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Welcome to Villanova Law School! The next year will be a challenging one for you, but everyone here also hopes it will be a fulfilling one. Your faculty adviser, your colleagues and all of the members of the faculty and administrative are available to help.

As of August 1st, the following statistics applied to your class. There are about 230 of you entering the first year class and you come from all over the United States. 54% of you were male, 46% obviously were female. You are the graduates of 103 different undergraduate institutions. The five largest "feeder" schools were: University of Pennsylvania (18 students at 8%), Villanova University (14 students at 6%), St. Joseph's University (10 students at 5%), Pennsylvania State University (7 students at 3%), and Lafayette, Franklin and Marshall College and the University of Delaware (6 students each at 3%). Although you come from 35 different undergraduate majors, a few programs claimed a disproportionate number of students. The overwhelmingly favorite choice of majors was political science/government (62 students at 28%). Other majors with a large number of adherents were: history (22 students at 10%), English and Literature (21 students at 10%), Accounting (20 students at 9%) and Psychology (14 students at 6%). These five majors accounted for 71 students or about 13% of the class. There also is one music major, one nursing major, and one minor in women's studies. The overwhelming favorite choice of majors was psychology, one minor in mathematics, one minor in computer science, and one minor in economics.

The LSADS statistics for your class are impressive. The median LSAT score for the group was 767, substantially higher than the median in previous years. The highest LSAT score was 778. The median undergraduate grade point for your class was 3.41, about usual for Villanova. The highest GP.A. was 4.0.

As Dean of the Law School, Dean O'Brien's major concern is the future of legal education in general, and specifically the future of VLS. Dean O'Brien used his time away from the everyday operations of the school to identify problems in the future of VLS and formulate appropriate solutions to keep minor problems from becoming major.

Dean Garbarino has maintained his ties to the legal profession through a large number of engagements. He graduated at the top of his class, the first graduating class of the school. Dean Garbarino was a distinguished member of the VLS class of 1956. His association with VLS has been full of firsts. Incidentally, Dean Garbarino pointed out that VLS was the first Catholic institution to be associated with the Order.

The VLS community may benefit from the Dean's personal studies through a lecture in the areas of jurisprudence and judicial review. Unfortunately, the Dean will not be teaching classes this year. Dean O'Brien said that he "cannot afford the luxury of teaching" due to the demands of his aggressive goals.

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As a lifetime member and former chairperson of the VLS Board of Consultants, Dean Garbarino has maintained his ties with the Law School. When asked to comment on his appointment to the office, Associate Dean Garbarino said, "I look forward with considerable enthusiasm to coming back to my law school. I hope that the practical experience I've had for over twenty years can bring a beneficial dimension to our current level of outstanding faculty while ensuring that highly qualified professors will continue to be attracted to VLS."

Dean Garbarino returned from a six-month sabbatical in West Palm Beach, Florida. The Dean remarked that he is "enthusiastic and brimming with energy," prepared to deal with the problems facing law schools today and implement plans made over the past few months.

Dean O'Brien back in his office.

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For the past twenty-five years Dean Garbarino has remained closely associated with VLS while developing as an attorney in the private practice of law. Upon graduation, Dean Garbarino completed a judicial clerkship in District Court and then assumed a position with the Philadelphia Electric Company.

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**Socrates, Fire And Other Thoughts**

Abraham Lincoln said of an unsuccessful election bid that he felt like a little boy who had stubbed his toe in the dark. He was too old to cry, but somehow the tears came anyway. Welcome to VLS and what has come to be called the Socratic method.

Arthur Vanderbilt spoke of this "Socratic Tradition" in glowing terms. "I doubt if any other students in America work harder or more enthusiastically or more profitably than our first- and second-year law students. One of the great satisfactions of teaching law, indeed for many the greatest satisfaction, is in helping young minds catch fire intellectually for the first time through the study in the Socratic tradition of the law in action." What he doesn't warn you about is how quickly this fire can rage out of control and become an all consuming inferno, an inferno ready to ignite without warning or provocation. No one is immune, only some are more wary and keep the fires properly banked. This fuel is the fear of not achieving the goals you have set.

One of the great legal minds of America, Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "If you want to hit a bird on the wing, you must have all your will in focus, you must not be thinking about yourself, and, equally, you must not be thinking about your neighbor; you must be living in your own world, not on the bird. Every achievement is a bird on the wing." This admonition should be taken to heart to avoid falling to the sweet glow of the fire fueled by fear. They really do try to scare you to death in the first year!

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**SBA News**

**The Year Ahead**

By Lou Magazzu

August 28 has arrived and so has another Law School year. On behalf of the Student Bar Association, I have the Privilege of welcoming First year and returning Second and Third year students.

I would like to take this opportunity to explain the role of the SBA and discuss some of the projects we hope to work on during the upcoming year.

The Student Bar Association represents the students of the Law School. Each class is represented by three students. In addition to the class representatives the SBA has four executive officers: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. Also on the SBA Board is Villanova's representative to the Law Student Division of the Student Bar Association. While second and third year representatives were elected last spring, the first year representatives will be elected in a special election to be held in several weeks.

In past years the primary role of the SBA has been to provide various social events for the student body. Social events for this year will be continued and expanded. A few of the proposals include TGIF's (on a regular basis), a Christmas Party, group tickets for area sporting and cultural events, the Barrister's Ball and any other projects our social chairman, Bill Britton, can dream up providing he has sufficient support.

This year the SBA will also continue the used book sale which gives students the opportunity to purchase casebooks at prices much lower than those at the University Bookstore. I urge all students with tight budgets (that's most of us) to visit the SBA book sale prior to purchasing their casebooks at the University Bookstore.

There are also several new projects the SBA hopes to start on this year. High on the list is the establishment of a student caucus. Through this caucus the leaders of all Law School student organizations would be provided with a forum to discuss subjects of mutual interest and communicate those interests to the Administration in a cogent and organized fashion.

The SBA looks forward to your participation in all of the scheduled events and wishes you a successful year.
The legal employment picture for graduates of law schools approved by the American Bar Association has again shown moderate improvement for the third consecutive year according to a survey released by the National Association for Law Placement at its recent annual conference in Val, Colorado. This survey, the "Class of 1979 Employment Report," revealed that 21,033 out of 22,711 or 92.6% of the reported law graduates had obtained a law-related position within nine months after graduation. The survey for the NALP Employment Report is conducted as of March 15 of each year in order to allow graduates from the previous year to receive their bar examination results and obtain employment based upon those results.

The 1979 NALP survey is based upon the responses of 139 schools or 82.2% of the ABA-approved American law schools. According to the NALP Report, 34% of all graduates entered the private practice of law. Of these, 13.1% joined firms of over 50 lawyers and 4% went into practice while another 24% became associated with firms ranging in size from 2 to 50 lawyers. In addition, 14.7% of the graduates entered government service, 10.0% took positions with business concerns; 9.0% accepted judicial clerkships; 5.4% chose public interest-public service positions; 5.3% pursued academic careers; 1.7% entered the military service; and 0.8% went into fields classified as "other." The statistics for the various employment categories have remained relatively stable for the past five years, but at the same time there seems to have been a trend toward greater diversification in the employment positions available to law graduates in newly developing fields. This is due in large part to versatility of the law degree which allows new lawyers to work in areas formerly unavailable to lawyers. These "new" fields as compiled in the NALP survey include over one hundred different types of positions for law school graduates.

The results of the NALP Employment Report cast doubt upon forecasts which predict unemployment for large numbers of the law graduates. The figures for entry into traditional legal employment have held relatively firm over the past five years, but at the same time there seems to have been a trend toward greater diversification in the employment positions available to law graduates in newly developing fields. This is due in large part to versatility of the law degree which allows new lawyers to work in areas formerly unavailable to lawyers. These "new" fields as compiled in the NALP survey include over one hundred different types of positions for law school graduates.

The "NALP Class of 1979 Employment Report," conducted and compiled by Arthur Terrazza, Director of Placement, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, Sacramento, California.

While this report does not give information regarding employment percentages at individual law schools, it does provide the most comprehensive survey of the job market for recent law graduates. The "NALP Employment Report" is available for $20.00 plus $2.00 for postage and handling, payable to NALP, from L. Wayne Greenawalt, Executive Director, Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118. (804) 335-7777.

Editor's Note: The above report should not be construed to mean that firms are decreasing upon law schools with easily obtainable job offers. The Duquesne Law School Placement Office reports that positions are still highly competitive and that they must be sought by prepared and serious applicants. (Reprinted from Juris News Magazine, Spring 1981.)
Pictured above at the award presentation are: (left) Dean Gerald Abraham, Maryann Haynes of Colonial Penn and Albert Foster.

VLS Student Wins Elder Scholar Of The Year Award

By John Schreck

Three of VLS's professional library staff have left their positions with VLS this year for new positions in private and public business.

Elsa Lichtenberg, who for the past nine years has been the Acquisitions and Government Documents Librarian for VLS, joined Library Management Services, Inc. as a partner of Eileen McBeth the former law librarian for the Chester County Law Library. Library Management Services is a corporate venture designed to provide professional library services to law firms that don't have the size or need for a full-time librarian. This will add to the variety of services that a small firm will be able to offer its clients at the same time giving the firm a flexibility that usually only comes with a large firm with its larger, and more costly library. Lichtenberg said that the firm will operate in the four county area of Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester and Mont–

Bob Weber was the night and weekend reference librarian for one and a half years prior to his move to Oregon this summer. Weber has taken the new position of Public Service Librarian at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Clamith Falls, a four year college. The prime motive in the move to Oregon for Weber was the location, as he is a very avid outdoorsman and the west coast will give him many new opportunities to explore and camp in beautiful country.

Charlie Harvey, who received her J.D. from George Washington in 1976, is the new Law Librarian at Rutgers Newark, the same position she had held at VLS. This move will give Harvey the opportunity to spend more time in a large city, something that she had missed since being with VLS. Few libraries get the heavy use that a law library does, and this makes the library staff very important to smooth operation. The next issue of the Docket will bring you up to date on the new members of the VLS library staff.

Albert Foster, VLS '82, was named earlier this summer as a grant recipient in the nationwide Elder Scholar of the Year competition at the age of 59. The award was presented by Colonial Penn Group, Inc., a Philadelphia-based company that had invited all four-year accredited colleges and universities across the United States to participate by nominating a student aged 50 or older.

Until fairly recently, older Americans were a rarity in the nation's colleges and universities. Historically, people attended college directly from high school or military service. Today, however, older college students are becoming more common. Although he had several opportunities to study law years ago, Al felt that the time required would detract greatly from the upbringing of his children. Al is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He went to work for Lord and Taylor in 1950 and left the company in 1978 as a result of management reorganization. It was shortly thereafter that he decided to apply to law school.

"I am exceedingly happy at Villanova.," Al said in an interview held at his Jenkintown home. He especially commended the law school for its non-discriminatory policies with regard to age, sex, religion and race.

"Not only the students, but the entire faculty and staff have made me feel at home."

The award presentation, followed by a wine and cheese reception was held at the law school on Wednesday, June 17, 1981. Students and faculty attended. There was a national winner as well as 16 regional winners. Judging of the candidates was based on academic excellence, personal achievement, motivation and contributions to society. Al, as a regional winner, received $500. This summer Al worked in the Montgomery County District Attorney's office in Norristown. He expects to graduate next spring and then begin working in his new career.

Congratulations Al!!!

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