Villanova Law School welcomes new students

By Jennifer Prince

Villanova Law welcomed approximately 240 first year students during its Orientation program this year on August 21st and August 22nd. Nearly 130 second and third year students came back to school early from their summer vacations to participate in the program as “Colleagues”.

SBA representative Lisa Nobile, who was in charge of organizing Orientation this year, believes that “Orientation went very well this year because of all the help from the Colleagues and volunteers. The first years also seemed to really enjoy Orientation”.

The new 1Ls began their Orientation program on Wednesday, August 21st, by receiving their registration packets and colleague group assignments. Their first day at Villanova Law was spent by being oriented to the law school's surroundings. They received computer and email training, had their photos taken for their I.D.’s and seating charts, and toured the library.

Several second and third year students participated in the Orientation program on Wednesday morning by helping out with the SBA book sale and registration.

Dean Frankino welcomed the Class of 1999 at a reception held on Wednesday night. The Dean noted that there were 236 entering students in the class, and that 40% of the new students were females and 60% were males. Dean Frankino also noted that the median LSAT of the new class is 159 and the median GPA is 3.42.

On Thursday, the new first year students met their colleagues. They were welcomed to the Law School by Associate Deans Brogan and James and the Alumni Association President-elect, Mason Avrigian. They also received some helpful advice from Sean Bellew, SBA President, Cathleen Kelly, ABA representative, and Dave Hacket, Honor Board Chair.

The day concluded with a barbecue hosted by Villanova Law alumni. Entertainment was provided at the barbecue by a local band, Drifters Escape. About twenty alums were on-hand to answer any questions the new 1Ls had about law school and the legal profession.

Someone you should know

Elaine Fitzpatrick

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW: ELAINE FITZPATRICK
By Jennifer Perlberger

Elaine Fitzpatrick has been the director of career services at Villanova School of Law for six years. She grew up in Toms River, New Jersey and graduated from George Washington University with a degree in speech pathology. Elaine went on to attend the Institute of Paralegal Training in Philadelphia and then began working for the law firm of Ballard Spahr in Philadelphia.

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By Sean Bellew

On behalf of the Student Bar Association, I would like to welcome back the 2Ls and the 3Ls, and would especially like to welcome the Class of 1999. I can assure you that Dan and I, along with the rest of the S.B.A., have an outstanding year on tap for everyone. We hope to broaden your law school experience with a bevy of social, intellectual, and charitable pursuits.

This article will be the first of many that will keep the law school community informed about S.B.A. events. I would like to begin by introducing to many of you the current S.B.A. This schematic will help you remember what the make up of the S.B.A. is and who its members are for the upcoming year.

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Lani "let's party" Lombardi
Christine "smiley face" Oliver
Bill "south bend bound" Bligh
"on sabbatical"

There you have it. Together we will be putting together many worthwhile events that promise to be fun and rewarding for all who participate. We have bowling leagues forming, golf outings scheduled and T.G.s planned until the money runs out. Not to mention the support we will be given to the student organizations and to the surrounding community. Don't let us have all the fun. Join us.

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Anyone interested in participating, please contact:
Cathleen Kelly

DEADLINE: Sept. 24
DOCKET EDITORIAL
by Dave Kwee
To the Villanova Law community,

On behalf of the Villanova Law Docket, I wish to welcome all the new students to the school.

Since this is the first issue of the semester, a little introduction is in order. My full name is David Ferdinand Kwee, and I was born in Delft, the Netherlands on January 20th 1973. My parents were both born in Indonesia, but moved to the Netherlands when they were still in their early twenties. I lived in the Netherlands for twelve years before my father decided that a change was in order, so he moved to Hong Kong for four years, and then moved again to Singapore for two years. After graduating high school in Singapore, I moved to the U.S. to attend Johns Hopkins University, and eventually graduated with a degree in Economics and Psychology (class of 1995). I like to play rock/metal/blues/jazz guitar in my spare time, and also lift weights three times a week.

Now that I finished all that introduction stuff, I would like to talk a little about law school. This is especially for you first years out there, who may be nervous about law school, or who may feel overwhelmed by the workload. My goal is to let you know that despite the intensity of the work, and the competitiveness, you still have time to socialize, sightsee, and even join an activity, like the Docket. I would write an editorial about the upcoming elections, or race, religion, sex, or sports. It is exciting to think of all the possibilities that this paper has. We had ‘Bar review’ last year, which was basically a review of a local area pub, bar or tavern. We also had a quiz, where people could send in their answers, and win a $50 gift certificate from Morita’s Cantina (the law school hangout). I would like to make this paper entertaining, and readable, but also use it as a voice. Students need to be heard. For example, last semester we ran letters to the editor criticizing the way administration handled a student’s wish to reschedule an exam. We also ran a letter from one of the Villanova Law Rugby Football Club members who displayed his disagreement with the administration’s decision to ‘exile’ the team.

I’m basically saying two things:

(1) This paper could become a lot better if people would feel less anxious about the academic side of law school, and maybe devote some time to an activity, like writing for the Docket. It doesn’t take much time to write one article about some law school event, or one column about the law school community, per month. That’s all I ask.

(2) The editorial should be used to voice an opinion, and not to solicit staff for the Docket. Right now, however I don’t have enough staff to produce a great paper. If people want to work for the newspaper, I urge them to contact me.

This paper will become a voice if I got some new additions to the staff. I lost a lot of staff to graduation, some of whom were very capable and very dedicated. But the Docket doesn’t even need total dedication. All we want is a few staff members who can rely on to attend a law school event, or write a review on a restaurant. One piece of writing a month. Look at it this way. With the stuff that the legal writing department is dishing out to you first years, this is probably the most exciting kind of writing you’ll get to do in law school.

Lastly, I wanted to express my policy on submissions. Basically I will publish everything I believe in the First Amendment, and free speech, and see great opportunities in students voicing their opinions on a regular basis. It really won’t take up much of your time to sit in front of a computer, and write a two-pager on the food in the cafeteria, or on why there are no water fountains inside the library.

Thank you.

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Faculty Advisor
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Anyone with an opinion can submit something to the forum section of the Docket. I know most of you will have opinions about something, so please submit something about it.

Thanks.
Editor.

All pieces for the forum section of the next Docket must be turned into the Docket Mailbox by Wednesday, September 25, 1996, no later than 5:00 p.m. Each letter must contain the name, address and phone number of the author and must be typed, or preferably, on disk (Word perfect 5.1 is recommended).

The Docket reserves the right to refuse any piece based on size, and requests that all pieces not exceed five double spaced, typed pages. Any questions regarding the policies or any other information regarding the forum section can be answered by contacting an editor of the Docket staff.
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international legal fraternity
MEETING

Purpose:
Discuss plans for the year, plan a service project, and distribute certificates.

Date: September 26, 1996
Time: 4:30pm
Place: Rm. 102

All members who have not received their certificates should attend this meeting. This applies mainly to members inducted in the spring of 1996.

Contact Scott Mayer if you're unable to attend.

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FRAN FORCES ACTIVITIES TG INTO THE CAFETARIA

TG introduces Project Bosnia

By David F. Kwee

The activities TG originally scheduled for the courtyard was forced to move indoors due to some heavy but expected rainstorms, as part of the aftermath of hurricane Fran moved through the Delaware valley.

The event however still seemed to attract a large number of students. Most organizations were represented at the TG, giving the newly arrived first years, a plethora of organizations to choose from. Among the many organizations present at the TG was a new organization, "Project Bosnia," which aims to rebuild Bosnia's legal system through the use of internet technology. In particular, it is the organization's goal to maintain a lasting peace in Bosnia, by ensuring that the forthcoming municipal elections are conducted fairly, and efficiently. The stability and credibility of the government that results depends on it. Crucial in the electoral process is mass participation, which is why the implementation of the Internet not only moves the country into the information age, but also makes it safer and easier for Bosnians to cast a ballot. The idea is to eventually have elections partially conducted over the internet, to solve the problems arising in the conduct of Bosnian elections.

Beer, a regular at TG's also made an appearance. The usual Black and Tan, and light variety. By 5:00p most of the first years had left, leaving most of the officers of the various organizations to finish the beer by themselves.

The Docket representative was encouraged by the number of people who showed interest, and it is his goal to try and recruit some of those who signed up, as regular Docket staff.

Low Turnout at Egypt Nightclub Law Student's Party

By David F. Kwee

Although Egypt Nightclub had put forth a great deal for local law students, the actual event was poorly attended.

The idea was to get U.

What apparently happened was that most law students probably chose to hang out at their regular hangouts, which are both closer to home, and also tend not to charge cover. A few Villanovans did make the trip down the Schuykel, but after a few rounds of BlackJack, and cocktails quickly retreated back to the Mainline, wondering why all their colleagues chose not to make the trip down to Delaware ave.

The Pirates of Penzance presented by the Villanova Court Jesters will be holding OPEN AUDITIONS

Where? Student Lounge

When? Friday, Sept. 13th, 3:00pm-5:00pm and Sunday, Sept 15th, 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Questions? E-mail: VLAMONAC
SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW: ELAINE FITZPATRICK

She worked as a paralegal for the litigation department for 2-3 years and was then appointed to recruitment administrator where she stayed six years. In 1990, Fitzpatrick received a Masters degree in counselling from Villanova University. Elaine's hobbies include canoeing in the pine barons, playing with her dog, reading, and other activities associated with the outdoors, nature and animals. Elaine has not always been as confident as her credentials sound on paper, however. She discussed the humiliation she felt when she began working at Ballard Spahr when her memos were returned to her marked up in red pen. She said that she was not prepared to be deflated so quickly but that the constructive criticism helped her to learn from the experience.

Elaine went into counseling because her job at the law firm was more administrative and she wanted to help law students more directly. She chose to work at Villanova because she found in the hiring process at Ballard Spahr that Villanova law students were always impressive, polished, and polite. Elaine was impressed with the quality of the law school population and felt a sense of comfort with the Villanova students. When asked about the most rewarding part of her job, Elaine discussed students who have come back post-graduation to tell her how much career services helped them in their job searches. She stressed the fact that there is a very active graduate bulletin and the counseling at career services continues after students graduate for those who choose to remain in touch with the office. Elaine sees the most challenging part of her job as preparing students for their first job. She often finds it difficult and stressful to see students who are used to being special with bruised egos when they discover that grades are all-important for the big firms. Elaine stressed however that big firms are not the only game in town and students often get clerkships or part-time work which propels them into a job after graduation. Elaine wants to stress to those third years who are concerned with finding a job that in the past she has seen students from the very top of the class as well as the very bottom with jobs at graduation. Elaine believes students put an overemphasis on summer jobs, stating that they are only one facet and that students can do other things to improve their resumes such as part-time work. She is concerned that students feed off each other's anxiety at law school due to the fact that the atmosphere is a sort of 'bell-jar.'

Elaine believes that Villanova students fare extremely well in the job market. She thinks our intensive legal writing program produces students that have very high writing and research abilities. Writing well is what Fitzpatrick considered to be most important at the beginning of one's legal career. She also stressed the close-knit network of Villanova graduates as a great way for graduates to help each other find jobs. Elaine's primary advice for students looking for jobs is to learn how to conduct self-initiated job searches and know how to use resources like lexis and the internet to look for jobs, especially those outside this geographic region. The internet lists the classified sections of the newspapers in the country's major cities. Elaine stressed that employers are no longer coming to recruit students, students must be aggressive and pro-active in the job search. Students must learn how to market themselves and feel the rise in the percentage of students who have obtained judicial clerkships is a step in this direction.

Elaine stresses that the career services office is here to make this search easier for students. Programs such as the Alumni Counseling program help students to learn whether their career plans can be realistic for them. The Mock-Interview program is another example of such a program. Elaine stresses that students should try to participate in the workshop and that she will make every effort to honor individual requests by students who cannot make the scheduled times for the workshop.

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She also stressed that career services can be very helpful in aiding JDs in finding non-traditional work in fields such as education and labor relations because the office knows of graduates in such fields.

Elaine encourages all students to use the resources of the career services office. Although technically first years are not permitted to begin their summer job search until after December 1, Elaine welcomes them to learn about the available resources. Students should take advantage of Elaine Fitzpatrick and the staff at career services for all their job searching needs!!!
The Docket needs you

Organizational Meeting for anyone interested
Tuesday September 17th
4:00PM
Room 34 (student organizations room)

The following positions need to be filled:

News writer(s)
Columnist(s)
Feature writer(s)
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Photographer(s)

If you are looking for something that doesn’t take up much of your time, and will get you away from law stuff (for the time being), then work for the Docket.

Typically you’ll just have to write one article or column a month, and if you’re having a bad month, you won’t have to write anything for that month. So if you’re interested attend the meeting, or call Dave at (610) 293-8061, e-mail: DKWEE.2L.LAW