LaFalce Speaks on Love Canal

By Teresa Nazario

On Wednesday, January 27, 1982, the Environmental Law Group of Villanova Law School presented a talk by U.S. Congressman John LaFalce entitled "Hazardous Waste Disposal: The Government's Response." The Congressman briefly reminisced about his Law School experience, characterizing him as the most difficult, yet most enjoyable three years of his life. Then the Congressman delved into the problem of toxic waste disposal. He stated that the problem of toxic waste disposal generally was not considered a public concern in the country during the years in which the problem was growing more acute. This lack of concern was manifested by the lack of a public policy in this area. The Love Canal disaster was a turning point in this country's approach to toxic waste disposal.

Love Canal, an abandoned ditch, was used by the Hooker Chemical Company in the 1940s and 1950s as a disposal site for pesticides and other chemicals. In 1968, after being filled in with dirt, the site was sold for a nominal price to the local school district which in turn sold it to developers who constructed housing on it. The construction company apparently breached the dirt cap over the ditch and rainwater subsequently leached the chemical wastes into the houses.

In the summer of 1977, Congressman LaFalce was alerted to the problems of an unpleasant stench emanating from the basements of these homes as well as an unusually high incidence of health problems such as still births, birth defects and cancer. Unable to get the attention of the U.S.E.P.A., New York Department of Health, and the President, among others, John LaFalce waited until the following year when he finally convinced President Carter to declare the site a National Disaster Area. That was the first time a man-made calamity was declared a national disaster area.

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A UNIQUE COURSE UNDER FIRE

by Collette Buchanan

Villanova Community Legal Services is a unique course which combines the attributes of a class and a student organization with a clinical program entailing client counseling, document preparation and in some instances court appearances.

Started as a volunteer program by students in 1972, VCLS became an accredited course in 1975. At that time Joseph Weck, a VLS graduate who had worked in the program while a student, became a professor at the Law School and began teaching the Legal Services class. Second year students earned two credits for a year's participation and third year students received a third credit for supervisory work. Now VCLS is a four credit course for third year students and a two credit course for second year students, and latter having a lighter workload and less responsibility.

The VCLS course runs for a full year, unlike other courses at the Law School. The classes, which are taught by Professor Peter H. Nevel of Cohen, Shapiro, Polish, Shiekel & Cohen, are a practical introduction to the legal issues that utilize non-traditional teaching methods. In addition to readings and exercises, students take part in simulated counseling sessions. These simulations serve as preparation for the field work.

Students in VCLS work on actual cases for real clients under the direct supervision of staff attorneys of the Delaware County Legal Assistance Association. Second year students are asked to work a half-day a week at the Chester office of DCLAA, while third year students are asked to work a half-day a week at the Villanova Law School to serve on the Board of Advisors to the Chairman of the Villanova Community Legal Services Corporation.

The cases students work on include: custody, child protection services, adoption, probate, spousal abuse cases; bankruptcy; consumer protection; eviction prevention; enforcement of habitability requirements; wills, guardianships; nursing home protection, social security benefits cases, government benefits or administrative law unit of the program has been revised to accommodate the increase of cases resulting from the government policy of cutting benefits to many people. This requires students to be eligible for and possibly receiving benefits to fight to get them back. Under the revision, more third year students will be in this area. Several second year students will work in the Social Security area with ILR. Under Social Security rules any competent person may represent a case, this 2L's may be able to conduct hearings.

The 25% funding cut to the Legal Services Corporation imposed by the Reagan administration has had relatively little impact on the local level and forced other revisions in VCLS. The second year program is being reorganized into six areas: an advice and referral unit, involving work in government benefits, housing and family law, a domiciliary unit, expanding the program to include divorce cases for the first time; social security, preparing and presenting cases; veterans benefits, involving work similar to the social security unit; bankruptcy, including work at a bankruptcy clinic. The program will also include the time of one student-program director to reform in the areas of housing, education and adoption.

VCLS is managed jointly by Prof. Goldberger, Mrs. Jane Anderson and the student board. The board consists of three third year and two second year students. Prof. Goldberger informed the field work coordinator VCLS to the SBAA police decisions and manage the bank records for the travel funds. Mrs. Anderson runs the office of the Law School and has since the program became an accredited course in 1975.

The future of VCLS is in no immediate danger despite the federal government's involvement in a Cold War, the Korean War, and the beginnings of our involvement in a Vietnam War. The assumption of the stewardship of this country by men named Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson, the beginnings of the exploration of space by humans. The final 13 years of the life of a remarkable citizen, and his influence upon the challenge of the people of this country.

THANKS:

A word of thanks to Jon Birnkrant who has served as in chief of the Docket for the past year. One quickly appreciates the fine job that Jon did when faced with re-occurant writers, copy deadlines, office work and demands from various groups. We hope Jon will continue in this position. This minor dear of Americans journalism will continue to give his valuable and advice.

The President of the National Catholic Education Association, the largest private education association in the world, recently appointed Professor William D. Valente of the Villanova Law School to serve on the National Council of Catholic Education. The Council was recently formed to serve as a liaison between the Chairman of the Board of NCEA, and will include specialists from all dioceses in the country.

WOMEN'S LAW CAUCUS CAREER DINNER

The Women's Law Caucus Career Options Dinner, on November 16th was a smashing success. Those in attendance (approximately 50 students and guests) felt that the event was a valuable and informative one, and should be repeated at least once a year.

The speakers were Dana Breslin, of the Delaware County Legal Services Corporation, Inc., Ann Nevel of Cohen, Shapiro, Polish, Shiekel & Cohen, Hedy Powell from Wyeth Laboratories, Lyn Boydenfield of Richard, Brian, Denial & Hamilton, and Mara Stratt from Menasov, Gelman, Jaffe, Cramer & Jamieson.

The five Villanova Law graduates spoke of their experience in each of their chosen fields of law (which included tax, environmental and corporate law), how they found their jobs, the circumstances of changing a job, and some of the positive and negative aspects of being a female attorney.

Cyndi Mcnicholas, one of the six chairpersons of the Women's Law Caucus, feels that the program gave participants a sense of the considerations relevant in planning a career in the law, and some insight into the life of a lawyer.

The guests also gave 4-star ratings to the dinner itself which was held in the taverna. Caucus Secretary Heiga Myers Wood, who chaired the dinner committee, enlisted Jim Lawless to act as the chair. The most included crepes, salad, French bread and assorted homemade desserts.

THE DREAM CONTINUES

By Derrick Coker

1965-1968 During those years the United States witnessed various memorable events and occurrences. The conclusion of the involvement in a Cold War, the Korean War, and the beginnings of our involvement in a Vietnam War. The assumption of the stewardship of this country by men named Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson. The beginnings of the exploration of space by humans. The final 13 years of the life of a remarkable citizen, and his influence upon the challenge of the people of this country.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was 26 years old when he emerged as a salient, integral part of the history of the United States. During the last 13 years of his life (he was 39 when gunned down), the Rev. Dr. King worked passionately to make life in the United States — for all citizens — come within the definition of "civilization . . . an improved and progressive condition of the people . . . not merely in material achievements, in accomplishments to join us. Invitations will be forthcoming. Any question can be directed to Mr. D. Ambrico, the Alumni Director.

All letters to the editor should be double spaced and typed. Deadline for next issue is February 15th. Please place under the door of the Docket Office.
UNCONSTITUIONAL ZONING AT VLS—Seminar on Feb. 27th—

By Andy Zeldis

On Saturday, February 27, the Law School’s Center for Continuing Education will hold a seminar dealing with the liability of municipalities for improper zoning practices. The day long seminar is entitled “The Price of Unconstitutional Zoning” will include a panel of five attorneys who will discuss the political and legal aspects of zoning, as well as the practical applications of zoning decisions.

The seminar is open to the public and will be held in the Center for Continuing Education, located on the lower level of the Law School.

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twelve men, good and true.” Involved in it is much beyond the scope of this paper. A study of how clothing is worn, the behavior of purchasers, the business associates, residence and origin.

The litigants and their lawyers are supposed to be good judges of the facts, but no such thing as justice, either in or out of the courts, can be arrived at without a basis. So, for lack of proof, let us assume that the word “justice” has a meaning, and that the meaning is a matter of definitions – of laws without even seeking to find out what is the meaning of a word, how to apply it to justice through the courts? The lawyer’s idea of justice is a verdict for his client, and the first thing he does for the lawyer is to use his wits, and he may forget himself, and often does, but never for a moment can he lose his sense of the ends which he is aiming at.

Small wonder that ambitious, imagina­tive men, who see the meaning of the sites but the city would have to pay for their development, have to be satisfied with the dilemma of men to protect and preserve, but his own standing and success to create.

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to a high degree, take on the character of Wilkinson only touched lightly on the four phony labor relations and trends. Negotiators in the detailed talks that were Wilkinson soon became one of the principal Georgetown in 1967 and only became what the Pittsburgh Symphony’s recent labor negotiations. Mr. Wilkinson entered at the forum was U.S. Steel’s James A. Philadelphia, where the Pittsburgh Symphony’s bar, U.S. Steel flew the Pennsylvania bar, U.S. Steel flew the prestige of the community, not noted that, “board members usually lack the qualities that in many ways make the problems of a symphony orchestra, unique in the field of labor relations. On the managerial side, the board of directors of the symphony is made up of prestigious members of the community, especially from industry and law. Wilkinson noticed that, “board members usually lack expertise in this area and have to be educated to the fact that concert music cannot be treated the same way as industrial workers.” The biggest task for labor lawyers, especially if they do not want to give the impression of being friends with the musicians. Although there is nothing wrong with this in itself, the fact is that they often lack business expertise tends to turn casual remarks made in conversation into supposed commitments management never intended to make. This causes immeasurable problems for lawyers, especially if they do not want to be accused of putting gaps on music directors. But by far the most interesting people in “symphony labor relations” are the musicians. With only the top 100 musicians in each of the 15 to 15 major orchestras, these 1,500 individuals out of the total population are in a very real sense, a national treasure. They may be professionals, but first, last and always they are artists. Each according to Wilkinson, “they often eschew a value system in which there are things right or wrong. With little room for logically derived conclusions.” The flip side of this self-image as an artist is that although almost all musicians are members of the A.F.M., professional week in and week out is an aversion to maiming a pickup line in the middle of a strike. Again, unlike industry, there is not the same kind of recognition. “There just aren’t that many obituaries trying to tell the cellists’ version of events.” Orchestra musicians differ from other union work in many other ways, most notably in the working conditions. Concert musicians, regardless of instrument, receive a base salary. Depending on the quality of their play (i.e., first violinist) they may be appreciably above scale. A musician in an orchestra like the Pittsburgh Symphony will receive a starting salary of about $30,000 a year for working 20 hours a week over six days, with seven weeks paid vacation and a trip to Europe or the Orient every second or third year. But before you leave Law School forever to take up the viola da gamba your Great-Aunt Matilda left you when you were four and a half, consider a few points. Your viola da gamba might be a family heirloom but it is not a Guarnieri or Stradivari or Cremona. A good instrument can even easily cost $100,000, and this is not even considering a Cremonese. Most orchestras provide low interest loans and good salaries, so the loans can be paid off. Without these loans and salaries a musician could never purchase the kind of instrument needed to produce, only after much practice, the quality sound necessary for a truly great orchestra. And if musicians could not buy these instruments in the first place, you might as well pretend not to have an orchestra.

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From 1215 onward, it was no longer possible to establish a religious order with the same lifeline as Augustine. The life of the Augustinian order was steeped in history, is a must for all those interested in the medieval period on, "the origin vow of absolute renunciation of the world," which led to the sending of young friars to the universities of Bologna, (or Yugoslavia, the region of Europe) Padua, Oxford, Rome, Naples and later, to Salamanca, Cambridge and Cologne. In theology, philosophy and law, the friars of the Dominicans made great strides. De Reginiste Christiano of the Dominicans at Viterbo was the first of the friars on the Church. William of Cremona's Refutatio Errorum disputed Mariologia of Peter the Norman. Books by Peter the Norman, who believes he or she may need financial aid should obtain applications immediately and see if they can in the name of the benefactor. The application for federal funds may be obtained from the nearest county Hall. Application for federal law schools must be made through the CAPPS program and these forms are available. Students or their parents should see if they have a bank that may be willing to issue student loans for the first time. The college may avoid new legislation effecting the loan program. In addition, students should actively pursue outside sources of financial aid. For example, community organizations often offer scholar- ships or financial aid to members of particular groups, or the children of persons who belong to their organization.

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**The Road Less Traveled by...**

While his classmates were enjoying summer jobs that would place them on the road to success, one student stood out for the Appalachian Trail in Maine. Part 3 of this continuing series chronicles several chance encounters with fellow wilderness travelers.

Deer Island Andy was a quiet fellow. He hitched in mismatched sneakers secured to one hand, overburdened hikers. Those who followed in Andy’s wake never saw any trash on the trail, although he did leave a boot behind on a rock for one less handsomely attired person to find. Andy clutched a往往 which he found, you see, and one of the boot-one-headed turtlehead (tweedmarks) would have contended any tracker. Andy imparted to us the secret of mountain sorrel, a clover-like plant which may be chewed in times of low water. Its lemony taste causes one to salivate, pure salvation to a parched throat. It has already been my pleasure to recommend to your acquaintance Motor-Matt the Rainmaker. He acquired his peculiar trail appellation for his feetlessness of foot, in no small part aided by his high-tech boots. Wronged from the miracle fleece Gore-Tex, each boot weighed scant ounces. Even the slightest tail wind propelled Matt up mountainous effortlessly. Motor-Matt also consumed food with an alacrity belied by his spare frame. This talent area of necessity, for being the youngest of fourteen hungry children, the family dinner table could not have been the scene of politeness. Matt hailed from No-Name Lake, Maine. I suppose that after identifying fourteen children...to Matt’s surprise, to know him is to love to hike through mud. Some of his more eccentric acts included hiking the mountains and the mosquito, face one last challenge before emerging from the One Hundred Mile Wilderness: they must pass through the land of the Bodfish family. Priming him? Andy was voted out of the Bodfish; a small farm has been carved out of one end of the Barren, Checkerbark Range Valley, and the Appalachian Trail leads to the very doorstep of Buford’s trailer. My brother and I had arrived at 3:00 p.m. to walk the fifteen miles into the mighty metropolitan of Monson, and we were high stepping, having exhausted our food supply the previous evening. As we passed this odd assortment of timeworn mobile homes, we trod lightly lest we wake the inhabitants. “Would you like a cup of water?” boomed a pure Maine accent. Out of the straw grass emerged the most innately powerful man it has been my fortune to avoid antagonizing. Though he was in his laceless workboots, less than five and a half feet in stature, it appeared that he was rooted to and drew his strength from the good Earth. His arms were cored with muscle, no doubt from wrestling into submission. How could we refuse his hospitality?

As we moved toward his trailer, I noted a card table covered with bits and pieces of metal and string, and a sign proclaiming “The Farm Market.” We were told to speak up if we wanted to buy anything from his collection. But he could tell we were only window shoppers.

The interior of his trailer befitted the lifestyle of a backwoods gentleman. “One-off-a-kind” lay carefully strewn across the floor, countertops and furniture, arranged as a child might organize dolls and stuffed animals. The profusion of disassembled electrical apparatus did not seem incongruous, although the nearest power outlet was a day’s walk away. Throughout the rusted menagerie swarmed at least three full litters of kittens. Buford dipped each a cup of water out of a bucket which cleared off several frail chairs. We contemplated the strata of dust floating in the water.

“Did you get the minge your way last night?” he asked. No. “The effect may be a product...” As Buford talked, the distance that separated our lives became apparent. He told us of the years he had spent trying to clear the up and down to the lake, a half-mile away. Recently he had given up. The land was now covered with primary growth brush. Those same years I had spent hunched over a desk, forcing feeding my brain. Buford allowed that he was always too busy to finish any projects around the house, and asked if we would like to stay and work. Thoughts of breakfast and laundromats in Monson caused us to decline.

As we told Buford about ourselves, the kittens began to swarm over us. Buford swatted them away like darts. He was impressed that we had begun our trip at Mt. Katahdin, but clearly thought we were ten derfeet for not completing the trip to Georgia. Buford asked few questions of us, but I could tell he was feeling lonely with the thought of our imminent departure. As we set down our half-finished cups to leave, he began to abuse the kittens without comment or awareness of the impact the act had on us.

We declined to pay him twenty dollars to drive us into town, and felt guilty for not reimbursing him in some way for our water. As we walked up and out of his valley we were quiet, and frequently looked over our shoulders to see if we were being followed by the man. We later learned that Buford’s nickname among backpackers is Bodfish Monson. Given out of a failure to understand that hikers pass through the mountains and the mosquito to such meccas as Monson, and eventually return to civilization, Buford stays in the forest and survives. The cords upon cords of neatly stacked firewood next to his trailer give me confidence that he still thrives. 

A column space runs short, just when we were having such a good time. I must, therefore, utilize your current interest in this cast of characters with vague promises of things to come. Next issue: the Incident at Elba, Bodfish’s Law and Monson, and a special guest appearance by Kourt.

Mr. Justice Holmes
By Steve Imms

Sports in America have been the subject of a wide and varied series of criticisms, all of which are valid, and as far as they go, true. And yet, for all their essential simplicity, sports and those who practice them "professionally" find themselves entrenched in complications apparently created because we, "the beleaguered FANS" do not appreciate those things which we can easily understand. No, somewhere along the line (perhaps as a result of the efforts of FDR — but that's another controversy) it was decided that split seasons and second seasons, and playoff and "Post-Season Plans" would be good for the American Sportsman. For an example we need only look at the playoff system invented by Pete Rose and his self-sufficient henchmen to decide who will be entitled to play in the most publicized, most covered, most boring (after all the hype, what else could it be?) football games of them all. Each year, at the beginning of December, newspapers all over the country print the formula arrived at after considerable deliberation and a toss of a coin. And as I pursue this thought it is obvious that this is irrelevant to the context of VLS, and yet it does have its point — really.

At VLS we have managed to evade and ignore the pressures which pervade the sports scene by the use of a neat little device called apathy. And according to VLS football Commissioner Joe Gachko this apathy was no more evident than at the end of last year's season when it was necessary to cancel the playoffs for lack of interest. According to sources close to the Commissioner, the cold weather and the reluctance of most players to play only to have The Runts win their second consecutive title, spoiled the demise of the season's work for Commissioner Gachko, who retired at the beginning of this year, after a long and distinguished career of service and effort for the law school community. On the lighter side of events, the intramural basketball league has been formed and play is scheduled to begin January 28, with the league again split into competitive and recreational divisions.

And finally, at their annual season's end party last month, the revered Garey Hall Rugby Club served up its traditional dishes of spaghetti and awards, but the foul weather decreased the turnout substantially. As for the coming season, Coach Art Signor is hopeful that an improved record will result, and with another season under everyone's belt and good health and conditioning this hope may well become a reality. Highlights of the Fall season, as described by Coach Eddie Loughran, are available for any and all occasions. For more information, call (215) 555-1212, and ask for Eddie.

On Friday, January 22, 1982, the Villanova Student Bar Association, under the direction of Fran Lambi, held its second annual volleyball tournament. Fourteen teams participated in the event, each composed of three women and three men from the law school. After six hours of intense competition, the team of Shale McLaughlin, Chet Dudzik, Jim Preston, Ronnie Cubit, Cathy Swift and Cindy Jaworski emerged victorious. The winners were awarded a keg of beer for its efforts.