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The Weekly Newspaper of the U-M Lawyers Club

A MOMENT OF SILENCE,
PLEASE AS WE CONTEMPLATE
FORM 1040 AND REFLECT
THAT OURS IS TRULY A
SYSTEM OF GIVE AND TAKE.

NEWSBEAT:

* FLASH *

Anyone interested in applying for the job of Editor of either Res Gestae or the Quad yearbook should contact Lynn Bartlett at 764-9008 by 5 PM this afternoon.

- Past Board Submits Recommendations -

[The past Board of Directors submitted the following Memorandum to the Law School Faculty at the conclusion of their term of office:]

"The following are recommendations of the Student Board of Directors which were discussed at length and are now proposed for consideration by the faculty. At the outset we wish to make it clear that these are merely suggestions on our part and represent no attempt to force action on items which properly are within the jurisdiction of the faculty.

"1. That the faculty consider the feasibility of drawing up a possible sequence of courses for particular areas of law which will be of aid to students in selecting courses. At present we feel all too often courses are chosen because they are considered easy or aren't given at 8 AM or other similar non-academic rationale. Realizing one can never completely remove these factors, we still feel a student interested in a particular area of law would appreciate some indication of what courses are especially relevant to that area of law without depending entirely on hearsay from other students. These suggestions could be published in the Law School Handbook along with course descriptions.

"2. That the advisor system be encouraged so that students may feel more free to consult with the faculty about his learning experience. At present, we feel some students are "scared off" by the cool attitude with which their questions are met.

"3. That the faculty promote the creation of a second legal publication or other research and writing programs. We feel this would help to advance legal scholarship and allow more students to participate in this type of learning process. Several approaches would be possible and we feel the faculty is in the best position to determine what would be most beneficial to the Law School and student body.

"4. That the examination schedule be revised to allow a two-day break between the end of classes and the start of exams. With the rush at the end of the semester it is most difficult to assimilate class material and also study for an early exam. Realizing the time press in scheduling, we suggest ending classes on a Friday as present, but beginning exams on Monday instead of Saturday. The result would only necessitate a one-day extension of the exam period.

Newsbeat, cont.

"In addition, the Board of Directors, after many weeks of debate, suggests that individual faculty members institute a course evaluation program along the following lines:

- "1. Evaluation forms would be passed out during the last ten minutes of a class period in the last month of a course.
- "2. After the students had filled out the forms, the forms would be collected and returned to the Recorder's Office, where they would be kept until after grades are in.
- "3. Following the deadline for grades, these forms would be turned over to each faculty member for his own personal use in evaluating that particular course.

"This program is to be entirely voluntary on the part of each faculty member.

"No students, members of the administration, or other faculty members will have any access to these forms. They are only for the benefit of the faculty member teaching that course.

"In order to facilitate this program, a model form has been drawn up. Each faculty member is free to use this form or to revise the form to meet his needs or to draw up his own form.

"We wish to make it clear at this point that this program is not intended to be an attempt by the students to tell the faculty how to teach or to mold instruction methods to fit any pattern. It is an effort to provide a mechanism by which a faculty member can constructively ascertain student reaction which we feel will be of benefit to him in evaluation of his course and teaching methods. We have attempted to make the questions as meaningful as possible to meet this purpose.

"In conclusion, the above proposals reflect a sincere attempt to provide constructive suggestions about Michigan Law School and are in no way an effort to vent rage or frustration. We can only hope that our purpose is not misconstrued."

[These recommendations have been taken under advisement by the faculty. Further information as to the faculty action ultimately taken will be published in the future.]

- International Law Society Elects New Officers -

At the annual elections of the International Law Society, March 31, new officers elected for the coming year were:

President	Bob Faux
Vice President	Dan Israel
Secretary-Treasurer	Mike Bixby
Board	John Conley, Alan Polansky, Jim Kleinburg

The Society constitution was amended at the outset of the meeting to allow any member of the Society, regardless of his year in school, to hold the office of President. Subsequently Faux, a freshman with much international law experience, was elected President.

The Society commended outgoing President Kevin Beattie and his fellow officers and Board members for their hard work in the Society's first year of existence.

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The International Law Society will hold its last dinner meeting of the year Thursday, April 14, at 5:45 PM in the Faculty Dining Room. Professor Eric Stein will make remarks on "The Current Status of the Common Market After the Luxembourg Conference." The sign-up list for the dinner will go up outside Room 100 Hutchins on Tuesday, April 12.

Newsbeat, cont.

- Magic-Marked Words -

I never know what truth I'll learn next,
While leafing through my second-hand text.

I have memorized why people sue,
And what their contracts do for me and you.

I always find the important part
Without being inherently smart.

Being perceptive, yet, still callow;
I learn facts underlined in yellow.

This first rule for success in college
Is: Statements in yellow mean knowledge.

- Notes from One of the 27 Million -

In 1964 I was told that if I voted for Barry Goldwater, the war in Vietnam would be escalated. I voted for Goldwater; and sure enough the war has escalated.

- Senior Recognition Day -

Letters explaining the Law School Senior Recognition Day have been sent to seniors and graduate students. Enclosed were cards to be filled out by the student indicating whether he and his parents would attend. Invitations from the Dean will be sent to only those parents whose attendance is indicated on the cards. Any student (senior or graduate student) not receiving such a letter but who plans to attend should see Mrs. Shoemaker in Room 320 HH and she will have extra cards available.

--Wm. H. Conner and Steve Petix

THE SCHMEDLAPP LEGEND: The "Pitch."

"Marsh gas, phooey!" muttered Agent 00¹/₂ (Frederick U. Schmedlapp to you), as he drove at a cool 70 through the Washtenaw County countryside. It was twilight--the best time for good sightings--when behind an apple orchard he spotted a green glow. Fred coolly geared down his Ford Mustang Sprint from fourth to first, cornered sharply into the orchard, coolly flipped on his automatic tank tread and proceeded quickly down--or rather through--a row of young saplings. Unfortunately, his cautious approach was observed, and, with a whistle-like WOO WOO WOO (much like the mating call of the Great Loonie) the glowing green saucer began its slow ascent.

In a last-minute attempt to make contact with our Martian brethren, Fred courageously leapt up and grabbed the retracting landing ladder and coolly waited for the bosun to pipe him aboard (the foolish lad had served a term as commodore of the local yacht club). The Martians stopped retracting but didn't stop ascending. Finally, they hovered at 3,000 feet and made a signal that Schmedlapp should disembark.

Having forgotten his Batman anti-gravity belt, our hero was admittedly in a dilemma. A light beam struck the ladder just above his head and the rung there disintegrated. "Some sort of laser," coolly muttered Schmedlapp. He must do something quick. But how could he get across the idea that he couldn't levitate? (He had forgotten his Yoga Beginner's Manual, too.) What's more, how did he know they cared?

A solution leapt to his mind. He would bargain for his life. "They must have some values," he reasoned. So, hanging precariously by one hand, he reached deep into his pocket with the other and offered the aliens all five of the Sandy Koufax bubble gum cards he had saved over the past year, plus thirteen Don Drysdales--a package deal. These chaps might be Junior League fans, he thought, but I must take that chance. Fortunately for Schmedlapp the aliens were broadminded about these things and hoisted him aboard.

The Schmedlapp Legend, cont.

Later, when making his top-secret report (too secret to relate here) to M (Langer), he was asked: "An amazing tale, 00¹/₂, but how did you get aboard?" "I simply played my trump, chief. I simply played my trump."

--Steve Petix

LEGAL AID BRIEFS

Will you be away this summer?

Many students who are presently handling cases at the Clinic will not be in Ann Arbor during the summer. To facilitate the operation of the Clinic during this period, Jack Zulack has requested that all the members of the Clinic do two things before leaving:

1. Update your files and make them as complete as possible.
2. Fill out a blue index card for each of your clients.

By having this information available, Jack Zulack will be able to keep abreast of those cases where some action may be necessary during the summer.

Freshmen Show Interest in Clinic

On Thursday, March 31, 28 freshmen indicated their interest in becoming active members as soon as they are eligible after final exams. Chairman John Waters outlined the procedures, policy, and history of the Legal Aid Society. Jack Zulack reiterated the fact that students who are employed full time this summer may still participate in the work at the Clinic during the evening or on Saturdays. Any freshmen who were unable to attend the meeting may contact John Waters (761-0734) or Jack Zulack (426-2273).

Court Appearances:

1. Thursday, April 21, 4:00 PM. James Klancknik will have a hearing before Judge Ager.
2. Monday, April 25. Trial by Alice Winters in Ypsilanti.

A Tip of the Clinic Hat to:

All the students who are devoting extra time and effort to the Clinic during these last weeks of the semester.

A Clenched Clinic Fist to:

1. City garbage collectors who refuse to go where "angels fear to tread." Query: why doesn't Lady Bird plant a tree in our alley?
2. The last supervisor each day who forgets to bring letters and messages from the Clinic to the second floor bulletin board in Hutchins Hall.

--John L. Chamberlain

WEEKENDER:

For the second week in a row, the local cinema will provide several good reasons for finding something else to do this weekend.

Leading off this week's losing lineup will be "The Chase," which in case you're interested is playing at the Michigan. In the starring role will be Marlon Brando, an actor with a great deal of ability who for some reason has failed to take a part in a good movie for the past few years. Joining him in this drama of murder and violence in the South are Jane Fonda, Robert Redford, and a host of others. As you probably have concluded, the reviewers have been consistently appalled by this movie, and this is probably the fault of Producer Sam Spiegel, who has done movies as good as "Bridge on the River Kwai." Do your share toward keeping this one in town for a minimum of time.

Even worse than "The Chase" is "The Oscar," a picture in which the reviewers have found a great deal of garbage and a total lack of quality. The cast is headed by Stephen Boyd (best known for "Ben Hur") and also includes several people who should have known better than to get stuck in a picture like this (best example: Bob Hope). The story line, which has been done a thousand times before, concerns the vicious and trashy Hollywood world in which a young actor on the make guns for an Oscar. The picture will play to hopefully small audiences at the State.

Weekender, cont.

The Cinema Guild, bless them, will probably have the only quality film in town. On Saturday and Sunday they will present "Nicholas Nickleby," a 1947 adaptation of the Charles Dickens novel. Heading the cast will be two fine English actors, namely Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Stanley Holloway (famous for his roles in the Broadway and screen versions of "My Fair Lady").

Finally, the Campus, as of press time, will still have "A Patch of Blue" (see last week's column) and the Cinema II will announce their feature sometime later this week. Hope it's a good weekend anyway.

--Jay Witkin

LAWFULLY YOURS: Beware the Sidewalk Artist

Dear Sir:

The Ann Arbor Police motorcycle division are up to some of their old tricks again. I recently parked in a four-hour "time zone" on Monroe Street west of State; three and three-quarters hours later moved my car a sufficient distance to hide the chalk on the rear tread, and then returned only to find a parking ticket for parking over the legal time limit. At this point another law student passed by and pointed out that the side of my front tire was marked. Since the chalk on the rear tread was not visible, the mark on the side must have been the officer's sole evidence of my supposed violation (the ticket was issued after I had moved the car). Upon inquiry I discovered that any marks appearing on the side are purely accidental. This was the official police department line. I was politely told to "tell it to the judge," but as it turns out, I did violate a recently enacted ordinance in Title X, 10:59(2) of the Ann Arbor Code, which reads as follows: "Where signs are erected in any block ... establishing a time limit zone, no person shall park a vehicle within said zone for longer than the time limit established between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. ..." Under this ordinance and coupled with side-of-tire marking enforcement procedures, the following are likely to result in parking tickets: moving car from space and returning later in the day; moving car at noon to a space closer to Law School; following the letter of the law and moving the car to another block (this will result because there is no difference in the color chalk used).

The only solution, short of repeal of the ordinance, appears to be self-help. Since the chalk marks are a prima facie trespass to property, one should be free to obliterate such marks with impunity.

--James B. Fadim

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