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The Faculty joins me in extending our warmest welcome to the class of 1988 and to our returning second and third year students. As you begin your studies, I wish you success in your academic work and your career. This is an exciting time for all of us. The Law School continues to expand its services and facilities, and we look forward to the contributions of each of you to the Law School in perpetuity. Again, we welcome your beginning or return.

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by Marie C. Helmig
Director of Placement

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"I might not agree with what you say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it."

Voltaire

That phrase more than any other speaks volumes for our First Amendment right of free speech. In a society built on free speech though, the press is not always going to be everyone’s liking. Inevitably, people read certain things and are offended. Many times the words cut deep, regretfully leaving wounds that sometimes never heal.

Last year’s editorial board was a hard-working group of individuals. Yet, last year’s editors also wrote a number of editorials, in particular, which incensed various groups at the law school. The present editorial board did not necessarily agree with their positions. In fact, whether we agree or disagree is unimportant. Be that as it may, we ask of our readers only one thing and that is to judge us on the merits of our work and not on personalities, either ours or our predecessors! We will continue to pride ourselves on accuracy, honesty and sensitivity. Of course, if a delicate situation -arises we will not hesitate to comment, to do otherwise would be to neglect our duties.

We welcome all responsible points of view and will gladly print dissenting view points in our Letter to the Editor column. We plan to enlighten our readers - not provoke them.

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New Editors

By a joint resolution The Docket Editorial Board named Kevin McKenna Editor and Chief of The Docket for the 1985-86 year. McKenna, a correspondent with the Philadelphia Inquirer, Sports Service and two other area newspapers for the last nine years, succeeds Scott Fegley who resigned for personal reasons. Last year McKenna served on the Editorial Board of The Docket in the position of Sports Editor. The Docket Editorial Board also announced that Sue French has been promoted to the position of Managing Editor.

In a related move, Jeanne Rapley was named Feature Editor. Dan Weisman and Andrew Wohl, members of the Villanova University School of Law from last January, will continue in their respective roles as Features and Photography Editors.

"Paper-Chasers"

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Economics/Political Science and English/History.

By far the most popular undergraduate degree earned was the B.A./A.B. (163 - 68%) followed by the B.A. (53 - 23%) and B.S. (81 - 32%) each. The Law School will not be the first graduate education for 23 members (10%) of the class. In addition to an M.D. degree and a Ph.D. degree, there are 21 Master's degrees (2 M.S., 1 M.S.E., 1 M.B.A. (writing), 1 M.S. (business management), 13 M.A. in English, 2 in Political Science and 1 in Education, Geography, History, Journalism, and Latin/Greek). In terms of education and interest, we have a clearly interesting and diverse class.

Delaware Agains the other way around. Villanova. Although the next three years will be challenging, stimulating and eye-opening, please remember, everyone here expects you to succeed. You are bright and able, despite the way you may feel in some classes. Remember, everyone else is in the same situation - law school is a new experience for everyone, and the process does work, even if the beginning seems a little strange. If you have questions or problems just do your best to see to it that some

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Geographies

The Class of 1984 settled in 16 different states and 1 foreign country. Of significance is the increase in the number of graduates migrating to Pennsylvania (77% in 1982/83, 68% in 1983/84). Of those settling in Pennsylvania, 68% are in Philadelphia and 32% are in the counties.

Other states to which our graduates migrated were as follows: New Jersey (14.1%), New York (6.3%), District of Columbia (2.9%), Maryland (1.9%), Massachusetts (1.2%), Arizona (1%), California (1%), Connecticut (5%), Florida (5%), Michigan (1%), Ohio (0.3%), Rhode Island (0.5%), Texas (0.5%), Virginia (5.5%) and London, England (0.3%).

Fall On-Campus Interviews

The Fall Interview Season at Villanova Law School is always busy and exciting. More than 65 firms and employers scheduled on-campus interviews in 1984-85. The 1985-86 calendar will open in September 17. Comments from interviewers indicate that they are extremely impressed with the quality and ability of our students. If your firm would like to visit the campus, you may reserve a time by contacting Marie Hellemig, Director of Placement (215-646-7600).

New! Recorded Telephone Job Listings

We are trying something new. With the addition of a telephone answering machine, we are now able to record job listings for a telephone hotline. During the week-end and after 6:00 p.m., on weekends you can call the Placement Office hotline number and hear an up-to-date recording of alumni job listings. This line is only available during specified times and cannot be called during regular business hours. Jobs will be updated every Thursday, or whenever necessary. To avoid competition with other law schools, we ask that you keep this number strictly confidential and only share it with other Villanova Law School alumni. If you have any problems with this service, please report it to our office. We hope you find our new "Hotline" a convenient and efficient aid in your job search.

JOB HOTLINE

(215) 645-7032

Call on weekends and weekdays after 6 p.m. for up-to-date alumni job listings.

In addition to our other duties which include coordinating and allocating time to the interviews and the activities of various student clubs here at the school, the Student Bar Association has many activities planned for the upcoming school year. Vice-presidents: Patrick Cannon, president; Tom Marks, secretary; Arun Deshandan, treasurer; Norka Winkelman, David McGney, Frank Legg, third year representatives; Mason Avrigian, David McGney, Frank Legg, second year representatives; Rich Mroz, university senator; Maureen Lowry, ABA/LSD liaison. First year's will be given an opportunity to select three SBA representatives in October.

The Student Bar Association would like to welcome everyone to the exciting new school year. The elected officers and representatives of this year's Student Bar Association are as follows: Lewis Myers, president; Steve Solomon, vice-presidents; Patrick Cannon, general secretary; Tom Marks, treasurer; Norka Winkelman, representative; Mason Avrigian, David McGney, Frank Legg, second year representatives; Rich Mroz, university senator; Maureen Lowry, ABA/LSD liaison.

SBA Anxious As Always

Changes from in your resume. For first year students, the fall recruiting season does not provide many on-campus opportunities as visiting law firms generally reserve these opportunities for second and third year students. First year students should note that although there is no formalized on-campus recruiting process for them, some law firms may hire first year students after their first year of study, and some of the larger employers do complete their hiring by December 15. If you have a special interest in certain employers and do not know their hiring policies, it is recommended that you make an initial contact with the employers and perhaps schedule an appointment at their offices. This can be one of an "information gathering" visit than a regular job interview, as you express your interest in the firm and its practice, and the agency and its work, learn what skills and training are desired by the employer, and generally add a third dimension to the paper person approach to the interview.

Most legal employers do not hire until after the first semester. Many potential employers of first year students (small law firms, state and local government agencies, judges, etc.) do not know whether they will be hiring until the summer, so it is wise to stay in touch with them. If you do not usually advertise job opportunities, they may not always know if you are sometimes do, hire on a walk-in basis. If you have a special interest in certain employers and do not know their hiring policies, it is recommended that you make an initial contact with the employers and perhaps schedule an appointment at their offices. This can be one of an "information gathering" visit than a regular job interview, as you express your interest in the firm and its practice, and the agency and its work, learn what skills and training are desired by the employer, and generally add a third dimension to the paper person approach to the interview.

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A Word of Advice for the Would-Be Employed

By Marie Holmgren
Director of Placement

As we approach the 1985/86 Fall interview season, here's some advice from the Placement Office on interviewing.

Perhaps the single most important thing to remember about an interview is that it is your time to give information. Every Villanova University law school has a great deal of interest in hiring new employers. You are in the interview situation only if you have already expressed some interest in Villanova. It is in the minds of the recruiters that you have some knowledge of the firm or agency with which you will be dealing. This is the basic material needed to be prepared. The question is: "Well, now, tell me about yourself.

Remember that you, too, are the interviewer. Be prepared to ask a number of questions of the recruiter about the firm or agency. This demonstrates your interest and indicates that you have done your homework. After all, you are coming to a mutual exchange of ideas and opinions. It is your right to ask questions about the job itself or your particular qualifications. Be sure that you are articulate, that your goals, your concept of various philosophies of the firm or agency, and the study of law as it relates to the practice of it.

The Suspicious Buyer. In the instance of the interviewer who asks you questions that you do not have prepared answers for, do not become defensive. If you feel yourself out of line, please let the Placement Office know. This is an example, "Are you married?" This will show that you have done your homework about the firm or agency and that you have some knowledge of the personnel of the firm and the recruiters. Of course, you are aware that there are times when you may be picked up at the library's circulation desk. For those of you who are interested in merely talking about the firm or agency, do not attempt to interview for a position, but use the opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge of the firm or agency. If an interviewer decides to interview you, a positive value judgment has already been made about your objective or paper qualifications. Therefore, it is up to you to show that you will fit in well with the composition and make-up of the firm and that your strengths will prove to be an asset. For a small firm, it is often particularly important to stress your aggressiveness and your potential in an initial orientation.

Problem Areas

Specific problems might arise during the course of the interview for which you should be prepared:

1. Macho Questions: Usually these questions are more appropriate to one's entertaining and offensive, but rather ask your questions in the context of your effectiveness in the office. Try not to be defensive but simply move the discussion along if the question seems irrelevant. Sometimes a question is totally out of line, please let the Placement Office know. For example, "Are you married?" This may be a question you can answer in the affirmative or by decline to answer it graciously, if you so desire. In any event, you may ask the recruiter what employers use who our services to honor our equal opportunity and non-discrimination policies.

Controversial Topics: Sometimes they will be brought up deliberately, but on other occasions they will simply arise. Your ability to handle them without emotional outbursts will show your reaction to your ability to deal with attorneys, clients, and others.

Stress Interview: This type will occasionally arise, and you should be prepared for it at all times. Efforts may be made to anger you. The prospective employer may even ask to discourage you. Silence on the part of the interviewer is the most frequently used technique. The purpose of this is to discuss your reactions to stressful situations. Deal with the questions in the same cool manner as if they had arisen in the following situation.

Don't Get Discouraged

For those of you who are interviewing on campus, do not panic during the interviewing season if you are not receiving positive feedback from your interviews. Please keep in mind:

1. The firm/agency which comes on campus interviews all over the country. This means that several hundred students are interviewed for a few positions. Usually the students who are having success interviewing are the only ones you hear about. You are not alone if you have received several rejection letters without one positive reply. If you are discouraged by the interviewing process, make an appointment with the Director of Placement. Perhaps there are changes that can be made in your resume or tips on interviewing techniques which may increase your chances of success.

To avoid disappointment, be selective in the firms you choose to interview. If a firm has a reputation for being grade conscious or if you can determine by reading the personal histories of the firm members in the Martindale-Hubbell that grades tend to be important, you should take that into consideration when you interview with that firm.

Conclusion

Employers are not so much interested in your answers, but want to see how you answer the questions. If you do not have the question deals with substantive law, don't be afraid to demonstrate your knowledge in that area. Surprisingly, you may know more than they do. Remember, employers are not only trying to determine whether you would "fit in" their office; they are also trying to gauge how you will appear to opposing attorneys, clients, judges and juries. Therefore, dress conservatively and dress up! Try always to dwell on the positive. While past failures and shortcomings need not be volunteered, don't try to cover them up or disguise them. Should the recruiter ask you about them, try to explain the circumstances or blame others. Remember, the interviewer is human too and probably had a few mistakes. You'll create a better impression if you are honest and candid.

Finally, remember that it is relatively useless to be artificial during an interview. If you are not yourself, the facade is quickly penetrated. If you have done your homework on the firm, you will not run out of points to make, and you are in the position to act in an honest and convincing manner which can only strengthen the impression you make upon the potential employer. If you do pretend to be someone other than yourself you may be caught in a situation that is quickly unmasked. Even other people and personal, you will be able to answer the important questions that you should ask about which will offer you the most in terms of satisfaction, growth and goals.

Tips and Reminders

1. Remember that you would be an asset to any firm or agency.
2. Remember to be yourself.
3. Remember to avoid a defensive attitude about yourself or your school.
4. Remember to sell yourself by mentioning your strong points and abilities.
5. Remember to greet the interviewer in a natural and cordial manner; return a firm handshake.
6. Remember to look the interviewer in the eye when you are speaking.
7. Remember to determine the interviewer's character and attitude as early in the interview as possible in order to adapt to and understand the interviewer.
8. Remember to be professional in all ways: appropriate dress, punctuality, extra copies of resume, and sample of legal writing. Remember to be concise when the next communication will take place between you and the firm.
9. Remember to write a short thank you letter to the recruiter following the interview. This reminds the recruiter of your interest and shows that you are professional in all of your business dealings.
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1) Against which threat to our national security is President Rea-
gan’s “Star Wars” Strategic De-
fense Initiative powerless?
   a. bombers
   b. cruise missiles
   c. suitcase bombs
   d. United States federal budget
deficits
2) What is the chance that Pres-
ident Reagan’s tax plan will
emerge unscathed from Congress?
   a. slim
   b. fat
3) Who best demonstrates
American justice at its finest?
   a. John DeLorean
   b. Lizzie Borden
   c. Claus von Bulow
4) Which is the most approp-
riate fight song for the Republi-
cans?
   a. Celluloid Heroes (The Kinks)
   b. Sgt. Rock is Going to Help Me
      (XTC)
   c. California Uber Alles (The
      Dead Kennedys)
5) What is the most appropriate
fight song for the Democrats?
   a. Vote the Mutha Out (Steve
      "Little Steve" Van Zandt)
   b. I Will Follow (U2)
   c. All You Zombies (The Hoot-
ers)
6) Which is the most approp-
riate fight song for the American
people?
   a. I’m So Glad I’m Living in the
      Free World (Perisan Gulf)
   b. Still the Same (Bob Seger)
   c. Won’t Get Fooled Again (The
      Who)
   d. Shock the Monkey (Peter Ga-
briel)
7) What is the Title of the se-
quel to Nevil Shute’s apocalyptic
novel, On The Beach?
   a. On the Boardwalk
   b. Son of Beach
   c. Beach 2, Jaws 1
8) Which of the following icons
of American culture best exempli-
tifies traditional American values?
   a. John Rambo
   b. “Dirty Harry” Callahan
   c. John Belushi
   d. Frank Sinatra
9) Why do they call it MOVE?
   a. Military Organization that’s
      Virtually Existent
   b. Macrobiotic Occupational
      Vegetable Enjoyment
   c. More Orderly Vengeance Ex-
      change
   d. because that’s what you
      have to do if you live within two
      miles of them.
10) What is the dumbest state-
ment made by a public official in
recent American history?
   a. “By the time we’re done,
      we’ll make Attila the Hun look
      like a faggot.” (Frank Ruze)
   b. “80% of all pollution is
      caused by trees.” (James Wait)
   c. “I know where all the corrup-
tion is.” (R. Budd Dwyer)
   d. “I just saw Rambo, now I
      know what to do the next time
      this happens.” (Ronald Reagan)
   e. “I am not a crook.” (Richard
      Nixon)
11) Why does The Docket con-
tinue to allow this sort of driv-