Counsel prepares for match

Karen Walker

While most of us are celebrating the beginning of Spring break, two of our classmates will be spending their first vacation day in Chicago representing Valparaiso at the ABA/LSD regional client counseling competition.

Second-year students Nancy L. Notley and John Marnocha recently were selected as the 1981 Valparaiso School of Law client counseling team. The alternates are Cindy Horvath and Mark Roscoe.

These client counselors were chosen after try-outs among 25 law students. The try-outs began with each student competing alone. After the field was narrowed from 25 to eight, the students were paired for further judging. Each tried out with two "partners" before the winners were selected.

Notley and Marnocha did not try out together during the intra-school competition, but were selected as the 1981 Valparaiso School of Law client counseling team. Bodensteiner, a social worker who is helping to coach.

The subject of this year's competition is employment discrimination and discriminatory credit practices. Notley and Marnocha are researching this area now. They will receive a better idea of the exact focus of the topic a few days before the competition.

Besides research, the team also is doing practice interviews with persons acting as clients. Faculty members including Gienapp, Downs and Paul Cox have been writing scripts for the interviews.

The March 7 competition at Loyola University in Chicago is the regional contest, which will be conducted in two rounds. If the Valparaiso team wins in Chicago, the team will advance to the finals a few weeks later in Lansing, Mich.

Eggers said client counseling tests more intangible skills than competitions such as Moot Court. Client Counseling competition stresses counseling skills as much as legal skills. Eggers added client counseling concerns how the attorney makes the client feel and whether the attorney can make the client open up to him or her.

Notley and Marnocha feel they are under some pressure to do well at this year's competition because Valparaiso has a successful record in the client counseling area. Last year, Eggers and Leimer won the regional competition and came in second nationally.

Notley and Marnocha are particularly qualified for this type of competition. Notley holds a master's degree in counseling and worked for four years in counseling. Marnocha has experience as a legal intern for the city of South Bend, where he interviewed clients.

Notley said she hopes client counseling competition will give her some practical experience for entering law practice. "If you can't deal with a client and get factual information, you won't be as effective in your legal work," she said. Marnocha added that one of the reasons the ABA/LSD started the client counseling competition was the percentage of a lawyer's time that must be spent gathering information from people.

Review Disdains Elitists

Cindy Pitts

Law Review. Two words that may leave the first-year student with visions of mutual exchange and mutual respect. But not so for the Valparaiso University Law Review.

"Elitism is a word that comes to mind when our predecessors and we come together," said Jackie Leimer, the 1981-82 editor-in-chief.

"I think that the second-year students have the responsibility for maintaining the standard expected of those that are considered of publishable quality," Leimer said. "This is one of the keys to the Review's success." The Review presently has approximately 800 subscribers, she said.

As for the privileges of affiliation with the Review, "direct mail from firms seeking lawyers is perhaps the most valuable of Review's benefits. To be looked at for federal/judicial clerks, you can't deal with a lawyer's time that must be spent gathering information from people."

"Practical experience is the greatest teacher," Eggers said. "The preparation and results were frustrating, but rewarding. My education in evidence has improved 100%, if not 1000%. We got a taste of courtroom decorum.

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In an effort to promote interest in the March 2 and 3 student body election, The Forum Board of Editors met on Feb. 17 to interview candidates for SBA president, treasurer, and secretary-treasurer. The Board, consisting of two third-year students, Phineas Frye and Associate Editor Dave Heidorn, two second-year students, Phineas Frye and Staff Writer Rachel Whaley, Business Manager Joe Taylor, and two first-year students, News Editors Mark Scarp and Staff Writer Sally Schalk, individually interviewed eight of ten hopefuls for the four offices sought.

Vice-presidential candidate Ed Biondi was out of state on personal business. He submitted a written statement; Peggy Stamper is unopposed in her bid for secretary.

The editors met after the interviews summaries of which are printed on page three] and considered the qualifications of each candidate, she stands on the issues and law school concerns taken by, and the personal background of each candidate, as a student body officer. A vote of confidence was taken for each office. Each candidate was then interviewed by two or all of the candidates for any particular office. It should be strongly emphasized here that this is NOT The Forum's endorsement. It is the opinion of a group of six journalistically-inclined individuals that each candidate had an opportunity to speak with all of the candidates, an opportunity many students do not have before the election. We encourage you to seek out the candidates if still unsure of qualifications before reading these pages. We also encourage you to vote your convictions; see election rule one, on Monday and Tuesday.

What follows are the names of each candidate who received votes, their vote count, and a very brief list of the qualifications of the candidate which made that candidate the most acceptable to The Forum'sEditorial Board to help do the investigating.

No vote was taken for the office of secretary when the most recent votes were not listed here; a complete list and summaries of the views of all ten candidates is on page three.

President

Laurie Pangle, 5 votes. Has a deep sense of commitment; not a quitter. Active on campus and in campus elections in the law school; has been involved with combating sexist attitudes among students. Comes to the law school immensely qualified and with a diverse interest background. She has taken affirmative steps to investigate problems affecting students this year. Has gumption, idealism, initiative. Unafraid to be frank with the administration.

Ray Merritt, 4 votes. Very good rapport with most of the first- and second-year faculty. Willing to make a compromise between the realistic and the positive, idealistic, energetic. Very interested in promoting higher level of communication between student leaders, student leaders and administration. Wants to see an SBA newsletter published to better communicate with students.

Al Pogel, 2 votes. Addressed "realistic" problems that SBA can actually do something about. Will work hard to get student issues moving. His party this year will split with R.W. Pool he can rewrite the SBA constitution to, among other things, make more money or the patronage pool he can rewrite the SBA constitution to, among other things, to "be afraid to confront administration on important issues. A real sleeper of a candidate.

Vice President

Ed Biondi, 5 votes. A hard worker with a realistic approach; will initiate action on his convictions. Has experience in student government, both on campus and in national organizations. A hell-raiser. Strongly motivated; attempts to turn adversity into solutions.

Treasurer

Melanie Stebba, 4 votes. Efficient, willing to take a stand; stands firm on the issues, won't back down. More of a "treasurer" wants to be an advocate. Unafraid to work both in and out of the system (inside Wessmann Hall and out) to get exciting things to move. Then moves on in trying to solve those problems.

Trish Morris, 1 vote. Accessible; committed to working for students; willing to talk. Very interested in promoting higher level of communication between student leaders, student leaders and administration. Will work with students, as a student and the folks, is that there are bigger problems that they can deal with. Or maybe it's just that their resumes have big holes that they're moving to fill up. There are a few signs around here; but I haven't smelled any weed or wine and nobody's adoing to poppins' whites before Con Law. So that's not making them move either.

I don't know what it is, but I think it's just that I'd like to make sure before I vote. If the officers of SBA accomplish next year what they did this year, we'll all be wearing suits to class and be shoving them in front of R.W. Pool. I won't be able to handle that.

Cheers and Jeers

Cheers to Law Review Editor Jackie Lemir for saying, for the public record yet, that it is possible to write for the Law Review and be a student. Cheers to the Law Review's Board of Editors. We'd like to add, respectfully, that the Board of Editors won't necessarily land you a position in the Immigration Law Review.

Jeers to those students who were fortunate enough to have taken Ethics last year. . . .

Jeers to whomever is handling the "heartless" way the School of Law for failing to do anything about serious overcrowding and abundant noise in the library. We hope that the Admissions Committee puts square footage before tuition in considering next year's first-year class size and chooses fewer future graduates until the space problem is completely solved.
The following are summaries of remarks made to and responses to questions asked by The Forum’s Board of Editors on Feb. 17 of candidates running for Student Bar Association president, vice president, secretary and treasurer for 1981-82.

Each candidate was interviewed individually; each was asked to make a statement about his/her candidacy and then each responded to questions asked by the Board. For a more complete detailing of the interview procedure, see the headnote to the election editorial on page 2.

The order in which the summaries appear under each office below was selected at random. The election will be held on Monday and Tuesday, March 2-3.

**President**

**Laurie Pangle**

An “earnest desire” to effect change coupled with ideas toward improving communication between staff and their representatives set the tone for the presidential campaign of Laurie Pangle.

Pangle, a first-year student and graduate of the University of Michigan, lists among her qualifications for the office her involvement in various student movements and the Lutheran student at UM, including a post as secretary for an organization of more than 120 student groups from all over the world dealing with international concerns. She is now active in the VU American Bar Association-Law Student Division committee. She was once an assistant to a Member of the British Parliament.

“The president of SBA should not be the single link between students and administration, but she should open up more channels. The president should not only act for but respond to students,” she said.

Important issues that need attention are improving the student lounge, better information and further solicitation of student input in the incoming law school expansion planning and trying to break a current “administrative apathy.”

Pangle advocates totally open SBA meetings on all matters and saw the organization as taking on an advocacy role. In addition, she supports bringing the school out of isolation from the rest of the University.

A ‘team effort’ is needed by all members of the SBA Executive Board in making committee and other appointments, instead of merely having the president making all decisions, she said.

Another priority is to investigate why the law school and SBA do not get all of an $86 per semester general fee each law student pays, she added.

**Al Pogel**

Representing the student body with a knowledge of what SBA can be effective in doing, and becoming a student instead of running a campaign, is one of Al Pogel’s chief objectives.

Pogel, a second-year student and the only candidate who is currently an SBA Board member, lists among his qualifications his giving SBA background experience on executive boards of four different organizations, and his current position as a therapist for mentally ill patients.

“Working as a therapist, I’ve learned how to draw lines and then stand up for what I feel is best,” he said.

Issues of concern to Pogel include apathy (“a joint problem of both SBA and the students’), the inadequacy of the parking lot, and a visibility problem for SBA. The placement office is “not very effective,” he said.

Additional concerns include the grade procedure unique to VU and solicitation of more input from the ABA-LSD committee.

Interviews for appointments by the entire Board would be difficult, Pogel said, because “getting 10 board members to interview 100 applicants is pretty tough.”

SBA meetings should be open “initially,” but in more delicate areas and where final decision need be made on certain issues they should be closed to students, he said.

“I think if we’re elected to make the decision, students should trust us to make the right one,” he said.

**Steve Bom**

A desire to see this year’s SBA election “contented” as opposed to last year’s race of unopposed candidates and a wish to see SBA become an effective controversy-resolving tool are reasons for the candidacy of Steve Bom for SBA president.

Bom, a second-year student, graduate of Andrews University of Michigan and a Vietnam War veteran, sees SBA as having a ‘strength within it enabling it to speak for all law students.’

Issues of importance to Bom include improving student communication with SBA (“students aren’t working through SBA; we’ve got to get across to them that that’s how we can get things done”) and asked The Forum to do its part in aiding in bettering communication.

An idea to speed vending machine refunds was expressed by Bom: SBA should pay people who lost money immediately, then wait for R.W. Pool Co., Inc. (the vendor) to reimburse it later. “This could save waiting the week and a half, and having someone type up a list, and it wouldn’t cost SBA more than $10 a week that they wouldn’t have until they were repaid.”

Bom advocates open SBA meetings on all subjects except disciplinary matters, when they should be closed. Appointments should be made with more input from the Board because “a better result would occur with more people involved.” Bom also expressed his willingness to put in as much time into the office, if elected, as this year’s officers.

“I enjoy conflict, I’m not out to earn brownie points—I’ve got nothing to lose if I step on a few toes,” he added.

**Mark Kreter**

To become an effective spokesperson for SBA and to establish what he called “dialogue” between SBA and students are the primary goals of Mark Kreter in his bid for the SBA presidency.

Kreter, a second-year student and a graduate of St. Joseph’s college of Indiana, has held positions on the law school faculty-library committee and the SBA orientation committee. He said he cares enough about the law school now so that he can see the future degrees held by graduates will be worth something.

“Right now SBA is plagued by inadequate communication. Student involvement through encouragement will be my first priority (if elected),” he said.

“We need to do today what is needed for tomorrow,” he added. “One coffee with the dean is not adequate dialogue between administration and students. Students suffer from a self-image problem because there is a definite lack of direction here.”

Issues of concern to Merritt include having the SBA president be “unafraid to confront or agree with the administration, even if his (the president’s) stand is unpopular.” Also, SBA meetings should be open all the time, an SBA newsletter should be published, as should a regular article in The Forum about SBA; better notice of SBA meetings should be given to encourage students to attend.

Merritt advocated investigating the possibility of night meetings to achieve the above.

Merritt added he disagrees with the administration’s positions on student participation on the expansion planning committee (there is none, he stated), and stated that Dean Charles Ehren has “a PR problem” that he would attempt to help alleviate if elected.

In addition said that the school should not require students to pay tuition for a semester until they know their academic standing (grade results) from the previous one. He disagreed with a mandatory attendance policy as enforced by some professors: “The Honor Code is good enough,” he said.

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logical.
The recent moves of the reference material and the reserve room are permanent, according to Head Law Librarian Matthew Downs. The relocation of the reference material was made to get the Xerox machine out of the study area. "All of the reference materials are now in one area," Downs pointed out.

Downs also noted that the relocation of the reserve room to the Old Seminar Room has been a success, although the move has created a major security problem. Downs is currently exploring the possibility of acquiring a 3m Electronic Security System for the Law Library, which would be similar to the one now used at Valparaiso University Law Library.

The law school has also recently acquired a substantial amount of audio-visual equipment. In addition, the new acquisitions are two color JVC video cameras which are made of special effects generator that has a split-screen, fade-in ability, and assorted accessories. The new equipment is currently being used by the Client Counseling and Mock Trial teams. Downs points out, however, that the equipment is available for use for a number of different purposes, including use by the clinic-program and also for class preparation. The library has also acquired an audio-timer which can tape T.V. programs.

The new audio-visual equipment was financed by individual gifts from faculty and alumni and also from normal operational accounts. Downs also hopes to acquire a big screen T.V. to be used for large class-room viewings of taped materials.

Librarian resigns

Amber Lee Smith, assistant law librarian, has accepted a position with the Student Union, and her last working day at Valparaiso University Law Library will be February 27, 1981.

Smith's new title at O.U. will be as the "Public Services Librarian." As part of her new position, Smith will supervise circulation and reference and will be doing research for the law professors at O.U.

Another aspect of Smith's job responsibilities will be the task of "networking" with the undergraduate library. This job involves intercommunication and organization between the law library and the undergraduate library. The law school has also recently acquired a 3m Electronic Security System for the Law Library, which would be similar to the one now used at Valparaiso University Law Library.

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Organizational Notes...

DTP

The Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity has reached its largest membership in recent years. Total membership of 48 includes 18 third year students, 21 second year students and 9 first year students. Additionally, the fraternity members have been busy planning a symposium on Corporate Responsibility in Today's Society, which has been scheduled for Friday, March 27. Speakers at the symposium will include an experienced consumer advocate and corporate counsel involved in consumer-merchant litigation. On the social side, DTP will hold a reminder friends, and festive and prospective members of weekly Friday Fridays from 3:30 until 6 p.m. The law school's new student lounge will be open, and the Fridays will be open until 6 p.m. For more information, interested persons should contact Jim Dennison.

PAD

The newly elected Executive Director of PAD is accepting applications for membership and will conduct interviews to determine whether there is still a possibility that PAD will conduct a Law Week activity. If so, plans for making plans for its annual "Faculty Day," which will culminate the Law Week festivities.

The ABA/LSD Planning Committee is presently operating a VITA program through the business school. Graduate and non-law students must be accepted students under the guidance of interview, and will contact Lisa Veracarma or Bill Mckinney. The planning committee will be responsible for the law school's annual "Faculty Day," which will culminate the Law Week festivities.

CLA

The Christian Legal Society continues to meet bi-weekly, Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the new seminar room. The society meets every Tuesday at 11:40 a.m. in the Chapel of the Resurrection for a time of prayer. The meeting is followed by lunch at Union.

A mismatched grant for monies already pledged by these organizations. Elections will be held for the new ABA/LSD Representatives, interested persons should contact Jim Dennison for information.

"The Protection Of Human Rights Through International Law" is the topic of a symposium sponsored by the International Law Society and Latino Law Students Association. The symposium will feature local, national and international lectures, each addressing a particular geographic area's human rights practices. Fundraising is being provided by the Society, the Association, the Student Bar, the ABA/LSD Student Division, and the Law School Administration.

Library's new reference nook.

Dan Granquist

Expansion completed; Security system in place

The high cost of legal education first confronts the prospective law student with a difficult decision to register for the LSAT (Law school admissions test). The current cost of taking the test is $47. Included in the registration fee is one report of the test score, which also contains a transcript of the applicant's undergraduate grades. Additional reports cost $10 apiece unless requested at the time of registration.

The School of Law is currently investigating a possible alternative to the well known as the Miller Analysis Test (MAT). By way of comparison, the initial cost of taking the MAT is approximately $13. This fee includes three grade reports, which will be sent to graduate schools upon the request of the examinee, if the names and addresses of the institutions are provided at the time of the test. Additional reports are available for $3 apiece.

The MAT consists of 100 multiple choice questions and the examinee is required to answer. Each question is an analogy comprised of four parts, three of which are given. The examinee must determine the relationship between the first two terms. The examinee is required to select, from four choices the term which along with the third given term, results in a most similar relationship to that found between the first two terms. A simple example would be: (Man, woman), (Bill, Man, woman, c. Gil, d. Dog. Obviously, the answer is c) Girl. The test consists of two tests, the first one progresses through the 50 questions.
Turtle wins; grocery losses

Ed Biondi

At the West End Tavern in Chicago the tortoise and the hare means more than an Aesop’s fable, it means national acclaim for Ocbat the turtle. You see Ocbat is a five-inch long Kentucky racing turtle who races rabbits at the pub during the spring and fall. They race on the sometimes wet-20-foot bar and after more than a half-dozen races, Ocbat is undefeated. Bar owner Tom Kelly says it got started when Ocbat’s owner, Jim Taheny, and a bunch of other people were sitting around drinking and Taheny got the idea to have a tortoise-hare race. After several more beers everyone agreed and now the races draw a big enthusiastic crowd. “It’s the Friday night fights all over again,” says one patron. It seems the rabbit gets speckled by all the people yelling and pounding on the bar, so Ocbat, who sports a record time of 1.50 minutes, wins.

Ocbat’s Palace in Las Vegas is considering toying with this kind of racing and Ocbat is getting national media attention. So don’t be surprised if you go to see Johnny Carson in Vegas someday and you find out a turtle is co-hosting for him.

“I think they’ve got the new fad in hockey in a few years. No it won’t exactly be a bunch of guys racing up and down the ice, but it will give players a new streamlined look. What I’m talking about is a new uniform design introduced by two major companies—Coeper and CCM. The suit is made of a regular jersey, a new girdle, and an inner shell of protective pads resembling football pads. The new uniform is more protection than the old uniform, greater freedom of movement, while also looking more streamlined. The uniforms are now being tested in the Western Hockey League. They have been worn by some NHL players during practice, but it is not yet legal to wear them in games. If the minor-league experiment works, I wouldn’t doubt that the NHL will give their OK in the not-too-distant future. So stay tuned, you might see some new, stylish uniforms in the game of hockey. Now if they could only do something about the broken noses, missing teeth and scars.

Another major sports celebrity has declared bankruptcy. Joining the ranks of Bobby Hull is Carl Eller, former all-pro defensive star of the Minnesota Vikings. Carl even had to surrender his Super Bowl Rings to creditors. “I have had an abrupt change from a high income to a low income,” he said. Eller wants to start a new career and a new lifestyle, I recommend he look into drinking sake and beer and becoming a “Pepper”. After all, that’s all the other athletes in Japan have done.

My final story should be dubbed “the fight of the year.” In a Rio De Janeiro suburb a wedding ceremony turned into a family feud when a pregnant woman stopped up to the altar and said she and the bridegroom had lived together for the last 10 years. She demanded the groom must now decide between her and the prospective bride. She claimed she already had a child by him and was expecting another. The fight between families immediately began and the woman then went into labor and was rushed to the hospital where she gave birth to a boy. Newspaper accounts stated the groom looked “panic-stricken.” The bride, however, went to the hospital where she was with the new baby. When the couple got married the next day, the clinic was asking $90,000 for the delivery. The woman stated, “I did what I did because I could not raise our children alone. But I still don’t understand why he could marry such an ugly woman.”

Ed Biondi

The intramural basketball playoffs have commenced and the law school sent five of its six teams to the first game. When that battle ended three of our teams advanced to the second round and two were defeated. The remaining team is earning them a berth in the quarterfinals.

BARD leads the pack with an undefeated season record of 10-0. They blew a break in the first playoff round when the other team got scared and decided to forfeit. In the second game BARD sent Theta Chi to the showers by easily defeating them 48-34. This puts them into the quarters again against Son of Sam. However, Son of Sam doesn’t stand a chance and BARD will most likely end up in the semiinals and has a very good chance of advancing to the finals. They are a very strong, determined team and if they can keep their concentration, they might just bring the first championship trophy of the year back to the law school.

Kessler Stompers is our other tough team. They were able to defeat DTP in the first round 36-27, and then defeated TVTU with a second round score of 68-49. They finished out the season with a 7-3 record and two and two in the playoffs. Their shooting in the second round was phenomenal, 88 points; if they can continue to play as well as they did in the first two games, they could also battle for the title. This group of 1Ls has fought hard all season and deserve to meet Lambda Chi in the quarterfinals. I look for them to advance and don’t be surprised if the Stompers bring home the championship.

Chain Reaction had a great record of 9-1, but they couldn’t make it past the second playoff game. They handily defeated Phi Psi 43-34 in the first round, but choked to PhiEs in the second round 49-31. This was an unfortunate loss because Chain Reaction also had the makings of a championship team. Happily, there is always next year and if they can get back most of their players, watch out undergrads! Nocturnal Illusions and HoolRahs were our other two playoff teams. Both sported season records of 7-3 and both lost their first round games. The Illusions were defeated by Lambda Chi 44-35, while HoolRahs blew out Torpedos 41-14. Their gallant efforts and should be congratulated for making it to the playoffs. They also have strong futures ahead of them and will certainly worry some undergrad coaches next year.

The semifinals are slated for Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. and the finals will be Saturday, Feb. 28 at 9:45. Congratulations to all our teams that made it to the playoffs.

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