The Docket, Issue 3, October 1985

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.law.villanova.edu/docket

Recommended Citation
https://digitalcommons.law.villanova.edu/docket/118

This 1985-1986 is brought to you for free and open access by the Historical Archives at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Docket by an authorized administrator of Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law Digital Repository.
by Amelia P. McGovern
Parther M. Scott, a 1964 graduate of Villanova Law School, has initiated an action against the American Bar Association for discriminating against female insurance practices.

According to Scott, the ABA first limited, then totally withdrew previously available obstetrical care costs of hospitalization from female student subscribers in the 1983-84 and 1984-85 academic years, respectively. Judge Ruggiero Aldisert, Chief Judge in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, delivered a message to the Villanova Law School.

"The American Bar Association, as the primary representative of the legal profession, should not immunize itself from the operational standards that it sets for others. It must not be allowed to discriminate against female or other minority members."

This past summer the Villanova Law School Code of Conduct was revised. Professor John Cannon, who prepared the basic drafts, stated that the Code was revised in an attempt to make it more efficient, less convoluted and to more fully promote academic integrity.

The new Code provides for mixed faculty and student participation at the trial level. Under the old code all members of the Honor Board were required to be present at the hearing. Under the new Code the Hearing Board is to consist of six members: three student Honor Board members to be chosen by the Chairperson and three faculty members to be appointed by the Dean. The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether the accused committed the charged violation and, if so, an appropriate sanction.

Finally, automatic faculty review has been abolished. Under the old Code a faculty review of the decision of the Hearing Board only upon a petition of the accused and only for a clear abuse of discretion prejudicial to the substantial rights of the accused; this provision, in conjunction with the provision allowing mixed faculty and student participation at the trial level, negates the possibility of undiscovered misunderstandings between the trial and appellate level.

Honor Board Chairperson McKenna stated, "Professor Cannon, who prepared the new Code, worked closely with the student members to which this applies "to make it more efficient, less convoluted and to more fully promote academic integrity."

This provision, in conjunction with other provisions, will help save classroom time, so instructors can concentrate on the fundamentals, said Dean Murray. Not all activities are planned yet, but, "Various judges and lawyers will come to VLS throughout the year," said Dean Murray. "They are generally eager to help students."

A couple of speakers have been firmly scheduled: Robert N. Nix, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, delivered a message to the Red Mass, and Supreme Court Justice Rehnquist has accepted an invitation to speak at Alumni Class of 1968 Commencement Ceremony.

The new Code is to be complete. A new clinical training program will begin this Spring. Six distinguished attorneys, each specializing in a different area, will present a problem he/she deals with on a regular basis to the VLS students, who will then draft a solution, and

Table of Contents

Features...4
Sports....7

(Continued on page 6)

THEocket
1984 VLS Grad Sues ABA

by David Nortstein

Dean John Murray is not one to squander time, but he has in- reinted at the Villanova Law School as "Chairperson of the Pennsylvania Human Rights Commission."

In an amended complaint to the Pennsylvania Human Rights Commission, Scott alleges that the "ABA's group insurance policy limited maternity coverage, previously available to subscribers, in the amount of 80 percent of gestational costs, to a flat, thousand dollar maximum.

In Scott's complaint, according to ABA and M&A, this change was also intended to withdraw maternity coverage from subscribers who did not want to be covered and "member and children" coverage. Scott maintains that inadequate notice was given to the insureds' members to which this applies "to effect this material alteration in an ongoing contractual relationship.

The amended complaint states that Scott and other subscribers offered in a discriminatory manner for the following reasons: First, "it penalizes women for functioning in their nature-given role as childbearers in direct contravention of the Equal Rights Amendment of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Unfair Insurance Practices Act."

Secondly, "it entitles male students and other selected classes to more health coverage for their health dollars by providing comprehensive health benefits including coverage for uniquely personal situations, while demanding female students major medical coverage minus a most important health care expense of women in this age group - maternity care.

"It gives superior health benefits to the spouses of male law students married to female students who did not choose to carry their husbands on their policies."

"Lastly ... it refuses to honor maternity claims of female students..." the complaint reads. "This will help save classroom time," so instructors can concentrate on the fundamentals, said Dean Murray. Not all activities are planned yet, but, "Various judges and lawyers will come to VLS throughout the year," said Dean Murray. "They are generally eager to help students."

A couple of speakers have been firmly scheduled: Robert N. Nix, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, delivered a message to the Red Mass, and Supreme Court Justice Rehnquist has accepted an invitation to speak at Alumni Class of 1968 Commencement Ceremony.

The new Code is to be complete. A new clinical training program will begin this Spring. Six distinguished attorneys, each specializing in a different area, will present a problem he/she deals with on a regular basis to the VLS students, who will then draft a solution, and
Learning for the sake of learning aside, the primary goal of a law student is to obtain a job in the legal profession. Whether as an attorney or in some related capacity, gaining employment is foremost in the minds of law students, especially during the year. That is why a law school's placement office is so critical. Thus, it is in the legal profession. Whether as an attorney or in some related capacity, gaining employment is foremost in the minds of law students, especially during the year. That is why a law school's placement office is so critical. Thus, it is in the legal profession.

Discarded People" Exposed

by Brenda Ruggiero

On Friday evening, October 11, the Villanova Black Law Students Association sponsored Penelope Elizabeth Andrews, who spoke on the topic, “South Africa: Reform or Repression?”

Professor Andrews, a South African lawyer, has been in this country since 1983. In 1982 she received her LLB from the University of Natal, South Africa, and in 1982, received her LLM from Columbia University. She is now a Chancellorial Fellow in Legislative Drafting at Columbia Law School and previously was a Foreign Associate with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. She has written many articles dealing with Apartheid and its effects on black South African society.

“South Africa: Reform or Repression?” focused on the apartheid policies of the white government and its devastating consequences. Andrews’ address was supplemented by the film, “Discarded People,” a British documentary, which gave visual proof of the apartheid policies.

Professor Andrews felt that apartheid is a system “that perpetually robs black South Africans of their human dignity and respect.” She described it as a two-pronged policy based on racism and economic exploitation. She felt that “desegregation” as it is thought of in this country is not the remedy for South Africa. What does it mean, she asked, if restaurants and park benches are desegregated? What does it mean if the population has absolutely no say in any governmental policies or benefits from the country’s vast economic wealth? Blacks are not free in this country. They are, and never want to use the same buses as whites. There is a deeper issue at stake, one unknown to many Americans, which is why she decries the fact that many, blacks from South Africa today and America in the fifties and sixties. South Africa, a former British colony, has followed a system of racial segregation for centuries. In 1948, the current Nationalist government came to power and openly expressed and proceeded to implement with full force the policies of Apartheid. The black South African society is divided along racially drawn lines. Every policy and action of the government is concentrated on reinforcing it. All government institutions, including the judiciary, are structured to perpetuate this system.

Professor Andrews’ presentation and film attempted to desensitize the oppressive governmental policies and how they have broken down the black society. She named various policies such as the pass laws, the Group Areas Act, and detention laws, which kept apart the black population. All these important reforms, she said, are the result of a British policy of “Black Spot.” The occupants are under notice that they must leave their homes by a certain date and that they do not have on their own accord. As long as they are transported out by the government and the community is raised.

The people are taken to new “Homelands” called the Bantustans. These areas are the most undesirable in the country and virtually unable to support life. Thousands of people are transported and resettled in these wastelands, which are inhabited and declare themselves citizens of these artificial “states.” The government, in giving them their own “state,” continues to deprive them of their South African citizen rights and any rights they might have gained from any potential economic benefit they might have gained from wealthy South Africa.

The detrimental aspects of reemergent government go even deeper into the core of society. The policy has virtually destroyed the black family unit. The Battustans are located in the wilderness, usually hundreds of miles from the cities. Black men, an available and easily manipulated labor force, are employed in the cities and return to their families in the Battustans and the most remote parts of South Africa. The women are left in the wasteland to eke out a living for themselves and their children, and watch with what they can gather from the surrounding land and the small amount that the men send from the cities.

Another effect that mass deportation has on society is the dislocation and sense of alienation that it causes in the people. Entire communities are torn apart, culture is lost, and family is scattered and forced to live with others of different backgrounds, creating and losing identities.

Ms. Andrews dismissed the so-called “reforms” of the South African white government. She feels that the Reagan administration’s real policy is that of the South Africa. Ms. Andrews further stated, “The reform picture is for the west that wants to appease its conscience and believe that things are changing.”

“The South African government is currently spending millions of dollars in the U.S. alone, on untruthful and expensive propaganda campaign,” she said. “The South African government is not interested in genuine change, and . . . continued, “certainly has no intention of ceasing to act as it has.”

The presentation was attended by Villanova Law School faculty and students and members of local organizations concerned with South Africa through publications and presentations such as this.

Res On Coke

Dear Docket:

Hey, how come the cafeteria doesn’t have a sharp knife to cut the bagels with? Every time I try to cut it ends up looking like a puppy toothed on it. If the cafeteria people are afraid that someone will cut themselves on the knife, why don’t they cut them in advance for us?

Bernie Resnick

Staff Openings

There are still staff openings available on The Docket, for writing, photography, and editing. If you are interested, please speak to any member of the Editorial Board or leave a note in the Docket mailbox in the vending room.
Reigel Judging Explained

Dear Docket:

On behalf of the Moot Court Board Executive Committee, I would like to respond to Ms. Flowers’ article in the last edition of the Docket warning us of the “proliferation of libel suits” threatening development. Since the legal standard has not yet been adopted, I believe that the current standard is not perfect. The closest we could get to a perfect system would be to have the same judges evaluate each team. Obviously, this is not feasible and we are constantly trying to make the system as fair as possible. We have attempted to eliminate the effect of “easy” or “hard” scoring by judges by dropping the highest and lowest scores, and by providing judges with scales for guiding their evaluations. Providing future judges with information illustrating the range of scores awarded in past competitions will help.

We welcome constructive criticism of the current system. Criteria contained on an evaluation form are to advance regardless of which “winner” for any reason or for no reason at all. The Delaware County Daily Times: It basically stinks, although it does have Bacon County Crime in the comic pages. Still, there’s no Doonesbury, no Far Side, and the horoscope is lousy.

The Newark Star-Ledger: Hallelujah! This newspaper, which occasionally carries Doonesbury. Nowadays, almost all newspapers report news correctly on the day an event occurs. Even the least optimistic would be extremely happy. If you are still reading this paper, you should notice that the news is not stale or Ronald Fordon, which “compromises” between a win/loss and scoring system.

I would like to respond to Ms. Flowers’ article in the last edition of the Docket warning us of the “proliferation of libel suits” threatening development. Since the legal standard has not yet been adopted, I believe that the current standard is not perfect. The closest we could get to a perfect system would be to have the same judges evaluate each team. Obviously, this is not feasible and we are constantly trying to make the system as fair as possible. We have attempted to eliminate the effect of “easy” or “hard” scoring by judges by dropping the highest and lowest scores, and by providing judges with scales for guiding their evaluations. Providing future judges with information illustrating the range of scores awarded in past competitions will help.

We welcome constructive criticism of the current system. Criteria contained on an evaluation form are to advance regardless of which “winner” for any reason or for no reason at all. The Delaware County Daily Times: It basically stinks, although it does have Bacon County Crime in the comic pages. Still, there’s no Doonesbury, no Far Side, and the horoscope is lousy.

The Newark Star-Ledger: Hallelujah! This newspaper, which occasionally carries Doonesbury. Nowadays, almost all newspapers report news correctly on the day an event occurs. Even the least optimistic would be extremely happy. If you are still reading this paper, you should notice that the news is not stale or Ronald Fordon, which “compromises” between a win/loss and scoring system.
Environmental Law Index Drafted

The Environmental Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial body that is responsible for interpreting and applying Pennsylvania's environmental laws and regulations. It reviews decisions rendered by the Department of Environmental Resources. But, unlike other appeal bodies, the Board sits more like a trial court and hears cases de novo. Each member of the Board separately hears evidence, makes findings of fact and renders an opinion that must be approved by the other two members. Once approved, these opinions constitute binding precedent.

The major difficulty for those attorneys practicing before the Environmental Hearing Board is that although bound by its decisions, there is no method available by which they can research these precedents. Bound volumes of these opinions exist, but there is no way to tap into them. Apparently, reporting companies have not recognized the need for an index in this newly expanding field of law. The project is therefore performing a greatly needed public service. The project has been worked on for over five years and is almost complete.

The Environmental Law Index will contain the listing of the various state environmental laws and regulations thereunder, and where they are cited in Environmental Hearing Board decisions. It is a project that has to do with the environment, including toxic waste, pollution, landfills, trash disposal and mining. Since the subject matter of the Board is very technical, and the Commonwealth Courts, which hear appeals from the Board, are highly deferential to the Board's expertise, its decisions are crucial in determining Pennsylvania's environmental policies. The Board effectively operates on the same level as the Court of Common Pleas since appeals from Board decisions are direct to the Commonwealth Courts. The Board is therefore highly influential in establishing environmental law in Pennsylvania.

Although the E.L.G. has received guidance from Professor Hysmon, Mr. Mazullo and other environmental lawyers, all of the work has been done by students. This year's efforts have been conducted by the group's current chairperson, Carolyn King. King states that it is really exciting to see that the index is almost complete. King and approximately five other group members spend what little free time they have working on the project. David Borden, who is the author of the Index, has been spearheading the efforts to complete the Index and get it published. Before last year's chairperson, has concluded that he has to work full-time to assist the group as well.

The Index will definitely be welcomed by environmental lawyers, and chemical and utility corporations that frequently deal with the Environmental Hearing Board with open arms. The revolution and money that it will bring to Villanova will be greeted with the same enthusiasm. The Environmental Law Group should be commended for the completion of the Index which will become a major, if not the most important, piece of research, a service to all who are interested in the development of environmental law in Pennsylvania.

Other activities that the E.L.G. has lined up for this year include symposiums on the trash crisis and toxic waste. The group is inviting anyone with information on these topics or who is interested in helping out, to drop a note in the group's mailbox in the coffee room. The group meets every Wednesday afternoon to plan events and discuss current environmental issues on this growing field of law. The group has already gone on a tour of the Limerick Nuclear Plant in Montgomery County and has provided students with information concerning work-study positions available with the U.S. Attorney's Office involving the Superfund.

This year's officers are: Caroyn King — Chairperson; Vince Felletter — Vice Chairperson; Tessa Stover — Secretary and Dave Addy — Secretary. New members are always welcome.

Mikey Suggests Social Alternatives

By Michael McGrory

As the leaves turn to crimson, gold and fire, most law students begin hibernating in their books. Most Court, for all but a select few, is over. It's time to think of catching up in a new reality. Dark-circled eyes and coffee craving becoming vogue as finals close in. Things look pretty bleak if you’re only proving not to be close to a studio fired cat, which is piled up high with work. So why not change your perspective?

Wake up early some Saturday, toss on some warm outer gear and head down to Fairmount Park. Late October and early November walks, runs or bike rides along the Kelly and West River Drives are very pleasant. There are also three major rowing regattas which take place during this period: the Heat of the Schuylkill, the Braxton Cup and the Freshman. Each of these races draws a good crowd and makes for a fun afternoon.

If you're not one for rowing, how about the Philadelphia Zoo. The Zoo is open year round and is a nice way to spend a day, especially if you pack a picnic lunch. If these ideas don't thrill you, how about walking over to the Philadelphia Art Museum. There is a fine collection of art work housed permanently in the museum as well as exhibits which travel the country.

Then again you might catch that pigeon which flies right back to your Alma Mater for homecoming. Why not go back to catch up with old friends and reminisce about your college days. If you don't feel like spending the time to travel, you can stay right here and attend Villanova's homecoming on November 1st. Grab a bunch of friends and tailgate with the Wildcat before heading to the game. Sit up in the stands with all the other red-checked spectators and enjoy yourself.

These are only a few ideas but they are by no means the only ones. My advice in a nutshell: Enjoy Fall. Get outside and look at the multi-colored trees, toss the pigeon, munch on a juicy, crisp red deli sandwich or just take a walk on a clear brisk day. You'll feel a lot better after going back to the books in an effort to prepare for finals.

Environmental Hearing Board with open arms. The revolution and money that it will bring to Villanova will be greeted with the same enthusiasm. The Environmental Law Group should be commended for the completion of the Index which will become a major, if not the most important, piece of research, a service to all who are interested in the development of environmental law in Pennsylvania.

Other activities that the E.L.G. has lined up for this year include symposiums on the trash crisis and toxic waste. The group is inviting anyone with information on these topics or who is interested in helping out, to drop a note in the group's mailbox in the coffee room. The group meets every Wednesday afternoon to plan events and discuss current environmental issues on this growing field of law. The group has already gone on a tour of the Limerick Nuclear Plant in Montgomery County and has provided students with information concerning work-study positions available with the U.S. Attorney's Office involving the Superfund.

This year's officers are: Caroyn King — Chairperson; Vince Felletter — Vice Chairperson; Tessa Stover — Secretary and Dave Addy — Secretary. New members are always welcome.

Mikey Suggests Social Alternatives

By Michael McGrory

As the leaves turn to crimson, gold and fire, most law students begin hibernating in their books. Most Court, for all but a select few, is over. It's time to think of catching up in a new reality. Dark-circled eyes and coffee craving becoming vogue as finals close in. Things look pretty bleak if you’re only proving not to be close to a studio fired cat, which is piled up high with work. So why not change your perspective?

Wake up early some Saturday, toss on some warm outer gear and head down to Fairmount Park. Late October and early November walks, runs or bike rides along the Kelly and West River Drives are very pleasant. There are also three major rowing regattas which take place during this period: the Heat of the Schuylkill, the Braxton Cup and the Freshman. Each of these races draws a good crowd and makes for a fun afternoon.

If you're not one for rowing, how about the Philadelphia Zoo. The Zoo is open year round and is a nice way to spend a day, especially if you pack a picnic lunch. If these ideas don't thrill you, how about walking over to the Philadelphia Art Museum. There is a fine collection of art work housed permanently in the museum as well as exhibits which travel the country.

Then again you might catch that pigeon which flies right back to your Alma Mater for homecoming. Why not go back to catch up with old friends and reminisce about your college days. If you don't feel like spending the time to travel, you can stay right here and attend Villanova's homecoming on November 1st. Grab a bunch of friends and tailgate with the Wildcat before heading to the game. Sit up in the stands with all the other red-checked spectators and enjoy yourself.

These are only a few ideas but they are by no means the only ones. My advice in a nutshell: Enjoy Fall. Get outside and look at the multi-colored trees, toss the pigeon, munch on a juicy, crisp red deli sandwich or just take a walk on a clear brisk day. You'll feel a lot better after going back to the books in an effort to prepare for finals.
ST. LOUIS — The Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHAA) is sponsoring its Fifth Annual Legal Writing Conference.

The contest, conducted by the Legal Services Division of CHA, is open to 1L's and 2L's as instructed by any ABA accredited law school. Contestants must be enrolled in courses taught at Catholic schools or to Catholic students. The winner will receive $3,000 and a trip to St. Louis, Mo. The contest deadline is November 1. The contest is divided into two categories: (1) ABA approved law schools, and (2) non-ABA law schools.

Entries must contain a legal issue that affects the delivery of health care in a Catholic hospital or long term care facility. Some past winners have examined moral and legal considerations in withholding medical treatment; and the role that hospital ethics committees play in those decision-making processes.

The contest is designed to raise the level of scholarship regarding legal issues that affect Catholic hospitals and to raise the awareness of these issues to church officials, Stuart Shwartz, vice president, CHA Division of Legal Services.

Contests are divided into two categories: CHA headquarters, 4450 Woodson Rd., St. Louis, Mo. 63134. The CHA is a service organization of the nation’s Catholic-sponsored Health Care Facilities Membership includes 623 hospitals, 292 long term care facilities, and 52 health care systems, as well as the 14 dioceses and 278 congregations of women and men religious that sponsor them.

The contest deadline is January 15.

Health is the Issue

Buxton Leaves

By Docket Staff

Recently, Dean Murray announced that Mary Buxton is leaving her position as Director of Alumni Affairs at VLS. Buxton has accepted a position as Development Director at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn.

Although the Director of Alumni Affairs is not always in the limelight as far as students are concerned, Buxton brought vitality and industriousness to the Alumni Office that will be sorely missed. The popularity of the program entitled "An Inside View of West and Westlaw." While in St. Paul, he also visited the University of Minnesota Law School and the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, production center of the programs we use in our computer-assisted instruction.

Professor William Valente

Professor Valente was the recipient of the 4th Annual Saint Thomas Moore Society Award on October 1st at the dinner reception at the Franklin Plaza Hotel, which followed the 34th Annual Philadelphia Red Mass. The Award is made each year to a member of the legal community who has displayed characteristics of Saint Thomas Moore.

Faculty Spotlight

Holoch Goes West

Resnick Performs with Main Liners

The Main Line Symphony Orchestra will have this season’s first concert on Friday, November 8. The concert will include the Russian and Ludmilla Overture of Tchaikovsky, Major by Boccherini, and Symphonic Night by Shostakovitch. Concert starts at 8 p.m. Concert will be held in the auditorium.

The registration will be from 8:30 to 9 a.m. The concert will include a special feature of the Saint Thomas Moore Society Award. The concert will be held in the auditorium. Tickets are available at the door. There is no reserved seating.

Workin' Out for Tension

On November 15, 1985 at the Connelly Center of Villanova University the Consultation and Training students of the Graduate Counseling and Human Relations Department of Villanova University will conduct a series of workshops dealing with various areas of tension. The workshops will include: following: Career Development for the Older Adolescent; Coping with Stress: Depression; Help in the Role of College; Crisis Management; Education and Career Planning: Productive Living with a Learning Disability; Positive Aspects of Anger; Emotional Healing: Time Management; Mid-Life Transition; Understanding and Managing Anxiety; and Crisis Intervention for Families and Friends of Drug and Alcohol Abusing Persons. The registration fee will be $5.00 before 8:30 a.m. and $6.00 after 8:30 a.m. The workshops will be held in the auditorium. Each participant will be able to choose the workshop that is right for them. There will be a 15 minute break between workshops. Beverages and food will be provided. Parking will be available only in the South Lancaster parking lot. These workshops will be open to the public and there is no charge. For more information please call 645-4600.

Valente Canonsized by Peers.

Buxton Leaves

By Docket Staff

Recently, Dean Murray announced that Mary Buxton is leaving her position as Director of Alumni Affairs at VLS. Buxton has accepted a position as Development Director at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn.

Although the Director of Alumni Affairs is not always in the limelight as far as students are concerned, Buxton brought vitality and industriousness to the Alumni Office that will be sorely missed. The popularity of the program entitled "An Inside View of West and Westlaw." While in St. Paul, he also visited the University of Minnesota Law School and the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, production center of the programs we use in our computer-assisted instruction.

Professor William Valente

Professor Valente was the recipient of the 4th Annual Saint Thomas Moore Society Award on October 1st at the dinner reception at the Franklin Plaza Hotel, which followed the 34th Annual Philadelphia Red Mass. The Award is made each year to a member of the legal community who has displayed characteristics of Saint Thomas Moore.

Faculty Spotlight

Holoch Goes West

Resnick Performs with Main Liners

The Main Line Symphony Orchestra will have this season’s first concert on Friday, November 8. The concert will include the Russian and Ludmilla Overture of Tchaikovsky, Major by Boccherini, and Symphonic Night by Shostakovitch. Concert starts at 8 p.m. Concert will be held in the auditorium.

The registration will be from 8:30 to 9 a.m. The concert will include a special feature of the Saint Thomas Moore Society Award. The concert will be held in the auditorium. Tickets are available at the door. There is no reserved seating.

Workin’ Out for Tension

On November 15, 1985 at the Connelly Center of Villanova University the Consultation and Training students of the Graduated Counseling and Human Relations Department of Villanova University will conduct a series of workshops dealing with various areas of tension. The workshops will include: following: Career Development for the Older Adolescent; Coping with Stress: Depression; Help in the Role of College; Crisis Management; Education and Career Planning: Productive Living with a Learning Disability; Positive Aspects of Anger; Emotional Healing: Time Management; Mid-Life Transition; Understanding and Managing Anxiety; and Crisis Intervention for Families and Friends of Drug and Alcohol Abusing Persons. The registration fee will be $5.00 before 8:30 a.m. and $6.00 after 8:30 a.m. The workshops will be held in the auditorium. Each participant will be able to choose the workshop that is right for them. There will be a 15 minute break between workshops. Beverages and food will be provided. Parking will be available only in the South Lancaster parking lot. These workshops will be open to the public and there is no charge. For more information please call 645-4600.

Valente Canonsized by Peers.
Murray Institutes Changes

(Continued from page 1)

type publication at VLS. However, according to Dean Murray, "This is not an easy task for a committee to work up and propose; there are many problems and questions to consider." Among them are whether VLS should adopt a specialized journal or one dealing with general jurisprudence, and whether the law review staff, busy publishing six issues per year, could handle a second periodical.

"I'm in favor of it but let's make sure first," said Dean Murray, who added that it will probably be over a year before he receives the committee's recommendation.

Other recent changes include a new tenure promotion and renewal policy, structured to enhance the quality of faculty teaching; Sue Generis, an alumni publication; a new honor code; a strengthened fundraising program; and the revival of the law/alumni dinner, which occurred last spring for the first time in 15 years.

The placement picture is getting brighter and brighter. "There is more contact by far outside Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia area," said Dean Murray. "Employers are more inclined to consider our resumes, saying, 'We want to hire from VLS.'"

Spring for the first time in 15 years for the alumni of VLS, said Dean Murray. "This active sense of community is a part of the special character of education here," said Dean Murray.

Indeed the atmosphere of a law school is extremely important to the Dean. "When I left Pitt, every one congratulated me for my tangible accomplishments, but ambiance was the critical factor," he said. Dean Murray knew it was time to leave when prospective faculty members could tell him about the school's philosophy. He had helped to give Pitt a positive, well-known identity.

At VLS, "We must enhance and develop the tone which has already begun (under former Dean O'Brien)," Dean Murray said. "Over time, we'll start to hear more and more about VLS' uniqueness from outside legal authorities."

Murray: "We'll Keep the manilla look."

Aside from standard means of giving VLS a greater presence, such as stressing faculty and alumni accomplishments, the Dean has established a new way to spread the word about VLS. This year 91% of first-year students came from seven Eastern states, but the Dean has asked alumni all over the country to actively recruit students in their particular areas.

"We are moving clearly toward a more geographically diverse student body," Dean Murray said. "We want to intensify the presence and greater levels of VLS all over the country."

If students take a positive role in shaping the VLS community, not only likely to remain close to the law school, but they will, likewise, play an active role in shaping society.

"This (active sense of community) is a part of the special character of education here," said Dean Murray.

University administration, and alumni are all striving for greater academic, and cultural levels of legal education," Dean Murray said. "VLS' reputation will continue to grow, as an acme of the pace." The Dean added that there was a greater demand for seats in the Class of 1988 than ever before, underlying VLS' growing popularity.

Code Revisions

(Continued from page 1)

may have existed between the all-student trial and the all-faculty review.

It is hoped that these changes in the Code of Conduct will bring us closer to ensuring justice and promoting academic integrity at the Law School. Students should remember that they are presumed to have read the Code and are held accountable. Copies of the Code can be obtained at the Student Services desk.

AFTER HOURS

After encountering some difficult times, Babs and I are back better than ever!!! As often said, "It's always better the second time around." Thanks to all of our loyal supporters. Now, down to business. The rugby team's "Ring Dang Doo Luau" had rave reviews. Everyone had a blast and looked so fine in those funky Hawaiian shirts and leis, especially Erik O. By the way, where did you get that shirt, Erik? ... Perry F., where was your Halloween look? ... Jeff H. and Glenn P. really got down to the happenin' music ... Don M. and crew attended, among those included, a dazzling construction worker ... Wow! Jamie F. really knows how to throw a party!!! He really outdid himself at this function, by even providing a live band, whose illustrious members include VLS people: Cara M., Andrew S., and the party-trigger himself, Jamie. Cara was that really you? Babs spotted many of our colleagues at this one. Mike S. walked home. Erik P. attended with guest. Angelo M. and friends made an appearance. Chris B. vowed them on the dance floor ... Let's here it for the Jewish Law Students, under the auspices of Steve B. and Craig F., who sponsored another delectable bagel brunch ... McSorley's Night on the Town was marvelous ... Happy 1st wedding anniversary to 2L Lou F. ... Congratulations also to 3L Fred M. on his new daughter. ... Thanks to all who volunteered for the annual blood drive at St. Mary's on October 16th. ... Speaking of blood, the vampires will be out on October 26th for the SBA's annual Monster Mash Halloween Bash. ... Boo!!!!!!! Yipes!!! I wonder what Dave G. will come as this year? What could top his Michael Jackson garb? ... Congratulations to all the Reimel Moot Court quarterfinalists! Good show and good luck!! ... Congratulations also to 3L Colleen D. on her engagement ... Happy Birthday goes out to our own Babs, 1L Dave A. on October 2nd, and 1L Jeff N. on October 2nd. ... We want to give a warm welcome to all transfer students — Hang in there! ... We invite anyone to submit information to us (Babs & Liz) via the Docket office if you have any authentic tidbits of news you would like published, especially IL!!...

Upcoming Events: SBA's Annual Halloween Party, Oct. 26 and the Ultimate Halloween Party on Oct. 30, another cosmic event at the Black Banana. Sponsored by Gillis M. and Roseanna G., who can tell you, if you thought 2nd and Race was an extravaganza in February, you haven't lived until you experience Black Banana III!!! Bye for now!
Softball Season in Full Swing

by Jeanne Rapley

A short softball report this week. Sports Fans, as even I, a die hard ballplayer, get bogged down in the library blahs (someone just told me we're supposed to read our casebooks — talk about a revelation — I'd been hugging them around just to build up my throwing arm!) It seems perhaps my pre-season fear about the tree in my arm (with Jim Sundberg running a J), Jill Goldman; catcher: Paul Kulin-(third base: George Brett (honorable mention: Frank Gartner); first field: Fred "They hit it over my head again," Levin; right field: Jude "Charge that ball much?" Quinn; short field: Dave Nowak; pitcher: Joe DePietro (leading contender for next year's Who's Hot list); catcher: Carolyn Moran.

Last, but not least, no softball update would be complete without the standings:

Who's Not: 1st: Jack Clark, 3rd: Randy Zakreski/Steve Beer (Who's reportedly having a hard time reaching first base); left field: Kevin "Baskin' in the Sun" Robins; center field: Fred "They hit it over my head again," Levin; right field: Jude "Charge that ball much?" Quinn; short field: Dave Nowak; pitcher: Joe DePietro (leading contender for next year's Who's Hot list); catcher: Carolyn Moran.

Well, sports fans, that's all for this month. I look forward to seeing all of you out for the playoffs (remember: bring your thermal underwear). We probably have the distinction of being the only league in the country whose playoffs are later than the majors! See you at the ball field!

Sports Notes: Several members of Risky Business (one of the most "consistent" teams in the league) have threatened to strike if management breaches their contract and fails to supply beer at a game again. Maybe a few more hits would produce a little more beer ... Nominated for cutest team name in the league: Mike Schwab and the Q-tips, though judging from their record (4-1) they've been "wiping up" all over ... League Commissioner Levin tells me he bought six new bats to start the season. Last time I looked in the equipment bag, there were only two — funny, I didn't know softball bats had wings ... Two "unidentified sources" from the Verdicks were heard crediting much of their success to the women on their team: Maura Crough (utility fielder), Mary Coyne (catcher), Sandy Buschman (pitcher) and Aliisa Dalton (designated hitter) ... If team captains (or anyone with a remedial command of the English language) would drop a note about their games in the Docket Mail-box, the softball report would be bigger and better next issue.

Phi Delta Phi's Volleyball Tourney had some people up in arms.

Who's Not: 1st: Jack Clark, 3rd: Randy Zakreski/Steve Beer (Who's reportedly having a hard time reaching first base); left field: Kevin "Baskin' in the Sun" Robins; center field: Fred "They hit it over my head again," Levin; right field: Jude "Charge that ball much?" Quinn; short field: Dave Nowak; pitcher: Joe DePietro (leading contender for next year's Who's Hot list); catcher: Carolyn Moran.

Well, sports fans, that's all for this month. I look forward to seeing all of you out for the playoffs (remember: bring your thermal underwear). We probably have the distinction of being the only league in the country whose playoffs are later than the majors! See you at the ball field!
LITTLE KNOWN TORTS

During our years of researching dusty, dank, dingy law libraries and other known (and even some unknown) niches and crannies in search of potentially bizarre bar exam questions that might be sprung on unsuspecting students, we discovered certain "little known torts" that have yet to appear on any exam. As a special student service, we thought it only fair to bring one of these unknown torts out in the open, just in case.

After a long, arduous journey across the bounding main, wracked with scurvy, beri-beri, hideous storms and sea serpents, the sailing vessel "Mayflower," complete with ship's company, landed safely at Plymouth Rock. Unfortunately (and not at all in keeping with other historical records) mayhem broke loose in the form of Private Peter Pilgrim. As Peter Pilgrim was disembarking from the ship, the wet gangway slipped off Plymouth Rock, propelling him over the rock, landing on (and destroying) a festive table, laden with mouth-watering goodies painstakingly prepared by Chief Chuckie Cheez and his tribe.

Chief Chuckie Cheez, after reviving Private Peter Pilgrim (and removing mass quantities of cranberry sauce from his nostrils and a drumstick from his left ear) sued Private Peter Pilgrim for damages for destruction of property.

Private Peter Pilgrim in turn sued Captain C. Way for negligence for allowing him to disembark on the wet gangway.

Captain C. Way in turn sued Far Flung Funships (owners and operators of the "Mayflower") on the grounds that the vessel was equipped with an unsafe gangway.

Far Flung Funships then sued Gangway Gratings Ltd. for product liability since the gangway was "guaranteed" to be "slip-proof."

Gangway Gratings Ltd. sued Chief Chuckie Cheez for negligence for improperly using Plymouth Rock as a disembarcking place since it was moss encrusted and was therefore a dangerous mooring facility.

After a long and very vocal trial, Judge N. Jury ruled and his verdict is one of the answers listed below.

So, to add a little enjoyment to the story and in "thanksgiving" of the verdict, if you send in an answer by November 29, and it matches the Judge's, we'll send you a coupon worth $25 off a Josephson/Kluwer Bar Review Course or Josephson/Kluwer Workshop, $75.

MAIL TO YOUR NEAREST JOSEPHSON/KLUWER OFFICE

LITTLE KNOWN TORTS #1

Name __________________________
Address _______________________
City ___________________________
State _________________________

Rules: Answer must be postmarked no later than November 29, 1985. The $25.00 coupons will be mailed to the student postmarked of correct answers. 100% of winners will be notified on or before January 3, 1986. All entries must be postmarked December 14, 1985 and January 7, 1986 entries will be returned to FACE VALUE ONLY. No copies will be returned. Answers to this question are not transferable. No cash redemption. One coupon per student for use on Bar Review or Multistate Workshop.

Answers (check one)

□ Private Peter Pilgrim was held liable because he was clumsy.
□ Chief Chuckie Cheez was held liable because he knowingly placed the dinner table too close to the "slippery" rock.
□ All parties were held to be partially at fault and ordered to sit down at a dinner table and to "give thanks" that no serious damage was done and to celebrate the momentous occasion at least once a year.

Oh, and that's in addition to the current fall discount of 125. PA 125. NY

LITTLE KNOWN TORTS #1

Name __________________________
Address _______________________
City ___________________________
State _________________________