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VISITORS VERDICT. As reported in last week's Res Gestae, last week-end a Committee of Visitors for the Law School, composed of some forty distinguished alumni from all over the nation, met to observe and to evaluate the Law School program. Reports will be made to the faculty, president and Law Club.

Curiously enough, the members of the Committee felt that the greatest deficiency of the modern law school graduate was his inability to use the English language. It was noted that this deficiency included both written and oral articulation; however, it was recognized that this skill is one which should be acquired before a student reaches law school and, consequently, that it should not be the primary goal of the law school to develop this ability. Nevertheless, suggestions that more emphasis be placed on legal writing and on oral exposition in the curriculum were prevalent.

The visitors voiced their approval of the Law School's philosophy that the student should be taught to think rather than that he should be required to learn the minute detail of the law. The sentiment was expressed that the law school should endeavor to familiarize the student with aspects of actual practice through such devices as a more extensive Legal Aid program, familiarization with legal documents, informal meetings between students, practitioners and judges. It was also urged that the student be made more aware of realms other than the typical private practice, notably the areas of public law, government practice, corporate and financial institution work.

The only formal resolution to emerge from the Committee was its endorsement of the admissions policy maintaining Michigan as a "national" law school. The Committee strongly recommended that the best applicants be admitted to the law school regardless of any considerations of the geographical distribution of the student body.

In the area of employment placement there were suggestions that the placement facilities be expanded in order that men in the lower portion of a graduating class might be assured of employment of their highest preference immediately upon graduation. The feeling behind this sentiment was that these men would be leaders in their class in other law schools.

Various members of the Committee expressed an opinion that comparative law should become an evermore important part of the curriculum. Nearly every member of the Committee could cite an instance when his own personal practice had required a knowledge of foreign jurisprudence.

This year marked the first use of a visiting alumni committee and the valuable observations rendered by the visitors plus their individual enthusiasm seems to insure its continuation. Some of the visitors were so enthusiastic that they suggested the Visitor's Committee be made a bi-annual, instead of an annual, affair.

CIVIL RIGHTS AND PATENT LAW SPEAKERS AFTER THANKSGIVING. The Lawyers Club is indeed fortunate to have two speakers appearing the week after Thanksgiving. Mr. Arthur B. Caldwell, of the Trial Staff of the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, will be here on Tuesday, November 27. While Mr. Caldwell will not speak directly about the recent problems in Mississippi, he has indicated he will answer questions on that topic. His topic for the evening will relate to the Operating Procedures of the Civil Rights Division. He has spoken at other law schools, including Northwestern and Ohio State. He is making a special trip from Washington for the address, so plan to make a special trip to the lounge at 6:30.

The second speaker is Mr. James Stephenson, a Michigan patent attorney. He will be here in the lounge at 6:30 on Thursday, November 29 speaking on "Opportunities for Lawyers in Patent Law." He has the inside story and is willing to comment on it. Be prepared with your questions; Mr. Stephenson is prepared to answer them.

LAW CLUB SOCIAL NOTES. Lawyers should plan on the following dates:

Tuesday, Dec. 4: Exchange Dinner, Couzens Hall

Saturday, Dec. 8: Annual Christmas Dance

Sunday, Dec. 16: Annual Christmas Musicale (Formal afternoon program of Christmas season music and buffet supper)

Tuesday, Dec. 18: Annual Christmas Dinner for Club Residents

The social chairman also has classes and would appreciate any offers of services for the above events. Tom Palmer, NO 8-7932

MISCELLANEOUS MORSEL

Suggested Christmas gift: The Supreme Court: Palladium of Freedom (208 pages, \$4.95), by Prof. Alpheus T. Mason of Princeton. Prof. Kauper says that the author "probes incisively and with keen insight into the nature of the 'political system without model.'" The book will be published Nov. 23 by the U. of M. Press

AT THE FRAT:

Phid: Frolic on Sunday 4:30 - 7:00. \$2.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00 for members, guests and non-members respectively.

RES GESTAE SPORTS STAFF PIX:

Alabama over Georgia Tech
Missouri over Oklahoma
Army over Pittsburgh
Mississippi over Tennessee
Washington over UCLA
Amherst over Williams
Minnesota over Purdue
Northwestern over Mich. State
Iowa over Michigan
Princeton over Yale
Columbia over Penn.
Dartmouth over Cornell

AT THE FLICKS:

Campus - "Boccaccio '70"

Michigan - "Gigot"

State - "West Side Story"

Cinema Guild - "Citizen Kane"
Sat., "Alice in Wonderland"



QUADSVILLE QUOTES by Meyer Sniffen

In hominem dicendum est igitur, quum oratio argumentationem non habet.

— Cicero

Attorneys and rogues are vermin not easily rooted out of a rich soil.

— Walpole