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On November 17, Craig Busche, Cassidy Fritz, and David Goodnight took second place in the regional round of the National Mock Court Competition and earned the right to compete in the finals in New York. Northwestern took first place honors.

Twenty-seven teams from 16 law schools competed in the regional contest which was for law schools in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. Valparaiso competed against the universities in the regionals. Busche, Fritz and Goodnight combined to make Valpo's respondent team. The petitioner team consisted of Mary Link, Ranen Segh, and Joseph Robinson.

The competition was stretched over two days, November 16 through November 17. All 27 teams competed on the first night, but the field was cut to eight the following night. All eight teams went into the second round, undefeated, but only Valparaiso qualified both of its teams for the competition.

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In a recent Admissions Office survey was conducted among the first-year class to discover stu­dent's reasons for attending schools these days, and why other schools mentioned in the survey were wanting something to be done. Fewer students are apply­

Student Jennifer Van Peshel had hoped for.

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Levity In the Classroom

Dear Third-Year,

I'm so pressed for time, I need a short easy read. I've been meaning to read something about the "Superman" phenomenon. At least. Any suggestions?

Dean Bartelt

Dear Bartelt,

You should read the current Superman comic book. It's not just a compendium of the latest adventures of America's favorite superhero. It's a fascinating look at the cultural impact of this icon. It's worth the time.

Dean Beecher

Dear Beecher,

I'm not sure I agree with you. I think reading about Superman's latest adventures is not sufficient. I need something more profound.

Dean Bartelt

Dear Bartelt,

You should read "Superman: The Man of Tomorrow" by Jerry Siegel. It's a great book that explores the origins and impact of Superman, as well as the cultural significance of the comic book medium.

Dean Beecher

Dear Beecher,

I'm starting to like the sound of this book. I'll definitely check it out.

Dean Bartelt

Dear Bartelt,

You're welcome. I hope you enjoy it.

Dean Beecher


ATLA Ends Semester

By Earl Walters

On November 17, 1977, Professor Gary W. G. Guest, former Executive Director of the American Trial Lawyer's Association, gave his final lecture to the Valparaiso University Law School student body. His lecture, "The Law and the Devil's Advocate," was well received by the students. Professor Guest spoke on the role of the Devil in the Anglo-American legal system and the importance of the Devil's Advocate as a symbol of the independence of the legal profession.

The lecture was followed by a question and answer session, during which Professor Guest answered questions from the students. The lecture was well received by the students, who were impressed by Professor Guest's knowledge of the law and his ability to convey complex legal concepts in an engaging and understandable manner.

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Burns Returns in Role For
"Follies"

By Mary Niewo

The American Bar Association Student Division (ABA/LED) offers many programs and courses to help law students develop their legal skills. The Burns return in role for "Follies" is a popular course that helps law students develop their public speaking and advocacy skills.

The Burns return in role for "Follies" program is a two-day course that includes a three-hour session on the first day and a two-hour session on the second day. The course is designed to help law students develop their public speaking and advocacy skills by providing them with the opportunity to practice in a simulated trial setting.

The course is open to all law students, regardless of their level of experience. The course fee is $250, which includes all course materials, meals, and lodging. The course is offered during the spring and fall semesters.

For more information or to register for the Burns return in role for "Follies" program, please contact the ABA/LED office at 1-800-345-6789 or email info@abaled.org.
Rugby Club Formed

by Susan Kwiog

The Valparaiso University Rugby Club lost 26-3 to Indiana State in Terre Haute on October 27. The game was Valparaiso University's first as an organized team. SU led 4-3 at halftime and scored three quick tries, worth four points each, early in the second half to put the game out of reach. Valparaiso's three points were provided by Physical Education Instructor Matt Lassen with a field goal in the first half.

The rugby club originally started as a law school organization early in the fall. Tournaments, however, will only allow two graduate students to play in a match, plus lack of time cut the number of law students down to six. Presently 70 percent of the 24 players are undergraduates. Law students still own the team, including Bob Janasik, Doug Bates, Andy Filo, Ken Kehr, Mike Lygos, and Scott Skillman.

Skillman is the coach of the team and was very happy with the play of the team against ISU. "It was a lot of fun," he said. "We made our best moves all day at the party that night."

The Rugby Club has completed its fall season, but has planned a full schedule for next semester. The team plans to play ISU again and the Northwest Senior Side Club, and hopes to compete in a Chicago tournament. All home games will be played on the intramural field.

The club will start spring training in early March and will also show two rugby movies early next semester to better explain to everyone what rugby is played. Everyone is welcome to attend the movies and try to out for the squad.

by Doug Crawford

While the likes of Indiana, Illinois, Georgetown and Notre Dame are on the "Road to Lexington," teams that call themselves Depraved Heart, The Barristers, Due Process and Philadelphia Amusement are on the road from Wiesemann Hall to Y.U.'s Hilborn Gym.

Local basketball pundits feel that this could be a stellar year for law school intramural teams. There is a consensus that Depraved Heart, The Barristers, or Due Process could conceivably reach the final four in the all-campus tourney.

Philadelphia Amusement is this year's darkhorse. Barrister coach Jeff Sammy is hungry for the all-campus title. Wampler's early campaign has been surrounded by controversy stemming from alleged recruiting violations. Wampler is also involved in an all in-out bidding war to sign free agent Tom "Ralph" Sampson. Over Thanksgiving break, Wampler was overheard saying, "I've never met a turkey who couldn't be bought."

Returning stars for this season include Andy Black, Dave Farnbach, and Chris Truog from Depraved Heart; Doug Klein and Steve Morgan from Due Process; and Dave Thomas from The Barristers. This year's rookie crop, however, may prove to be the deciding factor. John Goets, Dave Mooreman, and Faby Plumlee are all expected to perform very well.

In pre-season action Due Process and Philadelphia Amusement both won their first games. Meanwhile, the Barristers dropped their opener to a talented Pi Kappa Alpha team. Coach Andy Black of Depraved Heart decided to forgo the early season test. Black, a vigorous Phelps disciple, instead encouraged his players to hit the books. Black is concerned with the development of the student-athlete.

The regular season commences on December 2, with most teams scheduled to play three games before break and two after break. Teams must post a 300 record to be eligible for the all-campus tourney in late January.

Laue Wins Tourney

Scott " service Ace" Laue defeated Tony "Super Slam" Albrecht 6-2, 6-0 to capture the law school's coveted men's singles championship for the second straight year and squashed early rumors that Jeff "I Was Robbed" Wampler nabbed the title.

Laue breezed through the tourney without losing a set. His only real challenge coming from Steve "Never Behind the Eight Ball" Sapperton. Albrecht entered the final round after upsetting Ivan "The Terrible" Bodesmier 6-1, 7-6. Laue and Albrecht still await tournament offers.

The tourney competition was expected to be lighter than last year after Andy "Depraved Heart" Black, last year's runner-up, opted out for the national tennis circuit. The tone of the tournament changed, however, when undergraduates related to law school faculty and staff were allowed to play in the tournament.

"I won for the pride of the law school," said Laue. "There was no personal gain involved, and I was never thinking of myself. I would die for this school!"

While Laue received no personal gain himself, Randy "Snake Eyes" Buell is expecting a rather large kick-back from gambling endeavors, after receiving some inside tips on the Laue victory.