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Krafft Joins VU Law Staff

By Tom Sampson

The newest member of the law school faculty, first-year legal writing instructor Rollin Krafft, is certainly no stranger to Valparaiso. His association with the University began in 1974 when he completed his B.A. in Political Science. After graduating from Valparaiso with honors, he advised the following to some of his Lambda Chi fraternity brothers and decided to remain at Valparaiso for law school. "They had good experiences with the law school," Krafft said, "and I wanted to stay on the school to adjust to a new community and a new set of circumstances."

During his study of law, Krafft managed the Mock Trial Team, a legal writing class, and other legal-related activities, both inside and outside of the university. Besides his role as agate in the Mock Trial Team, he interned for Project Justice and Equality, an organization investigating the satisfactory conditions at the Lake County Jail. Also, during the third year, as teaching assistant in the legal writing program, he became interested in teaching.

But it was an internship between his second and third years for the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office that gave him his first taste of litigation. Working under the supervision of the assistant D.A., Krafft tried three cases himself and won all three. "That whole experience was a good proving ground for me," he said.

The knowledge he gained in the D.A.’s office became especially important when he joined a nine-member law firm in Racine, Wisconsin in 1980. After graduating first in his class, the firm, Capwell, Berthelson, Nolden, and Casanova, Limited, did most of its work in defending insurance companies. Although Krafft devoted most of his time to case research and analysis, he did try five cases himself in his two years at the firm.

His record? "Put it this way," he said. "I won some and lost some. Winning and losing in insurance company defense cases is a very subjective evaluation, although I did have one case where the jury found 100 percent contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff."

The opening in the legal writing department came as a pleasant surprise to Krafft. "I was always interested in academics, and the position was a good way for me to get my foot back in the door," he said. His general satisfaction with Valparaiso and the faculty, many of whom had known personally, convinced him to apply for the job.

Since returning to the university, Krafft has had more time to relax—but not much. "I want students to have exposure to many different types of legal writing," he said. "I believe the only way to improve is to write and have someone critically review that writing." The review process for him involves the re-reading and grading of 154 papers a week aside from the in-class demands of the course. "In-class demands are a very critical consideration of Krafft, since he must help the first-year students learn the extensive skills of writing and research in a relatively short period of time.

Although Krafft would like to see the course extended over three years, he realizes he must work under the "one-year" format of Valparaiso. "The workload is disproportionate to the workloads in the other first-year classes, but as long as it’s reviewed at the end of the year to cover everything in that time," Krafft asserted.

He does have some pointers for his students, though. "Spend quality time with both the substantive and legal writing courses, but have enough self-confidence to get away from the work once in awhile. So much of the pressure students have on them is self-imposed." He does admit that legal writing is the students’ "only barometer to tell how they are doing. Since he intends to grade down, the effect on the students could be discouraging. Yet, he remembers a time when he was discouraged.

"Three of us were having a beer at Jackson’s right before finals our first year, and we were trying to figure out what to do after flunking out of law school," he said. "Finally, we decided to open our own bar." After finals all three of them were in the top ten of their class.

For Krafft, who would someday like to get an L.L.M. from Yale, "those days of discouragement are a thing of the past."

The next issue of the Forum will be in mid-October, will feature an interview with our new dean, Peter McGovern. In addition, future issues will be devoted to acquainting students with various endeavors and projects involving the law faculty.

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ABA/LSD Seventh Circuit Regional Award Winner -- 1981-82

Job-Hunting Clinic Held at VU

By Frances Gaseor

The Young Lawyer’s Division of the Indianapolis State Bar Association and the Placement Office sponsored a clinic on resumes and interviewing on Sept. 1. Indianapolis attorneys Phillip Tarey, Bob Clark and Matt Neff spoke.

Tarey, a 1976 Indiana Law School graduate, referred to the resume as the most important part of the job-hunting process. It is the applicant’s "foot in the door" to the law firm. The resume should not be neat, well organized and grammatically correct. The basic resume form included the applicant’s name, school, g.p.a., class rank, photograph, undergraduate experience, employment, references, hobbies. It should not stress the inclusion of the applicant’s class rank. Failure to mention the 1978-79 Bar Association’s "open doors" may lead the employer to believe it is worse than it actually is. An explanation of the grades or rank can be included in the resume itself to avoid "obnoxious" questions. Applicant should appear knowledgeable and positive as to the organizational structure of the firm. Is the ability to attract clients a prerequisite to getting the job? The applicant should not exaggerate the existence between the partners; what is the applicant’s role? The applicant should not discuss how long it takes to become a partner. Avoid, on the first interview, questions as to how much money one could earn in the firm. It is acceptable for the applicant to ask how many associate positions are available. However, when interviewing a summer clerkship, the number of positions available is an acceptable question.

Neff, a 1980 Indiana Law School graduate, discussed the type of question an applicant may be asked by the interviewer. Again, emphasis is on the resume and the interview research. There are four basic reasons an interviewer will ask an applicant questions. They are to gather information, to test creativity and perspective, to test applicant’s capability and to test the applicant’s ability to respond under pressure. Most important of all, the applicant should be sincere.

There may be questions as to the applicant’s interest in the firm, in the geographical area, and in the type of law in which the firm specializes. An applicant should expect questions dealing with the submitted resumes, including the applicant’s interest in law, the law school the applicant attended, even how the applicant was selected. The applicant should not discuss grades. Grades can be de-emphasized by a statement that grades are not indicative of the ability to perform as a lawyer. An applicant should also be alert, but relaxed. The speakers discussed other miscellaneous matters. An applicant should dress as if he/she were going to work. If the firm does expect an offer, the applicant should respond as soon as possible. It is proper to notify other firms that have not yet been heard from.

There are several placement offerings for the year. Topics include summer clerking, small practices, alternative careers, Reggie Program, an IRS informational seminar (Oct. 6), and P.A.A.M. Furthermore, if there is a subject of students are interested in, they should talk with Gail Peschel in the placement office. Look to the boards in the lobby and lounge for more information.

Happy hunting.

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Best of Valparaiso

By Kristin Zuck

It’s time for the long awaited— at least for 2L’s and 3L’s who realize what great revelations are the class demographics, now as the “best” of Valparaiso. I realize the contradiction in terms, much like Army Intelligence, Jumbo Shrimp (Berner, Bruce, Orientation Speech, 1983, etc...), but considering there is a worst, this is a list, for the best of the worst of Valparaiso. If you find out later that the best is worst or vice versa, then you can write this next year.

Best GROCERY

Richie tells me that County Market is the cheapest and he should know. Ever hear an eagle scream? However, County Market lacks considerably in ambiance. Besides dirty floors, the products are placed in the boxes of jump to page 2

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**VIEWPOINTS**

By Bill Glynn

It seems fitting to begin this producers' report with a statement of the editorial policy of the Forum. While this may appear to be an unnecessary task to some, it is the serious duty of any responsible publication. The Forum hopes to be such a publication, and, in doing so, it appreciates the opportunity to voice what it sees as its duties.

Anyone who reports news must always remain cognizant of the fact that news emanates not merely from events, but also from people. In fact, the closest relations of newsworthy events. In keeping with the best of a good general goal of maintaining a special awareness of the effect that any student or faculty editorial might have on its reader's decision making, as the Forum will refuse to print submissions of a critical or controversial nature without the express consent of the author.

In keeping with the best of the old fashion-

**BEST OF VALPARAISO**

The shelves, and, if you're the sporting type, bag your own groceries. That is, you don't have to go through the warmausmes that you've brought your own bags for offense or paid three cents per bag. Richies tells me they don't charge for bags anymore. Anyway, you still have to bag your own-a real event if you've had no prior experience at doing that. The egg carton would make a good base for soup cans.

The class of the groceries is Costas. They are known for their check cashing policy-have a check-get cash. Their variety is unmatched and they serve free coffee and to the car carryout. Of course you pay for the service in the price, but for the variety Costas also has fresh fish and deli items including a live lobster tank.

For the imbibing student, the beer at County Market is usually good and warm. If you're more inclined to instant refreshment, J & B Spirits has decent prices. Trail Inn is also a favorite of the hops malt expert.

**BEST BARS**

Happy Hour gathers crowds at the Gathering. Free munchies and 2 for 1 drinks make for a solid Friday night meal-if you have at least a $5 acceptance it is also where the crowd goes. The Court has live music, the kid you listen to, but it gets quite crowded, although it by no means matches the Gathering in volume of people. The Franklin House, Jackson's and Northside Tap are your average dives and encourage a similar posture on the part if its contributors. If those involved are willing to work together in reaching for this goal, it will indeed be within their grasp.

rivals Jackson's. It is a distance-south on 49 about 6 miles-but well worth the trip. The Wooden Nickel provides live entertainment, the band and the crowd, and is the closest Valpo gets to a live night club. It is also included by the undergrads. The DTP happy hour is always fun and very entertaining-iev, how many people fall of stools or pass out?

**BEST OF DINING**

The Gathering has a great salad bar, caviar [fish eggs for you Hoosiers] and a nice variety. The menu is ample but basic. The Red Lantern in the Chinese has a good fresh water fish menu for those who like the fishy taste. Strongbow's and also has its reputation as one of the great by Jackson's. It also is a bit expensive for main courses, but has a unique atmosphere.

The Tim's Better than medium is Jade East or Golden Dragon, it'll probably change again before this article is publish-

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In order to encourage student and faculty interest, the Forum will reserve space in each issue for Letters to the Editor. In order to be successful in this, however, the Forum needs its readers' input. Please respond. We will make every attempt to print submissions. Place all letters to the Editor in the Forum mailbox (16) located in the Dean's office. The deadline for letters appearing in the next issue is October.

I'm writing to complain about the atrocious parking situation that exists at the law school. Who owns all those cars? Several of them belong to undergraduates who are in class next to the law school. The security police have done a wonderful job of ticketing cars in the law school lot. Unfortunately, they are writing tickets late in the afternoon when ticketing all the law students' cars with stickers who are parked on the grass (only available place).

I would also like to request a change in the existing policy of ticketing cars in the faculty lot during the evening hours. It's a trifle unnerving having to work late in the library and then walking completely around the school and out into the lot. I do realize the faculty deserves its own place to park and various members do work at the school during the evening but please reconsider this policy.

F. Gaseor

The Forum recognizes that there have been complaints as to this matter and will issue a statement and report on it in the next issue of the Forum.
Dear 3rd Year,

I heard Professors Hiller and Brockington are collaborating on a joke book to be published this fall. Is that true? I can't wait to buy it. Signed,

A Fan Unknown

Dear A.F.U.,

I'm sorry to report that the book, reportedly to be titled *Great Jokes Nobody Understands*, is not going to be published after all. The final draft was rejected because it was not funny enough. To add insult to injury, the evidence textbook written by Professor Stevenson was also rejected because it was too funny. There has been some talk that Stevenson might sell them the rights to his book, but no decision has been made as of yet. I'll keep you posted.

Dear 3rd Year,

Lately I have been having kinky dreams about Steven Emanuel including rubber hoses, Cool Whip, fresh fruit, rubber sheets, small vegetables and a Stabilo Boss. I do not know what to do. I have not been so excited since I first saw Orville Redenbacher.

Signed,

Law Review

Dear L.R.,

Do not worry. Most male 2-Ls go through the same thing over their Con Law Prof. My advice is to stop reading Emanuel's for awhile and instead ruminate over some of the literary classics of our time; such as Gilbert's or Legalines for example. If all else fails, read the Jurisprudence textbook. That should put you in such a deep sleep you will be rendered incapable of dreaming.

The *Forum* would like to publicize the upcoming events of the various student organizations. This year, the person to contact is Nadine Gjurich. Press release forms will be available for your convenience.

**Law Review**

**Candidates Named**

Terry S. Boone
Craig M. Buhe
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Robert B. Golding
Thomas J. Jarzyniecki
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Christian R. Larsen
Mary A. Link
Karen A. Marenck
Steve Miller
Steven B. Morgan
Allison Nichol
Sean O'Brien
Jeffrey E. Ramsey
Frederick J. Schellig
Donald E. Schleyer
John P. Shanahan
Jennifer J. Stocker
Timothy J. Thorton
Richard B. Woodward

By Nadine Gjurich

This year Phi Alpha Delta, the professional law fraternity, hopes to be bigger and better than ever. The Northside Tap was the scene of the rush party, and, contrary to popular belief, Spike can dance in his own unique way. PAD members were happy with the attendance and interest shown by the partygoers.

Justice Diane Quinn has been keeping the officers busy with executive meetings and plans for the coming year. Justice Quinn plans on having initiation for new members sometime within the next two weeks.

Treasurer Nadine Gjurich is happy to report that the used book sale at orientation was a big success and is planning more fundraising events. PAD is also planning on community events and speakers for that professional touch.

Other PAD officers include Vice Justice Greta Westphal Freeman, Clerk Jane Davis, Executive Director Bill Glynn, Marshall Ken Urwiller, Rush Chair Cindy Kambesis and Chris McQuillin.

Come join us, everyone is welcome.

PAD Kicks Off Activities

By Nadine Gjurich

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By Ed Biondi

This issue marks the return of Biondi's National Sports, that ir­relevant column that has about as much to do with national sports as it does with sex therapy. Throughout the semester, many different types of topics will be covered in the most offensive man­ner possible. This particular issue will discuss what Valparaiso had to offer this past summer for the sports aficionado, some of the various hunting seasons now open, as well as the usual news items. Do not be discouraged by rumors that this reporter's contract negotia­tions have stalled and that I am writing out my option this semester in preparation to jump to a new league. I promise to give this col­umn the same 66 percent of effort that I gave it in the past.

This summer saw Valparaiso lead the country as the home of some of the most exciting sports events of all time aside from the Porter County Fair Queen and Pop­corn Festival Queen beauty pageants. We saw not one, but two women's wrestling events. The Chicago Knockers women's mud wrestling team came to town for the Porter County Fair, and the All American Dolls women's gelatin wrestling team slid in for Popcorn Festival Week. About this time three years ago this reporter devoted an article to the formation of the then fledging Chicago Knockers. Since this time, the Knockers have become nationally famous and now receive lots of sup­port wherever they perform. They are on the road all year, bouncing from city to city. When I first wrote that article, I proposed that the University found an intramural women's mud wrestling league. What ever happened to my sugges­tion? I even suggested starting out small by forming a single team to be called the Valparaiso Mud Boxes. No such team was formed, even though such activity is part of an annual event involving mud dur­ing Homecoming weekend festivities. Considering the high rate of unemployment, it might be prudent to find the team at this time. There is lots of money to be made, as well as lots of fun to be had. There may even be a place in Biondi's National Sports Hall of Fame for those who are especially proficient. I urge anyone interested in entrepreneurial excitement to sign up in the main lobby. Wealth and notoriety is yours for the tak­ing.

This summer also saw a com­plete disregard of due process rights for certain individuals in this state. No, I am not referring to the law school's new retention stan­dard, I am referring to the new In­diana traffic laws. Some lucky peo­ple woke up one morning only to find they now "qualify" as habitual traffic offenders under the new law and immediately had their licenses revoked "upon the receipt of this notice." Talk about problems with ex post facti legislation, as well as doctrine of laches problems. I hope none of the legislators who passed this law went to law school here. By the way, as far as DUI goes, if you are stopped and refuse a breathalyzer you lose your license for one year, and if you do take the test and fail, you spend the night in jail and lose your license for 30 days, automatically. These are mandatory penalties. So if you are drinking, do not drive a car or for that matter a bicycle.

Playboy reports that a citation for drunken bicycle riding was recently issued to a 21 year old sailor in California. He allegedly ran a stop sign, collided with an automobile, and suffered a frac­tured leg. Tough break, eh? Watch out Indiana, we may be next.

The final story of this edition deals with the various hunting seasons now open. For many peo­ple the job hunting season is still in effect, especially a lot of our class of 1983. In the Soviet Union, it ap­pears that it is 747 jet season. In Valparaiso, it appears simultaneously to be outline hun­t­ing season and fox hunting season. Cries of "you got an Evidence outline?" are mixed with "let's go waste chicks on Mound Street." I've heard the DTP Friday after­noon happy hours have begun, and the Wooden Nickel meat market is awaiting your order. So happy hun­t­ing, enjoy the outlines, and make each weekend count. I already have an exciting weekend planned. The wife and I are going to sit around and watch Tofu absorb ter­iyaki sauce.