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Seminars Provide Job Search Tips

Two informative seminars sponsored by the Placement Office were of special interest to students who wished to learn more about the competitive job market and their chances of breaking into that market. The first seminar discussion explored career options that provide alternatives to the traditional notion of the courtroom lawyer, while the second presentation took a close look at the associate process.

The Alternative Career panel of six Valparaiso Law School Alumni, representing a wide range of career choices, related a number of job search techniques and provided the attending students with a broader perspective on how to put their legal education to work for them. Trish Morris, a 1983 graduate presently working in the trust department of Northern Indiana Bank outlined the job application procedure she used. According to Nichol, "Losing didn't take anything away from the great experience gained in this exercise." "We also meant to thank the students who were witnesses for us, and those who helped by supporting our team, especially the first year class." Anyone interested in trying out for the Mock Trial team is encouraged to do so.

Mock Trial Team Competes

By Fran Gaseor

The National Mock Trial Regional Competition, sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association was held in Chicago on February 16, 17, and 18 at the Dailey Center. Representing Valparaiso were the team of Allison Nichol and Jeff Thut and Professor Richard Stevenson, Professor Rollin Krafft, and Adjunct Professor Local Attorney Russ Willis. On the first day of competition, Nichol and Thut were pitted against a tough Indiana University team, while Barber and Veltman went against John Marshall. Both teams were unsuccessful the first day. In the second round, Nichol and Thut competed against the top ranked Loyola team; Loyola eventually went on to compete against the I.U. team in the finals. The second six-member panel informed the students about what credentials the large Chicago firms are looking for in their summer associates, although one panel member, Steve Crichbaum, offset their views with his own about the values of a small firm practice. Emphasized in this second seminar was the importance of a strong, flawless resume.

Law Week Activities Underway

By Nadine Gjurich

Forum Staff Writer

Law Week is just around the corner and there are shaping up for all of the events. Beginning on Tuesday, April 3, 1984, Phi Alpha Delta will conduct an estate planning seminar for the elderly at the Valpo Senior Citizen Center at 12 Noon. Later that night, the seminar will be presented to the entire community at the Public Library. Prof's Berner and Brockington are helping with the event.

On Thursday, April 5, 1984, a luncheon will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Great Hall of the Greek Orthodox Church in Merrillville. The Moot Court Team, the Mock Trial Team, Client Counseling Team and more. The law day speaker will be Bobby Seale.

"A Case of Libel" will be the theme for the Faculty Roast to be held Friday, April 6, 1984. The luncheon will be at Fasel's and tickets for students and faculty will be $3.00. DTP is sponsoring the event and this year all of the faculty and some third years will be roasted. Sounds like a good time. Come on and see your favorite professors.

The best and biggest is always saved for last. The Barrister's Ball will be held on Saturday, April 7, 1984, at the Great Hall of the Greek Orthodox Church in Merrillville. Tickets will be $13.00 per person, which includes dinner, dancing, and open bar, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be from 6:30 to 7:30 and immediately following will be a faffle. "Candy" will be the featured band.
Last April, in the Forum issue that followed the Law Day Luncheon, my predecessor, Sally Schalk, wrote an editorial in which she encouraged the law school to take affirmative steps to recognize the efforts of those whose contributions were outside the academic were largely ignored when the law school presented its accolades. Far from diminishing the value of academic achievements and contributions here, Ms. Schalk merely asked that those making awards consider the achievements of those who promote and serve the school in another way.

As the Forum’s Executive Editor at the time, I strongly agreed with Ms. Schalk’s views and was proud to be a member of an organization that expressed such important concerns. However, having become acclimated to the out-the-other approach to concerns, I have been reminded of the gorgeous scenes of achievement to a member (or members) by the Student Body. And it is very satisfying to see them finally recognized.

In closing, I would like to thank the SBA for deciding to give recognition to much deserved efforts. It is certainly a welcome gesture.

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By Phillip Houk

Woody Allen fans have no need to read this review. Just go and enjoy his latest masterpiece, Broadway Danny Rose. For the rest of us, a few tips on enjoying Woody Allen films are in order. First, arrive sober. One liner is profound and the messages very subtle and disturbing. Do not be surprised to find out that the film is in black and white. Woody Allen’s humor is ing. Do not plan on nonstop laughter. Woody Allen’s humor is disturbing. Do not be surprised to find out that the film is in black and white.

Broadway Danny Rose tells the story of a theatrical agent, played by Allen, who handles such acts as a blind xylophone player, a one armed juggler, skating penguins and a ventriloquist who stutters. Rose does handle one nearly legitimate act, a washed-up singer named Lou Canova. Canova sets up an appointment with cutty Sark and is having an affair with a gorgeous firebrand played by Mia Farrow. Rose gets Canova a break opening up a show headlined by Milton Berle at a big Manhattan Hotel. Canova, as insecurity as the actors who are in the best position to be aware of the time and effort and a given individual has put into enriching the highly important aspects of all of our lives. An individual who has become involved in a student organization and become a facilitator in creating activity and growth around the law school. And, according to Allen, has demonstrated qualities which are as worthwhile as intellectual skill. It is very satisfying to see them finally recognized.

I know now. I know why second and third year students smiled at me when I told them that I was a first year law student. It’s because they knew. They knew what it takes to write an appellate brief. They knew what it takes to go through finals week. They knew but couldn’t tell me or at least couldn’t explain it to me. I imagine everyone has the same ideals and dreams when they come to law school, ideals and dreams that are put on the back burner when the rigor and pressures of school start to bear down upon students, ideals and dreams that meet a harsh reality when the first grades are posted on the wailing wall.

Law is suppose to be a somewhat honorable profession. A practicing attorney receives some modicum of respect in the community and it is all supposed to be worth it in the end.

The question becomes: “What has this experience taught me?" For many the hardships of law school, the long hours of studies for relatively low scores, build a resentment and a hardened attitude. The ideals and dreams brought into the school are left behind for the next class as old L’s to pick up before they face the system.

The doubts start creeping into minds now. I should have gone to medical school or I should have gone for that Ph.D in English or $20,000 isn’t that bad; I should be working now.

So where is the point. I guess it’s not to lose perspective, not to let the dreams and ideals die and not to become the stereotypical hardened lawyer.

There is a satisfaction that can be gained through this experience that is often lost in today’s society. The knowledge we learn today can be used to help others later.

The rewards of having something that takes suffering and pain to attain are not tangible but there is a contentment and satisfaction after spending 14 hours a day for two weeks straight working on an appellate brief.

I have done something, yet you have just a few error-ridden pages to show for it. The worst thing about writing finishing the appellate brief is having to catch up in classes for the time you did not study. It’s the epitome of school. You work your ass off and your still way behind.

I hope that in the face of all the disappointments of law school, I am still a better person for having survived and I hope that when next year comes I can smile at so-meone when he tells me that he is a first-year law student.
Dear Third Year,

O third year, ye of infinite wisdom, you must know, if anyone does. I am a pitiful first year earn-
ing for the knowledge that it seems only you can give. My question, there-fore, is this: what do we, those that keep popping out of the people who monopolize our class's time and money, do at night thinking about how much tuition I pay, how much each hour of credit costs and how much each minute of class costs. Then I think of the 73 other students in the class and the tuition they are paying.

Foreign Studies Announced

California Supreme Court Justice Stanley Mosk and J. Skelly Wright, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, will teach in European programs sponsored next summer by the University of San Diego Law School. Justice Mosk will teach in Dublin, where he has served as governor and continues to influence international human rights problems. His course will discuss the use of international human rights norms in state court litigation in federal systems. Justice Mosk has served on the court for more than 25 years and has written some of its most impor-
tant decisions in fields as diverse as civil and criminal law.

Dear Questioning One:

Yes, this will continue for the next three years. Given the opportunity, these same people of whom you complain will be teaching law in the near very future. Therefore, never worry about facing them in a Circuit Court of Law.

Judge Wright is well known for his scholarship and numerous administrative law decisions. He will co-teach Comparative Administrative Law in Paris with Professor Therese de Saint Phalle. The course will compare administrative law in the U.S. and France, which has been the model for much of Euro-
pean administrative law, including that of the European Community.

USDL will present summer pro-
grams this summer in Dublin on in-
ternational human rights, in Lon-
don dealing with multinational business transactions, in Mexico City treating law of the Americas, in Oxford on Anglo-American con-
aparative law, in Paris on inter-
national and comparative law generally, and in Russia and Poland on socialist law and east-west trade.

Clinical opportunities for place-
ments with law firms and non-profit organizations are available in Dublin, London, and Mexico City.

All classes are approved by the ABA. For further information, write Mrs. Coursey, Law School, University of San Diego, Alcala Park, San Diego CA 92110.

Ct. Challenged

Law Week activities at the Valparaiso University School of Law included a judge's plea to stand up for the Constitution even if it means refusing to obey the U.S. Supreme Court. This guest lecture in jurisprudence was entitled "Do You Have the Legal Right to Resist the Supreme Court?" and was given on Tuesday, April 3 at 8 p.m. in the courtroom of the law school. The speaker was Judge Randall J. Hekman of Kent County, Michigan. There was no charge, and the audience was invited.

Judge Hekman argued that the U.S. Supreme Court itself has ad-
mitted that its decisions do not always perform to the Constitution. In such circumstance, fidelity to law may require us to refuse to go along with the Court. Hekman questions, for example, whether the Court's attempt to abolish protection for unborn children is legally binding. He says that such a decision violates the U.S. Constitution. Therefore, the Court has hardly any Constitu-
tional support for its position. for further information, contact Richard Stith, Professor of Law, Valparaiso University at 464-5465.

Symposium Questions Reagan

The University of Michigan Law School, the University of Michigan Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and the Washtenaw County Chapter of the ACLU are pleased to announce a conference on "The Reagan Administration and the First Amendment," to be held on April 13 and 14, 1984.

The purpose of the conference is to present a wide range of views on several controversial policies which the Reagan Administration contends are necessary to protect national security and promote governmental efficiency. Participants will include journalists, law professors, scientists, historians, government officials, security experts, practicing at-
torneys, and members of the Reagan Administration. Among the issues to be discussed are: 1) the pre-publication clearance re-
requirement, which would subject government officials with access to classified information to lifetime censorship and randomly ad-
ministered lie detector tests; 2) the exclusion of the press from Grenada during the early days of the invasion; 3) the denial of visas to foreigners invited to speak in the United States; 4) the increased authority given to the FBI and CIA for domestic surveillance; 5) new proposals for immigration and national security ("lawful presence") legislation; 6) the broadening of the categories of classified information; 7) efforts to restrict entry of foreigners in classified and national security research; and 8) the Temporary Restraining Order recently imposed on the publication of a judicial opinion critical of the Justice Department pro-
secutors.

Critics charge that these and other actions violate the principles of Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press embodied in the First Amendment. They view the Reagan proposals as un-
constitutional, as an attempt to protect the Administration's image rather than to safeguard national security, and is designed to conceal unpopular or illegal activities.

The conference will consist of four sessions, each of which will in-
clude two or three short speeches and a panel discussion. The ses-
sions will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 13 and Friday, April 14 at Rackham Auditorium, which is located at 915 E. Washington St., on the University's Central Campus in Ann Arbor. Admission is free.

The participants will be Nat Hentoff, Columnist for the Village Voice, Member of the ACLU National Board; U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch; "AH" Aldan, Associate Director of the Center for National Security Studies and former staff member of the National Security Council under Henry Kissinger; Kevin Jones, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice; Yale Kamisar, Professor of Law, University of Michigan; Vincent Blasi, Professor of Law, Columbia University; Geoffrey Stone, Professor of Law, Universi-
ty of Chicago; Lilian Bevier, Pro-
fessor of Law, University of Virginia; Admiral Gene LaRocque, U.S.N. (Ret.), Director of the Center for Defense Information and Victor Good, Director of the National Conference of Black Lawyers.

Press conferences will be held each afternoon at 5 p.m. in Rackham Auditorium. Press facilities for newspaper, magazine, radio and television reporters will be provided at the conference site. Speakers and panelists will be available for individual interviews at their schedules allow.

In addition to the University of Michigan Law School, sponsors of the conference include the Student Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, The Michigan Law Review, the Michigan Student Assembly, the Washtenaw County Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and the Law School Student Senate.
Bang Bang Bill Buckley takes one on the chin at the Valparaiso Crusader Bouts.

B-Ball Team Rebuilds

By Michael W. Feikes

It was a rebuilding year for the Andover Court Law men basketball team. The team finished with a three and four record, losing the first game of the tournament.

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