Dear Alumni:

It has been a year since I have written to you and, again, one of my purposes is to remind you of Homecoming which is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, this year. I urge you to come back to Valparaiso for that happy annual event, for which you should have received notice already from the Alumni Association. In addition, however, I want, through this letter, to welcome you to the pages of our new alumni newsletter. This is but one of the many new things at the School of Law, some of which I will at least mention in this letter. It is our hope that, in the future, you will be receiving this letter at least twice each year, bringing you news of the activities of other alumni, information about current happenings at the law school, and previews of forthcoming alumni activities.

This is a time in which the School of Law must change in order to stay the same. In order to maintain our commitments to being small, Christian, and national, we are going to have to expand the range of student services we offer, increase the breadth of the available curriculum, find a size of student body that best allows us to maintain both an adequate curriculum and high faculty/student ratio, and begin to recruit actively among the law school applicant pool to find the students most promising for Valparaiso.

In all of these endeavors, the school has had the active and vital support of the University. Thus, I am proud to be able to say that the library budget has been increased in the current fiscal year by about 75 percent, that the library staff has been enlarged significantly and now includes an assistant librarian who is a recent law school graduate, and that faculty salaries have been increased sufficiently to bring them at least close to the mainstream of legal education.

In addition, we have welcomed several new faculty members this year. Brief biographies of all the new personnel will be found on Page 2 of this newsletter. We are delighted also to have a new full-time assistant dean, John Farago, who, in addition to being a lawyer, has significant credentials in education and especially in law school administration. He will be aiding me particularly in the areas of student affairs, admissions, placement, financial aid, and various special projects throughout the year. Professor Brockington has returned to teaching full-time and I ask you to join me in extending thanks to him for his service to the school over the past seven years in that otherwise thankless role.

The law school administration in general has been restructured and expanded this year. Mrs. Esther Kruger has been appointed Assistant to the Dean for Business Affairs, making official the capacity in which she has been serving so well for some time. We are currently seeking a full-time professional placement director to create and implement an expanded Placement Office. The placement function of the law school is being thoroughly overhauled and re-energized. With the new director will come new programs, increased student services, and a renewed commitment to serve not only current students but also alumni in need of placement help.

Our expanding library, faculty, and administrative resources have produced one serious problem, however, as we look to this year and next. That is, the beginning of severe overcrowding in Wesemann Hall. Here too, however, the University is supporting the law school well, providing temporary extra facilities elsewhere on the campus, even though the whole University is suffering an immediate space shortage.

Changes are on the horizon for the alumni as well. We will be reaching out to you with increasing regularity, both in the provision of services and in requests for aid. Thus, as we begin to expand the placement office, we are sending out a questionnaire (included in this mailing) asking for data that will be of help in the structuring of that operation. In addition, we will use the name and address information on that questionnaire to update the Alumni Directory and provide the basis for a new edition we hope to send out to you this year. As the memorandum accompanying that questionnaire makes clear, I hope you will help us by filling it out and returning it as quickly as you can.

The Alumni Association is planning to expand its activities and its service to the law school as well. Professor Bartelt, the editor of this new newsletter, has agreed to take on additional responsibility with me as liaison to alumni and to the Association. There will also be new committees formed, as I understand it, to respond to requests from the law school for aid in the placement and admissions areas.

The Alumni Association Placement Committee will aid the new placement director by keeping in touch with alumni in all areas of the country, soliciting information about job openings and professional possibilities. Additionally, its members will serve an important public relations function, acquainting employers with the virtues of our school.

The Alumni Association Admissions and Recruitment Committee will also serve a public relations function by acquainting potential applicants with Valparaiso. But, of far greater importance, they will be responsible for interviewing applicants initially and maintaining contact with them throughout the admissions process. They will provide a human link to the otherwise impersonal law school admissions process, an embodiment of our student-centered orientation to legal education. From the school’s perspective, they will also provide a personal connection to the applicants, so that, once an individual is admitted, we can provide them with any information they may need to decide about whether or not to attend. In that connection, I call to your special attention the training seminar to be held on the afternoon of Homecoming Saturday for all alumni who volunteer to work on this vital student recruitment effort. We need your help and I urge you to pledge your service.

The faculty joins me in promising you a warm welcome at Homecoming. We very much look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Ehren, Jr.
Dean
New Personnel

Professor Richard P. Baepler

Professor Baepler is the former Dean of Christ College and a distinguished Theologian and legal historian. A twenty-four year veteran at this University, he has taught Legal History at the School of Law on a part-time basis in the past and thus is well known to our faculty and some students. Effective July 1, 1978, he was appointed Professor of Theology and Law, a joint appointment with the Department of Theology. He will carry half a teaching load in the latter department and half at the law school. Here, he will teach Legal History and a seminar in law and theology, and will teach Legal Profession with one of our lawyer-faculty members. Professor Baepler holds the B.A. (1952) and M. Div. (1954) degrees from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and the Ph. D. from the University of Chicago. He has done post-doctoral work in law here and at the University of Chicago. His appointment to full, tenured faculty status in the School of Law is a most significant step in our movement toward the interdisciplinary approach to legal education.

Professor Paul H. Brietzke

Professor Brietzke comes to us with a strong background in economics, education, comparative law, and the third world. A graduate of Lake Forest College, B.A. (1962) and the University of Wisconsin School of Law, J.D. in 1969, he has done graduate work at Wisconsin in education and, in law, at the University of London, from which he expects to receive his Ph.D. next year. A member of the Wisconsin bar, he has taught law at Brunel University in the United Kingdom and at American-sponsored law schools in Africa; and has a distinguished record of scholarship. He has been appointed Associate Professor of Law here and initially will be teaching Contracts and Antitrust.

Mr. Matthew P. Downs

Mr. Downs was appointed to fill the second Assistant Librarian post during the summer. A cum laude graduate of Houghton College in New York, Mr. Downs has the J.D. degree from Pepperdine University School of Law in California, 1978. He received his M.L.S. the same year from California State University, Fullerton, California. In addition to serving as Assistant Librarian at Pepperdine, he also has worked part-time as a law clerk in firms in New York and California.

Asst. Dean John M. Farago

Dean Farago graduated from Harvard College, B.A., 1972, and received the M.A.T. degree there the same year. He is a 1978 graduate of the New York University Law School and expects his Ph.D. in Higher Education from N.Y.U. in 1979. Between Harvard and N. Y. U., he studied theatre and television direction at the California Institute of the Arts and also worked as a legal paraprofessional for an attorney involved in theatrical production. At N.Y.U., he was Articles Editor of the law review. His Ph.D. dissertation is in the field of law school admissions and privacy law. And he has worked as assistant to both the Chancellor of the New York City Board of Education and the Vice-President for Finance of New York University. He is Assistant Dean for academic and student affairs and will have various other responsibilities, including admissions, student recruitment, and placement.

Ms. Marcia L. Gienapp

Ms. Gienapp has been appointed Instructor in Law and will be in charge of the first year Legal Problems course. She is a Valparaiso alumna, B.A. 1973 and J.D. 1977. Since graduation from this school, she has taught legal writing with the rank of Instructor, at the University of Cincinnati.

Professor Douglas W. Kmiec

Appointed Assistant Professor of Law this summer, Mr. Kmiec is a graduate of Northwestern University, B.A. 1973, and the University of Southern California Law School, J.D. 1976, where he was on the law review. Since graduation from law school, he has been a Chicago associate with the Chicago, New York, and Washington law firm of Vedder, Price, Kaufman, and Kammholz and has specialized in real estate development. Professor Kmiec initially will be teaching Land Acquisition and Use, the seminar in Private Property and the Constitution, and Legislation.

Other significant personnel changes are the return of Professor Berner and Levinson from leave, the promotion of Mrs. Long to the rank of Visiting Instructor, and the return of former Assistant Dean Brockington to full-time teaching and writing. Mr. Berner obtained his L.L.M. at Yale while he was away; Mrs. Levinson completed a major article which has been published this year in our Law Review.

Pictured are last year's graduates Mike Kurtis and Rhonda (Levin) Kurtis, along with Supreme Court Justice William Rhenquist. (See also Bartelt, "What's Happening...", I ALUMNI NEWS 4, 1978)

Centennial

Plans are being made to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of our School of Law. The Centennial Celebration Planning Committee composed of Professors Bartelt, Brockington, and Hiller (Chairman) reports that the events (including a major speaker, a special program for Homecoming Weekend, etc.) will be spread through the calendar year 1979. When specific events and dates are set further announcements will be made.
Dear Alumni:

As Dean Ehren has noted, I am a new member of the Law School's administration, too new to have gotten to know any of the alumni even among last June's graduates. I hope, though, as this year passes, to come to know many members of the expanding alumni community.

My presence is only one of many new things this year, several of them touching on alumni affairs. In particular, I want to describe changes in the School's placement and admissions functions.

I. PLACEMENT

For the first time in the School's history we are creating an active full-time Placement Office, run by a professional Placement Director, providing a broad array of services to students, alumni, and employers. We are presently conducting a national search for the person who will develop and administer the new Placement Office, and it is anticipated that we will have narrowed the dozens of applications down to a final choice by the end of September.

Once the director is selected, he or she will develop a comprehensive placement operation, seeking to place students and graduates in law and law-related positions. Additional services, such as counseling, resume preparation, and some secretarial aid, may be made available. Part of the new Director's charge, indeed a most important part, is that the Placement Office is to provide services for our alumni. Services geared to specific alumni needs will be provided and, we hope, the Placement Office will become a center for help in career development, career shifts, and lateral career moves.

Any suggestions that you might have about the type of services that should be provided, particularly to alumni, will be gratefully heard. The new Placement Director may well seek more detailed information from all alumni to guide the preparation of the alumni placement services.

We will also be drawing on you for aid in the creation of the Placement Office. First, and of vital importance, is the questionnaire that we have enclosed in this mailing. As explained in the Dean's covering memorandum, the results from this questionnaire will be used to guide the new Placement Director's decisions about the appropriate utilization of resources. We hope to develop an accurate picture of the career profiles of as many alumni as possible, to serve as a source of information about the kind of services that both current students and alumni may be able to use. I urge you, therefore, to return the questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Furthermore, as the year progresses and the Placement Office becomes established, the new Director will be getting in touch with most alumni, to introduce the new office and explain the services it provides. We will also urge alumni who know of openings for attorneys to tell us about them so that we may pass the information along to students and alumni.

II. ADMISSIONS

As I write this letter, the second week of class is drawing to a close, and the new first-year students are beginning to have a sense of what exactly they've gotten themselves in for. That class provides us with reasons for both pride and caution. We are justly proud because, once again, the entering class possesses admirable credentials. They come from 11 states and 31 colleges. Their average LSAT score is 571; average undergraduate record is 3.12. Many have done graduate work before coming to law school. Many have turned down the offers of other institutions in order to attend Valparaiso.

As these statistics make clear, we should be cautious not because of any failing on the part of the people attending, but rather because the class this year is smaller than any in the last five years — 101 men and women. It is well within the faculty guideline for an optimally sized entering class and considerably larger than the classes most of you graduated with but it reflects the fact that this year, for reasons we cannot pinpoint, fewer of the people to whom we made admissions offers decided to take us up on them.

We should therefore be mounting a significant recruitment effort aimed specifically at those people who apply and are accepted. Additionally, we are always eager to seek out potential applicants who may not know about the school. For the first time, we will be asking the alumni to aid us in these efforts in an organized manner.

We are in the process of developing a structure that will involve alumni intimately in the admissions and recruitment function. This year we will be asking all applicants, if possible, to arrange for an interview with a person affiliated with the law school. Interviewers will be drawn from faculty, administration, students, and, perhaps predominantly, alumni. The interview report will be an integral part of the Admissions Committee's file on each candidate, and will be included in their deliberations. Furthermore, the interviewer will establish a link with the applicant which, once action is taken on the application, may be used to recruit the most attractive of the persons admitted. There will be an interviewers' training session held on the afternoon of Homecoming. If you want to interview applicants, even if you can't attend this session, let me know by returning the enclosed card.

These plans, both for placement and admissions, grow out of our sense of what makes this law school special: As a small school, and particularly as a school with a religious and ethical foundation, it seems important that we find ways to express to students (and, for that matter, alumni) that we care about each person individually. And we are asking you to help us do this.

This letter is already longer than it should be. Suffice it to say that in several very important areas, new things are afoot and the alumni are critically important to those new things. Please return the questionnaire. We will let you know about the new Placement Office as soon as further details are available. Finally if you wish to be part of our admissions-recruitment network, return the enclosed card, and, if at all possible, plan to attend the training session which will be held on the afternoon of Homecoming.

Sincerely,

John M. Farago
Asst. Dean

In the Beginning...

George W. Stimpson, in The Story of Valparaiso University, states that in the spring of 1879 Professor Harrison N. Carver organized a class in the common law, using Blackstone's Commentaries as a text. A moot court was organized and the class attended sessions of the Porter County Court, studying procedure from actual practice.

An early 1879 bulletin of the Northern Indiana Normal School and Business Institute (later Valparaiso University) announces that "we have decided to establish, in connection with the Normal, a complete course in Law."

"This has been placed in charge of H.N. Caver and C.W. Boucher, which fact is sufficient guarantee that it will be thorough and practical."

Professor Carver taught philosophy and the classics from 1878 to 1917, and was dean of the Classical Department from 1913 to 1915.

In Valparaiso's First Century, Dr. John H. Strietelmeier, presently Vice-President for Academic Affairs, describes Professor Carver "as what might be called a 'compulsive teacher.' His whole life was spent in reading and teaching, his class load in his earlier days at Valparaiso running as high as ten hours a day."

Professor Chauncey W. Boucher was head of the commercial department from 1877 to 1883 when he resigned to open his own normal school in Muncie, Indiana.
What's Happening...

Alumni may be interested in the location, activities and achievements of classmates and contemporaries, as the School of Law is in all of its graduates. Please send any information about yourself or others for inclusion in this column in future editions of the Alumni News.

1950 - Former Dean Alfred W. Meyer is a visiting professor at Stetson University College of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida, during the current academic year.

1951 - Last year Governor Otis Bowen appointed Porter County Circuit Judge Alfred Pivarnik to the Supreme Court of Indiana.

1952 - Bryce Billings is judge of the recently established County Court in Porter County, Indiana.

1953 - Donald O'Dell and Thomas Hoffman, '77 announced their association in practice in Lowell, Indiana.

1959 - Raymond Kickbush was appointed Porter County Circuit Judge to fill the vacancy left by Judge Alfred Pivarnik's elevation to the Indiana Supreme Court.

1962 - Jack Allen is judge of the Superior Court of Porter County. He is unopposed in the forthcoming election.

1963 - The Evansville, Indiana Bar Association honored Juvenile Court Judge Robert Lensing at its May 1 observance of Law Day, U.S.A., by naming him recipient of the James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award for his outstanding work with young people. The Gresham Award is given annually "to an individual or organization working to further the ideas for which Law Day was started."

1966 - Columbia University conferred the degree of Doctor of the Science of Law (S.J.D.) on Fred Thomforde last year. Fred taught at Valparaiso for two years, and is now Professor of Law at the University of Tennessee.

1967 - Professor Bruce Berner has returned to the law faculty after receiving his L.L.M. degree from Yale in May. This year he will be a consultant to the Elkhart County Prosecutor's office in its prosecution of the Ford Motor Co.

Michael Swygert, a member of the law school staff from 1969 to 1972, and now Professor of Law at DePaul University, was among six finalists for the dean's position there.

1971 - Darlene Hind Mears is a Lake County, Indiana, Juvenile Court Judge. Husband, David, '70, practices law in Hammond and is also a member of the Lake County prosecutor's staff.

1973 - Governor Bowen recently appointed Gary Germann to fill the unexpired term of Porter County Prosecutor Robert Harper, '68, who resigned to run for the Indiana legislature. Gary also taught a course in the law school last year.

1974 - Gene Hennig was a teaching associate in the law school from 1969 to 1972, and now Professor of Law at DePaul University, was among six finalists for the dean's position there.

1974 - Gene Hennig was a teaching associate in the law school from 1974 to 1976. He was in charge of the first-year research and writing course and also taught a couple of substantive courses. In 1975-1976 he was a clerk for the Supreme Court of Minnesota. He returned to the law school last year as an assistant professor. He resigned to join a law firm in Minneapolis. This past summer, Gene and Kristin Campbell, who taught English at the University, were married.

1975 - Illinois Governor James R. Thompson has appointed George Liu head of the Hong Kong office of the Illinois Department of Business and Economic Development. The office, opened in 1973, and those in Brussels, Belgium and Sao Paulo, Brazil were established to develop trade leads, foreign investment prospects and potential business for the Port of Chicago.

George, who was born in Taiwan, speaks Chinese and Japanese as well as English. He received all of his higher education in the United States and holds the bachelor's and masters degrees in addition to the J.D. Governor Thompson said that "George Liu brings a wealth of talents to an important state government post."

Charlotte "Cappy" Peller is a referee in the Lake County, Indiana, Juvenile Court.

1976 - Jeff Bork was Teaching Associate in the law school during the 1976-1977 academic year responsible for the first-year research and writing program. Last year he was clerk for the Honorable Luther M. Swygert, senior judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. This year Jeff will be a graduate student in the law school at Columbia University, where he will also teach a course in legal writing.

Steven Hale received an L.L.M. degree from the University of Cincinnati School of Law in 1977. Currently, he is associated with the Valparaiso law firm of Hoover & Hoover (Dennis, '69, and Medi, '76).

For the past two years Chris Nueschterlein has been clerk for Judge Allen Sharp of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. Recently he became associated with the law firm of Yoder, Ainaly, Ulmer and Buckingham in Goshen, Indiana. Wife, Clare, is a third-year student.

1977 - George Carberry was clerk for Judge Robert H. Staton of the Indiana Court of Appeals during the past year.

Michael Morow served in the same capacity for Indiana Supreme Court Judge Alfred Pivarnik, '51.

Marcia Gienapp, recently married to David Able, a Gary attorney, and Linda Long are members of the law school teaching staff. Marcia, who spent last year as an instructor at the University of Cincinnati School of Law, is responsible primarily for the first-year research and writing program. Linda begins her second year with us. Most of her duties are in the law school's clinical program.

1978 - Rhonda Levin and Michael Kurtis were married recently and honeymooned in Greece. They were out of the country at the time the oath was administered for admission to the Indiana Bar, so special arrangements were made for them to be sworn in at the Supreme Court building in Washington by Supreme Court Justice William H. Rehnquist.

The practice of Alwin Tamosius, Chicago, is taking on an international flavor. He flies with some frequency to England and the Cayman Islands, British West Indies.

Speakers Program

Last year we made a modest (in terms of numbers, not quality) beginning of a formalized speakers program. In September Professor M. Lakshman Marasinghe of the Faculty of Law, University of Windsor (Ontario, Canada) and noted China expert, spoke on "The Role of Law in the People's Republic of China." In November Dennis J. Houran, Esq., chairman of the A.B.A.'s Right to Live-Right to Die Committee and vice-chairman of the A.B.A.'s Law and Medicine Committee, discussed the topic "Euthanasia: Should it be Legalized?" and in March Mr. Justice Walter Rogosheske of the Minnesota Supreme Court and long-time friend of the Law School presented a lecture entitled "Problems in the Administration of Criminal Justice." These lectures were followed by receptions allowing students and faculty members to meet informally with our guest speakers. The program has been most favorably received by students, faculty and members of the public, and every effort will be made to expand it.

Prof. Jack Hiller