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 advisor, 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 in the class, one major in women's studies, one psychology major, one semiotics major and one musicology major.

The LSDAS statistics for your class are impressive. The median LSAT score for the group is 637, substantially higher than the median in previous years. The highest LSAT score was 779. The median undergraduate grade point for your class was 3.41, about usual for Villanova. The highest G.P.A. was 4.0.

You will also be impressed to learn that VLS was the first Catholic institution to participate in the national Moot Court competition and was elected the first president of the VLS chapter of the Order of the Coif. Incidentally, Dean Garbarino pointed out that VLS was the first Catholic institution to be associated with the Order.

Dean Garbarino later became associated with the firm of Krumlish and Kania, which eventually became Kania and Garbarino. His major areas of expertise lie within the broad spectrum of business law. While in practice, Dean Garbarino's clients ranged from sports figures to banking institutions.

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."
Socrates, Fire And Other Thoughts

Welcome to the class of '84 and the returning classes of '82 and '83. Have you been out of touch with the VLS community this summer? Are you wondering what surprises you'll be facing this semester? Well, some changes have taken place over the last several months. Dean O'Brien has returned from sabbatical, relieving a commendable effort by Professor Abraham as Acting Dean. Robert P. Garbarino (a former VLS student) has been appointed Associate Dean for Administration and new professors have replaced resigning ones.

It is of little surprise that classes will resume on schedule and seating charts will be unfolded.

With the start of classes approaching no doubt you have tossed around the thought of studying and how it can be rather time consuming and draining. Perhaps a diversion every now and then will help remedy this problem. To help pass this uneventful time more quickly why not consider becoming involved in one or more of the student activities offered at Villanova.

VLS offers many activities ranging from squash, tennis, rugby, and softball to SBA and LSD functions as well as BALSA and Women's Law Caucus, not to forget the student newspaper. Active or even part-time participation in these organizations can shorten the months ahead. Before you know it you'll be pitching your blue books into the collection box.

All of us at the Docket hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities this semester. But more importantly we wish you a very happy and successful year.

Socrates, Fire And Other Thoughts

Abraham Lincoln said of an unsuccessful election bid that he felt like a little boy who had stubbed his toes in the dark. He was too old to cry, but it hurt too much to laugh. Your first steps in the legal milieu will take you into a world dimly lit and foreign, and there will be many stubbed toes before you learn your way about. You know that you are too old to cry, but somehow the tears will come anyway.

Welcome to VLS and what has come to be called the Socratic method. Professor John Cannon

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 infirmly 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.

The SBA looks forward to your participation in all of the scheduled events and wishes you a successful year.

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SBA News
The Year Ahead

By Lou Magann
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 bookkale 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.

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The Docket is a monthly newspaper written and published by the students at Villanova Law School. We won't take much of your time and we'd really love to have you join us. Leave a message for Jon Birnkrant on the Message Board or drop by our office across from Student Services.
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 Vail, Colorado. This survey—"The Class of 1979 Employment Report"—revealed that 21,633 out of 22,771 or 95.0% of the law graduates entered government service, from 17.6% in 1975 to 14.7% in 1979.

The results of the NALP Employment Report cast doubts upon forecasts which elude over one hundred different types of legal jobs the best educated and informed placement candidates available. Two-thirds of the 1980 VLS graduates settled in Pennsylvania, four-fifths can be found in the four state area of New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania with the remaining one fifth in sixteen different states from coast to coast.

Another item of note is that even with government service, the competition for the positions available starting salaries for graduates in government positions have increased on average. The salary range is $10,35-0,000 an average of $10,26,000. In the six other categories of legal jobs the salary range is $14,28,000 with the military having the highest average of $22,989.

The experience and achievements of these new members of the faculty are highly welcomed.

With several vacancies open as a result of the resignations of four VLS faculty, the Hiring Committee began the task of interviewing and screening its pool of applicants. The Committee consisted of Professors Dowd (chairman), Cohen, Do­byn, Vas Illa, and Spric Mango. Until the final decision last spring. Four new full-time professors were hired for the upcoming academic year: Professor O'Toole, Perritt, Polin, and Sirico.

Among those hired Professor O'Toole was a member of the faculty of Suffolk Law School. He was one of the founding faculty of Villanova Law School and has been an outstanding law teacher and scholar for more than thirty years. He is a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Law School and has practiced law in Boston, Massachusetts, and Burlington, Pen­nsylvania. In addition to Villanova and Suffolk, he has taught law in Georgetown, Northeastern, Antioch law schools and was the Dean at Northeastern. Mr. O'Toole will teach the following courses next year: first year course in Torta, Constitutional Law I in the Fall semester, Torta, Legal Pro­fessionalism and a Seminar in the Spring 1982 semester.

Professor Perritt was the Assistant General Counsel at Corning Glass Works on labor matters. He received a B.S. in Aeronautics and an M.S. in Management from MIT and a J.D. from Georgetown Law Center, where he was an editor of the Journal of Legal Economics. Before his present position he held several high-level positions with the Federal Government. Mr. Perritt will teach Legal Profession and a small section of Torta in the Fall semester and Admin­istrative Law and Employment Discrimination in the Spring 1982 semester.

Professor Polin was a member of the faculty of Chicago-Kent Law School. He received a B.A. from Reed College and a J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law, where she was an editor of the Law Review. Before her present position she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Chicago. Mrs. Polin will teach a new course next year: Fall semester— a small section of Criminal Law and a Seminar on Trial Practice, Spring semester— Evidence and Criminal Process.

Professor Sirico was a member of the faculty of Rutgers Law School-Camden. He received a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from the University of Texas Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review. Before his present position, he served as an attorney with two of Ralph Nader's public interest groups and with Fairfield County, Connecticut, Legal Services. Mr. Sirico will teach Property and Personal Property in the Fall semester and a section of Legal Profession in the Spring semester.

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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 Montgomery.

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 Clamath 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.

By Sheldon Bass

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!!!