The President’s Report
by Joe Zaskowitz

I believe that everyone will agree that the summer has gone by much too quickly. Once again it’s time to buckle down to some school work. I would like to extend a welcome to all law students, new and old. During the summer, several noteworthy events took place which should be of interest to all.

I was the representative for our SBA to the American Bar Association Convention in New York City, August 4-8. While at the convention, I served as representative to law student organizations. One organization, the National Association of Student Bar Associations, (NASBA), is composed of SBA presidents. During the NASBA meetings many interesting ideas and projects for SBA’s were discussed. In addition, a “problem solving manual” was produced for each SBA president. The manual should prove to be very helpful as it gives a detailed outline of how an organization like SBA should be run.

In addition to the NASBA meetings, the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association also conducted meetings for the benefit of law students. The primary topic of discussion was the matching funds program of the LSD. The program provides matching funds to a number of projects of student organizations. Any club or organization that wishes to announce that their meetings will be held this year on Thursdays at 12:45 in room B. It has also been announced that applications for membership are already being taken and plans are being made to hold activation ceremonies earlier than in previous years. Application forms are available from any DTP member, and will also be available at a table to be set up in the lobby during chapel breaks and free periods in the next two weeks. All prospective members are therefore urged to pick up and complete an application form as soon as possible so that processing can be done before the start of the year.

The Corn Roast officially Returns! October 26-28. While at the convention, Professor Jack A. Prepaid Legal Services Institute, and John R. Wallace, chairman of the American Bar Association’s Prepaid Legal Services Institute, will report on a special study he headed of a prepaid legal service plan utilization for the Institute and the Ford Foundation’s Division of National Affairs. Financed by a Ford Foundation grant, the study, according to Wood, has gathered data on benefits, membership, operating expenses, reserves and financing. The data, it is hoped, will help establish criteria for setting prepayment rates and assist in developing a reliable methodology for determining such rates.

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The ability of bar association sponsored plans to administer multistate prepaid legal services programs will be examined at the American Bar Association’s seventh Prepaid Legal Services Conference to be held in Minneapolis Oct. 26-28.

The program, scheduled for the Sheraton Ritz Hotel, is a direct response to the challenges and opportunities which will be afforded open panel programs under the Chrysler-United Auto Workers’ Prepaid Legal Service Plan, according to lawrence M. Wood, president of the American Prepaid Legal Services Institute, and John R. Wallace, chairman of the ABA Special Committee on Prepaid Legal Services, said one of the conference’s principal themes will be the marketing of all types of plans.

The underlying concepts of the marketing cycle and what makes people buy or not buy products of all types, including legal services, will be explored, Wood explained. The program scheduled on Oct. 28, will feature panel sessions to be headed by Richard Scupi, director of the United Auto Workers’ program and Claude C. Lilly, professor of sociology at the University of Florida.

Scupi will discuss the auto workers’ prepaid legal service plan which goes into effect Nov. 1. The program, when fully operative, will cover 140,000 active and retired Chrysler Company employees in 26 states. Not only is this the largest prepaid legal service plan in existence, it is the first that requires precise and uniform delivery of legal benefits, Jacob J. Goodstein, executive director of the Prepaid Legal Institute, explained. Lilly will report on a special study he headed of a prepaid legal service plan utilization for the Institute and the Ford Foundation’s Division of National Affairs. Financed by a Ford Foundation grant, the study, according to Wood, has gathered data on benefits, membership, operating expenses, reserves and financing. The data, it is hoped, will help establish criteria for setting prepayment rates and assist in developing a reliable methodology for determining such rates.

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Ehren Offers Explanation For Changes

by Terry Kerley

As everyone is aware, this is the final semester for our upperclass courses have not been scheduled in two sections since a certain number of students did not exceed the capacities of the sections. As a result, Trusts and Estates, Uniform Commercial Code, Constitutional Law, and other classes are now scheduled in one section. The overcrowding of the Courtroom in this section forced the Dean to look for an auditorium in Neil's Science Center.

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New Legal Problems Prof

Ms. Marcia Gienapp is the new Instructor in Legal Problems I and II. Ms. Gienapp graduated from Valpo undergrad in 1973, and Valparaiso School of Law in 1977. While here she held a position as Executive Editor for Law Review. Last year she was an Instructor in Law at the University of Cincinnati School of Law, where she gained her first experience as a Professor of Legal Writing. It might also be mentioned that while attending Valpo she served as one of the "infamous and notorious" T.A.'s. As a result, she is well versed in the process of legal research and the skills needed to produce a worthy piece of legal analysis.

Ms. Gienapp has a few words of wisdom for those law students who want a successful law school career; study hard, allocate your time wisely, and relax as often as possible. She is firm in her belief that the most important class a student will ever have in law school will be Legal Problems. This is the only opportunity the student has to learn and hone the legal writing expertise that will be vital throughout law school and in any field of law the student may pursue. She urged the students to seek the help of their T.A. This is one of the rare opportunities to receive aid in a one-to-one environment. The T.A.s are there to be used as resources people, so use them as such. After all, they're earning the magnificent sum of about 18 cents an hour, and are readily available to answer questions, not only about legal problems, but questions you might have concerning other classes.

As a final note, Ms. Gienapp concedes that she is demanding and a fairly hard grader, but the student should keep in mind that she places a little more emphasis on the manner of presenting the subject, than on the "brilliance" of thought behind the presentation.

It's time to introduce the man who is stepping into the shoes of the former "Man of Contracts" Alfred Meyer.

Professor Paul H. Brietzke comes to us by way of his native Chicago and his last teaching positions in Malawi and England. He will be instructing the first year classes in Contracts and next semester add a course in Anti-Trust. As time progresses he may add other various courses, perhaps something in the nature of Sociology of Law.

His publications include works on African Law, Law and Development, Law of Land Transactions, and Criminal Law. His latest effort, due to be finished around Christmas, is a book entitled: "Law Development, and the Ethiopian Revolution." This may not sound terribly interesting but we suggest that you stop and consider the circumstances under which Prof. Brietzke gathered the material in question.

Prof. Brietzke was a Professor of Law at (the then) Halle Salassal 1 University in Ethiopia from 1973-74. It's now called the Adis Ababba University. The change resulted from the ouster of the Emperor and the resulting revolution.

To save you non-history interested people time and energy, the Ethiopian Revolution was 1973-74. Play match the dates and you will come up with the fact that Prof. Brietzke was teaching in Ethiopia during the height of the Revolution. He mentioned that on some occasions law students were killed by stray bombs and bullets in between class meeting periods, and that some of his teaching colleagues were also killed. We don't have much to complain about. Prof. Brietzke left Ethiopia at the end of '74 due to the fact there were no more students to instruct.

Our new Contracts Prof. is pleased with Valparaiso so far; both the school and the general area. He was looking for a pleasant, rather rural area, with access to a large city and he's content that Valpo suits his wish. He's also impressed with the liveliness of his first year class and the friendly and pleasant faculty. He reports that the faculty are turning out to be excellent colleagues.

He has an open-door policy and hopes that students will consult him with their academic problems, but preferably not immediately before his scheduled classes since he reviews the day's lecture then. His office is downstairs in the new section and his office phone number is: 464-5454.

We are pleased to extend our welcome to Prof. Brietzke and to his wife Susan, and their two year old son, Colin.
The Forum welcomes a new staff member this year, second-year student Greg Rotter. Greg will be this year's Sports Editor, in charge of letting us all in on our various law school victories, (dare we breathe defeat?) We'd appreciate it if individual teams would help Greg out by having one of their members report scores to him. You can't be in two places at the same time, as the saying goes, and Greg is no exception.

Good Luck, Greg--
The Forum
Ted Ummel

Intermural Sports Rep

Up to this point in time there is only one representative to intermural sports from the law school, and that man is Ted Ummel. Ummel has taken it upon himself to act as go-between from the school to the university I-M program. He cannot coordinate everything as he asks respective team captains to help in representation for each sport. To this effect, Ted will supply information on various sports, their rules, and scheduling.

Any questions? Ask Ted!!

A '12-0' Repeat?

Is there a possibility that DRAB (the initials of beyond a reasonable doubt spelled backwards) will repeat a record 12-0-I-M football champions? The outlook is extremely good. With a returning front line on defense consisting of Keith "Rafer" Johnson, Jerry Kray, and Dan Ostlog, the speed and sting of the group should throw the opposition into utter terror. This coupled with a speedy and able defensive backfield should give Jim "Bumper" Hostetler and his offensive machine more than enough opportunity to function. Bumper returns as quarterback to a host of toughened veterans. The offensive line features Mike Handlin, Ken Anderson, and Mike Petkovich. A new addition is John Smith from a now defunct BARD. The speedy backs and ends supplying ready hands for Bumper's bullets include our own prez, "Jolin'" Jackrowat, Dan Lane and Gary Babcock.

In addition to Smith, new addition to DRAB feature Jay Pullman and Mark Cadias. Pullman will fill a vacant spot in the defensive backfield plus spot work as offensive end. Cadias is a 1st year student and will operate as a utility back, filling in when necessary on both defense and offense.

According to Jerry Kray, the chances of a return performance are high with the overall impression that this year's team is even stronger than last year's. Analysis: With the addition of 3 fine players, DRAB is in a hefty position, all things being equal, in an even better position than they were a year ago. Rotter's prediction: 11-1 and return to champions.