Students return to VUSL!

A Forum News Report

Temperatures in the middle to upper 80’s, humidity seemingly about the same, mosquitoes on the rampage – it feels like high Summer. But a clearer sign that Autumn is just around the corner could not have been given, than the return of students to VUSL to begin Fall classes.

The new school year began unofficially on Friday the 16th with the orientation of first-year students. That day culminated with the Law School Picnic, sponsored by the SBA and the Admissions Office. Several hundred students, spouses, faculty, and staff attended this annual event. The 1996-1997 school year began in earnest on Monday, August 19th, however, with the resumption of classes.

The year has apparently begun like any other. Clusters of 1L’s stood in the atrium anxiously awaiting their first courses in legal instruction. 2L’s and 3L’s, on the other hand, their first year under their belt, strolled casually threw the halls. Occasionally, “Did we have an assignment for this class,” or “I should go buy my books,” was heard from the upper-classmen. The only time anxiety was evident in the more experienced law students was after a particularly ugly first day class. Then those easily identifiable yellow drop/add cards came out, and the race to the Registrar’s Office was on.

Another sure indication that a new year has begun is the appearance of new faculty and staff in the halls and in the classrooms. Dean Gaffney discusses the two new faculty, Professor Hart and Professor Geisinger, in his article below. The Forum will keep you abreast of other such changes as the year progresses.

Changes have occurred among the student ranks as well. Here at The Forum, a new editorial staff is in place to direct the operation of the paper, new officers have assumed their mantels in the SBA, and most student organizations are being led by new personnel. The Forum will keep you advised of these events in the coming months, and no doubt many of these people will communicate with the student body through a column reprinted in our pages.

The Forum welcomes the return of old and new alike. Please feel free to stop by our office in Heritage Hall anytime (office hours will soon be posted), or stop a member of our staff in the halls of the law school if you have any comments or concerns.

Dean Gaffney relates a story to 3L’s Paul Rossi and Paul Stinci at the VUSL picnic.

Photograph by Gary Shupe

A message from the Dean

Edward McGlynn Gaffney, Jr.
Dean, Valparaiso University School of Law

“You’re welcome.” Here in the States we are accustomed to saying these words after someone thanks us. But in Ireland, the land of my ancestors, those are the first words used to greet you at a door. In the spirit of Irish hospitality, old friends and newcomers are equally welcome, at least in theory. I don’t want to stretch the point about hospitality in my ancestral home beyond the limits of credibility. Those of you who have been following events in the northern part of that troubled island this summer may know that the welcome mat is not out for the Ancient Order of the Orange in all quarters, any more than it would be for a Klan rally here. What is welcome, by the way, is the persistent efforts of former U.S. Senator George Mitchell to conduct negotiations that I hope will lead to a lasting peace in that part of the world.

In any event, I want all of you — new 1L’s and returning 2L’s and 3L’s and part-time students — to know that you are very welcome in this place. My colleagues on the faculty and staff are here to serve you and to foster your aspirations of becoming excellent lawyers. The older students have signaled the warmth of their welcome to the 1L’s through a new mentor program that I think is a wonderful idea.

I am especially glad to welcome two new members to the fall-time faculty. Both give solid promise of being wonderful teachers, and both have already made significant achievements in their professional lives before they joined our faculty.

John Hart will be teaching a seminar on American legal history and the course on federal estate and gift tax this semester, and a course on trusts and estates in the spring semester. He earned his J.D. from Yale Law School. After clerking with a federal district court judge in San Francisco, he practiced with GTE Sprint and with a major law firm in San Francisco. He has taught at Widener University School of Law, the University of Illinois College of Law, and the DePaul University College of Law. He recently published a splendid article in the Harvard Law Review entitled, “Colonial Land Use Law and Its Significance for Modern Takings Doctrine.”

Alex Geisinger will be teaching a clinical course on environmental law both semesters, and a course on secured transactions in the spring semester. Before going to law school Alex worked as an editorial assistant with Cambridge University Press. He has his J.D. from the University of Connecticut, and worked on complex litigation with a firm in Hartford, Connecticut, for several years. He spent the last year at Harvard Law School, where he earned his L.L.M. degree. As part of his work at Harvard, he produced a significant study on the sources of “environmental stigma” (harm that arises from a perception that a property or a neighborhood is contaminated) and proposed a serious solution to this troubling issue.

I trust that you all had a fine summer and that you are well rested and ready for the very best possible law school we can for you.

“Thank you.”

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School&Beyond: From the Archives -- The Forum introduces a new feature

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Changes in store

By Gary Shupe
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome
Welcome to VUSL! I hope that you all had a productive and enjoyable summer. From time to time throughout the year, I will be speaking with you in this fashion to keep you apprised on what is happening here at The Forum. Since this is our first issue of the year, I thought I would tell you about some of our immediate plans for upcoming issues. Incidentally, this is also the earliest issue The Forum has put out during the Fall Semester in recent memory. The idea is to hit the streets, or the halls as the case may be, and be doing, to encourage contributions from a broader base of students, faculty, and staff.

Letters to the Editor
First of all, this is page two, our editorial page, a page reserved for your comments, suggestions, gripes, etc. on just about any topic. Submissions to the Editor are of course subject to our Editorial Policy, which is printed for your reference on this page and which is also posted on the door to The Forum's office in Heritage Hall. I recommend that you all take a few minutes to read through our policy since it does govern whether and how your editorials are reprinted.

Road work ahead
Some changes, hopefully improvements, will be made to The Forum throughout the semester. For those already familiar with The Forum, no doubt you have noticed the addition of color to some of our pages. Alterations (tinkering) to the layout of the paper will be made as well. We also plan to introduce our readers to some new offerings, including From the Archives and Snap Shots, a calendar of events and possibly some national columnists and cartoonists. We would appreciate your comments during our transformation.

We need your help
Finally, The Forum needs your help. We still have a few openings for photographers, a staff cartoonist or two, staff writers, and columnists (serious, comedic, political, or otherwise). Of course, as is mentioned elsewhere in these pages and as will be our policy all year, all contributions are welcome. You need not be a member of our staff to be heard. Thank you for all your help ahead of time, and best of luck to each of you this semester.

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Deadlines are established and published for each issue. Deadlines must be observed. In extraordinary circumstances, the Editor may extend a deadline for an individual, but this shall occur only when the Editor is notified well in advance that there is a problem with meeting the deadline.

The Forum is under absolutely no obligation to print anything that it receives. Every effort will be made to accommodate all submissions for publication. To that end, The Forum reserves the right to edit, without notice to the author, any submission for space, accuracy, good taste, and to avoid libel.

The Forum shall strive at all times to produce a quality publication, observing the basic rules of journalism, good taste, and civility.

All submissions must be submitted on computer disk, compatible to IBM WordPerfect, or sent via E-mail at forum@wesemann.law.valpo.edu. The Forum maintains diskettes on reserve in the library.

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BAR/BRI is pleased to announce that the American Bar Association has selected BAR/BRI Bar Review as a membership benefit for the Law Student Division.

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BAR REVIEW
Meet the Profs

by William Morris

Beware the Cobra! Avoid eye contact by any means. One piercing glance of the unblinking black pupils is enough to leave you rooted to the spot. Once you have been marked, try to avoid making eye contact; the creature will be watching you at every turn.

Meet the Profs

by Berke Breathed

Bloom County

"And thus, the baby schema was born..."

"AND PEOPLE REDUCE AND DECREASE FOR ALL THE TIME TO COME. LET THIS DRY BE A DRY FOR UNDERSTANDING, LOVE..."

"AND PRICE BETWEEN APPLES...

WHERE'S CHERI?"

"CLICK..."

Bloom County

"My brother, John, will become a Horrible Housewife. He's TOTALLY OBSESSED with Toys for Christmas."

"I understand. The top is a good place to start..."

Bloom County

"That is not all fun and frivolity during the years 1974-1976, I leave you with the wrong idea. A broad range of topics, some controversial, were covered and for the most part these stories were well written. I will share some of these with you in the coming months in this space.
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Edited by Stan Chess
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The Hilltop Neighborhood House needs your help!

A Forum public service announcement

The Hilltop Neighborhood House is scheduled to open in August. The facility is designed to provide low cost, high quality day care and comprehensive health care services at a minimal cost. The facility is, however, in need of donated supplies and has compiled the following "Wish List:"

- Art and Craft Supplies
- Blocks and Building Materials
- Music and Movement Equipment
- Science and Math Equipment
- "Make-Believe" Play Materials
- Reading and Writing Supplies

All help is greatly appreciated. Please contact Teresina Pavel, Director of Child Care @ (219) 939-1617.

--&-JIA~--

Hilltop Neighborhood House

The Defense Attorney at Home...

"With newspapers, there is sometimes disorder; without them there is always slavery."

Benjamin Constant -- Swiss writer, statesman
PRESIDENT’S COLUMN
By Bart Arnold
SBA President

Welcome Back!

Those of us on the SBA Administrative Board would like to say welcome back to our friends and welcome aboard to our new colleagues. This is an exciting time of year for all law students at Valpo because there are so many new faces and there is so much potential for new friendships. I hope that everyone takes advantage of these opportunities.

I want to encourage the 2L’s and 3L’s to form a hand to the new class and I want to encourage the 1L class to actively seek guidance from the upper classmen. If we all work together, it will only be a matter of months until we see the old classmates in Valparaiso.

On a business note, I would like to inform all of you about the SBA’s summer activities. This summer we kicked off the first student selection program at VUSLI, I hope that many of you benefited from this new service. It started a little slow because it is new and we had to work out a few bugs, but we feel it will be a success.

Also this summer, Jeremy Sosa,

Camille Waters and I attended the ABA/LSD conference in Orlando. At that conference, we were able to identify new sources of funding for public interest projects. So, if you are an organization officer, come see us very soon to find out about new funding prospects.

Finally, I feel that we have made some progress in obtaining more lighting outside the doors of the law school and in the parking lot. We may also be getting panic boxes. Many of you have expressed your concern about safety issues in regards to lighting. I made this concern known to Dean Chichowski, Ann Pennway and Dean Gaffney and all three have taken the request for lighting very seriously. After talking to Dean Gaffney on August 12, I have every reason to believe it will be taken care of very soon. If it is not, then we will match right back up until it gets done.

If the SBA board can do anything for you, stop in our office and let us know. We are very eager to serve you. And again, welcome to Valpo.

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Bulletin Board

This page is available to all Student Organizations to post dates on The Forum’s calendar or to make public announcements like the ad above, subject only to space limitations.

Today’s Bible Verse

Jesus replied: ‘‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”


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INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING? SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THE FORUM VIA E-MAIL: FORUM@WESEMANN.LAW.VALPO.EDU
Assess your options

By Gail Peshel
Director of Career Services

With a plethora of career options available to law graduates, have you considered all your options and decided what kind of work you wish to do after you graduate from law school? If not, today is a good day to start assessing your strengths and interests and evaluating different types of employment. As with any job search, begin by utilizing career services to assess your personal interests and aspirations. Next gather information on positions that utilize those interests and aspirations, and then research specific employers with those positions.

Visit Career Services.

Utilize the resources available to you through the career services office. Anita, Joan and I can help you identify types of employment that fit your interests, indicate resources that provide additional information on your targeted areas, and help you discover which career path to pursue and will help you to market yourself to employers.

Consider Your Interests and Strengths.

Think about your accomplishments and what you did in order to accomplish tasks or reach objectives you had set. Identify skills you have acquired through school, work, hobbies or life. What skills would you like to learn? What do you enjoy doing? If you could spend an eight-hour day at work any way you wanted, what would you choose to do? What motivates you to work? Money? Benefits? Living in a certain location? Expressing your creativity? Earning recognition? Helping people? Considering these elements will provide information that will help you decide which career path to pursue and will help you to market yourself to employers.

Gather information.

Learn about employment options by reading suggested resources. Talk to attorneys practicing in areas of potential interest and ask them to describe their typical day, the opportunities and challenges of their jobs, and to list any credentials in addition to a law degree that are necessary in order to obtain such a job. These attorneys may be able to suggest career paths that could ultimately lead to a position similar to theirs. For example, a judicial clerkship experience, previous teaching experience, litigation experience, or proficiency in a foreign language may be helpful. Sometimes credentials such as having published a written work in a scholarly journal or in a national publication can be helpful. By learning about such criteria in advance, you can take measures to get the needed credentials.

For example, knowledge and skills can be gained by taking certain classes, signing up for externships or internships, attending in clinical programs, researching issues or drafting documents that you have not previously done, or doing volunteer work. Writing for a journal and submitting a written work to a writing competition or to a publisher are ways to get your work published.

Research Employment Qualifications.

One method to determine what qualifications generally are sought for particular jobs is to read job announcements. By reviewing job listings, you can gain an understanding of what skills and experience usually are requested. Review jobs listed in legal periodicals or specialty journals. Consider contacting some of the employers that are advertising jobs to gather additional information as to what qualifications the ideal candidate would possess. Some of these employers may become valuable contacts for you. Remember that contacts not only provide valuable information now, they can be a valuable resource in the future as well.

By taking these preliminary steps, your job search will be more effective. You will direct your attention to jobs which are of special interest to you. Your communication will be specific and will confirm your interest. Employers will notice.

Career Opportunities

WASHINGTON, DC
Chief Counsel's 1997 Employment Program for Law Graduates - qualifications: a sincere interest in the field of financial institutions law; prefer top 10% of class but not mandatory; relevant coursework; financial institutions law, securities law, commercial law, law review, clinical programs, etc.; work experience, financial institutions-related work experience (legal or business).

Locations: DC, New York City, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City, or San Francisco. Recommended applying no later than mid-September. Further information and applications in Career Services Office.

CINCINNATI, OHIO
3L's: associate position. Firm practice mainly in municipal finance area.
Send resume and cover letter to: Thomas A. Wilson, Peck, Shaffer & Williams, P.L.L., 425 Walnut Street, Suite 2200, Cincinnati, OH 45202. 513/621-3394.

WASHINGTON, DC
3L's - interested in pursuing a career in intellectual property law.
Students interested in summer associate or associate positions should send a resume and cover letter by October 21, 1996, to: Suzanne Gentes, Director of Professional Recruitment, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, 1301 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005-3315.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
3L's: associate position. Starting date for this position is May-June, 1997. High academic standing.
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MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA
2L's: Attorney seeking student part-time to do research, memo drafting, Call Robert Ralix, 219/879-5633.

WASHINGTON, DC
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We are looking for students whose academic record places them at or near the top of their class and who have participated in a law journal or in other law school activities.
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"The course was great - will see again for additional review." Graduate, Georgetown.

"West Bar Review did an excellent job preparing me for the July bar." Graduate, C. Illinois.

"Most lectures were very good. I wish I would have had the lectures before the written materials." Graduate, Dickinson.

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"My professors lectured in different ways - I like these lectures in the West New York bar review course." Graduate, St. Thomas.

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