**Blizzard Pummels Area, Drops 30.7 Inches of Snow on Philadelphia**

**Law School Closes for Two Days Because of Storm**

by Rich McGuire

It all seemed innocent enough at two o'clock Saturday morning; nice little flakes were coming down, dusting the ground. But the snow didn't stop. Not for lunch. Not until sometime the next day, and not until unloading more than a record two and a half feet on a mostly unsuspecting Philadelphia. The weather reports had called for a foot, maybe a foot and a half on the outside. But nothing prepared us for the onslaught mother nature unleashed.

The storm is reminiscent of the ice-storms two years ago, which caused the Law School and many other schools in the area to shut down for an entire week because of dangerously slippery driving conditions. Upon receiving three inches of snow the following Friday, the Philadelphia area had received 33.7 inches of snow in one week, more than it had ever received in any previous month since records have been kept.

Whether this weather is any indication of things to come, only time will tell. However, in the spirit of the date of publication of this issue, I hope that little rodent out in Punxsutawnee doesn't live long enough to ever see his shadow again.

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**Tax Moot Court Team Takes Third at Nationals**

Staff

Congratulations go out to the Tax Moot Court team here at Villanova University School of Law on their fine performance in the National Tax Moot Court Competition held recently. The team of Mark O'Brien, Tom Vettorelli and Danielle Yeanick finished a strong third, losing only to Ohio Northern, and Fordham University. Fordham eventually took the competition.

The VLS Tax Moot Court team is advised by Prof. James E. Maule, and its Moot Court Advisor is Alison Petrycki. In addition, Professors Mulhoney, Palm and Targari all served as the team's practice argument bench.

This team continues Villanova's excellent tradition in the Moot Court Competition. The team first entered in 1990, took the National Championship in 1991, and finished 1993, 1995 and this year as National Semi-finalists. Villanova team members have also received various Best Brief and Best Oralist awards during its participation over the years in the National Competition.

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**S. B. A. Events**

by Jennifer Prince

This year's Barrister's Ball will be held on February 16, 1996 at the Academy of Natural Sciences from 8 pm to 12 am. It will be the first time that the Ball is located in a museum.

Students will have free access to the museum's exhibits. There will also be an open bar all evening serving top-shelf liquor and food stations throughout the museum, including grill and pasta stations and buttered hors d'oeuvres. The food stations will be situated so that a "sit down dinner" will not occur. Instead, students will be able to choose from a large variety of food at their leisure. Furthermore, there will be a large dance floor located in the center of the museum with a DJ playing all evening.

The cost of the Ball is $45.00 per person. SBA representative Mike Mullen acknowledges that this is a very fair price considering the open bar all night, the DJ, the use of the museum, and the quality of food being served.

The Best Western Hotel, which is located three city blocks from the museum, is offering a low rate of $65.00 per room for Villanova Law students attending the Ball. Students who choose to stay at the hotel can check in before the Ball and park for free in the hotel's parking lot. The hotel is also within walking distance to the museum. To reserve a room at the hotel, students should call (215) 568-8300 and mention that they are Villanova Law students attending the Barrister's Ball.

Tickets for the Ball are on sale in the cafeteria until February 9th. A menu for the event is also available at the ticket booth, and it will be posted on the SBA bulletin board.

The SBA is also currently planning the 100 days party for the 3rd year students. The party will be held in early February.

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**Alumni News Corner**

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Stuart J. Agins, partner and trial attorney with the law firm Bernstein, Silver & Agins, was recently a course planner for, and a speaker at a Continuing Legal Education course for the Philadelphia Bar Education Center titled, "Toxic Tort Litigation: The Basics In Pursuing a Single Plaintiff Or Multi-plaintiff Claim."

Akins has represented plaintiffs exposed to toxic chemicals and other hazardous substances.

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What we've wrought this month:

Check out these hot web sites: page 4.

Find out what's in store for the upcoming semester:

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Docket Editor embarrasses himself! page 3.

Get your SBA minutes fix: page 2.

Finally, the answers! (oh, and the latest Quiz): page 6.

If you don't read it here, why not write it here?
Lamar Alexander is the presidential candidate of optimism who believes the solutions to America's problems lie within each one of us. While recognizing that there are problems in America, Alexander understands government intervention is not necessarily the solution. Thus, Lamar advocates smaller, less intrusive government that allows us to achieve our maximum potential within each one of us. While recognizing that there are problems in America, Alexander asks us all to "come on along" and help him make tomorrow in America a brighter day.

John M. Scheib, 2L

Bill Clinton has failed America with his fence-straddling leadership. We now have the chance to choose between Bob Dole and Phil Gramm's inside-the-beltway, Washington politics of anger, or the politics of optimism and personal integrity. President Clinton is licking his chops to run against one of these insiders, but is scared to death of Alexander's optimism, vision, integrity, and un-wavering leadership. That's why Lamar has given us all to "come on along" and help him make tomorrow in America a brighter day.

John M. Scheib, 2L
Dave's Corner by David J. Kwee

Welcome back! First, let me wish everyone a fond farewell and welcome! I trust everyone's holiday vacation was well-spent, as I know it was much needed. Now, however, it's back to business, so once again we all need to put on out hard hats and get back to work.

It seems everyone is looking forward to the commencement of the new year. Third-years are looking forward to graduating and taking their rightful place in the legal world, while second-year students delight in the fact that they have seemingly passed the halfway mark in their law school careers. And for our first-years, well... most of us are still trying to figure out what the heck is going on! But, you know what? That's the best part. Finding your way through this seemingly uncharitable world of business is no easy task, but it is the most satisfying. As they say, it's not the kill, but the chase, my friends, that the big cats delight in. With grades coming out, we all know it's time to tighten up our act.

Obviously, not everyone thinks that race relations are relevant. With such a culturally melting pot of a country, it is everyone's business.

In particular, even non-lawyers could find themselves involved in, as is an eyewitness to a crime, or an auto accident, and like to think that they are good at identifying people, and their faces. I guess it is a socially positive quality to be able to recognize someone, especially after having just met them once. It shows that you were considerate enough to remember them, or maybe it shows that you have a good memory, but in any case it is a positive trait. Researchers in the field of cold, wintry January really mean.

Montgomery, Alabama. 1955. Just another day in the life of a special lady. Her name is Rosa Parks. On that day, instead of conforming with the bus driver's wishes that she sit in the back of the bus, she decided to stay in the front. Only forty years ago, and she was forbidden to sit in the front of the bus, because of the color of her skin. Her stand against the bus driver, the Alabama police, and racism in general, was a movement that we should forget. That movement was led by the man that we pay tribute to every January 15th, or should pay tribute to. He marched, and marched. One such march, because of Montgomery, Alabama, has provided an important impetus for the passage of the first Civil Rights bill since the years immediately following the Civil War. Every American should know his name, for he had a dream... But we have all heard the story of America in a melting pot of different cultures and ethnicities. This country is so uniquely diverse, and that is definitely a good thing. I have lived in Europe for 12 years, and Asia for 6 years, and no other country is as multicultural as this country. Yet, there are still many problems, perhaps because of the sheer identity of people of different races. No one is to blame, really. Or maybe we are all to blame. Many people have said that we have made a lot of progress. But another Civil Rights activist known more for his apparel and a movie titled 'X' once said (and I am paraphrasing) that you can't stick a knife in 6 inches, and expect to call that a knife. This research has shown that Blacks are sometimes better than Whites in cross-racial identifications. Because they are a minority, they not only have more exposure to their own race than that of the average White person does, but they also have to adapt to cross-racial experience, and have to interact more with White people, than White people have to interact with minorities, and have thus learned to differentiate between individuals that differ in color. Obviously, if you grow up either in a multicultural family, or a multiracial/multicultural family, or a ver..."
Bar Review

The Valley Forge Brewing Company
by David F. Kwee

...And I closed my eyes, waiting to exhale. That's how quiet the place was. Well not too library quiet, but let's just say that I know of a few people (3L's, go figure) who use this place to study. Rowdy, pushy, shifty, frat party place that is a la Brick Bar ain't. In fact this does not seem like the typical law student hang-out that some of you may be familiar with. The idea of this column is to introduce you to some other places, just in case you want to get away from discussions about the rule against perpetuities, and the statute of frauds, unless of course you bring a group of your law student friends with you, who might bring it up after having downed a few beers. Ideally you would like to talk about something other than law on any given night, and so this is the place.

I actually came upon this place by accident. It was about three days before Christmas, and I was homed after my last final. Most of the 3L's had already left for home, and so I called up some of the few 3L's who already knows where to find all the bars that I may be able to review. Basically I'll review anything but Marita's, the Brick Bar, Gators, Kelly's and any other places that the Villanova crowd will probably already be familiar with. My E-mail address: DKWEE. Phone #: (610) 964-9188. Also I am still looking for columnists, and if anyone wants to write this column, let me know.

20 Really Cool WWW Sites!!

By: Scott M. Kleeman Computer and Technology Editor

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Since I am new to the area, I wouldn't mind hearing suggestions as to some other bars that I may be able to review. Basically I'll review anything but Marita's, the Brick Bar, Gators, Kelly's and any other places that the Villanova crowd will probably already be familiar with. My E-mail address: DKWEE. Phone #: (610) 964-9188. Also I am still looking for columnists, and if anyone wants to write this column, let me know.

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Congratulations to the following Villanova Graduates who took BAR/BRI and Passed the July 1995 Pennsylvania Bar Exam:

Leigh Aberback
Christine Abowitz
Deborah Abrams
Diane Apa
Linda Barone
Sarah Bouchard
Lori Brojack
Thomas Burns
Paul Cataldo
Hui Chen
Christine Clarke
Pamela Clarke
Catherine Corcoran
Michelle Corea
Stacey Cronk
Nicholas Day
Catherine Duffy
Stephen Elgin
Robert Elias
Christopher Ezold
Shawn Farrell
Gary Frank
Joan Freudenberg
Eric Frey
Nicole Gerson
Josh Gilman
Richard Giuliani
Karen Green
Carl Gwynne
Robert Hahn
James Heeney
Nancy Helring
Erin Henderson
Mary Hennessy
Brian Heun
Andrea Hyatt
Tracey Jones
Owen Kelly
Richard King
William Kingsbury
Brett Kleger
Lee Koch
Sidney Liebesman
Michael Lignowski
Lauren Lonergan
Wendy Loudenslager
Wayne Lyon
Daniel Lyons
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Marlon Martinez
Mark Mayrides
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Jennifer McGrath
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Christine Mooney
John Morgenstern
Ken Mortensen
Brian Munley
Nathan Murawsky
Kiersten Murray
Daniel O'Brien
Kimberly Owens
Sudhir Patel
Paul Peal
Mark Pfeiffer
Gwen Philips
Jennifer Platzerke
Neal Rajmaira
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Kelly Renner
Nancy Rostek
Eric Schreiner
Kai Scott
Barbara Shander
Molly Shannon
Ronald Sierezga
Michael Silbert
Michael Sklar
Michael Small
Brian Sopinsky
Stephanie Sugrue
Christian Suprenuk
Stephen Trevisan
Rajni Verma
George Voegele
Michelle Warner
Sonya Weiler
Gregory Williams
Richard Young
Daniel Zadorozny
Maura Zajac
The Villanova Law Docket Quiz: The “Joanie Loves Chaci” Quiz

Well, everyone, welcome to the second of what so far has been the phenomenally successful Villanova Law Docket Quiz! Submit your answers in writing to the Docket mailbox in room 34 before 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, February 21, 1996. No submission after this time will be considered a valid entry. The winner will be announced in the next issue. Feel free to team up to answer, but again, I'm not gonna guarantee you can split the prize.

ON TO THE QUIZ!

This time, as you may have guessed, the topic of our quiz is TV spin-offs! Other shows. You know; characters who were spun off (successfully or not) from the parent show. Since I'm not as good with TV as I am with Music, there are fewer questions this time. But hey, that just makes it easier to win, right?

OBLIGATORY DISCLAIMER TYPE STUFF

Again, I suppose it is possible that I messed up something. I did my best. They're close, anyway. Deal with it. -EP

Fun Features

THE ANSWERS TO THE CHEE-Z 80'S MUSIC QUIZ!

First, I'd like the thank the seven individuals/teams that sent in answers. It was a tough battle, but in the end, the winner is Steve "Let me be your man in motion" Odobashian, who sent his answers from alumni obscurity to score 93 out of 100 points. Congratulations, Steve, and give us a call to get your prize. Without further ado, here are the answers:

1. "Lawyers in Love" by Jackson Brown.
2. "Go Insane" by Lindsey Buckingham.
4. "Run to You" by Bryan Adams.
5. "One Night in Bangcock" by Murray Head. (From the musical "Chess.")
6. "Freeze-Frame" by the J. Geils Band.
7. "King of Pain" by the Police.
8. "I Do Wanna Know" by Red Speedwagon. (NO ONE KNEW THIS!!! It's one of my favorites! Sigh.)
9. "Naughty, Naughty" by John Parr.
10. "Home Sweet Home" by Morley.
11. "Don't Come Around Here No More" by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.
12. "Learning to Fly" by Pink Floyd.
13. "Mr. Robot" by Styx.
15. "Be Maa Maa" by ABC.
17. "Major Tom" (Calling Home) by Peter Schilling.
18. "Jump" by Van Halen.
19. "We're Still Believin'" by Journey.
20. "Alone" by Heart.
22. "Drive" by the Cars.
23. "It's A New Drug" by Hoyt Lewis and the News.
25. "Crimbulia" (Down) by John Cougar Mellencamp.
26. "Somebody's Watching Me" by Rockwell (special guest vocals by Michael Jackson.)
27. "Down Under" by Men at Work.
28. "Don't Pay the Ferryman" by Chris de Burgh.
29. "The Boys of Summer" by Don Henley.
30. "Your Wildest Dreams" by the Moody Blues.
31. "We Built This City" by Starship. (No "Jefferson" on the album, "Knee Deep in the Hoopla")
32. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" by Yes.
33. "We're Not Gonna Take It" by Twisted Sister.
34. "Ghothouse" by Ray Parker, Jr.
35. "The Curley Shuffle" by Jump in the Saddle.
36. "Young Turks" by Rod Stewart.
37. "Opportunities (Let's make lots of money)" by the Pat Benatar Boys.
38. "My Hometown" by Bruce Springsteen.
41. "When Doves Cry" by the artist who at the time was known as Prince, and the Revolution.
42. "Break my Stride" by Matthew Wilder.
43. "Take Off" by Bob and Doug McKenzie (vocals by Geddy Lee.)
44. "Under Pressure" by Queen and David Bowie.
45. "You Give Love a Bad Name" by Bon Jovi.
46. "Electric Avenue" by Eddie Grant.
47. "Safety Dance" by Men Without Hats.
48. "Save a Prayer" by Duran Duran.
49. "Hums Touch" by Rick Springfield.
50. "Eat It" by "Weird Al" Yankovic.

BONUS NUMBER 1: Congrats to the Legal Writing Team of Kathy Stanuchi, Becky and Jim Connolly, and Brett Amador who correctly identified the song I don't own as #9, John Parr's "Naughty Naughty." Yes, I do own "The Curly Shuffle," and proudly. Boy, if y'all only know how many of these I have only on K-Tel record labels.

BONUS NUMBER 2: Well, everyone had really cool suggestions. Remember any of these?

Submitted by:
Michael Pratt; "99 Red Balloons" by Nena.
Steve O; "Fac Man Fever" by Buchner and Garcia.
"Super Bowl Shuffle" by the Chicago Bears.
"The Rain" by Ora "Joanie" Jones.
"Life in a Northern Town" by Dream Academy.
Melinda Wolff and Nancy Wagner.
"Pride to U2" and anything by Culture Club. (You know something? Loving WOULD be easy if your colors were like my dreams!) Ron Gale.
"Rockin' in the Free World" by Neil Young.
"Greatest American Hero" by Joey Scarbury.
Bill O'Shea.

Kathy Stanuchi, Becky and Jim Connolly, and Brett Amador tried to quiz the master with lyrics from Thomas Dolby's "She Blinded Me with Science." Better luck next time.

Also, Rich yelled at me because he was scolded because there were not enough female artists represented. Granted, Cyndi Lauper and Madonna certainly added to the cheese-factor of the 1980's. But hey, I don't own any of it or couldn't get my hands on it. Besides, as a teenage boy in the 80's, I wanted to listen to men singing about women, not the other way around. You write what you know about, right? Anyway, I certainly didn't mean to alienate anyone or suggest that women played no part in Cheezing up the 80's. I'll try to be more culturally sensitive in the future. GM.

Have a beer you want to tell the Law School community about? Write a Letter to the Editor. Policy for letters to the editor can be found on page 3 of this issue.
Aquarius (January 20-February 19):

by Rachelle Popowitz

of the new seating chart season. Pencil daily showers and a small fortune in gum. 

a fresh semester begins, take advantage of your choice. Disadvantages; required in your name next to the admired person. Try a bow and arrow hypothetical.

Valentine's Day. To amuse yourself, pick yourself up pilot of depression. Pick yourself up in Valentine's Day candy. Be wary of those candy hearts with the tacky sayings as they cause severe heartburn.

Leo (July 23-August 22):
You are forced to seek refuge in a shelter after purchasing new textbooks for this semester. Soon you will be able to move into your own box. Do your best Martha Stewart imitation and decorate with pens and highlighters.

Virgo (August 23-September 22):
You have been answered: the cafeteria has a fresh semester. Soon you will be able to move into your own box. Do your best Martha Stewart imitation and decorate with pens and highlighters.

Libra (September 23-October 22);
Your study habits will improve with your cousins. Keep this hint in mind: the more distant the cousin, the less illegal the act. If you stumble through life (as well as this month) searching for the meaning of your existence, a revelation overcomes you. You are destined to become a permanent regular at the Brick Bar. There is no other joy comparable to that of people yelling your name upon entrance.

Sagittarius (November 23-December 21):
You become greatly discouraged when you are fired from MTV's dance show, "The Grind". Although your 80's dance moves are passé', they are amusing and endearing to your friends.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19):

by Rachelle L. Popowitz

The statute attempts to cut down on frivolous lawsuits through plaintiff pleading requirements and judicial power to level sanctions against law firms bringing frivolous suits. The plaintiff must allege with specificity each misleading statement, the reasons why it is believed to be misleading, and all facts upon which that belief is based. The plaintiff also bears the burden of proving that the alleged statement or omission is the cause of plaintiff's loss. Damages are limited to the difference between the purchase price and fluctuations in market price within 90 days of a printed correction of the proven misstatement.

The "lead plaintiff" provisions require plaintiff "registration" to include sworn statements and past history of participation in securities litigation. Publication of the members of plaintiff's class is to be made. Once that is done, any member of the class may move to serve as lead plaintiff. It is believed that this provision will increase mutual and retirement fund participation in suits which is anticipated to lead to an increase in withdrawals from suit.

In The News

by Jean Dorton

New Securities Legislation

On December 22, 1995, Congress voted to override a presidential veto and enact the "Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995." President Clinton was originally expected to sign the bill, but it is said to have been influenced by academics and advisers opposing the legislation. Opponents believe the provisions which are aimed at eliminating frivolous lawsuits may unduly harm investors.
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