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Yonover gives inaugural lecture

By: Ed Hearn
Managing Editor

On Wednesday, October 19th, at 4:00 p.m. in Tabor Auditorium Professor Geri Yonover delivered her Inaugural Lecture entitled *The "Dissing" of da Vinci: The Imaginary Case of Leonardo v. Duchamp: Moral Rights, Parody & Fair Use*. The inaugural lecture is required by the School of Law upon a faculty member receiving the rank of Professor of Law.

Professor Yonover's lecture posited the hypothetical copyright infringement cause of action filed in Federal District Court for the Northern District of Indiana by Leonardo da Vinci against Marcel Duchamp for painting a mustache on a replica of da Vinci's most famous painting, the Mona Lisa.

Yonover explained that there are two very different approaches to the protection of an artist's creations, the European approach and the



Professor Geri Yonover

English and American approach. The Professor continued that the European countries such as France, Germany, and Italy follow a strong

"moral rights" theme in their approach to artistic and creative works protection. She explained that in protecting "moral rights", the object is to secure the integrity of the works and the personal attributive rights of the creator.

Yonover cited as an example a French case where the famous artist Buffet created a large painting composed of six separate panels and signed his name to only one of the panels. When one of the subsequent owners tried to sell off the panels separately, Buffet sued to keep the panels together. The French courts held that the six panels were inseparable since to separate them would be to violate the integrity of the entire work.

Yonover explained that the result would be entirely different in an English or American court. She hypothesized that the emphasis in the English common law on property rights rather than personal rights can probably explain this disparity in

approaches. Furthermore, the Professor explained, the History of art in American could also contribute to this result. She pointed out that world-renowned art has been slow in its move to the United States. Only, within the last century has New York become famous for its artistic works.

Supporting her argument, Yonover quoted Judge Posner from the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit explaining his ordering the removal of a painting from an art museum. "Chicago will not burn," says Posner, "Paris, maybe, but Americans have never taken art that seriously."

Yonover went on to explain that the United States copyright laws potentially allow an individual to encroach on an artist's moral rights so

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17 sexual assaults reported

By Renea Gummo
Staff Writer

In data compiled between April of 1993 and May of 1994 17 individuals sought assistance from the Sexual Assault Advocacy and Facilitating Education office for sexual assault occurring on the Valparaiso University campus. There were also 16 incidents of sexual assault that were reported to SAAFE that did not occur at VU.

The *Chicago Tribune Magazine* reported that one incident last school year involved a law student.

SAAFE provides advocacy services to individuals both male and female who are survivors of sexual assault. Their primary mission is to provide a support system that will

assist and advise the victim of sexual assault through the process of healing and to inform and refer them to the resources and services open to them.

Not all reports of sexual assault to the SAAFE office are also reported to the Valparaiso University Police Department. Many of the individuals who contact SAAFE are seeking assistance for instances of sexual assault or sexual harassment that has occurred in previous years and which memories of such assault has been triggered by a recent event.

The SAAFE office has dealt with several survivors of child sexual abuse, date rape that occurred in high

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Rob Sech and Paul Wersky pour concrete for support at ValPLAYso, a volunteer project to build a playground. See page 6.

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CHRIS HEDGES

SBA closes meeting

Student government fails to fulfill members' campaign promises

By Christopher Hedges
News Editor

Failing to fulfill campaign promises to conduct open meetings, SBA president Christine Drager asked students to leave last week's student government meeting so they could vote to appropriate money behind closed doors.

Drager closed the meeting in order to appropriate \$370 for a Black Law Student Assoc. and Sports and Entertainment Law Assoc. conference. BLSA and SELA were appealing an ear-

lier decision to reject funding for a student's trip to a law conference in the Bahamas to present a paper.

Drager said the SBA's constitution compelled the closed meeting and that the SBA wanted the student to feel that she could speak freely.

The SBA unanimously approved the money on the condition that the student report on the trip and write an article for *The Forum*.

This is the first SBA meeting this year to be conducted behind closed doors. Last year, the SBA routinely

voted to spend student activity fees in private meetings.

The rationale behind closed door voting was the feeling among student representatives that students should approach their representative to request they bring matters to the attention of the SBA. There was a fear expressed within the SBA that allowing open budget meetings would cause the meetings to be "haphazard," Drager told *The Forum* last year.

In an interview after being elected last year, Drager said of closed voting,

"I don't agree with that system."

"I think anyone should be able to come to the meetings," Drager said. "I believe that people who ran for representative positions should be held accountable for how they vote. The only way that can be done is if their votes are published."

This year, the SBA received \$68,000 in student activity fees to allocate among various activities. Only 14 percent of that total will be allocated to student organizations, said SBA treasurer Daryl Witherspoon.

Other meetings dealing with budget issues have been left open to students this year.

The SBA also approved spending up to \$13,496 for the 3L steering committee's graduation budget. Included in the total is \$2,500 for a cocktail party, \$500 for a picnic at Flint Lake, \$4,416 for caps and gowns, \$2,880 for a composite photograph, \$3,000 for speaker Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, and \$200 for a fund raiser. ▲

Smokers should be considerate



From the Dean's Desk

By Edward McGlynn Gaffney, Jr.
Dean

I am not a smoker. I never really was much of a smoker, and I quit altogether about 14 years ago. For that reason alone, I'm probably the last person in our community who should be talking about smoking. And given the controversy that surrounds the non-smoking issues, I'm sure I *won't* be the last to say something about this matter. So here goes.

Several members of the staff have urged me to define either the patio area over by Heritage Hall or the area in front of Wesemann Hall as the only place where smoking would be permitted in the future. After consulting with the other deans and with the student leadership, I have decided

not to follow this suggestion. Both of those places will continue to be places where smokers may continue to smoke.

But I should let all of you know that the principal reason why some of my colleagues on the staff are opposed to having smokers smoke in front of the building at both entrances is not one of concern for the health risks that are run by smokers. They seem to agree with me that no one will seriously consider giving up smoking until they come to realize that smoking is not good for *them*. Given the prominence of the efforts of the Surgeons General and the American Cancer Society and others in America over the past two decades, we are much more aware today that smoking entails serious hazards to one's health. But this information by itself does not mean that everyone in our community is a non-smoker. For one thing, smoking gives pleasure to people who smoke. For another, the addictive character of tobacco makes it difficult to quit smoking. Hence, although I am personally glad that we now have a smoke-free environment inside the buildings on this campus, I do not want to adopt a rule that prohibits smoking in front of the law school, or even to confine it to one of the two entrance areas.

If the main objection of the non-smokers on this occasion is not

one of public health concerns, what is their gripe? It is that *some smokers* are behaving uncivilly, without any respect or care for the aesthetic damage they cause to the entrances to the buildings when they throw their cigarette butts all over the place. Just take a look outside either entrance and you will see what they're talking about.

One could reply that non-smokers behave uncivilly when they dump their trash on the ground outside of the waste bins. That is regrettably true. But I don't think it is a very sound ethical argument to suggest that one form of incivility should be countenanced or encouraged because another form of incivility also exists. It makes better sense to me to eliminate or at least diminish both forms of incivility.

There are ash trays available at both entrances. Why is it that only a minority of smokers use these ash trays? When I asked one of my smoker friends this question, he said it was because the ash trays are often full. I can't change the behavior of the people who are throwing cigarette butts all over the place, but I can accept my responsibility as the Dean to place more receptacles at each entrance and to ask the clean-up crews to empty these ash trays on a regular basis. I hope that this small gesture on my

part will encourage all smokers to put their cigarette butts into the ash trays rather than littering the grounds.

I have often seen dozens of soda cans littering the ground in the two entrances to the law school. I can't change the behavior of folks who litter in this way either. But I hope that the people who feel that it's OK to throw their empty soda cans into the flower bed will grow up and put their trash where it belongs, in the recycling bins provided for them.

Over the past two years Professor Brockington and a crew from MELC has put in a lot of effort beautifying both entrances to our law school. It's too bad that some smokers and non-smokers are prepared to trash this effort. I've got a better idea. Why not express our gratitude for their generous commitment to beauty by refraining from ugliness? ▲

Yonover's inaugural lecture

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long as the new work or use is a parody or a "fair use." The Professor explained that, currently, fair use is an affirmative defense for the second artist using the original or a copy. However, the Professor explains, this puts the burden of proof on the artist

altering or using the original and this has the potential to stifle creativity and "more speech." This construction of the copy right laws could lead to potential censorship

Consequently, Professor Yonover suggests that the federal law be changed so that the burden of proof on the fair use prong should be placed on the plaintiff in order for the statute to cut in favor of the second artist and the First Amendment. This,

the New Professor explained, balances the competing interests of protecting moral rights against the concern that less protection for artists will reduce the incentive to produce creative works.

The Professor's lecture will be followed by an article on this topic for publication in a scholarly journal. ▲

SBA President's Corner -- By Christine Drager

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS--I want to let everyone know what the S.B.A. Constitutional Revision Committee is planning. Renee' George, Vice President of S.B.A. is the chair of the committee and has a S.B.A. representative from every class on the committee. The committee members are: Jeff Majerek, 3L; Rob Sech, 2L; and Bridgett Nelson. The committee has met several times to review suggested changes to the S.B.A. constitution. Some of the suggestions were submitted to the S.B.A. last year and some have been submitted this past fall. The committee is planning on meeting several more times in the next two weeks to review some proposed amendments that were submitted late.

After debating the proposed changes, the committee will post the committee's proposed suggestions on the S.B.A. board. A copy of the current S.B.A. constitution will be posted next to the proposed edition. These copies will be posted for 10 days to give the student body a chance to review the changes. Copies will also

be sent to President Harre, Dean Gaffney, and Associate Dean Vandercoy. The committee will then hold an Open Forum to allow the whole student body to comment on the proposed edition. I encourage all students to attend this open forum. This meeting will give you a chance to voice your ideas and concerns about the proposed changes.

Remember, your input is very important. The amendments will not pass unless they are endorsed by a favorable vote of 2/3 majority of those members of the Student Bar who vote. The vote will be by secret ballot.

OPEN VS. CLOSED MEETING POLICY--All of the S.B.A. Administrative Board meetings have been open to the whole student body this year. At the last S.B.A. meeting on October 20th, however, a portion of the meeting was closed. The decision to close part of the meeting was made according to one of the By-Laws to the Student Bar Association Constitution. Specifically, By-Law Four, Section six which states "[a]ll meetings of the Administrative Board shall be open to

the student body except special meetings and those dealing with budget formulation."

The S.B.A. only closed the portion of the meeting which dealt with a budget rehearing which directly relates to "budget formulation". The Executive Board felt that it was only fair to allow the individual who had filed for the budget rehearing a chance to present her case without feeling inhibited to give her full presentation to the board. The Executive Board decided that closing that portion of the meeting would encourage the individual requesting the rehearing and the S.B.A. officers to freely discuss the sensitive matter before it.

This is the only part of the meeting that was closed and the meeting was immediately opened after it finished dealing with the budget rehearing. In addition, after the meeting was opened, the results of the budget rehearing were announced.

As always, I encourage everyone to contact me with their concerns, questions and ideas. Thank you! ▲

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Proposal would put SBA in charge of FORUM content

By Christopher Hedges
News Editor

A controversial constitutional revision that would place the SBA Administrative Board in charge of *The Forum's* content is under consideration by the student government.

The provision contained in the proposed SBA constitution posted outside the SBA office would put the "subject matter" of the student newspaper "at the discretion of the SBA Administrative Board," and make *The Forum* the SBA's "official newspaper."

The provision would give the

"Any and all subject matter [of the *Forum*] is at the discretion of the SBA administrative board."

Proposed SBA Constitution

SBA Administrative Board power to remove articles from the paper. *The Forum* has made it a goal to provide coverage of all SBA activities, including allocations of this year's \$68,000 budget comprised of student activity fees.

Renee George, SBA vice pres-

ident and chair of the constitutional revision committee, said all revisions are under consideration by the SBA constitution committee.

The SBA made *The Forum* a committee sometime during constitutional revisions in the past. *The Forum's* own constitution lists it as a

student group.

The provision to place the SBA in charge of the content of *The Forum* was added sometime during the revision of the SBA constitution last year.

"If the freedom of the press is good enough for the country, then it should be good enough for 500 law students," said Mike Thompson, *Forum* editor emeritus.

"These were the principles our country was founded on," said Thompson. "For them to so easily

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Life Chain lines Lincolnway

By Wendy A. Compton
Staff Writer

About 140 pro-life people lined Lincolnway Sunday October 2nd. The purpose was to "stand up for those who are the most discriminated against," said Professor Richard Stith, organizer of the event for the last two years.

The peaceful demonstration constituted people from Valparaiso as well as surrounding communities holding signs with such sayings as "Abortion Kills Children" and "Equal Rights for Unborn Children."

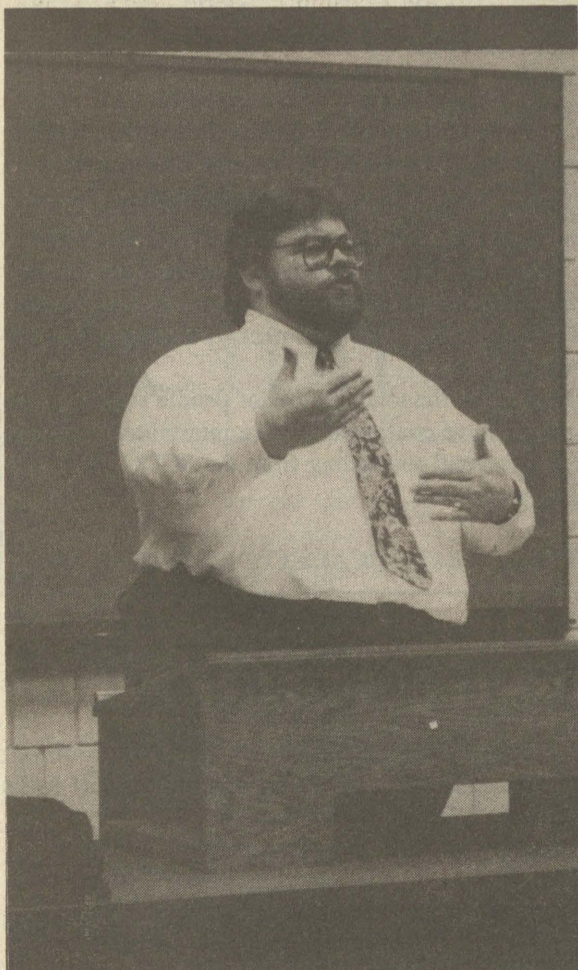
Professor Stith also said that this issue is one that affects the "legal ideal of equal justice" and principles of "standing up for the underdog."

The Life Chain, which is sponsored by the Porter County Right to Life, used to be held in Portage but was relocated to Valparaiso because Porter Memorial Hospital is a public hospital that still insists on performing abortions on demand.

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Henke receives Human Equality award



Robert Henke photo by Christopher Hedges

Robert Henke Receives Jus Vitae's Annual Human Equality Award
By Tom Betker

On Thursday, October 21 Jus Vitae hosted a speech by local attorney and VUSL graduate Robert Henke on his experiences as a pro-life litigator and on pro-life litigation strategies. After Mr. Henke's presentation, he was awarded Jus Vitae's annual Human Equality Award for making a significant contribution to the pro-life movement by selflessly donating literally hundreds of hours of time in the defense of those who attempted to defend the human rights of the unborn.

Henke began his presentation by explaining that for many years he was pro-abortion because of his ignorance of the issue and through his time in college studying biology and studying for the ministry in seminary (he is also a practicing minister) his position on the issue changed. He stated that somehow deep inside he just knew abortion was wrong and although current Supreme Court interpretation says abortion is per-

missible, the issue goes beyond just the law and to a deeper spiritual level. While in law school, he served as president of Jus Vitae and the Federalist Society, as well as serving as an officer in the Christian Legal Society.

After his opening remarks, Henke went on to explain the nature of his pro-life work. For the last two years he has been representing sixty-seven adults and three juveniles who had participated two rescues in March of 1993 in Lake county. This case has had national coverage on CNN and nationally syndicated columnist George Will has written a column about it.

During the course of this trial, Henke also attempted to use the necessity defense, which is recognized in Indiana in some cases. Professor Richard Stith testified as an expert witness on behalf of the defense in the hearing on the use of this defense. The judge decided not to let the defense use it for two reasons. First the protesters could have appealed to their elected legislators to change the law, and secondly, they could of

requested an injunction to stop abortions. Henke stated that both these measures would have amounted to state action which *Roe v. Wade* forbids.

When the defendants were sentenced, the judge handed down the toughest sentence possible, a one and a half year jail sentence (which was suspended), five hundred hours of community service, and the mandatory attendance of the defendants at an eight hour mind-control seminar held by Planned Parenthood on the virtues of abortion. The sentence is also on appeal now and a number of Valparaiso law students are working on it. Some national public interest groups, such as The American Center for Law and Justice, are also volunteering time for this appeal.

At the end of Henke's presentation, he was awarded Jus Vitae's annual Human Equality award for furthering the pro-life movement through his pro-bono efforts. The event was followed by a reception in the Atrium. ▲

New Seegers Professor to be appointed

By Wendy A. Compton
Staff Writer

"The faculty has tentatively decided to award the Seegers Professor of Law to a person outside of the current faculty," said Professor

Jack Hiller. Professor Hiller is in charge of the selection process.

The Seegers Chair is the Law School's first fully endowed chair. It was established by the late Edward A. Seegers in honor of his parents. The Seegers Professor of Law is deter-

mined by the Faculty Appointment Committee and is awarded to a distinguished member of the faculty or, as in this case, a means to seek new faculty members.

Professor of law Al Meyer was the last to hold the position. His

recent retirement left the position open. "The teaching needs of the University will be considered in the selection," Professor Hiller said. ▲

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dismiss them reeks of arrogance."

The important role of the media as a "watch dog" of government was stressed recently by Rep. Pete Viscloskey (D-Ind) in a visit to a VU political science class. Viscloskey's congressional district covers Lake and Porter counties.

"The media will always be fair, but they will be negative," said Viscloskey. "People always talk about the liberal and conservative bias of the press. I don't think that is really true. There is a negative bias."

"It is an effect of the Constitutional responsibility the media has under the First Amendment to be skeptical of people like me (politicians). And, all of you ought to be skeptical of people like me," he told the students last week.

The provision could also set a precedent allowing the SBA to "capture" other student groups by making them SBA committees that the Administrative Board could control. "Why aren't they putting content restrictions on other student groups?" said Thompson.

In the past, the SBA has conducted closed meetings when dealing with controversial subjects, such as allocations of student activity fees to student organizations.

At meetings, students were asked to leave the room when budget matters were discussed. The policy decision to close the meetings was made two years ago after students packed a SBA meeting to discuss a proposal to give the student government to power to appoint an editor of *The Forum*, said Thompson. The students attended the meeting to show their support for the paper's ability to

independently select the editor.

"You want the (student) government to be accountable to the people," said Thompson. "The best way to do that is to have a free press."

The proposed SBA revision reads: "The *Forum* committee shall publish the official newspaper of the SBA: *The Forum*."

"The committee shall act as the student voice and allow diverse opinion, commentary, and expression. It is too [sic] be funded by a combination of SBA funds and funds raised through advertisements."

"Any and all subject matter is at the discretion of the SBA administrative board."

"The Editor shall be responsible for the functioning of the paper, and will report to the SBA administrative board on request."

The proposed revision was discovered by Fred Techlin, editor.

"It was a complete surprise. No one told me the Editor was being emasculated and I was effectively being removed," said Techlin.

There are still questions as to whether the SBA's constitution can legitimately supercede *The Forum's* or any other student group's constitution.

Amendments to change the revisions proposed by the SBA have been introduced by *Forum* staff members, including motions to preserve press freedom, to guarantee that funding for student groups will not be conditioned on content, to insure open meetings of the SBA, and to mandate a full SBA budget accounting each semester.

The constitution will come up for a vote before the student body in the near future. ▲

17 sexual assaults reported on campus

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school and individuals who have had contact with a family member. The SAAFE service is also open to male survivors of sexual assault. Perpetrators of sexual assault are also able to take advantage of the services offered by SAAFE.

The advocacy staff of SAAFE consists of 11 students who have been specially trained and are under the supervision of a professional coordinator. Some of the staff are also survivors of sexual assault and the staff also includes several men.

The office was created last year by a recent graduate of VU, Kristen Lee and has become a very active organization in broadening awareness and aiding in the prevention of sexual assault.

The SAAFE office also provides a speaker's bureau to which all student organizations and campus groups may request a variety of programs. The programs range from informational to interactive.

The office will tailor a presentation to a particular request and offers such programs dealing with negotiating relationships, sexual assault and rape, sexually transmitted diseases,

eating disorders and homosexuality.

Susan Stehauer, a peer educator for SAAFE, noted that "the feedback has been very positive". Administrative offices as well as the fraternities, sororities and other campus organizations have been anxious to engage SAAFE's services to help them understand the causes of sexual assault and to aid in preventing it from occurring.

Many of the fraternities are especially concerned with the issue because of the recent rape case that happened at VU last year. Fraternities and sororities are working with SAAFE to open up discussion between the two groups so to prevent any future occurrences of sexual assault.

The SAAFE office is a resource available to all students who have been victims of sexual assault. All contact with SAAFE is protected by statutes of confidentiality. The SAAFE office is located in Heidbrink Hall off of Union Drive.

The office has a 24 hour crisis line that will contact a SAAFE member when an assault has occurred and will be able to assist the individual through all the necessary systems. ▲

Sexual Assault at Valparaiso University

April 1993 to December 1993

Sexual Assault at VU	16
Sexual Assault -- Not at VU	12
High School Date Rape	2
Child Sexual Abuse	6
Contact with family members	1
Male Survivor	1
Perpetrators	3

January 1994 to May 1994

Sexual Assault at VU	1
Sexual Assault -- Not at VU	3
Sexual Assault Off Campus	1
Sexual Harassment	1
Child Sexual Abuse	3
Depression	1

Exact data for April 93 through December 1993 is not readily accessible due to record keeping systems not being in place, therefore figures are approximations. These individuals were primarily in contact with Kirsten Lee, Student Coordinator. There were approximately 40-50 individuals seen during this period. It is important to note that the reports of sexual assault at VU reflect contact by individuals who may have been assaulted in previous years.

During January 1994 through May 1994, the total number of people seen was 10 and approximately 7-9 additional people have continued to have intermittent contact with Lee. Of individuals seeking professional counseling from the SCDC, approximately six kept at least their initial appointments.

Source: SAAFE OFFICE END OF YEAR STATISTICAL REPORT (4/93 - 5/94)

Vandercoy suggests flaw in Honor Code

By Christopher Hedges
News Editor

Assoc. Dean David Vandercoy said the Honor Code's initial stage is flawed because there is not student participation to combat the perception that nothing happens to punish students.

"The process is such that once an Honor Code proceeding begins, if it reaches a resolution between myself as the representative of the Dean's office and the student, it goes to an executive committee," said Vandercoy. At this stage, a punishment can be made by the executive

committee without involving student Honor Court members.

The situation can be compared to a plea bargain where the student admits guilt before going before the Honor Court comprised of student and faculty representatives.

Initial stages lack student participation

"I think that generates the perception that nothing happened," said

Vandercoy.

Last year, after reports of student misconduct violating the Honor Code, actions were taken and sanctions were imposed, said Vandercoy. He would not release the names of students involved or what sanctions were imposed.

The SBA is currently looking at the issue in an effort to develop revisions to the Honor Code to increase student involvement at the initial stages of the process. An ad-hoc committee has been set up to take suggestions for revisions from students.

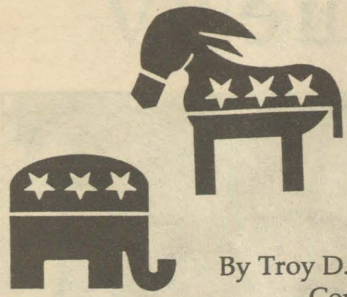
"I don't think I'll generate any independent ideas," said Vandercoy. "The SBA knows what the problem is. They are the logical folks to fix it." ▲

SBA recognizes Jewish Law group

By Gary Shupe
Staff Writer

At the SBA meeting of September 29th, three student organizations lost the official recognition of the SBA. These organizations were the Intellectual Property Association, Coalition for Choice, and Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA). In order to regain SBA recognition, these groups had to file a copy of their constitution and bylaws with the SBA and also submit a list of current officers.

It was announced at the October 13th SBA meeting that JLSA had fulfilled these obligations and is now officially recognized. The president of JLSA is 2L Arthur Bernstein. SBA recognition will now renew JLSA's access to SBA funding and office space in Heritage Hall. ▲



Voting for a liberal

By Troy D. Clayton
Contributor

Have you ever voted for a candidate in a general election who has no chance of winning? It seems that most of us have, and even though we didn't feel that ultimate satisfaction of having our candidate win, we still obtained gratification from knowing that we did not waver from our principles just to say we voted for the winner. Using this thought as a basis for further exploration, I decided to try something different when I voted in the upcoming election.

I live in Illinois and voted on October 14th by absentee ballot. I went to the county clerk's office and obtained my ballot and proceeded to the voting booth. After I drew the curtain closed, I started my plan. I wanted to find out if it really did feel good to vote for a liberal. I couldn't believe that people actually felt good about casting their vote for a liberal.

Does it really feel good to vote for a liberal?

I looked for the place on the ballot where the candidates for governor were listed. Listed first was the challenger, Dawn Clark Netsch [Democrat, better known as liberalis democratus taxasaurus (that means liberal democrat preaching the greatness of a huge tax increase)] with a punch number of 42. Jim Edgar [Republican incumbent, better known as disguisus democratus (that means democrat in disguise)] was listed next with a punch number of 44. The last



of the choices was David L. Kelley [Libertarian challenger], who had a punch number of 46.

I knew that Dawn Clark Netsch had absolutely no chance of beating Jim Edgar. She was proposing a staggering 42% increase in the state income tax which led to a 38% lead in the polls for Jim Edgar. I looked at punch number 42 very carefully because I wanted to see if I would actually get all teary-eyed and sentimental by voting for a liberal.

I picked up the pen in order to cast my vote for Dawn Clark Netsch and then, as quickly as I had picked it up, I returned it to its holder. I just couldn't bring myself to do it. I almost made myself sick just thinking about voting for a liberal. I kept seeing pictures in my mind of me on the shoulders of the PC police

being cheered and revered. I saw myself endorsing Bill Clinton for a second term as President in my final article for The Forum in late April of 1996. I saw Dan Rostenkowski's name listed on my Illinois Bar Registration as a character reference. As if these visualizations weren't bad

I saw myself at a Barbara Streisand concert sitting next to Catherine MacKinnon.

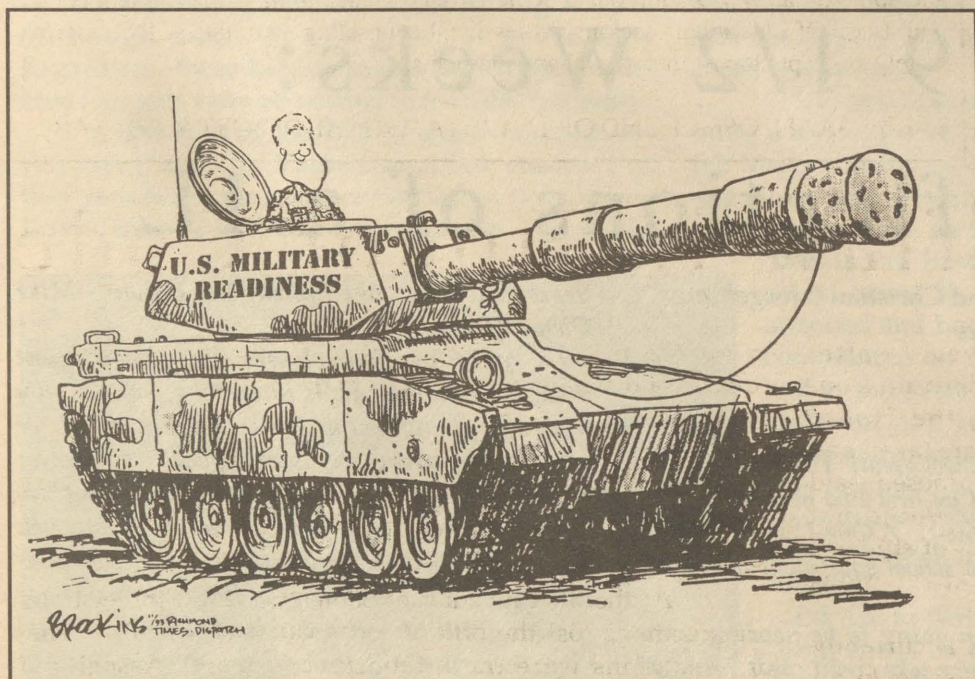
enough, I saw myself at a Barbara Streisand concert sitting next to Catharine MacKinnon [If you don't know who this is, she's a member of The National Organization of

Women, better known as the NOW Gang.]. That last thought broke the camel's back. I took the punch and voted for.....Well, I won't tell you who I voted for, but I will tell you that I didn't vote for Dawn Clark Netsch or Jim Edgar.

After I left the voting booth, I felt neither good nor bad. In fact, I felt a little sad; sad for not fulfilling my plan, sad that my guts felt like I ate a printed listing of all the lies Bill Clinton has told as President, sad that the Republican candidate was a disguisus democratus. I did learn one thing though, man knoweth no hell like voting for a liberal.

FORUM, 1994

Clinton fouls-up foreign policy



By Elihu Feustel
Contributor

The maneuvering of Iraqi Republican Guard forces in southern Iraq alarmed the world, reminding all of Hussein's aggression in Kuwait 3 years earlier. Clinton immediately started deploy-

ing U.S. troops to Kuwait as a clear message to Hussein that the U.S. will intervene. He has avoided the mistakes of predecessors who appeared indecisive. However, all other directives towards Iraq are ill fated.

Clinton's entire policy dealing with the future of Iraq is inappropriate. Clinton defies France, Russia and

China's united efforts to relieve sanctions on Iraq. The coalition has proposed lessening sanctions step-by-step as Hussein complies with conditions of U.N. resolutions. Iraq has mostly fulfilled U.N. Security Council Resolution 687. This has three requirements: 1) Iraq abandon its chemical and biological weapons programs; 2) Abandon its nuclear weapons and medium range ballistic missile programs, and 3) allow the U.N. to set up an extensive monitoring regime. Iraq has dismantled its weapons of mass destruction. The monitoring regime is about to start up, but will not be considered "effective" until it has been operating for six months.

Clinton's policy has proposed a "No-Ground Zone" prohibiting heavy artillery and tanks from remaining in the southern third of Iraq. This proposal is totally preposterous. Not only does it infringe on Iraq's sovereignty by needlessly imposing restrictions on the Iraqi military, but it threatens the national security of Iraq itself. Imagine the chagrin of Iran, seeing the road to Baghdad void of any

heavy forces. Perhaps that is why this proposal was quickly shot down by the U.N.

What is Clinton's goal? Stupid. He does not seek the stability of the middle east, but rather the ousting of Saddam Hussein. This is an inappropriate goal, and interferes with Iraq's sovereignty. Additionally, if Hussein were ousted, the region would become incredibly unstable. U.S. policy would benefit from integrating Iraq into the international community, albeit with some restrictions on arms that can be sold to Iraq.

Look to history for answers. Following the Great War, Germany was terribly oppressed. They rose from their oppression with a vengeance, and started the most devastating war in the history of man. Iraq is oppressed. Removing Hussein from power will only give rise to another dictator. Lifting sanctions will encourage Iraq to enter the international community, rather than strike back in the future. ▲

Community dream comes true!

By Christine Cutter
Staff Writer

Many thanks to all of you who volunteered to assist in the building of the ValPLAYso playground. The volunteer response from the law school was fantastic. All of your efforts, sore muscles and bruises were greatly appreciated and did not go unnoticed. If you don't believe me check out the size of the children's smiles out at the ValPLAYso site today!

ValPLAYso was a community event that brought men, women and children together to build a super playground in only five days. The construction started early morning on October 5th and ended late evening on October 9th. The playground is located at Glenrose park (Glendale

Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue).

This project truly involved the entire community. The playground design focused on a children's "imagination city", complete with a fort, bridges, climbing walls, a dragon slide, mazes and a Viking ship. The playground, designed with input from 600 Valparaiso elementary school children was funded entirely by community donations and built by volunteers.

Special thanks to the following VUSL participants: Professor Bruce Berner, Mike Winter, Andrei Junge, Liz Ellis, Adam Komar, John Prokos, Rob Sech, Jeff Jazgar, Steve Duckett, J.P. Hanlon, Bruce Parent, Bill Siebers, Chad Main, Greg McEwen, Jeff Beck, Steve Etzer, Johnathon Olson and Pauly Rossi. ▲



2L Andrei Junge works closely with another volunteer making a child's dream come true.

Student Organization Highlights

Compiled by Christine Cutter
Activities Editor

Black Law Student Association

Bernita Harris (organization President) was one of few students recognized by the National Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association for her paper covering Copyright Infringement. 3L Harris has been invited to present her paper before the national convention to be held in the Bahamas next week. Harris' representation at the conference will significantly enhance Valparaiso's recognition in the area of entertainment law. Due to the importance of Harris' attendance, her trip is being sponsored by BLSA, Sports and Entertainment Law Association, the Student Bar Association, and Dean Gaffney.

Health Law Association, in conjunction with the Porter County Fire Department, is sponsoring a CPR

Certification course on Wednesday, November 2nd. The Course will be taught by one of the Firemen from Porter County Fire Department, and will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost will be \$15.00. Space is limited to 20 persons. Sign up now on the Health Law Association Bulletin Board.

Jus Vitae Coffee House every Monday is something you won't want to miss! An assortment of flavored coffee, tea and cookies will be sold in the atrium.

Midwest Environmental Law Caucus

Professor Halloween Auction will be held at the SBA Costume Party this Thursday, October 27th. Auctioning begins around 9:30 p.m. Bring your checkbooks because a deposit will be required if your bid is the highest. Some of the events to be auctioned:

Dean Gaffney- Infamous Italian Dinner for 5

Prof. Blomquist- Collection of Environmental Materials
Prof. Dooley- Movie of your choice and dessert for 3
Prof. Guria- "Toxic Trash"- Nachos & Marguerita's for 5
Prof. Hiller- Southeast Asian Cuisine for 4
Prof. Moskowitz- Bike ride tour through Dunes (up to 15)
Prof. O'Drobinak- Dinner (no luxury spared) for 6
Prof. Vance- Lunch for two
Prof. Yonover- Two Bulls Tickets

Phi Delta Phi

October 27th- Indiana Court of Appeals will be hearing an argument that all students are welcome to observe. A reception will follow.

November 10th- PDP Initiation will be held at 7:00 pm in Stride Courtroom. It's not too late to participate and join. Just put your name in the PDP mailbox in the SBA office.

November 14-18th

Food and Toy Drive. Please bring all your donations to the drop box in the atrium.

Student Bar Association

Halloween Costume Party this Thursday, October 27th. Festivities begin at 9:00 p.m. at the Eagle's Lodge on Roosevelt Ave. (up the road from Kirchoff Park). EVERYONE wears a costume—so dress up and don't be left out! Prizes will be awarded for the most creative, scariest, etc...

Don't forget to keep your eye on ALL of the organizations bulletin boards in the law school hallway for additional information and upcoming events!▲



Adam Komar, 2L, dedicates time and energy towards a project that will benefit generations to come.

9 1/2 Weeks: Reflections of a 1L

By Steve Duckett and Christian J. Jorgensen
Contributing Writers

Dear Mom:

Boy is law school great! You'll be happy to know I have survived by first two months of being what is known as a One-L. A One-L, in case you're wondering, is the law school equivalent of a freshman, or less.

First off, I'm going to be needing some extra cash. No bars here take credit cards. And all the reading I do has shot by eyes to hell, and if I'm going to maintain my dart skills I'll be needing some new glasses. Actually the reading isn't that much more than in undergrad, but see, in law school we actually do the reading.

What is it that I have committed myself to learning, you ask? Latin, lost of latin! Especially that *ignorantia legis neminem excusat*, but I heard it doesn't work well on exams. And that the former

Bears coach was not Polish, but Italian—Mike Dicta. Who knew?

We take four classes, five if you count Ethics. Criminal Law is interesting, but the only thing that is criminal is that it is at 8 a.m. I have yet to learn if a hangover is an applicable defense for missing class. In Contracts, Professor Smoot has taught us about good faith, promissory estoppel, and a 1963 Chateau Bordeaux stored at room temperature. Such a knowledge of fine wine makes one wonder about his extra-curricular activities. And then there is Civil Procedure. Words can not express the feelings for this class. In Legal Writing, we have caught up with our cross words, participate in vicious hangman and Tic Tac Toe tourneys. Hope they don't end up throwing the Bluebook at us!

Well, Ma, that's a "brief" of our first months of Law School. Sorry I gotta cut this short, but our fellow fiduciaries are waiting at Northside. ▲

VUSL Women Athletes Capture Campus Softball Championship Title

By Christine Cutter
Activities Editor

The law school women's softball team triumphantly completed an undefeated season last week. The law school challenged Kappa Sorority in a fierce battle for the title. Ending score was 16 something (we didn't want to look too obnoxious) to maybe 1 (we were good sports and believe in courtesy runs). Hot hitters of the game were: Ruth Batey, Heather Draves, Julie Dorn and Jen Samble. Other team members include: Cheryl Booth, Kim Borowiak, Christine Cutter, Anna DeVoy, Julie Dorn, Heather Draves, Heather McCleery, Julie Meer, Christine Piotrowski, Lisa Ravalli, and Nancy Stingle. The team would like to thank their loyal fan and team manager Alisa Rude.

The women's and men's flag football teams are also headed into final championship games, as well as the men's soccer team. Good luck to all participants.

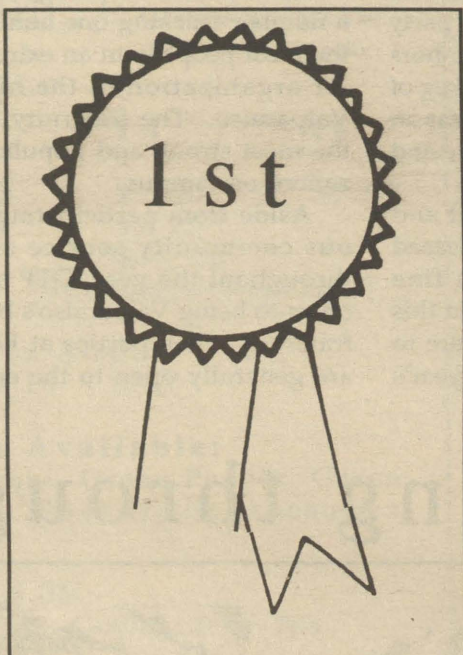
Current Intramural sign-ups:

Men and Women's Bowling-

Teams have been assigned. Check the bulletin board for list. If you are still interested it's not too late to participate. Let me know ASAP and I will place you on a team. Games will be played at Inman lanes. Playing schedule is not yet available. Check the intramurals board for details.

COED Volleyball-

The league has started but some teams still need additional players. Contact me ASAP if you would like to play. Alternates are welcome!



Women's Basketball-

contact me as soon as possible. Play begins in the next couple of weeks.

Men's Basketball-

sign up in teams of five on Intramural Board. League begins in November, ends for finals and picks up again next semester.

Monday Night Football-

Don't worry about signing up for this. "Ocean Spray" soft drinks is sponsoring this event. This is a co-ed table top football competition that is held every Monday night for 3 weeks. A big screen t.v. is provided so you can watch Monday Night Football as you play. The event occurs 7-9 p.m. in the West Hall of the student Union. Prizes are awarded and free Ocean Spray beverages are avail-



able throughout the evening. Winner of this competition will play in the Regional Championship held in Chicago. The local winner will also have an opportunity to enter the National Championship held in Miami and to the Super Bowl XXIX.

A reminder about Intramural Sports:

Teams that forfeit will have to pay \$5.00 to the intramural office. Forfeiting teams are not eligible for tournament play if the \$5.00 is not paid. This is a Valparaiso University Intramural rule in which they must strictly adhere in order to keep the leagues running smoothly. If you cannot play on your team please call your team captain AND find someone to replace you. Pretty easy stuff. Teams show up expecting to play. Thanks for cooperating! ▲

Disco takes Valpo by storm

By Christine Cutter
Activities Editor

Last Thursday if you noticed the smell of polyester, a couple leisure suits, some platform shoes and a lot of blue eye shadow—don't panic—a 70's fashion comeback is not hitting Valpo! (although many of you argue it never left) Regardless, these bell bottomed dudes and feathered hair gals were all headed to the SBA 70's Bash.

The best of the 70's in music and fashion were displayed by Valpo's own law students as they paraded to the home of Eric Baker, Ben Comer, Dave Hutson, and Dave Westerbeke. The only

requirement to get in to this "groovin'" party was some hot "threads." Hutson had the house shaking as he played favorite 70's LPs like Journey, the Bee Gees, ABBA and Led Zepplin. Even Professor Carter and Professor Brietzke showed up "late night" to check out the scene.

The law students provided quite a showcase of 70's fashions. Jeff Majerek stated he didn't have to dig deep into his closet to find appropriate attire for the evening.

This is the first law school social event 3L Majerek has attended and he said he had a blast! Majerek commented on the enthusiasm the students had in the event, the time they put into their costumes and collecting music. Many students commented on how well the evening was attended and planned. Kudos to you Dave Hutson (SBA social chairman) for the time you spent into creating such a successful evening!

I'd like to personally thank the people that commented on my atrocious looking dress. They asked which resale shop I scraped it up...I bought it last year for a wedding. Oops! Maybe I should stick that dress in the back of my closet for the next 70's wave.



One L's Pauly Rossi, Camile Waters, Kylie McDonald, and Laura Klug get ready to swing over to BinWilly's after the 70's bash.



Mr. & Mrs. Roper? No-- it's just Marc Pittinaro, 1L, and Jen Long, 2L.

The Forum, 1994

Wanted: Oversea Clerkship Participants

Paid training positions with law firms in Europe, Latin America, and the Far East are being made available in 1995 to recent law graduates by the Center for International Studies.

The internships include a monthly stipend sufficient to meet basic living costs. Participants may apply for terms of three, six or nine months. Internships may be commenced in any calendar month of 1995, except July or August.

English-speaking positions are available. Information regarding the internship program may be obtained from the Center for International Legal Studies, P.O. Box 19, A5033 Salzburg, Austria, Telefax (43 662) 432-628.▲

DTP welcomes 24 new members

by Justin Lebamoff

On Thursday, October 20, after a long and successful rush, the gregarious members of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity welcomed twenty-four new initiates to their ranks. The evening began with the new pledges being activated in a closed door, candle-lit ceremony in the Stride Courtroom, where fledgling brothers were introduced to the club's secret password and handshake for the first time. Immediately following the ceremony the 1Ls elected their representa-

tives to the fraternity's executive board.

Afterwards, current DTP members greeted the initiates at a private party replete with fine wine, fantastic hors d'oeuvre spreads, and requisite keg of beer. All agreed that the party was an unabashed success, truly a festive and friendly social occasion.

Bruce Parent, DTP President and roommate party-host, was pleased with the turn-out: "We got a fine group of aspiring attorneys again this year. The numbers don't compare to '92-'93, but then remember this year's

class has seventy less people than our class had."

The '92-'93 DTP pledge class, with a number reaching one hundred, had the most people join an extra-curricular organization in the history of Valparaiso. The fraternity is one of the most strong and popular organizations on campus.

Aside from participating in various community service activities throughout the year, DTP stakes its claim to being Valparaiso's best party fraternity. The parties at Flint Lake are generally open to the entire law

school and usually receive a tremendous amount of support.

The DTP experience is one that makes life in Valparaiso flow a bit more easily, one that creates the opportunity to socialize in an environment which is removed from the ominous spectre of casebooks and classes. DTP establishes future business contacts with fellow lawyers and allows its members to pillage the outline boxes at Speedy Printing.

DTP formally welcomes the new members to its fold. The years ahead are filled with good times for all! ▲

Toxic talk, wading through the mud

By Jeremy Sosin
Staff Writer

Last October 5th at 7:30PM, Oregon State Senator Peter Sorenson spoke to a dedicated group of environmentalists/soon to be lawyers. At the talk sponsored by the Midwestern Environmental Law Caucus, environmental jargon ruled the day. Senator Sorenson first fielded the questions of citizen enforcement of environmental regulations. To the environmental novice, the discussion produced many new acronyms that require their own table of abbreviations. CERCLA, RCRA, POTW, TSDFs, TSCA, OSHA, and SWDA to name a few. In the hope of opening the door for useful discussion of environmental topics, here is a basic tour of essential terms necessary for citizen enforcement of environmental regulations.

RCRA. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act was enacted in 1976 to create a scheme of regulating hazardous waste management from the cradle-to-the-grave. RCRA was designed to impose specific obligations on those who generate, transport, treat, store, or dispose hazardous waste. It is not self-implementing so it requires regulations that are to be enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency.

CERCLA. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, also known as Superfund was enacted in 1980. The Superfund started with

\$1.6 billion that was earmarked to pay for cleaning up hazardous spills and disposal areas. The Act specifies that the known responsible parties are liable for reimbursing the fund for all cleaning expenses and may, themselves, be ordered to clean it up. CERCLA is retroactive so it can be applied to all hazardous areas, regardless of when they were created.

RCRA and CERCLA, unfortunately, require additional enforcement in the law. All parties dealing with hazardous materials are bound to a non-discretionary duty to comply to the regulations. This does not always

occur so citizen enforcement becomes an integral part to environmental regulation enforcement. Sorenson specified that these suits need to disclose violations that occur on an on-going basis that either exceeds permitted discharge or fails to gain authorization, at all. If the EPA does, in fact, designate an area for Superfund clean-up, then the enforcement process begins with notice to all parties that may be responsible for the violations.

Both RCRA and CERCLA are supposed to provide laws that will ensure that the environment gets cleaned up and stays clean. But, as Sorenson pointed out, enforcement is difficult. In order for these regula-

tions to be followed, someone needs to act as a watch-dog for violations and to report them. Generally, it takes more than just reporting the violation to get the ball rolling. Sorenson suggests that all environmental litigation should vigorously include citizen's fees, because otherwise, citizens will not have the resources necessary to enforce the regulations. In the alternative, he believes that there must be governmental enforcement of its own regulations, if there is to be significant progress for protecting the environment.

One difficulty with environmental jargon is that it seems very removed. But, as MELC vice-president John Prokos believes, it is important to think globally, but act locally. Touting this truly important maxim, he suggests local recycling. At the same time, he cautions that in order for recycling to be effective, people need to separate their regular trash from the recyclables. In addition, Prokos encourages everyone to participate in the MELC Auction to be held at the SBA Halloween Party on Thursday October 27. Be sure to bring your checkbook to insure your bids.

Senator Sorenson finished his talk with a quote from Mark Twain. Don't let your schooling get in the way of your education! With this in mind, Sorenson suggests that we all work to learn more about how we can affect environmental issues and force the action. ▲



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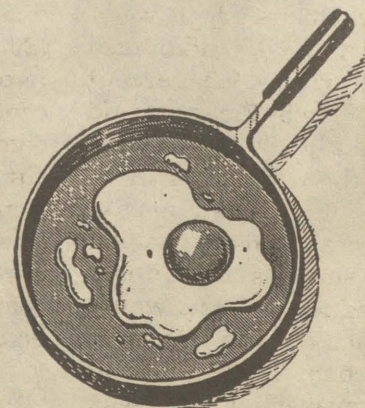
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Students say yes to campus housing

By Michele R. Murrin
Staff Writer

Most 2Ls probably remember the student housing survey which was distributed last year in Dean Gaffney's Ethics class. This is because 176 people in the first-year class responded to the 3-page questionnaire, asking questions from where do you live to would an enclosed parking garage be important to you? Interest in the survey, entitled "VUSL law students want more, better housing — truth or myth?", seemed to disappear as fast as the pencils were collected. Although plans for development are on hold, the results of the survey are not shelved. Here are the results.

First of all, the 176 people represented 33 percent of last year's 535 total student body. The primary question was whether students wanted the university to build additional housing. Although 81.3 percent responded yes, only 59.7 percent said that they would actually live on campus even if it were cheaper or as affordable as off-campus housing. Another interesting statistic was that 81.3 percent of students thought that campus housing for students would make Valparaiso a more attractive law school selection. The 81.3 percent also stated that availability of housing had no impact on their decision to attend. If something definitely would be built, virtually no one (1.1 percent)

was interested in dormitory-style housing, but most students (95.4 percent) were in favor of apartments. In addition, although 28.4 percent of people surveyed were not happy with the current on-campus housing options, 58.5 percent said that they were happy with off-campus options.

Over half of law students surveyed say they would live on-campus if it was cheaper than living in a private apartment and that coin-operated laundry machines are important.

Other tidbits include: The largest percentage of people lived in one-bedroom apartments off campus (26.7 percent), closely followed by two-bedroom off campus (19.3 percent). Least popular were rooms or studios off-campus (6.3 percent). Not surprisingly, sound control was a high priority (81.8 percent). This however was beat out by the most important factor to students: common coin-operated laundry facilities (83.5 percent).

Then there were the students' written comments. An overwhelming theme was that students were not interested in any development that would increase tuition. However,

one person did indicate that it would be okay as long as drinking rights were maintained. One serious concern was the problem of one-year leases, common to almost all complexes and many privately-owned apartments, which was particularly vexing. There was some concern that it was not good to be in a law environment all of the time. This was seconded by another student's succinct comment, "I spend enough time with these people."

What people may not remember is that the survey was not attempted for the first time on January 11. Maggie Aguilar, Director of Marking at the law school, tried to circulate the questions in the atrium on November 10, 1993. Student reaction to that survey was extremely low. According to M.B. Lavezzorio, Director of Admissions and Student Relations, it was necessary to use the ethics class as a captive audience. She stressed that the lack of interest was very frustrating and that she began to wonder if housing was a significant issue after all.

Dorothy Smith, Vice President for Business Affairs at the university, was indicated as the "holder of the purse strings" for the project. MS. Smith indicated that the survey was done in response to Dean Gaffney's desire to have housing near Wesemann Hall. She explained that it is part of his dream of having a law school community patterned after a

campus in Ireland which impressed him. According to Ms. Smith, there are two properties owned by the university that are located nearby the law school. One is what Ms. Smith referred to as the "leisure property," or the underdeveloped parcel located directly across from the school. The other is a vacant square on Union Street, which the university recently cleared of run-down apartments. Although there are no utilities to the leisure tract, the parcel on Union is ready for hook-up. Ms. Smith indicated that a contractor from Illinois did its own analysis of need and for profit potential. It concluded that it could not get its money out of it — even if the university provided the land and assured that it would be kept occupied. A second firm from Indianapolis, which was considering building modular-type housing, was very interested. It also looked at the prospects.

After completion of the January 11 survey, the results were reported to the university Board of Directors. Afterward, the second contractor dropped out, stating that there was no profit in it. Ms. Smith explained that although the university was not looking for a profit in the venture, it is not interested in subsidizing it either. Therefore, the plans remain on the shelf. ▲

Forum funding reauthorized by SBA

By Christopher Hedges
News Editor

Perennial SBA funding problems led to the reintroduction of a motion to fund four fall issues of the *FORUM* after the SBA treasurer told SBA representatives that the unspoken intent of an earlier motion to fund four issues was actually to fund three fall issues and one spring issue of the paper.

SBA treasurer Daryl Witherspoon notified *FORUM* staff members last month that the first issue would not be paid for by the SBA when a printing bill was submitted to the SBA because of a secret agreement made between Witherspoon and Ed Hearn, managing editor.

Hearn said there was no agreement to pay for the first issue from *FORUM* funds.

The *FORUM* maintains a fund comprised of advertising revenues to take care of emergency expenses, such as computer and printer repairs. According to the budget proposal submitted by the *FORUM* to the SBA, the paper's fund was low in funds.

The decision to not fund the first issue was made by Witherspoon, he said, because the paper's fall budget had not been approved at the time the issue was printed.

Historically, the paper has been funded retroactively by the SBA, according to former SBA Treasurer Casey McCloskey, who was at the meeting between Witherspoon and the *FORUM*.

A *FORUM* funding request to secure funding to pay for four fall issues of the paper presented to the SBA in early September was approved one day before the bill for the first paper was presented to the SBA for payment.

Witherspoon said the motion to fund four issues that was approved by the SBA in September was made with the unspoken intent to fund three fall and one spring issue. Witherspoon said the intent of funding the first spring issue was made out of concern that the *FORUM* would not have funding for the second semester's first issue.

After a rescission of the original budget motion to fund four issues, the SBA voted to fund four issues, pending a "full accounting" by the *FORUM* to the SBA.

The SBA denied a motion to fund a spring issue of the paper. Last year, the *FORUM*'s funding was temporarily halted because the SBA wanted more accountability from the *FORUM*, said Mike Thompson, *FORUM* editor emeritus. The SBA called for the accounting in early 1994 because the *FORUM* was bringing in advertising revenue and had opened a checking account in a local bank, said Thompson. The paper used advertising revenue to fund 55 percent of the newspaper's cost last year.

The funding issues were resolved between the *FORUM* and the SBA after agreements to communicate and provide regular reports on spending were made, said Thompson.

SBA constitution up for vote soon

By Gary Shupe
Staff Writer

The SBA Constitution will be put to a vote in the upcoming weeks.

As there will be revisions or amendments to the existing constitution, the SBA is required to hold an election in which the student body will vote to approve or deny the requested changes. The process, as you might expect, is not as simple as that.

First, the SBA Constitution Committee must discuss and decide to propose changes to the present constitution. Once changes are agreed upon, the constitution is sent to Deans Gaffney and Vandercoy for review and comment. A copy of the constitution is forwarded from the Dean's Office to the office of the University's Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Vice President for Academic Affairs suggests any needed alterations that will bring the constitution in line with University policy. Last year Academic Affairs suggested changes in language it thought could be interpreted as gen-

der discriminatory.

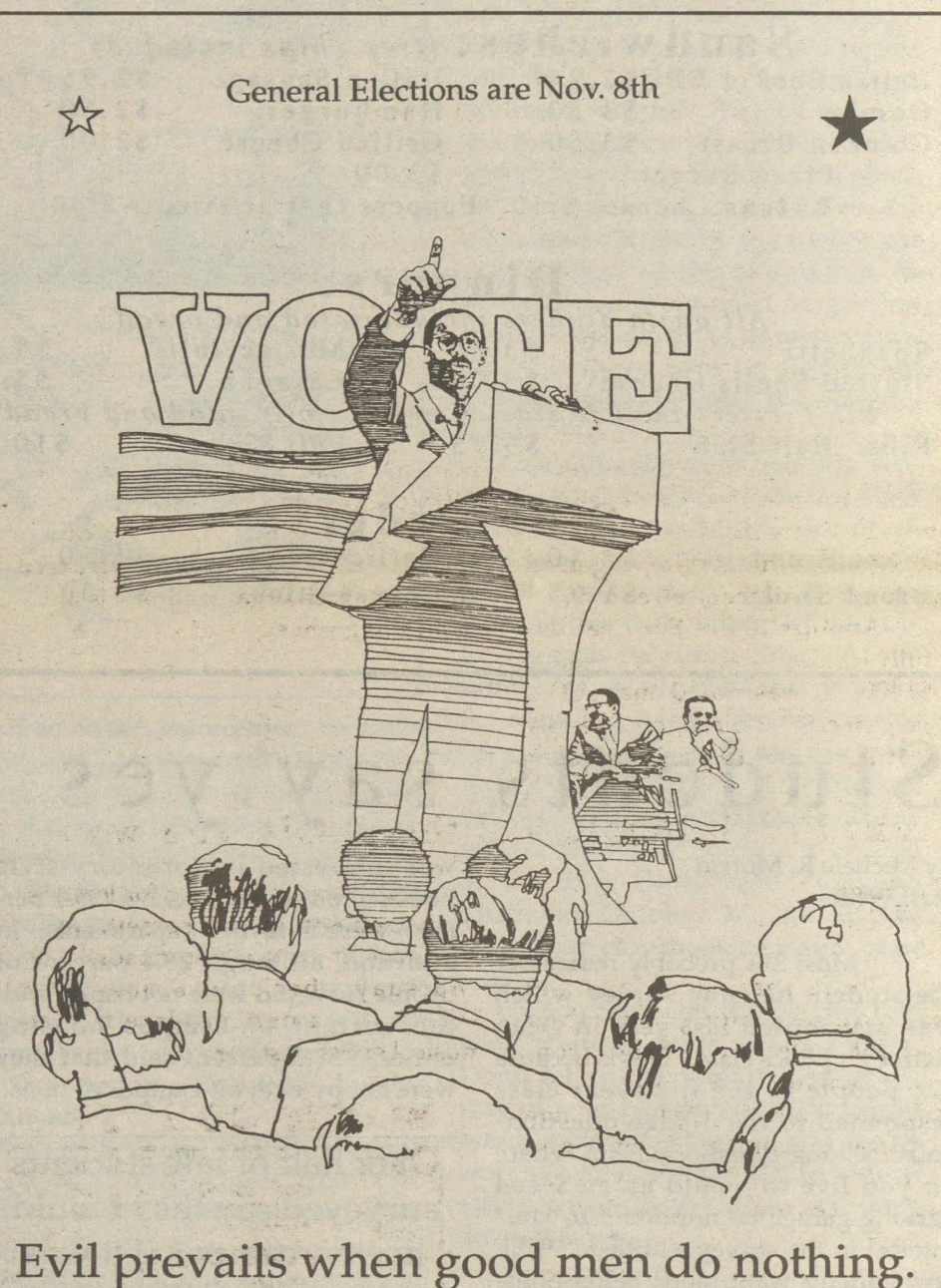
All the while this is occurring, the proposed constitution is posted for viewing by the student body for a period of ten days.

Students will approve any changes to the SBA constitution.

The full SBA then votes to accept, modify, or reject the committee proposals and comments from the Dean's Office and Academic Affairs.

When this phase is complete, the proposed constitution finally comes to the student body for a vote. Both the old and the proposed constitution will be on display near the polling area for student reference.

Presently, the proposed constitution is about to emerge from the committee. ▲



Inns of Court offer chance to meet lawyers

By Laurie Green
Staff Writer

The American Inns of Court is a national organization which has been in existence for ten years. As of 1993, the organization had 219 local chapters, including one here in Porter County. And, according to the President of the national Inns, the number continues to grow.

In June of this year, the Inns had their tenth annual meeting in Washington, D.C. It was a three day affair which attracted United States Attorney General Janet Reno, current Supreme Court Associate Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Anthony Kennedy as well as a host of other nationally prominent judges, lawyers

and law professors.

So what exactly is the "Inns of Court"? It is, in essence, a professional organization made up of judges, lawyers, law professors and law students. The goal of the group is to improve the legal profession by providing educational programs as well as practice and networking opportunities. The local groups meet once a month for nine months and each month some group within the larger chapter is responsible for the presentation of a program on any one of a variety of topics. The topics are varied, as indicated from this list of program award winners from Inns across the country: "L.A. Law on Trial," "Are Ethical Attorneys an Endangered Species?", "The Use and

Abuse of Demonstrative Evidence", and "Invading the Sanctity of the Jury Room".

The Inns considers it's interests to be "Legal Excellence, Civility, Professionalism and Ethics" and is increasingly interested in expanding its involvement with law schools across the country. In fact, according to an item in *The Benchler*, the Inns' national newsletter, the national organization recently received preliminary funding to expand services to law schools. A three year, \$210,000 grant has come, via the LCP (Lawyers Cooperative Publishing), to expand programming to local Inns affiliated with law schools, as well as to provide expanded resource material to those law school libraries.

Valpo law professors Ivan Bodensteiner and Ruth Vance are members of the local Inns chapter. Professor Bodensteiner suggests that student membership is both an excellent learning tool and a good networking opportunity. He particularly suggests that such membership would be valuable to students who plan to stay in this geographic area after graduation.

For students interested in learning more, Heidi B. Jark, Esq., of Hoepfner, Wagner & Evans here in Valparaiso, is the contact person for the local chapter. And, of course, Professors Bodensteiner and Vance are right upstairs... ▲

Baldwin Hall to be razed

By Michele R. Murrin
Staff Writer

It seems inevitable that the familiar view from the library windows of the red brick building with the white lattice trim will soon be a memory. Baldwin Hall is to be demolished after construction of the new Center for Visual and Performing Arts, which is expected to be completed some time this Spring. According to Dorothy Smith, Vice President for Business Affairs for Valparaiso University, the demolition could be as soon as this Summer in order to minimize inconvenience to students and to protect their safety. Ms. Smith explained how this decision came about. The university President, Alan Harre, appointed a committee to investigate the uses of the many university-owned buildings. This was done in anticipation of changes resulting from departments moving from old buildings into the new arts center.

The committee concluded

that DeMotte Hall, also adjacent to the law school, should remain "as is." Presently such departments as psychology, communications and theater use space in the building. In addition, there is an after-school program for children and offices for professors needing work space while on sabbatical. Future plans include providing a room for telemarketing to be used for fundraising purposes. DeMotte was found to be well-constructed and also contains the furnace that heats other buildings such as Moody Labs and Heritage Hall. Ms. Smith indicated that, although a new heating plant could be constructed to serve these buildings, it was not considered economically feasible.

Baldwin Hall, which currently houses the art department, was not found to be structurally sound. When asked if there was any possibility of restoring it, Ms. Smith said there was not. Regarding what will be done with the future vacant land, there are no plans for new construction. ▲

Students' petitions

for classes go unanswered

By Ed Hearn
Managing Editor

Recently, several students passed around petitions for two new classes next semester. The motivation behind the petitions is an interest in International Law developed while taking the currently offered course International Environmental Law from Professor Sudhir Chopra, J.D. Northwestern 1989, L.L.M. 1979, L.L.B., 1976.

The petitions were directed to the curriculum committee comprised of Professors Moskowitz, Potts, Vance, Lind, and Vandercoy as well as third-year Kevin Sprecher who is also a voting member of the committee. The petitions proposed two new classes, Biology and the Law and International Law of the Sea. The petitions contained approximately fifty signatures on each of them.

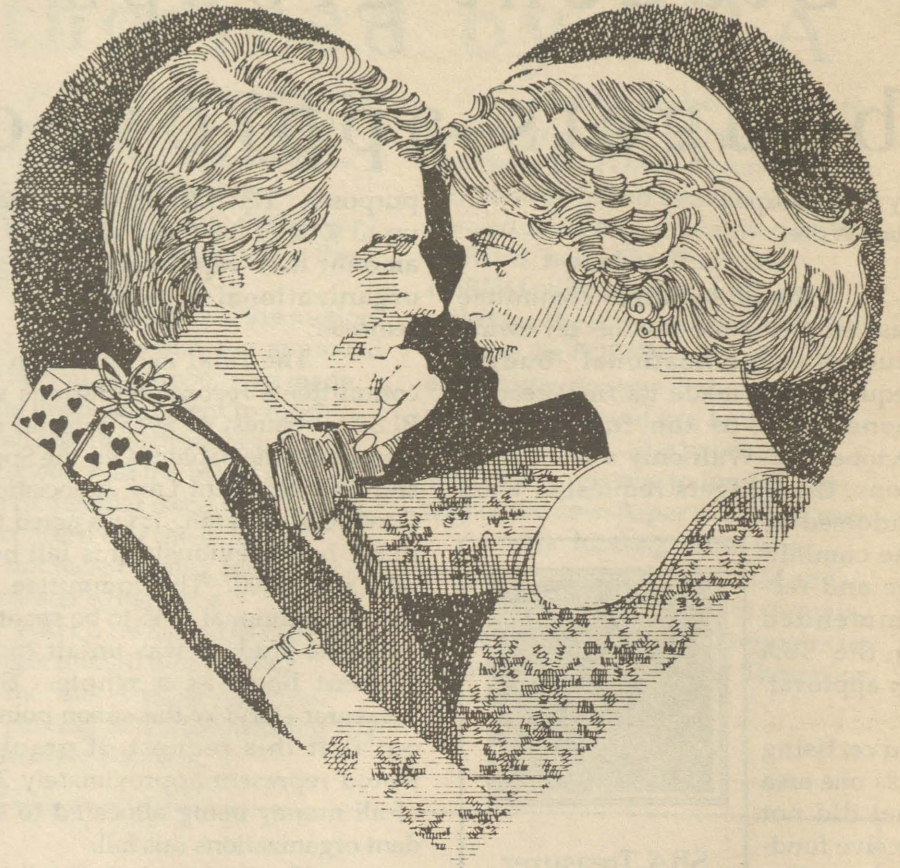
However, the Curriculum Committee voted unanimously to table consideration of these classes which would be taught by Professor Chopra. The Committee cited the failure to indicate the number of credit hours and sufficient information on the material of the courses notwithstanding the fact that the petitions

themselves indicated to a reasonable degree of certainty the proposed content of the courses.

Should both of these courses fail to be approved by the faculty, it is feared that Professor Chopra will be unable to remain as a faculty member in the spring. Consequently, several students who have indicated an interest in pursuing Independent Study with Professor Chopra will be unable to do so.

One student in Professor Chopra's course is interested in developing the paper he has written in the International Environmental Law course into publishable form and has indicated that he will be unable to do so if Professor Chopra does not remain with the School of Law in the spring to assist him in that endeavor.

The failure to act by the curriculum committee will make scheduling difficult for those students interested in these classes or those interested in Independent Study with Professor Chopra since registration packets will be passed out in less than one week on November 1. ▲



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