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Letter from the Dean

In the last issue of the Alumni News I reported that the move to the new law building had been completed in time for the beginning of the 1986 fall semester. I can now report that we have completed one semester in the new facility and the improvement is tremendous. The new building provides excellent facilities not only for our regular activities but also for the special events held at the law school during the past semester.

On October 9, 1986, George L. Priest, Professor of Law at Yale, delivered the first of the Monsanto Lectures, the Indiana Supreme Court and Professor Priest's lecture will be published by the law school as a monograph and republished as an article in the Valparaiso University Law Review. In addition to delivering the lecture, Professor Priest conducted two seminars, one for the faculty and one for students, during the following day.

On the same day as the Monsanto Lectures, the Indiana Supreme Court heard arguments at the law school in a case involving the application of the Indiana tort claims act to a suit by a Hammond fireman. The plaintiff-appellee in the case was represented by Hilbert L. Bradley ('50). At the close of the argument, members of the Court addressed questions raised by the students in attendance.

Judge Prentice Marshall, of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, was at the law school October 20-22, 1986, as the Distinguished Jurist in Residence. During his stay, Judge Marshall spoke in several classes, conducted a seminar for students on judicial clerkships, delivered a public lecture on the potential abuse of the recently amended Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 11 which allows federal judges to impose sanctions on attorneys, and conducted a seminar for the faculty. His visit was much appreciated and he left with very good impressions of the law school.

The second Institute on Law and Pastoral Ministry was held at the law school on November 11-13 and featured several presentations addressing issues surrounding death and dying. Dr. Kenneth Vaux, professor of medicine and ethics at the University of Illinois (Chicago) delivered the keynote address entitled “The Ethics of Mortality: Theology, Technology, and the Death Process.” The address was aimed to help the audience understand the current disorientation caused by the “terrifying convergence of concerns in our dealing with human death: personal freedom, technological advance, medical commitment, and state interests,” and to suggest that no analysis of such is complete without coming to grips with the meaning of suffering.

Attorney James Koday of the Fort Wayne firm, Barnett and McNagny, spoke on the living will statutes in Indiana and other states and outlined the concerns of both lawyers and pastors in counseling persons contemplating the execution of the instrument or enforcing its terms. Professor Thomas Droge (theology), Professor Margaret Wickert (nursing), and Professor Seymour Moskowitz (law), all of Valparaiso University, presented a session on caring for and advising critically ill patients. Professor Thomas Shaffer of the law school at Washington & Lee addressed the Institute on legal and pastoral counseling of persons drafting wills and persons bereaved over recent loss of a loved one. All of the sessions were characterized by active, enthusiastic interchange among Institute participants.

On November 14-15 the law school Board of Visitors held its annual meeting to discuss a variety of issues involving the operation of the law school. Current members of the Board are Julian B. Allen, Dierdre A. Saake ('74), Robert J. Stroebel ('55), William R. Theiss ('57), Fredrich H. Thomforde, Jr. ('66), William A. Thorne ('49), William Winterhoff ('58), Warren Wyneken ('50), and representing the Alumni Association—Barbara A. Young ('76) and David H. McCain ('58).

The late Professor James Savage, who taught at the law school from 1946 through 1970, was honored at a ceremony in the courtroom on November 19 during which a bas relief was unveiled. This was made possible through the contributions of a number of his colleagues while he taught here. Professor Al Meyer spoke at the ceremony and a brief reception was held following the ceremony for members of Professor Savage's family.

Receptions for alumni were held in conjunction with the Indiana State Bar Association meeting in French Lick in late October and the Illinois State Bar Association meeting in Chicago in late November 1986. We look forward to hosting another reception at the next Indiana State Bar Association meeting to be held in Fort Wayne in April. The law school will host a reception during the annual Association of American Law Schools meeting in Los Angeles on Monday evening, January 5, 1987. If you live in the Los Angeles area or plan to attend the meetings, please try to join us at the reception in the Sheraton Grande Hotel.

Those of you who practice in Indiana are aware of the mandatory continuing legal education rule adopted by the Indiana Supreme Court, effective October 1, 1986. In order to facilitate compliance with the rule, the law school will continue to offer video replays of CLE programs sponsored by the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum. The following video programs are scheduled at the law school: “Indiana Tort and Insurance Law” on February 5; “Securities Law” on February 19; “Employee Benefit Provisions Under 1986 Tax Reform Act” on March 3; “Basic Bankruptcy” on March 19; “Basic Real Estate Leasing”...
Two score and several years ago, some benign force brought forth on this campus Louis F. Bartelt, Jr., conceived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin but dedicated (from 1943 on) to Valpo. As the official law school historian (only one of his law school "ian" titles, which include parliamentarian and grammarian), he may prove me wrong, but until then I confidently assert that no one comes close to matching his forty-plus years of service which were interrupted only by two, one-year leaves at Yale and Wisconsin for graduate work and research.

Six months after his graduation in 1947, his career as a Milwaukee practitioner was cut short when he accepted an offer to be the law school librarian with the rank of instructor. A cubby hole (literally) in the stacks of the Arts-Law Building was his office and, when the course in Wills needed an instructor, he began his teaching career. As a student in that course, I was blissfully unaware of having witnessed history-in-the-making. He had not yet developed the style which made legends of the ludicrous and bloody scenarios in his exam questions in torts, a subject matter which brings out the best, and sometimes the worst, in the humor of the absurd. We all know that reasonable persons must take victims as they find them but should victims as they find them but should this include a person like Oxford Lacer, who would not have suffered injury but for his having been in the prone position while (you guessed it) tying his shoes? And who could ever forget the blazing inferno triggered by a motorist who drove away from a gas station having failed to disengage the hose nozzle from his gas tank. With bystanders flicking ashes from their cigarettes and others contributing in various, sundry, and improbable ways to the chain reaction horrors, it is no wonder that one student emerged from the examination room responding to the "How-did-you-do" question: "I'm just thankful I didn't get hurt."

He is and will be remembered—and loved—for his countless and selfless responses to the needs of the individuals around him. For the graduate seeking entry into the legal profession, he would painstakingly prepare a letter of reference which treated that person as a unique individual whose specific traits deserved description and recognition. For his seminar students, he would spend long hours laboring over excruciatingly detailed, critical comments on the first drafts of the papers. And colleagues as well as members of the custodial, clerical, and administrative staffs seldom experienced the joys or sorrows of their lives without a private expression of concern, recognition or appreciation from Lou.

No one is perceived as more committed or devoted to the law school and the university than Lou. On one of the rare instances in which he did give expression to his personal views (an exchange of correspondence in 1962) he acknowledged that the graduates of Harvard and Yale are involved "in the momentous decisions that affect society." He continued:

But the smashed up automobile, the breached contract, the defaulted mortgage are momentous to the poor souls who make up the vast majority of the population. They need honest, competent legal advice too when they are in trouble. And into the hinterlands to help them is where the majority of our graduates go. We would fail in our obligation to society and to the profession if we sent our graduates into the field with a half (censored) legal training.

Whatever may be said about the rest of us, Lou has not failed. He has exemplified what others have espoused about the distinctiveness of this place.

Alfred W. Meyer '50
Professor of Law

"Student Council Office, Bartelt Speaking"

Lou Bartelt's service to legal education as dean, professor and scholar spans almost four decades. All who have encountered Lou's distinctive manner and method will agree that the high regard his colleagues, students, bench and bar have for him is grounded on those achievements which characterize him as the good law teacher: expert articulate instructor in the classroom, participation in improvement of legal education, and personal concern for the student.

Lou's retirement marks an end of an era for the law school. He has been a distinguished and respected teacher to a whole generation of lawyers. His excellence as a teacher has inspired many others to reach out for similar achievement. As a human being and a teacher, he has brought warmth, compassion, wisdom and an intense participation in law to the lives of his fellow man.

We at the law school are fortunate that Lou shared his academic years with us, and we are better for it.

Charles Gromley
Professor of Law
Salute to Louis F. Bartelt continued

It is impossible for me to reflect on my law school experience without thinking of Professor Bartelt, more affectionately known as Luigi. From the gruff exterior, Harris tweed sportcoats, to Pabst Blue Ribbon at the Old Style, Lou Bartelt was an integral part of obtaining a law degree from Valparaiso University. Lou led us from the Palsgraph case to the era of products liability, including the worm in a bottle of Jose Cuervo. But, perhaps the best tribute to Lou Bartelt, was given by Professor Moskowitz who, when roasting Lou Bartelt, stated that it was from Lou that he had learned the meaning of the word “integrity”. Without a doubt, Professor Bartelt epitomizes integrity, dedication, love and commitment to the highest of ideals.

So, from a member of one of the “greatest” classes ever who had the good fortune to observe and learn from Luigi, not only from the Law School classroom, but the Old Style roundtable, I congratulate you on an outstanding career in legal education and I thank you most of all for being a friend and mentor for so many of us who passed through the halls of the School of Law.

Barbara A. Young
Class of '76

Lou Bartelt, happily, is alive and well and living not only on Washington Street in Valparaiso, Indiana, but also in the hearts and minds of generations of V.U. School of Law graduates living and practicing throughout our country. By his deeds, through his words, and in his love for Valparaiso University, Lou Bartelt has demonstrated to each of us what it means to be a responsible human being. Caring not only for his family, his church, his university, and his law school, Lou Bartelt also has cared about each law student who has had the good fortune, indeed, to be counted within his flock.

When the “last clear chance” doctrine becomes fuzzy in our minds, when we cease to remember (or care about) Mrs. Palsgraph’s extraordinary bad luck, and when we forget forever who Leon Green was and what he wrote, said, or might have done, we will still remember Lou’s robust laugh, his huffs and puffs, his toy hand grenade, and, most of all, his personal integrity, faith in God, and loving care for those of us who commenced our respective journeys along the path of the law. What a light to guide us on the way!

Mike Swygert
Class of '67

I was a member of the first class taught by Lou Bartelt at the law school—Wills in the summer of 1948. Lou earned the undying gratitude of his students by selecting perhaps the shortest casebook ever assembled. However, I understand he has departed from that method in later years.

The next year, Lou was my teacher in the course in administrative law. Those students of later years accustomed to Lou’s teaching of torts and local government law may be surprised to learn he once taught wills and ad law. In those courses, as a beginning instructor, he exhibited the promise of an outstanding teacher of the law, a promise which has been more than fulfilled.

Lou Bartelt’s service to the law school as teacher and as dean has been outstanding. His efforts have contributed in large measure to making Valpo the excellent law school it is.

I consider Lou one of my truly great teachers and a good friend.

Wesley W. Raffliff, Jr.
Class of ’50

In the years when I was a student, I often studied at what then masqueraded as a law library in DeMotte Hall. Lou often returned to his office (an 8x8 cardboard cubicle—but with a window!) in the evening to try to get some work done. I was oblivious to his own needs and the demands of his work, and simply assumed that the law school had provided me with a live-in advisor. Some of the most pleasant evenings of my law school career (with apologies to Mrs. Morrison) were spent in Lou’s office discussing what was to me a new, unfolding chapter of my life. I will always be grateful for the hours Lou spent with me, sharing with me, in the words of Dean Acheson “fragments of his fleece.”

Often, in need of greater inspiration, we repaired to the Old Style Inn, where to an audience of incredulous customers, we would enjoy argument and discussion of the true meaning of the Bill of Rights. Take that Mr. Meese! Those were special times and ones that I shall always cherish.

One of our evening discussions at DeMotte was punctuated by the appearance at the door to Lou’s office of a Valparaiso policeman. He inquired if we knew the owner of a
blue Chevrolet Impala parked in front of the Engineering Lab (now demolished). Lou identified the vehicle as his, and the policeman informed him that it was presently on fire! Lou responded as many of you will recognize: "Oh for heavens sakes!"

Alan S. Morrisson
Class of '62

This newsletter will no doubt be replete with richly-deserved tributes to Lou Bartelt from students and law colleagues. Mine, however, is from a friend, neighbor, and non-law colleague who has shared with Lou many a "happy hour."

Our relationship began after I, as a VU student, was involved in an automobile accident in Wisconsin. "See Professor Bartelt," I was told. He explained Wisconsin "highway realities" (his specialty) to me and wrote a letter on my behalf. No charge!

I have always felt obligated to pay back this "debt," and was able to do so in helping Lou with his house. He is, you know, an expert, but occasionally in need of a "handyman." Consequently, I have been high on his roof and low in the basement. No pun intended. Perfectionist that he is, Lou also asked for advice on grammar and the pronunciation of words. Is it "a historian or an historian?" It is Grenada. And people who really know pronounce Aleut, Al' e oot, right Lou!

I have always appreciated Lou for the special fondness he has shown for his mother-in-law, "So," one of our favorite people. Moreover, Lou has developed over the years a humanitarian interest in American Indians, making him, in my eyes, a kindred spirit.

Most of us know about his endearing nicknames. I feel he prefers "Old Curmudgeon" (O.C.) which is merely a facade. But I still like "Louis the Tort." A story illustrates. During a New Year's celebration at my house, a colleague popped a champagne cork which hit a ceiling lamp, ricocheted down, smattering Lou's hand-held wine glass. After the inevitable, "for heaven's sake!", he said: "I've got to write this up in a Tort exam."

Dean Kohlhoff
Assistant Professor of History

Because our class began the Law Review, there was no Board in existence to edit our notes; thus, each of us was assigned a faculty editor. I drew Professor Bartelt. I waited outside his office confident that he would have some important suggestions for improvement—maybe a comma or two here, a paragraphing change there—topped off with "on the whole, a fine effort, young man." In retrospect, if Hollywood did the next half hour, it would be called "PeeWee Herman Meets the Sanhedrin". When I saw the paper and the red ink (I counted, and he wrote more words than I had) I thought the paper had somehow lived through Verdun. And his characterizations of my writing included words like—surely repression has hidden much of this from me—"cavalier", "trivial", "incoherent", and "entirely unsatisfactory". The stunning effect of all this was only slightly ameliorated years later when I heard a colleague (probably after Lou had "corrected" the grammar in a memo) say: "If Lincoln had shown Lou the Gettysburg Address, Lou would have punched it up!"

Taking his examinations was difficult enough, but one first had to get past laughing at the names—the brash young skateboarder whose stunt riding led to the death of everyone in Eastern Kansas was Austin Tashus; the football captain and his cautious wife were Wright Gard and Honor Gard; and, of course, there was the famous Latin lover, Alfredo de Guillermo de Meyer. We still talk of our classmate who emerged from the first-year four-hour torts exam sweating profusely, hair mussed, tie askew and saying "I'm just thankful I wasn't hurt!"

Behind the gruff veneer lies a heart that will sing Romberg and Lehar until three in the morning, a soul that will give the shirt off its back to a friend, and a will that forced a little kid to rewrite that damned law-review note six times. I love Lou Bartelt and everybody else who knows him loves him too.

Bruce Berner
Class of '67
Salute to Louis F. Bartelt continued

History is more often marked by individuals rather than the passing of time. It is patently obvious that the history of this law school will forever be marked by Louis F. Bartelt. It is hard to even imagine what the School of Law would have been like without his dedicated service as faculty member and administrator. It is rather easy to document the myriad of positions he has held and the accomplishments he has achieved. However, he will always hold a very special place in my heart for the simple and unselfish friendship through which he shared his wisdom.

The emotion that Lou evoked with the generations of students who were lucky enough to have him as a professor was never more obvious than on the day of his last class of Torts. The classroom, jammed with current students, former students, faculty members and staff members, was alive with a mixture of joy and sorrow. Despite Lou’s best attempts, he was showered with the two most special gifts we could offer—never-ending respect and admiration. The celebration soon spilled into the law school lobby, and the crowd continued to grow. All too soon, the festivities drew to a close. I walked into the now empty classroom and took a seat in the back row. The room was littered with evidence that a class had just ended. The tables, chairs and lectern were all there and on the chalkboard was the message “Farewell, old friend.” Another class filled the room and the message was erased. However, the sentiment can never be erased. I will never forget Professor Bartelt’s last torts class. Nor will I ever forget the feelings that built deep within me while sitting in that empty room. Farewell, old friend, indeed.

Curtis W. Cichowski
Class of ’81

This Bas relief of James S. Savage (1915-1985), unveiled in commemoration of 24 years of outstanding legal instruction, bears the following inscription...

So I say the business of a law school is not sufficiently described when you merely say that it is to teach law, or make lawyers. It is to teach law in the grand manner, and to make great lawyers.

—O.H. Holmes, Jr.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dear Alumni:
It was good to see so many fellow Alumni at the Homecoming festivities. Those in attendance were treated to a reception and tour of the new law school facility. I believe all those who had an opportunity to visit the new building have been very favorably impressed.

At the annual meeting of the School of Law Alumni Association, the following members were re-elected to a second term on the Board of Directors: Jacqueline Leimer, Ed Brown and Dennis Logan.

In addition, I would like to welcome the newly-elected members to the Board, which include: Roger Benko, Roland Hermann, Al Kirkland and Ed Nielsen. As the new Board takes office, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to retiring Board members, Lowell Enslen, Kathy Evans and Glenn Tabor. All three have provided invaluable service to the Alumni Association and the law school over the past several years and we are indebted to these individuals for their past service.

The Alumni Association has hosted receptions this fall in both the Indiana State Bar Association’s Annual Meeting held in French Lick and the Illinois Bar Association’s meeting held in Chicago.

The School of Law dedication ceremonies have tentatively been scheduled for the weekend of April 3rd, 4th and 5th. The Third Year Luncheon has been scheduled for Friday, April 3, in hopes that any alumni returning for the School of Law Dedication Program could also attend the Third Year Luncheon. The Alumni Association will be hosting a reception in conjunction with the dedication ceremonies.

As the Alumni dues notices are mailed out, I certainly encourage all of you to become dues paying members of the Association to help sponsor the many activities that the Alumni Association undertakes each year. Your continued support is appreciated.

Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

Barbara A. Young
President,
Law Alumni Association
**Law School News and Notes**

**Bruce Berner**, Associate Dean and Professor of Law, addressed Indiana judges at a judicial conference in Merrillville, Indiana in September. He presented an update seminar on Criminal Law and Procedure.

**Professor Richard Stith** recently completed his sabbatical study of Spanish, German, and American constitutional theory. His analysis will appear in the American Journal of Comparative Law. Testimony he gave before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution is also being published in the forthcoming edition of Macmillan’s *Current Issues in Marriage and Family*. He is now finishing a paper for a conference on “Law and the Ordering of Our Life Together” sponsored by Richard Newhauser’s Center on Religion and Society.

**Mary Persyn**, Law Librarian and Assistant Professor of Law, was elected to a three year term on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL) at the Association’s Fall Conference in Grand Rapids.

ORALL is a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries and includes librarians in Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky.

In October, **Professor Albrecht** attended the National Legal Aid and Defender Association Conference in Atlanta and participated in sessions held at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

Also in October, Professor Albrecht attended the UCLA-Warwick International Clinicians Conference at Lake Arrowhead, California to develop and promote common academic agendas for law school clinical programs.

**Professor Ruth Vance** attended the Legal Writing Conference at University of Puget Sound (Tacoma, Wash.) last July.

Ruth was elected President of the Women Lawyers Association of Lake and Porter Counties for the 1986-87 term.

**Sally Holterhoff**, Documents Librarian, is currently serving as Chairperson of the Government Documents Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. In October she attended the meeting of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer in Washington, D.C.

**Professor David Myers** presided over the Seventh Annual Business Meeting of the American Agricultural Law Association on October 23, 1986, in Fort Worth, Texas. He also presented a paper during the Association’s educational conference, focusing on the role of lawyers as lawmakers in matters of central importance to the agricultural community. Professor Myers completed his year as president of the Association at the October meeting, although he will remain active in the organization as an officer of the board of directors. He has also been elected to the executive council of the newly created section on agricultural law for the Association of American Law Schools.

Professor Myers presented a paper entitled, “Form and Content of American Pollution Law with an Emphasis on Pesticide Regulation” at the first Euro-American Agricultural Law Symposium which was held September 8-12, 1986 in Plymouth, England. He also provided opening and closing remarks on behalf of the Association at this AALA and European Agricultural Law Committee co-sponsored event.


**John J. Potts**, Professor of Law, was granted full professorship by Valparaiso University, effective September 1, 1986.


His article entitled “Ethics and Information Science” will appear in the January 1987 issues of Vance Bibliographies.

Tim also co-authored an article with Assistant Professor and Head Law Librarian, **Mary G. Persyn**, entitled “Selected Bibliography on Agricultural Law: 1980-1985,” 34 University of Kansas Law Review 703-12 (1986).

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**National Moot Court Competition**

The regional rounds of the National Moot Court Competition were held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 13-15. Twenty-six teams participated. Our Petitioner Team of Douglas Bates, Ted Danchi and Joanne Whalen argued a team from I.T. Chicago Kent and won. They argued a team from the University of Wisconsin and lost. Our Respondent Team of Brian Bauer, Mark Jones, and Richard Van Kalker successfully argued teams from Marquette University, the University of Illinois, and the University of Wisconsin and were included in the semi-finals. They lost to Northwestern in the semi-final round of competition.

Our Respondent Team also had the distinction of tying with Marquette University for best brief. Congratulations on a job well done!

**Mock Trial Team Selected**

Our congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Valparaiso in Mock Trial competition:

Jeff Ahlers    Jennifer Jewell
Aaron Black    Ron Kurpiers
Bryan Skillman  Joanne Whalen

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**Letter from the Dean continued**

on April 9, and “Injunctions Law” on April 23, 1987. If you are interested in attending, contact Gail Peshel at the Career Services office here. Additional video replays will be scheduled in the near future and plans are underway to develop live programs at the law school as well.

Recently you should have received a letter soliciting contributions through the second annual giving campaign. Your serious consideration will be appreciated since we need to make substantial improvement over last year. As indicated in the letter, 100 percent of any contribution through the annual giving campaign goes to the law school and will therefore directly increase the resources available to the law school.

Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing you at the law school if you are in this area. Please mark your calendars for the new building dedication which is scheduled for April 3-5, 1987.

Ivan E. Bodensteinker
Dean, School of Law
Profiles of the New Faculty Members

Visiting Assistant Professor LAWRENCE G. ALBRECHT
Professor Albrecht received a B.A. degree in English and political science from V.U. and was awarded a full academic grant by the School of Law.

After law school Professor Albrecht worked as a legal services attorney for nine years with the Gary Legal Aid Society, Legal Action of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and Neighborhood Legal Services in Hartford, Connecticut. He successfully litigated numerous significant civil rights, housing and public benefits cases and held a variety of administrative positions. In 1983, he was appointed as Assistant Attorney General of the State of New York to prosecute real estate fraud and protect tenants and those displaced as a result of the conversion of property to cooperative or condominium ownership. He returned to Valparaiso in 1986 as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Clinical Program. He also teaches seminars in housing law and international human rights.

Professor Albrecht is an active member of the Wisconsin Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union.

He particularly enjoys his north woods lake cottage in Wisconsin and international travel. He also enjoys the high culture of Milwaukee, including the Milwaukee Bucks.

Associate Professor ROBERT F. BLOMQVIST
Professor Blomquist comes to the School of Law after nine years of private civil practice in New Jersey. As an associate and later shareholder/ director of the 18 member Cherry Hill professional corporation of Davis, Reberkenny & Abramowitz, he specialized in federal litigation, environmental law and appellate practice.

In 1985, Professor Blomquist was named the "Young Lawyer of the Year" by the New Jersey State Bar Association. That same year he also received a certificate of commendation from Chief Justice Warren Burger at a ceremony at the Supreme Court Building for his efforts in organizing and co-editing the New Jersey Appellate Practice Handbook, which was part of a national project sponsored by the American Bar Association.

He is a published poet and enjoys playing folk ballads on the guitar. Professor Blomquist is also a student and admirer of Thomas Jefferson.

Professor Blomquist and his wife, Maura, recently had an addition to their family in July of this year with the birth of their daughter, Courtney Patricia Blomquist. The Blomquists also have a three-and-a-half year old son, Andrew.

Assistant Professor CAROL C. KAEBERIE
A native of Illinois, Professor Kaebier graduated with honors in 1971 from the University of Illinois. After attending the Indiana University School of Law for one year, she completed her Juris Doctor at Valparaiso University School of Law, graduating with honors in 1983. Immediately after graduating, she joined the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg in South Bend, Indiana, specializing in estate planning, business and tax law.

Professor Kaebier is currently teaching Land Transfer and Estate Planning. She enjoys outdoor activities, especially golf and swimming, and spending time with her family. She is a member of the Indiana bar.

Assistant Professor GERI J. YONOVER
Born in the Bronx, New York and raised in Illinois, Professor Yonover's life reflects this geographic dichotomy. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago, after having spent two years at Smith College in Massachusetts.

After law school at I.I.T. Chicago Kent, Professor Yonover served as a law clerk to the Honorable Hubert L. Will of the Northern District of Illinois and then practiced law as an associate at a large Chicago law firm. She is a member of the Illinois bar.

She is currently teaching Torts and a seminar in Employment Discrimination and has published articles addressing certain aspects of those subjects. Her extra-legal interests include cuisine, literature and travel and enough tennis to obviate the effects of those often sedentary delights.
Richard W. Duesenberg

Richard W. Duesenberg, '53, Senior Vice-President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Mondanto Company in St. Louis, has been elected chairman of the American Bar Association section of Corporation, Banking and Business Law.

The section's membership includes private practitioners representing all types and sizes of business enterprises, from sole proprietorships to Fortune 500 corporations, as well as corporate counsels, government attorneys and attorneys representing financial service organizations.

Duesenberg took office at the close of the 1986 ABA Annual Meeting in New York City. With more than 320,000 members, the ABA is the largest voluntary professional organization in the world.

Duesenberg has served the Section of Corporation, Banking and Business Law in a number of capacities. He was editor of The Business Lawyer, the section's journal, from 1984-85. He also has been a member of the section council since 1979 and a section officer since 1983.

Duesenberg was chairman of the Uniform Commercial Code Commission from 1976-79, and is the author, with Professor L. King of New York University, of "Sales and Bulk Transfers Under the UCC." He has been a legal advisory board member of the New York Stock Exchange since 1983, and was elected to the American Law Institute in 1966. He was named a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation in 1986.

1936
Walter Christopher, (VU '34) received the title of Senior Counsellor from the Illinois State Bar Association in honor of his 50 years of honorable service. Mr. Christopher continues to practice in Chicago with his son Scott Christopher ('75).

Mark D. Olson is an attorney with Siegan, Barbakoff, Gomberg & Gordon, Ltd.

1953
Paul G. Miller, of Middleton, N.W. is an attorney and president of Hill-N-Dale Abstractors, Inc., in Goshen, N.Y.

1968
David Lass (VU '65) was appointed the County Court Judge for Summit County, CO last December. He and his wife Meg (VU'65) reside in Breckenridge, CO.

1970
Stephan K. Todd has been promoted to Senior General Attorney, Steel, for USX Corporation. He heads the central area law department based in Chicago, III.

1971
Judge Darlene Wanda Mears, accepted a Certificate of Appreciation by the Boys Clubs of Northwest Indiana, Cedar Lake Chapter, September 10. The Court was recognized for its support of the Cedar Lake Boys Club and the organization's Target Outreach program. Judge Mears is a current member of the Boys Club Board of Directors. Judge Mears was also instrumental in organizing a community work program for juvenile offenders—"Operation Car Wash."

1972
Robert H. Reese, has joined the firm of Pyler & Associates in Lancaster, Penn.

1973
John Bullman has relocated his office in Fort Wayne, Ind.

1974
Charles F. Schoech joined the firm of Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon as a partner this past summer. He is opening the firm's new office in West Palm Beach, Fla.

1975
John Lincoln Peterson was admitted to the patent bar in June 1984. He is currently working for Olin Corporation at the chemicals research center in Cheshire, CT as a librarian.

1976
Christopher Nuechterlein ('76) is a trial attorney with the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Criminal Fraud Section, in Washington, D.C. He has travelled to Manila, Philippines, twice this year to confer with members of President Aquino's cabinet about cases he is investigating.

1979
Randal L. Huizenga, after almost six years of active duty as a U.S. Navy Judge Advocate, has transferred to the Ready-Reserve where he is in training for a conversion to Intelligence Officer. He became a member of the District of Columbia Bar in 1985 and is currently employed by the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency as an Assistant Counsel in the Defense Administrative Support Center. He has also returned to school at the National Law Center of the George Washington University where he is completing work toward an LL.M. in Government Procurement.

1980
Robert Arnold has opened his own law office in Shelbyville, Indiana. He also ran for the office of Shelby County Prosecutor in November.
George Terrell is practicing with the firm of Cotton, Watt, Jones & King in Chicago, Ill.

1985

Christian Larsen has taken a judicial clerkship with United States District Judge Richard Mills of the Central District of Illinois.

1986

James Ackerman has taken a position with the State’s Attorneys Office in the Appellate Service Commission in Springfield, Ill.

Kathleen Adamick is associated with the firm of Schiff, Hardin & Waite in Chicago, Ill.

Joseph Banasiak has become associated with a firm in Hammond, Ind.

Joel Barkow has taken a position with the Prosecutor’s Office in Three Rivers, Mich.

David Berge has become associated with the firm of Conklin, Benham, Ducey, Ottaway, Listman & Chuhran, P.C. in Detroit, Mich.

Peter Bittlinger has located in Lansing, Mich.

Joseph Blumberg has become associated with the firm of King & Meyer in Gary, Ind.

Gregory B. Bolduc has become associated with Hinshaw, Culbertson, Moelmann, Hoban & Fuller in Chicago, Ill.

Robert D. Brown has become associated with Spangler, Jennings, Spangler & Dougherty in Merrillville, Ind.

Steven C. Brown has become associated with the firm of Brown & Chael in Crown Point, Ind.

William R. Buckley has become associated with Singleton, Levy, Crist & Johnson in Highland, Ind.

Suellen J. Buls is practicing with her husband, Norman Buls in Portage, Ind.

Leo T. Burns has become associated with Courtney Justice in Logansport, Ind.

Samuel L. Cappas has taken a position with the Lake County Prosecutors’ Office in Ind.

Mary Lu Cianciolo has taken a position with Attorneys Research Service in Chicago, Ill.

Douglas A. Crawford has become associated with William P. Stanley & Associates in South Bend, Ind.

Nancy Dean has joined the Porter County Prosecutors’ Office in Valparaiso, Ind.

Patrick T. Deane has become associated with the Law Offices of Barry Bergstrom in Lansing, Ill.

Robert J. Dignam has become associated with the firm of Spangler, Jennings, Spangler & Dougherty in Merrillville, Ind.

John M. Evans is acting as consultant to the College of Education at Indiana State University.

David L. Farnbauch has become associated with the law firm of Saul Ruman in Hammond, Ind.

Dennis R. Favaro has ended his recruitment efforts as Recruiter for the School of Law and has joined a law firm in Crystal Lake, Ill.

Michael Feikes has accepted a judicial clerkship with The Honorable William G. Conover ('51) in Indianapolis, Ind.

Betty Jo Gloss has become associated with the firm of Spangler, Jennings, Spangler & Dougherty in Merrillville, Ind.

Terri Golobish has become associated with the firm of Friedmann & Friedmann in Harrisburg, Penn.

David Goodnight has accepted a judicial clerkship with the Honorable William C. Lee of the Federal District Court in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Thomas D. Guest has joined in practice with David K. Guest in Rochelle, Ill.

Christopher Harvey has become associated with the law firm of Zwich & Sigler in Decatur, Ill.

Jeffrey W. Herrold has joined the legal department of U.S. Steel Corporation in Pittsburgh, Penn.

John J. Holevas has become associated with the firm of Williams & McCallithy in Rockford, Ill.

Phillip E. Houk has accepted a judicial clerkship with the Allen County Superior Court in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Kathryn T. Johnson has become associated with the firm of Scott King in Michigan City, Ind.

Mary Kay Kaupe has taken a position with State Farm Insurance Co. in Lafayette, Ind.

Jeffrey E. Kehl has accepted a judicial clerkship with Judge Rodibaugh in South Bend, Ind.

Teresita M. Khayyat has accepted an internship at the United Nations in New York, N.Y.
Paul M. Kohlhoff has accepted a judicial clerkship with Justice Pivarnik ('51) on the Indiana Supreme Court in Indianapolis, Ind.

Glenn Kuchel has taken a position with Arthur Anderson & Co. in Chicago, Ill.

Mary A. Kwasniewski has taken a position with Legal Services in Corbin, Ky.

Edgar R. Lantis has become associated with the firm of Desenberg & Calip in Buchanan, Mich.

Scott K. Laue has become associated with McGladrey, Hendrickson & Pollen in Rockford, Ill.

Michael Lygnos has become associated with the Law Offices of Joseph R. Levine in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Frederick MacDonald has become associated with the firm of Pruitt, Gushee & Fletcher in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jane E. Malloy has become associated with the law offices of Mark D. Ulmschneider in Fort Wayne, Ind.

James W. Martin is practicing with his father in Merrillville, Ind., and is planning a July 1987 wedding to Rene Charbonneau.

Todd McCartney has become associated with the firm of Pretzel, Stouffer in Chicago, Ill.

Scott McMahon has become associated with the firm of Roath & Brega in Denver, Co.

Clarence D. Murray has accepted a position with State Farm Insurance Company in South Bend, Ind.

P. Thomas Murray, Jr. has accepted a judicial clerkship with Judge Ratliff, ('50) of the Indiana Court of Appeals in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mary A. Nizn has accepted a position with the National Legal Center in the Patent Department of Rochester, NY.

Tallam I. Nguti has accepted a position in the Patent Department of Eastman Kodak Corporation in Rochester, NY.

Mary M. Nizio has accepted a position with the National Legal Center for the Medically Dependent and Disabled in Indianapolis, Ind.

Beth North has accepted a position with the State Farm Insurance Co. in Lafayette, Ind.

William Parkhurst has accepted a judicial clerkship with U.S. Magistrate Hugh W. Brennerman, Jr. in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Linda Peters has become associated with the firm of Sowers, Larson, Riebenack & Connolly in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Kathleen M. Pfeiffer has become associated with the firm of Levinson & Lustina in Merrillville, Ind.

Alice M. Pickett has accepted a position with Dudman & Lohneyer in Santa Ana, Calif.

Hope Pinkerton has accepted the position of Assistant Prosecutor in Menominee County in Menominee, Mich.

Randy Ruff has become associated with the firm of DeHaan & Richter in Chicago, Ill.

Rick Rupchich has become associated with the firm of Blachly, Tabor, Bozik & Hartman in Valparaiso, Ind.

Deborah Schavey has become associated with the firm of Neuman, Williams in Chicago, Ill.

Amy Schipper has become associated with the firm of Demming, Huey, Lewis, Kaiser, Alan & Chapman in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Randi Sego has accepted a judicial clerkship with the state Appellate Court in Denver, Co.

Dennis Sever has accepted a judicial clerkship with Judge Eino M. Jacobson on the Arizona Court of Appeals in Phoenix, Ariz.

Laura Sever has accepted a judicial clerkship with Judge Donald F. Froeb on the Arizona Court of Appeals in Phoenix, Ariz.

Steven Shalla has taken a position as Regional Attorney at the Central Region Office of the Burroughs Corp. in Lombard, Ill.

David Sirugo has become associated with Sallwasser & McCain in LaPorte, Ind.

Danny Smolnick has been associated with the firm of Stoner, Gross, Chercches, Lapuk & Kleinman in West Hartford, Conn.

Michele Snell has become associated with the firm of Loren & Shirk in Hillsdale, Mich.

Andrew Spalding has become associated with the firm of May, Oberfell, Helling & Lorber in South Bend, Ind.

Julie Spanbauer has accepted a judicial clerkship with U.S. Magistrate Andrew Rodovich ('73) in Hammond, Ind.

Eric J. Sponeheim has accepted a clerking position with Judge Charles Shengler, Missouri Court of Appeals, Kansas City, Missouri.

Eva (Shoemaker) Sweeney has accepted a clerking position with Indiana Supreme Court Justice, Alfred Pivarnik '51.

Linda W. Tape has become associated with Coburn, Croft & Putzell in St. Louis, Missouri.

David G. Thomas has become associated with the firm of Church, Nilson & Paulen in Elkhart, Ind.

Lisa M. Traynor-Wolff has accepted a position with the Pulaski County Prosecutor's Office in Winamac, Ind.

John Tribbett has become associated with the firm of Don C. Schmidt in Crawfordsville, Ind.

Bradley Varner has accepted a judicial clerkship with U.S. District Court Judge Allen Sharpe in South Bend, Ind.

Jeffrey B. Wampler has become associated with the firm of Erwin, Martinez, Cole & Ansel in Champaign, Ill.

Linda Whitton has accepted a judicial clerkship with U.S. District Court Judge Dillon in Indianapolis, Ind.

John M. Williams has accepted a position with Legal Services in Lafayette, Ind.

Christopher Wise has joined the U.S. Navy JAGC in Washington, D.C.

David Zebell has become associated with Humbarger & Humbarger Law Offices in Battle Creek, Mich.

In Memoriam

Edward Rossiter, 1928 LL.B., died September 29, 1986, at the age of 82. Mr. Rossiter, a resident of Porter County, Ind., was a retired U.S. Steel Expediter, a member of St. Paul Catholic Church and the Porter County Democratic Party.

Rev. Carl J. Schuette, LL.B. 1929, died of cancer at age 79 at his home in Canton, Kansas, on October 2, 1986. A member of Valparaiso's first law class educated under Lutheran auspices, he had received the Alumni Achievement Award on June 29, 1986 in recognition of his 13-year career in law, 27 years of parish ministry and service since retiring in 1972 as vacancy pastor, city judge, high school teacher, county jail commissioner, church adjudication committee member, fraternal counselor, and VU regional volunteer staffer. He is survived by his wife Bert (Stolp, VU '31).

Robert K. Clemens, LL.B. 1931, a 20 year resident of Valparaiso died at age 80. He served as town attorney in East Gary for four years. He retired in 1968 as supervisor at U.S. Steel.


Kenneth Roeh, '52, being sworn in to the Indiana Bar at Homecoming by Justice Alfred J. Pivarnik '51.


Class of 1976. From left to right: Randall Kaiser III, Ronald Kuker, David Avery, Donald Kempster, John Horeled, Thomas Ruge, Robert Schellenberg, Eugene Maloney, Susan Craven, John McKay, William Morris, Jose Castillo, Eric Freise, Barbara Young, Kenneth Lowenstein, Peter Mallers.

Class of 1981. From left to right: Tom Sheets, Jackie Leimer, Curt Cichowski, Mark Van Epps, Dave Braatz, Don Pagos, David Chidester.
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