Orientation Successful

By Kim Tabor
Forum Staff Writer

The SBA got the year off to a great start with the annual first year orientation on Friday, August 19, 1988.
The many hours of hard work and preparation by the Administra­tions Office and the SBA proved to be time well spent. As a result of their efforts, over 170 students registered, making the Class of 1991 one of the largest this law school has ever seen.

Orientation began with registra­tion at 9:00 a.m. The SBA provid­ed coffee and donuts in the atrium in an effort to give the new class an opportunity to get better ac­quainted. It provided the faculty and staff a chance to place faces with many of the names of the students they had come in contact with throughout the admission process.

Following registration, the 1Ls were introduced to Dean Bodensteiner as well as other faculty and staff members who will be playing an important part in their legal education. In addition, the new class was welcomed and offered advice as to how they could be more successful in law school.

After having an opportunity to buy a parking permit and have a mugshot taken for their student I.D. cards, the 1Ls were free to go buy their books or eat a lunch pro­vided in the atrium. Those who chose to stick around for lunch found it anything but boring. Pat Blankenship and Tom Bach pro­vided the entertainment by sing­ing as they carried submarine sandwiches into the atrium.

In order to clear up a few of the questions that first year law students are likely to have, facul­ty advisors and 2nd and 3rd year law students gave it their best shot at trying to answer any of their questions. Topics ranged anywhere from "outlines" to Jackson's with a lot more in be­tween. It was a chance for the 1Ls to gather tips from upperclassmen who had successfully completed one or two years of law school.

As expected, the Student Organization Fair was a "huge" success. The fair was an op­portunity for the different student organizations to promote their group as well as meet new people.

The fun was in watching the various organizations, especially the fraternity volunteers, and of course, the 1Ls.

All in all the fair fulfill­ed its main objective which was to show the new students the varie­ty of interests held by everyone at the law school.

Even though there were a lot of important and informative events that took place at orientation, the cookout, followed by a visit to Jackson's was definitely the most fun. In the past the orientation party has consisted of a cookout on the back patio of the law school this year, however, the threat of rain made it necessary to move the party indoors. First year, their families, friends, faculty, and 2nd and 3rd year "helpers" ate chicken and all that goes with it. Several distinguish­ing alumni found time to make an appearance, one being Scott Thomas, past president of the SBA.

After a full day of orientation, the new 1Ls with a little en­couragement from the 2Ls and 3Ls, moved the party to Jackson's where the 1Ls eventually called it a day. By that point the 1Ls were completely ready to begin their law school education.

Thanks to the Administrations Office, the SBA, the student volunteers, and of course, the 1Ls, orientation was a "huge" success.

V.U. Welcomes Bracy

By Nadine Dahm
Forum Editor

The newest member of the Valparaiso University School of Law faculty is Vincent Warren D. Bracy.

Bracy was hired to fill the vacancies created by Prof. Rosalie Levinson and Prof. Carol Faurote, past president of the SBA, and Prof. Kassell are on sub­hiring to replace them.

Prof. Bracy received his J.D. in 1971 from Cornell University Law School. In the 17 years since he received his J.D., Bracy has taught law and politics in a number of regions.

Bracy was a career defense lawyer in Detroit Michigan.

As a law professor, Bracy has taught students at Loyola Univer­sity in New Orleans, the University of Detroit, and the University of Toledo. Prof. Bracy has also published several legal works. Bracy published the 1978 supple­ment to the case book Law, Lawyers & Social Change. And in 1974, Bracy published an article on "The Question of the Legitimacy of Affirmative Action: A Reappraisal.


In addition to his legal ac­tivities, Prof. Bracy has been ac­tively involved in politics. In 1975, Bracy worked on the Pierce for Congress campaign. In 1976, Bracy was a member of the Michigan delegation to the Democratic National Convention, Bracy served on the Rules Committee.

Bracy has also served as campaign manager for Wainstine County Commissioner Postick and Bracy was a member of the Second District Democratic Executive Committee from 1977 to 1979. This past summer Bracy was again a member of the Michigan delega­tion to the Democratic National Convention. As in 1976, Bracy once again served as a member of the Rules Committee.

Bracy also has plans to distinguished and diverse background, Prof. Bracy will bring a unique outlook to Val­paraiso School of Law.

Student Bar Association Sets Goals

By Allen Fore
Forum Staff Writer

Having already sponsored the student orientation day activities, a "welcome back" party and 1L elections, SBA is off to a fast start.

"I like to get a lot out of school," said Tim Murray, SBA President, describing his involvement in stu­dent government. "Everyone is a member of SBA. Getting involved in SBA and serving on committees makes your law school experience more complete," stated Murray.

SBA is the elected student government at the School of Law. These representatives are elected from each class. The officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, are all elected at-large. Additional members include two faculty representatives and two ABA/LBD representatives.

What does SBA do? "One of our biggest responsibilities is the budget," said Murray. "We're responsible for appropriating money from the student fees to the various student organizations. That process can be pretty tedious," Murray continued. "We try to be as fair as possible, and we encourage each group to present a good case for why they need the funds."

Vice President, Kevin Speer, directs Law Week, another major SBA activity. The week includes events such as the Law Day fun­tion, with a nationally recogniz­ed speaker; a faculty "roast"; and a final event, the 3L bar exam. Registration for this bar exam is scheduled to be held at three spots in the building on Merriville. "It's an excellent week," said Speer. "Everyone is encouraged to participate. The events are infor­mative and interesting."

SBA meets twice monthly. Jocelyn Murphy, Secretary, handles the publicity and organization that make those meetings possible. "We're trying to make more people aware of SBA so they will know what we do," Murphy stated. "The VAMP (as in Vanas White) BOARD outside of our office has a list of all upcom­ing activities and events."

Speer hopes to make the SBA more accessible to students this year. "Even by doing subtle things, like keeping our door propped open during the day, we help the students know we're here. Anyone is welcome to drop by and talk if they have a concern or question."

"I'd also like to see SBA further the reputation of Valparaiso through our students," Speer con­tinued. "Allowing the students to participate in the recruiting process, by representing Valparaiso at various student organizations." Speer added. "Something I hope SBA can initiate would be making more people aware of the SBA."

Tim Murray also has plans to make his term an active one. "I'd like to see SBA sponsor events to help the indigent at tax time. Perhaps we can do more to become involved in the community," Murray stated.

methods of enforcement at law school will be on hand, as well as a rep from the Legal Services Office, and law school of­ficials will be on hand, as well as a rep from the Legal Services Office, who might have announcements to make. The student body meeting will be a time for students to voice their concerns and ask questions. Students interested in signing up for SBA committee openings should contact Tim Murray or any other SBA officer."

"We can make a difference this year," said Speer. "The at­mosphere of the school can be made by SBA. The more help we have from the students, the more we can accomplish."

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Attendance Policy Adopted
By Jim Zieba
Forum Staff Writer

A new attendance policy has been adopted by the law school. According to the 1988-89 bulletin, "Students are expected to attend every class session for each course for which he or she is enrolled. Professors will enforce the attend­ance policy and must announce the methods of enforcement at least one week prior to its imple­mentation. Any student who does not comply with the ABA attendance requirements is subject to ad­ministrative withdrawal."

Last year's policy made no mention of an "administrative withdrawal."
According to Registrar Nancy Kohloff, the new policy is necessary to keep the law school within ABA attendance regula­tions. Last year there was at least one instance where a 3rd-year stu­dent had signed up for two classes which met at the same time. The student was required to take one of the classes and did not receive his diploma until August.

5th Annual Eight-to-Ten
Inside the School of Law

By Kim Tabor
Forum Staff Writer

The annual Eight-to-Ten "sunny" round the School, will once again bring a unique outlook to Valparaiso School of Law.
Welcome back to VU! The Minden Center on the Mississippi (MECL) has planned an exciting Fall semester beginning with a tour of Fishhook Bog, a protected area of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. The tour was held on Saturday September 19th.

Other upcoming events include a moonlit hike on the 20th. Expect a million stars and few visitors... focusing on the problems of Ocean Dumping and pollution of our water sources. Also planned are discussions with Department of Justice Attorneys and Environmental Protection Agency Attorneys.

MECL is open to all Valparaiso University Law School students and faculty members. The group strives to provide educational information on environmental issues that will face as attorneys.

Members are encouraged to sign up for Committee Membership. For more information on joining MECL, please contact one of our members or Membership Committee Chair, Roger Wiegand.

D.T.P.

The Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity is striving hard to help members succeed academically by offering tutoring sessions and law school firm research. The firm recently obtained a judge's recommendation for Governor Robert Orr for nearly $28 million. Before joining Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Col. Kautz had successfully obtained for his clients the right of way for the new Indiana State Roads in Porter, Indiana.

D.T.P. is an organization committed to balancing legal studies with enjoyable extracurricular activities.

Some D.T.P. events planned for the 1988-89 school year include: Legal seminars, career help sessions, recreational volleyball and bowling, and an occasional happy hour.

D.T.P. realizes that law school is a demanding, and serious experience. But D.T.P. also realizes that our goals to achieve success in law and the law requires that people must exceed a single tract thinking of legal studies. By involving itself in school work activities and gatherings D.T.P. feels it can help achieve the present balance between being studious and being active in the law school community.

D.T.P. always welcomes new members. If you are interested in joining D.T.P., applications are available on the D.T.P. Board.

Plantar Fasciitis

The International Law Society (ILS) is sponsoring a panel discussion, "Culture, Politics, and Law: How the Mix Shapes International Business Relations: The Japanese Example." on Thursday September 29, 1988, at 3:00 p.m. at Valparaiso University's International Business Arts Committee and the School of Law. Questions about the event may be directed to Professor Harry A. Jackson, Dean of the School of Law.

The forum is free and open to the public. An informal reception in the Atrium will follow the panel discussion.

American Rubber Products, an Indiana business which successfully competes in the international marketplace, will detail the implementation of its plan for expansion into international markets.

American Rubber Products sells specially engineered seals and gaskets to original equipment manufacturers such as Japanese automobile manufacturers in the U.S. Professor Michael Waxman of Marquette University will discuss the cultural adjustments U.S. business promoters must make when competing in foreign markets.

The Corporation for Indiana's International Future will comment on how the Corporation assists Indiana institutions and businesses in the development of legislation and international contacts. The Corporation for Indiana's International Future is a not-for-profit, state-funded organization which was founded in August 1987 at the request of Governor Robert Orr.

The panels are: Professor Michael Waxman an Associate Professor at Marquette University, Wisconsin. Professor Waxman, formerly with the Federal Trade Commission, was the 1977 Fulbright Scholar in Japan; Caterina Cregor, President of the Corporation for Indiana's International Future, Indianapolis, who was formerly with the Indiana International News in international trade; and Jeffrey Bernal, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of American Rubber Products, LaPorte, Indiana.

For all the latest News about your favorite law school activities, read the Forum.

By Kristi Brown
Forum Staff Writer

Law Schools were flooded with applications this year, and Valparaiso was no exception to the tide. Speculation on why the increase occurred includes Baby M., Black Monday, and the hit TV series, L.A. Law. Whatever the reason, the Valparaiso University School of Law's Class of 1991, composed of 149 full-time students and 19 part-time students, is the school's largest class since 1983.

From the site of the class comes its diversity, including a variety of ages, religions, homes states, and undergraduate majors. Below is a profile of this year's first year class.

Forty-four percent of the first years are women and 5 percent of the class are members of a minority group. Over one-quarter of the students in the entering class are over 25 years of age with an average age being 24. First year students range from 20 years of age to 53 years of age. Seventeen percent of the class is married.

Religiously, 16 percent of the students in the Class of 1991 are Catholic, 31 percent are Lutheran, and 16 percent are split evenly among the Jewish, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopalian faiths.

First year students hail from 18 different states and two foreign countries - Canada and the People's Republic of China. Primarily from the Midwest, 45 percent of the first years call Indiana home. The balance of those states with a significant number of students are: Illinois with 23 percent, Michigan with 11 percent, Wisconsin with 8 percent, and Pennsylvania with 5 percent.

The final analysis of the LIs is undergraduate major and college. Students in the first year class majored in 35 different subjects. The top three majors were political science with 26 percent, business with 10 percent and criminal justice with slightly less than 8 percent.

Finally, this year's entering class hail from a phenomenal 11 different colleges and universities throughout 23 states and Canada. Specifically from Indiana, the top three institutions are: Valparaiso with 11 percent, Indiana University with 8 percent, and Purdue with 7 percent.

For further information, contact P.S. Marchand, Justice, at 462-3775 or Becker 214.

C.L.S.

Christian Law Society (CLS) enjoyed a Pizza dinner at Mark Marvin's on Sunday, August 29. Future plans of CLS were discussed by those members in attendance.

CLS will resume their weekly meetings with discussions of the religious and legal profession. CLS meetings will be held each Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the library conference room. The discussions will last one hour. CLS strongly encourages everyone to attend the meetings and to join in our discussions.
Media Unjustly Enriched

By Julie Ennli
Forum Staff Writer

Campaign '88 — the year of the "Watch Dog" or the "Wtoken Dog?"
Yes, opinions run the gambit, but one thing we can agree on is that the media has controlled the 1988 presidential campaign by using a strong arm agenda and issue setting techniques.

Just ask Gary Hart.
Or Joseph Biden.
Or Jesse Jackson.
Or Dan Quayle.
Hart, the early democratic favorite, quickly fell from grace when the Miami Herald shocked the American public with news that Hart enjoyed a little monkey business with a young tart, Donna Rice. What? A presidential candidate engaging in illicit sex? After eight years of hypocrisy in the white House, Americans could not fathom a future President engaged in sexual relations, especially relations with a woman other than his wife.

Although the story cost Hart a shot at the presidency, the story sold lots of newspapers. After all, Enquiring minds do want to know. Then there's Joe Biden. Hart's successor in the Demo limelight, caught by the media in an act we law students lose sleep over — plagiarism. Next, the media reported that Biden broke another cardinal rule — resume padding. Before Biden had an opportunity to steal an apology to give to the American public, he joined Hart in BLOOM COUNTY.

Affirmative action was one of America's transitional domestic policies. Affirmative action sprouted from the sixties and seventies, and afforded the opportunity of economic gain to a group of American citizens long oppressed by the vulgarities of racism. Initially affirmative action grew, in part, from a realization by a segment of white America that an injustic and immoral country can not long exist in the world if it is guilty, affirmative action was an attempt by a subgroup of "rich" while America's to plow funds into teaching domestic policy. It was a policy, grown violent over their 200 year old rule as America's democrat.

Affirmative action has worked. It has been one of the most unheralded successes of government policy in the area of civil rights.

America's (and other minorities) have earned many inroads into the economic mainstream with the tools of affirmative action. Blacks are found at all levels of American labor and government, fulfilling dreams and goals rooted in the violent and bloody history of the civil rights movement.

Sadly, though, the virility of affirmative action is beginning to erode. For eight years the Reagan Administration has assailed affirmative action programs through the legislature and through the courts. The Administration has fabricated and supported illegal, but effective actions of reverse discrimination and legislation that reduces business growth potential. These ideas fall, both on the merits and in the realm of human justice.

Due to the diversity of America's population, racially, culturally, etc., there is little, if any, legislative policy that can advance the interests and rights of one group without restricting the interests and rights of another group. The give and take among various groups must be viewed from the perspective of overall social justice rather than from the restrictive and condescending postulate that legislation produces groups of winners and groups of losers.

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by Berke Breathed

VIEWPOINTS

By Dennis Lee Good
Forum Staff Writer

August 26, 1988, marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the civil rights marches on Washington. The civil rights movement, the most visible, affirmative action grew, in part, from a realization by a segment of white America that America's transitional domestic policies.

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Concepts Need Precepts

By Robert J. Henke
Forum Staff Writer

Startling, surprising, or both, one student wonders whether society will ever become such a place that one Christ would take? Would Christ support economic systems that currently allow millions to suffer poverty, malnutrition, and death by tobacco? 

On the same note, what of the unborn? The student who attended the center at the abortion forefront. Yet, he supports government subsidies for tobacco companies, and the over 350,000 Americans who die as a direct result of smoking tobacco every year.

Perhaps the political clouds of the Sunenga are not the only thing stopping this pro-life advocate from being a true friend to the poor. Political groups whose purpose is to impose their "right" on everyone else lose their humanity; those who do not work equally and justly in the same society.

Hall, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383. The opinions expressed are those of the author.

From the 11th Student's Guide,
Getting the Grade

Ch. 1: Impress Your Professors by Cit ing Your Sources.

I'm sorry, but... The Contract with the Student School on the Valparaiso University School of Law Bulletin and find out that there's no such thing as this year's attendance policy.

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Where Does Time Go?

By Tim Baker
Forum Columnist

Can I get a time out? Was anyone noticed things are moving a little fast around here?

I mean, it seems like I just worked up a good base tan and already it's time to hit the books again. And by the time I flushed out my life savings and bought my books, I was already 180 pages behind in my reading assignments. Just yesterday I was thinking about what a great summer this was going to be, and now all I can do is look back at photographs and empty beer cans.

The weather isn't helping things either. The cold nights keep reminding me Old Man Winter is right around the corner. Then comes Christmas, spring break and graduation. After that it's back to reality in the non-academic world. God help us.

Woody Allen once said something to the effect that 85 percent of life is just showing up. That may be true, but "just showing up" around the law school doesn't make the grade. (Weak pun, but I didn't have time to think of a better one.) For example, I "just showed up" the first day of classes and promptly was called upon in Federal Practice. With Prof. Bradly's assistance, I quickly learned out to repeat the mistake of showing up without preparing for class.

First years are already pushing to meet assignment deadlines for legal writing. (What do you mean by "proper citation form"?) Second years are making out evidence, and they've barely been exposed to hearsay. (At least that's what someone told me.) Third years are finding out exactly what it takes to fulfill that intensive writing requirement. (How many pages?) And, most likely, some professors are already contemplating gut-wrenching exam questions.

This madness is not limited to the classroom. I still haven't completely unpacked my suitcases. In many respects the condition of my bedroom represents the state of my life; the more I put into it, the harder it is to keep everything straight.

Speaking of madness, the last time I checked there still was a bed in my kitchen. Of course, empty boxes abound. Well, at least the stereo and TV are operational. If only I could figure out how to hook up that VCR.

Then there are the little things that eat away at precious time. Dirty clothes are piling up as fast as the dishes in the sink. There are bills to pay, meetings to attend, errands to run. I've hardly had time to wash the Yale color or listen to an afternoon broadcast of Steve and Garry. To top it all off, football season has started. Where does all this time go?

Woody Allen may have been correct in saying that usually in life you can get by simply by showing up. I think, however, I'll catch the next train — if I can make it on time.

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I need your help real bad. My Dad is a mean old man and he hates my guts. He made me go to law school because he's wicked. He thinks when I flunk legal writing I'll become mentally incompetent and he can dishartn me. Do you think I'll pass? I hear on good authority that you're the best legal writer Valparaiso University has ever known. Please tell me how you did it and pass along helpful hints on how I can improve my relationship with my father. I want his law firm when he breaks.

Sincerely,
I.M. Working

Dear Working:

From the construction of your letter it is obvious that you will become the greatest legal writer Valparaiso University has ever known. As to whether you will pass legal writing that is another question. I have never taken that legal writing, but I attest to your ability to cope with extreme steep depression. I have no doubt that you will pass legal writing because the alternative is to endure that German-Irish chamber of horrors a second time. As to my passing legal writing it was simple. Prior to beginning my legal writing I purchased 70 percent of the 2Justak contracts on red ink. Then once in Val Law School I simply wrote as I always do and in the process I gradually depleted the entire stock of red ink at Valparaiso University. Therefore, by the end of the semester the 1A's and instructors were running low on red ink and my scores dramatically improved. The word of caution to this is: this is extremely expensive, but it is effective. If you can get a tree with a bucket and some help him on the idea of cornering the market in red ink, I've got some to get rid of.

Finally, you ask how you can improve your relationship with your father. Obviously, the guy is psychotic and hates your guts, but a legal genius he is not. Don't worry about him disinheriting you because of your mental incompetence. Mental incompetence of an issue is not a valid reason for the testament to disinherit you. If the situation is the same, you will have grounds to challenge the will based on your father's mental incompetence and possibly undue influence of the Valparaiso University School of Law fund raisers.

As always,
Toys For Lawyers

By David G. Clark
Forum Staff Writer

The legal profession generally has lagged behind the general business community in the application of office technology. Although the reasons for this lag vary, this lag can be attributed to a fear of technology, inertia, and a lack of commercially available products especially targeted to the legal market. However, the trend is rapidly changing as a new generation of lawyers enters the profession. Many of these new lawyers come equipped with knowledge of the benefits of office automation and an expectation that their firm will provide them with the latest legal tools. Access to computer aided legal research terminals and word processors is taken for granted by new associates entering the legal profession.

Students at V.U. Law School are exposed to word processors as well as computer aided legal research tools such as Lexis, Westlaw, and Infotrac. Those students who choose to ignore these tools do so at their own peril. Fortunately, however, more and more students are acquiring their own computers before attending law school or while in school. Further, this trend will continue as prices for hardware and software continue to decline in a competitive buyers' market. But, the question is how do you get the most out of a computer once you have one?

With proper software and accessories, a personal computer can be an all-in-one legal machine. With word processing software and a good printer, the personal computer can be a first class document processor with the capability to create, organize, and manipulate large or small documents. Often used segments of documents such as the heading, signature line, certificate of service, and statute sections may be stored as special files called macros and then later retrieved into a document with as little as two keystrokes. Further, a particular word or phrase in a large document, such as a treatise or law review article, may be found by using a search utility program. These programs are often included with the word processing software or are available as a stand-alone program. The operation of these programs is similar to the Lexis and Westlaw key word searches and these programs can get to the desired part of the text in seconds.

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A new accessory that is receiving a lot of attention is the hand-held scanner. The hand-held scanner is attached to a cord to the serial port on the personal computer and it is about the size of a portable calculator. By slowly dragging the scanner across the page of a book or other document, the scanner converts the image on the page, text or pictures, into a computer file. This file can then be imported into a document with the word processor. The hand-held scanner scans a four inch wide area which makes it ideal for “lifting” text from the double column format of the case reporters.

By incorporating all of the aforementioned legal tools into a single laptop computer, a lawyer or the law student can create a powerful and portable “lean, mean, legal machine.”

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The Forum, September 14, 1988
The NFC CENTRAL: The Vikings are easily the best in the Central Division. The Vikings are hungry for revenge and, unlike the Twins, they can win away from the home town. Good luck to the Wilson-Carter air machine as they fly up to the NFC Central.

Are the Chicago Bears a team in transition? I've had more faith in the midway monsters if their bodies wouldn't break as easily as their ego's. Coach Ditka should let the midway monsters if their promising rookies see more time this year and let the veteran duos overtake the football. It is not the time this year but there are no other professional baseball franchises of the same caliber as the Cubs in the division. But his supporting cast is a liability. Of course, so is playing anywhere within a 50 mile radius of the L.A. city limits. Atlanta has a good team with a feathery logo that is definitely second string bound, but that's the Hawks.

The NFC CENTRAL: The Philadelphia Eagles and Buddy Ryan will run away with the NFC East title. Buddy's stingy defense allows his offense to take good care of business.

On paper the Washington Redskins look like a sure repeat for the NFC East title. Their player roster is talent laden and an uneven wage scale (excluding the star players) will rule the team's winning attitude just as did the Giants and Bears. It's a shame, because Tom Landry deserves more respect from Dallas. He could even lead Valparaiso to a decent NFL season, so I'll give him third place.

The New York Giants won't have a football team this year. One or two of their teams will do the time at the Betty Ford Clinic. The rest of the team will disappear because their homefield is located over a toxic superfund site. If you don't win playing next to the breweris in St. Louis, what makes you think you can win in that wasteland called Phoenix?

The NFC WEST: The West has too much money, too much talent, and a great schedule to make sure that place fires. The New Orleans Saints may not fire their divisional rival but they do have a good chance to make the playoffs. They have the best running game in the league and will make their opponent's defenses miserable. I usually like the L.A. Rams, but they're usually as reliable as the post office, and they have a good offensive line but his supporting cast is a liability. Of course, so is playing anywhere within a 50 mile radius of the L.A. city limits. Atlanta has a good team with a feathery logo that is definitely second string bound, but that's the Hawks.

The NFC EAST: The Buffalo Bills (you know, the team that actually plays in New York.) are beastly good in the lose and blunt defense. Jim Kelly is the best quarterback in the NFL. If the Bills slip past the Colts, the winter in Buffalo will be a Superbowl.
By Beth Henning
Forum Sports Editor

The Forum Feature Athlete for our first issue is J.G. Garman. How did this third year receive such a dubious distinction? What feats of physical finesse has this man performed? Lastly, you ask, why does J.G. get his picture in the paper when only one past Forum Feature Athlete (Mary Kay Thano) had her picture in this law school tabloid? To answer the photo question posed (no pun intended), the Sports Staff assumed control of the Forum camera and with the assistance of Rich Mills, resident AV expert, we obtained a rare photo of J.G. working out in Wesemann Hall.

J.G. began his career as a juvenile jock, playing Little League in his early years. After moving on from his humble beginnings in Wheaton, Illinois, J.G. eventually moved on to Indiana University-Bloomington, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

While at I.U., J.G. raced his bicycle for his fraternity in the Little 500 event held annually in Bloomington. J.G.'s freshman year, the fraternity raced to a fourteenth place finish. The ensuing years saw the Chi Phi's (J.G.'s fraternity) race to an eighteenth place finish, a fourteenth-place finish, and finally, in J.G.'s senior year, a third place finish at the Little 500. In addition to the Little 500, J.G. has raced in U.S.C.F. events. He has raced in U.S.C.F. Intramural Championship T-shirts and the Heineken pig race. J.G. also has hopes for the cross-country races this fall.

During his law school career, J.G. has participated in numerous intramural sports. J.G. has fought for the honor and glory of the Depressed Hearts in such sports as football (J.G. played bench warmer), soccer (the Depressed Hearts were the 1987 Y.U. Champs over the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity in exciting overtime play), golf, co-ed volleyball (J.G. played on Sturm's powerful hitting squad last season), water basketball (J.G.'s first year of law school, the team finished first, led by the skilled Troy Swanspon, no doubt), and last, but not least, cross-country (1st in 1986, 2nd in 1987).

J.G. attributed his development of "a menagerie of athletic skills" to the continuous coaching and leadership of Rich Mills (former Forum Feature Athlete) of the A-V Department. J.G. also attributed his athletic success to his training table diet of Ramean pride noodles and alternating cups of yogurt, with an occasional Law School reception supplement.

J.G. hopes that the Depressed Hearts soccer team will "kick some butt!" again this year. With the Big Eps going underground as a result of the hot peanut butter hazing incident, some of the competition should be reduced. J.G. also has hopes for the cross-country runners led by Prof. Mike Strubel and veteran runner Jeff Wright.

In addition to being an all-around athlete, J.G. is also an all-around nice guy. I would like to especially thank J.G. for all his help in making the 1st issue of the Forum possible! Without you, I couldn't have done it! By John Garman
Forum Staff Writer

Variety Of Sports On Fall Calendar

This fall's calendar includes:
softball (women), flag football (men), soccer (men), golf, a tennis tournament, co-ed football, rec basketball, co-ed basketball, racquetball singles, co-ed volleyball, cross-country, a team bowling tournament, 3 on 3 basketball, wrestling (men), and basketball (again).

The flag football team is already talking championship season. Led by a score of veterans, they have eaten up their opponents in pre-season action.

The soccer team just returned from an exhibition game in Milan, Italy, where they defeated the Italian Nationals in overtime play. They are also predicting a perfect season.

As for the rest of the fall sports: be sure to check-out Chris "Nancy Lopez" Mascal going for her third consecutive golf title; see the co-ed volleyball teams pair off for some fast smashing action; and sign-up for the all important cross-country race because J.G. Garman wants to win a T-shirt.

By Beth Henning
Forum Sports Editor

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