

## VLS to host fifth convocation

By Bonnie C. Gobell

This weekend, Vermont Law School proudly and happily plays host during its Family Weekend and Fall Convocation. Started by the late Dean Jonathon B. Chase in 1983, the Convocation celebrates VLS' membership in the academic community. Highly interested in fellowship and community, Dean Chase saw it as an excellent way for other academic institutions, families, and the press to get to know the school, in the magnificent setting of a Vermont Fall weekend.

This year, the weekend features eleven separate activities. Starting off on Friday, September 30, several VLS classes will be open to early-arriving families. A reception will be held 4:30-7:00 at the VLS Party Tent on the South Royalton Green. It will feature hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and a jazz quartet consisting of two VLS students and two professional musicians.

The final event on Friday will be the Buffet Dinner at the South Royalton House. Due to the popularity of this event last year and the resulting overflow crowds, there will be two seatings this year.

Saturday, October 1, will start off with two one-hour class simulations. The first, given by Assistant Professor Linda Smiddy, will run 9-10 and will deal with *Sullivan v. O'Connor*. In the second session, 10-11, Professor Stephanie Wilbanks will present another offering, putting

visitors in the student's place. Undoubtedly, "Why?" will resound frequently during this hour. Concurrently with these two sessions, Dean Costle and administration members will be available to chat with visitors about school policies, finances, and facilities.

The Magic Mountain Day Care Center will hold an open house 10-11:30 to show off their new facility. They will also have a bake sale at the barbeque. The sale's theme is "Apples", and it will feature several delicacies using the seasonal fruit.

At 1, the second annual "Chase Race" will kick off and will offer participants a choice of either a two-mile or a five-mile run. The starting point will be the back lawn. Commemorative T-shirts will be available. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the barbeque following.

At the Community Barbeque on the back lawn (11-2), the 17-member VLS Jazz Ensemble will play while participants enjoy the view, a plate of barbeque, and the music. Additionally, Amnesty International will be selling Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

Following a one-hour respite to catch one's breath and remove barbeque spots from one's clothing, the VLS community and guests will assemble once more at the Green. The Fall Convocation—keystone of the weekend—will begin at 3.

Second only to Commemoration in VLS' academic life,

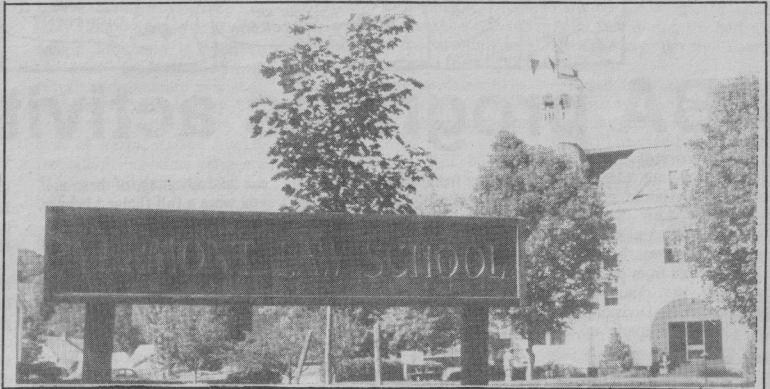


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Convocation originally arose at the great European universities in the late Middle Ages. Devotees of medieval pageantry will delight in being present at this formal ceremony so rooted in tradition. In addition to the solemn academic procession, Convocation will also include recognition of three Zander

Rubin fellows. Judge Thomas J. Meskill, former governor of Connecticut and founder of that state's EPA, will deliver the address. Following Convocation, there will be a second reception at the VLS Party Tent, featuring hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and the Jazz Quartet.

Sunday will begin with a leisurely brunch (11-1) at South Royalton House. Those who linger too long over the delicious offerings, however, will miss the start of the VLS Rugby Club Match at noon. This contest will take place at the new VLS Athletic Fields.

## Nader to close festivities

By Bonnie C. Gobell

Ralph Nader, noted public interest lawyer, will speak on "Environmental Issues for the '90s" when he visits South Royalton on October 2. Beginning at 2:00 p.m., and followed by a question and answer session, his speech will take place on the South Royalton Green. The rain location is the High School.

According to Dusty Porterfield, coordinator for the visit, Nader is sandwiching his

trip to South Royalton into a previously-arranged tour. The D.C.-based founder and head of the Center for Responsive Law is coming to Vermont under the auspices of the Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG). He will speak at the group's annual meeting in Montpelier in the morning, visit South Royalton in the afternoon, then go on to a third speaking engagement at UVM in Burlington in the evening.

Although Nader's speech occurs during Family Weekend, this is a fortunate coincidence, and not part of the weekend. Porterfield had heard of Nader's planned trip to Vermont through the grapevine, and immediately agreed to act as liaison between VPIRG and VLS. VLS, in the best tradition of "Lex pro urbe et orbe", decided to make Nader's appearance open to the public. This portion of Nader's trip is being sponsored by the SBA.

## Candidates finish preliminary heat

By Peter Lobel

At the outset I think it's important that some visionary professors at VLS assign the viewing of the next and

unfortunately last debate of the 1988 Presidential campaign. There is a wealth of ethical considerations at stake in the upcoming election. Despite the

fact that our schooling in legal ethics this first term must find its genesis largely in the private laws of contracts and torts instead of Constitutional Law, I believe it is incumbent on VLS as a law school at the very least to give students permission and time to watch the second debate.

That said, how was this first battle of the titans? Was it Ali-Frazier IV? Lendl-Willander? A ninth inning matchup of Roger Clemens and Don Mattingly (Mattingly rips a double up the left center alley)? Forget the sports allusions and all that hype. It was a very telling exchange that somehow doesn't seem to tell everyone just what the choices are. Hey, aren't these guys about the same . . . six of one, a half dozen of another? Not from where I sit.

Here are some reflections on

the thousand points of light as emanated from George Bush: "We've got to get the Democratic Congress under control. They do all the spending, they appropriate every dime and tell us how to spend every dime." "One thing I will not do is sock every business in the country." "I don't want my 10 year old granddaughter to get into an x-rated movie." "I don't want to see the kiddie pornographic laws repealed." "I don't want to see under God come out from our currency." "They raised the same thing with me on the Pledge of Allegiance . . . you see, I'd have found a way to sign that bill." "But if we spend and spend and spend, that is going to wrap up the housing market and we'll go right back to the days of misery index and malaise." "I think

most people know my position on the sanctity of life . . . I do not favor abortion. (Question: if abortion were to become illegal, do you think women who defy the law and have them anyway as they did before it was OK'd by the Supreme Court . . . should go to jail?) I haven't sorted out the penalties but I do know—I do know—that I oppose abortion."

Here's Dukakis:

Re abortion: "The issue of abortion is a very difficult issue, one that I think we all have to wrestle with, we have to come to terms with. I don't favor abortion. I don't think it's a good thing. I don't think most people do. The question is, who makes the decision. And I think it has to be the woman in the exercise of her own conscience See **FIRST**, page 12

ALRIGHT GUYS, LET'S GET IN THERE AND TRY TO KEEP IT INTERESTING... HALF THE CROWDS ASLEEP AS IT IS.





# ABA programs activities for LSD

By P.H. Worrall

If you are not already a member, you should consider joining the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association (amorphously deemed LSD). Students from every law school in the country are represented in the Division. The First Circuit is made up of

students from Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

By becoming a member, you can take advantage of the tremendous number of activities and programs which LSD has to offer. As a student member, you

can take advantage of these as if you were a full fledged lawyer, but at a much lower price. Members automatically get the monthly ABA Journal and the Student Lawyer magazine. You can join a specific section of the ABA itself (dealing with particular areas of law), at drastically reduced rates, and receive the regular publications of that section as well. There is even a discount on car rentals and both health and life insurance plans through the ABA.

Money is available through the LSD to groups at VLS for various special projects. There are competitions and writing contests (for both honorary awards and monetary prizes). Every year, there are three competitions: appellate advocacy, client counselling, and negotiation. The ABA has a whole list of publications available. Many deal with various

career options and particular fields of law. As a student, you can purchase these at greatly reduced rates.

Our involvement in this organization is nothing but beneficial. Not only does VLS get to be known throughout the country as an involved and active law school, it is also an opportunity to bring national activities and issues to our attention. Individual VLS students can participate and become involved in more national issues with students from all over the country.

Soon, a general ABA/LSD meeting will take place to provide information, answer questions, and find out what sort

of activities are possible. One idea is to set up an intraschool negotiation competition. This would enable us to send a team from VLS to the regionals next year. Also a negotiation competition would be a welcome variation to the limitless chances to practice strictly adversarial techniques. I will post a notice with the time and place for the initial meeting.

In the meantime, if anyone has any questions or ideas about membership or activities, come see me, give me a call, or drop a note in my mailbox. AND, don't forget to check the bulletin board in the main hallway of the classroom building for activities and notices.

## Dining out

By Lynn Felici and Kurt Terwilliger

After a nightless sleep before handing in Mootness briefs, the prospect of trying a new Chinese restaurant open since May was all it took to lure us to beautiful uptown West Lebanon.

**Dragon Island** (across from Friendly's in case you have room for dessert) offers Szechuan and Cantonese selections as well as a full fare of traditional items. Although the furniture offered little to distinguish itself from a Howard Johnson's banquet room, the selective use of mirrors and large aquariums added the atmosphere of an upscale location, despite being squeezed between a maternity shop and a children's furniture outlet in North Country Plaza.

In addition to the eating area, there is a separate bar with a television. A full selection of American, Asian, German, and Canadian beers and a collection of exotic and traditional cocktails compensated for a limited and generic wine list of only table wines.

We started with an appetizer of boneless barbecue spareribs, served with duck sauce and hot mustard, which, though plentiful, was on the dry side. Soups followed: hot and sour, chock full of tofu, sprouts, chicken, carrots and mushrooms, perfectly spiced; and chicken and sweet corn, which although bland, was equally stocked with chicken, corn, peas, carrots and mushrooms.

For our main course, we split crispy beef and orange, a Szechuan specialty of chips of beef in a spicy orange sauce served with shrimp points. In addition, a single seafood lo

mein for two was enough for four. Sitting on a bed of lo mein was a colorful array of fresh lobster (from the Connecticut River?), shrimp, scallops, crab and white fish accompanied by fresh peapods, carrots, baby corn and an assortment of mushrooms. It was delicious.

The service was friendly and prompt, and the heavy traffic on a Monday night indicated that this was a particularly good find. Although some of the items were priced on the high side (\$16.50 for the lo mein, for example), most were reasonable, especially considering that they are enough for two. In fact, we left the restaurant with more food than we ate.

All in all, the Dragon Island is a welcome addition to the area.

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# Magic Mountain takes first steps

By Del Salmon

Each year, the new faces at Vermont Law School look younger and younger. However, this year, some of these young faces are walking from the parking lot to the Magic Mountain Day Care Center, rather than to Torts or Civil Procedure. The dream of having a child care facility on the VLS campus became a reality on August 17, when Magic Mountain, located in Davis House, opened its doors for business.

The idea of on-campus day care has been a recurring topic of conversation over the past several years. Students, faculty, and staff have expressed concern that there is a very limited number of day care options available in the South Royalton area. This shortage has meant that VLS families have had to either transport their children long distances or have had to settle for other inconvenient alternatives.

Magic Mountain is a wonderful example of the spirit of community cooperation and group effort. The Magic Mountain Day Care Center project started as a Community Council agenda item last fall in response to the increasing call for on campus child care. Thanks to the efforts of Professor Stephanie Willbanks and student spouse Regina Madsen, who took the "bull by the horns", an ad hoc committee of those interested in day care at VLS was formed. After several meetings last Fall, the committee developed a proposal which was submitted to Dean Costle in January of this year. Initial expectations were that the day care center would open in August, 1989. However, the entire process was expedited as a

result of the enthusiastic response from Dean Costle and Associate Dean Engroff, who have supported the day care advocates' efforts from the very beginning.

There is a lot that goes into opening a day care center. Extensive Act 250 application procedures were necessary before the renovation of Davis House could begin. Articles of Incorporation as well as a request for tax exempt status had to be filed. Adequate liability insurance had to be found. A loan for initial start-up costs had to be secured. Decisions had to be made regarding what type of fire alarm system to install. And this was just the beginning. The dedicated Board of Directors consisting of Marta Annus, Diane Bech '90, staff spouse Lucy David, Gretchen Greer '89, and Del Salmon, '89 worked all summer interviewing and hiring staff, recruiting children, painting walls, coordinating all levels of the State inspection process and developing a Parent's Handbook, as well as formulating other regulations and procedures.

Everyone acknowledges, however, that Magic Mountain would never have become a reality by August 17 were it not for the tireless efforts of John Dellemarre and his Building and Grounds Crew, who gutted and replaced the bathroom, installed new flooring and lighting, fenced the play yard, etc. If this were not enough, several members of the crew contracted poison ivy from head to toe while cutting down 20 years of brush to build the new outside stairway. Spirits remained high during this race to beat the clock. The last bit of renovation was completed moments before the various State inspectors

arrived. Of course, Magic Mountain passed all of the State inspections with flying colors.

While located on the Vermont Law School campus, Magic Mountain is a separate entity from VLS. Magic Mountain rents the Davis House location from VLS. The program is designed to provide child care for twenty children primarily between the ages of two and five daily from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Magic Mountain is open to children from the South Royalton community as well as from the VLS community. The center is fully licensed by the state of Vermont. The weekly fee is \$75. Part-time rates are \$16 for a full day and \$8 for a half day.

At present Magic Mountain has approximately 14 full and part-time children. Plans call for expanding these numbers to 20 after Marta Annus, a VLS student spouse, assumes her role as Director on October 10. Marta joins Head Teacher Christine Griggs who has done a fantastic job coordinating Magic Mountain's opening and has served as interim Director/Teacher. Marta also joins Teacher Aides Sylvia Johnson, Christina Ballou, and June Rogers who round out the staff of five. Marta and Christine have exciting plans for a creative and innovative program which will encourage and enrich the children's social, emotional, cognitive and physical development in a positive, preventive, non-punitive and loving environment.

Magic Mountain is looking for students, faculty, or staff who would like to share a special talent or skill with the children on a regular basis. If you enjoy children and are looking for a break in your day,

volunteering at Magic Mountain may be a good release for you. Volunteers are needed to help with all facets of programming including, but not limited to, reading or singing to the children, teaching the children a foreign language, or helping with snacks. The Board of Director's goal is to make Magic Mountain a model day care center in Vermont. They feel confident that the positive feedback and the tremendous show of support from the community will translate into a strong volunteer program which will inevitably help them reach that goal.

Fund raising will be an important objective for the Magic Mountain Board of Directors this year. Operating a day care center is a costly proposition. Once the center is fully operational, user fees will be adequate to cover employee and operational expenses. Until then, however, funds are needed to defray start-up costs. Additional funds will still be needed to purchase an outdoor play structure, to create a parent library and resource center, to purchase additional indoor equipment, to enrich the program materials and to hopefully lower the current user fee.

The VLS and South Royalton community have been extremely responsive to the need for monetary as well as toy donations. To date the Center has raised approximately \$1,500

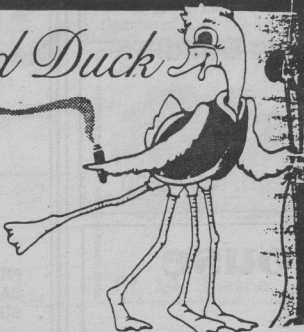
from Bake Sales, Yard Sales and individual donations and has received many generous donations in the form of toys, games and puzzles. As a matter of fact, the Magic Mountain Bake Sales have become so popular that the August 31 sale netted \$300 which will be applied to the \$2,000 price tag for an outdoor play structure. Look for the Magic Mountain Bake Sale during the barbecue on Saturday during Family Weekend.

Board members are in the process of grant writing and planning fund raising events that will involve both members of the VLS community as well as South Royalton residents. The Board is also searching for benevolent souls who would like to make individual contributions. Donations are tax deductible.

Magic Mountain is accepting applications for enrollment starting October 10. You may call the Center at 763-7908 to request an application or to request an appointment to view the facility, or you may just drop by Davis House. The staff and the children say that they just love visitors. In addition, anyone who is interested in seeing the wonderful transformation of the Davis House is invited to visit the Center tomorrow, October 1, during the Open House from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

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# Career opportunities visit VLS

By Matt Daly

An expensive database of prospective employers and an increase in on campus interviews are of several notable improvements recently implemented at the Office of Career Services.

Director James Cramer has added a personal computer and some specialized software to the office's resources, which provide students with information on law firms across the nation. The system allows the user to access potential employers in various formats. For example, a basic listing of law firms in the greater Hartford, Connecticut area could be converted into a mailing label format for mass-mailing purposes. The body of a

single cover letter could be merged with each law firm's name and address individually, producing completed letters to as many firms desired. Cramer also uses the mass-mailing concept to generally promote Vermont Law School to law firms throughout the country.

A recent task involved targeting 350 chosen cities and their surrounding suburbs. Twenty firms from each city were contacted and encouraged to establish potential employer status with the law school. The firms were of all sizes and were both general and specialized in practice.

On campus interviews have been drastically increased under Cramer's direction. During the

1986-1987 school year, only four on campus interviews were conducted. There are eighty-five such interviews scheduled for this current school year. The law firms sending representatives to Vermont Law School to interview students range from top firms in major cities to smaller firms from medium to small sized communities.

Still existing as part of Career Services is the Friday Job Memo. This is a listing of positions available to students seeking summer internships or permanent employment. The Friday Job Memo is now printed in Hanover due to higher costs and increased volume.

The Library Job Book at the circulation desk is still kept

updated but is not regarded as useful as the Friday Job Memo. Pages removed by students have left the Library Job Book incomplete at times.

Cramer aims to streamline his office by learning as he goes. Having had no previous experience in career placement, he works on a trial by error basis in certain areas. He hopes to eventually get first year students actively involved in seeking summer work. A survey of first year students was conducted early this school year to introduce Career Services to the Class of 1991 and to encourage the class to start formulating ideas for summer work now.

The change and expansion Cramer has stimulated at the

office of Career Services has ironically made him less of a director. He would like to spend more time with students on an individual basis but for now feels his attention must be directed to the immediate operations of the office. Understaffed, the office relies on Cramer and his three staff members to accomplish what seems to be even too much for a staff of six to handle. Ninety hour weeks have become common and weekends have been cut to one day breaks in a long week. Cramer is making the best of the limited resources available to Career Services but he hopes to further improve the services through help from the law school.

## Hamilton heads campaign

By Michael Haberkorn

With invitations sent to just under 1500 Vermont Law School alumni, Susan Hamilton is running around like the proverbial "chicken with its head cut off" making final preparations for Family Weekend and Fall Convocation.

Susan is Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Affairs here at VLS. Along with Marcia Stone, Director of Development, Susan has been working since June on this coming weekend's activities. Referring to the plans, Susan calls it a "celebration of the school," a chance for the VLS alumni to reacquire themselves not only with the familiar, but also with the new. However, come Monday morning, Susan will start work on another project designed to bring VLS alumni back together.

A 1988 VLS graduate herself, Susan wants to see the school "thrive and flourish" as do many other alumni. Her job, in effect, is to motivate the alumni to get involved. To that end, Susan is continually contacting each past class rep, so that they might in turn contact their former classmates. It's a classic example of "networking." "There's so much we can do for each other," Susan said.

The position of Director of

Alumni Affairs is a new one. Prior to Susan, the job was done by Marcia Stone via the Office of Development. But the need clearly arose for somebody to take on the challenge on a full-time basis. The idea is to keep the alumni involved;

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hopefully they will like what they see and then want to invest in the school's future.

With Marcia's assistance, Susan is able to channel her high energy and enthusiasm into a number of different projects intended to reacquire alumni with the school. "Sports Weekend," for instance, held Sept. 9-

10, gave alumni the opportunity to get together and participate in a golf tournament, rugby match, and ultimate frisbee competition... not to mention, share some beers. Susan also travels to visit the reps, organizing receptions in major cities. A current project is a VLS phon-a-thon, an effort to raise alumni money, tentatively scheduled for November.

As a private school, VLS receives no aid from the state. Aside from student tuition, donations are the only significant source of full funding. The success of the Director of Alumni Affairs position is therefore crucial to the continued growth of the school. It's no wonder then, Susan speaks so enthusiastically of a recent \$150,000 donation by Julius Cornell, the grandfathers of an '87 graduate.

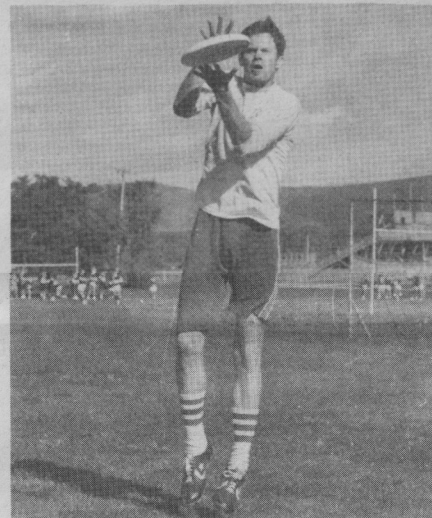


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## Editorial Of Growth and Decay

This coming weekend provides a priceless opportunity to bask in the splendor that is a Vermont Autumn. As if linked to a need to see some good in decay, "peak weekend" invigorates the soul and sends a harbinger of the cold nights to come. It is fitting that we should savor this occasion with parents, children and friends in a spirit of sharing.

Vermont seems to provide such an inviting mood of reflection at any time of year. But now, particularly, with the advent of foliage season, one can see all those within driving distance coming to appreciate the natural phenomenon. "The Leafers" will coast through town, windows rolled up and climate control adjusted, watching a panoramic kaleidoscope pass by.

One tour which starts right at the school promises a unique glimpse of Vermont, and, even more, the stress the state is undergoing through rapid and rampant development. Drive down South Windsor Street and observe the subdivided farmland, parcelled into indiscriminate lots with short-lived ranch houses. Then drive up Route 132 and take a right onto Beaver Meadow Road toward the town of Norwich. Soon you will see not pre-fabs, but immense homes, and what is truly shocking, frequently they are immense vacation homes.

But how can one fault these individuals who purchase and establish their Beaver Meadow "second residences?" Compared to downstate real estate values, Vermont offers a bargain. For the 200-300 thousand dollars needed to acquire and develop their property, they might have been able to get an acre or two and a house with a few bedrooms in the inflated market of suburbia to which they are accustomed.

And likewise, who can fault the farmer who sold out on South Windsor Street? He probably inherited the farm from the family, worked the land, and in today's service based economy, lost his sons and daughters to bigger jobs and bigger cities. Now he sits on a real estate goldmine, and in some regards, it is his prerogative to cash in and live the good life on the

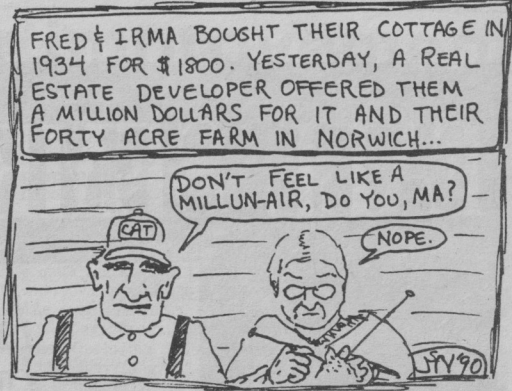
Florida beach or the Vegas strip.

Yet there could be a party who could challenge these legitimate actions. As a good friend recently opined (much paraphrased and with many apologies), "What if I have driven by that farm each morning for the past twenty years? What if I used to join my friends and then my family in that farmer's fields for picnics and games of tag long into the dark? What if I alone knew of that quiet bend of the river where I used to sit just to clear my head and get away? And what if I drive by one morning and there sits a bulldozer where we used to spread our picnic blanket?"

That person does have the right and the opportunity to work to lay down the appropriate guidelines by which to administer the careful development of his or her state. That person's role becomes that of a guardian or a custodian for all that he or she has witnessed and valued over time. He or she seeks to conserve, not exploit, the precious landscape with which we are endowed.

But that person also flirts dangerously with what may be recognized as the "drawbridge mentality," or, "I'm here now, and that means growth stops now." The individual with a legacy of admiration and concern for the state may vote with a clear vision on where Vermont has been, and where it might go. But you can also bet that the new-found Beaver Meadow Vermonters will take their chance to vote, and they'll be the ones cranking up the drawbridge the fastest.

This critical crossroad faces Vermont today. It's not an easy choice. It would be a shame to see Vermont become so parochial so as to deny those committed to sharing in its guardianship a chance to enjoy its egalitarian warmth. But perhaps even more, it would be a shame to see Vermont snapped up by out of state interests to the extent that the only home a working local can afford in the inflated market depends on the farmer's subdivision, and to the extent that the fueled development threatens the simple beauty we regale in this weekend.



## Notes from Unfounded

By Feedyor Dosoreleski

Canadian National. Weyerhaeuser. Southern Pacific. Once. Canadian National. Weyerhaeuser. Southern Pacific. Twice. It sounded like King Kong ripping loose from his chains as the crowd crawled over each other for the exits. The shudder made its way from the floor until the windows were trying to open themselves. Between the trains which do not exactly creep into town on little cat feet, the siren which suffers from a mind of its own, and reading cases like *Sullivan v. O'Connor*, South Royalton was daring me to sleep.

I was still living out of boxes, wondering why network television is called cable television and going cold turkey from fast food, amongst other things. Contrary to what you would expect at a law school, there appeared to be no rhyme nor reason to anything. On any given beautiful fall day, the Green would be alive with a multitude of airborne objects. On any other, it would be quiet except for the occasional flat-tracker practicing a few mad laps before pulling in for some beers.

The first few weeks of school were spent learning a new language and developing tunnel vision. I now have trouble communicating in English and I didn't notice that the leaves were turning colors until I walked over a couple. Unlike real life, time seems to take less time to pass, and everything takes more time than I have time for.

Newspapers are a form of recreation, television is a night out, a night out is driving to the Dartmouth stacks for a change of scenery, and a holiday is a professor cancelling class.

Fearing that I have to know everything that is said in class for an exam, a number of alien concepts are lodging themselves in my head against my will: transient quasi-in-rem jurisdiction, equitable and promissory estoppel, proximate cause, lawyering. Just when you think you have it under control, a new inscrutable term is added to your list. Half the consternation is caused by some innate compulsion to make things consistent, to locate the threshold, to find the bright line or at least to see the light while avoiding the slippery slope.

Unlike real life, it doesn't matter whether this stuff interests you. Compromise number one. At what point would all this cease. Perhaps in the middle of an exam, my brain will just sound an alarm and beep, telling me to throw in the towel and not come out for the next question.

All is not lost, though. Friendships are forming through the bare realization that we are suffering through this together. Even if our families no longer understand us, we can always find someone to bitch at or with. We can all relate to each other if only because our *Lebenswelt* is being carefully molded within the same three story building.

## Hereditary I. Jones

By Tony D'Eredita, Greg Jones, and Montroll, K.I.

It's that time of year again. Eunice and the gang are heading north. What to do and where to go and what to eat when you get there. Hereditary I. Jones, survivor of two parents' weekends and the author of *The New York Times* Best Selling Book of the Century, "What to do and where

to go and what to eat when you get there," will lay out an agenda to parents' weekend that will blow your socks off. Wheeeeee!

First and foremost, do the town touring thing. OK, that's done. Next the school. Nice rooms . . . what's for dinner.

For first night cats head over to SoRo. Amaze your parents while standing in line, chit chat with professors. Now is the time to really pretend you know them. Everyone wants to be cordial when parents are around. Remember, we need a library!

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# Davis calls for radical embrace

By Lynn Felici

Following an introduction which conspicuously neglected to mention that she was twice the vice-presidential candidate for the Communist party, Angela Davis invited the audience at Spaulding Auditorium to embrace as a long range goal, "radical, fundamental, structural change" in the United States' political process. Recognizing somewhat tongue-in-cheek that it was undoubtedly subversive to call for the abolition of capitalism while speaking at Dartmouth, Davis nonetheless emphasized that nothing shy of that would suffice. To genuinely tackle the issues of poverty, disenfranchisement of the working class, discrimination against people with disabilities, racism, sexism, ageism and homophobia requires the formation of a viable alternative political party comprised exclusively of members of underrepresented groups, she insisted.

A more immediate goal, however, is the upcoming presi-

dential election. Calling the Reagan reign the most retro-grade presidency in history, Davis predicted the further entrenchment of institutionalized hate if George Bush wins the White House in November. She lauded "Brother" Justice Thurgood Marshall for hanging on these past eight years in spite of illness and fatigue to ensure that all minority and women's rights "acquired" thus far weren't permanently eroded by the Reagan agenda. Four more years of Reagan through Bush and Quayle means four more years of white supremacist rule, she warned. She asked us to reflect on whether we really want a president who swears the pledge of allegiance before each meal and before he goes to bed.

Davis cited examples of increased racism. She reminded the audience of the Dartmouth Review, and of the escalation of violence against blacks at university campuses and against gays in cities across the nation. She told of Dolores Puerta, Vice

President of the Farmworkers Union, who had her ribs broken by San Francisco police last week as she attempted to hold a press conference at a Bush rally to challenge Bush's position on farming. She told a story about Lavar Burton, the actor, who was recently stopped by police while driving on a highway in Northern California. The police informed him that he was stopped because he fit a "gang member profile". Davis suggested that all black and Latino males between the ages of 18 and 30 fit the police "gang

*Oppression against one underclass translates into oppression of all underclasses.*

profile", and she advised all of them to avoid Northern California. It would have been funny if . . .

With amazing patience and composure, Davis suggested that she did not believe that the majority of people in this country are becoming increasingly racist or anti-gay or anti-women. In fact, she indicated, it is likely the opposite. She offered that this was possibly the first time in recent history that there was an anti-racist, pro-peace majority. She maintained that that is precisely the reason the powerful have become more reactionary, the police have become more brutal, the courts more conservative. She stated that the upsurge in racism and economic and gender

based oppression is a reflection of the policies of the Reagan administration which condone institutionalized injustice and invite racists to "come out". A particularly stark example, she noted, is the presence of avowed fascists in the Bush campaign. A recent study from Boston documented the extent to which the Reagan administration and the Bush campaign is saturated with fascists. The organizer of the Republican National Convention, for example, is known affectionately in the GOP as the "axe man" for his publication of a pamphlet on how to circumvent affirmative action programs.

Her solution? Organizing. In a somewhat disappointingly pragmatic tone, Davis encouraged all people violated by Republican principles to bite their lips and make certain that Dukakis wins this election. Determined not to be mislabeled as a Dukakis supporter in the true sense, Davis resolved that by voting for Dukakis, the underrepresented will at least have a small voice in power. A Bush victory and a new Supreme Court will try to silence us, she said. She wished for Jesse Jackson.

Davis could not have been more emphatic about the possibilities that lie ahead if the Dukakis Democrats do win this year. Recognizing that the Democrats take the votes of farmers, the working class, women, blacks, Latinos, Asians, gays, persons with disabilities, criminal defendants,

the elderly and the environmentalists for granted because there is nowhere else for them to go, Davis dared us to imagine a coalition party made up of all of them. She emphasized that banding together now in solidarity to elect Dukakis would create pressure for real substantive structural change for the next four years while broadening the movement for the eventual formation of a strong third party. Essential to this vision is that the traditionally underrepresented groups recognize their interconnectedness, she asserted. Oppression against one underclass translates into repression of all underclasses. She reminded us not to forget that the same people who scrawl "nigger" on bathroom walls attack women in front of abortion clinics. Racism equals misogyny equals homophobia, she said.

Davis called on the coalition movement in the Democratic Party this year to take the election into its hands. Even if Jesse Jackson were the nominee, she said, we shouldn't trust anyone in power to decide for us what the important issues are. With spirit rivaling Jackson's, Davis asked if the audience were all registered voters. With insight rivaling few, she called for the abolition of that requirement as the first fundamental structural change in a new government. She reminded us that impediments to voting have historically served only one purpose.

## Tips from H.I.Jo.

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Hereditary will now lay out case names to casually drop during an erudite conversation (Hereditary gives permission to use this word throughout the weekend. Tell them it's a Latin Greek word with a splash of Hebrew). Now the cases. Professors' favorite case for dinner discussion is United States v. Gwaltney of Smithfield Ltd. After the pork bellies have worn thin impress everyone by listing the regional reporters in alphabetical order. Then the finale; ask your professors' advise on family legal problems. They love to feel wanted.

*Look for Hereditary and the gang waiting to surprise Ted and Martha on their honeymoon.*

What a morning! Look at the foliage. Look again. Take a picture. Take a picture of it. Talk about it. Look over there. There's another tree. Take a picture of it. Get grandma in the picture. Stop slumping grandma and open your eyes this time. Well, off to the barbecue.

Hereditary's proper barbecue behavior consists of the following: 1. Introduce your parents to Dean Costle. Talk about how cloudy Boston Harbor has become under the Reagan Administration. 2. Bring the largest and most hyperactive dog you can find. 3. Find Stephanie Willbanks. Stand near her, smile a lot and repeat the word "causation" 1,000 times. 4. Pile an enormous amount of food on your plate. Spill it on a first year. Apologize mockingly. 5.

Sit with strangers. Wave to other strangers. Pretend you are close and personal friends with 90 percent of the student body. 6. Introduce the folks to your exclusive IRAC over dessert. Next . . . off to the BIG TOP!

Hereditary I. Jones proudly presents "Le Convocation." Get there early. Suggest to your sister's best friend's uncle's neighbor's brother's dentist, who tagged along for the weekend to see the foliage, that they camp out overnight in the tent to make sure to get a good seat. Starry, starry night . . . Now let the speeches begin. Wake up and wow it's time to eat again. Hit the small top. Hors d'oeuvres. Pig out! Fill up. Impress the faculty with how much cheese you can eat. Listen to the smooth sounds of Connie Chung live from Bellefonte, Pa. Hereditary has all her albums. They're just dandy. Well time for a real meal.

For the big meal all students have longed for since August. Hereditary recommends Friendly Family Restaurant. Take advantage of the Saturday night all you can eat double super sandwiches. Add on the hot fudge—be daring. Your next meal will be Thanksgiving so remember heavily on the cream.

Sunday already. Do some leaf peeping. Say your goodbyes. Then the grand finale; get in your car and drive to Block Island. Look for Hereditary and the gang waiting to surprise Ted and Martha on their honeymoon.

Well, there you have it. Hereditary would like to leave you with one last thought to carry through the weekend. RAIN.

## Namibia traps souls

Jason Angola is one of dozens of Namibians detained without charge or trial since late 1987. He was arrested October 7, 1987 in Windhoek, the capital, and detained initially under Proclamation AG9 of 1977. This proclamation denies detainees access to a lawyer or anyone else for the first 30 days of



detention. It also provides immunity from prosecution to all members of the security forces for acts committed in "good faith" in connection with the use of their powers under the decree.

Angola works for the Council of Churches of Namibia (CCN). He is also secretary of labor of the legal, internal wing of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

The South African Administrator General, Louis Pienaar, claimed that Angola was held for questioning and would be released or charged at the end of the initial 30 days' detention. However, he was transferred to detention under the more restrictive Section 6 of the 1967 Terrorism Act, which permits indefinite, incommunicado detention for interrogation.

Although the authorities have not acknowledged where Angola is held, he is believed to be in northern Namibia at Osire. Amnesty International believes he may be a prisoner of conscience.

Many other Namibians arrested since late 1987 have been detained under Proclamation AG9 of 1977. There are reports that detainees have been subjected to hooding, partial suffocation, and electric shock torture. Some are held in connection with South African counter-insurgency operations in northern Namibia, others in connection with student protests against South African security force bases near their schools.

Two prominent human rights activists were detained briefly in

June. One, Oswald Shivute, secretary of the Ovambo ("homeland") Administration, was warned before his release against publicizing the numerous allegations he has received about atrocities by the South African security forces in northern Namibia, which he has been documenting since 1983.

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Also in June, Gwen Lister, the editor of *The Namibian* newspaper, was detained for four days and interrogated about the source of an article describing draft legislation for emergency rule in Namibia. She and other editorial staff have been harassed in the past because of the paper's willingness to publish allegations of human rights violations by the security forces.

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# Environment ripe for improvement

By P. Anthony

The following summary is based on a solicitation for position papers made to both Vermont Presidential campaigns at their respective headquarters (Montpelier and Burlington). The choice of materials was left to each.

Candidate Bush's views appear on a one and a half page facsimile dated February 11, 1988. It commences with an appropriate over-arching call: "We must act forcefully to protect our natural resources . . . I want to restore the tradition of stewardship of our natural heritage."

To most readers' chagrin, the document moves directly and thenceforth exclusively to focus on use of public lands. You know, those parks and forests which had been the early battle grounds of purpose and use for environmentalists. Mr. Bush supports four specific proposals "that would enhance outdoor recreation."

The first holds some promise for outdoor athletes. Mammoth Mountain in California is just the correct strategy providing as

it does "public recreation facilities . . . developed on public lands by private business." The succeeding three enhancements can be fairly grouped as variations on volunteerism by private citizens (and groups) who would shepherd visitors around, cut brush for trails, "Take Pride in America" and "take responsibility for upkeep and beautification of greenways and scenic byways." (How the aforementioned two "ways" arise or remain (like the National Forests and Parks) in the public domain is not addressed.

In an apparent effort to widen appeal, Mr. Bush counsels that at base his environmental positions are derived from "an ethic that will recognize the personal stake we all have in the outdoors." This ethic in turn is another way of saying "It's a matter of rights and responsibilities—the right to use our land and the responsibility to preserve . . ." The responsibility portion clearly moves directly with the ethic; a sort of self-enforcing existence. To most readers it is axiomatic that in contrast the right to use

has an (enforceable) independence apart from the ethic Bush urges. Herein lies the historical dilemma; so what if the right and responsibility each move as opposites? Having lumped the two as one, Mr. Bush leaves us adrift and his campaign material is at an end.

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The Dukakis material is by comparison contentious in its mercilessly thorough review of past and present battle grounds. It runs seven pages, covers four major areas and is unequivocal.

Pollution is cast as a public health issue rather than as an economic balancing ("competitiveness") puzzle. Thus, there is strong language addressed toward acid rain, full implementation of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and leveraging insurance companies back into coverage for environmental damage. Although he addresses

it under energy policy, Mr. Dukakis does not deviate from his total opposition to the construction of any new nuclear power plants until long term disposal is solved.

Land use is developed in its own section. Any doubt about compromise, if existent at all, is quickly erased. Mr. Dukakis will move forcefully to designate more wilderness, oppose private exploitation on public lands (including below-cost timber harvesting and oil and gas drilling in critical habitat), and protect against the loss of farmland through conversion or debased productivity.

The materials from Dukakis are thorough in topical coverage and definite as to desired policy outcome. Substantive areas are, however, handled with an expedience which raises practical political conundrums to which no solution is offered.

An example appears in the description of coastal and wetland protection. As Mr. Dukakis is surely aware not only does the chief executive have to assemble a majority at the national level but in areas like the coastal zone in which

the states have historically been the mainstays of stewardship through regulation. Indicative of this historical pre-eminence is the pride of place formally provided the states under the Coastal Zone Management Act. Mr. Dukakis states that he will give states the veto power in several areas (e.g., lease sales) where there is either shared statutory power or exclusive statutory pre-emption by the federal government. It is not too irrelevant to ask how such a veto can come to pass in the face of statutory designation contra Mr. Dukakis' policy, never mind the political acquiescence from net oil consumption states.

While selective, these materials surely suggest the canyon separating the candidates. Neither the scope of exercise nor the level of rhetoric can be legitimately compared. It is puzzling indeed that the materials described here arise from two parties in contention for the same elective office, let alone in one country.

(Materials are on file at FORUM and available for public inspection. ed.)

## State Is Weak

By Penni Livingston

"Vermont is unable to enforce its environmental laws effectively . . . Vermont imposes high environmental standards upon regulatees without providing an adequate mechanism to assure compliance." This is the situation according to Donald P. Nagle, who conducted an extensive study of Vermont's environmental protection regime while he was a student at VLS. Mr. Nagle's report, entitled "Environmental Law Enforcement in Vermont", was published by ELC as part of its Occasional Student Paper Series in 1987.

Mr. Nagle identifies several

reasons for the ineffectiveness of environmental enforcement mechanisms. These include a failure of the current legislation to delegate sufficient authority and enforcement latitude to those agencies responsible for applying the laws, inadequate funding of these agencies, and a lack of effective management practices and support staff. The last hampers the effectiveness of a highly committed professional staff.

Nagle also points out that monitoring is weak and that when detection of a violation does occur, enforcement is often arbitrary and ineffective. Nagle not only identifies deficiencies

in the environmental enforcement system but he suggests legislative, administrative and judicial reforms.

Focusing on reforms that begin with legislative revision, Nagle suggests strengthening the statutory "triggering" mechanisms, tightening jurisdictional scope and beefing up administrative enforcement through assessment of administrative penalties. Administrative penalties are not a new concept. The U.S. Supreme Court first accepted their constitutionality in 1909. Since then they have been used in a variety of settings.

The most beneficial result of an administrative penalty provision is in its effects on the economic decision making of private individuals and firms, and in its increased bargaining power of the enforcement agencies.

The imposition of administrative penalties will serve as a

deterrence to non-compliance. Those collected can compensate society for any harm done and offset the cost of enforcing compliance. As long as the penalty scheme ensures that compliance is less expensive than non-compliance, given vigorous pursuit of violators, it will be effective.

Compliance monitoring by investigators underscores the current need for reform. A small scale developer has about a one in three chance of going forward with a project without ever acquiring a permit. Furthermore anyone who is caught without a required permit or violates a permit condition only runs a two percent risk of being penalized at all. Even if a judicially imposed penalty does occur, it is very unlikely that such penalty would be more than the financial gain of proceeding without a permit. This is particularly true given

the probability under current procedures of escaping penalty altogether.

Violators take advantage of the defects in the system. This leads to a competitive edge for those who comply and certainly compromises public environmental policy; quality of life declines in defiance of the statutory scheme. In order to deter future violations and effectuate the statutory goals of the current environmental protection legislation, strengthening efforts should include administrative penalties as a useful interstitial component of the Statutory scheme.

Note: Ms. Livingston is an attorney in Illinois and MSL student this year. She is currently staffing a state committee that is involved in analyzing the enforcement issues and setting up an educational conference dealing with these issues.

## Ecology on view

You are invited to view the first two entries in ELC's 1988 ECOLOGY FILM FESTIVAL. (Present Ecology students read . . . required to attend . . .). Each entry in the festival will illustrate some aspect of

empirical research or applied ecology.

The first two entries are each approximately one hour long. Informal discussion will follow each presentation.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ENTRY
Oct. 6 (Thursday)	12:45	Third floor classroom	RAIN FOREST (National Geographic) A vivid empirical approach to the components of this ecosystem with reference to their likely fate at the hands of humans.
Oct. 13 (Thursday)	12:45	Third floor	ANATOMY OF A TROUT STREAM One practical approach to a familiar ecosystem with implications for other approaches, including regulatory and adjudicatory.

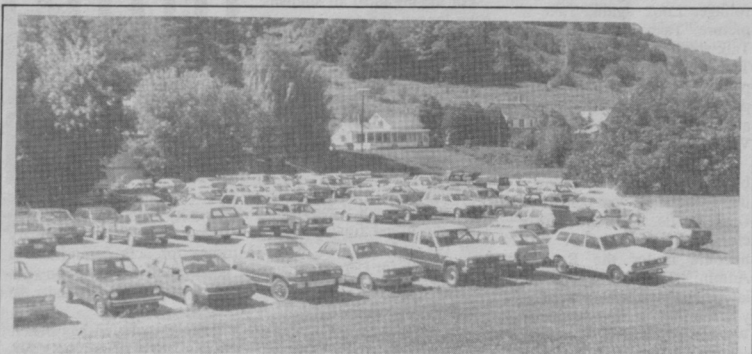


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Parking is a concern at VLS. In the next issue of the Forum, the Community Council considers alternatives.



# On the horizon

**FILMS**

**Oct. 1—"ANIMATION"** is the animated version of George Orwell's brilliant "Animal Farm" (1955). It is far from a light-hearted children's comedy, but this classic about an animal revolution is a milestone in literary adaptation. Three World War III propaganda films will accompany this show at 2:00 and 7:00 at Loews in Hanover.

**Oct. 2—"CHUCK SOLOMON, COMING OF AGE"** and **"BOYS IN THE BAND"** are both films depicting the gay community. "Coming of Age" is a documentary about an artist with AIDS. It shows the gay community as a mature, serious, politically conscious gay world. "The Boys in the Band", however, is basically a gallery of gay stereotypes. The double feature begins at 3:30, 6:30, and 9:30 at Loews.

**Oct. 4—"ENTERTAINING MR. SLOANE"** and **"PRICK UP YOUR EARS"** will be at 3:30/7:30 and 5:15/9:15, respectively. "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" is a wickedly funny story in which a brother and sister compete for the affections

of a coolly exploitive young man. This was Joe Orton's first theatrical success. "Prick Up Your Ears" recounts his biography. Orton's career was violently cut short when he was murdered by his jealous lover. Shows at Loews.

**Oct. 6—"THE BLACK CANNON INCIDENT"** is a brilliantly plotted satire on bureaucracy. A mild-mannered translator for a Chinese-German mining company touches off an absurd chain of events when a telegraph operator misinterprets the translator's reference to a missing chess piece in a telegram he sent for a German

*Sly and Robby bring the Taxi Gang to Memorial Auditorium in Burlington on 9/30 at 8:00 p.m.*

mining engineer. Showing at 7:30 at Loews Theatre.

**Oct. 7—"MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDRETTE"** portrays an east end punkster and a young Pakistani entrepreneur as unlikely, but appealing partners. It is a suspenseful movie that

reveals the exotic details of life in ethnic London. Shows are at 3:30/6:45/9:15 at Loews.

**Oct. 8—"HANS RICHTER AND BEYOND"** is a tribute to Richter's abstract film movement in Germany in the early 20's. Fifteen short films will be shown from the black and white "Rhythm" series. The presentation will begin at 7:00 at Loews.

**DANCE**

**Sept. 30—REGGAE:** The Taxi Connection, Sly and Robby and the Taxi Gang, featuring Freddie McGregor and Max Priest, sponsored by All Points Booking, Memorial Auditorium at 8:00 in Burlington. Call 86-FLYNN for more information.

**SQUARE DANCE** at Barre Town School at 8:00. Call 633-2681 for more information.

Liz Lerman's **DANCE EXCHANGE** at the Hop, Center Theater at 8:00. Call 603-646-2422.

**Oct. 1—"ROOM TO MOVE"**, funk, rock, and blues dance band at 9:00 at The Dance Hall in North Montpelier. Call 454-8002 for more information.

**ART**

**BESSIE DRENNAN EXHIBIT** at South Woodbury Church, Route 14, 10:30-4:30. Call 462-5700 for more information.

**WILDLIFE ART** at Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Woodstock. This is the ninth year for this show which displays international artists. For more information, call 457-2779.

**SIDE BY SIDE** at the Gallery Place in Woodstock, Vt. This is a photo display by Puerto Cabezas Nicaragua. Call 457-1900 for more information.

**JUDITH CARBINE: WINTER IS THE OTHER WAY HOME** is at the Gallery Place in Woodstock. These are pastel landscapes of Vermont or New Hampshire. Call 457-1900.

# Sox to take A.L.

By Mike Smith

The past two weekends saw the Boston Red Sox finally lay to rest the ghosts of 1978 by taking five of seven games against the New York Yankees. New York was done-in by what has proved to be it's Achilles heel the entire season: abysmal pitching. The Yankees' woeful starters and ineffective relief staff simply didn't get the job done in the two crucial showdowns with the Sox. Look for some post season trades by the Yanks to land a much-needed quality hurler or two. Jack Clark has already expressed his desire to leave the Big Apple. Don Mattingly, after personally guaranteeing the Eastern Division title, has been the object of owner George Steinbrenner's wrath throughout the season, and don't be surprised if Mattingly is not wearing the pinstripes next season.

and Dave Stewart. Red Sox in 7.

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In the National League, the New York Mets and Los Angeles Dodgers have easily rolled to their respective division titles. The Mets defeated the Dodgers in 10 of 11 games this year and look for that dominance to continue in the playoffs. The Mets strength all year has been its superbly balanced pitching staff, led by Cy Young candidate David Cone. Sorry Mets fans, but Dodger Orel Hershiser is more deserving of the award. Take the Mets in five or six games.

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Games of note in the NFL this Sunday—the New York Giants, 2-2, travel to Washington to face the 2-2 Redskins. Both teams are coming off disappointing losses. The Redskins were stunned by Phoenix, and the Giants were beaten by the Rams. The Giants' defense did not look like the same unit that stole the game from the Redskins on the first Monday night game of the season. New York hopes to be bolstered by the return this week of linebacker Lawrence Taylor. Taylor's four-week drug suspension is up, but his return in contingent upon what team and league doctors tell Commissioner Pete Rozelle. If Taylor is medically ready and passes a drug test, he will play. A key for the Redskins will be the play of Mark Rypien, who lost in his debut last Sunday. The Redskins must hope for a quick recovery by Doug Williams, who is out with an appendectomy, if they are to repeat as Super Bowl champions.

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Buffalo takes its unbeaten record and stellar defense to Chicago for a match up against the Bears. The Bills' defense has been outstanding in shutting down the Minnesota, Miami and New England offenses. Bruce Smith, Buffalo's best defense lineman, should return this week after his suspension for drugs. The key to the game will be if Jim McMahon, who is bothered by a knee injury, can withstand the Bills' pass rush. Bears' running back Neal Anderson, the heir to Walter Payton, must have a big game in order to take the pressure off McMahon.

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# Sports Springboard

By Brian Fenn

The Seoul Olympics end this weekend. The Olympics, as usual, have been a combination of the profound and the ordinary, the memorable and the forgettable. Allow me to present some observations about the Games.

**Positives:** Greg Louganis, Kelley McCormick, Carl Lewis, Charley Jones, The Chinese womens' diving coach, Florence Griffith-Joyner, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Chris Evert, the IOC's handling of Ben Johnson, and the spirit of the Games.

**Negatives:** Ben Johnson, South Korea's boxing organization, the Bulgarian Weight lifting team, Bryant Gumbel, the Korean system of pushing competitors from the track arena directly after each event, television commercials, and the lack of information as to when certain events were coming in the television coverage.

The Olympic Games is for all interested viewers an event which should transcend financial and political concerns. It never does. The inherent integrity and timelessness of the Olympics ideal is continuously prostituted by profit seekers and political zealots. The coverage by NBC was as good as it gets in this country, but still ridiculous.

I watch the Olympics to see personalities who strive for physical excellence and recognize the greater honor of sportsmanship and international brotherhood. I do not watch the Olympics to see television stations drawing out their coverage as much as possible, showing pre-fab, pre-digested previews of what they will be showing us "shortly," never saying when that will be for fear of losing viewers, and then cutting to three commercials every twelve to fifteen minutes.

If it's money the stations are most interested in (and it is), why don't leading companies donate funds toward the coverage, much in the line of educational television channels, so that we can see what we want to see? If not from the private sector, perhaps the public sector can contribute. Here's one voice who prefers sports diplomacy over nuclear diplomacy.

Further, why not simply state in advertisements and at the beginning of each evening's coverage the present schedule of events? That way viewers can plot their own evening. This conscious hiding of information is especially objectionable and offensive.

Though tainted in this way for viewers, the Olympics is still a sparkling and profound exhibition of beauty, grace, strength, speed, and fortitude. It is unfortunate the television

industry has no analogous Olympic ideal of its own—competing (broadcasting) for the experience of it, while de-emphasizing victory (high ratings and profits).

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Last issue's trivia answers:

First tier: The 1936 summer Olympics were held in Berlin, Germany.

Second tier: Jesse Owens won gold medals in the following four events: 100 meters, 200 meters, long jump, and the 4x100 meter relay race.

Third tier: German Olympian Lutz Long befriended Jesse

during the long jump competition. One of the favorites in the event, Long led all competitors with only one jump per competitor remaining. Owens had foot faulted twice—his foot at jump takeoff had landed beyond the point allowed. Owens was confused and depressed. Long suggested that Owens simply back up his long jump mark a few inches. Owens followed Long's advice and won the event on the last jump. Jesse had the gold medal and a world's record, while Long

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## Pitching key to N.L.C.S.

By Orrin C. Judd

The story of the 1988 National League season has been pitching. Fittingly, the National League Championship Series will match the majors' two best pitching staffs. The series will be played in two of the best pitchers' parks in baseball. And the New York Mets, whose pitchers have carried them all season, will defeat the Los Angeles Dodgers in five games.

The Mets will start Dwight Gooden, David Cone, Ron Darling and Sid Fernandez against Orel Hershiser, John Tudor, Tim Lary and Tim Belcher. As a group they have given up less than three earned runs per game. However, once you get past the starting pitching, the Mets are superior in every other phase of the game.

In Randy Myers and Roger McDowell, the Mets have the two best relievers ever to pitch for the same team. McDowell is righthanded and has an outstanding sinker, which makes him ideal for situations requiring a double-play. Myers is left-handed and may have the best fastball in baseball, ideal for strikeout situations. The Dodgers will respond with righthanders Alejandro Pena and Jay Howell and lefthander Jesse Orosco. The Mets' advantage here is not huge, but the

left/right sinker/fastball balance earns them the nod.

In a series where the pitching should preclude big innings there is a premium on offensive power and speed. It is here that the Mets completely outclass the Dodgers. The Mets have six-hitters (Darryl Strawberry, Kevin McReynolds, Howard Johnson, Gary Carter, Keith Hernandez and Gregg Jeffries) who can each win a game in any

The Mets also have six excellent base stealers (Strawberry, Wilson, McReynolds, Dykstra, Johnson and Jeffries) who can each set up runs with their speed. The Dodgers only base stealers are Gibson, Steve Sax and John Shelby. This gives the Mets a huge advantage in that they are better able to turn their runners into runs. This team speed also gives the Mets an advantage on defense. They have tremendous range on defense and they simply get to more balls and make more plays than other teams.

The Mets dominated L.A. in their regular season series and will crush them in the N.L.C.S. They'll face a tougher task in the World Series. But look for the Mets to avenge their 1973 loss by beating the Oakland A's in seven games.

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given at-bat. The Dodgers have only Kirk Gibson and Mike Marshall. In fact, the Mets' rookie shortstop, Kevin Elster, would be third on the Dodgers in homeruns with nine. Overall, the Mets have hit nearly fifty more homers than the Dodgers. This means that they are more capable of taking a pitcher's mistakes and cashing them in.

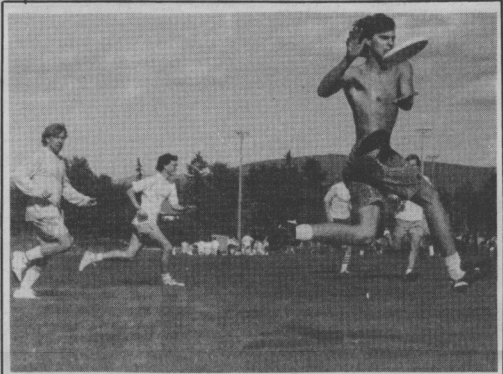


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The VLS frisbee squad ultimately won two games in Middlebury.



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# Ultimate Justice

By Christian Lawurchin

Middlebury, VT. Sept. 24, 1988—Ultimate Justice, the VLS Ultimate frisbee team, started its season this past Saturday at Middlebury College. Ten Justice players, with four quadruped mascots in tow, went to Middlebury to compete in the first Ultimate event of the fall season. Everyone had a great time and Justice proved itself to be a contender in the Division II region, establishing a 2-2 record. Ultimate Justice played against the University of Vermont Catamounts, the Lyndon State Mindless Idiots, the Middlebury Meconians and the Williams WUFOs. Only the hard core Ultimate Justice players showed, some coming from as far away as Friday night's Madison Square Garden Grateful Dead show. We were in super shape and Captain Adam

In the second game Justice took LSD (Lyndon State Disk). The self-proclaimed Mindless Idiots lost to Justice in a battle affectionately dubbed, Skill v. Huck. The Mindless Idiots tried their only offensive play, "the huck" with no luck. Justice shut down the end zone and prevailed 13-9. Stuart, the living hell-hound, ran away during game two.

In the third game, Middlebury was crushed and humiliated by a "very nice" showing of Justice in action. At the half the score was 7-1 in favor of Justice. After the half Justice coasted to a leisurely win. Middlebury took the loss with dignity and, even after losing, offered justice players fresh water. Nice guys. Stuart, aforementioned canine terror, returned sometime during game three, and was promptly imprisoned.

After the third game, Justice was feeling the pain of the night before. The team rallied around Captain Adam and Ex-captain Bob, as well as Gary "The Clamp's" cooler. Lulled into a false sense of security by the WUFOs' captain, Justice mo-seyed over to the field for the fourth and final game, expecting to play WUFO's scrubs.

Justice lost the fourth game. WUFOs' captain lied. It was a close match spiritually, but Justice had to resort to the audio defense. Williams went into the zone defense. Justice failed. Blame it on the Grateful Dead. We did. After all, six hours of frisbee is alot. Even Stuart was tired.

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Evlonski's warm up drill, a type of bend at the waist, was a testament to that fact.

In Catamount the first game Justice went against a very young but talented UV team. Justice bolted to a 4-1 lead but was overcome by the quickness of UV's youth. The UV team steadily pulled away from Justice, but Justice lost with dignity. A highlight of the game was Stuart, a Justice Quadruped, giving a demonstration of his "extended tree" concept on the UV players' backpacks. Truly ultimate justice.

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Giants at Washington	Giants	Giants	Washington
Kansas City at Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets
Buffalo at Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Cincinnati at Raiders	Cincy	Raiders	Cincy
Cleveland at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Denver at San Diego	Denver	Denver	Denver
Detroit at San Francisco	Niners	Niners	Niners
Green Bay at Tampa Bay	Bucs	The Pack	Bucs
Houston at Philadelphia	Philly	Houston	Philly
Colts at New England	Pats	Pats	Colts
Minnesota at Miami	Vikes	Vikes	Vikes
Cardinals at Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams
Seattle at Atlanta	Atlanta	Seattle	Seattle
Dallas at New Orleans	Saints	Cowboys	Saints

## By Coach Fenn

Pick the Forty-Niners, Vikings, Giants and Redskins in all their games. Wherever they play each other, choose the Vikings and Giants. The NFC hasn't changed a bit.

In the East, four teams are now deadlocked at 2-2 records. Will the winning team please stand up? Herschel Walker is carrying Dallas on his back, but that won't be enough this year: Look for the Giants and Redskins to slowly emerge.

Minnesota now owns the Central Division. The Bears will give some competition. The Bays (Tampa and Green) couldn't beat Columbia.

Out West, some strange shift - ing has ben taking place. Suddenly, the Rams have a QB in Everett. Still, count on the

49ers to emerge as the season progresses. The Saints, with Bobby Hebert, will fight in their shadow.

Bottom line: The Vikings, if they stick with Tommy Kramer at quarterback, will represent the NFC in the Super Bowl.

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In last issue's predictions, sports sage Ned Witte sent scribe a clear message—make conservative picks at the start of the season. Going into the Monday night game, the genial Witte stomped me senseless, running up a four victory cushion. Witte successfully chose Cincinnati in Pittsburgh, Minnesota in Chicago, and New Orleans in Detroit, all games I missed. Saving some face, I tabbed a quarterback-less Cleveland over team-less Indianapolis in the weeknight battle. The

Browns won. Witte, ever the optimist, had picked the Colts.

So, Witte went 8-6 while I went 5-9. I won't have to wrestle Witte this week. Mike Smith will be adding his predictions beginning this issue. The sports fan from Maine is a fine addition to The Forum, and he'll be tough to beat in predictions, too.

Rather than tackle Smith, I hope this time around to humble the Dean. He should be a pushover. Unless I've missed something, the new pretending pundit knows more of EIS's than NFL's. On the other hand, Witte was supposed to be just another diaper-changing third-year.

## Sports Spring-Board

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took the silver. In the face of intense political pressure, Long favored his friendship with the black Owens over German racial and political goals. As Bud Greenspan would say, it was a true Olympic moment.

This issue's trivia: With the World Series fast approaching, let's turn to our nation's pastime for some questions.

First Tier: Who won the World Series last year (how quickly they forget)?

Second Tier: Where is the Baseball Hall of Fame located?

Third Tier: How many stitches are there in a regulation Major League baseball?

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# New Review by-laws explained

By Vito Mussomeli

The last several years saw bitter resentment toward the Vermont Law Review over the Review on competition conducted each year by Second Years for First Years. Those submissions considered most competent go on Law Review so long as the authors are not on academic probation. Despite all the encouragement that was given to First Years to participate, only three were accepted over the last three years. In one of those years, none were. Cries of unfair against the system (or was it just guileless pedantry?) finally bore home and this year's class did something about it.

They changed the by-laws.

Now a minimum of acceptances will be tendered according to a sliding scale. If four to seven participate, a minimum of one must be selected. When eight to eleven participate, two must be. Over twelve means three must be. This year five Second Years made Law Review through the Write-On competition. Twenty-seven entered the contest.

The Write-On competition itself is held each Spring or early Summer and is entirely run by the Second Years. They select the topic and decide the rules. Any First Year interested in this competition should be

on the look-out next Spring for its announcement. In the past the topic and all research materials to write from have been part of a packet. One has a time-span in which to write the paper, and a given length for the paper. This past summer the topic was "What does the US Supreme Court look at to grant certiorari?". The first two weeks after final exams in May was the period within to write the papers, a ten-page memo.

How else do you get on Law Review and how many of each class go on? The Third Years also changed the by-laws to admit more members of each class. Beginning with this year's Second Year class, 20 members

go on the review. Invitations are offered the top five academic students in First Year after the year is finished. They can accept or reject. If someone declines, his or her position goes to number six who chooses to or not to, et cetera until five slots are filled. To these are added the winners of the Write-On. The by-laws now stipulate room for anywhere from three to fifteen Write-Ons. If there aren't fifteen Write-Ons accepted, the remainder of the openings go to class members according to academic rank. No one is offered Law Review after Second Year. So if you're invited and you decide not to be on, you can't come back and say ask me for Third Year.

Law Review comes out twice each academic year. January is

the scheduled date for the next issue. Andy Montroll is this year's Editor-in-Chief. He and the staff have added a new dimension to the Review with the addition of a special Environmental Section. The Review has always done articles on the environment but now will have its own special status. Two articles are already accepted for this section for the January issue.

One thing Andy made clear talking with him: the Review requires an awful lot of work. Regardless of class standing, it may or may not be your cup of tea. But if one is offered a position and sees it through, the Review carries weight on a resume and provides invaluable training in writing and research.

## VLS anxiously awaits arrival of new copiers

By Betty Chalifoux

The word on the street is that new copy machines are on the way to Vermont Law School. The burning question is, "Who will be the happier? Library staff or students?" Students have many times had an unwelcome lesson in the Tyranny of Inanimate Objects at they found themselves crushed between a deadline and a dead copier. And, the Library, which only houses the machines, has had the joy of coping with any of the several reactions of so-cruelly disappointed students.

But, perhaps true happiness does exist and proceeds toward us, even as we speak, from beyond the Adirondacks. ISMG of Cohoes, N.Y. has offered an agreement which seems to eliminate some of the problems which have dogged the past series of copiers here at VLS. And dogged they have been. Their brief resume reads like a saga of doomed hopes and shattered dreams. The first, a Xerox, was, strangely enough,

the only model Xerox ever produced in England. Being imported from England can add great glamour to many consumer goods but with the copiers it just doesn't do it. This diabolical machine achieved something of a record by going through four clutches in as many months. It was followed by the present Minoltas which have specialized in the passive/aggressive attack pattern. They never made an assertive bid for acknowledgement that they were vital to the completion of many an assignment. Rather, they would simply swoon away and remain unable to cope until the copier doctor made a house call.

Now, ISMG, which serves the law school in Albany, is expanding into Vermont and has made arrangements with Norwich in Northfield as well as with Vermont Law School. They promise not only sturdy, competent copiers, but also, preventative maintenance. They have also assured us that if a machine should prove to be a

congenital "lemon," it will be promptly replaced. Since the profits of this company are based on the number of copies successfully produced by the machines it places, it would seem that the proper incentive for good machines, well-serviced, is strong.

There will be three new machines and costs will not jump when they become our copiers. A vending machine for the sale of plastic cards to operate the machines will accompany these new copiers. These copiers are constructed so that there is no access to enable kindly or not-so-kindly strangers to perform home-taught surgery on them. Instead, the preventative maintenance is expected to keep them in the pink. Library staff estimate that they have spent at least 10 hours per week in the care of copiers, not including instant therapy to students momentarily destroyed by a copier's non-function. Now, a new work-study position is being created



Photo by Derrick Saville

Few will miss the sight of copiers on a Sunday evening sporting the latest in "out of order" wear.

for the caring and feeding of the new copiers. As of this writing, it was not filled and interested students are urged to contact Judy Walker. There will be a new design feature which should

make this job less demanding. These machines feature a "paper tower" which has to be filled much less often than the former paper containers.

## First debate held at Wake Forest

Continued from page 1 and religious beliefs that makes that decision."

Re drugs: "If our government itself is doing business with people who we know are engaged in profiteering and drug trafficking, if we don't understand that that sends out a very, very bad message to our young people, it's a little difficult for me to understand just how we can reach out . . . to the young people all over the country and say to them 'we want to help.'"

Re Bentzen as VP: "I didn't pick him because he agreed with me on every thing. You know Sam Rayburn once said that if two people agree on everything then only one is doing the thinking."

Just what is going on here? Bush's strategy rests heavily on

applying pejorative labels to Dukakis and the Carterworn democrats. Labels with no clear definitions but that give off some kind of noxious aroma . . . big spending liberals . . . got no religion . . . unpatriotic. Soft on defense. They'll turn the criminals loose. They'll kill innocent babies. They're gonna waste all our money on those big social programs. This is, after all, an election about choices, and Bush is the education candidate, right? And this is quite an education we're getting.

Who is this George Bush anyway? Is it Reagan redux all over again?

Does Bush even know the difference anymore? Does he know enough about who he really is as a human being (and didn't he have a clearer sense 8

years ago) to become President of the United States? Just how do you know what you're going to get with Bush. He isn't like Reagan, is he? He is different. But I think he's very confused about just who he is, and I think this is why he follows a course of attacking Dukakis and the democrats. Don't engage in real debate. Just label Dukakis and the democrats for what they are . . . soft on crime, weak on defense, misguided on abortion, pro-pornography, big spending liberals and a grave danger to the safety of our country as we know it.

As always, we deserve to get who we elect. Based on the issues and respect for his audience and on the institution of running for the office of President of the United States...along with a host of

tangible as well as subliminal cues that tell us Dukakis believes what he says...has integrity and speaks from a

center that is lacking in Bush...Dukakis will pick up a substantial 6-8% by the end of this week (1st of October).

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