University of Pennsylvania - 18; Pennsylvania State University - 15; Saint Joseph's University - 9; and Temple University - 9.

The most popular undergraduate majors in the class of 1983 were: Political Science and Government - 48; Accounting - 25; English - 19; History - 17; Psychology - 14.

Students listed 19 different states, Puerto Rico and Nigeria as their place of perman-

ent residence. 148 students were from Pennsylvania, 21 from New Jersey, 17 from New York, 9 from Massachusetts and 5 from Delaware.

21 students have advanced degrees. The most popular advanced degree is the M.A. (6), followed quite closely by the M.B.A. (4). The class numbers among its members one physician, one veterinarian, one dentist, one optometrist, one Ph.D. and one student with an LL.M. degree.

This year Villanova received 2152 applications and offered acceptance to 546 applicants. Three hundred students were wait-listed, and acceptance offered to 55 of them. These figures contrast strongly with last year's statistics, which revealed a larger number of initial acceptances and no ac-

ceptances from the waiting list. 256 new students matriculated at Villanova last year.

Although the number of law school applicants nationally taking the Law School Admissions Test dropped again this year, for the third consecutive year Villanova noted an increase in the number of its applicants. The quality of the applicant pool remained extremely high, and there was an increase in the median grade point average and LSAT score of the entering class.

Once again there were no seats available for either non-matriculant or transfer applicants. For the third consecutive year application fees were returned to more than fifty applicants for transfer or non-matriculant status.

## Three New Profs Join Faculty

Three new professors and one administrator joined the VLS faculty over the summer. The new faculty members are Charles Marwin, a fulltime faculty member, Don W. Llewellyn, who will head the new Graduate Tax Program, Leonard Jaffee, a visiting professor at VLS this year and Virginia Dehne, the new Director of Placement.

Mr. Marwin will teach Public International Law and one small section of Torts this fall. In the spring, he will teach Comparative Law and Jurisprudence.

Mr. Marwin, a graduate of the University of Kansas and University of Chicago Law School, also earned a Master of Comparative Law at the University of Chicago and studied at the University of Toulouse in France.

He taught law at the University of Kent in England, and the University of Laval and the University of Manitoba, both in Canada.

Mr. Llewellyn received his law degree from Dickinson School of Law and his LL.M.

in Taxation from New York University School of Law.

His teaching credits include professional duties at Rutgers-Camden, Temple, Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, Syracuse and Willamette law schools. He will direct and teach the Graduate Tax program here.

Mr. Jaffee, a graduate of Rutgers-Newark School of Law where he was editor-in-chief of the law review, is a professor at the University of Louisville School of Law.

While visiting Villanova, he will teach Property and Decedents & Trust Estates as well as a seminar.

Ms. Dehne takes over the Placement Director duties this year since Ms. Joan Beck has left Villanova to start her own executive talent search firm in Wayne.

Ms. Dehne was formerly director of recruiting for Pepper, Hamilton and Scheetz in Philadelphia.



The SBA Used Book Sale will be open all day today in rooms one and two.

## Nader Spoke

By Paul Dougherty

E. Paul Dougherty, president of the Villanova Law School Student Bar Association, recently attended the national meeting of the National Association of SBA's (NASBA) and the ABA-Law Student Division (LSD) Convention, both held in San Francisco. Here is his report:

Ralph Nader was the keynote speaker at the NASBA Convention held August 4 through August 8 at San Francisco Law School.

The purpose of the NASBA is to act as a forum through which members can address the problems similar to all law students. The organization is comprised of all the presidents of SBA's in the country.

The meetings opened with an address by Ralph Nader on "Consumerism and Today's Legal Profession." Nader contends that equal justice is effectively denied to a majority of consumers.

As a result of "gross deployment" of today's legal talent on "lucrative trivia," he says, "the overriding compelling function of the profession — promoting justice" is ignored.

As an alternative to such a legal life, Nader suggests the Equal Justice Foundation, a group committed to Public Interest Law.

The NASBA Convention also discussed student representation on the faculty committee, SBA Bookstores, the financial aid, Bar exams, first year orientation, graduation ceremonies and social functions.

In addition to the substantive material covered in the workshops, the conference gave me a chance to meet representatives

from other law schools and compare activities. Villanova's programs exceed the national average, I found. Some of our SBA sponsored programs, such as our first year orientation program and used book sale, as well as our Honor Code, are to be used as models for other schools.

My own experiences at this convention, I feel, will help Villanova's SBA provide better student services this year to our students at the law school.

In addition to the NASBA conference, I was also able to represent Villanova as a voting delegate to the annual ABA-LSD convention in San Francisco the following weekend. In addition to providing services such as the ABA Journal and The Student Lawyer, health insurance and funding for student activities, the ABA-LSD represents all law schools to the ABA.

### VLS SBA

Some of the SBA activities planned for the coming year include attempting to achieve greater representation on faculty committee, including placement and curriculum; expanding the present vending room facilities; publishing a student directory, and hopefully, also publishing a VLS yearbook.

The SBA Bulletin Board will be used to inform you of all SBA activities: it's located outside the Student Lounge. We welcome your participation and involvement. Please feel free to talk to me or your class SBA rep.

Elections for representatives from the First Year Class, one from each section and one at-large, will be held in several weeks.

## Con Law Scholar

## To Speak Here

Raoul Berger, a widely known Constitutional Law scholar, has been invited to speak at Villanova School of Law in October.

Mr. Berger was invited to the campus by the Villanova chapter of the St. Thomas More Law Society, and is expected to make an address one evening late in October on the role of the Supreme Court in a democracy. It is also hoped that Mr. Berger will address a small group of students at a colloquium the same day.

Mr. Berger is a well-known commentator on Supreme Court action, and has been critical of the Court for its activist role in the past two decades.

His lecture is tentatively scheduled for October 29, 1980. A reception will follow.

John Delaney and Kate Harper, both Third Year students and officers of the Villanova Chapter of the St. Thomas More Society, are interested in meeting with students who would like to join the Chapter this fall. Please contact either of them via the message board.

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# THE EDITORIAL

## An Open Letter To The One L's

By Kate Harper

It's traditional for the editor of the **Docket** to offer some advice to the incoming First Year Class — it is traditional, in fact, for everybody to offer advice to the First Year Class, so if you've had enough, why don't you skip the following and check out Legal Briefs? If not, read on: it may not be sage, but it is heartfelt.

The advice is simply this: Don't put your life "on hold" for the next three years.

The study of law is demanding and the atmosphere at the Law School compelling. Most of you will have to study harder than you've had to study before — the material is, at first at least, hard to comprehend. The volume of work is, frankly, heavy.

You will come into the library early some morning and discover that others are already there before you. You will leave the library late some night, knowing that others, bleary-eyed, are still there, poring over citations from the hornbooks. You'll do as much as you can and worry you're not doing enough. (You are, of course, but being first year you can't know that).

The hours will melt away. The sun will rise and set. No sooner will the legal research course be over but the deadline for filing moot court briefs will be upon you. And then, exams. Such a schedule can be highly absorbing, and believe me, it often is. But there's a danger in all of this.

While you've got your head buried in your books, life outside the law school continues: elections are won, wars are fought, bestsellers are written, newspapers are published, people live and die — and you might never notice.

Sure, your intentions are noble: you're here to learn The Law and you're doing your damndest. Studying the casebooks is certainly the first place to start, but you will cheat yourself both personally and professionally if you spend all your time studying. Remember, you won't be practicing law in a library in a law school, but in a town or a city. Your clients, even if they are corporations, are really just people. They have problems that require not only a knowledge of the law (or where to find it) but a certain amount of common sense and awareness of the world around you and them, too.

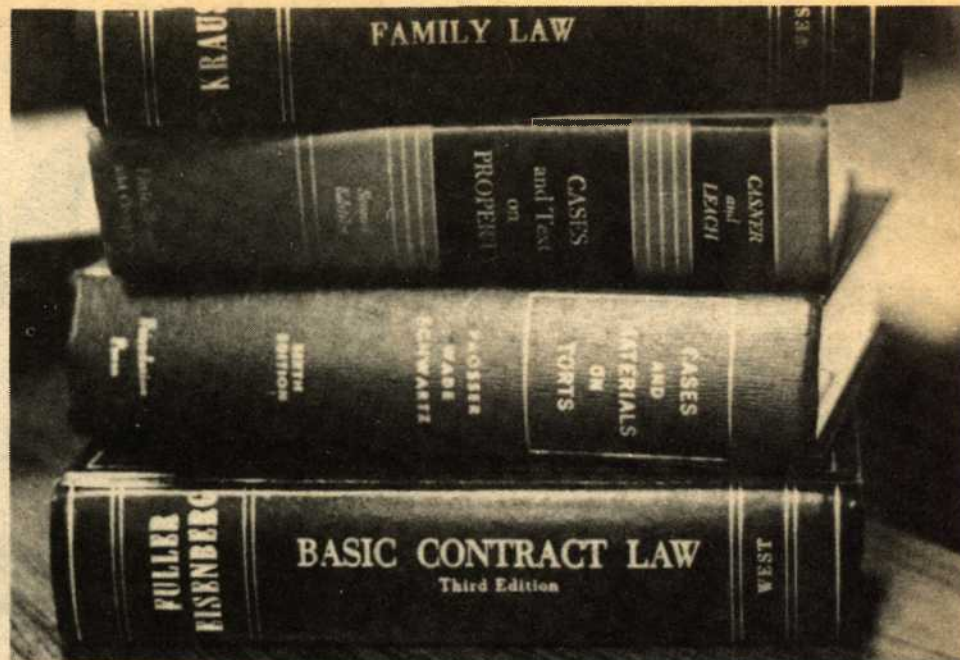
You know it already: The Law is basically a system for dealing with guys like Hawkins and McGee who have a problem with a promise that wasn't kept and might even be impossible to keep. It's a method of deciding who gets Rose of Aberlone and her calf when two farmers make a deal to sell a barren calf who later turns out to be a proud mama.

Do you really think a casebook supplied those answers the first time the questions were asked?

The outside experiences you manage to squeeze into your study-filled hours will enrich your careers and lives — not detract from them.

My advice to you is not to study so hard that you lose sight of why you are here and why you wanted to come to Law School. If you keep that in mind, the rest will fall into place.

Good Luck.



The rate of students failing to advance to second year is vastly different today than what it was 30 years ago.

## Remembering: The 'Bad Ole Days'

by Matthew Wolfe

*Look to your left — Look to your right. By the end of your first year, only one of you will remain. — Old Law School Adage.*

In the not too distant past, this adage presented an all too accurate picture of the pressures of law school. At that time, just about anyone who could afford the tuition could get admitted into law school, with the assumption that a large percentage of each class would flunk out, primarily in the first year.

Indeed, the architecture on the first floor of Gary Hall reflects this. There is no way that the old second year classroom could accommodate all of the students who occupied the old first year classroom.

This situation created a very high level of pressure and competition among the students. Many in academic circles felt that this situation was counterproductive to effective legal education.

The competitive atmosphere; it was felt, worked to hinder the interaction between the students which is so crucial to their education as attorneys.

There was also an issue of fairness to the students which had to be considered. In some cases, in order to regulate the size of the second and third year classes, it became

necessary to flunk out qualified students.

Most law schools have now altered their policies so that the admissions are highly selective, and most of these who are admitted can and do graduate. Sandy Mannix, the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Villanova Law School, does mention, however, that a few schools have retained the older methods, mentioning specifically one school which will admit almost anyone into their summer program, but which passes only about 60% of those admitted.

At Villanova Law School, the percentage of each class which does not advance into the second year has ranged from 6.93% and 13.67% in the past six years. It may be significant to note that the highest percentage came last year, which was the largest class in the school's history, although no one has been able to link these two facts together.

Not all of those who leave do so for purely academic reasons. Many have financial, personal or health reasons, while others discover that law is not the field in which they wish for a career. At Villanova Law School, the percentage of the first year classes which were excluded from the second year class due to grades has ranged from 2.19% and 8.59% over the past six years, again with the highest percentage coming last year.

## This Bugs Us Dept.

Ever since a Shakespearean actor railed, "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers," the Bar has been aware it's got what is called today "an image problem." Thus, we probably should not have been surprised to read some strong language from newspaper editors on the subject of lawyers in the midst of the Abscam defendants' efforts to subpoena and question the reporters who covered the story.

Still, the following excerpt from Richard Aregood's column on the editorial page of the **Daily News** was a bit much to take.

Said Mr. Aregood: "lawyers are a creative annoyance meant to keep us from getting complacent — like chiggers, strawberry flies and mosquitos . . . (but) Lawyers are a more complicated animal. That is because they go to school. Chiggers do not."

Hey, Mr. Aregood. That bugs us. Makes us itch, too.

## Orientation Schedule

### FRIDAY

9 a.m.-10 a.m. Registration  
10 a.m.-11 a.m. Welcome to the Class of 1983 — Rooms 29 and 30  
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration For Classes — Student Lounge  
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. LUNCH  
1:30-3 p.m. Complete Registration process  
2:30-5 p.m. Beer and Band Party

### SATURDAY

10:00-10:15 a.m. Instructions  
10:15-10:45 a.m. Coffee and Donuts — Student Lounge  
10:45-11:45 a.m. Brief Writing Session

— Sara Lee Keller, Student Bar Association

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# LEGAL BRIEFS

## Parties To The Action

Michael G. Brennan and Ann S. Mule, both members of the Class of 1981, have been named co-chairpersons of the Villanova Moot Court Board for the coming academic year.

Michael will preside over the Moot Court I program for the First Year students and Ann will supervise the Moot Court II program for second and third year students and the Reimel Competition, a competitive moot court program.

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Dean J. Willard O'Brien has decided to take an academic sabbatical leave for the Spring 1981 semester. He has said he intends to do "substantial research" in the area of law and religion.

Nobody asked us, but we're betting he'll do his research in Florida, where his new bride hails from. (Look at it this way: if you were going to spend a lot of time in a law library, wouldn't you rather look out the window at sand and surf than snow?).

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Joan McDonald Beck has left her post as Villanova Placement Director for an office a few stations away on the Paoli Local. As half of **Moran & Beck Associates** in Wayne, Mrs. Beck will continue her employment recruiting efforts in a new nationwide legal search corporation.

Mrs. Beck has teamed up with Ann Bidle Moran, formerly Associate Dean at Rutgers University School Of Law, to start the corporation, which will devote itself to fulfilling the recruiting needs for law firms and corporate legal departments.

Since the address and telephone number of this new venture were printed in the **Philadelphia Legal Intelligencer**, it's only fair to repeat them here (after all, what better place for Moran & Beck to start looking for "talent" than among Villanovans?!): 51 Annwood Lane, Wayne, Pa. 19087; 687-3030.

Speaking of Villanovans (and when aren't we?), Linda Fran Berman, a 1978 VLS graduate, has been named Editor of the **Pennsylvania Law Journal**.

While here, Ms. Berman was a quarter-finalist in the 1977 Reimel Moot Court Competition. After graduation, she became Assistant Director of Research and Development at the American Law Institute/American Bar Association Committee on Continuing Professional Education.

Ms. Berman has been active in the Philadelphia Bar Association's Lawyers for the Arts Committee and has worked pro bono for the Support Center for Child Abuse, as well as participating in various other professional and charitable organizations.



Dean J. Willard O'Brien

## KAWTHOMP!

What's big, green, angry and out to save the world from all the crooks that slip through the Justice System?

If you guessed The Hulk, you're close. Would you believe the She-Hulk? By day, she's a tough (but pretty) District Attorney. But later, when she gets angry, watch out! KAWHOMP!

"I'll do things my way," she says, green skin glowing, biceps rippling and bosomy chest heaving, CEEOW!

"I remember the sheer sense of triumph — the exhilaration — I felt the very first time I turned into the She-Hulk," she herself explains in the May issue of Marvel Comics' The Savage She-Hulk.

"I swore to right wrongs — to capture criminals who were beyond the law's reach

— beyond my reach as Jennifer Walters, attorney." And does she ever. PKOW!

"She is to law what Spiderman is to web-slinging," says Marvel publisher Stan Lee.

## Trial Tactics

Trial tactics were the subject of a workshop at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland recently, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Young lawyers who attended the sessions were criticized for using "law school talk" in court. That is, one professor at the workshop stopped a cross-examination about the witness' "ascending and descending" a staircase with the comment: "People go up and down. Only lawyers ascend and descend."

Another professor related the story of the lawyer who asked the witness, "What next did you do with respect to the operation and control of the motor vehicle in question?" He wanted to know, "Where did you drive then?"

## Life After Law School?

Don't say you weren't warned, all you First Year Students: about 34,000 students graduated from ABA accredited law schools this year, and the U.S. Department of Labor estimates that there are only 26,000 openings.

Someone at the **Chicago Tribune**, who has obviously never felt the thrill of grabbing a mike in Contracts to announce, "The plaintiff sued the defendant for breach of contract," suggested that budding legal eagles be advised to "become career seas merchants or indian chiefs" rather than lawyers.

But we're not fooled — the market for indian chiefs is even worse. Besides, they don't get to carry briefcases or wear three-piece suits.

## VLS Yearbook?

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is looking into the possibility of organizing a small yearbook just for the law school. The current practice is for interested students to buy the University (undergraduate) publication, BelleAir, but this is seen as unsatisfactory by many in the law school.

SBA member Mary Bok is interested in your ideas on the subject. Contact her via the Message Board.

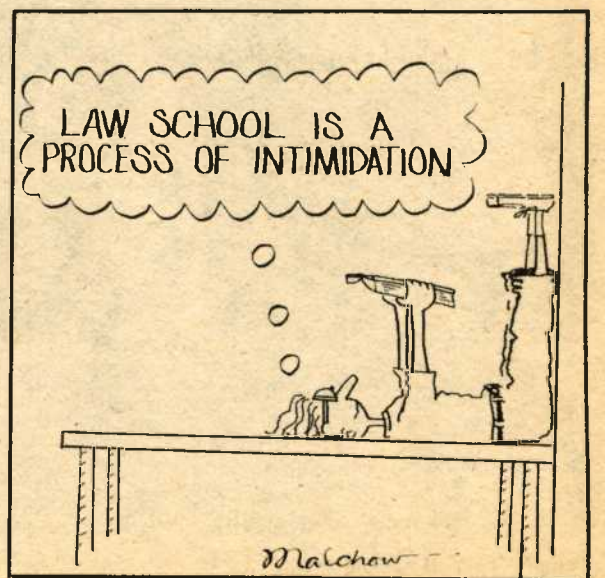
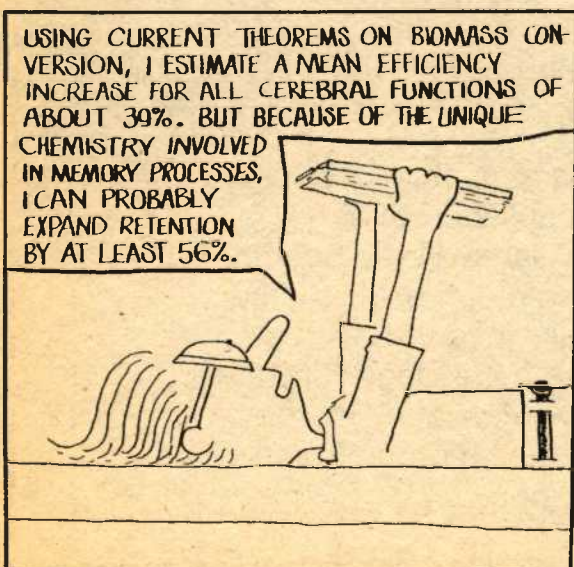
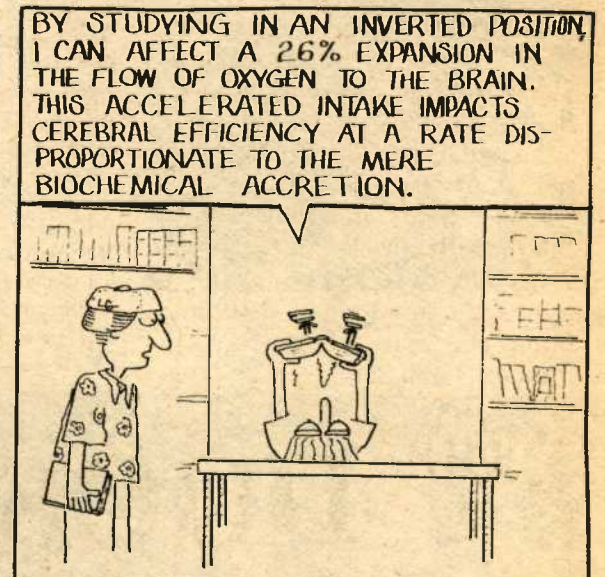
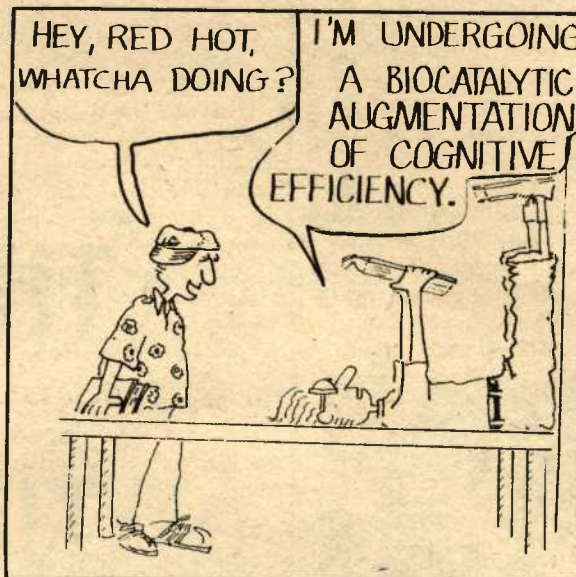
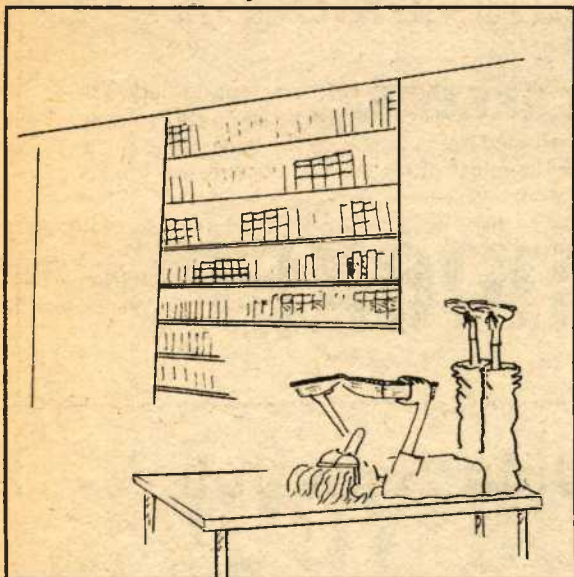
## Going, Gone

The "People's Lounge," a comfortable spot outside the women's room which was located near Room 29, is no more. In the name of progress or faculty offices, the room has been carved up and the People will just have to lounge elsewhere.

Any alumnus interested in being a judge in the Moot Court Board competition should contact Robert "Chip" D'Ambrosio in the Alumni Office. Phone: 645-7035.

## Loop hole

by hal malchow





# Be A Good Sport At Villanova

By John Delaney

The new academic year has begun. Students — be they veterans of the Socratic mind game or legal yearlings — have assembled their equipment in preparation: pens in every color of the rainbow, reams of yellow paper, some extremely heavy and thoroughly uninteresting casebooks. The more industrious have already collected those fine legal treatises by Messrs. Gilbert, Summandsubstance and Emmanuel.

But before it's too late, don't forget those beat-up, worn-out Chuck Taylor All-Stars because the Student Bar Association has once again lent its efforts to keeping the Student Body involved in some facsimile of an athletic activity. Here's a list of the offerings.

## Fall sports

Along with the annual wilting of the Phillies, autumn features flag football and softball. The slow-pitch softball league is for everybody, as fun (rather than talent) is the key ingredient. Flag football, however, is fairly competitive and the fellas have been known to, uh, "be aggressive," as they say in sports circles.

Villanova Law School also fields interscholastic squads in soccer and rugby. The booters are a recent addition to the law school, and anyone with experience and/or

enthusiasm is encouraged to enlist. The ruggers have been around for so long that their rock and roll bashes have become a law school tradition. They tough it out against Philadelphia-area graduate schools in between sojourns to "Schaefer City."

## Basketball

Winter is mainly characterized by that cookies-and-milk period known as finals, and what seems like a one-day Christmas vacation. Once the second semester begins, though, it's time for roundball.

In addition to two interscholastic squads, the law school has two intramural leagues: "competitive" and "recreational." Those terms are meant to be descriptive.

The competitive division has some excellent basketball players; the recreational league has some people who think they are excellent basketball players. Regardless of where you fit into this scheme, there's a spot for everyone, even Frank "Lord of the Leap" Arleo.

## Special events

Along with the team competitions, some one-time events are in the wind. The Mitch Smith Open will be held in April, so named because all of the honorees past and present roommates have agreed to caddy and provide refreshments. Isn't that right, guys?

Kidding aside, an ice skating night at nearby Radnor Rink is a possibility, as is an evening of Kegling (or, for all you Penn grads, bowling). A spring tennis tournament is on the drawing board, too.

## Facilities

A word about Villanova facilities: they're at a premium. Basketball courts are situated in St. Mary's Hall (across Route 320 from the law school), Alumni Hall (on the Main Campus) and the Fieldhouse (Lancaster and Ithan Avenues). The Fieldhouse also houses a weight room and an Olympic-sized swimming pool. The University's other swimming pool is in St. Mary's Hall. Tennis courts can be found near St. Mary's and behind the University Bookstore.

Runners can be found everywhere, as jogging has become the most popular law school sport since Open Writing. You should also know that the Law School is the proud "home track" of two of Greater Philadelphia's best marathoners: Professor Walter Taggart and Third Year student Dick Hayden.

Watch the bulletin boards outside the Student Lounge for more information on all of these sporting events.

And now a word to the wise: Villanova is an integral part of Philadelphia's famed Main Line. That means if you were actually

considering further use of your high white converse sneakers, you're going to be a little out of place.

Hustle your muscle over to the nearest

sporting goods shop, er, athletic attire emporium, and pick up some new aerodynamically perfect fancy foreign all-purpose competition level footwear. Touche! Now you fit right in.



Grrrr! Rugby.

ALUMNI CALENDAR		
August	28	Delaware Alumni Reception Hotel DuPont, Wilmington
September	24	New York area Alumni Reception NY Bar Association Building, New York City
October	26	Red Mass
	18	Annual Alumni Meeting Franklin Institute, Philadelphia

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