Student groups' bulletin boards vandalized

By Gary Shupe
News Editor

Two student organizations espousing sometimes controversial opinions found their boards vandalized recently.

The Federalist Society and Jus Vitae were singled out in the attacks by persons unknown.

Laura Dooley awarded professorship

By Tony Pearson
Staff Writer

Laura Dooley has taken another significant step in her journey that has taken her from student to Assistant Professor.

Professor Dooley is her inaugural speech before the University’s faculty body. This speech will eventually be published in the VUSL law review (in case you don’t get invited to hear it live).

Some students cheered, others sat or stood silently watching, as the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial was read. Simpson was acquitted by a California jury on murder charges.

Supermajority required by SBA when funding student groups

By Gary Shupe
News Editor

The Student Bar Association is requiring a supermajority before a student organization’s funding can be approved after coming from the Budget Committee.

This means that every proposal from a student organization must receive two-thirds of the votes of the SBA members present at the meeting to succeed.

The SBA Constitution does not demand this heightened standard, but rather this is a procedural rule that has been in effect for some time, said Mike Glisson, SBA treasurer.

Glisson said that the two-thirds majority approach generally has not presented problems and was a “conservative approach” to the budget process.

A recent budget proposal showed that this standard can be difficult to meet. Jus Vitae presented a budget proposal to the full SBA for a vote during this year’s budgeting process.

On the first vote, the motion garnered 60 percent of the vote; not enough to pass the 66 percent requirement. On the second round of voting, the group received 63 percent of the vote, but still failed. On the third vote, after about an hour of sometimes heated discussion, and a reduction in the budget request by half, Jus Vitae’s budget was passed.

This year, the SBA changed the voting requirements to allow faculty representatives to vote at meetings after the SBA constitution was ratified last year.

Employees hired to fill CS, Financial Aid positions

By Gary Shupe
News Editor

The Financial Aid Department and Career Services are hiring new personnel to fill vacant positions.

Kimberly Jenkins, a former director of community service alliances at Waynesburg College, was hired to staff the Financial Aid Department at the law school.

“I am working to be proficient in my new position,” said Jenkins. She will be at the school about 20 hours a week and has tentative plans to be available Monday through Thursday in the mornings and Monday and Wednesday in the afternoons until 3:30 p.m.

Jenkins encourages students to stop by the office and will be posting her office hours shortly.

Career Services is in the process of hiring an Assistant Director who will assist in career counseling, marketing, visiting firms and perform tasks similar to Director Gail Peshel’s.

There was the feeling among the law school dean that additional assistance was needed in the Career Services office, Peshel said.

With the addition of the assistant director, there will be a third person available to help students in the Career Services office.

Applications of the job are being accepted until October 20 and interviews will follow.

Students should not be hesitant in seeking help from Career Services, Peshel added.

New Admissions Director, Anne Levinson-Penway will begin her job October 9.

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**Thanks to all who have contributed**

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the little things. Especially when time is short and the "to do list" is long.

It's especially easy to forget to thank people for their hard work and efforts to help out. Everyone at The Forum would like to take a short moment and thank everyone who has put time and effort into helping to produce the paper this semester. Despite a busy school calendar filled with papers, work, and other activities, your hard work and dedication to contributing to the paper has filled the pages of The Forum with many quality articles and photographs.

We still have many more issues coming out this semester, but it seems appropriate to give credit where the credit is due — to the contributors. Keep up the good work!

**Argue, don't vandalize**

Two student organizations had their bulletin boards vandalized by the hands of unknown students. This is an unacceptable situation — especially at a law school teaching students to enter a profession that is based completely on the competition of ideas and theories. If one disagrees with something that one reads or views on a bulletin board, one is encouraged to speak with the student group leader. Better yet, you obtain bulletin board space from the Student Bar Association and refuse every argument the other group makes — maybe start the Anti-Federalists. Out, write a letter to the editor with your viewpoint.

We have a certain level of professional conduct that we have to maintain. We can't squash on Supreme Court reporters when we disagree with a case. We can't scrawl on a judge's bench when he or she rules against us.

What we can do is to argue the merits of whatever we are arguing about in a calm and professional way. This is the best way to combat those with whom you disagree.

**Dialogue begins here**

While we are thanking people in this editorial, it is nice to see people using the pages of The Forum as their forum to debate the issues of concern at the law school. We are open to all points of view on any issue that law students might want to read about. It is gratifying to see the debate of the day going on here in such a way that all students can participate in a meaningful way that might actually make a difference in the areas of concern.

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**CONTRA MUNDUM**

**By Felix Sternfels**

**Beijing barbarism**

What type of convention can you go to and sit in on workshops entitled "Lesbian Flirtation techniques" and "The Role of Inflatable Plastic Dolls in Improving Health?" No, it's not the annual cross dressing convention in New York. It's the UN's conference on women held last month in Beijing, China. In case you missed it, don't worry, because the goal of the conference was to have each country go back and implement "The Plan," so these workshops may be coming to a school near you. I just wonder what the field trips will be like?

If you are asking what any of this has to do with women in the world, you are not alone. What was billed as a women's conference turned into a week long exhibition on pelvic obsession.

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Not to be outdone was the South African delegation, led by Winnie Mandela, who was also left holding their lunch buckets. Unlike their American counterparts, however, who stood quietely, Winnie's spoke man demanded immediate justice. This was not considered proper protocol to the Chinese, so Winnie's crew was forced to miss some of the festivities.

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All the proms were taken care of, however, by the time Mrs. Clinton showed up to lend her expertise. Her speech drew world wide accolades for its bit of substance to her speech, Hillary did say that women have always been human beings. I think with that profound statement, General Boutros Boutros-Ghali should have called a halt to the conference and sent all of the delegates packing for home to ponder the First Lady's wisdom.

The charade didn't end when Hillary left. Anytime a woman from a Muslim, Catholic or Third World country stood up to speak on the importance of the family and the rights of parents in the lives of their children, they were either laughed or shouted at by the European or American delegations. When a mother from Honduras stood up asking that the documents on sex education include parental rights, she was told by a European delegate to sit down, as she said the UN doesn't set "moral guidelines." She's right, they only set immoral ones!

One final example of how ridiculous this conference turned out to be is the concluding document on women's health. The leading killer of women in the world is malaria and the second is tuberculosis. These were only mentioned twice in the final draft. But AIDS was mentioned four times. With that came the perennial call for more contraceptives, because that is the only logical way to prevent the spread of the disease.

Not only was this conference a joke, but it was a slap in the face to women around the world. How generous the First World countries were to make abortion, sterilization, and contraception a right to be enjoyed by all women, along with giving young women a right to "reproductive freedom," even over the objections of their parents. The breakdown of the family has now gone global, and instead of trying to put it back together, the barbarians of Beijing want to keep the downfall going.
Robust debate vital to society

To the Editor:

In response to the Dean’s Letter in the last issue, the ACLU encourages the Federalist Society, and all student groups, to display any and all materials that they believe express their views.

Of course, the Dean does not disagree with freedom of speech, but he does urge that taste, consideration of others, and respect be exercised when expressing opinions.

This is clearly wise advice, but it begs three questions: How can someone be a tasteful bigot, how can someone express their bigotry towards others without hurting feelings, and how much respect must we show towards the deeply held bigotry of others? There is no intelligent or nice way to be a bigot. Isn’t it preferable that the Federalists be honest about their political opinions? A statement such as “we hate queers” is far stronger and more direct than “homosexuality disturbs us.”

Although the latter is more “politically correct,” it does not have the same spirit as the former. It may be offensive, but at least it is accurate. Everyone is better off when the issue is plainly stated. In this way you know to what you are agreeing, disagreeing, or ignoring.

Controversy is not bad on general grounds. It is not controversy and open differences that threaten our country. They are its greatest safeguards. Hostility towards groups in our classes outraged so that we may debate intelligently.

If the opinions of the Federalist Society annoy you, then argue with them. Members of this group are in your classes and think evil is a driving force behind robust debate. It is an essential part of democracy that we should extend toleration to dissenting groups, however small and however much our sentiments may be outraged. If we honestly cherish free speech, it is necessary to endure having our sentiments outraged so that we may debate intelligently.

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Michael van Zalingen
Chair, Valpo Law School
Indiana Civil Liberties Union
Via Email

Congress should not abandon poor in debate over funding legal services

An occupational hazard of being a law school dean is that I have to put up a lot of lawyer jokes. The latest one I heard asks how many lawyers it takes to change a light bulb. Answer: how many lawyers can you afford? Lawyer jokes aside, is any of us really so cynical that we are willing to cast aside our society’s aspiration to “equal justice under law” (to use the words over the front door of the Supreme Court)? To put flesh on the question, if a landlord who has abused the law is going to evict a poor person improperly, should not that poor person have a champion at court to protect his rights? In short, who of us really wants legal services to be cut off for poor people?

Not too long ago there was a Renaissance of interest in what historians refer to as “republican virtue.” The term is not partisan, but refers to the commitment to the commonwealth manifested by our extraordinary leaders in the early formative years of the republic. A generous critic of the 104th Congress might concede that its intentions with respect to the republic are honorable, but the public virtue of the reigning Republicans is coming cleaner as its members exercise the power of the purse, putting our money where their mouth is. Last summer Congress held hearings on whether to continue public funding for the Legal Services Corporation, the federal agency that provides attorneys for poor people in civil cases. The House wants to dissolve the agency and end funding in two years. The legislation is still stalled in the Senate. I hope that the Senate does not eliminate this vital federal program. If you agree, I hope you will write to your Senators and let them know your position.

And if the Congress agrees to kill LSC, I hope that President Clinton will veto the legislation. For the business of cutting federal funds to LSC is a matter of public justice. When we negate the public commitment of the last 30 years to provide access to the justice system for the poorest of our poor, it goes to the core of our self-understanding as a community.

The principles that were urged in favor of government funding for lawyers for poor people back in the 1960s need rearticulation and clarification. No matter how the debate over funding the National Endowment for the Arts turns out, the terms of the debate over funding LSC are really different. One cannot avoid public, or societal responsibility for the fair operation of the court system, which has always been regarded as a central function of the government. Since no one is seriously proposing the privatization of the judiciary, it follows that access to the machinery of justice should be available to all, not just to those who are wealthy enough to buy it. The rich and powerful have enough advantages as it is, without giving them monopoly control over the justice system.

In fairness to the leadership in this Congress, though, they have a point in looking to the States and to the private sector to do a lot of the things we used to think the federal government should do. The principle of subsidiarity embedded in the Tenth Amendment suggests that we should not insist that the national government should alone be responsible for providing some sort of level playing field in the justice system. But the federal government has never borne that responsibility exclusively. For example, lawyers have for decades given generously of their time to provide free legal services, and all lawyers should renew their own commitment to republican virtue on this score. The license that we receive to practice law entails a high moral obligation to provide the full benefit of our services to those who cannot afford to pay us a fee.

Several law schools—ours was one of the first in the country to lead legal education in this direction—now require their students to engage in pro bono advocacy as part of their formation as lawyers. Here at Valpo, moreover, we put our money where our mouth is. We offer summer grants to 2Ls who are willing to take a public service job, and we offer grants to graduating students who are willing to commit at least two years of their lives in public service, including the provision of legal aid to poor people.

These actions and other programs of the organized bar are all desirable and appropriate. But private sector voluntarism does not absolve the larger political community of our social obligation to the poor. To use a technical term from tort law, we all have a duty of care. Neither members of the legal profession nor members of Congress should abandon the poor.

Quote of the Week

"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."

Proverbs 3:27
**Health Law to sponsor law panel**

By Kristen Fox  
Health Law Association  
**Via Email.**

The Health Law Association will be sponsoring a panel discussion on Thursday, November 2, 1995 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Tabor classroom (D163) of the Wesemann Law Building. Invited speakers will discuss careers in health law and will entertain any questions. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**ICLU to host CLE on suing state and local governments**  
By Chuck Parkinson  
VU Indiana Civil Liberties Union  
**Via Email.**

The Valparaiso Chapter of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union is hosting a Continuing Legal Education video replay of a seminar on suing state and local governments. The program will be here Saturday October 21, at 9:00 a.m. and will run all day until 5:30 p.m. in Ulbricht (Rm. B). This is a CLE seminar, but law students and faculty will not be eligible to attend.

Anyone with questions about the seminar may contact Chuck Parkinson, locker #286, or Professor Bodenstein.

**Join DTP for a hayride Oct. 12**

DTP Report

Join DTP for a hayride on Oct. 12! The price for the hayride is $5 per person but the beer, snacks and bonfire are free. After the hayride there will be a party in the barn. Everyone is invited. Don’t miss out. Get in the fall spirit.

Sign-ups are in the atrium Oct, 2 through Oct. 12. Payment in advance to reserve your ticket.

**Jus Vitae information week**

**Jus Vitae Report.**

Jus Vitae announces its Information Week for Oct. 16-19 in the law atrium.

Monday: Bake sale at 10 a.m. in the atrium — buy fast because it won’t last. Chapel Break video, Abortion Questions and Answers. Dr. John C. Willke, M.D., puts religion and morality aside to answer abortion questions with scientific and legal facts. Video encore at 4 p.m. in Hessler Seminar Room C.

Tuesday: Taco Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in the atrium. Chapel Break video, Abortion Providers, former abortion providers tell their stories about why they became involved in the abortion business and why they eventually left. Video encore at 4 p.m. in Hessler Seminar Room C.

Wednesday: Pizza Sale at 11:30 a.m. in the atrium. Chapel Break video, Abortion Malpractices, this ten minute video could change your legal practice forever! Video encore at 4 p.m. in Hessler-Seminar Room C.

Thursday: Chapel Break video, Eclipse of Reason, actor Charlton Heston has urged the media to inform the public on the abortion issue by using this video. This film documents the intra-uterine life of a little boy at 5 months of age as seen through a camera placed inside the pregnant uterus. Riveting images of a late abortion are then shown with a camera inside and outside the uterus. Video encore at 4 p.m. in Hessler Seminar Room C.

Guest Speaker Dr. Frederick Wilhelmson will discuss The Family Basis of Existence in Government and Society. Dr. Wilhelmson is a Professor of Politics and Philosophy at the University of Dallas. Tabor Classroom A at 6:30 p.m.

Friday: Chapel Break video, The Brutal Truth, focuses on the brutality and injustice that non-violent pro-life rescuers face, yet is ignored by the national news media. Video encore at 4 p.m. in Hessler Seminar Room C.

**CROSSW RD® Crossword**

Edited by Stan Chess  
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**SELA announces: Field trip to the Football College Hall of Fame**

Saturday, October 21  
Van leaves at 10:45 a.m.  
Cost is free to SELA members, $4.00 for others  
Registration in the atrium continues until Oct 21  
Transportation provided by a University van
Protection of colors: topic of IPLA speaker

Nanette Norton from the Discovery Zone to speak about protection of trademarks

By Tracy Reilly

The Intellectual Property Law Association proudly welcomes Ms. Nanette Norton to Valparaiso University School of Law to host a discussion of the protection of colors in Trademark Law. If time permits, Ms. Norton will also discuss the registration and protection of families of trademarks. Ms. Norton's presentation will take place on October 24, 1995 at 4:30 p.m. in the Pelzer classroom.

Ms. Norton has worked as Corporate Counsel at the headquarters of Discovery Zone in Chicago, where she managed all domestic and international intellectual property matters, including registration of patents, copyrights and trademarks, and prosecution and defense of infringement actions. Ms. Norton was also a Trademark and Copyright Associate at Bell, Boyd & Lloyd in Chicago for three years prior to her work at Discovery Zone.

Faculty, students and friends are all invited to attend the discussion, which will last until approximately 5:30 p.m. Everyone is also invited to attend a reception for Ms. Norton which will be held immediately afterward in the Atrium.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
By Renee S. George
SBA President

Much planned for fall

Once again, coming to you with more news from the desk of Renee S. George. Wow, it's amazing, we're past the half way mark for the semester—5 weeks until Thanksgiving break. Finals are coming! Ugh!! Don't worry, S.B.A. and the Student Organizations are still planning many types of activities, fundraisers and community services for October and November. So, you can relieve stress, do some Christmas shopping and help the community all at the same time.

Remember in the second issue of the Forum I told you that S.B.A. will have a calendar listing all the events? Well, it's here and it's displayed on the bulletin board near the S.B.A. office. If you are a member of an Organization and you want to post an event for the month, please notify myself or Bart Arnold and we will write it on the BJI calendar.

A few of the Student Organizations have given me some dates and events that I will share with you now because you don't want to miss these:

- Phi Delta Phi is having its annual Community Service Week October 16th thru the 20th. This is their 126th year and their goal is to put in at least 126 hours of service. In conjunction with this week they will be selling ice cream October 17th.
- Sweetest Day is coming up, so look for BLSA because they will be having a Sweetest Day sale for all busy law students who don't have time to go shopping for their sweetie. Now you don't have an excuse.
- Thursday, October 12, DTP legal fraternity has planned a "Big Party at the Barn." For only $5 you get to go on a hay ride, sit by a bon fire, eat, drink and have a good time. Pay your money now and don't miss out.

It's October, and you know what that means—HALLOWEEN!! S.B.A.'s social committee is busy planning the big halloween party, the date will either be Thursday, October 27, or Tuesday, October 31, Halloween Night! We will keep you posted because you definitely don't want to miss this big event.

Homecoming weekend was a hit here on our law school campus. The big weekend kicked off with the annual Cardozo Cup at Kirchoff Park. What a great time, faculty beat the 2Ls something fierce, but that's okay because the 2Ls have another chance, the 3Ls on the other hand is a different story. The new academic year will start this fall and the 2Ls beat the 3Ls. Thanks to the social committee and others for a job well done.

Homecoming weekend continued on Saturday with the Alumni Lunch held in the Student Lounge. This was the best turn out that Alumni Affairs has ever had for homecoming. It was nice to see that some students did take advantage of the free lunch and the networking. There were a number of alumni who were amazed at the changes that have occurred over the years, many of them haven't visited the law school for years. It was nice to see that everyone enjoyed Homecoming 1995.

That's all I have for this week's issue of the Forum. Don't forget to check out the new S.B.A. calendar and all the events planned for October. Until next time — Bye.

Next Forum deadline: October 26
What's on the World Wide Web?

Pick up any magazine or newspaper these days and the World Wide Web will likely fall out and smash your foot. The Web is being talked about everywhere, and it seems as if everyone is becoming a part of it. Considering the number and variety of websites out there, right now the weight of the Web is beyond calculation, which means, to extend the analogy, you had better move it or lose it. You can access the Web in the law library with Netscape Navigator at the terminal on the main floor.

The attraction of the World Wide Web is its potential of multimedia capabilities, which allow anyone with a multimedia computer and a modem to look, listen to, and interact with another person's presentation. And presentation is the operative word. Webpages are often filled with outstanding graphics, photos, and sometimes sound bites. The webpage allows anyone with the right connections to publish their message in style. While libraries offer links to other sites of interest, their primary purpose, it seems, is to just make the authors known. The type of sites range from personal pages, which show baby pictures and say nothing more than this person exists, to commercial pages selling anything and everything.

The style of the Web is relatively new. Last year you probably couldn't find sound bites, or too many live pictures from Mitterand's Pyramid at the Louvre in Paris. The fundamental element of the Web, however, remains the same: Information. Well, this may not be true; it seems there has been an increase of information on the Web by a magnitude of ten or more. The primary beneficiary of this vast increase in knowledge, and the way in which it is conveyed, is the lawyer. No kidding! Do any search of the Web and you will find that the terms Law, Lawyer or Legal produce the longest list of sites. And, at present there is very little regulation. Legal ethic scholars take notice!

Law firms are placing home pages on the Web in vast numbers every day. Most seem to advertise their services in specific areas of law, such as international business transactions, patent, and trademark. But many offer fundamental information in certain areas with links to obscure organizations and private on-line libraries, making them a good source of research in some instances. The American Bar Association (http://www.abanet.org) is now on-line, as are a few sites that cater to public and private legal services. For example, check out The Crossroads (http://seam­less.com/road.html), a comprehensive list legal services and law firms on the net. Recently, the virtual library has grown to maturity. These databases are often a combination of Website, Gophersite, and FTPsite that allows the browser to search effectively and download the results if they wish. But beware, the virtual law libraries tend to present entire documents; download times may be very lengthy. It may be best to read on-line and print from the screen. Some sites allow documents to be sent to you via e-mail. The Virtual Library (http://www.law.indiana.edu/law/lawinde­x.html) offers one of the best collections of legal material on-line, though its a toss-up with what Congress has put together. The House of Representatives Internet Law Library (http://www.pls.com/8001/hs/90.htm) offers statutes, decisions, and scholarly material from every jurisdiction in the United States (and some outside the country) arranged by either subject or jurisdiction. Other law libraries are being added to the Web daily, so check around for bigger and better sites.

Governments started the Internet, so its little wonder that they have very comprehensive sites on the Web. The FBI's Homepage (http://www.fbi.gov) offers everything from the Law Enforcement Bulletin to the one hundred most wanted. The CIA is on-line as well (http://www.ic.gov), but think about it. E-mail the President and take a tour of the White House (http://www.whitehouse.gov), or see the full-text speech and history of nearly every piece of recent legislation at Thomas Legislative Information (http://thomas.loc.gov). The Federal Information Exchange (http://www.fie.com/www/us_gov.htm) lists nearly all of the government Websites.

International government is available as well. The United Nations Homepage (http://www.un.org/) is a starting point for information on various U.N. committees, councils, and programs. The United Nations also has its own virtual library (http://www.un.org/80/unlinks.html). The European Union is now on-line with I'm Europe (http://www.echo.lu). As is the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (http://www.ifrc.org/) and the international human rights database known as Project Diana (http://www.law.uw.edu/Diana/). For a comprehensive list of diplomatic and treaty information see the United States Department of State Foreign Affairs Network. (http://dosfanlib.unc.edu/dosfan.html).

Schools have been on the Web for years, but law schools are relatively new to the net. Cornell's Legal Information Institute (http://www.law.cornell.edu) and IU-Bloomington's Law Home Page (http://www.law.indiana.edu) are perhaps the best sites today, offering links to just about every legally oriented site. Really serious student surfers should check out The Law Student Web (http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~ddunn/ls­tudent.htm) which contains links to student outlines in just about every subject from the top schools in the nation. More to the point, Emanuel's Law Outlines, Inc. Homepage (http://emanuel.com/) offers its complete line of commercial law outlines for purchase at great rates. If the school book store doesn't have it, this is where to go!

If you are tired of law school already, and need a break, check out @art (http://getstudio.art.uic.edu/80/art/gallery. html) for some culture or ESPNET-Sportzone (http://ESPNET.Sportzone.com) for the latest in sports. Wallstreet has come to the Web with some serious services offered by Lombard Institutional Brokerage (http://www.lombard.com), Dreyfus Capital Investment (http://www/dreyfus.com) and Fidelity Investments Web (http://www.fid­inv.com).

There really is no excuse for not knowing a little about the Web. As students, we get internet access free from the school, and you can use the law library's web browser to view the full featured pages out there today. If you are not already on-line, then you will be surprised at what's available out there. Every treaty the U.S. have ever entered into is on-line and free for your inspection. Complete legislative history, including transcripts of speeches are yours to review. Every United Nations document, including conventions, findings, World Court decisions, and reports of peacekeeping missions are published for the world to see. And these make up only a very small percentage of the information available to you. Its worth exploring.

By Thomas Kingston, Managing Editor
By Heather McCleery

EJA Co-President

At five o’clock Monday, October 2, 1995, over twenty-five students and faculty joined together in the Fight for Justice. Sponsored by the Alliance for Justice, the celebration was marked by showing "a video spotlighting lawyers who, through their use of new and innovative advocacy tools, have become pioneers on the \"front for justice.\"" (Excerpt from the NAPIL Connection, September 1995) What is the significance of the first Monday in October? It is also the opening of the United States Supreme Court’s 1995-1996 session.

Fight for Justice is not isolated to Washington, D.C. or Chicago. Advocacy is an activity one can begin at any point in their legal career. Even here at Valparaiso University School of Law, one can begin to expand their skills as an advocate.

Students protest against abortion

By Frederick Techlin

Editor Emeritus

On Sunday, October 1, 1995, several members of JUS Vitae participated in the \"Life Chain\" in Valparaiso. The Life Chain is the largest annual American pro-life event, and its purpose is to keep alive the issue of true lives. Even here, at non-paid, public interest job Crime and Responsibility, cash for their organization’s employees are endeavors we sell clothing items as well as pizza and other foods throughout the year.

EJA is a no-boundaries organization. What I mean by this is that EJA is open to new and innovative ideas you may have to strengthen the \"fight for justice\" or to pursue the spirit of advocacy in a field you are passionate about. We hold meetings, which are open to anyone interested and we invite students to come and share their ideas and experiences.

What the $...
PUBLIC INTEREST JOBS

By Gail Peshel
Director of Career Services

The fall semester is generally too early to apply for positions with legal services or public defender offices, but it isn’t too early to get involved in activities involving public interest. Many public interest employers list deadline and commitment to public service near the top of the qualities they look for when hiring. Listing a public interest job under “experience” on your resume is very important, but don’t be discouraged if you can’t list extensive experience. Volunteering to help public interest organizations, joining student organizations, taking courses that are oriented toward the public interest, enrolling in clinic, and participating in externships are all good ways to demonstrate your commitment. Students also have reported that important contacts have been made as they completed their pro bono requirement!

Career Services has a number of books and periodicals that describe various areas of practice in the public interest. These resources also list myriad agencies, non-profit organizations, coalitions, associations, and firms that deal substantially in public interest law. Don’t forget to check the file drawers of information on individual organizations (red file folders), public defender offices (purple file folders), and legal service agencies (yellow file folders).

Rather than send out hundreds of resumes, learn about areas of possible interest to you and the agencies/organizations that address these areas. Talk to professors and practicing attorneys who do or have done public interest work. Go on information interviews. Talk to anyone and everyone who does public interest work. Assess your own abilities. Are you strengths people skills, or are they writing skills? You need to be able to articulate how your interest and your skills match an employer’s needs.

Don’t forget that the law school awards several $6,000 grants each year to graduating students who have accepted public interest employment. The law school also offers summer public service scholarships to students who work without pay for public interest organizations. Just as the law school supports you in gaining public interest experience, Career Services wishes to assist you in your quest for employment.

Stop by and say hello. We look forward to talking with you!

Submit resume, writing sample, and cover letter to: JOAN C.S. Office.

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GARY, INDIANA 2L or 3L -- 12-15 hours per week. FAX resumes and cover letter to: Carrie M. Moutaw, Recruiting Coordinator, Cook & Franke, S.C., 660 East Mason Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202 FAX 414/271-5900.October 5, 1995 #268

CROWN POINT, INDIANA Law Clerk--2Ls & 3Ls--10-20 hours per week. Duties to include research, brief writing, preparation of pleadings and discovery. Prior clerking experience preferred. Send resume and short writing sample to: George S. Bravosian, One Professional Center, 2100 North Main Street, Suite 315, Crown Point, IN 46307.

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DC, WASHINGTON International Human Rights Law Group--recruiting interns for the Spring and Summer of 1996. Applicants should have completed at least one quarter of law school, possess excellent writing and research skills and demonstrate a commitment to human rights and international law. Capability in a foreign language is helpful. More information available in C.S. Office.

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DC, WASHINGTON American Bar Association--Division for Public Services is pleased to announce a paid summer internship program for students currently in their first or second year at an ABA-accredited law school. The law student intern selected will engage in a unique public interest legal research and writing project during the 10-week summer period in 1996. Students interested in applying should contact Carrie Coleman, American Bar Association, 740 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005 202/662-6808 ext. 3004. More information in C.S. Office.

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MICHIGAN, ST. JOSEPH 3Ls--Berrien County Circuit Court is seeking one or two students to assist the court's attorney.

Submit resume, writing sample, and cover letter to: JOAN C.S. Office.


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INDIANA, ELKHART Warrick & Boylen would like to receive resumes from 3Ls having a GPA of B+ or higher. Send resume, cover letter, writing sample and copy of transcript to: Cindy Bingaman, Office Manager, Warrick & Boylen, 121 W. Franklin St., Suite 400, Elkhart, IN 46516 219/294-7491.

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ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 3L's for 1996 associate positions—A demonstrated geographic tie to St. Louis or Missouri is essential and should be clearly visible on the resume or clearly explained in the cover letter. Submit cover letter, resume and copy of law school transcript to: Theresa L. Karcher, Recruiting Manager, Pepe, Martin, Jensen, Maichel and Hetlage, Twenty Fourth Floor, 720 Olive Street, St. Louis, MO 63101. DEADLINE: October 15, 1995.

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Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowships—information in C.S. Office.

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Fellowship in Mental Health and Clinical Ethics—information in C.S. Office.

For more job information, please see Gail Peshel, Director of Career Services

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Honor code raises issues of changes to be made

By Tony Pearson
Staff Writer

Associate Dean Vandercoy has had a lot to do with the Honor Code we live under as Valparaiso Law students. According to him, perhaps the faculty has had too much to do with it.

Questions arose last year as to whether or not certain issues were being addressed under the honor code. Unfortunately, the confidentiality afforded by the honor code systems leaves some issues to be completed in the chambers of the all-faculty executive board with no more information to satisfy concerned student interests.

VIA EMAIL

According to Vandercoy, this has the tendency to "generate rumors." In fact, Vandercoy said he had, "serious questions if students shouldn't be running the whole thing." He went on to say that "morale...could be improved significantly if students knew matters were being attended to."

There are two sides, at least, to every story. This article will be followed, next issue, by comments from the SBA.

Collin Powell discussed by Federalists

Effect on Republican party explored in talk about independent

By David Novak
Federalist Society President

On Monday, September 25, the Federalist Society sponsored a discussion on "The advantages and disadvantages for the Republican Party if Colin Powell runs for president as a democrat, republican or as an independent."

Just over a dozen law students came to the hour long discussion. 1L's, 2L's and 3L's all participated on the possibility of Colin Powell running for president. In attendance were democrats, republicans, independents, Powell supporters and a student from Great Britain all with differing views and ideas.

Newspaper clippings were passed around presenting Powell's views on various issues and showing how his support base is developing among the different groups in America.

The group did not reach a consensus on any one topic, but many ideas were brought up and discussed, hopefully bringing a different perspective to the others present.

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The voting will be free to all students, faculty and administration, with election results to be posted the day after the straw poll closes.
Rumors of Baldwin's demise are greatly exaggerated

By Gary Shape
News Editor

Despite rumors to the contrary that have been floating around the law school, Dr. Roy Austensen, vice-president of Business Affairs, says, “there are currently no demolition plans for any of the buildings near Wesemann Hall.”

Rumors have been circulating that DeMotte Hall, Science Hall, or Moody Labs or all three buildings were soon to be razed.

Dr. Austensen said that although plans have from time to time been discussed concerning the future of certain buildings near Wesemann Hall--Moody Labs is in fact being sold to a community organization--no Halls are on the slate for destruction. Most often mentioned for proposed destruction is Baldwin Hall, said Dr. Austensen. Baldwin Hall will remain open at least through this academic year, said Austensen.

Talk of law student housing is also something that is not on the plans at the VU administrative offices, said Dr. Austensen.

A plan to erect law student housing near Wesemann Hall had been considered, but did not pan out because of the availability of present housing and because of building costs, said Dr. Austensen.

Network administrator explains system

By John Obermann
Network Administrator

This article is written in an effort to answer many of the questions students had about recent changes in the computer lab.

The event that started all of these changes occurred mid-summer when EIS decided that VAX accounts were no longer going to be issued for E-Mail access. This caused some disappointment, but did not pose a significant problem since E-Mail was accessible through the local file servers (WESEMANN, ATHENA, ORION, ZEUS).

However, the one problem that did exist was the creation of all 4,000+ user accounts. It was decided by EIS and myself that the first year students, in law and undergrad, would all have their accounts established before the students arrived on campus. That being accomplished, the other chore that remained was to adjust the computers in the lab to accommodate the new login procedure.

No longer were the machines going to login as LAWLAB1, or LAWLAB13, etc. Now, the students themselves must login with their new user names and passwords. Hence, the new blue startup menu which hopefully resides on all of the machines in the lab.

The new user-ids are always FIRST INITIAL and up to SEVEN CHARACTERS OF YOUR LAST NAME! This should make life a little easier when using footnotes, Netscape, etc.

In another effort to help you—student, please let me know via E-Mail or a note on the clipboard outside my door when something is not working properly in the lab. I can only fix what I know is broken! In fact, a new floppy drive must be installed in one of the computers since nobody informed me of the problem until it was too late. Somebody had lost the shutter from their floppy disk in the drive, didn’t tell anybody, another student jammed a disk into the drive, yanked the disk back out, lost another shutter, and destroyed the read/write head on the drive. This is bad. Let’s try to avoid these kinds of problems.

I can be reached at 465-7877, at JOBERMAN@WESEMANN.LAW.VAL.PO.EDU, or at 214A Wesemann Hall. Please feel free to stop by should you have any questions, comments, or concerns. If you need an account, just write your name, (including middle initial, please) and a note saying you need an account. Generally, I make them every two to three days. An updated user list is put in the lab every week.
By Mike Glisson
Contributor

FACULTY SHOW NO MERCY IN CARDOZO CUP

The annual Cardozo Cup was a huge hit as always. This student-faculty softball tournament lets the students take out their aggressions on the faculty via a non-personal-injury-type avenue. The format is as follows: Game #1 1Ls v. 2Ls; Game #2 2Ls v. 3Ls; Game #3 Faculty v. Winner of Game #2. Pr. Bodensteiner declared the kegs admissi­

on in the air as the lLs witnessed the tops and were exchanging outlines while study between innings. Many had lap gatorade, uniforms, ... The lLs came out of their books to exert their superiority by punishing these Cardozo rookies by a score of 14-8. The 2Ls came to play - the other extreme, the 2Ls came to play -

between the 2 creepy classes of the law school. The lLs brought their books to school. Pr. Lind was intentionally beaned in the head as she was running to first base. The catcher/beaner was immediately ejected from the ballpark by the demonstrative umpire, who was later cited for umping Valpo. That's when the faculty exploded. before the batters could even get out of 20

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A runner tries to beat the ball to first base, above. A quick throw to first gets a runner out, bottom.

By Malini Goel and Marianne Manheim
Columnists

Dreaming of Venice in Valpo

Yesterday morning it happened. I instinctively jumped out of bed at 5 a.m. screaming "PAROL EVIDENCE RULE!" I knew then that it was all over. I knew that Valpo Law School had taken me viciously into its grips, causing me to succumb to the evils of "involuntary" insom­nia, "promissory" paranoia, "first degree freaking out," and endless "Erie"

rests. I often wonder (as many of you) WHAT I am doing here. Is stuffing my brain like you stuff a suit around your anatomy? I ask the noble one, "You sir, that's against my conscience.

How do the rest of you like school so far? I make a run for it, with the entire Italian mob follow­ing me. I run into the Sistine Chapel to hide. I have entered during the middle of a prayer. All present are speaking Latin and referring to the pas­sages in their Bluebooks. I listen closely to Priest Persyn. "Kindly refer to Rule 13, section 6.66," he says. Fear is sparked within me. She continues ...

"Never commit a means rea or an actus rea or you shall be condemned ... to three years of hard labor at VALPARAISO UNI­VERSITY LAW SCHOOL!!! And the next one to be condemned ... IS YOU!"

So here I am. I guess Venice wasn't as exotic as I thought. VU's not so bad after all. In fact, I kind of like it. How do the rest of you 1Ls like school so far?

TRICK OR TREAT

Halloween Treats Can Play Tricks On Your Pet

By Christopher Hedges

Here are some tips to keep your pets safe on Halloween.

• Keep candy and other pets out of reach. Chocolate can cause vomiting, restlessness, heart disturbances and even death.
• Candy wrappers, too, can cause problems. In their haste to devour the candy, many animals eat the wrap­per as well. Wrappers can obstruct or irritate your pet's digestive system.
• Keep tasty apples and lollipops away from pets. A swallowed stick could cause

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What they did this summer

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once gave us. The Victim-Witness Unit of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office serves as a care-giver for those adult problems. The people who comprise this unit are the people who soothe the exposed tissues, which has resulted from violent crimes.

As a summer intern, I had the opportunity to view the care-giving process firsthand. The process begins immediately, perhaps even the day before the crime occurred. One of the first families I met had just lost their son in a gun shooting the day before they came to the Victim-Witness Office. Amidst their devastation and bewilderment, they were not only faced with funeral arrangements, but also with the criminal court system. For people who have never been involved with the court system, they were understandably confused and full of questions.

As I observed a Victim-Witness coordinator talk with the family, I saw how important it was to talk with the family, not at them, to speak calmly and soothingly, not hurriedly and condescendingly; to listen, not halfheartedly even when it is the same story; and to be patient, not irritated when repeating and re-explaining what may seem to be simple legal concepts.

Another time when Victim-Witness coordinators play a key role is at the trial. It is at this time when the scar that has formed over the months has the greatest potential of being torn off and infected. Not only do the families relive their loved one's death, but they are also thrust into a seemingly confusing and secretive process that involves a judge, jury and attorneys. Not surprisingly, the situation is ripe for their scars to be torn off and infected with the stress, heartache and memories.

This is not the case, however, when the Victim-Witness coordinators intervene. At the trial, Victim-Witness coordinators sit with the families for moral support, explain such things as side bars, objections, and stipulations, and lend words of encouragement when things seem to be at their very worst. While the trial process is admittedly trivial to those in the legal profession, such concepts and procedures cause a great deal of concern and confusion for the families.

The Victim-Witness coordinators' goal is to help the families scab over the wound caused by the trial. It is important to recognize that the families will not forget the tragedy that caused the wound and scar to appear. Despite the fact that the affected area will not be exactly the same as it was before the tragedy occurred, the scar will remain a part of me so that I can help the scars to heal.

Working for Legal services

By Christopher C. Paquet
EJA Contributor

In utilizing the funds that were made available to me by the Equal Justice Alliance's Summer Scholarship Program, I was able to work in a summer clerkship for the Legal Service of Northeastern Wisconsin, Inc. My duties for Legal services were greatly varied. I interviewed victims of domestic violence, was placed in charge of divorce cases, and represented clients on Social Security Disability claims. I wrote various court documents, and accompanied the attorneys to court on divorce and landlord/tenant actions.

The highlight of my summer clerkship was the drafting of a pamphlet which diagramed the process for filing one's own security deposit claims. Due to the constant cutting in funding by Congress, Legal Services were not able to compensate me for my work. It was only through the scholarships that I received that I was able to work in such a rewarding field.

Working for the prosecution

By Jody Schmelzer
EJA Contributor

This summer I worked for the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office in Monroe Michigan. For the first half of the summer, I did mostly legal research and writing, which included projects like an appellate brief and many smaller motions, court briefs, and memos.

After the 4th of July, I started my in-court experience doing formal hearings for civil infractions. I learned a great deal going in front of judges, working with defense attorneys, and being in charge of witness lists -- more than I ever expected to learn after my first year of law school.

This was a volunteer position, but thanks to the Equal Justice Alliance's summer public interest scholarship, I was able to receive some funding for this fantastic experience.