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"Do you want to go through life represent- ing perpetrators or do you want to go through life representing victims?" con- sumer advocate Ralph Nader challenged a group of 350 Wessman Students, faculty, and administrators at the annual Law Day luncheon Friday, March 21, in the Great Hall of the Union.

Emphasizing the need to put a check on the unbridled power corporations enjoy in this nation, Nader stressed the urgency for law students to make their choices now concerning who they will devote their allegiance to when they enter legal practice. Citing examples of air and water pollution, government and corporate bribery, and "we need the documents to show corporate involvement," Nader bemoaned the disparity between legal protections provided for a person and that given to a corporation.

For example, despite the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island last year, no disciplinary action was taken against any employees or officials of Metro Edison, the utility that runs the power plant.

What is the difference?" Nader said, "compare this to your walking into a store and stealing a loaf of bread." Nader remarked that law schools should be vanguards of reform in society, but that the legal profession has failed in the past to fulfill its obligation to be the "catalytic profession of society." Nader drew on his own experience at Harvard Law School to demonstrate the failure of the legal education system to instill a proper sense of practical ethics into its students. He noted that various courses often do not include material to guide the students to properly respect and administer law.

"We had a course at Harvard to teach estate planning for those who had died, but not one in environmental planning for those who are living," said Nader.

Nader concluded his talk by attacking the exaggerated importance placed on the Law School Admission Test and the bar exam, which he described as "the crammed-in, more ways than one." The multiple-choice tests, he commented, lead to a multiple-choice mind set that "penalizes the reflective and perceptive mind." The lecture was followed by a question and answer period.

The program was sponsored by the Student Bar Association and the Valparaiso University Law School as part of the annual Law Week activities.

Each round was judged by a team of four members: two law professors, one member of the Bar and one consumer advocate. The final round was judged by a team of four qualified professionals and administrators at the annual Law Day luncheon Friday, March 21, in the Great Hall of the Union.

"The competition was smoothly run and very well organized," said Leimer, who was especially impressed by the number of students from Mercer that assisted and helped to make us more comfortable." Professor Linda Long found that the most gratifying part of the competition was waiting for the judges' decisions and psyching up for such an important event.

"The two hours of preparation and anticipating the competition was a tense and challenging affair, but both Eggers and Leimer agree that it was well worth the time and effort. We got a great learning experience," remarked Leimer. "We met a lot of interesting people, learned an awful lot and had a great time."

"We are certain that there will somehow be involved in the competition next year, although neither have intentions of entering the bar," commented Linda Long and Marcia Gleenapp by obtaining volunteers clients and setting up practices was very instrumental and contributed highly to their success. "We are proud of them," commented Linda Long. "It is a valuable learning experience and an asset to any career. We strongly encourage finals students to uphold the tradition of the Client Counseling Competition."
Valparaiso University has absolutely no plans to increase the size of the Wesemann Hall parking lot, although officials admit it is not an aesthetically pleasing, "The Wesemann lot has spaces for 145 cars. There are 185 faculty members and 287 students and undergraduates attending classes in Meier Hall and Gellersen Center. Parking on East Campus has become exasperately tight. The Wesleyan students become particularly constipated since law students must live off campus and hence must drive to classes. The parking situation stinks," said Val Poliny, third-year student. He said that he had been ticketed "numerous times" for violations.

"There's not enough parking," concurred Tina Glesken, first-year student. "I really, really hate being early in the morning because it hasn't been a real problem for me, though," she added.

Security Chief Mitchel Robuck admitted that there is an overcrowding problem in the Wesleyan parking lot, claiming that students have complained to him about it. He said, however, that his "hands are tied" since he can't do anything about the congestion. "We must build parking lots and must enforce regulations," Robuck said that he thinks that Lot #6 (across Chapel Drive from Wesemann, Meier and Gellersen) should be enlarged. He believes that the congestion around the Wesemann parking lot could be alleviated.

No plans to expand Wesemann parking lot

by Darwin Long

Valparaiso University has absolutely no plans to increase the size of the Wesemann Hall parking lot, although officials admit it is not aesthetically pleasing," Kruger stated.

Regarding Wesemann lot, Kruger said, "There is no money to build any more single-purpose parking; I mean, while we might consider a general lot, we would not rather expand multiple-purpose parking."

"Of course, at prime time class hours, the Wesemann lot is filled to capacity. On Tuesday afternoon, for example, there are plenty of places," Kruger noted.

In the fall of 1981, the Wesemann lot was scheduled to have triple the parking capacity it presently has with the new administration building.

"You will have scored your greatest victory when you teach the patient to apply this idea to ethics and morality, for then he will be able to instruct himself and invariably play right into our hands," the above nameless patient is quoted as saying.

"The most important thing is to teach your patients," the above nameless patient is quoted as saying, "You cannot have no right answers." The humans fail to have no right answers. The above nameless patient is quoted as saying: "Done right, you get this delightful communion with reality."

"In this way, break his fellowship with truth. Done right, you get this delightful communion with reality."

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Grievance Committee
Sets Attendance Policy

The following proposal, drafted by student representative Judy Haller and members of the Grievance Committee, has been approved by the dean and will be promulgated this summer when the packets to new students are sent out in August.

Recognizing that "regular and punctual class attendance is necessary to satisfy residence and class hour requirements" at law schools accredited by the ABA, per Rule 305 (305), and recognizing that is is the stated policy of this law school: 1) that "every student is expected to attend every one of his/her classes unless the absence has been approved by the instructor concerned or by the Office of the Dean"; 2) that "absence from class is primarily a matter between the student and the instructor of the class"; and 3) that it is the student's responsibility to discuss with the instructor the reason for absence and to learn what make-up work may be required" (catalog, at 23),

It is understood in light of the above language that make-up work is the usual procedure for dealing with unexcused absences from class, that the class must be given specific advance notice of any other sanction which the instructor may impose, and of what specific circumstances may trigger such other sanctions.

The Grievance Committee urges any students with any other problems to contact one of the members of the committee for assistance in resolving the matter.

Faculty Approves Proposals

At the February 17 Faculty Meeting, the following proposals were approved.

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

When the published examination schedule would require a student 1) to write two examinations at the same time, or 2) to write two examinations in any one day, a student may apply to the Dean's office, no later than the last day on which a student may withdraw from a course for the rescheduling of one of the two examinations. After consultation with the instructors in the respective courses, the Dean or his designee shall determine which examination is to be rescheduled and shall reschedule the same. Any rescheduled examination shall be set for a time during the regular examination period. Individuals instructors do not have the discretion to reschedule any final examinations.

For the spring, 1979-1980 examination period only: 1) Students who would be required to write three examinations on three consecutive days may apply for the rescheduling of one of the three, according to the procedure detailed in Rule 1(b) of the Rules for Administration of Final Examinations.

by Cathy Reid and Liz Cutter

The Women Law Students' Association sponsored "Women in Criminal Law" during Law Week. An audience of about 30 students were addressed by Valparaiso Law School graduates Karen Campbell Cozulis, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Lake County, and Dawn Wellman, a defense lawyer with Abben & Abben in Merrillville.

Both lawyers expressed outlooks on the situation of women in law, vividly relating examples of cases on July 1978. Ford had already begun its recall of the '73 JCO. Therefore, Ford Motor Company was acquitted on what one speaker described as a "red herring."

Berner stated that the amount of research that was tremendous, and that the student aides (Gene Schoen, Don Seherger, Kathy Schmidt, Donn Wray and other volunteers) were absolutely indispensable.

"Ford filed motions we never even heard the court exclusively" in her observation.

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Barrister’s Ball
They Could Have Danced All Night

WLSA Hosts Lecture
Berner Roast Well Done

His mother denied ever having met him. His pastor insulted him. And his students and fellow colleagues aligned in assault against him. All around, he "didn't get no respect."

He was the guest of "honor" at this year's annual DTP Faculty Roast.

But Bruce Berner is not one to be stymied by such, and he engaged in his own counterplay of witty, rapid-fire ripostes directed toward his attackers--even his own mother.

As seen by the pictures, taken by Joe Wolczyn and Liz Cutter, in one of their most enjoyable assignments, all parties involved had a good time at the lavish "testimonial snack."

One parting shot to "Professor" Berner from The Forum: "You're terrific. Now get out of here."

Cosentino's Closing Statement

Worst Act Of The Year

This is a song about prosecution
And a man called Bruce.
Folks called him professor
Usin' the term kinda loose.

He teamed up with Cosentino
That was a big mistake.
Decided to sue Ford Motor
Thought it'd be a big break (through).

"Burn it up Bruce Berner"
Don't let it get to you
'Cause some day Don Wray'll be a big shot
And he'll owe it all to you.

This really had bad Bruce mad
But he was at the mercy of the court.
You might say he was a day late
And a dollar short.

The New York Times can't even spell
Seberger
So what else is new?

Now Bruce claims he's planted the seeds
Of corporate morality.
But his wife and kids are wonderin'
"Why'd you do it all for free?"

Meanwhile back at the head of the class
Our Bruce is back in action.
He might not have an appendix
But at least he's not in traction.

"Burn it up Bruce Berner"
Don't let it get to you
'Cause Louie Bartelt's still drivin' a Pinto
Lookin' for someone to sue.

'Burn it Up
Bruce Berner'

April 2, 1980
THE FORUM
The following article is excerpted from a paper prepared by a third-year teaching assistant. It concerns two overlapping parts.

I. You are a first-year law student. Perhaps never before and never again will you be so submerged—head-first—into any endeavor.

You are probably excited and a little proud that you successfully jumped through all the academic and economic hoops to get here. But more intensely you do not know whether you will survive the rigors of law school. Your fears have been fuelled by popular "true stories" about law school, such as Paper Chase and One-L. Are you competitive and disciplined enough to aid in selecting next year's T.A.'s. You feel you almost certainly also feel a professional optimism, it also

You are uncertain about being a lawyer; you feel you are probably excited and a little proud about law school, such as Paper Chase and One-L. are you competitive and disciplined enough to be a... 

The writer's personal opinion, it also incorporates the commentary of legal educators with some empirical data for support. Who are you? Are you here?

Perhaps it is no surprise that the desire for prestige and wealth is the reason most often given for going to law school, and T.A.'s should help develop skills to aid in selecting next year's T.A.'s. The following article is excerpted from a paper prepared by a third-year teaching assistant...
A final suggestion is to open a T.A.-student relationship that is not limited to discussions of legal writing. Be open to helping each student adapt to the law school environment in many respects, not as a paternalistic know-it-all, but as one who has faced and struggled with the same system. Perhaps your help will lead to a quicker adjustment for them, and consequently, they will be able to put their energy into improving the system, rather than worrying about it.

Mr. Sherwood bought a cow
From Hiram Walker's farm
But Rose the Second of Aberlone
Was not to come to harm.

Mr. Sherwood wanted beef
Her price was less than half
For Hiram Walker & Sons thought
She couldn't bear a calf.

Rose's days were numbered
She'd soon be sirloin steak
But to Walker's great chagrin
There'd been a bad mistake.

You see, a little stranger came
And Rose was good for breeding
So Walker said, "The Deal is off!"
"Our minds are not in meeting."

Sherwood said, "I bought that cow."
I insist that she be given
The judge said, "No, her state has changed,"
There can be no replevin.

"Rose isn't the sirloin steak
Rose has a baby calf."
This court will therefore now decide
On Rose the Second's behalf!"

Judge Sherwood (hmm!) dissented.
He said the case was made
But though the sale was very clear,
His thoughts to rest were laid.

Now Mr. Sherwood's dead and gone
So is his dealing risky
And so is Walker's famous cow
But not his rot gut whiskey.

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Dairy Queen

What a bargain! You can get a triple thick DQ shake or one of our famous malts at a real savings: Bring a friend and share the taste of America's favorite treats. Choose your favorite flavor. They're all rich, creamy and cool. An unbeatable special at this great price.

Choose your flavor and get a regular size shake or malt for .15 off. Limit one per coupon and one coupon per customer.
Hundreds of Valparaiso University law students and faculty were seen filing into Cosmos, Franklin House, Northside and other popular purveyors of the spirit as Dean Errant announced to a capacity crowd in the Courtroom that, yes, the rumors were true, Valpo had lost its accreditation.

Dean Errant, in an attempt to placate the hostile crowd, tried to explain that all was not lost.

While it was true that those graduating from Valpo could not practice law in Indiana, or 50 states or protectorates, several major firms had expressed interest in hiring Valpo grads as paralegals and research assistants. Citing a starting average salary of between $4,000 and $6,000 with no chance of upward mobility or fringe benefits, Dean Errant expressed confidence in the viability and common sense of spending seven years in school to graduate with a worthless degree and no hope of a substantial salary. The Dean also pointed our that the new diploma would be suitable for framing and would look great next to your favorite collection of pipes or other memorabilia.

Summing up, the Dean exclaimed, "Oh, what the heck; if nothing else, for $7,500 a year with interest compounding quarterly and the interest rate spiralling, we all had a lot of fun, didn’t we?" There wasn’t a dry eye in the audience.

Many of the faculty were at a loss as to what the future had in store for them. Professor Berner expressed interest in an offer from Ford Motor Company as a corporate attorney. According to Berner, its the chance of a lifetime, and, he added shyly, "If you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em."

Another faculty member who is moving on to an important position is Jack Hiller, who is accepting a job as a guide at Safari Land. According to Hiller, the critical factor in helping him arrive at his decision was that he wouldn’t have to buy a new wardrobe.

Finally, Professor Stevenson is rumored to be on his way to Texas, where he will be a trailer park manager. According to Stevenson, leisure suits and string ties are the "in" thing in the Lone Star State.

Valparaiso University is currently trying to decide what to do with the law school building. One plan is to flood the basement and turn it into an indoor swimming pool for the Valpo Underwater Ballet team.

According to the team coach, swimming around the stacks and law review offices would provide a real challenge for her swimmers.

Professor Marcia Gienapp has reportedly refused to move from her office, however, and has locked herself in. Undaunted by this thought, plans proceed and the new facility will be named "The Gienapp Memorial Swimming Pool."

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Berner escapes injury
in fiery Pinto crash

Valparaiso University Law School Associate Professor Bruce Berner narrowly escaped injury when his new Pinto was rear-ended by a pedestrian on Lincolnway in downtown Valparaiso Wednesday evening.

Upon impact, the car sputtered into flames and, although Professor Berner was able to escape unscathed, his brand new sweater from DTP was singed.

Terner was driving home after losing big at a bridge game at Al Meyer’s house earlier that evening, and was traveling somewhere between 0 and 35 mph when the collision occurred.

Berner was admitted to Porter Memorial Hospital for observation but was released shortly afterward in satisfactory condition. When reached for comment, Professor Meyer expressed his sympathies about the unfortunate incident: "Man, some guys will do anything to get out of paying a debt."

Berner apparently lost between $20 and $35 to Meyer in the bridge game.

Dean Ehren, through a memorandum distributed by Assistant Dean John Farago, also grieved over the tragedy: "Verner. Now, which one was he?"

Beford received the Pinto as a "no-hard-feelings" gift from Ford Motor Company shortly after the conclusion of a minor traffic case in Winamac, Indiana in which they both participated last month. "The bull’s-eye on the back end of the car clashed with the paint job a little, but it was a super gesture," Banger said when he received the car.

Latest reports from Porter Memorial state that the sweater is "knitting well." DTP denies any involvement in the preparation of this "faculty roast."

Ehren Paces Faculty

Dean Charles Ehren pounded out two doubles and a single to pace the faculty softball squad to a 6-4 victory over the Law Review in the championship of the law school intramural softball tournament last Wednesday.

The tournament was held at the newly-constructed Wesemann Field west of the law school.

"I'm glad we got it built in time," said Ehren. "Athletics is such a very important aspect of a well-rounded legal education. I just wish more students could have seen the game. But they must have gone home after we cancelled classes and closed the library for the game."

Controversy arose before the season when the law school administration transferred funds from the library appropriations to buy new uniforms and equipment and to finance the field’s construction.

"Now we have to wait until next year to get those love seats and beanbag chairs for the library," protested Wesemann librarian Matt Dowas.

Gene Schoon contributed two home runs to a losing cause. Don Seberger made five errors. 