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Brogan Critical

LAW TUITION UP

By Dave Eddy

The sixteen percent increase in the law school budget to $4,152, approved by the University Senate was largely a fait accompli. Jim Brogan, law school representative to the Senate, commented that the Senate had no alternative. The body’s discussion of the budget was basically academic because of a dearth of specific budget figures made specific, intelligent discussion impossible. Brogan further noted that even if the figures were provided, the Senate is largely powerless. Despite this, the Senate voted 15 for, 11 against, a abolition of the tuition increase proposal. All the student senators and two faculty members were against the budget and Dean Abraham and Prof. Cannon abstained.

Brogan’s dissatisfaction with the increase was tempered somewhat by the fact that from what he could “glean” the 16% increase was reasonable.

Brogan disparaged the skeletal presentation of the budget given to the Senate to approve. The total dollar figures were not broken down in any meaningful way, he said, yet the senate was expected to vote on this matter.

A second cause for dismay involved the budget-maker’s apparent disregard for the Senate’s expressed and accepted priority of having financial aid increases keep pace with tuition increases. Not only was this not done, but the budget program but the budget was even less successful with the law school. In the law school budget there was a 5.8% disparity between the increases.

A third area of dispute involved another priority established by the Senate. This was the deferral for the third year in a row of the maintenance of the university’s physical plant.

Reagan Plans Hit Students In Wallet

By Wei-Wei Chiu

The Reagan Administration’s proposed budget cuts in the area of government educational loans should not affect students for the 1981-82 academic year, according to Sandy Mannix, Villanova Law School’s Admission Officer. However, for the 1982-83 year and thereafter, although nothing definite has been done yet, most of the proposals are “bad” for students and some will be “disastrous.”

The new program changes the current National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) and Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) programs in primarily three ways. First, the in-school interest subsidy is eliminated and replaced with an interest payment while you are in school, provision, such interest being compounded while you are in school. If the student is out of school, the interest is payable while in school. If the student is in school, the interest is payable at the market rate (currently the market rate (currently 9% for 1981-82).

No Student Graduation Speaker

Dean Abraham, with the assistance of Dean O’Brien, has decided that there will be no student speaker at the law school commencement ceremonies. The idea had been proposed by the Student/Faculty Committee, which suggested that the graduating class be permitted to vote on whether to have a member of the class deliver an address at graduation.

Dean O’Brien and Dean Abraham both opposed the suggestion on the ground that students would not like having one of their number singled out for special notice at the commencement exercises.

On Trial

By Tom Barnes

Ann Nevel and Joanne Sellick were runners up in the Regional Round of the National Moot Court Competition held at Dickinson Law School and will go on to the National round. Dave Robbins and Suzanne McCann made it to the semi-finals during the four elimination rounds held at Dickinson. The Regionals involved a criminal bribery case, and the Nationals will also consist of a criminal problem. All four participants thank their student witnesses and judges, Mrs. Jane Anderson, and Professor Richard Goldenberg for their valuable assistance.

VLS Team

Winners

By Tom Barnes

Marie Barnhurst and Dave Pennington have teamed up to win the Moot Court Competition, a new event sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Also competing from VLS were Jim Brogan and Sharon Brown.

The Moot Court Competition was held in honor of the late Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge, who was a past President of the Philadelphia chapter of the Federal Bar Association.
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Changing The Guard

The news that Villanova Law School has hired three new female faculty members is a bittersweet announcement when coupled with the news that Professors Frug and Spina are leaving. Professor Mary Jo Frug will teach next year at New England School of Law and Professor Dolores Spina will leave the faculty to attend to family obligations. Both will be sorely missed.

Professor Spina has been much admired by her students here at the law school for her practical, down-to-earth approach to the law. Her students remark favorably on her "no bull" style and pass the word that she's "easy to understand," a valuable attribute in a law professor.

Professor Frug, on the other hand, is admired for other reasons. Her quick wit and often self-deprecating humor allow her to teach employment discrimination with the enthusiasm of a pioneer while neatly deflecting the hostility that such an emotionally-charged subject often engenders.

It takes nothing away from either of these two professors, fine teachers in their own right, to remark at this point that with the departure of both of them, Villanova loses its only two fulltime teaching positions held by women. Although Anne Pulkin has been added to this faculty for the fall, the addition of one woman professor while subtracting two still adds up to a faculty that simply does not have enough women professors.

This is a situation that we, at the Docket, hope will be rectified during the new academic year. It is generally conceded that the Law School would be bettered by diversifying its faculty/student ratio — priority should be given to the addition of women professors.

On a personal level, we will miss Professors Frug and Spina, while we wish them the best of luck in their new endeavors. The Law School community is poorer for their departure but was greatly enriched by their tenures here.

Believe It Or Not ...

By Kate Harper

Students who lobbied for increased awareness of security problems in and around the Law School have gotten a sympathetic ear from Mrs. Betty Murphy, Law School facilities coordinator.

Mrs. Murphy reported recently that she has made progress in improving several conditions which students had complained were dangerous.

One major complaint was that the parking lot was dark at night. According to Mrs. Murphy, lightbulbs in the parking lot have been replaced with mercury vapor lamps which are designed to give greater light. A larger light was stationed near the dumpster and electrical wiring, which had caused blackouts, has been repaired.

Another problem which goes unmentioned. The promotional materials for the United Nations exhibit in the new East Hall did not approach this concern with all deliberate speed either. The insensitivity extends beyond the White House, however.

The Black children and the parents of Atlanta have been doubly victimized. Not only have they been victimized by a ruthless murderer, but they have also been a victim of unrelenting criticism. The press has characterized the parents of the victims as negligent and unforthcoming, the children as dangerous and out of control.

It is surprising that a tragedy of this dimension has not occurred before now. It is only recently that Atlanta has been the place of this crime. All of the urban areas across our nation are potential settings. Until we begin to understand and face the multitude of problems in our cities, Atlanta will repeat itself.

In conclusion, we know when the Iranian crisis began. We are not at all sure when the Atlanta Crisis started. We knew that there were 52 Americans taken in Iran. In Atlanta, an entire population has been taken hostage and is living under a cloud of fear and apprehension. Meanwhile, each day another child is found dead or reported missing. Fear is generated and felt well beyond Atlanta. The problem in Atlanta is not a "black" problem. It is an American problem. It should concern all of us.

Representatives of BALSA

An American Problem

By Kevin C. Gleason

Within the last few weeks I was approached by an organization which is doing business in the State area under the alternate names of Energy Age I and Solar United National Products, Incorporated.

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The facts are simple. Of the two names used in the promotions only one is a registered name. The "company" solar device along their line actually decreases the amount of solar radiation available to heat living spaces. The promoters claim that F. Lee Bailey is a director of the corporation. Mr. Bailey knows nothing of the organization. The agreement which one is encouraged to sign is voidable at the election of either party without notice.

All of these factors are not of themselves sufficient for any real legal action.

However, some agencies are very interested in continuing the investigation, including: the FBI, SEC, FTC, Pa. Securities Commission, U.S. Postal Inspectors, and the IRS. I wouldn't want all of those guys mad at me!

My investigation took an interesting turn when I called F. Lee Bailey's Washington representative, Mr. Wayne Smith, called the Bulletin about the story. I spoke to a reporter from the Bulletin. She was very interested in being fed the story which was the product of my labor. When I suggested that my investigative expenses be covered by her paper I was accused of being a "stringer" whatever that is. Also I was an interest to be fed the story which was the product of my labor. When I suggested that my investigative expenses be covered by her paper I was accused of being a "stringer" whatever that is. Also I was asked to perform in a scheme to trade the reputation of a future attorney for a lousy hundred bucks. We could not reach an agreement.

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Examiners Expand Exams
For Examinees

by Tom Barnes

There will be more subjects to study for the July, 1982, Pennsylvania Bar Examination, the Board of Law Examiners recently announced. Students taking the 1982 test will be required to know and prepare to be tested on Federal Income taxes, family law, and perhaps other topics which will not be tested on the July, 1981 exam. According to Acting Dean Gerald Abraham, the increased coverage grew out of a concern by the Board that a practicing Pennsylvanian lawyer should be familiar with the substantive law of these subjects.

Dean Abraham said that the Board informed the Deans of the seven Pennsylvania law schools last May that they wanted to increase the number of topics covered on the essay portion of the exam. The announcement also stated that no changes would be made without consulting the deans. In a meeting with the Board last summer, the deans unanimously opposed the changes. Dean Abraham was not present but in his opinion, the deans argued to the Board that there were no inadequacies in the exam’s present format, and that it wasn’t a good idea to induce students to take courses that they might not have desired or planned to take. Dean Abraham also speculated that the law schools’ deans let the Board know that they didn’t like being told to arrange their curriculums.

The local law schools received a letter on September 19, 1980, from the Board telling Blood Drive

The Student Bar Association is sponsoring its third Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 14, 1981, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. St. Mary’s Gym has been chosen as the site for this semester’s drive.

Due to the increased demand for blood by the hospitals in the Penn-Jersey region, our goal has been increased from 75 pints to 100 pints. As a result, we need the help from the entire law school including the faculty and administration if we are to meet our goal. As always, a free keg of beer will be given to the class donating the highest percentage of blood.

Please contact any SBA officer or representative to sign up for an appointment.

Not To Be Missed

The Young Lawyers Committee of the Federal Bar Association has planned a wine and cheese reception for area law students on Friday, April 10, 1981, commencing at 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at 260 S. 15th Street at the Fellowship Building auditorium. "We are anxious to meet with you and your fellow law students," said Ms. Ida Chen, of the Young Lawyer’s Committee.

Everyone is invited to attend. Please RSVP at 397-0681 during the day or at 545-8030 in the evening.

Another Success

J. Michael Ryan and Maria Pecoraro of VLS ‘80 are pleased to announce the opening of their law offices, RYAN & PECORARO, Suite 100, 1223 West Chester Pike, West Chester, Pa. 19381, (215) 436-9510.
What Is Your Opinion Of President Reagan's El Salvador Policy?

Bob Griffiths Class of '82 — In view of recent Soviet expansionism and El Salvador's proximity to the United States, it may be the right time and the right place, from a practical standpoint, to communicate our strategic interests to the Soviet Union. We must be very careful, however, that our "global perspective" does not create a backlash among the peoples of Latin and South America, Fostering the goodwill and friendship of those peoples would best effectuate the Monroe Doctrine.

American Trial Lawyers Foundation, essentially, Freedman sees the lawyer as the "champion against a hostile world" and feels that respect for the "auto­macy of the individual" is reflected in the American Trial Lawyers' proposals.

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Professor Dolores Spina

Frug, Spina Leave: Three Hired

By Mitchell Smith

Among the new faculty members announced as next fall's is a scholar who knows Villanova from its earliest days.

Thomas O'Toole, who will return next year as a Visiting Professor, taught here from 1953 to 1962 as part of the Law School's "founding faculty." A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, he has also taught at Suffolk, Georgetown, Northwestern and Antioch law schools, served as Dean at Northeastern and practiced law in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

Although the curriculum for next year has not yet been finally decided, it is possible that O'Toole will teach Constitutional Law, Torts or Labor Law, according to Dean Abraham.

Anne Poulin will bring a background in Chicago Law, having served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Chicago, a graduate of Radcliffe College and the University of Maine School of Law, and has been teaching at Chicago-Kent Law School.

Louis Sirico, the second full-time recruit, is apparently considered popular by his students at Rutgers Law School, Camden, where he teaches Property Law.

Professor Mary Joe Frug

Villanova alumna Arthur B. "Buzz" Shuman of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, spoke here recently to Professor John Dobbyn's seminar class.

Shuman, giving a brief review of recent United States Supreme Court cases dealing with the rights of the accused, counseled students interested in criminal defense work to stick to the basics. Shuman said he reads the recent decisions as representing a pendulum swing from dealing with decisions of the last decade which expanded the constitutional rights of suspects.

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Students may find themselves short-changed on reading period next spring if the calendar proposed by Dean Abraham is ratified by the faculty.

The proposed calendar would shorten that period from four days to two days. Dean Abraham offered the calendar as a solution to those who complained that the law school's winter break was too short. By starting the exam period on the Monday following the last day of classes and the first day of the exam period, the law school will be able to extend the winter break by two days.

The Student/Faculty Committee voted not to endorse the calendar at their March meeting. The Committee, largely dominated by students, passed a resolution calling the proposed calendar unacceptable and suggesting various alternatives. All three alternatives featured a four day reading period. The Committee is purely advisory to the Faculty.

ABA-LSD Meets

By Bill Brittan

Dickinson Law School was the host for this year's American Bar Association Law Student Division, held on March 21. Villanova Law School was dutifully represented by Bill Brittan, '83, Scott Sandusky, Third Circuit Governor, chaired the conference. The morning session included speakers from Harrisburg on the subjects of lawyers in government and lawyer's role in lobbying. The afternoon session was reserved for workshops. The last order of business at the conference was the election of the new Third Circuit Governor, Jeff Nesson of Baltimore Law School.

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**Football Round-Up**

By Jim Franz

For an unprecedented third year in a row the Law School Intramural Football Championship was captured by the widely acclaimed third-year team, Legal Lightning. Although this championship game took place over four months ago, it seemed of such a trivial and meaningless character that this reporter, in all honesty, had difficulty adequately putting to ink the horrendous debacle some people have had the audacity to call a "football game." Nevertheless, after much consternation and several threatening phone calls from some thug who identified himself as "Bruno," I was willing to recall that nightmarish occurrence.

It was a balmy day last November when quarterback Dave Weller scored two touchdowns in the opening minutes of the Garey Hall Super Bowl to pace undefeated Legal Lightning to a 31-19 victory over Jaffe's Jets. Dave Weller's touchdowns came on a 50-yard pass from quarterback Ricky Liss and a 33-yard return of an intercepted pass thrown by Jets quarterback Paul Rosencranz. The Jets struck back with a touchdown pass of their own and the first half ended with Legal Lightning leading 13-7.

Legal Lightning opened the second half with a touchdown reception from the elusive Neil Davidowitz on a brilliant "tackle eluding" play. Moments later the lightning lineman Dennis Platt averted a sack of Junior Yesenko.

Legal Lightning later scored two touchdowns with Ricky Liss adding an insurance score on a 4-yard quarterback draw play to cap the scoring. The powerful Legal Lightning offense provided excellent protection for quarterback Ricky Liss all afternoon. Superior performances were turned in by Legal Lightning centerbacks Jim Spadero and Marty Rubenstein and by middle linebacker Jim Franz. These defensive stalwarts have been consistently recognized as likely candidates to the league All-Star Team.

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The Docket staff of 1981-82 is very grateful for the faithful services of the members of the graduating class. We wish them success in the years to come. Thank you to Pete Barrett, Marianne Bechtle, Tom Bovezni, Eric Bruning, Tom Delaney, Kate Harper, Tom Harragan, Mitch Smith, Tom Wilkinson, Matt Wolfe and Kathy Yesenko.

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