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Despite criticism from tradition-minded students, the Valpo School of Law is going ahead with investigating plans to expand the size of the student body from approximately 500 and the faculty to approximately 25 over the next several years, according to Dean Charles Ehren.

The dean played host last week to nine distinguished consultants, including three law school deans and a former director of the Association of American Law Schools, to discuss an overall expansion effort primarily designed to improve the offerings of the school's curriculum.

Ehren has advanced arguments put forth by some of his colleagues and students that increasing the student body size would take VU's out of the "small law school" class.

"I have a different view of what is served to look at the small group instruction and individual attention students get here that's the reason we want to make a better job with 500 students than we can now," Ehren said.

Currently the law school is among the "15 or 20" smallest in the nation, or in the lowest 10 percent of the ordering by size of the more than 160 American Bar Association approved institutions, Ehren said.

The faculty is to meet "in the near future" to determine the future of the school's size and its methods of individual instruction, the dean said. Ehren will present a report to the University Board of Directors containing the "numbers" of any proposed expansion. He will also appear at the board's October quarterly meeting.

Valpo students as well as all 7th Circuit law students are invited to participate in each meeting and event. The only cost may be the price of a luncheon. Any costs for the events themselves will primarily be covered by a $300 allocation from ABA/LSD. During the morning, a general assembly of the representatives from each school will be held to take care of any ABA/LSD 7th Circuit or national business and will be chaired by Rico Miroballi, student editor of the ABA/LSD 7th Circuit governor.

Then two presentations will be given. One is entitled "Concern for Dying." The other will be a presentation on criminal counseling. The presentations will tentatively be given by John Forbes, parliamentarian for the Indiana House of Representatives. The other presentation exchange and workshops are planned for the afternoon.

For the FORUM staff, following their awards-in-summer, will host a discussion on law school publications. Successful client counselors Jeff Eggers and Jackie Leimer will present a session on client counseling.

Other Valpo representatives will be hosting meetings for BALSA and WLSA. Also, NASBA* NAAC and VITA an income tax association, will be represented in meetings of their own hosted by students from other law schools.

The day's activities will conclude with another assembly, and a party for all in attendance is planned for the evening.

The larger sizes of first-year classes at the VU School of Law and major technological advances in legal research has prompted school administrators to request physical expansion of the library and the installation of a computerized information retrieval system.

If the proposals are approved, the north glass wall of the library will be moved five to six feet further into the law school lobby, allowing the Old Seminar Room to be included in the library and to expand the desk area near the entrance, according to acting head librarian Matt Downs.

"We'll be able to move the reserve collection into the seminar room, and move the first floor Xerox machine there too," Downs said.

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Mark Scarf

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Editor's Note

I believe that it was once said by a famous journalist, whose name escapes me, at the present moment that the thing that scared him most was the sight of an empty piece of paper and a typewriter. "Better to have a key on the typewriter than to be said for such a fear: a fear of failure, a fear of disappointment, a fear of acceptance." One of my professors told me that fear, when properly used, is the most creative way. Can be one of the most important attributes that we can learn from the Greeks. I was cautioned, however, that left unguided such a fear can submerge the individual to be a sea of doubt and remorse. This type of fear to be avoided.

It is thus with a constructive fear that we have labored to bring you the first issue of this newspaper. We are attempting to follow an impressive act: the 1979-80 FORUM was selected by the AIA/LNS as the best law student newspaper in the 7th circuit. We return with most of the staff from last year, with due respect and admiration for the work of Buddy Haugh, Roger Barz, Barbara McFarland, Robin Rukhchi. This year the editor, and the editor's manager, and the layout editor, cartoon, etc: all of whom have graduated and all of whom we hope will continue to be the paper a success.

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WLSA Sponsors ‘Wine and Cheese’

Debby Wildhague

There are a number of outrageously-priced books on the market devoted to the subject of law school survival. Although the pictures on the cover depicting a typical 1-L in green fatigues carrying a stack of lethal-looking textbooks and a loaded roll of nickels, these how-to-guides are too much like the first-year experience. Perhaps those who really want to complete this year with their sanity reasonably intact should seek out the advice of their peers—second-and third-year students. Since third-year students are conspicuously absent from the hallowed halls of WESSEM (it has something to do with the search for gainful employment), 1-Ls will have to consult second-year students. They are easily identified by the fact that I’m back here already! Look, Revolution ’94 is already underway as law school does not leave much time for respiration, let alone consultation, I have decided to offer a few bits of advice to ease the pain, if not the brain sprain of these initial weeks of legalism.

First, one needs to maintain a sense of humor. Laughing at oneself is a genuine of humor. Laughing at oneself is a natural way to ease the pain, if not the physical one. Realizing that the first semester of law school is a great release exercise. Tote around some law books. Carrying them not only improves muscle tone, one could also develop a reputation as a great scholar, especially of those visible by night issues of the law school’s bulletin boards. If you are interested in becoming a member of WLSA or participating on any WLSA committee, please contact one of the following officers:

Elizabeth Cutter
President
Marie Joy
Vice President
Nora Hudson
Treasurer
Celeste Fase
Secretary

‘Dear Third Year’

Debby Wildhague

In order to acquaint students with this new kind of columnist, I will use today’s column to explain what Tribbles will attempt to do. I intend to utilize this column as a catalyst for discussion of relevant topics of interest to the law school community including local events and issues of the paper. I also ask readers to answer section providing students with a chance to have their columns reviewed. My apologies to Mr. John Seach for my use of the editorial vo.

Dear 3rd Year,

I’ve got a problem. I’m supporting presidential candidate ED CLARK because ’tis time for a change and no one cares who this guy is. Well, he’s a natural born leader who promotes basic human rights and believes in the absolutist viewpoint of the First Amendment. How can I get someone to listen?

P.S. You owe Dear 3rd Year $3.75 payola.

Dear Seach,

Write about him on your finals and see what happens. Also, this paper accepts advertising at the rate of $2.95 per column inch. However, this paper will not print any political advertising concerning communists or quasi-communists. Any more attempts to sneak ED CLARK’s name into this paper without paying our basic fees will be frowned upon.

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Dear 3rd Year,

I’m a female and a former graduate of Valparaiso Law School and no one will hire me. Any job prospects?

signed, B.D.

Dear B.D.,

As a former student of this law school you stand an excellent chance of landing a job as an instructor of law right here, especially if you haven’t yet had any practical experience with actual clients. Two prerequisites, however: you must be white and have an article published on an obscure subject such as Witchcraft Law in Africa, or The Building Code of Warren Dunes. [These are taken however.]

Dear 3rd Year,

I’m a freshmen law student and female. What do I have to do to get noticed?

signed, trying

Dear Trying,

You could disrobe in Administrative Law to live up the class [and Professor Goodyear], but other than an occasional one night stand you are out of luck. Male and female law students don’t mix because the conflict of the egos is too much for the relationship to bear. My advice: go to the bars in Gary and pick-up steelworkers. Hardhats optional.

[To get your letter printed, send it to Dear 3rd Year in care of this newspaper.]
Mike Massa

This is the first installment of a two-part series that will hopefully acquaint you with the night life (such as it is) in the area. In later issues I'll cover the nicer bar-restaurants in Valpo, and the best taverns in the Calumet region. Right now, let's get in the nitty-gritty, the red-neck bars of Valparaiso.

Franklin House This is it—the pick of the crop. Undoubtedly this is the cheapest place to drink. An Oly or P.B.R. draft is only $0.50, while pitchers are two and a half bucks. Mixed drinks start as low as $0.85 and run from $0.85 to a dollar and free pop is served up in Mr. Coffee filters. The Franklin House is located at 55 Campbell street, next door to the train station, so they have a comm­uter's special—until 11:00 a.m., drafts are $0.30.

But low prices are not the sole reason for checking out this particular watering hole. The atmosphere and decor reminds you of something out of the backwoods of Wisconsin. The regulars crowd around a large U-shaped bar and stare up at the walls, the upper portion of which has a crudely rendered mural of the Ozark country. The rest of the walls are festively decorated with Christmas lights and garlands which the bartender main­tains will not be taken down until the holidays are over. The back room in later years has had two pool tables and a juke box. A dart board is available for those who bring their own darts.

The kitchen is open till 10:00 p.m. and they make a fair cheeseburger, while the hot beef sandwich and soup for $1.90 is excellent.

Semento's I mention this overlook­ed bar second because I think it could be a hang-out for law folks if people would frequent the place. Sure it's a little spooky with Papa Semento sitting in the corner with his dog watching T.V. and mumbling in some foreign language. And of course it's weird seeing fresh produce, squash, and pumpkins on the bar. But you can have a good time being a demento at Semento's.

There is a pool table and a juke box with plenty of polkas and Charley Pride songs. But best of all there is an old bowling game—$0.10 per person for 10 frames—with mushball-sized bowling balls, that is a gas to play. Don't be bashful—just step up and plug it in—papa is just trying to save a little on his electric bill.

They have no draft beer but bottles run only $0.75, and mixed drinks are a buck. You have to get to Semento's early in the evening, since if there aren't too many customers mama cleans down close around 11:00 p.m. You'll know when it's time to leave—Semento's will just turn off all the lights on the bar.

Semento's is down Route 30 on the north side of town, just before you get to Wise Way. If you get lucky at the blackjack table, you can get yourself a room and adjoining motel for about $7, a night. JACKSON'S Here is a place where you can run into 20 sorority girls getting wild or 20 good old boys. Staring up at you in apparent disbelief. They are peaceful, voluntary, and more people are becoming aware of the existence of such power is a constant threat to all our freedoms. Libertarians believe that two kinds of freedom are tied together. The power to control a person's economic deci­sions can be used to control speech, action, and personal choice. The existence of such power is a constant threat to all our freedoms.

The Libertarian Party is drawing increasing support from both the main­stream liberalism and conservatives alike, as more and more people are becoming aware of the danger of large government power over all aspects of our lives. Libertarianism is neither 'left wing' nor 'right wing'. The Libertarian Party is a logical home for everyone who wants neither to rule nor be ruled by anyone else. History shows that the best way to solve problems is to leave people free to find their own solutions—without government compulsion or interfer­ence.

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The Roast, The Picnic, The People

Above: Family volleyball with the Jents

Left: SBA V-P Sheri Hampshire and Doug Johnson at the grill.

Right: "Is there life after (during) law school? Apparently so.

Below: Lookin' in on the roast.

Photos by Granquist and Wolczyk

HI IVY! WHAT'S UP?

OH, I EXPERIENCED SLEEPY REJECTION FROM MY DATE THIS WEEKEND.

WHY'S THAT?

SHE SAID THE ONLY THINGS I CARED ABOUT WERE SPENDING TIME AT THE LOCAL BAR AND PIERCING THE CORPORATE VEIL!! *

GOOD LUCK
BURT AND LINDA
Injuries have plagued the "Learned Hands" student and faculty intramural football team. Coach Mike Massa is seen here with the football cap; coaches always wear caps, looking off defensive lineman Roy Portenga. Portenga suffered a knee injury on that play. Photo by Dan Grnquist.

The best dressed--Our Dean has had a coming to extension and installation of increases in his billing rates. Schnabel, Downs said. Ehren reported that, "I'm somewhat concerned about what will dispense bandages, aspirin and nickles to the students after I am gone." Ms. Johnson, the law library secretary, for the past ten years, said of her retirement. After more than 20 years of service to the University, in offices including the Dean of Student Affairs and the Housing Office, June Johnson is retiring this month.

Ms. Johnson commented that coming to the law school forced her to become adjusted to the more 'mature' students. She explained that she, like the school, has changed with the students.

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"We wanted LEXIS to provide our students exposure to this type of service, but the availability of copies of books in the library has been considerably affected by the large size of this year's entering class,'" the dean added.

Ehren said he felt confident about the expansion and the computer system's chances for approval.

"I'm optimistic about the expansion and hopeful about LEXIS," he said.

The vitality of First Amendment rights is currently being challenged as the Valparaiso-Porter County Public Library is involved in a squabble comparable to the Beatle Album Burns of the 1960s.

John Maresco, a native of Porter County, created the disturbance when he single-handedly (and permanently) borrowed the book, "An Illustrated Social History of Prostitution" from the library shelf in Valparaiso, calling it "Pornographic immoral." Mavesco at first refused to return the book despite the threat of overdue, and many Porter County readers. Checked out only 12 times in 16 months, the Library Director, Don Johnson, now says the book has a sizeable waiting list. Meanwhile, Mavesko has returned the book on the condition it be reviewed by a censorship committee.

Mavesko has also begun a campaign towards a citizens review committee to censure books purchased by the Valparaiso Public Library.

When asked about her viewpoint from the Constitutional aspect of the case, Professor Rosalio Levinson stated that since the individual is currently acting in an individual capacity, only no question of state action is present; however, all sorts of problems will arise if any Porter County government institution gets involved in the censorship of books.

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Mastery of the use of the LEXIS system will enhance students' 'competency in practice', according to law school Dean Charles Ehren. warning that it may be 'in bad taste'. We agree and are eagerly awaiting the sequel.

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