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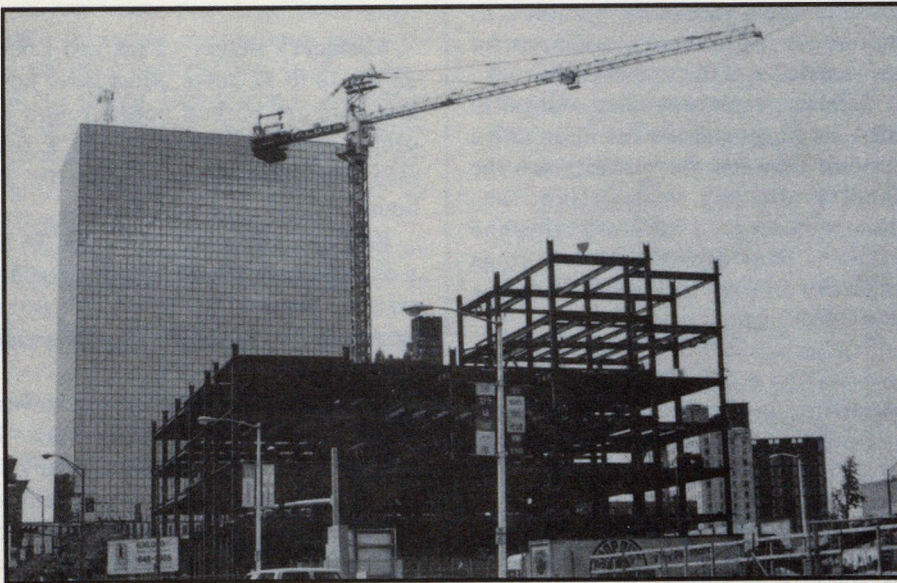
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The structural steel of the new law school building has been completed as the facility moves toward 1991 occupancy.

A Few Random Thoughts From the Editor

Welcome to Seton Hall School of Law. It is an exciting time! A new law school facility is quite obviously well under way and the present schedule calls for a move into the new building in September, 1991. Equally important is the fact that Seton Hall School of Law provides a supportive environment for the students. Law school is hard work and requires a lot of discipline, but each member of the incoming class has the ability to succeed here. Each of us was nervous and a bit paranoid when we

began law school, but it is a manageable task and should be fun at times, also. You have the ability to be successful or you wouldn't have been selected as a member of the incoming class. With some honest planning for balancing study time and social life the year will go well (and quickly).

The noise and activity of the ongoing construction will at times add to the aggravation and pressure of adjusting to a new environment and

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Greetings From the Student Bar Association

Dear Graduates of 1993-1994:

Welcome to Seton Hall Law School. I am sure that your stay at Seton Hall will be challenging and enlightening. As new members of the Seton Hall Law School family, you will be inundated with academics. The Student Bar Association is here, in part, to conduct some social activities that will help relieve the tension throughout the year. Some memorable events from last year included the Halloween Party, the Christmas Party, the Spring Dinner Dance and the cruise before graduation. Make sure you participate in all these events, they are always a lot of fun and an opportunity to get better acquainted with other students from all the classes.

The Student Bar Association, the acting student government, is also here to help with any difficulties that may arise in your life as students. Feel free to approach me or any SBA member with your concerns.

The SBA is in charge of assigning lockers for students. They are on sale the first day of school, September 4, so plan on bringing a check payable to Seton Hall.

I wish you success here and look forward to meeting you all in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,
Michael L. Gardner, President, SBA

Students Helping Students

Student tutoring in previous years was done by an amorphous group of students who provided help to first year students on a somewhat irregular basis. Some students volunteered to tutor and others were recruited where there was an unfilled need. Tutoring was not available for all first year subjects on a regular basis. This past year students found weekly tutorials extremely helpful for those courses in which the service was provided.

This fall, all first year subjects will be covered by members of the newly formed Student Tutorial Organization. Co-directors Michael Colatrella and James Maggs have developed this program to provide weekly tutorials for each first year course. Additionally, individual tutoring will be available where necessary. They anticipate appointment of an assistant director at a later date, also.

The Student Tutoring Organization will be operated by the students with Dean Barbara Grady as their administrative advisor. The goal of the organization is to work closely with the faculty to supplement their classroom teaching.

Jim Maggs stressed the theme of "students helping students" and stated that he had found tutoring both enjoyable and rewarding this past year. "It is a good feeling when a fellow student comes up after exams and thanks you for helping them in getting through the semester." In a similar vein, Mike Colatrella reflected on how he looked forward to tutorials each week as a positive task which provided a better perspective on his own law school experience. "We all have difficult days, and tutoring gave me an up-lift and boost of enthusiasm I needed."

Top academic students were invited

to interview this year for the Student Tutorial Organization. Eight to ten will be selected from approximately 35 applicants. The majority of the tutors will be second year students. The directors of next year's Organization will be elected by this year's

It's Your School

Student Bar Association elections for first year representatives will be held in late September. Two members from each of the four sections will be elected to serve as a senator for the remainder of the school year.

Senators represent their section at SBA meetings and are the information conduit between the students and the faculty on any scheduling, announcements, or issues affecting the section. They attend SBA meetings monthly to provide input from the individual sections and the class.

This is not an honorary position or a popularity contest, but a working position in which you, as a representative of the first year class, can make known the interests and concerns of all the first year students.

Watch for the announcement about letters of intent and election dates.

It's your school — participate! ■

The Parking Problem

by Sheila Glackin

If you plan on driving to school be prepared to pay for parking. Prices range from \$3.50 to \$8.50 per day. Here's a list of the different places. Make sure that you ask whether or not the parking lot you plan on frequenting has student discounts and/or monthly rates.

Mulberry Street - Park and Lock: \$5 for up to 12 hours. Must leave keys and cars are parked underground so picking up your cars takes a few minutes. Parking available for 24 hours.

Kinney - Open 7 am - 11 pm. \$6.50 a day and only \$3 after 5 pm. Monthly rates are about \$140. This is the closest lot to school. Do not have to leave your keys.

Maiden Lane - Park and Lock: Two different lots for \$4. Parking 7 am - 8 pm. One lot run by this company is \$5.50. Have to leave your keys only if you park in the inner layers of the lot. If you don't get your keys by 8 pm you

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A Letter of Welcome From Dean Riccio

Congratulations! You have earned admission to one of the finest law schools in the country. On behalf of the faculty, administration and staff I welcome you to Seton Hall Law School and wish you great success as you commence your legal studies. You have chosen to attend Seton Hall Law at the most exciting time in the history of our school. Orientation is, therefore, an appropriate occasion to summarize for you where our Law School has been, where it is now and where we expect to be in the years ahead.

Founded nearly 40 years ago, Seton Hall School of Law is in its prime. In every facet of the school, there is tremendous growth and progress, built upon a proven record of accomplishment. There is also a strong sense of pride among all of the law school's constituencies — students and faculty, administrators, staff, alumni and friends. Now in my third year as dean of this outstanding institution, the commitment of all these groups to the continued development of the school has been a source of encouragement to me. Leading the advancement of the law school is my single greatest priority.

Seton Hall is first and foremost a Catholic institution. But from the founding of the school, we have numbered non-Catholics and Catholics alike among our students, faculty, administration and staff. Our law school synthesizes a strong traditional approach to legal teaching and training with a commitment to fostering community involvement. We encourage our students to achieve, to excel, but at the same time to appreciate the importance of key personal and social values: integrity, responsibility, ethics and service to others.

Service to others is not something we simply teach at Seton Hall School of Law; it is something we provide. Through our many clinical programs

we deliver free legal service to over 3000 indigent persons every year. Their legal problems, for which they generally have no other recourse, range from tenancy to domestic relations to social security. Just recently, we initiated a new clinical service to assist individuals who have physical and/or mental disabilities.

Our MENTOR program encourages area high school students to set their sights on a professional career and continue their education. Similarly, our Summer Institute for Pre-Legal Studies reaches out to college students from educationally and economically distressed backgrounds. And our own students volunteer their services at hospitals, group homes and shelters for the homeless and hungry.

Seton Hall Law School's record of service has been recognized by the President of the United States and Congress. On November 21, 1989 President George Bush signed into law a bill authorizing the appropriation of \$5.5 million to establish our law school as the national model for clinical legal education in America. We will target these funds toward the betterment of the lives of the needy — the homeless, abused children, battered women, juveniles and the disabled. At the same time, we will offer courses in representing the needy to lawyers in private practice to encourage them to provide pro bono services.

Our commitment to serving the increasingly diverse needs of an urban society is nowhere more evident than in our decision to build a new \$36 million law school facility in the heart of downtown Newark. The 200,000 square foot building is now under construction on our present four-acre site, and will occupy and wrap around the first five floors of One Newark Center, a 22-story complex for commerce and education. The centerpiece of our new home will be the Peter W. Rodino Law Library and a 300 seat auditorium. We look forward to moving into our new quarters in time for the fall semester of 1991.

As Seton Hall strengthens its role in the life of Newark and in the state and national legal communities, it is increasingly sought after by the most

capable and committed students. Just four years ago, we received 1800 applications for admission; in 1990, we received nearly 3000 applications for 390 seats. These numbers reflect improvements in our incoming students' academic preparation, as GPA and LSAT scores rise steadily.

As talented a group of students as you are deserves the most challenging educational program we can devise. In addition to the traditional curriculum requirements, we offer a variety of learning opportunities ranging from clinical experiences, advanced courses, trial and appellate simulations, seminars and summer study programs abroad.

An educational task force has been formed to recommend new ways to increase the academic rigor of our curriculum, and in the past two years, more than 25 new courses have been created. Other advances include the inauguration of faculty advising and student tutorial programs, as well as teaching assistant opportunities for outstanding upper class students.

A critical component of any educational program is the quality of teaching. In the spring of 1989, the Peter W. Rodino Chair was created through the generosity of Warner Lambert. Former Congressman Rodino is the first holder of this faculty position named in his honor. In the fall of 1989, John J. Gibbons, former chief judge of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals joined our faculty as the Richard J. Hughes Professor for Constitutional Law and Public Policy. Eugene Gressman, our prior Hughes Professor, opted to remain with us as distinguished visiting professor. Eight new tenure-track faculty have joined us following a highly competitive national search. We have been able to attract to our school the very finest teaching talent available.

You, our students, remain our most important constituency. We have made serious efforts to listen to student concerns and find ways to address them. For example, in 1989 we dedicated an additional \$500,000 to scholarship assistance, increasing the number of students who received help from 444 to 501 and raising the average award from \$1750 to \$2500. More emphasis also

has been given to Career Planning and Placement; 2000 campus interviews last year helped students find meaningful employment. I urge you to utilize the Career Planning Office now. New student activities, including two new journals, a system for faculty evaluation, a student honor code of conduct and a number of public forums also received administrative and faculty support. On a personal level, I have made accessibility to students one of my greatest priorities. Keeping my door open to student visitors is and will continue to be one of my few "office policies", and I encourage other administrators to do so as well.

While much of the law school's focus has been internal I have been increasingly aware of the many achievements of our alumni. This group now numbers over 7000 individuals practicing in 44 states and several foreign countries. Over 1000 are partners in prominent law firms and more than 80 are judges. Many are chief county prosecutors and more than 100 are assistant prosecutors. Several assistant U.S. attorneys, two U.S. attorneys for the district of New Jersey, one state attorney general and 80 assistant attorneys general are or have been Seton Hall alumni. Other graduates have achieved success in the corporate world, banking and finance, the armed forces, regulatory agencies and public service.

I am also gratified that our alumni have not forgotten Seton Hall. They participate enthusiastically in various social and professionally-oriented events we sponsor each year, and they are providing dollar support for the school's ongoing advancement in larger numbers and amounts than ever before.

The progress we have made so far has taken much time, effort and energy. But we can view our past achievements with a sense of satisfaction and approach our future goals with great confidence. The true potential of Seton Hall School of Law has not yet been realized nor perhaps even fully imagined. Certainly, there is more we can dream and we must do. As we enter the last decade of the 20th century, the revitalization of Newark and the continued strengthening of New Jersey's

economic, political and social sectors offer an even greater arena in which the Seton Hall School of Law can establish its leadership among the schools providing not only legal education in our country but also providing service to our fellow man. Your presence as new Seton Hall Law students ensures that we will continue to build on the momentum which currently exists. ■

Faculty Evaluations: It's Up To You

Near the end of each semester this year you will be provided an opportunity to evaluate each of your teachers. These faculty evaluations are collated, summarized and provided to the faculty after exams are graded.

Evaluation summaries are available at the Reserve Desk in the library for the past school year. Please take the time to do these evaluations and provide a candid evaluation of the faculty member and the course. The administration weights the responses in curriculum changes and merit evaluations of faculty. ■

WRITERS WANTED:

Res Ipsa is looking for first year day or night students to write articles for this paper. Those interested may contact Bart Barre', Editor, at 135 Wild Hedge Lane, Mountainside, N.J. 07092, or call 201-233-3290 after August 27th. Here's a chance to participate!

Comments From Dean Grady

Dear first year student:

The day has come and here you are entering law school! Many of you have planned for this for a long time—perhaps since childhood—and many of you have only decided recently on a legal career. Whatever motivation led you here, you have an interesting and exciting three or four years ahead of you. Law school, you will find, is far different from your undergraduate experience. It is not easy. It will require most of your time and most of your energy and then will culminate in that famous trial of endurance known as the Bar Exam.

We welcome you to the law school and assure you that, despite what I have just said, you will have a rewarding time here. You will have the thrill of attending law school in a marvelous new building with the most up-to-date equipment. In this new milieu you will be able to complete your studies with ease. Meanwhile your first year will provide a challenge physically, but your education will be no less excellent. We take great pride in our fine faculty.

The office of Assistant Dean for Student Services is devoted to just that—student services. My door is open and I'm here to help you in any way I can—whether it be to provide tutoring services; advice on scheduling, academic or personal matters; helping with your student organization activities; scheduling events you plan; acting as liaison with the University; keeping you informed about what's happening; answering questions you may have; or simply lending an ear when you need one.

Please find your way to my office when you can. I look forward to getting to know each of you, and doing whatever I can to make your passage through Seton Hall Law School a memorable and successful one.

Barbara H. Grady
Assistant Dean for Student Services

Eat Where the Eatin's Good!

A Guide to Local Restaurants and Much More

by Sheila Glackin

There is no reason to eat poorly at school. There are innumerable restaurants in Newark within walking distance of Raymond Boulevard. Here are some of the more popular spots that students attend:

Ralph and Cliff's: On campus. Hours 8:30 am - 7 pm. Cheapest place for bagels, coffee, sandwiches, salads and the like. Service is always friendly and the banter of Ralph and Cliff is a modern version of Abbot and Costello.

Parker's: 37 Commerce Street. This is Newark's version of your favorite diner. Daily specials are usually around \$5. If there is a patron with a birthday, Steve, the owner, usually supplies a cake.

Queen Pizza: 55 Commerce Street. Slices are \$1.20 and a whole pie is \$7.75. Easy to take slices out to eat at school. Usually crowded around noon so if you want a place to sit it may be difficult. If you wait to eat around 1 p.m., you get served and can sit down almost immediately.

Nicky's Cafe: 85 Mulberry Street. 6:30 am - 4 pm. Serves breakfasts for about \$3. Lunches range up to \$5 although it's easy to spend more. Food is served cafeteria style and the way the food is displayed makes everyone's mouth water. If you're looking for a different type of salad this is the place.

Bagelmasters: 32 Commerce Street. 6:30 am - 5:30 pm. Best bagels in town. Breakfast is served all day. Sandwiches and salads are a bit more expensive than other places mentioned but it's worth it for the fresh clean atmosphere and good service.

Wall Street Deli: Located in the Gateway complex. Gathering place for

all the Gateway yuppies. The sandwich and salad bars have everything imaginable on them and you pay for it. Don't go when you are short on money because you are sure to see some old favorite that you "just have to have."

Spanish Tavern: 103 McWhorter Street. "The Gourmet of Spain". Daily specials for \$8. Meat and fish entrees usually run between \$12-\$18. Lobster is more of course. The tavern serves up a mean cup of Spanish coffee.

Europe Restaurant: Commerce Street. Fabulous Portuguese cooking. Main course is about \$8. They have wonderful appetizers like garlic shrimp but they cost about as much as the main course dishes.

Don Pepe's: McCarter Highway. Superb dining. Do not go without money or a credit card. Lunches can run anywhere from \$7 to \$20. Dinner is more expensive because you would want to have wine from their great wine list. If you are looking to have good Spanish food right around the corner from school, you will be delighted with Don Pepe's.

Most of the establishments deliver, except for Spanish Tavern, Europe and Don Pepe's. These three restaurants will take call-in orders as long as you give them a half hour before you pick up the order.

Other Tips . . .

If you are worried about having access to money, there are two MAC machines located either in the PSE&G building or in the Gateway complex. Both machines are generally crowded during the lunch hours, so try to go in between classes.

If you need to send flowers, there is a florist right next to Parker's Restaurant on Commerce Street. The Newark Post Office is just a block up on Commerce Street. All mail going out of Newark seems to hit its intended location quickly, so don't hesitate dropping off belated birthday cards there.

Penn Station has a McDonald's for those brave enough to want to eat there. Located just past the waiting room of the Station is a card store. It's not the kind of store you would find a birthday card for your mother but it does have plenty of more undignified cards for the more undignified people in your lives.

For those who plan on virtually living at school, the Gateway complex has a health club, dry cleaners and shoe repair. The health club has monthly specials so take a walk in there and have them show you around. The majority of stores in the Gateway complex are open during regular business hours. If you feel like walking around and checking out the guys or checking out the girls, the Gateway is a great place to spend your lunch time. ■

Parking

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may have to go on a scavenger hunt in order to find them.

Park Place - If you park before 8 am you only pay \$3.50. You must leave your keys. If you do not pick them up before 5:30 pm you do not get them back until the next day. It's a real bummer to forget during IALSA.

Edison Street Park Fast - \$4.50 per day. The hours are not posted so ask. \$75 for monthly pass. Do not have to leave your keys.

Raymond Boulevard - Park Here: This is underground parking for \$5.50 if you are in before 9 am. Must leave your keys. Rush hours it takes a few minutes to get your car because there is a line.

McCarter Highway - Don Pepe's: \$4.50 all day. They may or may not take your keys. You must be out before six to make room for the dinner crowd. ■

Random Thoughts

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method of study. Hopefully the inconvenience will be outweighed by long range benefit of a new facility and enhanced reputation for the law school. Our positive relationship with Seton Hall School of Law should continue far beyond the three or four years of study.

Begin reasonably. Buy only the books assigned. Avoid purchasing hornbooks which you probably won't have time to read and wait a few weeks to see if Emanuel's or Legalines are really a current asset or just something which may help you organize later for exams, or that "everyone" just buys.

Brief each case in each course. It takes time, but this is an excellent method of isolating the issues of a case, condenses the legal jargon into your own understandable terms, and is good preparation for class. Buying the canned casenotes or briefs is just avoiding the most important task for exams—identifying the issues in the case or the fact pattern. If in doubt, wait and buy the "study aids" later.

It may sound obvious — but try to attend every class. Each faculty member teaches from a unique vantage point. The material may be in the casebook, but the views and analysis of the teacher and your fellow students are not there. At \$453 per credit each class you miss is wasted dollars.

Take good class notes which will be a basis for developing your outline of the course. They will also highlight what the teacher feels is important.

Legal research and legal writing may seem like a sometimes boring extra burden on top of five courses, but they are critically important. As you apply for clinics and write for Law Review or one of the Journals, these skills will be valuable. When applying for internships, clerkships, and summer and permanent employment, your ability to research an issue and write a coherent memo or brief is always an important consideration.

Make time in your busy schedule to write for the competition for the Journals and Law Review. It is good experi-

ence and provides a writing sample for job applications. A sacrifice of time this year will pay significant dividends next year. Avoid the temptation to do it later or next time.

Plan some time each week to participate in some social activities at home and school and take the opportunity to talk with your classmates about law school and life in general. Join an organization here at school. It's fun to be involved and being active takes your mind off the daily drudge of study for a while.

Exams — yes, you can and will understand and cope with them. Try not to worry and tense. Use your notes and prepare outlines for your courses. You may want to form or join in a study group later in the semester, work with just one or two friends, or study individually and discuss the course as questions develop.

If you have trouble with concept or a course, speak with the professor, a

classmate, or a tutor, so the question can be answered and you are comfortable. You are now part of the Seton Hall School of Law family. If you need help with anything, or just have a question, reach out. After all, that's what a family's for. ■

Coming Event of Note

Archbishop Desmond Tutu will speak at Seton Hall University campus in South Orange on the morning of October 3rd, 1990.

Classes will be dismissed for the morning and transportation from the Law School to South Orange will be provided.

Details will be provided in our next issue. ■

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