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VLS to Close Due to Financial Woes

The Director of Admissions indicated that although the school has received more than 2,500 applications for the class of 1994, the office has yet to send acceptances or rejections until the administration "gives the go ahead." "It’s such a shame," said XXX. This year’s applicants are probably the most qualified I’ve seen since I’ve been at VLS. Several professors indicated that if the school closed, they would leave academia in search of firm positions. Craig Palm said, “It was fun while it lasted. I’m going to probably go back to Colorado and practice natural gas law. I was on law review. I know I’m very employable. What, me worry? Nah! Now get outta here!” Prof. Lurie indicated he hoped to teach statistics at the high school level, while Prof. O’Brien bravely suggested he’d start his own law school. "And then I’d be a dress code too, you can be sure of that," he added. It’s comforting that the professors maintain their usual sense of humor during such a crisis.

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New Liberal Trend at VLS

It all started with those third years. Those tall dudes, those goatees. Then the second year meats the first — a natural and inevitable coming together of the classes and the VLS experience. Even the professors are combining with their students, at least in ancient, archaic rooms and hallways, where they used to be the only ones. In the fall of last year, the professors in Garey Hall, which the administration thought would be covered by a few generous donations from VLS alumni, put the school on notice that if the dormitories of the alumni died before completion of the system and neglected to make appropriate provisions in his will. Another alumni filed bankruptcy after signing a donation agreement.

The courtyard project, too, was executed without much forethought. "The newly renovated courtyard was something Dean Frankino wanted so much," added Dean Abraham, "but it was way beyond our financial means. He wanted to build an outdoor classroom and fill it with flowers in the spring. He envisioned it as a warm place where students would congregate and converse about the law. But we can’t pay for it. There’s just no way. There’s a lien on the courtyard. Believe me, things couldn’t be worse."

The University’s Board of Directors and the Law School’s administration met clandestinely many times since last August to discuss the financial problem. The decision to close VLS’ doors came at midnight on March 18, after a last ditch effort to save the school by Professor Donald Dowd, the professor with the most seniority, who generously offered to forego his salary ($115,000 per annum) for two years if it would help cover the cost of the courthouse.

The administration summarily rejected Dowd's offer. Angry and defeated, Dowd was heard to remark under his breath, "I should’ve accepted the dean’s position at Antioch." Other professors were not so generous, preferring to retain their salaries as long as the law school could pay them.

"It’s not my fault the school is going bankrupt," said one professor who wished to remain anonymous. "You dig a hole, and you keep digging until there’s no way to get out. Why should we suffer? I was on law review, so I’m not worried. I know I’m very employable."

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Divestment students, as it turns out, are no longer the only thing keeping the university from being financially sound. Dowd was heard to say: "I am so sorry this has happened. I have faith, however, that even if we don’t find financial salvation, something good will nevertheless come out of this. I don’t know what it is, but I will not give up hope."

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Dear Counselor at Large,

I have a big problem. Last summer I worked for a pretty big law firm in town. I am embarrassed to admit it but I had an affair with one of the younger partners. I know I shouldn't have done it, but its too late now to rewrite history. Anyway, I received an offer from this firm to come back as a full time associate. But I really don't want to go back. Its so uncomfortable to be around this man especially when he brings his wife to firm functions. I am also afraid that Ill be known as the firm slut. Rumors were beginning to circulate around the firm just as left this summer. The sad thing is that this is the only offer I have. I had hoped to have gotten another offer so I could avoid this whole mess. What should I do? This is the worst job market in years, maybe I shouldn't be so picky and just be thankful that I have a job and grin and bear it.

Signed Good Girl Gone Bad

Dear Gone Bad,

I sympathize with you. You have no idea how many letters I get telling the same sad story of the young female summer associate and the older partner. You do have a difficult choice to make. On the one hand, you are right that this is probably the worst time to be looking for a job. On the other hand it could be tough to work in the same office as this man. Some things to consider are whether it is possible to work in the same office as him and have minimal if any contact. Are you in different practice areas? Are you on a cordial basis with this man? Quite frankly, I would advise you to take the job and deal with it. And remember, one affair makes not a firm slut.

Dear Counselor at Large,

I think I am going crazy! You've got to help me because no one else believes me. The other day I saw Satan in the form of a VLS librarian with a long head down her back. I was in the library, quietly doing my own work, and I needed to fax something for my outside job. When I asked this librarian to use the fax machine she spit pea soup at me. I couldn't believe it! I ran to the bathroom to wash my face and went straight to Dean James. I said, "one of your librarians is crazy!" He told me I was overreacting and that the students should treat the librarians with more respect otherwise we deserve the treatment that we get. I went back to the library the next day and was catching up on some reading. I had with me a can of coke. I know I am not suppose to drink soda in the library, but even since they put a recycling bin in next to the pay telephones I thought it would be okay. So this same librarian comes over to me. She looked at me, her eyes turned green, her head spun full around and said in the scariest voice I've ever heard in my life, "your mother wears socks that smell!" Then she stuck out her tongue, this huge long disgusting thing. It slid down her shoulder and arm and wrapped itself around the Coke can. That tongue took the Coke can and threw it clear across the stacks with such force that it knocked down the entire A.2ds. I stood in shock for a second looking at this green face and said to myself, "this thing can't be human!" I ran to Dean James. Again he didn't believe me. Look, I said "go to the library and see for yourself all the destruction caused by this librarian possessed by Satan!" But when we got there all the A.2ds were back in their place and Dean James just looked at me like I was losing my mind. Am I heding for the loony bin?

Signed Losing My Mind

Dear Losing My Mind,

You are definitely not losing your mind. Although they don't put it in the Admissions Catalogue Satan is alive and well here at VLS! Sometimes he takes the form of a librarian other times students have reported seeing him in the form of a certain decedants professor and a particular tax professor. No one is quite sure why at VLS the Evil One has such a strong presence. Perhaps Lucifer thinks his best opportunity lies here at VLS to recruit followers. After all what better group of people for the Devil to send forth to do his bidding than lawyers? There is no escape, he can find you if he wants to. It's best not to show face in the fear of Satan. It's just something that you'll have to accept, that Hell is a part of law school life.
Faculty Catches Hollywood Fever

by Leeza Gibbons

Rolling! Speed! Action! That’s right pictures of the famous tv shows have discovered new talent on VLS's faculty. Our professors have been cast in Hollywood projects ranging from sitcoms to war epics. "I would say with the recognition Villanova's faculty is receiving," said Dean Steve "Dealmaker" Frankino who has chosen to remain behind the scenes as a power broker to the new stars. "They are finally being recognized for the actors that they are."

Rumors had been flying for years as to who would replace Ted Knight in the Smales role in the "Caddyshack" sequel. Those rumors were laid to rest last week when Dean O'Brien held a press conference during his regular Torts class to announce his four- picture deal with Paramount Studios. Although the amount involved was undisclosed, Dean O'Brien said, "It is quite a healthy sum, I assure you. It will enable me to have a mini-estate in Bentley on both coasts." O'Brien had no comment on the other three pictures but he did say that Judge Smales role in "Caddyshack III" would not be a stretch for him. Insider sources say the opposite, "I'm, I'm, I'm" would not be a stretch for him. Prof. Lantoc described the show as a cross between "The Donna Reed Show" and "Leave It To Beaver." "Sure, I have my convictions and beliefs. But the money's fantastic," Prof. Lantoc said. Lantoc is reported to be receiving $250,000 per week for personal appearances in an All-American housewife with a husband named Steve and four kids named Biff, Chip, B.J. and Muffy. "The premise of the show is simple. The wife solves everyday domestic problems while waiting for her husband to come home so she can pamper him after a tough day at the office. That's what a husband's life is all about." Action films have also had casting calls at VLS with much success. With the recent action in the Persian Gulf, the "Dealmaker" Prof. Manley has negotiated a three-picture deal worth $5 million plus 5% of the gross profits for Fred "Decimator" Rothman. "Desert Storm: Soldiers of Freedom" and "Blood of War" are three films that will be released next year by Universal Studios. Prof. Rothman is rumored to have been trained at various secret locations, but will neither confirm nor deny recent photo calls to President Bush, General Colin Powell, Secretary of Defense Cheney, or General Schwarzkopf. "That's classified information. I could tell you. But then I'd have to kill you," Rothman said.

Also starring in two upcoming action films to be produced by Tri-Star Pictures is Lou "Iron Man" Sands. Prof. Manley Cedric the Entertainer and Sylvester Stallone's long lost brother in "Rambo IV: This Time It's War." Without giving away too much of the plot, Sirico said, "It's Ten Days In A Taxi: Baby" is one part political perspective and try to show him that violence is not the way to resolve problems. I want to finish this through my 'violence hasus'." Tri-Star executives would not comment as to whether Pro-fessor Sirico's character actually killed Rambo by boring him to death but did hint that might be the case. Professor Sirico's other upcoming film, "Whose Property Is It Anyway?" involves the famous ultra-violent Capper vs. Poulson title search case. At the time of print, "Iron Man" was still searching the title to see who owned the property. On the small screen, Professors Hank Perrit and John Hyson will play the title roles in the tv-movie Penoyer vs. Neff The True Story. Both professors have plans to expand their Hollywood experiences. "I'd like to produce the Donald Peterson Story," said Hyson. "It's got everything — emotion, suspense and even a little romance. It's a fascinating story. Especially the parts that involve the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. I mean, that stuff is so compelling. Without the rules, there's really no story." Professor Perritt has recently concluded negotiations with NBC to be the host of a new game show he created called, "What's Your BAT?" I use traditional theories of dispute resolution combined with the modern pretexts and subtexts of capricious fundamental activities so as to translate into an ultimate conveyance of rudimentary inquiries that will solicit correct responses, in turn creating a positive cash flow for successful contestants," Professor Perritt explained.

Also on the small screen, America's favorite law firm will have a new face next season as our own Leonard Packel joins the "L.A. Law" cast as Randy. If they're indicted, they're guilty" Hoffme- yer, a hard-nosed, right wing assistant district attorney. Professor Packel will also be serving as the show's technical advisor. "Every week there's a mistrial. I sure hope our students don't watch. It's incorrect. Defense attorneys ask leading questions and that would be unethical," Professor Packel said. Packel will be joined by Professor Donald Dowd for six episodes next season. Professor Dowd will play the role of Judge Eric "Criminals have no rights. No rights!" Erickson. Professor Dowd will also be starring in the movie, "Mr. Magoo: Man or Myth," to be released in November.

Paramount Studios announced last week that Professor Ellen Wertheimer will receive between $1.5 and $2 million dollars for her role as Betty Smith in the tv-miniseries, "The Brady Bunch Vacation of Terror." The story will track the Bradys as they drive to New York to see the Statue of Liberty and get taken hostage by Betty Smith, a New York City tour guide. The Bradys ultimately adopt "Smith" as the end of the story; Professor Wertheimer is so pleased with getting the role that she has signed on to play a record promoter in the concert film, "The Partridge Family: Drugs, Sex & Rock-n-Roll." "Hey, this is how the 70's really were. And if they weren't like this, then they should have been," said Professor Wer-theimer. Contracts colleague Craig Palm will have a cameo in the picture as Elvis Blutarski, manager of the heavy metal bank, "Cerebral Hemorrhage." Professor Turkington has signed on with ABC to create, produce and star in "Welcome Back, Turk," a sitcom about a radical law school professor who

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who the hell Penoyer and Nett were; why Brian Daley, the prankster tot whose Aunt sued him for pulling out the chair, just what the courtyard means; why each room in the Law School has both a different temperature and a different time; why drinking soda is forbidden in the library jest there are recycling bins; why people insist on clogging the hall's of rooms 29/30 instead of the favorite 2nd-3rd year option of just not going to class; why the eyes on the Dean O'Brien portrait on the second floor seem to follow you and inspire guilt when you leave the library for a TG; and why refills in the saucy environmental cups in the cald pot more for hot water than for cold. Yes, this book will repeatedly provide insight and understanding to the quaime of first year life.

Oh the new era in the Law School seems to have a lot to offer. We in the Mocket hope it will last throughout the 90's. As we wait, remember the new VLS slogan: "Make love, not law review."
See if you can match these law school people to their long lost missing twin.

1. Kevin Shelley, 2L  
2. Jason Shafron, 3L  
3. Larry Holmes, 3L  
4. Danielle Khoriaty, 1L  
5. Gerry Stahlecker, 2L  
6. Kevin Flannery, 3L  
7. Professor Sirico  
8. David Rosenblum, 3L  
9. Marge Gualtieri, 3L  
10. Valerie & Pamela La Torre, 2Ls  
11. Christy Acker, 2L  
12. Freda Pepper, 3L  
13. Pete Dawson, 3L

a. The Joker from “Batman”  
b. Linda Hamilton from “Beauty & the Beast”  
c. Matthew and Gunner Nelson  
d. Wonder Woman  
e. Natalie Wood  
f. Ivan Lendl  
g. Arsenio Hall  
h. Elvis Costello  
i. Isabelle Rossellini  
j. Jimmy Osmond  
k. John Cuzak  
l. Judd Hirsch  
m. Jimmy Smits from “L.A. Law.”

**ANSWERS:** 1. f, 2. g, 3. j, 4. i, 5. m, 6. k, 7. l, 8. a, 9. d, 10. c, 11. e, 12. b, 13. h.