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FINAL EDITION

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FINAL EDITION OF RES GESTAE FOR THE SEMESTER

In closing down operations for the year, the Editor extends special thanks to his staff--especially Dick Sawdey, Saul Schultz and Jay Witkin for staying with it for the entire year. Thanks also go to Bill Conner, next in point of service, and George Dietrich, Bill Burns, John Fischer, Tom Sweeney, Mike Cole and Glenn Litton (next year's Editor) for a semester's toil.

FORMATION OF SECOND LAW JOURNAL ANNOUNCED BY DEAN ALLEN

Dean Francis Allen has announced the formation of a second law journal in which second- and third-year students will participate in both writing and editorial roles. The journal is being made possible by a generous gift on the part of alumnus Jason Honigman.

Plans as to details--such as who will staff the journal--are currently being considered by faculty members including the Dean, William Pierce, Robert Harris, Carl Hawkins and Frank Cooper. The faculty team meets with student representatives today in an attempt to settle enough of the details to enable the journal to get started.

Results of the meeting and further information will be posted on the first floor bulletin board in Hutchins before exam period. Watch for them.

The journal will deal largely with law reform and concern itself not just with statutes but with administrative regulations and court decisions. Its primary purpose will not be to publish elaborate analyses of legal doctrine but to deal with the solution of practical problems confronting the administration of justice.

Prof. Cooper will be the journal's editor in its initial stages with the plans calling for a transfer to student hands as soon as possible. A name for the journal has not yet been settled on.

CASE CLUBS TO INSTITUTE MANDATORY PROGRAM IN FALL

It now appears certain that the Case Club program will be shifted from its present voluntary format to a compulsory one. Prof. D. A. Kahn, chairman of a student-faculty committee which has been examining the question, told RG that present plans call for some broad changes in many phases of Case Clubs, although at the present time many of the details are not yet worked out.

At least one thing is clear--all first-year law students will be required to spend one year in the program in order to complete their degree requirements. Grading will be on a pass-or-fail basis, i.e., a student must do satisfactory work but no letter grades or academic credit will be awarded.

One of the basic reasons for the change is the general feeling that the curriculum now offers insufficient experience in research and writing during the first year. Although the present program was open to all and many of the participants seemed to genuinely enjoy the work, the rate of attrition was very high.

The change also hopes to elicit an increase in communications and rapport between students and faculty. Each of the individual clubs will have a faculty advisor, who will also become the advisor for those students on other matters as well. This should provide a means for greater individual guidance and work towards the elimination of the reluctance on the part of some students to approach the faculty for advice.

A third reason entering into the decision was the feeling by many of the faculty that every student should be exposed to a situation where he has to get up on his own two feet to defend a position which he has researched.

The change to a compulsory program will be accompanied by some changes in other areas. For instance, the present system of library orientation will be eliminated. The changes may also necessitate some changes in the Campbell Competition, although this is highly speculative at the moment.

--Richard Sawdey

DEAN ALLEN SPEAKS AT LEGAL AID ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TODAY

The Legal Aid Society will hold an organizational meeting today at 4:00 pm in the Lawyers Club Lounge. This meeting is primarily for freshmen and upperclassmen who will be in Ann Arbor this summer and think they might wish to participate in the Legal Aid program. However, the meeting is also open to students interested in hearing what the Legal Aid Clinic has been doing and hopes to do in the future--and especially to all students who think they might want to become active in Legal Aid next fall.

Moderated by Clinic member Barry Siegel, the program will consist of short presentations by Dean Francis Allen, Legal Aid Student Board Chairman Dennis Shafer and Clinic Director George Stewart, followed by questions from those attending. The speakers will tell of the objectives of the Legal Aid program, the operation of the Ann Arbor Clinic and the value to law students of participation in the Legal Aid program. Any student interested in participating in the Legal Aid program this summer and unable to attend this meeting is invited to sign up on the Legal Aid bulletin board on the second floor of Hutchins Hall.

--Cush Anthony

FOREIGN STUDY-RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS MEETING TUESDAY

A meeting will be held next Tuesday, April 25, in Hutchins Hall 100 at 7 pm, for approximately 40 minutes, at which Professor Whitmore Gray and Mrs. Mary Gomes will speak on foreign study-research fellowship opportunities, sources and possible pitfalls. This meeting is particularly aimed at second-year students who would be eligible to apply for such fellowships as Fulbrights, etc., early in the fall semester of their third year, to permit them to go abroad following graduation.

It has become evident that considerable prior preparation is necessary to firm up the project involved, to show evidence of helpful correspondence with overseas experts, and the like; and many hopeful applicants who might otherwise have had a better chance have not done themselves justice in leaving such preparatory work until the fall semester of their final law school year. Frankly, that is too late, and in the rush to complete these applications in the fall, vital points are often omitted. It is to your advantage, as well as to those who can help you, to attend this meeting before summer and make your preparations over the summer vacation.

This year, and last year to a great extent, have brought us an unprecedented success in this difficult field; earlier and more comprehensive preparation may well be responsible. Please attend if you are interested.

--Mrs. Mary B. Gomes

REPORT FROM THE BOARD

Dean Joiner met with the Board this week and discussed the need for professionalism among members of the bar while wholeheartedly endorsing increased participation by this school in the American Law Students Association which will, this summer, attain status as a section of the American Bar Association. He presented the Board with \$100 to be used to help defray the expenses of the Board member chosen to attend the ABA-ALSA Convention

in Honolulu, August 10-15. Sam Tsoutsanis was later chosen to be that delegate. He will accompany John Farrell, the Law School's ALSA representative-designate, to the Convention.

Glenn Litton was selected to be Res Gestae Editor for 1967-68.

Chuck Barnhill explained the method of refrigerator allocation. That method follows: Seniors will draw for the thirty refrigerators on Monday, April 24, in the night office between the hours of 6 and 7 pm. Each entryway will be assigned one refrigerator. The senior drawing the lowest number in a particular entry will be awarded the one assigned thereto. The other 15 refrigerators will go to the seniors who drew the lowest numbers overall but who did not get a refrigerator assigned to an entry. Remember also that there is a yearly charge of twenty dollars per refrigerator and that any person may bring his own refrigerator into the Club if it meets Law Club standards.

In other action: the Board unanimously endorsed the drafted Joint Judiciary proposal and recommended it to the Board of Governors. An explanation of the course evaluation forms to be used this year was given. Students are encouraged to take the time to fill out these forms so that their professors may get them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual International Law Society cocktail party will be held tomorrow at 3:30 pm in the home of Professor Whitmore Gray, Society Advisor. Professor Gray's address is 909 Heatherway, located at the corner of Devonshire which runs left off Washtenaw at the first stoplight past Hill Street. All Society members who have submitted their RSVP's are cordially invited to attend. Information concerning directions and RSVP procedures is posted in Hutchins Hall.

The Quad will go on sale next week at \$5.00 a copy. All seniors still not having paid their \$4.50 can do so when they pick up their Quads.

The Case Clubs wish to thank the Detroit Legal News and its president, Bradley Thompson, for making possible the printing of this year's Campbell Competition briefs. The Legal News, official paper of the City of Detroit, the Wayne Circuit Court and the U.S. District Court in Bankruptcy, serves Detroit attorneys by the daily publication of court dockets, legal notices and news of primary interest to the profession under the motto "News You Cannot Get Anywhere Else."

Students in cleaning up this next week may have usable or repairable discards. Goodwill Industries has again this year made available large bags which will be placed in each entryway for this year-end collection. Non-residents of the Law Club may leave articles in the area underneath the stairs leading from the Law Club lobby down to the basement or leave them with the houseman, Mr. Berzins (764-2018). Apartment residents may obtain a Goodwill bag or a truck pickup by phoning 662-3317 or 483-2441. Students with old books of any kind, but especially law books however, should leave them in the collection box outside the bookstore in the library basement.

WEEKENDER

For those willing or able to take the time this weekend, the cinema schedule should be as follows:

The Campus will continue with "A Man for All Seasons," which, as noted last week, picked up Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actor. Without debating the wisdom of these decisions, it should be said that the film is very interesting, extremely well acted and professional in every sense of the word. In fact, I would even say that it is worth the \$1.75 which the theater has the gall to charge. Nevertheless, the picture is not--and I say this with qualification--a truly great one, despite the excellence of all technical aspects. The imperfection, unfortunately, stems from Robert Bolt's screenplay, which somehow fails to breathe a real human quality into its characters. The hero and heroines, namely Sir Thomas More

and his family (played respectively by Paul Scofield, Wendy Hiller and Susannah York) are just too good and too wronged by the whole mess. By the same token, the villains are just too cunning and too inhuman in contrast. Thus, for some strange reason, I kept expecting to see Nathan Hale --before execution--uttering "I regret that I have but one life" instead of a complex man like Thomas More who had in reality found himself pushed a bit farther than he wanted to be. As a result, what should have been a strong character study of a subtle and sophisticated man caught in a period of political and religious crisis seems at times to be little more than obvious tragedy and pathos.

The Michigan will have two recent releases paired for the next couple of days, namely "The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming" and "The Fortune Cookie." In the former, screen newcomer Alan Arkin (who got a nomination for this performance) does an outstanding job as a Russian sailor in charge of a submarine crew stranded on Cape Cod. Nevertheless, despite a good cast including Carl Reiner, Theodore Bikel and Eva Marie Saint, this one at best comes off as mildly amusing even at its high points; in other words, the laughs are disappointingly few and far between. In the co-feature, however, the laughs are fast and furious whenever Best Supporting Actor Walter Matthau, as shyster lawyer "Whiplash Willie Gingrich," comes on the screen. In fact, Matthau's performance is so good that I would recommend the picture if only to see this first-rate comedian in action. However, in every other aspect "Fortune Cookie" is a sincerely intended but too heavy-handed attempt to satirize the greed, materialism and dishonesty which energizes society's chase after the Almighty Dollar. As a further botch, Director Billy Wilder, assisted by screenwriter I.A.L. Diamond, has strapped another gifted comedian, namely Jack Lemmon, into both a wheelchair and an absolute straitjacket of a role. In short, expect nothing from this one except when Matthau is around.

Cinema Guild, in its grand finale for the semester, tonight and tomorrow night will present "Ninotchka," the 1939 romantic comedy which stars Greta Garbo as a Red spy and Melvyn Douglas as the suave "bourgeois" who converts her. On Saturday and Sunday, CG will go classic Marx Brothers when it runs "Duck Soup," which casts Groucho as the President of Fredonia and Harpo and Chico as two subversives.

Finally, the State, beginning tonight, will present "Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Momma's Left You in the Closet and I'm Feeling So Sad," the bizarre off-Broadway comedy which has made its way to the screen. Robert Morse and Rosalind Russell have the lead roles.

--Jay Witkin

SPORTS

Intramurals

The Law Club is officially the champion of the graduate division. The final tally shows the Law Club with 1043 points accumulated in 11 sports. The point total sets a new record this year, eclipsing the old record of 972 points garnered by the Law Club in 1965 while competing in 13 sports. The 1043 points was nearly 300 more than the nearest competitor, Delta Sigma Delta of the Dental School. The margin of victory was provided by five outright championships, four second place finishes and two third places.

In the first semester, the tennis team won first place while the handball, football and golf teams finished second. This past winter, the teams moved into high gear. After a second place finish in bowling and third places in basketball and volleyball, the Law Club ran off four straight championships. These were in squash, table tennis, paddleball and swimming. The captains of these teams, Jim Lamb, Dale Watts, Bill Bavinger and Dick McDonough, respectively, did a fine job. Congratulations and thanks for a job well done are also extended to all the captains who were instrumental in organizing the various programs throughout the year.

Within the Law School, the second annual table tennis tourney, with upwards of 45 participants, is moving along well and should be completed within a week or so. The first annual squash racquets tourney was completed last Saturday. A surprising 34 players entered the event, making it a very successful outing in its first attempt. Jim Lamb faced Jim Cohen in the

final match and came away with a well-deserved 3-0 victory in a hard-fought and well-played match.

--Jim Walter, Athletic Chairman

'M' Football

The Michigan Varsity completed its spring football practice last Saturday with a full-dress game-type scrimmage in the Michigan Stadium. After it was over, Bump stated (typically) that the team does have some strong points but alas, also has some weak points. Here is how we see next year's team:

Offense--The offensive unit next year may be as strong as last year's group despite the loss of 8 of the 11 starters. Dick Vidmer of course is back along with two linemen, captain Joe Dayton at center and All-American candidate Ray Phillips, who is being moved from tackle to guard. Warren Sipp, a former tight end, is now running at fullback and is joined by Ron Johnson and Ernie Sharpe in the first-string backfield. Two large halfbacks off the freshman team, however, Garvie Crow and John Gabler (both go about 6'3", 215) may alter this alignment as they were both very impressive in the scrimmage. Jim Mandich, another large freshman, will fill the tight end slot and Jim Berline, who caught 8 passes, may surprise as the replacement for Jack Clancy. He will start at split end.

Defense--On defense, the big, big weakness is definitely in pass defense. The backfield of Mike Bass, Rick Volk, Rick Sygar and John Rowser has graduated and sophomores George Hoey, Ted Jobe, Jerry Hartman and somebody else will not be as good. The defensive line though will be tough with veterans Dick Williamson, Dave Porter, Tom Stincic and Rocky Rosema leading the way. At linebacker, Frank Nunley has graduated but Dennis Morgan should be back after being injured midway through this season, and along with Bob Wedge and Cecil Pryor, another very promising freshman, should be more than adequate.

Summary--Overall, the success of the team will rest on the development of the freshman in the offensive backfield and the sophomores in the defensive backfield. The experience of the defensive line will help and if the pass defenders can do the job, this team (with a minimum of coaching and mental errors) will be in the fight for the Big Ten title. If the defensive backfield falters, look out below!

Basketball

As of now, the NCAA Basketball Regional Tournament is scheduled for our new arena in either 1968 or 1969, and the NCAA Finals will be here in 1970.

--Saul Schultz

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