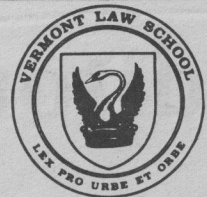


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Human Rights Commission Run From Woman's Kitchen

By Maureen T. Holland

Margaret Lucenti has been running the Vermont Human Rights Commission from her kitchen for the past ten years, without compensation. And each year the legislature has appropriated \$1.00 to the commission.

The Human Rights Commission was established by the legislature in 1967 (T.13 V.S.A. 1461-67) to assure compliance with the "Public Accommodations Act" and the "Fair Housing Act". Except for the efforts of Ms. Lucenti, the commission has been inactive with the last appointments made in the mid-1970s.

Ms. Lucenti expressed her concern about the status of the commission to a panel on civil rights which conducted a factfinding meeting on September 6th, 1986 in Montpelier. The Vermont State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission On Civil Rights held the meeting to determine whether the existing Vermont civil rights laws and the means by which they are enforced are adequate.

Ms. Lucenti was one of more than twenty who presented their views. Among the speakers were

representatives of persons who are often the victims of discrimination (on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin), relevant government agencies, organized labor, and the business community.

The problem, said Ms. Lucenti, is not only the amount of money allocated to the Human Rights Commission but the scope of the statutes. To date the Human Rights Commission can only deal with those problems stemming from discrimination based on race, color, creed or national origin and not discrimination based on sex, handicap, age, or source of income (1973 and 1977 amendments did include the blind and deaf).

Speaker after speaker echoed Ms. Lucenti's concerns about the need for a commission with broader powers, especially power for adequate enforcement, and for public education. To demonstrate such needs the speakers described incidents of discrimination that have occurred in the state, such as:

—An Asian immigrant is arres-

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Dean Search Progress

By Richard Simon
of the Forum Staff

The 12 member Dean Search Committee, which was appointed in April to find a successor to Dean Jonathon Chase, is "on schedule," according to Faculty Co-Chairman Richard Brooks.

"We've screened the existing pool (of 110 candidates) and are beginning to make recommendations for intensive interviews. These interviews will be conducted in New York by trustees and on campus by trustees, faculty, administration, staff and Holly (student representative Holly Ernst)," said Brooks.

"Possibly by the next Board meeting in late fall we will have some recommended names to bring to the Board, but I don't know whether we can meet that schedule," noted Brooks.

He added that the entire process should be completed by July 1, 1987, the date on which the new

dean is to assume his responsibilities.

Because of the special nature of VLS, Brooks stated that there are some unique qualities which the new dean should possess. "We have a free standing law school. Unlike a law school which is located in a larger university, where the dean would act as a kind of middle man in the administration, at this school, the dean is almost like the president of the university. Therefore, it is important that he be capable of institutional development and leadership.

The qualities which Brooks alluded to are similar to those Chase would like to see in his successor.

"I would think that we would want to look for somebody who has an academic love of the law, who appreciates scholarship and is possibly involved in it, who could bring us a national reputation in the law and who is known and respected in the academic community."

Chase added, "We have to be sensitive to marketing the school to applicants, donors, trustees, students, alumni, the Bar and faculty. There may be a tendency to underestimate the externalities of the job. People tend to see the dean in his work on campus while his other work is less visible. This other work is of equal importance."

Chase added, "I am encouraged that some of the applicants, who I know, have these qualities."

Concerning the involvement of students in the selection process, Brooks noted, "I'm hopeful that there will be a student role in this process. It will be important that whoever is selected can work well with all facets of the community. The students are certainly an integral element of this community."



Some VLS parents live it up at last years Convocation Reception. (File Photo)

Family Weekend '86

By Joan L. Stickney

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 1986

"Preparing graduates for general practice: Are law schools doing the job?"

As many of you know, Family Weekend has proved to be one of VLS's most successful events. This year's Family Weekend will distinguish itself from past years for several reasons. Most important, you and your families will have the opportunity to meet those individuals responsible for the creation, birth and implementation of the General Practice Program. This program will surely set VLS apart from other law schools for we will be the first to integrate a general practice course of studies into all three years of its curriculum.

The program was developed initially for VLS by Michael Meltner, former dean and presently a member of the faculty at Northeastern Law School. Meltner helped start one of the first clinical programs at Columbia University School of Law in 1970.

The General Practice Program will begin next fall and will be funded for four years through a generous gift of \$390,000 from Julien and Virginia Cornell. In

Julien Cornell's own words, "Law schools do an excellent job of teaching legal principles and of their application to social problems, but they do almost nothing toward training their students on how to conduct law practice. The General Practice Program which is now planned for VLS will change all that."

The formal opening of Family Weekend '86 will be at 4 p.m. on Friday, September 26 when Michael Meltner delivers the 1986 Waterman Lecture in the Quincy Wright Lecture Hall in the Main Classroom Building. This lecture is dedicated to the memory of Judge

Sterry R. Waterman who made significant contributions to the School's first phase of development. Sterry Waterman was the Senior Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit for many years and served as president of the Law School's Board of Trustees from 1974 to 1983.

Dean's Forum

The Waterman Lecture will be followed by a cocktail reception in the VLS Library, and a buffet dinner in the Carriage Room at the Quincy Royalton House will begin at 6 p.m. Reservations will be limited.

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General Practice Program

By Sheril Stanford

Next year's incoming class will be the first to get a taste of a new program at VLS, called by the Chairman of the American Bar Association General Practice Section "the best idea to come before us in over ten years." VLS will be the first law school in the country to offer such a program.

Dubbed the General Practice

Program, the new scheme will emphasize the basic lawyering skills: interviewing, counselling, investigating, research, negotiation and writing. Students will also work as interns. All first year students will be required to take the course.

The program was developed by

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Photo by Susan Aranoft

Prof. John McCrory

Editorial

New Forum Format

The FORUM Editorial Board and Staff have undergone major changes since our last published issue in April.

Due to the time requirements of judicial clerkships, Mark Randall and Kemp Stickney have been forced to step down from leading the FORUM Editorial Board. Ken Bryk and Julie Prosser have agreed to keep the FORUM alive and will share the responsibilities of the Editor-In-Chief's position.

The co-editor's first duty was to name an Editorial Board. Listed below are those who have volunteered their time and experience on the new Board.

The Board hopes to serve the VLS community as a forum for your ideas and concerns. Please feel free to join us. We need people to work in all areas from editing to photography to writing. If in the past you have been dissatisfied with any aspects of the FORUM, now is the time to help us improve. We need help, not empty advice.

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THE BLENDING TOGETHER
OF ENRICHING EXPERIENCES
SUCH AS...



Dean's Forum

Ed. note: Due to space limitations, Dean Chase's article is in two parts. Part two will appear in the Sept. 26 Edition.

I was thinking recently about what it means to say we live in a country governed by law and not men or women. It is an optimistic assertion that our freedom will be protected ultimately against despotism because the law will ensure that our constitutional guarantees will be observed.

If all else should fail, there is the Great Writ—the writ of habeas corpus—that gives each of us the right when in custody to be brought before a judge to ensure that we have been legitimately detained.

Having said this, it becomes rather apparent that a system of law is only as good as the people responsible for its administration. We assume that the judge hearing our constitutional claim will listen fairly and apply the law evenhandedly. As one who over the years has litigated a number of what might be characterized as "unpopular cases," I am accustomed to arguing before judges who are not by their nature or background sympathetic to my client's claims.

I have given careful thought to what I should legitimately expect of a judge who ordinarily will not share my political views. What are the minimal requirements of judiciary integrity?

First, I expect anyone administering the law to report facts accurately. I know you appreciate the importance of the fact-finding process in legal decisionmaking. Without the integrity of that process there is no protection of the law. Surely our jury system reflects our understanding of the fundamental importance of this process.

Beyond the facts, I expect those administering the law to read the law fairly. A fair reading of a court's decision is one which characterizes in a sensible and reasonable way the principle or principles for which the decision may be said to stand. Professor Monaghan, an expert in constitutional law, has said: "Fair treatment by the Court of its own precedents is an indispensable condition of judicial legitimacy."

I also expect those administering the law to accept the fundamental rationality and consistency inherent in any system that may be legitimately characterized as law. In law there are logically compelled results.

Whatever principle a fair reading of a prior decision produces, that principle must be applied in future cases; and if application of that principle in my case compels a result favorable to my client, then

the law demands such a result—unless—unless, going back to the earlier decision (and reading it fairly), it turns out the principle needs to be refined further or that the decision in the earlier case was—we now decide—wrong and should be overruled.

Finally, I expect judges to address all legitimate nonfrivolous arguments and care passionately about the integrity of the law. The integrity of the law should matter immensely to them.

All this is a prelude to my telling you how distressed I am at the imminent confirmation of William Rehnquist as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Justice Rehnquist as a justice of the Supreme Court has acted lawlessly.

To be specific, Justice Rehnquist on many occasions has not read cases fairly. He has said cases stand for principles for which they do not and that cases do not stand for principles for which they do. By so doing he has facilitated the Court's reaching decisions other than the decisions logically compelled by its prior decisions and to do so without being honest about what is happening. Prior decisions are overruled by result, without legitimate discussion of what is happening, without addressing the legitimate arguments in opposition.

Although there are many others, I offer his decision for the majority in the 1976 case of *Paul v. Davis* as an example of what I mean. In that case a flyer was distributed by the Louisville, Kentucky, Chief of Police to some 800 merchants alerting them to "Active Shoplifters." The flyer contained pictures and names of "subjects known to be active in this criminal field."

Among those included was Edward Davis III, who had been arrested for shoplifting and had pleaded not guilty. Nothing more happened at the time the flyer was distributed and shortly thereafter charges were finally dismissed.

Davis sued, claiming that circulation of his picture and name as an active shoplifter denied him an interest in liberty protected by the Fourteenth Amendment without due process. The issue before the United States Supreme Court was whether a person's interest in his reputation constituted an interest in liberty protected by the Fourteenth Amendment.

In its decision written by Justice Rehnquist the Court held it did not. There had been several cases decided by the United States Supreme Court bearing on this issue, but next issue I shall discuss only the three most recent cases prior to *Paul v. Davis*.

Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

This letter will likely be one of the most unusual you've read. I hope it doesn't serve to repel or repulse you.

This is more of an urgent plea than a question or request, as my community ties are virtually nonexistent.

I am an inmate on Arizona's condemned row at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Florence (ASPC-F). I've been here a while as I was sentenced in January of 1983.

Would you consider running an ad in your campus paper/newsletter that could result in my having a pen-pal? I don't know what to do or say other than, please!

Death Row is a lonely and basically gloomy position to find one's self in; a pen-pal or two could greatly reduce the gloom; but angry courts make terrible pen-pals!

Only the courts, be it God's will, can reduce or reverse my sentence but a friend could make a long wait seem shorter.

I can only ask that you consider my request and hope that the U.S. is made up of more than courts and prisons.

Respectfully,
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General Practice Program

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Micheal Meltsner, who will be the speaker at the upcoming family weekend. Meltsner is a former dean and presently a faculty member at Northeastern Law School in Boston, Massachusetts. Meltsner was hired by VLS to report on the feasibility of such a program at VLS and make recommendations as to methods for its implementation.

According to Meltsner's report, the program is a reflection of current trends in curricular thinking. The trend appears to focus more attention on the role of lawyer as problem-solver, the realities of what lawyers actually do, and the development of practical lawyering skills.

The Meltsner proposal calls for implementation of the program in four steps.

The initial step is a required first year course. It appears that the usual first year courses will be taught, but "perhaps combined, integrated and repackaged." Meltsner emphasizes that the program will not be "throwing content out the window." Rather, the changes will be reflected in a

more integrated curriculum, with more interdisciplinary focus and less redundancy.

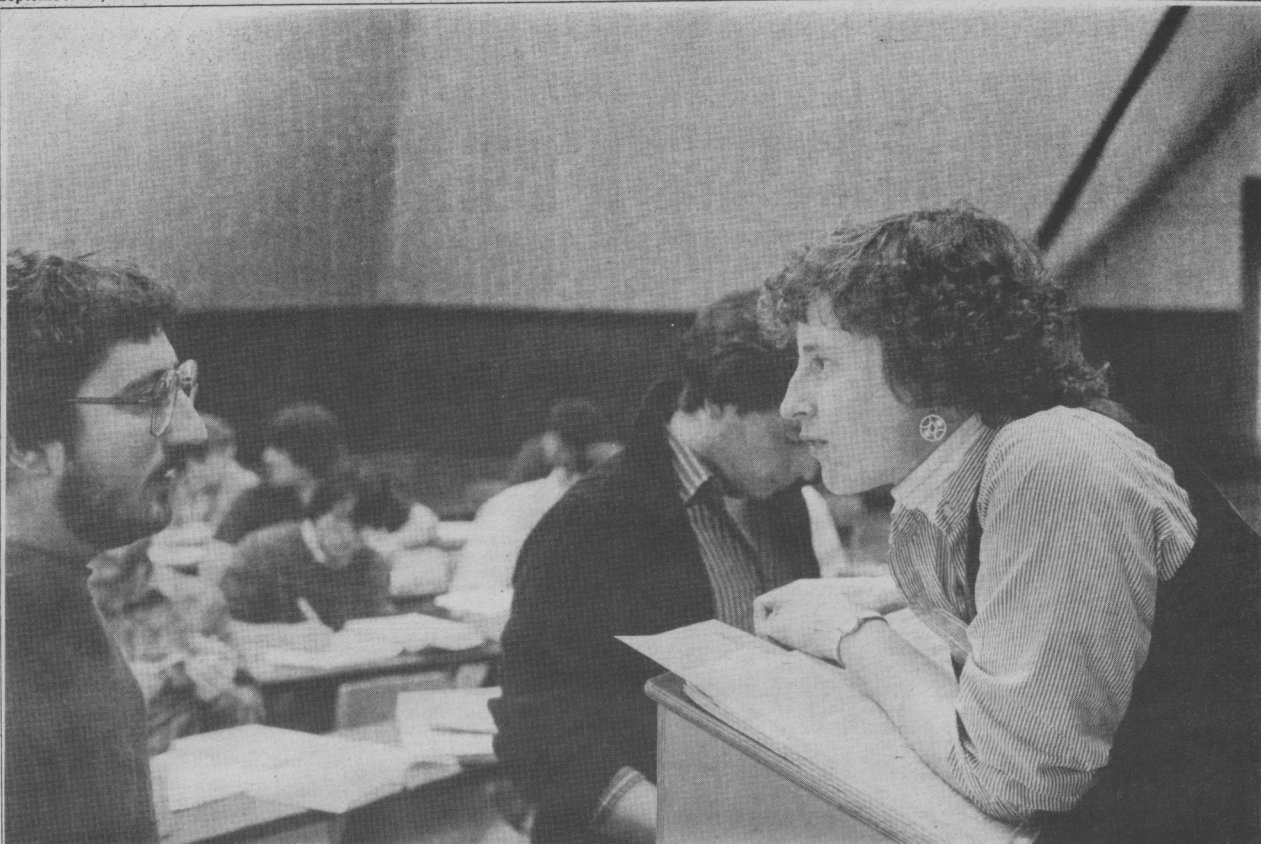
The report indicates that an actual format has not yet been approved, but Meltsner has suggested one of two models.

One, based on an approach used at Northeastern, would involve following a case for seven months from the initial interview to a summary judgement motion before visiting judges.

Another approach, adopted by New York University Law School, would give students legal writing in the fall semester, and six simulated exercises of increasing complexity in the spring.

In the second year, students wishing to continue the program must apply to do so. The program would include electives presently offered in addition to some specially-designed required courses.

The third step is a supervised internship, followed by an independent research and writing research and writing project or a continuation of the practice exercise.



Stephanie Willbanks, VLS's newest tenured professor advises a new first year student.

(Photo by Susan Aranoff)

Commentary: Politics in Motion

By Gilbert Kaback

American capitolists exploit the masses and deny lower class an equal opportunity to succeed within our society. Soviet style communism treats the majority of its citizens equally and boasts about its zero unemployment rate. Are these statements political facts or personal opinions? Either way, do you care?

I, among others, certainly do and believe that it is in your best interest to care too. Politics, whether they be international, national, or local, profoundly affect each of you directly and indirectly.

Politics determine your freedoms and restrictions upon those freedoms as well. Again, are you interested? If we as law students, the future leaders of our country, seem not to care, then who will?

What I propose is a political forum within the Forum. Hopefully we can air opposing political opinions on specific pre-determined issues. I will print an analysis of some issue in each publication and wait for your

responses.

Opinions left and right, pro and con, will be given equal representation. Depending on the volume, we may only be able to print several responses each issue.

For those who choose to participate, this forum will serve as a pressure relief valve to expel those pent up political feelings or as a legitimate channel to express one's thoughts. For those who choose not to participate, the forum can provide an informative and even entertaining column.

Finally, for students who are unaware or politically inactive, the forum will provide a means for keeping up on the major political issues of the day. Remember, those who do not learn from the past are destined to re-live those mistakes in the future.

I truly hope that this idea will float and that our illustrious student body is not apathetic to these types of issues. So, beginning with the next issue I will pen my thoughts on a general or specific issue and wait for your rebuttals or responses. Next issue: The Middle East.

NLG at VLS Kearney Takes Position at Loyola

By Susan Aranoff
Forum Photo Editor

"The National Lawyers Guild is an association dedicated to the need for basic change in the structure of our political and economic system. We seek to unite the lawyers, law students, legal workers, and jailhouse lawyers of America in an organization which shall function as an effective political and social force in the service of the people, to the end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests. Our aim is to bring together all those who regard adjustments to new conditions as more important than the veneration of precedent; who recognize the importance of safeguarding and extending the rights of workers, women, farmers, and minority groups upon whom the welfare of the entire nation depends; who seek actively to eliminate racism; who work to maintain and protect our civil rights and liberties in the face of persistent attacks upon them; and who look upon the law as an instrument for the protection of the people, rather than for their repression."

Preamble to the NLG Constitution, adopted February 1937, amended 1971.

Here at VLS, the NLG works hard to raise the community's awareness of numerous social issues.

Civil rights, divestment, Central America, equality for women, lesbian and gay rights, and disarmament have all been the focus of NLG-sponsored speakers, films, or campaigns.

If you are interested in working on these or other social justice issues, join us!

We need your support and involvement. Check the bulletin board in the classroom lobby for meeting times and locations. If you would like to receive the minutes of our meetings, just drop a note in our organizational mail box.

By Julie Prosser
Forum editor

The former Director of the VLS Legal Writing Program, Mary Kate Kearney, is now an assistant professor at Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois.

Mary Kate started teaching in the Socio-Legal Studies Department at Loyola in September. The courses she teaches include "The American Legal System" and "Government and Business." Mary Kate's new students are much younger than those she taught here at the law school, and many of them will not pursue legal

careers. Mary Kate writes that though she misses Vermont, she is finding that resettling in Chicago, her hometown, is exciting and invigorating. Mary Kate decided to return to the Midwest after teaching at VLS for two years. Last year, she was also the Director of the Legal Writing Program, a job she performed splendidly.

The new assistant professor leaves many fans behind here at VLS. Her expertise, energy and generous devotion to her students left so many of us indebted to her. Our loss is Loyola's gain, and her new students are fortunate indeed.

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Family Weekend '86

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The evening's activities will be highlighted by the Dean's Forum. A panel discussion responding to Meltsner's remarks will be held immediately following dinner in the Carriage Room.

Dean Jonathon Chase will moderate this discussion and the panelists will be The Honorable Frederic W. Allen, Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court; Philip H. Hoff, Esq., former governor of Vermont and presently a member of Vermont Law School's Board of Trustees; Peter R. Teachout, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Vermont Law School; and a representative from the General Practice Section of the American Bar Association.

Saturday Activities

Saturday morning our guests will be divided into two groups, each of which will view a slide show entitled "Vermont Law School: Beyond the First Decade" and attend "Paper Chase" mock classes conducted by two of Vermont Law School's faculty. An 11:30 Rugby game is scheduled at the South Royalton High School.

At 12 noon the 2nd Annual Hurricane Run will complete Saturday morning's activities. A riverside barbecue lunch will be served from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Tickets for the barbecue will be available.

The convocation ceremonies will begin with a formal academic procession of faculty, representatives from institutions of higher education and our Board of Trustees. Jack Robinson and Nelson Fishman will present the second Fishman and Robinson Humanitarian Achievement

Award. John Shullenberger, Director of Vermont Legal Aid, will present the first Zander B. Rubin Fellowship established in memory of Zander Rubin.

Rubin founded the South Royalton Legal Clinic at Vermont Law School in 1979 and was its director for two years. The Clinic provides legal services to low-income and underrepresented people while teaching aspiring lawyers practical skills. This fellowship will be awarded annually to permit one or two students to work during the summer in a public interest setting.

Addressing our weekend theme, Julien and Virginia Cornell will formally announce their gift to Vermont Law School establishing the General Practice Program. This presentation will be followed by the address of our convocation speaker, Judge James L. Oakes.

After engaging in general practice in Brattleboro, Vermont, Judge Oakes went on to become Counsel to the Vermont Statutory Revision Commission, a Vermont State Senator and later Vermont Attorney General. He was appointed to the United States District Court in 1970 and to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 1971 where he continues to distinguish himself as one of the nation's most respected jurists. Judge Oakes is a distinguished member of Vermont Law School's Board of Trustees.

Following convocation, there will be a cocktail reception in the party tent on The South Royalton Green. Entertainment will be provided by the VLS/South Royalton Jazz Band.

Vt. Law School Scholars Program Awards Excellence

By Jo-Ann Gross
of the Forum Staff

This past spring the Vermont Law School faculty approved a program to recognize superior academic performance by the school's students. The Vermont Law School Scholars program recognizes the top five students of each class.

The students are named after completion of their first full year. Any student who subsequently achieves top five standing up to the end of his/her fifth semester will also be named a VLS scholar.

The student receives a certificate naming him/her a VLS scholar. In addition to the certificate, the student will be eligible to receive a financial aid scholarship of up to \$1,000. For a student to meet eligibility requirements for the scholarship, he or she must meet normal financial aid requirements and must not be the recipient of any other type of scholarship.

The VLS scholars will continue to

receive this financial aid for the remainder of their time at the law school as long as the student remains in the top 25% of their class. A \$500 scholarship is available to those who are named mid-year.

Presently, VLS is poor in scholarship funds. The available funds have been used to attract those students who show a high potential for academic performance. Each year scholarships are given to a few select students who are judged to be capable of excelling academically.

A student's potential is based on their LSAT and G.P.A. numbers. The students receive a \$5,000 scholarship. Many of the Vermont Scholars are also recipients of financial scholarships, and, therefore, are not eligible for the additional \$1,000 scholarship. The Vermont Scholars program hopes to recognize those students that have exceeded their predicted potential.

Many law school scholar pro-

grams are named after well-known persons and Dean Chase hopes that the VLS Scholars program will follow suit in the near future. The purpose of the renaming will be to attract additional funding to the program. Dean Chase would like the VLS Scholars to receive the same amount of funding as do the financial scholarship recipients.

Not only should the scholar program attract bright students to the school but, as an added benefit, should also encourage those students who have achieved high academic standing to complete their education at VLS.

The following students have been designated Vermont Law School Scholars:

Class of 1987: William Ellis, David Galgay, Priscilla Krikorian, George Michak, Rebecca Rice-Osterhoudt, and Robert Sand.

Class of 1988: David Cowles, Katrina Kamantauskas, Stephanie Miller, Elizabeth Stanton, and Stephen Steineker.

Career Corner

Career Services

By Sandy Leong

If you never read "Networking: The Connection That Counts" by Lynn Orr in the November 1984 issue of *Student Lawyer Magazine*, you have missed out on something good; however, a copy is available in the Career Library for your perusal. Orr postulates that career services assistance and resources, together with good grades, are not going to get you a job. She argues that more is required. She provides some concrete suggestions as well as useful information about employers' perspectives.

Washington '86 (Latest edition) is now available in the Career Library.

Interested in a Federal job? The Career Library has **The Federal Job Kit** by **Federal Jobs Digest**. This kit goes into some detail about how to apply for Federal jobs.

Why do you want to learn about...?

In the near future you will receive a summer job survey in your mailbox. Why? **Some of the best information Career Services can collect and provide to VLS students year-to-year, across VLS "generations," is data directly from you or from employers.** Please help us to develop and maintain a record, or history, of VLS students' employment.

This info is helpful to other students seeking ideas about student jobs, as well as to prospective students considering VLS among several law schools. It is also useful to CS in talking with employers, in marketing efforts. Other law school career services offices administer summer job surveys.

New Students For Vermont Law Review

The Vermont Law Review is pleased to announce that the following students in the class of 1988 have accepted invitations to join the Review: Kristi Bleyer, Cynthia Burns, David Cowles, Shari Jankowski, Katrina Kamantauskas, Bob Katims, Dwanne Ladendorf, Phyllis McCoy, Joe Perella, Jacqueline Russell, Elizabeth Stanton, Ira Gottlieb, Stephanie Miller, Peter McGrath, Wayne Doane, Paul Bennett, Wendy Pike and Greg Weimer.

Congratulations to all new members.

Christian Legal Society Chapter Holds Meeting

On August 28 at 12:15 p.m., Tim Neville '87 and Doug Humphreys '89 held a Welcome Organizational Meeting of the Christian Legal Society.

New members in the Christian Legal Society include VLS students Amanda Stamp, Jim Bloodgett, John Delgado, and Jose Fernandez.

Father Frank Connors of the South Royalton Roman Catholic Church attended the meeting and a brief introduction speech was given by Protestant Pastor Dave Wright of the Bethel Christian Fellowship which meets in the South Royalton Grange Hall.

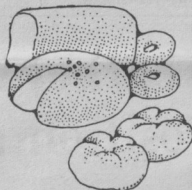
The Christian Legal Society (CLS) was founded in 1961 as a non-denominational professional association of Christian lawyers, judges, and law students. CLS now includes nearly 5000 members and offers one or more of three services to the community: 1) conciliation services to resolve disputes out of court; 2) legal air for the underprivileged; and 3) assistance to individuals and groups on religious liberty issues.

The next meeting of CLS will be held September 16, at 12:15 in the VLS downstairs lounge. Bring your lunch to the meeting. All are welcome.

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**Raymond L. Baribeault Jr.
of the Forum Staff**

Alumni Association Award for Contribution to the School to Shirley Jefferson. This award was created in 1979 by the Alumni Association to recognize a graduating student's outstanding contributions to the VLS community. After the presentation of the award, Jefferson received a standing ovation.

On May 17, 1986, the Vermont Law School enjoyed its eleventh commencement exercise. The ceremony took place on the South Royalton Green under sunny skies and warm temperatures. Everyone was relieved that the weather was so nice since it had rained during the 1985 commencement.

The student marshals Bartram "B.J." Branch, Wendy Branch, Jeanne Hughes, Shirley Jefferson, Ed Keable, and Kathy O'Keefe, organized the graduating class and prepared them for their big event.

The processional, Mouret's "Rondeau from First Symphonic Suite," was performed by the musicians of the Vermont Law School Community Brass Consort. The invocation was read by the Reverend John Nickerson of the United Church. President Hilton A. Wick gave the welcoming address.

Following President Wick's welcome, the class of 1986 representative, M. Patricia Zimmerman, presented a bird's eye view of her graduating class. She related witty anecdotes and experiences which everyone in the class had shared during their three years at the school.

Following Zimmerman's address, Dean Chase presented the **Learned Hand Award for Academic Excellence** to John Lavoie. The award, endowed by a gift from the late Judge Sterry R. Waterman, is the symbol of VLS's goal of contributing to the larger community through the pursuit of academic excellence in the school community.

Dean Chase also presented the

Judge Oakes, a Vermont Law School Trustee, introduced the commencement speaker, J. Skelly Wright of the United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia.

Judge Wright spoke of his work during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. He spoke of the ideals, the progress, the setbacks, and the people of that era and how they should never be forgotten. He made an emotional plea to today's lawyers and to the lawyers of the future to always keep in mind the values and ideals of the Civil Rights Movement which have acted as a guiding beacon in deciding many of today's judicial cases.

Following Wright's address, Dean Chase presented him with the degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa. Richard Brooks, Director of the Environmental Law Center, presented the eight candidates for the degree of Masters of Studies in Law to President Wick. Dean Chase presented the one-hundred thirty-five candidates for the degree of Juris Doctorate.

In concluding the ceremony, Betty Edson, Pastor of Sharon Congregational Church, gave the benediction and the Vermont Law School Community Brass Consort played the recessional. A champagne brunch was served on the green following the recessional.



Kathy O'Keefe '86 leads her class in the graduation processional. (File Photo)

Vermont Bar Exam Results

BAR CANDIDATES

There were 110 candidates for admission who sat for all or part of the Bar examination held on July 30 and 31, 1986, in Montpelier, Vermont.

Fifty-two or 47.3% have succeeded in passing both the Essay Examination and the Multistate Examination portions.

One hundred eight candidates sat for the Essay Examination given on July 31, 1986. Sixty or 55.6% passed that examination portion.

Seventy-nine candidates sat for the Multistate Examination given on July 30, 1986. Forty-nine or 62% passed that examination portion.

Those who passed both sections include: Carol Angus, Judy Barone, Susan Benz, Gordon Black, Eileen Blackwood, David Blythe,

Barnard Boudreau, Andre Bouffard, Suzanne Buttrey, Christine Byrom, Jenny Carter, Laurie Chisolm, Steven Clymer, Geoffrey Commons, David Conard, Karen Corti, Richard Coutant, Martha Csala, Susan Davis, Robert DiBarotolo, Paul Fiertz,

Hedy Harris, Mike Harris, Kimberly Hayden, Cynthia Heslen, Margaret Howland, Agnes Hughes, Kurt Janson, Joseph Jiloty, Phillips Keller III, John Lavoie, Andrew Maass, Margaret Mangan, Gregory Mauriello, Ginny McGrath, Arthur Mitiguy, Janet Murnane, Stephen Norton, Thomas Pears, Andrew Pickett, John Putnam, Jan Rickless, Catherine Roberts-Suskin, Dale Rocheleau, Thomas Rushford, Morris Silver, Marke Sinclair, Timothy Taylor, Paul Volk, and Joan Wing.

Minority Student Group Organizes

The Minority Student Government elected officers at its organizational meeting on September 5. Jonathon Williams '87 assumes the presidency while first-year student, Ricardo Lawrence, comes aboard as vice-president. Lydia Pilgrim '89 was elected treasurer and Michael A. Snowden '89 is the new Secretary.

The Minority Student Government will hold regular meetings on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. Location of the meetings will be posted in advance.

The Minority Government invites representatives from all VLS organizations and all individuals to attend its meetings and learn of its activities. Newly-elected Secretary Michael Snowden extends greetings to the entire community, "a wish for year-long success, as well as a warm winter."

Watch the Forum for news on the group's activities, and if you have any questions, please contact one of the officers.

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Phi Alpha Delta is alive and well here at VLS. P.A.D. is an organization of lawyers, judges, and law students dedicated to ethics in the legal profession and improvement of the interaction between law students and practicing attorneys.

Phi Alpha Delta has over 100,000 members nationwide, including thirty-five U.S. Senators and 40 U.S. Representatives.

This summer the organization held its Biennial Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. The delegates from VLS were Peter McGrath and Katrina Kumantauskas. The theme of the convention was "Integrity—P.A.D. Makes a Difference".

Highlights of the convention included a tour of the U.S. Supreme Court where Chief Justice Burger addressed the delegates. The Chief Justice is a long-time member of the Bicentennial Celebration of the Constitution. P.A.D. will be sponsoring events nationwide to remind each person of the importance of the Constitution to them.

Here at VLS, P.A.D. has commenced the year in high gear. The first big event was a study skills clinic sponsored for first year students. The Clinic was a huge success with over 30 students attending.

Wednesday, September 10, P.A.D. will be initiating its 23 new members in a formal ceremony held in the courtroom at 7 p.m. Following the initiation P.A.D. members and guests will be celebrating with a wine and cheese reception.

The next event is a first at VLS. October 4, P.A.D. is sponsoring a homemade pancake breakfast for the school and community. Homemade pancakes will be served with Vermont maple syrup as well as other homemade specialties. Everyone is invited to this event. Bring your appetite to Holly Ernst's house on South Windsor Street. Cost for non-members will be \$1.50 for all you can eat.

P.A.D. has a strong nucleus of 40 members here at VLS. Any law student may join P.A.D. Membership offers you great economic benefits such as reduced credit-card rates, scholarships, and loans. More importantly P.A.D. offers the opportunity to get involved, work together with other students and bring lawyers or other speakers here to the school.

Finally, P.A.D. provides you with job contacts nationwide when you finish law school. With over 170 chapters across the country, there are practicing P.A.D. members in virtually every geographical area and field of law.

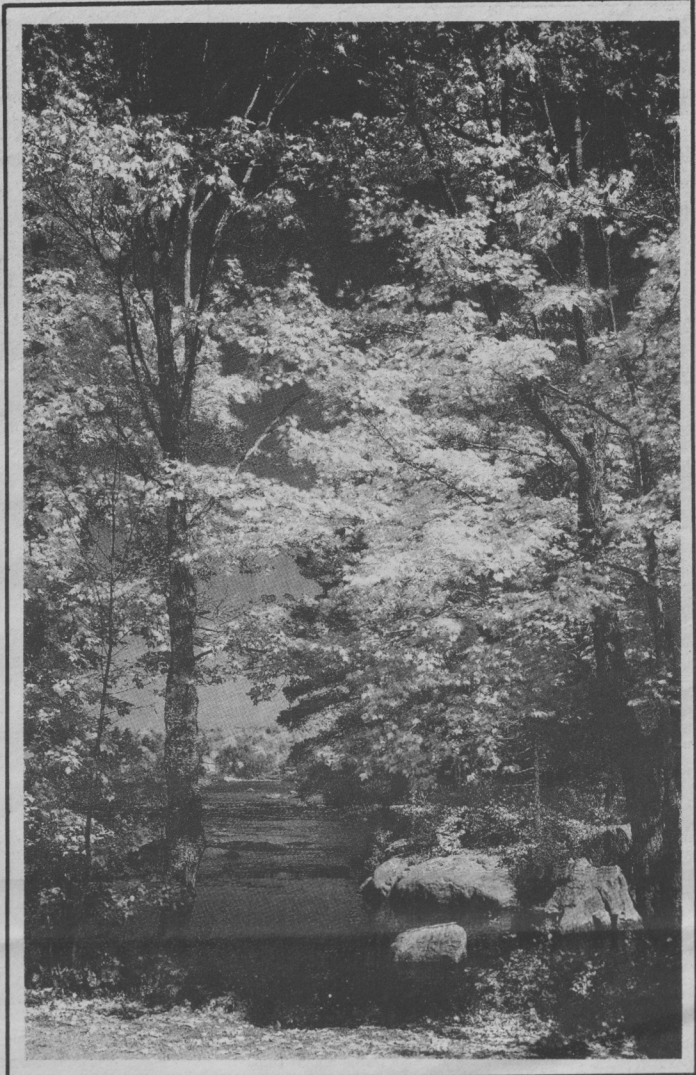
Moot Court Advisory Board

The new Moot Court Advisory Board had its first meeting September 2 to begin planning the Thomas Devoise Moot Court Competition which will take place in the spring of 1987. Second-year students are invited to participate in the Competition based on their performance in the first semester's Legal Writing Moot Court program.

Board members will sit in on all of the second-year oral arguments and evaluate each student's performance. The oral evaluation will

be considered in conjunction with the written brief of each student to determine the invitees.

The third-year students selected to this year's Moot Court Advisory Board are: Joann Nagle, chairperson; Ken Bryk, Nina Pelletier, John Lanahan, Patrick Casey, Jim Couture, Jane Gomez, Julie Prosser, Kathleen McAndrew, Bill Graff, Mike Williams, and Kathy Reardon. Selection to the Moot Court Advisory Board is an academic honor at VLS.



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Specials

Director Resigns

By Joel Cyr
of the Forum Staff

A new search process has been initiated by VLS to fill the vacant post of Director of Development.

William Lauber, recently appointed to the position, submitted his resignation effective as of August 31. He had assumed his duties for VLS in mid-summer. Lauber cited health concerns as his reason for leaving VLS.

How has Lauber's resignation affected VLS? The Director of Development is charged with concentrating on and supervising large gifts to VLS which are much more crucial now in view of the drive recently initiated regarding the new library. Lauber was quoted in the Aug. 22 edition of "The Valley News" that he was "very optimistic" in regards to his strategy for the project.

Dean Jonathon Chase said early this week that although a candidate search is a time consuming process he is hoping that VLS will find a suitable appointee whose talent and experience would allow VLS to recover from this experience.

Dean Chase stressed the importance of time however in this issue, particularly the relationship of the remainder of the calendar year to new tax legislation. "This is a good year for donations," he said and noted that VLS needed to capitalize on that factor. He is determined not to let the year slip by without taking maximum advantage of

remaining time to solicit financial assistance for the project.

An active donor list is being utilized as activity continues. The process of arranging contact and cultivating relationships is slowed, however, without the energies of one person focused directly upon that single task.

The dean noted that normal

business continues in the Development Office under the auspices of the capable staff. The office is currently busy with the upcoming Family Weekend and other continuous activity.

As the search for a new Director of Development progresses, the Forum will continue to update the story.

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Thought for Food

By Kemp & Joan Stickney
of Forum Staff

WHAT TO DO WITH LEFTOVER TURKEY

We had guests coming from Boston last weekend. Being exceptionally polite and knowing how law school students eat, they brought with them a 30 pound turkey. We pondered the many ways we might cook this bird and decided on the tried and true method, i.e., **roast it**. Suffice it to say that "The Joy of Cooking" can give all the details on how to roast a turkey. This is a recipe for what to do with the leftovers.

Turkey Tetrazzini

2 cups white and dark turkey meat (boneless)
¾ lb. mushrooms
½ lb. butter
¾ lb. pasta
¼ cup vermouth or dry white wine
1 cup heavy cream
salt to taste
dash olive oil

Preheat oven to 350°. Cut both white and dark turkey in bite-size chunks. Slice mushrooms and add two tablespoons of butter and vermouth and sautee. In the meantime, bring two quarts of water (add olive oil and salt) to a boil.

Once boiling, add pasta (we used vermicelli) and cook to your liking. Lightly grease an oven proof



baking dish with the remaining butter. Once the mushrooms are cooked, add the heavy cream and heat through taking care not to let it boil.

Drain the pasta and put it into the greased oven proof dish and add half of the mushroom mixture. Add the other half of the mushroom mixture to the turkey and then put the turkey into the baking dish.

Coat the top with a thin layer of freshly grated parmesan cheese. Bake for 20-30 minutes or until heated through. Serves four. Incidentally, there is no reason why chicken could not be used instead.

Dining Out

By Will Barry

Sunday morning...slow and easy. No alarm clock, no books, no class. Just a long shower and a leisurely breakfast, preferably at a restaurant (when my law school budget allows for it).

This past Sunday, with the financial help of the **Forum** and my girlfriend, we went to Dana's By-the-Gorge on Route 4 in Quechee ("Kwee-chee" for you first years). Dana's is a simple, yet charming restaurant with a distinctly country ambiance. The menu offers the usual breakfast fare but with a special Dana's touch. For example: The Vermont Special—juice, two eggs, pancakes with real Vermont maple syrup, Harrington's cob smoked Canadian bacon, Vermont cheddar cheese, toast and coffee (\$5.95); orange pancakes Curacao (\$3.95); or maple-walnut French toast (\$3.25); and ten different crepe-style omelets (from \$2.95 to \$3.95).

Mary decided to have apple-

cinnamon pancakes (\$2.75) while I selected eggs benedict (\$4.50) and home fries (\$5.80). The portions were large and served hot (although it did seem like a long wait however, as the menu pointed out, everything is cooked-to-order).

The Eggs Benedict were served with fresh slices of fruit (peaches, watermelon and cantaloupe). The home fries were crispy, not greasy and served with a small paper cup of ketchup (of which I needed lots more to feed my body's "jones" for that red condiment). Mary's three pancakes were served with real, 100% whipped butter and local genuine maple syrup. Both dishes were very tasty. Our waitress, Mandy, was cheerful and attentive.

Dana's is open from Mother's Day to Halloween and serves breakfast daily until 11:30 and lunch until 3:00. Dana's is easy to get to, just take Route 4 to Quechee and look for Quechee Gorge.

SBA

The Student Bar Association elected Jim Burns, '87, as the sports commissioner at its first meeting on Tuesday, September 2.

SBA members recognized the need to elect a sports commissioner as soon as possible due to the strong interest in the Fall Volleyball League. The SBA approved an allocation of \$150 from the SBA General Fund to the Lounge Committee in order to purchase supplies for the lounge and to help the volleyball program get started.

Because volleyball is a new program, it had not yet received any SBA funds. The volleyball program will share the allocation of the lounge committee until it is a recognized group and received funding from the SBA.

As a note of important information, David Thelander, '87 president of the SBA, introduced Donald Brown, '88, who is VLS's Law Student Division representative to the American Bar Association. Any questions students have concerning health insurance or other ABA-LSD matters should be pre-

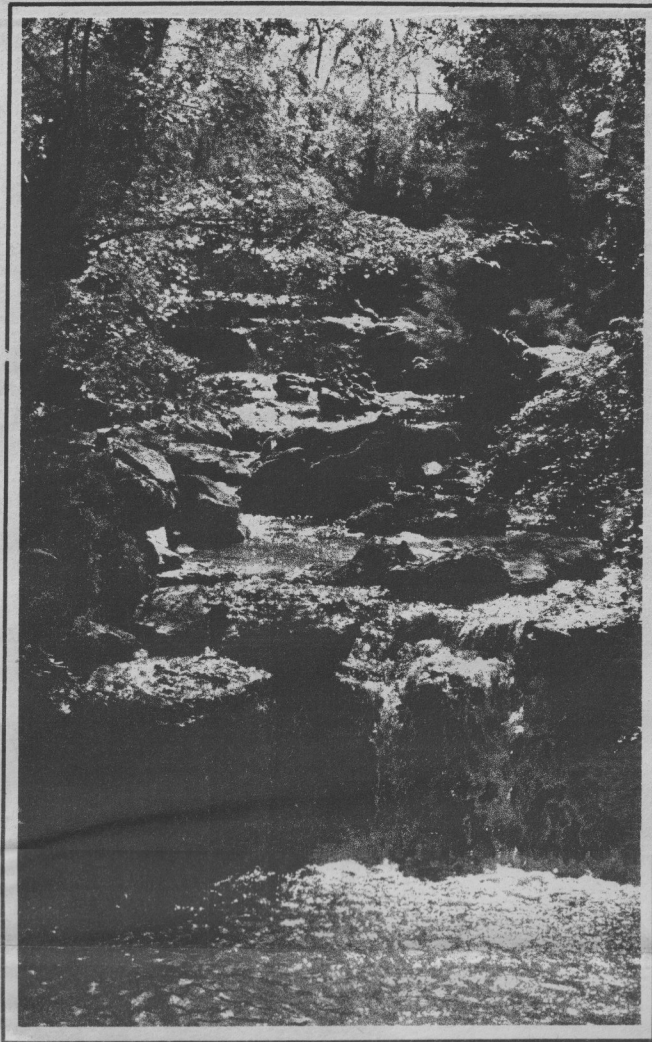
sented to Don, Thelander said.

The SBA budget meeting will be held Wednesday, September 24. The time and location will be posted on the SBA bulletin board, which is next to the glass-covered bulletin board.

SBA elections also will be held Wednesday, September 24. The period for filing nominations has been extended to Friday, September 19, at 5:00 p.m. All nominations should be filed with Susan Hamilton, '88.

Openings include:

- 5 1st year representatives
 - 1 M.S.L. representative
 - 1 2nd year Student Trustee
- Also, class representatives for:
- Community Council
 - Curriculum Committee
 - Faculty Hiring Committee
 - Library Committee
 - Admissions Committee
 - Financial Aid Committee
 - Career Services Committee
 - Development and Public Affairs Committee
 - Honor Code Committee



Human Rights Commission

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ted and brought to court but is unable to understand the charge against him because he is not provided with an interpreter;

—A black girl is sprayed with Lysol at a Vermont elementary school in 1978, and her parents can find no place to turn;

—A school uses a broom closet as a detention center; on a certain day the only black student was in it.

—Chrissy Jones, a paraplegic, said, "one morning after a car accident I awoke to find out that I had less rights than the day before."

—A single woman is denied an apartment because of her source of income (welfare) and because she has a child (the number of poor families headed by single women has increased 70 percent from 1970 to 1980).

Faire Edwards, speaking on behalf of the Vermont State Council of Senior Citizens, reminded the panel that the elderly "is the only minority we're all going to join, unless God has other plans for you...I'm not up here fighting for my rights, I'm fighting for yours."

Presently, the State Attorney General's Office, Public Protection Division, handles discrimination complaints. However, there are only two attorneys assigned to the cases. Some speakers felt that the Attorney General's office was not the best place to handle complaints of discrimination.

Since the State of Vermont is one of the largest employers in the state, many of the complaints are directed there. This results in the Attorney General's Office representing not only the state but also

the accuser. Denise Johnson, Assistant Attorney General, expressed concern that moving the responsibility for discrimination claims to a commission that doesn't have adequate funding would do more harm than good.

A continuing question throughout the fact-finding meeting was whether the legislature would be willing to enact civil rights legislation. Both Betty A. Nuovo, chair of the House Judiciary Committee, and William A. Hunter, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Adjunct Professor at VLS, said yes. This prediction was based on last session's passage of the "neuter Gender Statute" (all state statutes must be in gender neutral language) and the "Fair Housing Act". The prediction was also based on the fact that there are quite a few bills pending in the state legislature that involve human rights and the fact that there is diminished funding of the federal Civil Rights Commission.

The business community, however, thought that the existing legislation was adequate. Timothy Y. Hayward, Executive Vice President of the Vermont Bakers Association, explained that deregulation has led to heightened levels of competition and anything other than promotion based on capacity to produce is uneconomical.

The findings of the panel will be reported to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and to Governor Madeleine M. Kunin. In her opening statement, Gov. Kunin said she would be receptive to the panel's recommendation.

Ms. Lucenti tried 10 years ago to

establish a fact-finding panel that would determine the adequacy of Vermont's Civil Rights legislation and means of enforcement but had no success. She said she is especially pleased to be a part of this fact-finding meeting, and, whatever happens, she will continue doing all that she can from her kitchen.

Anyone who wants to make a statement for the record can write to: U.S. Commission On Civil Rights, Regional Office, 55 Summer St., Boston, MA by September 22, 1986.

Volunteer Opportunity

Women's Information Service is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed to assist women who are victims of family violence or sexual assault. These volunteers take on-call shifts of their choice, counsel and support women with alternatives that provide medical, legal or housing help.

Volunteer counselors receive extensive training and supportive supervision by the WISE staff. The Fall training will be held at the WISE office in October on Tuesday and Thursday nights (October 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23) from 6-9 p.m.

Volunteers are also needed to manage the office and coordinate a career services project. These volunteers do not need to attend the training sessions. Please call the WISE office (448-5922) if interested.

New Focus Planned For Forum Sportspage

By Wink Robinson

Welcome back 2nd and 3rd years. Some of you may not recall the new format?

And to all of the 1st year students, I whole heartedly greet you. My presence in this section of the Forum is as new to me as your first day was at V.L.S.

The focus behind the Forum Sports Department this year, and hopefully next, will be based on local sports news and events. There are plenty of other tabloids where you can get your national and regional sports fix. Here we're planning to report on the various V.L.S. club teams and intramural activities.

From rugby to ultimate frisbee, volleyball and women's field hockey to jogging and F.A.C. at the Pub. You name it, if it happens locally, I'll do my darndest to have it printed. (Good taste is about the only prerequisite to publication).

I've managed to assemble a fine staff of sports writers to keep you abreast of the goings-on at V.L.S. Tony Quartararo, George Waldron and Karen Russell, 2nd-year students, will write periodic features. First-year students Scot Hamburger, Mark Pasquariello and Frank Muggia round out the Forum sports staff.

Note: I encourage any V.L.S.

student, faculty member, administrator or employee to submit ideas and/or copy. To make the Forum sportspage work for all of us, I need input from all segments of the V.L.S. community.

Ah, so you're interested? O.K. Here's your first assignment. I'll keep it short and simple...for now.

What should I title the sports editorial column that will grace this section of the bi-monthly Forum? The results of the Sept. 9th primary narrowed your choices, and mine, to:

- "Talk on the Green"
- "Post-Game Verdict"
- "Sports Spotlight"
- "Assault on Sports"
- "From the Bench"

Your job is to place an "X" next to the title that you find most appealing. Return your finished product to either the Forum mailbox or to mine, both conveniently located on the first-floor classroom building. Catch the results in the Sept. 26 issue.

Cross-examination: The V.L.S. rugby team faces a rebuilding year, according to some of the returning vets. Size seems to be the lacking ingredient. Watch for the speed and savvy of this year's squad to neutralize any weakness due to any lack of brawn.

Rugby to Open Season At St. Michael's

By Mark Pasquariello and Scot Hamburger

The Vermont Law School Rugby Football Club will kick-off the fall season early this year. The ruggers will travel up to Burlington tomorrow to take on one of the hottest teams in New England, St. Michael's College.

The VLS club started out this year as a strange mix of a few returning second- and third-years, and many unseasoned first-year players. As practice developed, the team quickly gained ground on its fine midseason condition and level of play of last year.

This year's VLS rugby club is being supported by an excellent turnout of first-year players. Thus far, enough players have shown interest to field two complete sides. Co-captains Eric Krouk and Matt Mitchell are confident that the club's loss of several key third-year players will be well compensated by the addition of an enthusiastic first-year turnout.

Undoubtedly, it will be difficult

to replace Johnny Lem, "Kroeder," "Danno," Tom Hall Sr., however, with the addition of some well experienced first-year players, the club anticipates a rewarding season.

In addition to the season's opener Sat. Sept. 13 at St. Michael's College, the ruggers schedule includes matches against the Mad River Club, the Hanover Old Boys (Dartmouth), Rutland, Lyndon State and New England College, with other matches to be scheduled.

The club is looking forward to a strong turnout at the tentatively scheduled match on September 27 at the High School field. The match will be especially important not only because it is set for parents weekend, but that Dean Chase will make his first appearance for the club this fall.

So come on out and see your VLS ruggers kick-off their fall season. Matches will be posted on the Athletic Board in the classroom building.

New Sports Field In the Works

It may not be another domed multi-sports complex, but let's take one step at a time.

According to Dean Jonathon Chase, a new playing field is in the works for use by the VLS community.

Dave Anderson, owner of a local lumber store granted permission for the use of the field behind his store on South Windsor Street. However, the field is currently being excavated for re-seeding and won't be available immediately. Weather permitting, the field could be ready to go next spring.

Details of the arrangement are sketchy but Dean Chase is very optimistic and confident that the shortage of a decent playing field in years past will be another VLS relic.

Frisbees— Ready to Soar at VLS

By Frank Muggia

Even Reagan's Star Wars defense plan won't knock out the excitement to be generated next week as VLS plays host to the Central Vermont Classic Ultimate Frisbee tournament.

The competition begins at noon, Saturday, September 20. Eight teams will compete in this year's tourney, with the championship match set for Sunday afternoon. The round-robin competition is sure to be rigorous and high-spirited.

"What sets ultimate frisbee apart from most sports is the spirit of the game," VLS captain David Hasbrook explained. "There are no referees. Even in the highest level of competition, the players have the duty of making their own calls," Hasbrook added.

The sportsmanship philosophy has sparked national interest for the growing sport. VLS belongs to the New England region, one of five regions within the U.S. All teams compete with the hope of reaching the National Open, which is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend in Houston, Texas.

While VLS has yet to compete in the National Open, the team continues to play, and host, many tournaments. Last year's Western New England Sectionals were held at VLS.

In order to perfect their skills, the squad practices Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 p.m. behind South Royalton High School. New players, both men and women, are welcome and are strongly encouraged to participate. Contact David Hasbrook at 763-8925 for further information.

"Ultimate frisbee is excellent," first-year student Larry O'Connor said when asked why he participates. "It combines speed, stamina and skill into one of the most exciting sports around. Some people play to stay in shape. Others play to relieve school tensions," O'Connor explained. He added, "I play for the sheer enjoyment of the game. Besides, any reasonable

person knows with substantial certainty that 'ultimate' is where it's at." (Editor's note: But Larry, is there imminent apprehension of harmful or offensive contact?)

Players on both men's and women's teams agree that ultimate is "where it's at" and very conducive to fun and excitement. In fact, tucked away in the depths of the VLS squads' minds is the hope that they'll be celebrating Thanksgiving this year in Houston.

College Football At Your Doorstep

By Wink Robinson

Looking for something to do on those crisp, clear autumn Saturday afternoons that speak of nothing but "first and goal?"

Within an hour, both north and south of South Royalton, you can be part of that Fall ritual...college football. Whether you attend alone, or with a group of football fanatics, you'll be sure to enjoy the afternoon away from the books.

Please understand that the Sooners of Oklahoma and the Penn State Nitteny Lions won't be competing. But, the colleges hosting the games promise to play a good ole' fashioned brand of autumn's showcase event.

Take I-89 north to Norwich University or south to the Dartmouth campus for all of the action. Here's this year's schedules for both the Cadets and the Big Green:

Norwich	
Sept. 20	Lowell
Sept. 27	Coast Guard (H.C.)
Oct. 11	Worcester Tech
Oct. 18	St. Lawrence
Oct. 25	Albany State
Dartmouth	
Sept. 20	Penn
Sept. 27	New Hampshire
Oct. 18	Harvard
Oct. 25	Cornell
Nov. 8	Columbia

