New Grade Adopted

By Tony Harrigan

A new grading system will be in effect here at the Law School this semester. Students now have the possibility of getting a B-plus grade, rather than simply an A, B, C-plus, C, minus, D or F.

The proposal to add the new grade was submitted to the faculty by the Faculty's Grading and Examining Committee and approved by the faculty last summer. The new policy will afford greater latitude to reflect gradations in the performance of students in a class, according to Dean Abraham. The purpose of the change was to afford professors the opportunity to recognize (with a higher grade) groups of students now have the possibility of getting a B-plus grade, rather than simply an A, B, C-minus, is a swing back to the middle grades (formerly). The one word professors are using most frequently to describe the new grading system is "grade-flationary." Impact, remain to be seen.

The new policy furthers the trend in recent years at the Law School toward refining recognition of gradations among students. Originally, when number grades were used (for example, 70, 71, 72, etc.), extremely fine distinctions were possible. The switch to letter grades reversed this situation entirely, restricting professors to a few broad categories.

The addition of the new B-plus grade to the scale which already includes a C-plus and a C-minus, is a swing back to the middle grades in terms of gradation.

Leftovers

Unsold books may be picked up by contacting Joe Marcucci. Hours when money is being distributed will be posted periodically.

Wall Street Style

Law Office Politics

By Tony Green

In a way, the young Wall Street associate considered the story he was about to tell hysterically funny. Funny enough to make one cry. It was about one of his colleagues at his firm, one of Wall Street's biggest.

"You see, this guy used to wear those Brooks Brothers suits to their shiny black shoes to their underwear," he said, smiling. "And he was standing at the urinal next to one of the major, senior partners who evidently noticed that his junior was wearing that kind of underwear."

"Word got down to the associate, very quickly, that this was just not done at our firm. Why was this so significant? Well, first of all, it shows that nothing is sacred, nothing private. But it is also a question of image. This firm is stuffy. And the image should be reflected by its members — from their Brooks Brothers suit to their shiny black shoes to their underwear. Needless to say, he switched to boxer shorts."

Check out any book store these days and you'll find a shelf full of books telling you how to make it, how to win through intimidation, how to dress for success, how to scratch your adversary's eyes out and how to win at office politics.

So you might as well face it: the political games are played out everywhere. In a marriage. In a love affair. In a kindergarten. Games are played out everywhere. In a love affair. In a kindergarten. Games are played out everywhere. In a marriage. In a love affair. In a kindergarten. Games are played out everywhere.

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The Honor System is a standard of behavior in student life required of Riser, Paul Dougherty, Gus Sellito, and Professors Cannon, Goldberger, in this issue notes. A committee composed of students and faculty (Tim Code. Put simply, the question might be phrased in these terms; who de­

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istration of the Code of Conduct." The new Code states that any individual shall have original jurisdiction pertaining to conduct constituting a violation of the Code of Conduct. There are (1) A reclarification of the definition of conduct which fails to meet accepted standards of academic and professional conduct, whether such conduct violates the Code or not. The old Code provided that the Honor Board shall have original jurisdiction over any information it possesses relevant to the case at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. The new Code requires the Board to turn over all original jurisdiction. It should be noted that at this stage, the faculty also retains jurisdiction over all other matters. We favor the latter approach as the proposal which recognizes the responsibility of students to each other in enforcing a Code of Conduct at the Law School. We favor the latter approach as the proposal which recognizes the responsibility of students to each other in enforcing a Code of Conduct at the Law School.

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LEGAL BRIEFS

94 Miles to Go

By John Schreck

Outstanding distance runners are not very hard to find around Villanova, and few can even be found at the Law School. One of the best is the Walter J. Taggart, VLS Professor of Law.

"A '68 graduate of VLS, Professor Taggart basically sees his running as a hobby. "I really enjoy the social aspect of distance running, being with friends and doing what I enjoy. In a way it is a way like playing golf."

However, with a full teaching schedule and many responsibilities to the legal community outside of VLS, he often finds it difficult to run his usual 60 miles per week and has to drop down to as few as 50 miles per week.

After two short years as a competitive distance runner Professor Taggart put in a strong showing at the Philadelphia Half Marathon on September 23, posting a time of 1:22:11.

"It was an intolerably hot day and I had to jog in the last two miles," he says. However he adds, "I was really pleased with my performance in the rest of the race. I had gone out at a much faster pace than before and didn't have any trouble other than heat, and that seemed to be getting everyone down a slower time than usual."

So if you see a red-haired, bearded runner on Township Line road, be careful how you pass him. He could probably catch up with you before you get home.

Garey Ruggers Win Again

By Pete Barrett

The fall classic of Rugby was recently held on the Villanova University Campus. The Garey Hall ruggers were pitted against their undergraduate counterparts in a hard-hitting match characteristic of the fierce rivalry that has grown between the two teams. When the dust had settled and the kegs were tapped Garey Hall had come out on top 13-8.

The same men that opened the scoring for Garey Hall are also opening doors for important employment opportunities for all of us. If Nicky Caniglia hadn't charged into the endzone, if Mike Hagan and John McCluster hadn't combined for another try, and if the "Big Foot" Bentley hadn't added his extra points, well then perhaps Chief Justice Warren Burger wouldn't have offered clerkships to team captains Neil Davidowitz and Dennis Platt. Actually, it may be true that no such offers were ever made, but this only highlights further the general atmosphere of ignorance in this country as to the importance of the Garey Hall Rugby Club.

Class Rank: Bottom 90%?

A recent New York Times article caught our eye with what, at first, looked like cheerful news for job-hunting law students.

The article cited a study by the National Association for Law Placement which said there's been a "slight improvement" this year in recent law grads finding employment (over previous years).

The article noted that top students have "a seller's market" to look forward to when peddling resumes. Our hopes were dashed, however, by this quote from McGeorge School of Law placement director Arthur Lucuski:

"Every law placement office is concerned with the bottom 90 percent of the class. For them, the market is still very competitive."

That's funny. "Bottom 90 percent" is not how we phrased it on our resume.

Cannon on Stage

Villanova Law School's own thespian Professor John Cannon will be performing in Plays and Players' current production at their theater at 1714 Delancey Street in Philadelphia.

Professor Cannon plays the part of one of the candidates in Gore Vidal's The Best Man. Tonight, tomorrow night, October 30, 31, and November 1, 2, 6, 9, 8.

For more information, call PE 5-0630. Tickets are four and five dollars.
The Villanova Law School Soccer team opened up its season two weekends ago with a very impressive 1-1 tie against the previously unbeaten and unscored upon Wharton Business School. As nearly 16 spectators cheered on our local heroes, it was apparent from the start that this was to be an all out battle. After Wharton had got on the scoreboard first, the VLS boosters were sure their men had come on strong exploiting the much slower Wharton defense in the second half and drilled a ton defense in the second half and drilled a knot the score at 1 apiece. Thereafter, the VLS boosters where both men just broke up Wharton drives.

Q: How about if I meet this really nice guy or girl at my firm? Can we go out?
A: Strictly speaking, that depends on the etiquette of your firm. But, generally, interoffice love affairs backfire. First you try to keep it a secret but that's impossible. And when you break up — if you break up — things can get a little dicey, with the scorched partner pouting and crying. Such scenes might look petty and immature to the higher ups. Besides, you're not really supposed to think about such things. You're supposed to think about only one thing: the niches in such fields as asbestos litigation, environmental law, aviation law and the like. Recently, a small coterie of clever Philadelphia and Jersey lawyers have cashed in on casino gambling in Atlantic City. Bringing in a choice piece of business will also earn you some points.

Q: Do I have to kiss ... feet to get ahead?
A: Apple polishing might work in a gravy spoon or a real estate firm but lawyers are specialists in analyzing people and they can spot a young associate playing the Eddie Haskell game a mile away. Subtlety is vital. It is important, however, to get the bosses to yourself in a social context. Office politics is played at its best on the squash court, at lunch and at cocktail parties. This is an especially brutal part of the game for women. Unfortunately, most of the country's senior partners who will determine your fate are men, men who won't be too quick to invite a woman along for an after work drink with the boys. It can be a vicious cycle. To get invited to such functions, the lady associate has to be assertive. But some men, most men, are put off by assertive women.

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