By EVELYN UNDERWOOD  
and BILL TURNER

Practicing law in Indianapolis differs considerably from practicing law in
Leningrad, Mr. Lev Pevsner told the Exordium in a recent interview.
Mr. Pevsner, whose proper title is Assistant Adjunct Professor, is currently
teaching a seminar in Soviet law, as he has done since the 1981-82 school year.
Mr. Pevsner reminisced about his days as a law student at Leningrad University.
"I graduated from the law school in December 1941, during the most difficult
days of the siege of Leningrad, one hundred thousand people were dying
in the city, and the food ration was diminished to four ounces of bread per
person each day. This bread was actually a substance made of flour, cellulose,
and sawdust; but we were young, and we were able to go to a long time without food."
Following graduation from law school, he was scheduled to be inducted into the
Soviet army; however, starvation had so weakened him that his induction was
delayed for five months. During this time, both his parents died within twenty-four
hours, as a result of the siege and hunger.
Mr. Pevsner was eventually inducted into the army in May, 1942, and served until
the end of the war. Following his discharge in 1946, he entered private practice in Len­
ingrad, handling both civil and criminal cases. His wife, Yelena, who had been a
law school classmate, was also a practicing attorney, but handled only civil cases.
Mr. Pevsner retired in January 1979. Following his retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Pevsner
applied for and were granted permission to join his parents and sister in Indian­
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Although there is no mandatory retirement age for attorneys in the Soviet Union, Mr. Pevsner retired in 1979. Following
his retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Pevsner applied for and were granted permission to emigrate from the Soviet Union to live
with their daughter, who had earlier left the U.S.S.R. and was living in Indian­
apolis. The Pevsners have one son who still resides in the U.S.S.R., but hopes to be
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Professor Lev Pevsner

How do you spot the new editor-in-chief of the Law Jour­
nal? The answer is easy. Just go to the library and look for
the carrel with books stacked on it, under it, beside it, and
in the nearby aisle. Right in the middle, you’ll find the
friendly face of Ellen Mufson.
Ellen is a good example of the old saying, ‘if you really
want something done, ask a busy person.’ In addition to a
full course-load, Ellen is also a wife and the mother of two
small children. Her husband, Stuart, is a professor in the
astronomy department here at IU. He is very supportive
of his wife’s legal career, and frequently stays at home while
the children, so that Ellen can put in the long hours at the
library that are required in order to do meticulous
research.

The new editor-in-chief is very enthusiastic about the
coming year, despite several major problems she
will have to tackle. Due to the library move, and the limited
computer facilities, the Law Journal will publish only two volumes under its masterhead, instead of four.
This creates a backlog of next year’s law journals. It also
creates a problem of credibility. When authors see a
lag in publication, they become reluctant to submit their
articles, because they want to deal with journals that
publish in a timely fashion.

To counter this credibility gap, Ellen is approaching our
faculty and asking them to contact non-faculty colleagues
whom they meet at conferences and symposia. Hopefully,
these contacts will encourage authors to consider our Law
Journal as a viable outlet for their research.

Every year, another problem arises. Students have
trouble getting their notes completed and revised on time.
This year, the problem was particularly acute because
Law Journal notes were due at exactly the same time as the
Moot Court briefs. To alleviate the crunch, the new Law
Journal staff is moving the note deadline up to the end of
the semester. Ellen feels that reasonable deadlines will have
been set to be enforced, and that those associates who miss
deadlines will simply have to go to the end of the line when
substantive deadlines are being considered for publication. This
puts a lot of pressure on students to complete their
research on time. But, by doing much more substantive
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research on time. But, by doing much more substantive
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material after the semester ends. Since they have had no

research packet, the staff will be looking for writing that
is extremely well-organized, logically arranged and
highly polished. Ellen realizes that it will take a lot if
discipline to write an article after the exhaustion of finals
week. But, discipline is a trait that will be essential to
researching and completing a note on time. So, the staff
uses this competitive format to eliminate those who may
have the writing skills, but do not have the disposition to
work under pressure.

Ellen would like to encourage all interested first year
students who have good academic records may also
receive a stipend of forty-five rubles per month, "which is not really enough to live on." The course of legal study requires
five years, rather than three, and in order to graduate the student is required to serve in an assigned position for three years.
While these assignments may be made in accordance with the student’s preference, this is not necessarily the case, since
the student may be assigned to work anywhere in the country.

There is no bar exam in the U.S.S.R., but new lawyers must serve a period of appren­
ticeship, this period was formerly six months, but may be extended to a full year, according to Mr. Pevsner.

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As we move back to the Law Building next fall, three new faculty will be joining us. (As an aside, it already has been suggested that these faculty and new first-year students spend the first month in the Student Building as part of their rite of passage.) Our new faculty are Lauren Robel, Rebecca Rudnick, and Jeffrey Stake. They will help us shore up our curriculum, produce a better student-faculty ratio, and bring us a little closer to an ideal number of faculty for a school of our size.

Lauren Robel is a 1983 graduate of our School. She has been clerking for Judge Jesse Eschbach in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit since graduation. Her extensive experience before entering law school included graduate work in English, teaching at Southern Union State Junior College and Auburn University, and employment by the Alabama legislature with responsibility for an in-depth study of the state school system facilities. Her initial teaching responsibilities will be in Criminal and Constitutional Law.

Rebecca Rudnick received her B.A. from Willamette University in 1974. After a year of graduate work in English at Rice University, she entered law school at the University of Texas, graduating in 1978. She clerked for Judge Charles Schwartz, Jr., in the Western District of Louisiana, in 1978-1979. In 1979 she joined the New York firm of Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam, and Roberts, with responsibilities in taxation and capital markets. In 1984 she earned an LL.M. in taxation from New York University. During this past year, she has been a Visiting Associate Professor at the University of Connecticut Law School. Her research interests and teaching area will be in tax.


These new faculty help make possible the addition of new courses or ones not recently offered to next year's schedule. These new courses have been requested by students over the past three years: Estate Planning; Federal Income Taxation for Partners, Partnerships, and S Corporations; Insurance Law; Business Planning; Equity; Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods; and a second section of Constitutional Law II in the spring. A few additional classes might yet be added.

Next year also will mark the advent of a "Lawyer-Jurist In-Residence Program. The design and purpose of the program is to aid and supplement the educational program by bringing to the school distinguished lawyers and judges for a one to three week period of time. They would be assigned an office during their stay and would be available for consultation with students. In addition to their use as resource persons, these visitors might also lecture in their area of expertise within a regular class or seminar, hold independent work shops or sessions, and be available for student organization meetings, or social gatherings. Eventually the hope that several visitors would participate in the program each year. In the first year of operation for this program, we will be very pleased to have three or four visitors.

Leonard D. Fromm
Assistant Dean
for Student Affairs

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SLA reflections

By TOM CAPSHEW

"What is SLA?" One of the most important responsibilities of SLA is to appoint students to the Faculty Committee each fall. A new faculty committee had just been established by Acting Dean Holland called the Teaching Committee. The Faculty had not yet voted on whether to have such participation on the Teaching Committee. When the Faculty Committee applications came in, several students had expressed their desire to serve on the Teaching Committee. In October, the Faculty - in a close vote - decided to exclude students from the Teaching Committee. One of the students who had expressed their desire to serve on the Teaching Committee in the fall, was between full participation or no participation. SLA decided to ask the Faculty for a revote on limited participation. An SLA subcommittee, along with Dave Hensel (who is named simply to constituencies: faculty; staff; students; university administration; bench and bar; and alumni. Quite often the Dean must choose whom to please and whom to make mad. Add to this the fact that a Dean does not have much to lose as a faculty member, and you don't have a very attractive position to try to fill. It takes a certain type of person to fill the position. Currently, we are waiting to hear from the Dean candidates who have been offered the position. If he does not take it, the committee will be reconstituted next year.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank the SLA members who provided their hard work and support, the students who served on the faculty committee this year; the SAC 'shakers and movers'; the students who took time out to meet with the Dean candidates; the second-year class for allowing me to serve them for the last two years as their representative; Dean Fromm and his secretary; and the student body as a whole for their support and encouragement. See you next year.

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student's to enter the competition. If these students have any questions about Law Journal in general, or about the amount of time and energy needed to become an associate, they should feel free to contact any member of the staff over the next few weeks. Most Law Journal associates will admit that they do have to spend a lot of time working on their notes, but that it is definitely worth the effort.

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Ross and Rodts -

top Moot Court

Advocates

Susie Ross and Lorraine Rodts, both second-year law students, recently won the Moot Court Competition held annually as part of the course on Appellate Advocacy. Ross was named best speaker in the competition. Both women were named to a National Moot Court team. Ross was named to Team A, along with Todd DeGroff and Dan Lueders. Rodts was named to Team B, along with Arend Abel and Steve Riggs. John Baird will be an alternate for the National teams.

The John Marshall Moot Court team is made up of Kirk Livingston, Jim Nolan, and Joan Hinz. John Baird, Wendy Wright, and Dennis Schoff were named to the J. Braxton Craven Moot Court team.

Next year's Moot Court Board will consist of the National Moot Court team members and Baird.

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Do you remember Vosburg?

By MARY McCAFFERTY  

We all remember the first case in our torts casebook, Vosburg v. Putney, 30 Wis. 525, 30 N.W. 403 (1891). Right? When the student sitting next to you was called on to recite on the first day of class, didn't the palms of your hands sweat a little bit in sympathy as he struggled out the facts of the case?

We know the case was included to introduce intentional torts, and that it involved a personal injury which resulted from the obscure facts of the case. Let's test how well we remember the more obscure facts of the case.

I'll bet that even Bob Heidt can't answer all ten questions correctly!

1. Where did the cause of action occur?  
   (A) in a school room in Erie, Pennsylvania  
   (B) in the corner of the Stump Room at Nick's  
   (C) in a school room in Waukesha, Wisconsin  
   (D) in a school room in Goshen, Indiana

2. What was Vosburg's first name?  
   (A) Charles  
   (B) Yuri  
   (C) Andrew  
   (D) Nelson

3. What was Putney's first name?  
   (A) George  
   (B) Herman

4. How old were Vosburg and Putney?  
   (A) 7 and 8, respectively  
   (B) 11 and 12, respectively  
   (C) 9 and 12, respectively  
   (D) 31 and 40, respectively

5. Where was Vosburg injured?  
   (A) right knee  
   (B) left ankle  
   (C) right foot  
   (D) mouth

6. Vosburg, a typical thin-skulled plaintiff, had an earlier injury to the same part of his body that Putney kicked. How did this earlier injury occur?  
   (A) in an accident with a threshing machine  
   (B) he slipped on the ice  
   (C) he fell from a tree  
   (D) in a sledding accident

7. The boys' teacher saw the kick and testified in court. What was her name?  
   (A) Miss More  
   (B) Miss Ingalls  
   (C) Mrs. Lyon  
   (D) Mrs. Palsgraf

8. What was the unique relationship of the school teacher to the trial court judge?  
   (A) his wife  
   (B) his niece  
   (C) his sister  
   (D) no special relationship

9. Vosburg was one of three children. What did his father, Seth B. Vosburg, do for a living in order to support his family?  
   (A) he was a lawyer  
   (B) he worked for a lumber company  
   (C) he was dead  
   (D) he worked in a steel mill

10. How much money did the trial court originally award Vosburg?  
    (A) $382  
    (B) $800  
    (C) $2500  
    (D) $4000

ANSWERS:  
1. c; 2. c; 3. b; 4. b; 5. a; 6. c; 7. a; 8. d; 9. b; 10. c

Renovation update

Computer acquisition, a student lounge, and the move back to the renovated law school building are in the works, according to Steve Pecar, a member of the law school's building committee.

"As we get the funds for computers, our first priority is to provide the faculty and administration with computers. Also high on our priority list is to provide at least one computer next year for the law journal, and a second one at a later time," he said.

"Eventually, we'd like to have 50 to 55 personal computers — one each for faculty members, administrators, the law journal, clinics, Moel Court, et cetera, as well as a bank of computers for the use of the student body," he added.

The student lounge, to be located outside the library, is another one of the committee's projects. "The lounge will be as large as compared to the old canteen," Pecar said. "It will consist of three areas — one end will have tables for a lunch area, the middle section will be for quieter groups, and the far end will have couches for resting or reading."

"Right now, we're waiting to receive plans for a second floor. Once we get that, we will submit it to students to see what they think about different fabrics and furniture," he said.

According to Pecar, all faculty offices and classrooms will be ready by August. Other rooms which are not finished at that time should be completed by the middle of the school year, he said.
Organizations

Black Law Student Association

Officers for the 1985-86 school year will be: Thomas E. Reedy, president; Stephanie Galyas, vice-president; John Brown, treasurer; and Perry Hines, special projects chairperson.

Environmental Law Society

During the past year, the Environmental Law Society managed to cause the shut-down of five major corporations, including DOW CHEMICAL, for violations of various environmental statutes. We also developed a method for the complete, environmentally-safe destruction of PCB's using only solar energy. Lastly, we made $37,283 by investing our meager dues in a shady condominium deal in Aspen, Colorado. Now who says we're not a serious organization?!

Actually, we have begun an in-depth study of the Bloomington PCB Consent Decree from which we hope to be able to provide guidance to various organizations for commenting on the proposed cleanup. This issue will be around for many years and we would like for organizations and individuals to be aware of the procedures and appropriate times for making their views known at various stages.

We are also gearing up for comment on the Final Forest Management Plan for the Hoosier National Forest. This plan will be precedent setting for the rest of the Eastern U.S. forests on the issue of CLEAR-CUTTING!!! The outcome of this plan is critical and it is expected to be released this summer. If anyone would like to help over the summer, please contact one of the officers (Steve Parker, Wick Deer, or Bernie Paul) or leave a note for us on the ELS bulletin-board in the student lounge.

Phi Delta Phi

Foster Inn recently held its annual Grand Mystic Initiation, over which Karl Mulvaney, Administrator of the Indiana Supreme Court, presided. Our newest initiate is Leneigha Downey, who will be one of the officers of Foster Inn. Mr. Mulvaney also visited recently to show a tape on Legal Ethics (featuring Judge Eugene Wright) to a group of interested students. Contact Leneigha or other Foster Inn members about other upcoming events.

Unlike other law fraternities, where there is little chance of breaking into the exclusive group of fraternity officers, with Phi Delta Phi you can be an officer almost immediately. Current members are almost all 3rd year students — hopefully, we will all graduate this year. Instead of merely being a face in the crowd, new initiates can easily become officers of Bloomington's Foster Inn. Although members decide on the extent of their own involvement, there are many opportunities for student leadership positions.

Phi Delta Phi Law Fraternity, founded in 1869, is the oldest of the three leading professional law fraternities, and has 90,000 members nationally. One of the principle functions of Phi Delta Phi is to facilitate an atmosphere conducive for the professional and social development of both law students and the legal community as a whole.

In this capacity, Phi Delta Phi has helped sponsor such diverse activities as a forum on the revised ABA Code of Professional Ethics, and a speech by former Senator Birch Bayh on the insanity defense in criminal law. In addition, the Fraternity has co-sponsored Demurrers Clubs and other informal social activities. Phi Delta Phi plans on inviting guest speakers again this year. We welcome suggestions.

Membership entitles each new initiate to several benefits. Loans are available through the national fraternity, and there is also the possibility of winning the Ballou Scholarship. In addition, members receive Insurance, copies of the quarterly fraternity publication, and a Print of the real law school building suitable for framing.

Membership in Phi Delta Phi is open to any law school student who is not already a member of a law fraternity. For more information contact any of the following members: Leneigha Downey, Miriam Murphy, Ken Weller, Maurice McClung, Tom Witkop, Ted Parker, Kathy Peters, or R.J. McConnell. Phi Delta Phi invites all law students to consider membership in Foster Inn.

Student Law Association

Election of officers for the 1985-86 school year was recently held by the Student Law Association. Third-year representatives will be Mary McArdle, Elizabeth Burke and Andrew Cameron. Jeff Higgins, Bill Kohn and Mary McCaffery will represent second-year students.

Law Journal

The Law Journal will hold its writing competition for First-year students during the first two weeks after the end of the current school year. The note competition packet will go on sale at noon Friday, May 3, at White Rabbit.

The packet will contain all the materials necessary to write the 10-page paper plus footnotes. All submitted notes will be read by three editors during the summer.
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Alumni weekend looms ahead

By KURT PANTZER

Lest upcoming graduates, as well as first- and second-year students think the law school is not looking ahead, plans are already underway for next year's annual Alumni Weekend to be held Friday, Sept. 13. As in past years, returning alumni will be treated to a variety of seminars, luncheons, forums, and athletic events.

Most of the educational activities will be held in the seminar rooms of the renovated library. Of course, there are obvious activities, such as Race Judicata and tennis and football competitions, which will be scheduled outdoors.

One non-academic attraction for returning alumni is the IU football game against Louisville. A barbeque is planned for before the game outside the stadium. Class reunions for those graduating five, 10, 15, and 20 years ago will be held after the game.

But the main attraction of the weekend will be Alan Paige, former tackle for the Minnesota Vikings and now Special Assistant for Minnesota's Attorney General. He will speak at the Law Forum Friday afternoon.

On Friday morning, the traditional Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum will be held. Three concurrent seminars will be offered. Topics and speakers include:

- Bankruptcy. Chair: Professor Douglas Boshkoff. Co-chair: Professor Sig Beck. Also presiding will be Elliot Levin and Steven Ancel.
- Divorce. Chair: Bruce Pennamped with Steven Burns, Judge Anthony Metz, Dr. James Davis, and Lew Pratt.
- Employer/Employee Relations. Chair: Robert Highfield with Professor Terry Bethel, Martin Klaper, and Barry Macey.

The weekend will mark the first year that the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows will recognize the achievement of nominated alumni.

Any student interested in helping coordinate any of the weekend's events is asked to contact Dean Fromm now or during the summer.

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Believe it or not, Third-years, graduation is just around the corner! Commencement exercises for law students will begin at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 4, at Assembly Hall, but students are asked to line-up at the fieldhouse 45 minutes prior to the ceremony.

At 10 a.m., Saturday, the Law School Recognition Ceremony will be held in the IU Auditorium. A luncheon reception will follow from noon until 3 p.m., at the IU Foundation.

Serving the Senior Graduation Committee this year are Beth Ahlemeyer, Cherri Branson, Barbara Brugnaux, Dan Ecker, David Kraus, Mike Lewinski, Corinne Lewis, John Lynch, Peter McCabe, Kurt Pantzer and Greg Schiller. Kraus served as chair of the committee.