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Placement Changes Hands

Beck Is Back

by Chuck McGivney

Joan Beck

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Marie Helmig has resigned as Placement Director at Villanova Law School after a successful one and a half years of service at that post. Under her guidance, the Placement Office achieved impressive statistics in aiding students through the job search process. Helmig now joins Gordon Wahls as an executive search consultant.

In a recent interview, Helmig expressed warm feelings concerning her working relationship with the law school. "I absolutely loved being a part of Villanova. The experience I've had has been invaluable in laying a foundation for growth in my career. Secondly, the staff and faculty at Villanova have been wonderful. Their support has been a factor in the success of the Placement Office. Finally, I really enjoyed working with the students. I've met some really wonderful people during my tenure at Villanova and I will never forget the shared excitement I received when students secured their first job."

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In Brief.....

It's Reimel Time Again

by Carolyn Moran

After only three weeks into the fall semester, the Theodore L. Reimel Appellate Moot Court Competition is in full swing. According to Sandy Yurma, one of the student administrators for this year's program, the turnout this year has been tremendous. A total of ninety teams have entered, fifty-two of these teams are in the credit round. The credit round is the first of two rounds in the Reimels. In later rounds, competitors have the option of arguing twice. The sixteen Reimel participants argue only once and Reimel competitors must argue twice. The sixteen Reimel teams who have accrued the most points then advance through elimination rounds until only one team is left.

Villanova law school alumni serve as the distinguished judges for the Credit Round and the early rounds of the Reimels. In later rounds, competitors have the option of bringing in their own experts. The Reimel Competition is Villanova Law School's annual, intra-school moot court competition. The competition is named in honor of Judge Theodore J. Reimel, a distinguished attorney and judge. The Reimel Competition takes place concurrently with the Moot Court II Credit Round. Both competitions concern the same problem, and similar rules and quality standards apply. However, Credit Round participants argue only once and Reimel competitors must argue twice.

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Reimel Scoring Arbitrary

With the 26th Annual Theodore L. Reimel Competition fast approaching, members of the Moot Court Board as well as participants have expanded a serious amount of time and effort. One only had to stick their head in the Moot Court office or in the library during the last three weeks for a confirmation of that. That is why it will be a shame that this year's competition will once again be tainted by complaints of an arbitrary scoring system.

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One possible suggestion would be a compromise between the win-loss and scoring systems. For example, one could have a certain number of teams advance on the basis of their respective records with points being used for tiebreakers. The remainder of the field could then be selected based on total points they accumulated regardless of wins and losses. Records would only come into play when two teams amassed the same point totals.

These, of course, only suggestions. There is no doubt that better suggestions exist. Yet, the first step to complaints of an arbitrary scoring system. — EDITORIALS
WEISMAN'S OTHER WORLD

OP-ED

Keep The Presses Rolling

Weissman's Other World

Many people, tens even, have asked the author of this column just why there is no vacation. Hence, it seemed to be a good topic for an article. Contrary to popular belief, the author of this column (thawed be his name) did not just sit back at the Cratered Granger Prison

Library. Instead, this most noble and benevolent individual worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER) prosecuting landfi

ll owners and other noxious

characters, like the feeding habits of seagulls. I swear. It's true. Pennsylvania Municipal Services Management (PMSM) - DER, currently pending hearing in Philadelphia Court.

The problem arose in 1979. PEMS (at that time, owned by the same people who own the GEMS landfill in Gloucester County, New Jersey) wanted to build a landfill in Coulter Township, in the southern Chester County, so it applied for a permit to do so as required by law. There were only a few minor déficien­

ces: (1) it was right next to a high-

way stream with breeding trout; (2) a local tribe, the Seinto, had never seen the place before; and (3) there was a swamp near it. The DEP therefore decided to let the pro­

ponent do it. The Seinto almost always hold their hearings in front of a different hearing examiner followed by a lower court judge followed by a higher court judge followed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

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versity Senate is to vote on a reso-

lution condemning South Africa's human rights record. The disinvest

ment will be sponsoring an evening with journalist Christine M. Flowers entitled "South Africa, Reconsidered." The event is reprinted from the "Guest

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In this topsy-turvy financial world, where economic forecasts are shot at the drop of a hat, Alice-in-Wonderland could prove a welcome respite. At least for the moment.

First, there are periods when investors think the economy is about to turn the corner, so they gear up to buy into the service-sector stocks highly leveraged to the business cycle. Then, when the stock market rolls over, they search for another statistical misreading, wading into busier ventures or lackluster consumer credit totals, the next sound you hear on Wall Street is the thud of chins hitting the sidewalk.

High rollers

The high rollers who bet on re-acceleration are now worried about the profit picture of the cyclical stocks they bought those who bought growth stocks are worried about exactly when the individual investor will return to the market and ignite a price spurt. Many investors are also wondering whether it's safe to buy financial stocks now, with anticipation of another drop in interest rates.

Presidential-Bache Securities has been saying all summer that its profit picture will be bolstered by future interest rates. We're not deserted - eventually. The cyclical stock valuations will be rewarded with additional incentive. Positive earnings for high-yield stocks and bonds. "If we're wrong," Franzek says, "and rates go higher, we're pretty sure that the additional pressure will push us into recovery. So by early next year you will be better positioned than you would have been, in cyclical stocks."

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My Safety Valve

By Felice McElwaine

The most resoundingly good ad-vise that reached these hallowed but eager ears during orientation was given by Professor Taggart. I think it may have been Professor Bresko, since that's where I'm not really sure of anything. The advice was to not give up the other sides of our lives: the things that kept us sane enough to succeed in this academic school in the first place. Although I am already considering the anxiety involved in the application process, some of the smack-downedness of ambiguous information, the secrets of women's bathrooms can be deciphered through mysterious abbrevia-tions. I'm taking this advice to heart.

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My safety valve is show biz. I have a notebook in which I list my favorite songs, by artist and album, of this column, I hope to FG-13 for you. I want you to have heard of FG-13. This rating is designed to save the little ones from fear, shock and intre-nsity. I don't buy for you.

Fears and shock are unavoidable in law school and everyone here is already a very moral person. I can, perhaps, save you time and money by recommending some shows and movies and other forms of mindless productions. "You stink to me."

You could save about twenty-five dollars if you're thinking of buying "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," the new musical at the Annenberg Center. This production was sav-aged by Stephen Fried in the Philadelphia magazine, that I read religiously. It should have been better described as "Great Expectations." I think that there were some very fine perfor-mances by Morgan Freeman and Della Monk and some very strong Gospel music, but the impression of the production was foul. "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," is a very moral person. I can, perhaps, save you time and money by recommending some shows and movies and other forms of mindless productions. "You stink to me."

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Reimels Roll On

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Another innovation in this year's program is that the Evaluation Committee of the Moot Court Board will screen each brief prior to the oral arguments. The Moot Court Board consists of second and third year students selected for their outstanding performance in the first year legal writing program. The Evaluation Committee will screen the briefs for substance, and determine whether each brief meets the threshold requirements for academic credit.

With certain exceptions, all second and third-year students must participate in either the Credit Board or the Reimels as a requirement for graduation. However, as many past-participants will attest, both competitions present an excellent opportunity for students to develop and practice skills in brief writing and oral argument, without a client's interests hanging in the balance. Although no one is quite sure, a pseudo-intellectual exercise in psychology, Reimels is everyone's victim and even has to scratch a stranger's brains off her kitchen wall post shooting-suicide. All she did was offer him a cup of tea. Oh, that's right, she did a little more the night before. Anyway, this time is better spent in the library. The very next day, I exercise an enormous amount of control over my viewing time. Imagine having to learn Civil Procedure during commercials. Besides there is the self-sacrifice involved in the PG-15 concept. One night I tried to do without. Absolute cold turkey. I dreamed I went to the library and found My Dinner With Andre in the pocket part. The very next night my equilibrium was restored by watching Woody Allen's new release, Purple Rose of Cairo. If you missed it at the movies, it's just the kind of mindless fun and fantasy that the reality of law school needs. It is the story of a housewife during the depression era who makes life bearable by escaping to the movies. Sound familiar? Baxter, an attractive movie character steps off the screen into the life of the housewife, Mia Farrow. If this could happen, Dean O'Brien could join your study group. It makes life hopeful. And then there was Mrs. Soffel. This is a recently released true story of the turn-of-the-century affair between a warden's wife and a condemned prisoner. The wife is played by Diane Keaton. It's dark. It's dumb. Come on, Mrs. Soffel, grow up and go to law school or something. There are certain statutes and I could cite cases.

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the narration is swallowed up by deafening musical vibrations. The partners are policemen who make a mockery of the law far beyond probable cause but redeem themselves by being two very funny, living good-faith excuses. If you just hate subtitles, go anyway. You won't be sorry and you definitely won't be sad. Whereas, Vanessa Redgrave's new film, is one not to see. That is unless you're so overburdened by the light load of assignments that you need some depression to maintain the homestasis. It seems to be, although no one is quite sure, a pseudo-intellectual exercise in psychology. Vanessa is everyone's victim and even has to scratch a stranger's brains off her kitchen wall post shooting-suicide. All she did was offer him a cup of tea. Oh, that's right, she did a little more the night before. Anyway, this time is better spent in the library. That's how dreamy the picture was!

My really big thing is VCR's. I watch one every night. Now that it's out I expect all of my professors, who read this, to call on me within the week. But, you see, VCR movies are a law student's answer to television. Other than the fact that I'm addicted to one-a-day, I exercise an enormous amount of control over my viewing time. Imagine having to learn Civil Procedure during commercials. Besides there is the self-sacrifice involved in the PG-15 concept. One night I tried to do without. Absolute cold turkey. I dreamed I went to the library and found My Dinner With Andre in the pocket part. The very next night my equilibrium was restored by watching Woody Allen's new release, Purple Rose of Cairo. If you missed it at the movies, it's just the kind of mindless fun and fantasy that the reality of law school needs. It is the story of a housewife during the depression era who makes life bearable by escaping to the movies. Sound familiar? Baxter, an attractive movie character steps off the screen into the life of the housewife, Mia Farrow. If this could happen, Dean O'Brien could join your study group. It makes life hopeful. And then there was Mrs. Soffel. This is a recently released true story of the turn-of-the-century affair between a warden's wife and a condemned prisoner. The wife is played by Diane Keaton. It's dark. It's dumb. Come on, Mrs. Soffel, grow up and go to law school or something. There are certain statutes and I could cite cases.

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Getting Oriented at VLS

by Carol Rosenblat and Tracey Ribie
Summer came to an abrupt halt for our incoming first year class on orientation day, August 27. Villanova's orientation program, organized by the Student Bar Association, provides first year students with a chance to meet fellow classmates, faculty and staff and to get acquainted with the law school before the hectic days of class commencement.

Orientation began at 9:30 a.m. in rooms 29 and 36, where members of the law school community welcomed the new students. Among the speakers were Dean Murray, Dean Garbarino, Dean Abraham, and Incoming Placement Director Joan Beck. Student Laurence Myers and Sandy Yemenko also spoke.

The students were then divided into colleague groups and escorted around the campus by second and third year students. Upperclassmen turned out in droves to help the "first-years" through the arduous tasks of registering, buying books and finding their way around campus. More importantly, the upperclassmen were able to address some very real concerns regarding classes, study groups and professors.

Later in the afternoon, the tired newcomers reconvened for a brief writing session, where a mock law school class was staged, much to the dismay of many unsuspecting first-years. Finally, Dr. Ken Tucker counseled the students on stress management.

The day ended with a party and barbecue. Thanks to the help of Phi Delta Phi, the first year class finally got an opportunity to relax and get to know one another.

While nothing can completely rid first year anxiety, Steve Solomon, vice president of the Student Bar Association, stated that every effort was made to see that the transition to law school was as trouble-free as possible for the first years.

The 1985 orientation program was deemed a success by many. For Carrie Bentschka, the program gave her a chance to become familiar with the lay out of the school. She also found the advice from her colleagues helpful and practical.

Phi Harrison found the stress management program especially beneficial and wished that it had been incorporated into the program when she was a first year.

Although the first-years still have a way to go, the consensus seems to be that orientation has helped smooth the way for them.

VLS Grad Win Awards


Wapner, Newman & Associates, a Philadelphia law firm which limits its practice to plaintiffs personal injury cases, has established yearly grants of $500 at three major law schools in the greater Philadelphia area. The annual Wapner, Newman & Associates Award will be awarded to a graduating senior student who has demonstrated excellence in civil trial advocacy.

According to Robert Newman, "My partner, Mort Wapner and I established the Wapner, Newman & Associates Award at our alma mater, Temple Law School, a few years ago. We have decided to expand the program to other distinguished law schools as a way of contributing to the community, and giving deserved recognition to the outstanding talent that these fine law schools are producing.

The Wapner, Newman & Associates Award has been established at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the Delaware Law School of Widener University, Wilmingon, Delaware; Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, Pennsylvania; and Temple Law School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Recycling

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SPACE is driving up prices. Since municipalities are responsible for trash disposal, taxes have to go up as more and more garbage goes up. Hence, recycling will help reduce the need for more and higher taxes. This can only help the various governments and the economy in general. Will it reduce the federal deficit to zero? Unfortunately not. However, it will help, by setting a good example if not in more economically measurable ways. John F. Kennedy asked what we could do for our country. Well, here's one thing. As Americans and as human beings, we can do no less. Let's go for it.

South African Lawyer to speak

Penelope Elizabeth Andrews, a South African lawyer, will speak on the topic, "South Africa: Reform or Repression?" at Villanova Law School, Friday, October 11, at 7 p.m. As part of her presentation, Andrews will show the film, "The Discarded People," and will open the session for questions following her remarks and the film.

On the question of apartheid, Ms. Andrews has said, "The bottom line is that you cannot talk around apartheid and make it more palatable. The ideology and system of apartheid must be obliterated."

Ms. Andrews, who was raised in South Africa, and until 1983 worked in the Legal Resource Centre in Johannesburg, received her LL.B. from the University of Natal, Durban, South Africa, in 1982, and her LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law in 1984. She is now a Chamberlain Fellow in Legislative Drafting at Columbia University, and was a Foreign Associate with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in New York last year.


Ms. Andrews' address, which is sponsored by the Villanova Black Students' Association, will be held in the 200th anniversary of Carney Hall (the Law School building) and is open to the public at no charge, although donations will be accepted for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights - Southern Africa Project. A reception will follow the program.

In Memory of Edward Huber....

"Friends" Seek Funds

On the evening of September 22, 1984, Edward Huber, a second year student at Villanova Law School, was the victim of a tragic automobile accident. Ed's passing represents an irreparable loss to the Villanova Law School Community. Ed was a dedicated person whose qualities touched many in the law school. In his first year, Ed served as a member of the Honor Board and was also elected Student Government Representative for the Class of 1986.

Members of the Villanova Law School Community combined to establish a scholarship fund to honor the memory of this special student. The First Annual Scholarship will be awarded this spring to a second year student who represents to his/her class what Ed meant to us.

Since its foundation, the Ed Huber Memorial Scholarship has received gifts totaling almost $3000. These funds represent individual contributions and monies from the law school community.

The "Friends of Ed Huber" have established a goal of $5000 to be reached before May 31, 1985.

Alumni and friends wishing to make a contribution to the Ed Huber Memorial Scholarship may send their gifts to "Friends of Ed Huber Scholarship Fund," c/o Villanova University Law School, Villanova, PA 19085. Your gifts are appreciated.

PDP Parties

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So you want to play mangler or mauler?

Your S.B.A.: Concerned and Confused

Sandy Buschmann can't decide which of the Logues she likes better.

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Would you buy a used car off this man?

... Boys Scouts Honor.

McCuen Makes Out
A Long Fly Ball... It's in the Trees

by Jeanne Rapley

The leaves are starting to turn, the nights are finally cooler. Moot Court briefs are due, the hallway outside rooms 29 and 30 is jam packed again, and the first years look just as bewildered as ever. Yes, it's fall semester again at good 'ole VLS and time once again despite pre-season rumors that no field was available to play on. Eventually, a decision was made to use the small diamond at the Polo Fields, where last year's games were played. This year's league has expanded to 17 teams — up from last year's 10 teams. Unfortunately,

Editor's note: Figure it out, George, that means we only have to finish in the top half — we can be competitive!

Many of the same rules from past years apply this year. For example, in order for a team to field 10 players at least one woman must play, otherwise only 9 men can play. The League Commissioner would like to encourage all players to abide by this rule. (Editor's note: What the commissioner forgot to mention was that some of us were playing softball before you boys ever knew what a baseball was!)

Some new rules have been added this year. Due to field limitations any team captain wishing to reschedule a game must contact Fred Levin a week in advance (hey, the new mail boxes are good for something besides junk mail!), Fred will try to coordinate any changes, subject to the other team captain's okay. The field we'll be playing on has a small problem — there's a tree growing in right field.

(Editor's note: The L.H.B.P.A. (left-handed ball players assoc.) has a petition circulating to have the tree removed. Give your support today!)

To best accommodate for the tree, a few rules have been added. Any ball hit from the first tree near the right field line and on over to the right is foul. If a ball rolls into the trees when the right fielder has no play, it's an automatic double. If the right fielder has a play but misses, it's a live ball — go for all the gusto you can get.

A few last points to remember. In VLS softball, it's one, two strikes you're out at the ole ball game. The home team is responsible for picking up and returning equipment, and must sign for it in the SBA office. Finally, team captains should either post the game results or drop a note in SBA's box.

GloboFlex.

for that wonderful sport — Intramural Softball!

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