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The Forum recently interviewed Dean Peter McGovern on a number of topics of interest to the law school. These included the new attendance policy, the new law building, and caps on class size.

To understand part of the following discussion, one should know the recent student alternative to the attendance policy. Alternative I allows students to miss up to 30 percent of their classes before action will be taken. These absences would be excused for one reason or another. The student must also sign an attendance sheet every time he/she attends class.

Alternative II only requires that students sign a statement at the end of the year and affix the honor code to it. The statement says that the student has not missed more than 30 percent of his/her classes. No attendance sheets will be passed around in class, and absences again can be excused or unexcused.

In addition we constructed a video to help guide recruiting services to a 10 to 15 minute video tape of the law school. "This video will be used mainly as an educational tool," said McGovern. The video will concentrate on both the academic and social benefits of the law school and will be distributed to pre-law advisors nationwide.

One of the tapes major objectives is help cut recruiting costs. Katherine Wiesing, recruiter and director of special events of the law school, said, "The trips which I take for the law school are expensive. If I can cut down on the number of trips I take over the course of a year; thus we (the law school) will be able to concentrate on areas of recruiting."

The tapes will not replace recruiters but will simply supplement their work. Law school recruiters hit approximately 150 colleges across the nation and will send the tapes in lieu of recruiters. "It’s a marketing thing," said Cichowski. "We’re hoping a video is something precise, precise processors will be compelled to look at.

Valparaiso has not gone to outside sources, such as an advertising firm, to produce this project. The law school, in cooperation with VU’s journalism department, has placed the responsibility of this project in the hands of Chris Sloan.

Sloan is a senior journalist and television producer for the Bar Association. He has full control of producing and directing this video. Sloan received the help of the law school's dean and his wife who are his advisors. He is also one of Catherine McGovern's top students.

Areas of study which the video will highlight include the law fraternities, the law review, and the law school's computer lab. Traditions and social other activities will also be presented within this project. The most recent development has been the shooting of the aerial view portion of the tape.

The law school’s video will try to capture the student's life in the law school. They can search material not previously available to them. They will also be able to enhance relationships with the law school alumni. Sloan will complete the video in December. Cichowski is asking all students who see a cameraman in the hallways to please act normally.

Forum: What do you think of the SBA proposals?

McGovern: My personal reaction is that this is a positive step forward, but it does not solve the problem. The SBA proposal (alternative II) has no system for recording attendance, and I'm sure that the honor code can be used affectively for this purpose.

Forum: What about the SBA’s first alternative?

McGovern: This proposal has not been addressed yet at the faculty meetings, but I have no problems with it, except that the percentage may be a little high.

Forum: When will the policy be changed?

McGovern: The attendance policy will again be addressed within the next month. I feel we need to get this done by January 1.

Forum: Changing the subject, what’s happening with the new law building?

McGovern: It looks like a go, I have no reason to believe it won't be, but the Board of Trustees still needs to approve the plan.

Forum: When will the new building be ready?

McGovern: We hope to open the doors in the fall of 1986.

Forum: Can you give any details about the building or has a basic structure been designed yet?

McGovern: We are designing the building to accommodate 300 students. This is a capacity of 400 students and to seat 300 students in the library. The faculty room is to be constructed for 18 students. We intend to have a library with enrollment at its current level of 300.

The library will also be built on the outside of the law school. The library will be approximately 70,000 square feet in size and space will be available on all floors. The idea being to get away from the current situation which we have at present.

Forum: What about parking?

McGovern: There should be adequate space for the students.

New Computer Features Offered

by Tim J. Watts

Law school students and faculty now have access to an extensive computer-based service. They can search material not previously available to them. They can search material which is not accessible if using a computer program. This material emphasis should be placed on the phrase "law school students. They had hoped computer services are available at greatly discounted rates because they are to be used for educational purposes only. The use of LEXIS or WESTLAW by someone other than a registered member (someone such as an attorney) could cause us to lose our contract. The terminal would be removed and the Law School would purchase additional terminals to be used in a computer-assisted legal research. Let’s face it, the terminal cannot place the users. They may not use LEXIS or WESTLAW for reasons not directly related to research. If the user is not seeking research into the present conference which we have at present. LEXIS or WESTLAW are very concerned with compliance by law schools and will run spot-checks to verify this. All second and third-year students and faculty will go a long way towards insuring the continued availability of LEXIS and WESTLAW.

LEXIS and WESTLAW should be familiar to all second and third-year law students. (First-year law students will be trained in the Spring Semester.) Both include the full text of federal and state court decisions. Each also includes some special collections of primary literature. They are Federal Regulations, Presidential documents, and Supreme Court briefs. LEXIS has an index to the United Kingdom and France, which is not a part of WESTLAW. In some special subject files, such as labor law or education, on-line. These services are searched in such a way that the user can find help and information that they need. They can be used to locate material too costly or esoteric to be placed in the law school library.

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The Valparaiso University Law School’s second era stretches from 1930 to the present, including the breaking ceremony of Wesemann Hall. Moreland retired as dean of the law school in 1967, and it was in that year that the law school officially became part of Valparaiso University.

The law school began its second era with the appointment of Milos Jesse Bowman as the new dean. Bowman’s influence helped to modernize the school. He introduced the case study method and added such classes as English Constitutional History, Political Economy, Sociology, and the History of England.

Bowman also brought the law school into conformity with many of the accrediting association standards of the day. He began by shortening the school year to four, one-week terms which still encompassed more than two years in more than three years’ institutions. Bowman continued the program to three years of sixty weeks of study each in 1947.

Bowman instituted the Arts-Law program which lasted over 50 years. It was the first Bachelor of Arts degree and a course in law at the same time. Admission standards were also altered to guard against the looking over the shoulders of students.

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by Phil Houk

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Side two contains the album’s tail. The reggae tune, Knees of My Heart, comes complete with a dance beat (“This comes from Jimmy Buffett’s last album Love has taken control/Don’t let the craziness tear us apart/I’mStanding My Ground/Only can I just look to the Moon follow and is a soft rocker which becomes immediately memorable “Gravity reached your heart.”

Stevenson’s four corner post. Signed, Joe Ellipse

Dear Joe Ellipse,

No, it isn’t an extensive research in my little sister’s high school geometry book, I did find an explanation. It’s a square root. I want a more detailed answer, read the pythagorean theorom.

Don’t be a square root. We’re in the back of your English class, I know you’re out reliving nightmares? Obviously, that someone wasn’t a Valpo law student.

Signed, Cynthia D. Crennell

Dear Joe Ellipse,

Yours truly,

Just Wondering,

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Yes! Use the washroom in the back of the library. The seats are dynamite, and you’ll get plenty of attention upon leaving.

Signed, Brian P. Miller

Aspiring Law Review Note Candidate

Dear Aspiring,

Where are all the good looking women in Valpo. They’re not in the law school.

Signed, Mark Ormick

Dear Mark Ormick,

Obviously, you haven’t gotten to hear see yet. Was that someone trying to prove the truth of the parenting yet. Was that someone not a Valpo law student?

Signed, Mike Ormick

Dear Mike Ormick,

Do you think I’m sitting in the back of your English class, I know you’re out reliving nightmares? Obviously, that someone wasn’t a Valpo law student.

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so close and yet so far. These are the choices the Barristers face in the recent all-campus flag football tournament. The Barristers allowed Lamb Chi to take a quick 7-0 lead, but team quickly rallied. Dave "Vale of Paradise" Thomas connected on two long passes to Sampson to tie the score at seven all. The second half was all Barristers with a 37-10 victory.

**Court**

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Steven Zimmerman's estate had to pay taxes on the proceeds of the same real estate. Chalmers v. Board of Recovery the excess tax payments. The plaintiffs were suing to a government agency could take the physical control of the land. The plaintiffs should be struck down in this case. Though the agency never trespassed, it was clear that they were in control of the land. The Barristers pulled out the stops in the second half and Andy Thomas swerved in new PDP members.

**PDP Holds Initiation**

Phi Delta Phi initiated ten new members on the evening of October 24. The initiation took place in the Porter County Courthouse and was followed by a reception at the Williamsburg on the Lake Community Building. Professor Charles Gromley, PDP's faculty advisor, presided as Chancellor over the initiation, which was attended by 23 people. New members officially initiated included John Clark, Richard Foreman, Jeffrey Kehl, Christi Mega, Tallam Nguti, Andy Spalding, Jenny Stocker and Michael Stocker.

**PAD Plans Semester Schedule**

PAD is also sponsoring a visit by the Indiana Supreme Court on November 8, at 12:30. The Justices will be presenting a trial on the case of Marell v. Indiana Medical Malpractice Act.
by Cyndi Crennell

A quarterback that is five feet high, a center that is not much taller, and two young boys yelling "Go Mom Go" from the sidelines were just enough for a professional football game, but just enough to ensure the salvation of the women's flag football intramural championship game.

The Motions, the law school's representative, beat the Kriskis and Sigma Phi Epsilon to win the Women's Intramural Football Title on October 30. The Motions had a five-game winning streak, and the game and the team were prepared for the challenge. The crowd had read that had reminded the Motions of their age earlier in the season.

With only one game of the tournament quarter back, Debbie "I wish I was a foot Taller" Blee any led the Motions to a victory over a tough Alpha Xi team. In the semi-final game the team almost had a "drugged" KTZ squad 21-0 in. (Hey boys, don't write them love notes, especially the girl who came late.) After the semi's, the Motions became anxious about the team they would face next - Mighty Memorial.

The team had lost to Memorial in the last game of the season. In that game the team also lost respect for the league's referees. All of a sudden, the referees we had been arguing with all season were lining up to begin play.

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I looked across at Memorial's team. A few snarled and belched as they regarded to their positions. A Memorial playerickered with hopes. The referee yelled, "There has to be one yard between the teams."

"Could we put a football field between us," I muttered.

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On a cold and windy October 4, the champions of the coveted James and John Cup Open were decided before half the field was on hand. The Depraved Heart had a 6 to 0 lead at the half, and the team came through as the only competitors to score on Memorial. The referees under police escort带领 the crowd Saturday, but an Ethics of John "Chi Chi" Voer and Dave "Arnie" Moerman took a one stroke lead on the front nine but couldn't hold off defending champions, Dave "Hole in One" Thomas and Bruce "No Mercy" Berner. The result was a 64-64 tie and a first place finish for both teams. Theбрахт were the only competitors to score on Memorial.

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