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by Walter Lucas, a 3L

"First year, they scare you to death; Second year, they work you to death; Third year, they bore you to death."
— Law Student Folklore

The scariest thing about being a 1L is the feeling that you're all alone on the first leg of this three-year calypso. You're not. Some 400-plus of your upper class colleagues here have survived that first leg. That's 400-plus shoulders to lean — or cry — on when the going gets rough. Use 'em. Talk to 'em. There are both of us, being in the same boat and all.

The second scariest thing about being a 1L is that you are an outsider in the military hierarchy of Law. Unless you hail from a legal family, or were a paraplegic before getting here, you don't even know the language; let alone the underlying concepts. But don't let this worry you. Like any other foreign tongue, the language of the law can be learned just by immersing yourself in it. The quickest way to do that is to devour — not just read — every word. Don't just sit there and let your eyes gloss over some Latin phrase or archaic-sounding word. Look it up! The law library has several copies of Black's Law Dictionary. Reserve at the Circulation Desk. Just leave your ID card and take a copy with you to a study carrel. Or, if you decide to study at home, buy your own copy. There are cheaper and lighter paper back editions available, too. But the point is, never open your book without reaching for your dictionary. Unlike plain English, legal words and phrases generally can't be gleaned from context. If you try, you run the very dangerous, and real, risk of missing the whole point of a case. A few words about cases. They're the opinions you'll be reading in your casebooks the next few years. Casebooks are those clumsy tomes that cost an arm and a leg, and seem to go out of print every other year, and don't even have pictures. They are called casebooks — not textbooks — because they are edited — not written — compilations of court opinions about a particular subject (Contracts, Torts, Property, etc.).

Case law comes from the decisions of appellate courts, or courts of review, not merely the trial court. If you hear complaints that lower court has made an error; that is, made some ruling not in accord with the rules of law. Except for the federal trial courts (more on them later), and those of a few states, trial court opinions are not published. The Courts

Before delving into what cases are, first understand that there are two court systems from which they come; state and federal. In each state there are trial courts of general jurisdiction, which are called by such names as Court of

Common Pleas in Pennsylvania, Superior Court in New Jersey, and Supreme Court in New York.

At the top of the state judicial system is the highest appellate Court of that state. In most states, it is simply called the Supreme Court. Of course, New York has to be different. It calls its highest court merely the Court of Appeals.

In between a state's trial courts and its highest court, there are intermediate courts, usually called courts of appeal or just plain appellate courts. In Pennsylvania, it's called Superior Court; Commonwealth Court, if a government entity is a party.

The federal judicial system, likewise, has three principal levels: the District Courts, the Courts of Appeals (called Circuit Courts), and of course the Supreme Court.

The district courts are the trial courts of general jurisdiction for both civil and criminal matters. They also review the decisions of some federal administrative agencies. There are 90 district courts located throughout the 50 states and one for the Districts of Columbia. Some states contain as many as four. Pennsylvania, for example, has three: the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, The Middle District and the Western District. (Philadelphia is located in the Eastern District.)

Appeals from a district court decision are generally heard in the circuit court of appeals for the circuit in which the district court is located. Though in rare instances appeal may be directly to the Supreme Court. There are 12 such circuits, 11 comprising geographical divisions of the states and a twelfth for the District of Columbia. Pennsylvania is located in the Third Circuit, along with neighboring New Jersey, Delaware and the — not so nearby — Virgin Islands. (Don't ask!) These circuit courts are the intermediary appellate courts in the federal system but because of the limitations on review by the Supreme Court they are, in fact, the courts of last resort for most federal cases.

That brings us to the big kahuna of courts: THE Supreme Court. It reviews decisions of the courts of appeals, when it wants to — usually if the case raises an issue of law that's unsettled among the various jurisdictions, though some say the Court loathes to review a case that's particularly controversial. Whatever the reason, the proportion of cases the Court decides to review is very small.

The Supreme Court consists of (Continued on page 7)

The law school courtyard, a place of solace for the weary law student; also the traditional site of the first law school party for the first years.

Brenda Ruggiero, who would have been a 3L student, was killed in an automobile accident on July 15, 1987, when the car she was driving collided with a motorcycle at a Bervyn intersection and both vehicles burst into flames.

The accident occurred about 7:45 a.m. when Ruggiero's 1986 sedan heading west on Leopard Road collided with a southbound motorcycle on State Route 252 operated by Glenn Cooke. Cooke died earlier this month.

Ruggiero was positively identified by dental records.

Ruggiero is survived by her parents, Dr. Robert and Arlene Ruggiero, brother Robert, Jr., sister Rita, maternal grandmother Rose Maag and fiance David M. Augustine, a 3rd year law student at VLS.
In Memoriam

By Christine Flowers

I am, always have been and always will be a nice person. As a Brownie, I was the first troop member to earn the friendship pin (a singular achievement). I also sold more cookies than anyone else because my sales pitch included a wide, sweet smile and a cheery "Hiya, Ma'am/Sir. What a lovely home you have. Wanna buy some cookies?"

At picnics, where my brothers would collect fireflies and trap them in jars, I would set the 25-watt hostages free when they weren't looking.

Teachers loved me. Parents loved me. Priests and nuns loved me. Kids didn't love me so much, but I always figured that this was attributable to their own jealousy and was a reflection on my perfect little self.

Consequently, it was with great sadness that I realized how unappreciated my chosen profession actually is. I think it all started with Shakespeare's oft-quoted wise-crack: "First thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." When I came across this literary gem, the bard of Avon was one of my very favorite authors. Now, as far as I'm concerned, he's just another cross-dresser from the 17th century whose taste in clothing was matched only by his ignorance of the legal profession. Pardon me if I sound overly defensive, but these past three years have been difficult for me.

As noted above, I am a nice person and am used to being treated as such by friends and family. However, since that momentous day in 1984 when I decided to devote my life to the law, I've begun to feel as though I have something in common with Hester Prinny, of Scarlet Letter fame. Like the scorned Puritan maiden, I too bear a scarlet "A" on my breast.

Moreover?

No. Far worse — attorney.

As a graduating law student, the situation is quite unpleasant. Much to my dismay, there seems to be a perennial open season on attorneys.

Newspaper editorials denounce us as unethical bears. Doctors blame us for raising insurance rates and refuse to treat our relatives (probably even our pets). Parents disown us (understandably so) and despise us when we prevail ("Oh, villainy, thy name is contingency fee.")

Of course, the legal profession does have its share of rotten apples (did I hear someone say orchard?) but they are clearly the exception and not the general rule.

This is not a simple matter to explain to outsiders, however.

Take for example, my friends. Laura. She has the warmest heart and the sharpest tongue in the Western hemisphere. "A lawyer," she shrieked when I told her of my decision to enter a law school. "How could you, Chris? You were always such a nice person.

I am, as I'd just informed her, that I was embedding funds for the UNICEF. Laura's reaction is typical of what I usually get from friends and family members who are basically good, but have no need of my legal expertise. (If they were in need of counseling, rest assured that they would stifle the impulse to give me their unencumbered opinions.)

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By the way, I wish to thank Robert Shakespeare, the Bard of Avon, for the possibility of improvement. Former Docket columnist, gradual-^2...

This Lawyer's too Young to Die

By Judy McChlerning

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Everybody Pays for Lawyers

By Jay Feinman

Recently, the Inquirer reported the starting salaries for new lawyers at large corporate firms were approaching $20,000 in Philadelphia and $80,000 in New York.

The firms can pay that kind of money because their fees are equally astronomical. If a senior partner of one of those firms advises you or represents you in court, he will charge you $200 or more for an hour's work. When he needs some research done, he'll send an associate, freshly out of law school, to the library, and bill you $10 an hour for the associate's time.

A new wave parents call that "quality time." Interesting concept. One well-suited to adult lives, well. Spending time doing less than talking about what we're going to do. Because in an inactive life that takes time for granted, the years slip away as quickly and as unnoticeably as baby fat. In some odd way, the frenetic pace of law school makes sure he gets what's coming to him. Court is going to be $800 or more for an hour's work. When he needs some research done, he'll send an associate, freshly out of law school, to the library, and bill you $10 an hour for the associate's time.

This is a lot of money for an hour's work. Even plumbers, whose fees are the butt of everyone's jokes, only charge $45 an hour, and they get their hands dirty.

We can't explain these high fees simply because lawyers spend a lot of time in school to become lawyers. Usually people are paid a lot because they do something valuable, not just spend their time in school. Lawyers are paid a lot because they do something valuable, not just spend their time in school.

1. Style. The clients who can pay these rates are either wealthy individuals or executives in significant businesses or both. People like that don't have legal representation, they want it with panache. Big law firms accommodate. The lawyers dress in expensive suits and work in tastefully decorated offices. Their documents are produced on fancy bond paper by expensive word-processing systems operated by deferential secretaries. Papers are delivered promptly by messenger or Federal Express. First class all the way, at client expense.

2. Security. Imagine that you are a middle-level executive in a Fortune 500 company. A legal problem arises in your area. If you get bad legal advice, you might be held responsible by your superiors. The logical move is to hire a prestigious law firm, if it can't help you, nobody can help you, so it won't be your fault. Spending a lot of money on lawyers is a way of avoiding responsibility.

The name principle applies at every level of business. If you're paying a lot of money, you must be getting the best advice. I've been told that one famous Philadelphia law firm makes sure its fees are higher than everyone else's because clients operate on just this theory.

3. Protection. Think of corporate law as a shakedown racket. Litigation, business and financial transactions, and government regulation are so complicated that businesses need to pay a lot of money to lawyers just to carry on their normal functions and avoid catastrophe. Like the shopkeeper who gives the neighborhood gang a few dollars so it won't wreck her store, if you don't pay you can't play.

Law firms make a lot of their money doing run-of-the-mill corporate counseling and litigation of this sort. In specialized areas, where there are few experts and their knowledge is especially necessary or valuable, the sky's the limit.

4. Surge capacity. Electric companies have to have extra generating capacity for those summer days when every air conditioner in the city is on at the same time. Law firms are like that, too. One of the things clients pay for is the ability of a firm to gear up tremendous resources on short notice to meet a crisis. A corporation becomes a takeover target. A pharmaceutical company is hit with hundreds of lawsuits over a killer drug. A major law firm can pour talent and paper into the breach to meet a sudden crisis or to wage a war of attrition.

Who cares what big corporations spend paying their lawyers? The problem is, we all pay. Most of these legal fees are tax-deductible as business expenses, so the federal taxpayer picks up the tab. The rest is in the cost of doing business and is passed along in the costs of the services the clients sell.

Fortunately, many clients are wise up. Legal fees are a business expense, and good businesses try to contain their costs. Large corporations recently have exposed the exorbitant legal staffs to do much of the work for which they used to rely on outside lawyers. One report suggests that companies have saved one-third to one-half the cost of legal fees formerly spent on some transactions.

But it's not likely that large law firms will disappear. Most, in fact, are still growing. As the saying goes, a lawyer is somebody who makes sure he gets what's coming to you.

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VLS Benton Team Selected

by David R. Augustin

The Board of Editors and Staff Members of Volume 33 of the Villanova Law Review are looking forward to an exciting and busy year. Over the summer 39 new writing committee members joined the Review and began writing their notes. (Law Review accepts top 10% of students based on grade point average. Of the 41 new staff members 32 graded on — 25 from the class of 1989 — 5 from the class of 1988 and 2 from the J.D./Ph.D. program. In a very selective open writing competition, the open writing committee chose 9 people out of the 42 people who submitted pieces (over 100 people had picked the packets) to join the Law Review. By mid-September, the Board of Editors hopes to have Volume 33 issue 1 published. This issue will feature an article by John E. Murray, Jr., the former Dean of Villanova Law School, entitled "The Modification Mystery: Section 2-209 of the Uniform Commercial Code." Articles by current students will include Lisa Kakaty's article entitled "Legal Protection for the Confidentiality of Health Care Information in Pennsylvania." The student articles appearing in this issue will be Jennifer Hilliard's entitled "Substantive Admissibility of a Non-Party Witness' Prior Inconsistent Statements—Pennsylvania Joins the Modern View"; John McMillan's entitled "Government Liability and the Public Duty Doctrine"; and Cynthia Sharo's entitled "Knowledge by the Jury of a Settlement Where a Plaintiff Has Settled with One or More Defendants Who Are Jointly and Severally Liable." The next issue of volume 32 will feature Professor Richard Turkington's article entitled "Legal Protection for the Confidentiality of Health Care Information in Pennsylvania." The student articles appearing in that issue will include Lisa Kakaty's article entitled "Legal Protection for the Confidentiality of Health Care Information in Pennsylvania." The student articles appearing in this issue will be Jennifer Hilliard's entitled "Substantive Admissibility of a Non-Party Witness' Prior Inconsistent Statements—Pennsylvania Joins the Modern View"; John McMillan's entitled "Government Liability and the Public Duty Doctrine"; and Cynthia Sharo's entitled "Knowledge by the Jury of a Settlement Where a Plaintiff Has Settled with One or More Defendants Who Are Jointly and Severally Liable." The Placement Center announces the 1987-88 Alumni Counseling Program. Every student, from first-years to third-year, is invited to participate in the program. To participate, please sign up on Registration Day or before September 8 in the Placement Center, Room 47. Our alumni number over 4000 and practice in almost every state. The Philadelphia Counseling Program has only pursued traditional careers within corporations and law firms, but also non-traditional careers of almost every variety. They possess a wealth of information based upon their own experiences ranging from developing a career to choosing a location in which to practice. They may not have all the answers, but they are certainly your prime source of guidance and advice. Hundreds of our alumni eagerly volunteer to serve as counselors, to meet and talk with you and answer any questions you may have regarding the legal profession. They enjoy participating in this program and are anxious to help you. Why? Probably because they would have benefited from the advice and encouragement of a seasoned professional as they began to plan their careers and now wish to pass on to you the lessons they have learned. Keep in mind that the Alumni Counseling Program is not a job search. If you participate in this program, you must contact your counselor, because our alumni volunteers expect you to do so. They also expect you to be prepared with questions. You are asking practitioners what it's like to be a lawyer, a judge, a district attorney, etc. You are also asking if they can refer you to others in the field for additional input. You are talking with someone as a friend and mentor, not as a prospective employer. The survey, completed this winter, was made by William B. Carroll in the office of the ABA consultant on legal education. Powers' findings are published in "A Study of Contemporary Law School Curricula." That study was published in 1974. The result is that for both time frames about 48 percent of the law student curriculum was devoted to required courses and 52 percent was devoted to electives. The result is that for both time frames about 48 percent of the law student curriculum was devoted to required courses and 52 percent was devoted to electives.
A Clerkship in Cleveland

by Marie H. Sambor

In November, accepting an offer from a medium-size law firm in Cleveland, Ohio, was easy. There were no thoughts of loneliness and frustration. After all, Cleveland wasn't that far away.

The week before I was scheduled to begin work on Monday, May 18, 1987, I was the first summer associate to arrive, and the firm didn't seem ready for me. On Monday, I went to meet the partner who would be my mentor (I was feeling like the same old eternal runner-up), but I didn't have anyone to talk to about my feelings. Neither could I wait.

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The first day on the job I developed this unbearable urge for a soft pretzel.

As a summer associate, I did spend time researching and writing memoranda, but I also had the opportunity to observe decision-making and judgment and to project compliance with discovery, to take on several cases, to interview witnesses, and to review documents. As the summer ended, I took a break from the new and exciting corporate law world, and I didn't have any time to think about it. I knew no one and had no idea what to expect from the future.

For IL's that are unsure about the law practice, or perhaps on a lucky day a briefcase in hand, Rays on nose, and the atmosphere is friendly and open.

Jenkins Law Library
A Home Away from Home

by Caroline Reeves

A great deal of my time last summer was spent at Jenkins Law Library in Chestnut and 9th Street, Philadelphia. When I look at a great deal of time I mean it— at least one daily pilgrimage to the infamously stacks, or perhaps on a lucky day a briefcase in hand, Rays on nose, Walkman on ears, in '95 heat, 90% humidity, and an exhilarating sensation of being a special guest. As the summer ended, I took a break from the new and exciting corporate law world, and I didn't have any time to think about it. I knew no one and had no idea what to expect from the future.

But lest one not think that Jenkins Library's social, it is imperative to mention that the Jenkins summer was an experience that I shared with many of my colleagues who were also summer associates at Center City law firms. As a result Jenkins not only served as the center of the second-year law student universe, but also as the hot spot of expatriate social life. That summer air swirled with inside jokes leaving out seminars. No subject was taboo— from what kind of Danish was served to the ABA's perception of the firm, it was all fair game.

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The author, formerly a researcher at Prudential-Fa Pall Securities, is a freelance writer.
FEATURES

VCR CORNER

By Corllyce Reeves

Field of Honor
Drama:
Field of Honor (1986) — Everett McGill, Ron Brandsteder, Hey Young Lee. Tells the moving story of one Dutch infantryman's experiences during the Korean War. McGill plays Sive, a caggy, hard-boiled officer through whose eyes we see the horrors of the atrocities and tragedies of war. Filmed on location in the Iran Triangle. 120 min., MGM/UA Home Video, $79.95.

First Affair
First Affair (1983) — Loretta Young, Melissa Sue Anderson, Joel Higgins. About a middle aged couple's brush with infidelity. A painful emotional triangle ensues when a college freshman is hired as a babysitter, only to find herself involved with more than the children when she seduces her English professor's husband. 100 min. Key Video, $95.95.

The Good Father
The Goodfather (1987) — Anthony Hopkins, Simon Callow. Story about the efforts of a man to save his young son from a "goodfather" as Hopkins plays a bitter, tragedy-stricken loser and his estranged husband laterly separated from his wife. 90 min., Key Video, $59.95.

Native Son
Native Son (1986) — Geraldine Page, Oprah Winfrey, John Karlen. Based on Richard Wright's controversial novel and set in Chicago's slums during the great Depression, this is about a poor black man who accidentally kills a young white woman and disposers of her body in an effort to conceal his actions. 111 min., Lightning Video, $79.98.

Musical:
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court (1949) — Bing Crosby, Rhonda Fleming, Billiam Bendix. Light and lively version of Mark Twain's comedy about a 20th century blacksmith is knocked unconscious only to awaken in 8th century Camelot, where he must prove his bravery as he vies for the hand of the King's stunning niece. 108 min. MCA Home Video, $29.98.

Jesus Christ Superstar
Jesus Christ Superstar (1973) — Ted Neely, Carl Anderson, Yvonne Elliman. The movie that has its own way of dramatizing the last seven days of Christ's life. His hub and iconoclastic version of Christ's last days is told in a rock opera format. 188 min., MCA Home Video, $29.95.

Playing for Keeps
Playing For Keeps (1989) — Daniel Jordano, Matthew Poon, Leon Grant. An ambitious trio of musically talented inner city high school graduates must overcome impossible odds as they try to hit the big time by turning a run down downtown hotel into a rock-n-roll resort. Features songs by today's hottest superstars. 101 min., MCA Home Video, $34.98.

Mystery:
The Bedroom Window
The Bedroom Window (1987) — Steve Guttenberg, Elizabeth Mcgovern, Isabelle Huppert. Suspense and intrigue in the tradition of the Alfred Hitchcock classic "Rear Window." The theme concern an affair with his boss' wife leads a young architect into becoming the chief suspect in a series of brutal murders. 113 min., Vestron Video, $73.98.

The Hitchcock Collection
The Hitchcock Collection — This special edition contains three separate films from the master of suspense. Included are "Vantage Hitchcock" which looks at his earlier days as a set designer and director, "The Lady Vanishes," and "Archer's Window." The collection contains an affair with his boss' wife leads a young architect into becoming the chief suspect in a series of brutal murders. 113 min., MCA Home Video, $39.95.

Scene of the Crime
Scene of the Crime (1986) — Markie Post, Steve Kanaly, Edward Winter. Classic "whodunit" mystery series hosted by Orson Welles, who imporimizes the opinions of such leading experts as Merv Griffin and David Hasseloff and offers a smattering of thoughts that invites the viewers to draw their own conclusions. 74 min., MCA Home Video, $39.95.

ASK AUNTM AMMA

Ah, the start of another fun-filled law school year at VLS. All just seems too good to be true. Yet, for most of you 1Ls on the threshold of an unparalleled experience, there may be a cloud of questions circling your lofty, ambitious heads. As baffling as they may seem, most have already been asked by your predecessors. Here's sampling.

Dear Aunt Emma: A few of my professors have pointedly told me that classroom participation may be taken into account at evaluation time. As a result, many of my classmates have fallen into a very annoying, neurotic habit of jingling their hands in the air, flailing them about until recognized and asking just about anything. Do they really get better grades, and must I succumb to such behavior?

— Surrounded by Idiots

Dear Surrounded: Labeled anyone "My Microphone" yet? Although a few of your classmates can be admired for their enthusiasm, relevancy is still a new word to many of them. If you have the time and desire to add your voice to the legal chorus, all means do so. However, there are three things to be remembered: be on point, be polite, and don't be annoying. Some professors do take a positive classroom performance into account; others do not. You should concentrate on acting in the manner you are most comfortable with. Don't be inhibited by the less than stellar performances of some of your peers.

Dear Aunt Emma: I've heard that because law school is so depleting our social lives may become nonexistent. I've also heard that if you're married or involved in a previous relationship, law school can make great waves and often break up couples. I'm as serious about school as the next guy, but I need a social outlet. Is the law school relationship a realistic possibility and do they last?

— In Search of A Social Life

Dear In Search of: Dating is an ongoing saga at VLS. A sometimes comforting, and at other times suffocating, aspect of VLS is that it is a small, closely-knit community. This atmosphere creates a healthy breeding ground for gossip. As a result many of your colleagues will choose to date outside the law school, or not at all. The heavy course load and competition are also cited as factors by my peers for not entering a normal social life. However, I'm a firm believer that if you make a commitment to both a significant other and a legal career they can harmoniously coexist. Just as I have seen marriages and relationships deteriorate during this taxing educational experience, I've also seen others prosper. Although every class is different, I have noticed a general liberalizing in the dating ritual as second year rolls around. In fact, I'd say that of my peers that I've classified as "well adjusted" a majority do have healthy relationships with significant others.

Dear Aunt Emma: I'm 32, a former nurse, and housewife. It's been a long time since I've been inside a school, let alone studied anything. How do older students adjust and will I fit in as though I'm surrounded by youth.

— Second Time Around

Dear Ace: As you meet more people you'll find that there are a lot more students your age and older than you are presently aware of. It may require some diligence, but getting in the habit of studying again can be developed. In fact, you should view your time away from school as a stepping stone to acquiring another career as an asset. One student who had a conscious decision on your part after years spent discovering your strengths, weaknesses, and interests. You've also proven that you can succeed in your career with family concerns. Develop a social network with other older students, and explore the possibility of joining groups that address your concerns, such as the Women's Law Caucus, Diversified Student Caucus, etc. Aunt Emma, a pen-name for a 3L, invites letters. Drop off your questions in The Docket office, Room 6.
Fall Placement Programs Announced

Law career programs offered during the 1987-88 academic year start off with a bang. Some of Villanova’s programs, including returning as hiring partners or hiring attorneys for their firms to address students entering the recruitment process on the rules of the game. This program entitled "Law Firm Hiring Partners" will take place on Tuesday, September 1 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 29. Speakers include Sidney A. Mendel,terra, Counsel, Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis; Joe Busston, MLS 75 from Stevens & Lee; Marc Clough Robb, VLS 78 from Abrahams & Lowen­stein — all represent Philadelphia — and other hiring partners from New York and Wilmington.

On Tuesday in September include a program declared to be "the best of the 1986 season" and, therefore, back by popular request — "Inves­tigations and Discovery at the Faculty." The teams of Villanova Law Faculty include Professors Suarez, Byron Ferreri, Paulin and Sirico and Legal Writ­ers, and other Pennsmen. Their mock interviews provide humorous insight and serious answers to some classic interview situations. This program is set for September 15th, the day before on-campus interviewing begins. Stu­dents should not miss this opportu­nity to discuss interviewing with some experienced vendors.

Second year students who wish to know about LAW FIRM SUMMER PROGRAMS should come to the cafeteria on Tuesday, September 15th at 3:30 p.m. There former summer associates will gather at tables to talk about their employers. In addition, WORK­STUDY SUMMER veterans will be stationed at tables, rep­resenting such employers as federal judges, district attorneys, US Attorneys, government agencies clients, and public accounting firms. The corporations will have their representatives; and others, too. To make this program appropriate to the cafeteria, refreshments will be provided.

A final September program on the 22nd will feature a dignitary in the public service. The program is entitled "Public Interest: A Career." The mystery speaker is W. Z. Baake — all representing Philadel­phia — and other hiring partners from New York and Wilmington.

VIP Spells "Volunteers for the Indigent Program"

The lawyer’s code states, “The basic responsibility for providing legal help rests upon the individual lawyer. The Philadelphia legal community has been falling short of that responsibility.”

In the years following cutbacks on Community Legal Services (CLS), a federal-funded program to provide legal help to the poor across the country, the indigent have had numerous troubles in trying to pick up the slack. Overall, there are at least 5,000 indigents in Philadelphia who have some type of case and can’t get legal assistance. A typical civil matter ranges from getting a divorce to fighting an eviction notice.

Last fall, the bar scrapped the 4-year-old Philadelphia Lawyer’s Volunteer Action Program and launched Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program.

All cases referred to Philadelphia VIP volunteers will be screened twice: First to ensure that the program can provide the service, then to ensure legal merit. Each case is reviewed by a legal professional. If the volunteer will be able to know immediately what is involved and what is required. The program staff will contact many volunteers as it takes it some time to prepare, (also to the program’s office, the actual opinion.

So now you’re ready to approach the law. Learning is up to you, with a lot of help from your instructors. You already have homework for your first class, but here are two assignments you will be given: one to do out a 2L or 3L (or both) and (b) to prepare for class, and (2) what to do once you get there. You’ll be surprised how much of it you’ll want to know. What the case decided, and what you can derive from it as to what will be decided later (like on a law school hypothetical or exam).

To make this program appropriate to the volunteer’s own insurance. What types of cases a volunteer can handle, income eligibility for the program.

The Philadelphia VIP will be offering to its volunteers a program entitled "In­dustries," which will arrange for reporting service. The program is the Volunteer Action Program and the 4-year-old Philadelphia Lawyer’s Program.

Philadelphia VIP was created through grants from the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, Community Legal Services, and the Philadelphia Bar Association, and the Philadelphia Volunteer Action Program and CLS also service ex officio on the Board. All appointments to the Board are made by the Board of Directors.

Philadelphia VIP volunteers will not be alone. Every attorney will be on the program of enough to work with co-counsel if that is desired. There will be a network of expert volunteers available in virtually every area of the law, and they will be asked to make a financial phone inquiries and to provide instruction and direction. Parale­gals will be available to assist attorneys in larger matters, and attorneys will be available to assist attorneys in paralegals in matters not requir­ing representation by counsel.

The Pennsylvania Shorthand Reporters Association will be providing to our volunteers as much court reporting as we need, at little or no cost. Attorneys who will be providing to our volunteers for the week, should the agency regularly use, explain that they are representing clients. The Philadelphia VIP, and the Pennsylvania Shorthand Reporters Association will be providing to our volunteers as much court reporting as we need, at little or no cost. Attorneys who will be providing to our volunteers for the week, should the agency regularly use, explain that they are representing clients. The Philadelphia VIP, and the Pennsylvania Shorthand Reporters Association will be providing to our volunteers as much court reporting as we need, at little or no cost. Attorneys who will be providing to our volunteers for the week, should the agency regularly use, explain that they are representing clients. The Philadelphia VIP,
Inquiring Photographer

by Caroline Reeves

Q: What do you wish someone had told you when you were first starting law school?

1) Ci Bozzi 3L
I wish someone had told me that if I wasn’t prepared for class and was called on that the consequence would not have been certain death.

2) Judy McClenning 3L
I wish someone had told me that it’s important to make enough time for self-examination so that you don’t succumb to the pressure of viewing success in one way.

3) David Francis 3L
There once was a man being chased through the jungle by a lion and he came to a ravine and he knew that he would have to go over the side of the ravine and he did and he held on to a root and he looked down and saw another lion and that knew he was trapped and then a small mouse came out of a hole and started to gnaw on the root and the root got weaker and weaker and then the man saw a ripe strawberry and he ate it and he remarked on how delicious it was.

4) Peg Horn 3L
The most direct route to Gullify’s.

Family Court
Three Newly Engaged Couples

Ci Bozzi, 3L, and fiancé, Brian.

3L’s Steve Johnson and Anne Grasso.

Heather Harkins, 3L and fiancé, Bill.

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CLASS OF ’90

Now The Fun Begins!