by Greg Deck

After nearly 20 years of teaching law, Charles Gromley admits that he still feels just slightly uneasy whenever he goes in front of a class. This competitive edge—and the candor to reveal it—may be what makes him a teacher good enough to become the fourth recipient of the Valparaiso University Alumni Association's Distinguished Teaching Award.

"Any first-year teacher," Prof. Gromley explains, "really goes through the meat grinder. Having a student nail you to the wall is a real possibility since you're just scratching along trying to keep ahead. That feeling never quite goes away."

Outwardly, however, he is all calm as he formulates answers to interview questions just as slowly and carefully as he does in the classroom.

Teaching was not a lifelong ambition for Prof. Gromley. After one-year stints at jobs with two private corporations and the government, he was unsatisfied and decided to go back to school in order to take up teaching. It was a decision that he never regretted. "Now," he insists, "I wouldn't even think about going into private practice."

"While a great many things people do in this country are boring, a teacher of law, because of his flexibility, can squeeze out the boredom," he points out. "I've never found teaching to be boring. Being exposed to the law school atmosphere keeps a person young."

Prof. Gromley almost didn't end up at Valparaiso. His application was at first turned down due to a lack of openings on the staff of the then 80-student law school. "I remember well—because I was eating supper—when Dean Stalland later called to explain that the situation had changed and there would be an opening," Prof. Gromley happily reminisces. He interviewed for the position in February 1960 and began teaching here that fall.

Before he came to Valparaiso, though, one of the highlights of Prof. Gromley's teaching career occurred when he sponsored the Willamette University moot court team to a national championship in his last year of teaching there. "We beat all the old football powers—Alabama, Syracuse, Rutgers, and Oklahoma—and they didn't even know how to pronounce our name," he recalls with a grin. "I've never been back to New York. Maybe I should have quit while I was ahead," he adds without obviously meaning it since he counts his association with Valparaiso moot court team members as a favorite part of teaching here.

Teaching methods haven't changed much from his student days, according to Prof. Gromley. One important change that he sees is the introduction of clinical programs, "Clinical programs," he says, "weren't around when I was a student. This is the law school answer, in part, to satisfying the complaints of the practitioners that students coming out of law school couldn't find their way to the courthouse."

Prof. Gromley does see quite a difference in students now as contrasted with his student days. "We, for the most part, were mature for our age and, having just gotten out of World War II, were anxious to get back into civilian life," he explains. "Three or four in my class came right off fraternity row. You could tell the difference. He finds that now law students aren't as serious.

"Today we have younger students—and not everybody knows where he's going."

For this reason, Prof. Gromley disputes the usual theory that a person suffers from a gap by not going straight on to law school from the undergraduate level. He believes that those who have been away from school for a while are often better equipped for what they face in law school.

Although he admits that it is no startling revelation, Prof. Gromley suggests that one of the largest problems of teaching law is to find ways to sustain the interest of third-year students. "The third year of law school should not just be a boring way to mark time until the bar examination," he complains with concern. "The case method contributes to this. They [third year students] are getting the itch to do something besides just read. Clinical programs are one answer, but Prof. Gromley insists that there are no easy solutions.

Can he predict who will become a good teacher? Prof. Gromley contends that it's impossible. "If you had to bet on it, you'd lose money."

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Professor Charles R. Gromley has been named the fourth recipient of the Valparaiso University Alumni Association's Distinguished Teaching Award. This is the first time that the award, which carries a cash grant of $500, has gone to a member of the law faculty.

The award is designed to recognize and encourage excellence in the art of teaching. A committee composed of alumni, faculty and students selects the recipient from those faculty members nominated by the University community.

Prof. Gromley was unanimously nominated for the award by the Student Bar Association. To support the nomination, petitions were circulated through out law school last spring.

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S.B.A. SLO-PITCH

by Lloyd Bierma

A number of law students again participated in the Valpo Park 1st Slo-pitch League this past summer. One group played with the S.B.A. team. It was composed of many of the same players as last year's team with the notable exception of Mory "All County" Sunker who was sent down to an E Division Farm Club. (On last report, lack of improvement by the end of the season resulted in the termination of his contract.) New members were Ivan Bodensteiner, associate faculty advisor, Jim Lanting, our token member from the third year class, Rhett Tauber, Dave Hollenbeck, Bill Hussmann and Max Myers, all members of the third year class.

The team finished the season with an overall 10-9 record and tied for second place in their division (better than the usual for Chicago area teams). The team moved up a division this year and the competition was tougher. After a slow start resulting in the loss of several close games, the trend reversed and the team finished the regular season with a string of victories.

In retrospect, all games could have been won if Dan Sigler had not thrown "Bill Walton passes" to first base; if Bruce Berner had always found the handle on the ball; if John Hoehner had always turned the double play; if Jim Lanting had a 10 foot stretch; and if Ed Eich could get a hit. A consistent performance by the infield coupled with the normal good job of the outfield would provide another division hike next summer.

The other team members were, Gary Germann, Steve Meyer, Ken Manning, and Lloyd Bierma. "Fast Freddy" Davison was the pitcher for most of the season—until his arm began to tire. Bill Hussmann came to his relief.

If anybody is interested in batting averages—subtract 150 points from each player's previous record. Better take a few more from Bruce and Fred.
SSS COME TO VALPO

Three professors new to the School of Law this year are Michael Schmitt, Geoffrey Scott, and Richard T. Stith III.

Geoffrey Scott, who earned his B. A. in biochemistry and J. D. from Valparaiso University, is back after a year as counsel for the I. R. S. and studying to an LL. M. at Yale. He is teaching Family Law, Administrative Law, and Psychoanalysis and The Law. Presently he is also involved with the Center for Psychosocial Research in Chicago.

Scott was happy to return to Valparaiso for his first teaching experience. The community was familiar, he could teach the courses he wanted, and he felt at home with fellow faculty members.

Scott's personal interest in psychoanalysis and the law stems partly from the theological background he received when he attended divinity school for a year and became interested in the inner qualities, motivations, and inner actions of man. He pursued this interest while at Yale.

Scott sees the study of psychoanalysis and the law within the wider scope of legal study, which he feels should not be a matter solely of producing people to pass the bar but also of stimulating minds on legal issues. As a lawyer, each person will be called upon to take positions of responsibility in molding and propelling society into its ultimate capacity. The lawyer will be needed for counseling as well as for legal help and will do a disservice to his client if he cannot comprehend the function of the law itself.

As importantly, Scott believes legal study should be an avenue to personal growth which will make the lawyer's community respond to him. He feels that it is the natural quality of things, of life that is overlooked. Surrounded by his favorite rocks and shells in his office, he speaks urgently of the importance not only of knowing but of appreciating the innate beauty of the world around, of being aware of the "mystical quality" of life beyond man's control.

Scott's reason for teaching and his advice for students tie in to this sensitivity toward life. He finds a "life force" in academic pursuits and an excitement in learning and being alive. He feels this is what his students should also experience instead of "looking at themselves as dull people" and rejecting avenues of freedom.

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S.B.A. NOTES:

The executive Board of the Student Bar Association met Monday, September 4, to hear and discuss committee reports.

The Committee on the Library stressed the importance of student honor in storing theses. The stationing of guards at the library has been suggested but not adopted due to financial and other reasons. Many of the books, especially the Reporters, cannot be checked out except to faculty and student groups meeting in the library building at the time.

Don Weidner, S.B.A. president, commended the Admissions Committee on the completion of the "impossible task" of selecting first-year students from the 1600 applications. The Committee had hoped to enroll a minimum of 25 women and 25 members of ethnic minorities, who would not fall under the regular criteria for admission. From 359 acceptances sent, the class of 111 includes 25 women and 14 minority students, four of whom are women. Committee members Stevenson, Brockington, and John Hoehner are now establishing policy guidelines for next year. The Readmissions Committee is seeking new standards for students who wish to return after dropping out of law school. The student member, Paul Mientz, has written to over 80 law schools inquiring about their policy and is now presenting replies to the committee.

The Placement Committee, a new all-student group cooperating with Prof. Brockington and the Dean's office, provides assistance in placing third-year students with firms. A project beginning this year will be to send packets to firms across the nation containing the Law Review Symposium on the UCC with a cover letter from the Dean describing the School of Law. Each third-year student may choose up to 20 firms to which packets will be sent. The packets will hopefully spread the reputation of the law school and thus aid students being interviewed for employment with these firms. The Committee is also sponsoring a general placement meeting, to include explanations of resumes and applications for employment.

Craig Hanson, social chairman for the S.B.A., wants to plan this year's activities for the widest possible audience, including some big parties and other kinds of outings, such as a bowling party, cultural events in Chicago, and sports exhibitions. Approximately 25% of the S.B.A. budget is now spent for social activities compared to up to 50% in recent years.

The S.B.A. also sponsors the B-A Law Review, and the Center for Consumer Affairs, among other projects. The center, which relies on the S.B.A. for its budget, is a better business bureau for Valparaiso manned by volunteer law students.

The S.B.A. Executive Board is comprised of three representatives from each class, two students who are also voting members of the faculty, and the four officers. The Officers will have hours in L-3 on Monday, 10–11 a.m., Tuesday, 10–11 a.m., Wednesday, 1:30-2:30 p.m., and Friday, 9–10 a.m.

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THE CROWD PLEASERS

The speed with which Congress passed legislation lifting the blackout of televised football games was appalling. Appropriation bills and other important legislation are doing well if they are passed at all. But give congressmen a chance to do something which will elate their constituency and watch them move!!!

The blackout legislation should never have been passed in the first place. The owners' rights to do as they please with television coverage must have predominated the discussion. The owners' claim that attendance might drop off at games is largely a superficial issue. What should have been said is that Congress has no business meddling in the private affairs of an American business—no matter how much the public may support the move.

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IT'S FORUM POLICY . . .

This year's Law Forum will be published monthly. It will seek out items which are both interesting and informative and welcomes submission of articles from any source. The Law Forum will not, however, seek reports or articles from law school organizations on a regular basis. Should any group have items of note which they feel are worthwhile, they should submit them to the Law Forum in S4.

The Law Forum will not consider articles or letters unless they are typed and double spaced. Letters must be signed, although signatures may be withheld on request. Deadlines for each issue are posted on the Law Forum door. Articles and letters received after the deadline will be considered for the next issue.

Delta Theta Phi

by Trevor D'Broun

A number of days ago, many law students got together to drink a beer and have a few words with their fellow students and professors. This Friday, the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity is sponsoring another such kegger with hopes of even a livelier crowd. Two sororities, Alpha Phi Omega and Kappa Psi Omega will be present along with a loud sound system and, of course, that golden brown nectar. Time: 8:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at 607 Lincolnway.

Delta Theta Phi is not all keggers, however. Although we feel law school keggers are a good way for everyone to become acquainted and re-acquainted, other plans are also being made. A courtroom presentation of the famous "spelunker murder case" will be performed and Dr. Walter Jaeger, editor of the third edition of Williston on Contracts, and member of Delta Theta Phi will be in Valpo sometime during the semester.

Delta Theta Phi also hopes to sponsor a program with local attorneys to create more opportunities for attorney-law student contact. Individual lunches with attorneys are currently being planned for interested law students.

Anyone seeking information about Delta Theta Phi is encouraged to leave his name with any student member, or with Professor Berner or Willis.

Help Wanted

A law firm commanding Position of standing Requires a general clerk— A man who's admitted To practice, and fitted To handle diversified work; Must know the proceedings Relating to pleadings, The ways of preparing a brief; Must argue with unction For writs of injunction As well as for legal relief. Must form corporations And hold consultation, Assuming a dignified mien; Should read each decision And legal provision Wherever the same may be seen. Must analyze cases And get at their basis, Should never be idle or slow; Must manifest learning In all things concerning The matters referred to below: Attachments and trials, Specific denials, Demurrers, replies and complaints, Disbursements, expenses And partial defenses, Ejectments, replevis, distraints; Estoppels, restrictions, Constructive evictions, Agreements implied and express, Accountings, partitions, Estates and commissions, Incumbrances, fraud and duress. Above are essentials, The best of credentials Required—and handsome physique; Make prompt application, Will pay compensation Of seventeen dollars a week.

Franklin Waldheim

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Editor's Note: The crossword puzzle will be a regular feature of the Forum this year. Readers are encouraged to submit completed puzzles to the editor's office in S4. Correct solutions will be mentioned in next month's issue.

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**Forum Briefs**

Try-outs for this year's moot court teams were concluded last Friday. Members chosen include Don Weidner and Al Kirkland, veteran third year students, and Mark Ilen, Randy King, Mark Mangerson, and Gary Matthews, new additions to the teams.

Charles Graddick, third year student, was recently elected to the post of division delegate for the ABA-LSD. He received the honor at the National ABA-LSD convention this August.

Air conditioning could conceivably be installed in time for fall. According to Dean Meyer, air conditioning was cut at the last minute from construction plans for Wesemann Hall due to lack of funds. The cool air could now be piped over from the Modern Foreign Language building and attached to the already existing ducts, but the probable addition of a second floor to the library might put too much of a strain on such a system. The whole problem is under examination.

First year class representatives were elected last week. They are Jackie K. Clark, John Nasser, and Linda Shoeemaker.

Once again, the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity will sponsor a gimmick road rallye with proceeds to aid the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. The rallye, Witchhaunt II will be held Saturday, Oct. 27. Watch for further details.