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Environmental Law Caucus organizes environmental case. These cases involve highly technological understanding and applying possible water runoff, and the understanding of the modern world (like everything affects everything else pollution), he pointed out that the lawyers must work for years, and sometimes decades in litigating environmental cases. If Blomquist worked on that dealt with shipswrecks that were destroying docks and ships along the Atlantic coastline took up seven years of his career. The firm he worked for had had the case for five years before that.

If the environmental lawyer is extremely lucky, he might get some glamour out of the case, but most of what he does is tedious work. The ultimate fulfillment of the environmental litigator, Blomquist added, is seeking order out of chaos. Environmental law "involves patterns infinitely complex yet infinitely beautiful," he added. Blomquist said he wants the newly-formed group to be run by and for the students at the law school. He explained that as founder of the group, he act as a catalyst until the students can really get it running smoothly.

He suggested that the group could possibly take a field trip to a nuclear power plant and eventually file amicus briefs in various environmental cases. He has also invited U.S. Congressmen Jim Jontz and the environmental assistant of U.S. Senator Richard Lugar to speak at the law school in April on hazardous waste management.

The group is open to VU law students, alumni and faculty, and Blomquist added that others can be invited to participate in lectures or seminars the caucus might host. Officers for the newly formed group were elected by public vote as opposed to secret ballot. Tim Baker was elected President, Bill Hefron was elected Vice-President, Scott Ellis was elected Secretary and Barb Bolling was elected Treasurer. A reception was held in the atrium of the law school after the meeting.

VU team wins first place

By Kathy Fox
Forum Editor

Lisa Wyatt and Barbara Bolling, VU's Client Counseling team, won first place in the regional competition.

Valpo's team won it's final round against Notre Dame and the University of Illinois.

The Client Counseling Competition regional competition was held at the VU School of Law on Feb. 28 and March 1.

Nine teams from various midwestern law schools competed in the regional heat and advancing to the national heat. In order to advance to the semi-finals on Sunday, a team had to win at least once on Saturday. Valpo's team won its first round against Notre Dame and the University of Illinois, but John Marshall won the second round that Valpo competed in on Saturday.

On Sunday, Valpo defeated IU-Indianapolis and Loyola University in the first round and the University of Illinois in the second round to advance to the nationals.

As many as twelve teams (one from each region throughout the United States and Canada) may be competing in the national competition, Professor Ruth Vance, team coach, said. The national competition will be held in Toronto on March 27 and 28.

Wyatt, Bolling, team alternate Ron Kurpiers, and Prof. Vance will all be attending the nationals.

Vance said Assistant Dean Curt Cichowski, who was in charge of hosting the competition here, received many compliments on the new law school facilities and how the competition was run. Cichowski and ABA/LSD representative Tony Johnson put in a lot of time coordinating everything, Vance said.

Vance said the competition gave other schools a chance to see the VU's new law school facilities and give VU a chance to impress others.

Attention!

The photos of Lemke Hall in the last issue of The Forum were taken by third year law student Rollie Norris. He was inadvertently not given credit for these photos.

LAW WEEK IS COMING
MARCH 30 - APRIL 4
Why Celebrate Law Week?

With Law Week rapidly approaching, it seemed appropriate to spend a few minutes dwelling on the subject.

Not all law schools have a Law Week or its equivalent. There is a national Law Day in May (or so Curt Cichowski told me). Yet since “time immemorial,” the Vu School of Law has taken an entire week in the spring to celebrate “law”.

Why, you might ask, would anyone in their right mind voluntarily celebrate the law? After all, the law is the cause of much grief and sorrow for law students on numerous occasions. Who could ever forget giving up spring break in Florida to write an entire appellate brief during our first year of law school? Or the numerous all-nighters trying futilely to get caught up on reading assignments?

The answer is obvious: By organizing Law Week, the Student Bar Association has given us an entire week to sit back and relax. Events have been planned for practically every day during Law Week.

Some of the activities are free such as the talks being sponsored by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) and the Women Law Students Association (WLSA). Others, such as Bar­riters and the Faculty Roast, cost and still others, such as the Dedication Dinner, require an invitation.

The activities are wide-ranging enough to attract even the most fickle student. Lectures, dinners, dances and skits. The JBA should be commended for a well-planned Law Week.

Amid my rambling in this editorial, I do have a point to make. Not all law schools (in fact, very few law schools) have anything like Law Week. So, kick off your shoes, lean back and enjoy.

If nothing else, attending a few of these activities will give you a good excuse not to be prepared in class the next day. Attending some of these activities will also give you a chance to enjoy yourself, which is at times practically impossible to do in law school.

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Dear Third Year:

I heard that there is a new organization at JALSA. These new associations are getting a little out of hand. Come on now, what's so great about New Jersey? If these people love New Jersey so much, why didn’t they stay there and go to Rutgers or Seton Hall? What vital community functions do these “Gardeners” perform?

Signed, Disgusted

Dear Disgusted,

JALSA is made up of people who probably wish they were attending the finer educational institutions you mentioned. However, due to their obvious mental deficiencies, they have congregated here to console each other. From reviewing their last meeting report, the group would more appropriately be called Junior Alcoholics Law Students Association. They perform the vital function of making us all happy that we all don’t talk or act like them.

Dear Third Year,

After observing law students for several months, I have come to the conclusion that these people must be suffering from some sort of mental disorder. What do you think?

Signed, Amateur Psychologists

Dear Amateur,

Most law students are suffering from what the Wildnagle Institute of Technology (W.I.T.) calls senile dementia legalese, which often occurs soon after the subject enters law school. The student is unable to master simple tasks such as getting through the front doors of the law school or opening a simple combination lock. Another symptom of this disease is an almost obsessive attachment to inanimate objects. Subjects in the 1L stage have an almost slavish devotion to the Xerox machines and citation bluebooks. People in the advanced stage seem obsessed with Gilberths and Nutshells, and the attachment becomes more frantic at the end of the school term.

The pinball reaction is another symptom that occurs during finals. During the most stressful period of finals, law students tend to bounce off of walls, ceilings and furniture without exhibiting any pain response. Rapidly losing their sense of reality, victims of the disorder may talk to themselves and often respond to their own questions.

For further developments, watch this column — unless you yourself are overcome by senile dementia legalese. If the latter happens, relax and enjoy!

Dear Third Year,

Who is in charge of hiring and firing faculty members around here? I think it is time for Sue B. to be given her walking papers and go! All she ever does is write “PV” on every line of my papers. Any kindergarten kid would be willing to do that for a dollar or two a month, a considerable savings considering Sue’s salary.

Signed, Legal Writing Expert

Dear Expert,

Legal Writing’s always a pain. Just think, you’re almost through with it. Until then, maybe you could buy Sue some crayons.

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The Forum

THE FORUM is a student created publication designed to present in an accurate and objective manner the news of the Valparaiso University School of Law community. To this end, the editors welcome comments and suggestions from the student body and faculty.

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John Vincente Morley
“On Compromise” 1874

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If I told you I grew up in a simpler, gentler time, you probably would say, "I wish, but I knew you had to brush your teeth with Arm and Hammer baking soda." Truth to tell, by some of your personal standards, it may have been even worse than that, but to me, those were the good times.

The family income during the early years of the Depression fluctuated at around five dollars a week. Dad worked for his grandfather in a family business and was lucky to have a job. We lived in a huge, old Victorian house with a front porch which stretched across the entire front and wound half way around the other side. It was ornamental with gingerbread trim, and at the back, there was a root cellar, a rain barrel, and a grape arbor. A ghost lived in the root cellar...so my sister told me every night just before it got dark in our bedroom. Frequently, I found out they were commonly called, who were really victims of the Depression, by breaking the ghost for water. Mother always gave them a plate heaped with hot food. "Grandma had what we would call a pond," said the fork and dish after they had gone on their way.

It was the family homestead.

Grandma's parents lived there, too. Grandma had what we would call rheumatoid arthritis. She never went abroad and lived nearly her whole lifetime in the kitchen. Left-overs and perishables were kept in an icebox for which ice blocks were delivered two or three times a week, so we could have a clean outfit every day. My clothes were always garments that my sister had outgrown. But, when I finally grew into her "good velvet dress," I thought I had turned into a princess.

For food, we ate mostly what Dad grew in the garden and Grandma's problems. A real summertime treat was to follow the ice wagon and pick up slivers and small chunks of ice to eat during the street polio season, though, which were called the "dog-days" of August, you couldn't do that for fear of contamination. You couldn't swim in the lake, then, either—or go to the Saturday matinee. Dad would come home by newspaper, with a candied ice cream and let us "help."

For play, I had one doll I could call my own. Sis and I shared crayons, coloring books, and a bicycle. Actually, we didn't really share them. We fought over them, mostly. She always hid the red crayon. Still, we had to make do because that was all there was. In summertime, we used hollyhock blossoms and toothpicks to make dolls. Mother encouraged us to use them to decorate places she didn't have room for. Sunday on Christmas Eve, Dad arranged for Santa Claus to come to our house and pass around presents. He brought us each a new pair of red, rubber boots. Mother said years later that she felt their being red would make it easier to bear.

I attended a parochial school, poor by today's standards. A pastor watched over the teachers, and the teachers watched over us. Discipline was strict. But, fair. I deservedly spent more than one ten-minute stand in the corner with my tearful face to the wall. Each new school year, Mother bought us three new pencils and one thick tablet. I had a canvas book satchel which I hauled home every night loaded with books and assignments. Dad had to claim the whole work to be more pleasing to God if I were a little bit less determined. Who, me?

The simpler, gentler time is past. The years gave way to the War, and after that, almost everybody got rich. Families no longer had to live together in the homesteads. Grandparents were sent to nursing homes. Dads made enough money to buy food at the supermarkets, and the gardens were abandoned. Homeless fruits and vegetables gave way to fast foods which could be eaten on-the-run. Kids acquired so many clothes and other material possessions their folks had to rent U-Haul trailers to move them off to college. Grandma's rocker, the ice wagon, long underwear block, and red, rubber boots faded into memories.

So much now is different. Sometimes, I just ignore TV and the newspapers because the topics are too depressing. Our society appears to be breaking down at every level. I read about elderly folks abandoned...dysfunctional families...broken homes...bag ladies and street people...drug abusers...run-away teens...suicidal teens...molested, abused children. The list of agones in endless.

Where are the values that nurture, sustain, and comfort? People are supposed to be resourceful and hard-working. Families are to support each other and stay together. Children should be loved and disciplined and affirmed and eased into adulthood. Everybody ought to know that now is more to be sought out than looking for number one.

Oh, I guess I'm just getting old...looking at the past through rose-colored lenses...only imagining that people are going to remember myself of what Professor Cromley said in the last issue of The Forum. "Even though we all ever hear on the news or read in the newspapers leads us to believe that our country is slowly becoming an unpleas­ant place to be, when you really get out and look around, you realize that people are basically good and that we really do have it all." I hope he is right. I'd like to believe that somewhere--out there--kids still make dolls with hollyhock blossoms and toothpicks.
On February 19, the Christian Legal Society sponsored a symposium entitled “The Sanctuary Movement — Christian Commitment in Central American Policy.”

“The purpose of the symposium was to examine the Christian commitment to provide sanctuary to Central American refugees fleeing persecution. The purpose was to have a forum where the public could be informed and the public could debate an important issue,” according to K. W. Theodorsen, who was director of the symposium.

The symposium was well attended. The speakers included the Rev. Ted Keiser, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church in Valparaiso, Ind.; the Rev. John W. Eickholt, director of the Physicians for Human Rights, who has been an outspoken critic of the U.S. in Central America; the Rev. John D. Keister, assistant pastor of the Church of the Cross in Valparaiso; and the Rev. Richard E. Johnson, who is on the staff of the Presbyterian Church in Valparaiso.

The symposium was held in the Hendricks Auditorium of the University of Chicago, and it was attended by about 200 people.

The symposium was organized by the Christian Legal Society, which is a national organization of attorneys who are committed to the legal rights of the poor and the rights of the church.

A large number of attorneys and law students attended the symposium, and many of them were on hand to ask questions and to participate in the discussion.

The symposium was well received by the audience, and many of the speakers were impressed with the turnout.

The symposium was held in conjunction with the University of Chicago, which is a leading institution in the field of legal education. The university has a long history of supporting the legal rights of the poor, and it has a strong commitment to social justice.

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Law Week upcoming

By Rollie Norris
Forum Staff Writer

Ladies and Gentlemen. Fellow Professionals. A binding experience of profound significance is about to take place within the law school community. It is in this ritual that we honor those heroic figures among us who, through virtue of their unceasing efforts have risen to the Olympian heights of academic achievement and made the Lady Justice remove her blindfold to behold their accomplishments. This event, which has inspired the best of our lyric poets, is of course, the annual Law School Luncheon.

As befits a favored child of the Law Week ceremony, this feast will be held in the suitably solemn fold to behold their achievements suitable for framing. As this is the bicentennial year of our country's Constitution, the speaker at the luncheon will be Charles Nasson, Professor of Law at Harvard University and host of the PBS television series "The Constitution -- That Delicate Balance.

In order to insure yourself a good seat, obtain a ticket by March 15. The cost is $8 for students and faculty, $10 for visitors. Tickets are available from March 18 in the Atrium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Formal dress is optional.

The guests of honor include students who have written honor papers this year and those who have achieved distinction in various extracurricular activities. The honor paper writers will receive their lunch for free in an effort to encourage their attendance. Presumably they will still receive a full portion of the planned roast beef entree. Those honored will receive handsome certificates of achievements suitable for framing.

Because of the extremely generous contributions of the Wesemann’s, the name Wesemann Hall will follow the school of law to its new building when it is officially dedicated on Saturday, April 4.

The dedication ceremony will be held on Friday, April 3 and continues until Sunday, April 5. The weekend will be full of receptions, speaker's luncheons, convocations, and of course, the dedication of Wesemann Hall.

On Friday, there will be a law alumni reception in the atrium from 4 - 7 p.m. All students are welcome to attend. The reception will then be followed by a special recognition dinner (by special invitation only) at Strongbow's.

Following a panel-type discussion format, four speakers will participate in a symposium entitled "The Constitution -- That Delicate Balance." Prof. Al Myers will be presenting the Lutheran viewpoint; John Edelman, a prominent attorney and author from Tulsa, OK, will be discussing fundamentalism; Prof. Tom Shaffer, former dean of Notre Dame law school and current law professor at Washington & Lee Law School in Virginia, will talk about Catholicism; and Dean Ochse of Touro Law School in New York will represent the Jewish viewpoint. The symposium will be held in the Classroom D from 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. A speaker's luncheon will follow the symposium at noon in the student lounge. Again, all students are welcome.

The date is April Fool's Day and the time is 12:15 p.m., although those who wish to arrive unfuscably early can get in from 11:30 a.m. on. Ceremonies should be concluded by about 2:30 p.m.

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March 30--Attty. Susan Loggans, a well-known Chicago trial lawyer, will speak. Sponsored by the Women Law Students Association (WLSA).

March 31--Attty. Monty Preiser, a nationally known trial attorney, will speak at 3:40 in Room A. Sponsored by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA).

April 1--Law Luncheon at the Porter County Fairgrounds and Exposition Center. Guest speaker is Charles Nasson, Harvard Law Professor.

April 2--Law Week Roast at the Machinist Union on Highway 30.

April 3--Set aside for preliminary festivities of the dedication of the new Law School.

April 4--Barrister's Ball at St. Sava's Serbian Hall in Hobart. Has been combined with the Dedication Dinner.

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Prof. Meyer to be roasted on April 2

By Laurie Bigsby
Forum Staff Writer

On April 2, Professor Al Meyer will be the keynote speaker at the Annual Law Week Roast. This year the Law Week Roast will be held at the Machinist Union Hall located on Highway 30.

The specifics on the Roast are as follows: the cost of the tickets are three dollars ($3.00) per person in advance and four dollars ($4.00) at the door. Tickets may be purchased at a SBA table in the atrium before the roast or from Warren Weisflieh. A one hundred dollar ($100) prize will be awarded to the roast skit concentrating on the roaster, Al "my hair is naturally curly" Meyer. Door prizes will also be awarded to the runner-up skits. Everyone is invited to enter a skit and release all those pent-up emotions on Al. Further details about the Roast can be found on the SBA bulletin board.

Let us celebrate the great time we had last year when Dean Bodelestine was roasted, the "risky business" of Scott Feautre, the singing first year courses of Priscilla Herbick and Cynthia Rockwell, and Al Majer whaling out "Burn it up Bruce Berman." So everyone consider the possibilities and go for it...what about Al Meyer, This Is Your Life!"
try to make others, especially women, appear differently than they actually are. People should not think of their image asphony because they know that it is actually are.

People's images are always changing, Cross said, and they project different images during different periods of their lives. For example, someone in his thirties might want to project the same image he had when he was in junior high.

"Think about where you come from," Cross said. A person’s image should be a progressive thing, but a sense of "presence" can make or break what a person can do in his or her chosen profession.

For women, fashion suits might take away from the professional look. If a woman likes the suits, she should wear them only on weekends when she is away from the office.

Cross also cautioned women to wear dresses carefully. A jacket should always go with a dress. Dresset, she added should not be worn on interviews—the look is much more professional-looking.

The woman should be careful in using belts. If worn correctly, a belt can give the woman a chic, up-to-date look.

Buckles can be a "power" color for women, but they may not want to usurp this. Other good colors for women include grays, browns and burgundies.

Women should not wear pastel colors, black or yellow.

"real effort to keep our faith on the church pew... and when we deviate from that it is called political activity," she said.

In the 1920s, she went to Guatemala to work as a Catholic sister. The first thing that struck her was a profound sense of gratitude, which was a very humbling experience. Within six months, the pastor of her group was shot and killed as a warrior. Later she learned very quickly to look at things from the victim's perspective.

She returned to Mexico where the sisters stayed for a year in a seminary. The priest there told them no questions because he had heard stories from the Guatemalan border.

In January 1986, she and six other nuns charged with refugee/immigrant conspiracy for sheltering a hostage in the sanctuary were later given a suspended sentence.

She is now in the sanctuary movement a chance to move from a sense of guilt over what she saw in Guatemala to a sense of responsibility by preparing people to move to provide sanctuary.
On Campus

MELK

Valparaiso University in general provides the caucus with additional resources, such as the research materials in the law school library, and lends credibility to the organization.

Hefron, MELK vice president, agrees. "I believe this group could easily be the dominant environmental group in the area," Hefron said. "Being associated with the law school gives us a lot of credibility. It's going to open a lot of doors."

The law caucus hosted its first event Feb. 26 with the showing of "Toxic Trials." A NOVA film that detailed the origins of hazardous wastes in Woburn, Mass. About 30 caucus members attended the film, which also discussed the problems involved in linking health problems to environmental causes.

MELK's second event is planned for 2-4 p.m. April 7 at the law school. Three speakers have been invited to attend this discussion of problems relating to environmentalism in this area. Attending will be Mr. B. Hubert from the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore to discuss dunes and take issues, Ronald Novak, head of the air pollution control for Hammond, and Jeff Cetel, an attorney and environmentalist with People Against Hazardous Landfills, Inc. After their presentations, the speakers will answer questions from the audience.

The caucus officers are in the process of making appointments to MELK committees. The committees include public relations, membership, programs and research. The committees will be influential in guiding the direction the environmental group takes in the future.

Valparaiso University Law School, 455 location (MELK), a newly created law student organization that expects to have an impact on environmental issues as well as increase people's awareness of the environmental problems existing today.

"I'm excited about what this organization has the potential to accomplish," said caucus president Tim Baker, a first-year law student. "We are planning some excellent programs. Also, the interest from the students and faculty is very positive and supportive."

Baker was elected president at the caucus' organizational meeting Feb. 11. MELK's other officers are Bill Hefron, vice president, Scott Ellis, secretary and treasurer, Barbara Bolling, Prof. Robert F. Bismiquiz, a former environmental litigator in New Jersey, is the MELK faculty advisor. Bismiquiz, who drafted the group's charter and bylaws, was the creative force behind the law caucus. More than 50 students and faculty members have signed the charter.

"I think there is a great need and a great potential," Bismiquiz said to the caucus. "Having a law students involved has enormous potential benefit." Bismiquiz said being associated with the law school and

Thank you to everyone who gave blood at the February 10 Red Cross Bloodmobile. Your participation was appreciated.

Another successful T-shirt sale was held on February 9-11. Watch the PAD bulletin board for dates and times for distribution.

PAD elections were held on February 14-15. New officers for 1987-1988 are: Justice - Perry Browder, Vice Justice - Donald Lee, Clerk - Nadine Dahn, Treasurer - Kevin Speer, Marshall - Alex Tadis, Executive Director - Danneke Mitchell, and Rush Directors - Vick Buri and Janice Parker. Congratulations! The new officers will be installed during a regular meeting.

Anyone interested in playing softball this spring sign up on the bulletin board and/or see Keith Henry.

Due to the fact that ATLA welcomes its newest members - Nadine Dahn, Judy Mentz, Shirley Comer, Stacy Spalding and Jeffrey Sturm. We now have a total membership of 43.

On Tuesday, Feb. 23 Professor Steven Preiser spoke on "Handling Soft Tissue Injury." Preiser is co-author of the book "Handling Soft Tissue Injury Cases" and co-editor of ATLA's Handbook for a Student Trial Advocacy Program. Mr. Preiser has also written numerous articles. Please see our bulletin board for a sampling of Mr. Preiser's articles. Mr. Preiser has also lectured extensively for ATLA: for the Ohio, Kansas, Alabama, North Dakota, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Mississippi, Idaho, and New Jersey bars; the National College of Advocacy, at the Melvin Belli Seminars; the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association; the American Arbitration Association; the Assn. of Trial Lawyers of America, etc. In addition to the above, Ms. Loggans has written numerous articles. Please see our bulletin board for a selection of her articles. Ms. Loggans will be our last speaker for the year.

For elections next year's officers will be held in April. Anyone interested in running for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer should inform Robin Smith (Locke 298) as soon as possible.

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WLSA

On Monday, February 23 Professor Fred Patten spoke on "Power and Social Welfare" in the U.S. - The Lawyer's Role as Policymaker." Professor Patrick's talk was posted on the bulletin board but no one attended. Mr. Preiser will speak on July 15. We will announce the time and place later. Attorney Monte Preiser will speak on "How to Properly Investigate and Prepare a Medical Malpractice Case." Mr. Preiser is a 1978 graduate of the West Virginia University Law School and is an active member of ATLA, the Melvin Belli Society, the ABA, the West Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, and the West Virginia Bar Association. Mr. Preiser is also a member of the New York Trial Lawyers Association, the American College of Legal Medicine, the Roscoe Pound Foundation, the American Arbitration Association, MENSA and the Pittsburgh Institute of Legal Medicine. In addition to the above, Mr. Preiser is co-author of the book "Handling Soft Tissue Injury Cases" and co-editor of ATLA's Handbook for a Student Trial Advocacy Program. Mr. Preiser has also written numerous articles. Please see our bulletin board for a sampling of Mr. Preiser's articles. Mr. Preiser has also lectured extensively for ATLA: for the Ohio, Kansas, Alabama, North Dakota, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Mississippi, Idaho, and New Jersey bars; the National College of Advocacy, at the Melvin Belli Seminars; the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association; the American Arbitration Association; the Assn. of Trial Lawyers of America, etc. In addition to the above, Ms. Loggans has written numerous articles. Please see our bulletin board for a sampling of her articles. Ms. Loggans will be our last speaker for the year.

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By Kathy fox
Ferris Staff Editor

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fessor of Social Welfare in the U.S.: The Third World and the Law," Policy marker. "Poverty is not poverty is the number one social issue facing the United States today. He felt it was particularly relevant to talk to lawyers and law students about this problem, since the legal pro-

fession tends to make social policy in our society. He based this on the fact that most politicians are lawyers; those that are not lawyers use lawyers to draft legislation.

be added, though, that very little realistic discussion occurs, although many myths about poverty exist in our society.

The federal government defines poverty as follows: A family is poor if its household income is less than two-thirds of what the government considers to be a "humanly nutritious diet." The government is basically saying that a family should spend the third of its income on food, but this statistic from a social scientist is one of the most widely debatable figures the government has to offer.

Patton says some people said that one-half of the median income level is the poverty level.

The government recognizes we have a number of people in our society who are poor. According to Ms. Squyres, when you are poor you are a member of a minority group. Therefore, you must take a lesser position in the corp.; therefore, you must accept that you will not survive in a corporate environment.

"As we grow up, we are taught that one of the most important things to do if we are in line for an in-house position is to get a better idea of what they do in an insurance company," said Patricia Morris, an attorney with Roebuck Co., gave the students an inside perspective on what it is like to be an attorney.

She explained, "The first step is the preliminary screening process. The firm must determine whether or not a corporation is going to hire you. If you are interested in working for a corp., you will have to take a lesser position in the corp. and then work your way up. Most corporations will start their attorneys out as an apprentice. You will be paid for your work, but you could earn in a law firm, but assuming you are in line for an entry-level position, your earning potential is much higher in a law firm.

For example, a corporation may consider hiring a college senior for a corporate position. However, if you work in a corp., you're working with a very funny client. Half of the college seniors leave the corp. as a lawyer, but the rest of your time is devoted to the business aspect of the corp.; therefore, you must have some interest in business or you will not survive in a corporation.

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