No Vacancy: Student Groups Struggle To Find Space In The Law Quad

By Mitch Holzrichter

Growing Needs of Student Groups

"No one at the Law School today knows how current [student group] offices were assigned," said LSSS President 3L Hadi Husain. "So many groups have formed in recent years that the current situation doesn't work."

Two student groups in particular, the Federalist Society and Student Funded Fellowships (SFF), have voiced concern over their space situations. Both groups have grown in size recently and have taken on more work for the Law School, but have done so without sufficient space.

The Federalist Society is hosting the national Federalist Society Symposium, which will bring as many as 1,000 law students and scholars from around the country to the Law School in March 2008. "Office space is a must to run a symposium expected to draw 800 to 1000 attendees," said symposium chair 3L Mike Ruttinger. The Law School has provided temporary space to the Federalist Society until the Symposium, but the Federalist Society will lose its office space again after that.

"We would like to see student group space allocated more widely, and well-articulated criteria set in place to determine which groups receive available offices," said Ruttinger.

SFF has also criticized the current space allocations. SFF had an office, shared with the Native American Law Students Association, and storage space on the seventh floor of Legal Research. SFF uses its space for application materials and to collect and store auction items, among other things. But over the summer, SFF lost its current office and storage space. SFF received a new office on the tenth floor of Legal Research but was not given storage space.

In an email to SFF in May, Christine Gregory wrote, "[W]e cannot provide

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Too LawOpen?

Commercial E-mails Clog Inboxes

It began on July 6, 2007, at 6:03 p.m. The responsible party, a 3L who shall remain nameless, might have been blissfully unaware of the tide he was ushering in. The message was short. It went like this: “Buying Notre Dame tickets. If you are selling, let me know.” Since that day, the e-mail accounts of every law student at the University of Michigan have been flooded with hundreds of e-mail solicitations for semi-legal (see Mich. Comp. Law §§ 750.465) football ticket transactions.

Out of a random sampling of 1,000 e-mails sent to LawOpen over the last three months, 652 of them were for the purchase or sale of football tickets, while an additional 246 of them were aimed at buying and selling various other items, from course packs and textbooks to furniture. It appears that fully 90% of the messages on LawOpen are commercial.

It’s easy to get worked up over this situation. What is less clear is what to do about it. One man’s trash is another man’s treasure: Those who complain about ticket-sellers on one hand are only too anxious to beg the captive audience of 1,000+ law students to borrow a laptop cable (or, around finals time, a whole laptop!). Those who love to hawk their wares in the football ticket marketplace are the first to write angry emails chastising use of the list as a bully pulpit for political debaters. “Something for everyone” quickly turns into “something for everyone to hate.”

Many people bring up the digest option, by which you can choose to receive a whole day’s LawOpen offerings in one long email, as a solution. We would suggest that the digest feature is part of the problem. Though we may clash on precisely which topics represent the biggest peril to inbox shui, we can surely all agree that receiving e-mail asking the same question or making the same point as was asked or made in a post several hours prior can ruin anybody’s good mood. It’s all well and good for someone to save himself the hassle by receiving the digest, but is it really fair to the rest of us when he then lobs gruesome chunks of spam over that little barricade he hides behind?

One possible solution is to prohibit postings that offer to buy or sell anything. LSSS polices LawStudents effectively, and a similar effort could clean up LawOpen. Another possible solution is the creation of an additional listserv for sales. The creation of LawSales would meet the obvious demand for a quick-response forum for sales, one that is apparently unfulfilled by the Law School Classifieds, and would free up space on LawOpen for the spread of other types of information. In any case, one topic sure to stir up a lively debate, and yet equally relevant to all members of the Law School community, is what to do about the spam-mobile that LawOpen has become.

...And we thought cruel and unusual punishments were unconstitutional!
Will ’10 Be a Good Year?

By Sumeera Younis

Don’t they look much younger than us? Did we giggle that much in the library? Already I hear the questions resonating through the halls of Hutchins. We have seen new names selling tickets on LawOpen; we have seen the eager faces crowded outside of classrooms, anxious to grab the most coveted seats. But who is this class of 2010?

Though they may look like undergrads, the new crop of budding young litigators averages 24 years of age, just like the class of 2009. At least one newbie has yet to reach drinking age, while the oldest, at 36, makes even 2nd year SQUALSA members feel young and limber. Just over two-thirds of the incoming class took a year or more off after undergrad, and 15 percent of the class earned advanced degrees before joining us.

Many members of the new class are treading ground that their parents did not: more than a third come from families where at least one parent did not attend college; 10 percent come from families where neither parent went to college.

Many members of the class of 2010 took service positions before law school: six have Fulbright Scholarships, seven did Peace Corps, five did Americorps, and 12 participated in the Teach for America program.

While these new kids may not share our advanced understanding of expectation damages or future interests, they did do some impressive LSATing. The median score of 169 (97th percentile) is the highest ever for an entering class at Michigan. The median undergrad GPA of 3.64 is second only to the 3.67 posted by the class of 2009.

For those of you who, like me, were at OCI and could have sworn that you had never seen some of the faces there before, you may have been right. We are joined this fall by 42 second-year transfers, which is up significantly from last year.

If you haven’t already noticed exotic accents in many of your classes, we have 46 LLMs with us now, and international students make up nearly seven percent of the incoming class. 17 countries are represented, as well as 43 of the states, Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico.

Fully a quarter of the members of the class of 2010 are ethnically diverse: 12.3% are Asian American, 6.1% are African American, 5.0% are Latino, and 1.6% are Native American.

Though the gap is narrowing, historically Michigan has seen less female students than males, and this year it is no exception. The incoming class is 55% male and 45% female. Ladies, you know that means we are going to have to do a little extra talking in class to keep things balanced.

At first I was a little put off by all the new faces, feeling somehow that a group of outsiders had come into our sacred space in Hutchins Hall. But the more I learn about this incoming class, the more confident I am that each coming year is going to keep up the awesome legacy of Michigan Law.

MBHB has an active summer program where law students receive great pay along with the opportunity to work with clients who are the technical leaders in their fields.
Submitted By: Hadi Husain, LSSS President

I am delighted to welcome the 1Ls, LLMs and transfer students to Ann Arbor, and to welcome the rest of you back to Michigan Law for what will hopefully prove an exciting and productive new year.

The summer was, as usual, filled with students crisscrossing the globe – from London to Vienna – and the legal profession – by participating in everything from the mundane (read: working for a big corporate law firm) to the magnanimous (read: advocating on behalf of individuals and organizations who cannot afford adequate counsel) to the regenerative (read: sitting on the beach in Malaga). I encourage you to share your peripetic experiences with your peers as we settle [back] into the lively rhythm of the Socratic Method.

While upperclassmen were packed into the Holiday Inn for what will no doubt prove to be another fantastically successful week of on-campus recruiting, the 1Ls were partaking in an orientation program put together by Dean Baum and Christine Gregory’s offices – with the assistance of the always indispensable Marilyn, Mark and Trudy – which culminated in the ever-popular day of service (and the similarly popular ensuing night at Rick’s).

We subsequently kicked the academic year off in style with beautiful weather and the annual first-day-of-class Picnic.

Issues

The Law School Student Senate plans on addressing many issues this year that are pertinent to the ongoing success of the Law School.

While the historic Law Quad remains one of the most beautiful campus settings in the country, it is imperative that the Law School continue to adapt and grow to the evolving needs of students and faculty in the 21st century. The Building Committee, headed by Professor Eisenberg, will continue its work of ensuring that Michigan does just that by evaluating and discussing new building proposals, with the goal of developing an economical and resourceful way of growing our campus while maintaining cutting-edge environmental (“Green”) standards.

Along that vein, we recognize that until a new building is constructed, space in Legal Research, Hutchins Hall, and the basement connecting them remains at a premium. Because of this, the Senate formed, in conjunction with Christine Gregory’s office, a Committee on the Allocation of Office Space. This Committee will assess the current method of allocating office space to the various basement groups and will compare the way Michigan distributes space to students with that of our peer schools. With these factors in mind, the Committee will then look to the needs of the various student organizations to come up with an equitable and objective method of future distribution.

The budgeting process is fast approaching, led by the Budgeting Committee, and is the primary mechanism through which money is allocated to the many paramount student groups that define our institution. As always, this remains one of the Senate’s most important roles. Any recognized student organization can apply for funding which allows it to thrive while at the same time benefiting the greater community through the sponsorship of activities such as lunchtime talks, bar nights, and barbecues. Student groups should also look to the generosity of alum John Nannes ’73, whose gift continues to provide significant financing for student activities.

There are many more committees with student representatives that continue to contribute significantly to the Law School community in all manners. And, as always, the Senate welcomes your feedback.

If you have any suggestions, criticisms, or general comments for how LSSS can improve Michigan Law or your experience here, please feel free to voice them at our weekly LSSS meetings, which will be held Mondays at 6 p.m. in a location to be announced. Alternatively, you can share them with any member of the Senate individually, or bring them up with Dean Caminker during one of his regular Dean’s Corner lunches in the Dining Hall, where any topic flies.

Events

As returning students know, law school is not all about work, and LSSS is here to ensure that fun activities are planned throughout the semester.

As has become the norm, we will be hosting enough bar nights to make the alcoholic – or, to be more politically correct, the social drinker – in you blush. Our joint Law School/Med School bar night was a tremendous success last year, so to continue the tradition of uniting the various world-class programs at the University we are working in conjunction with our sister organization in the Business School to join up the future litigators and business owners of America.

The Senate will also continue to support the Mental Health Initiative, which works to provide family activities (along with SQUALSA), advice on maintaining a healthy school/life balance, and takes
The Constitutional Politics of Turkey Sandwiches

By Nate Kurtis

Dreams are won and lost every year at the Student Funded Fellowship auction. ... Or so popular wisdom would have us believe. But how can we know? So many of those fabulous prizes are collected in locales both exotic and remote (what is this San Francisco of which you speak?), and even more in private (after all, what happens in Prof. Soper’s hot tub stays in Prof. Soper’s hot tub!). The result: We mere mortals who can’t purchase such fantasies-made-real are denied even the vicarious joys that spring forth from this annual auction of amazement.

Until today. To help share the ecstasy, the RG sat down with Prof. Richard A. Primus, Michigan Law’s resident Sandwich Connoisseur and Constitutional Law Sage, to learn about his recent SFF-ignited adventure. For those who don’t know, Prof. Primus traded $800 for a chance at immortality -- he won the right to create and name a Zingerman’s sandwich!

Res Gestae: When was the first time you ate at Zingerman’s?

Professor Richard A. Primus: I guess the first time I ever ate at Zingerman’s would have been in 2001, the same year I came to teach at Michigan, and I remember liking it a lot. And, I remember that, by the spring of 2002, I realized that I needed a systematic approach to eating at Zingerman’s because there are so many options and so many of them are good. But, I thought that if I just went in each time without a plan I would wind up spending a lot of time trying to decide on each visit what sandwich to eat. I would inevitably converge on three or four things on the menu that I liked and find myself going back to them and that would mean that there would probably be lots of good sandwiches that I would never try. So I thought that I should have a system, and the system should be that I would eat every sandwich on the menu in numerical order. That way, I would never waste time figuring out what to eat next. Over the course of time, I would eat every sandwich on the menu. I would discover things that I didn’t know I liked that might be good. And, I would then accumulate a store of experience that I could use for better sandwich ordering in the future.

RG: Going numerically you’d hit a number of their retired sandwiches. Have you tried to order any of those?

RAP: Yes, I have, and they have been very cooperative about it. When I would ask them about a retired sandwich, they would look it up and they would tell me what was on it and they would make it for me. I discovered, for the most part, that there’s a reason that the retired sandwiches are retired. They’re not bad, but systematically the ones on the menu, I’ve thought, were better than the retired ones.

RG: [handing over a copy of the Zingerman’s Deli menu] Where is your sandwich on the menu?

RAP: On the present menu, I don’t think you’ll find mine. The way that the auction works is that they put up your sandwich for thirty days. In the unlikely event that your sandwich sells particularly well -- and how well that is is never defined in advance -- they will incorporate your sandwich into the permanent menu. My understanding is that no sandwich has ever been incorporated on the basis of the Law School auction in this way. Mine wasn’t either. I didn’t really expect that it would be because they’ve covered the ground of good sandwiches really pretty well. My sandwich was available for those thirty days -- and it still would be now as a retired sandwich. I think you can still go in and ask for it. I had one maybe in July and they still remembered what it was and how to make it.

RG: What sandwich did you make?

RAP: It was called the Primus Inter Pares, meaning first among equals. I asked a lot of people, including students and colleagues, for input and suggestions about names, and this was the winner in the end. The idea being: the menu is filled with great sandwiches; I didn’t

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want to pretend that my sandwich was better than all of the other sandwiches. I just wanted to say that, even as among all of these great sandwiches, this is the one that I go for. So, 'first among equals' seemed like a good way to go.

**RG:** What is a Primus Inter Pares?

**RAP:** It’s a turkey – I think that Zingerman’s best sandwich meat is their turkey – with coleslaw, Russian dressing, and yellow mustard.

**RG:** You’re a toppings person I see.

**RAP:** Yes. It’s a lot about texture. I learned a lot about this actually from the Zingerman’s sandwich people in the course of designing the sandwich because they have an elaborate process. They don’t just ask you what ingredients you want and then put that up there – they take their office very seriously. They want to do good work, and so they counsel you. So, I sat with two different people who are from their sandwich making team and they asked me a bunch of questions about what I liked and what I didn’t like. They made me familiar with all kinds of considerations in sandwich making that I had not previously known about, like: the importance of texture; the importance of ingredients that don’t oxidize waiting on the sandwich line; the tradeoffs between the expensive ingredients and the salability of the sandwich. We tried lots of different combinations of things before we arrived at this one. Oh, I forgot to mention, it’s on grilled rye bread.

**RG:** Just how many sandwiches did you end up eating trying to figure that out?

**RAP:** I think that I probably tried seven or eight variations. I knew going in that I wanted turkey. I knew that I wanted Russian dressing. There was one moment at the 11th hour when I veered off into corn beef, but other than that I held to those initial two ideas but then played with a bunch of different variations, different kinds of mustard. At one point there was the possibility of apples. The apple idea was a good one but apples oxidize on the sandwich line; they’re tough.

**RG:** What about applesauce instead?

**RAP:** I’m not a huge applesauce fan. And, once I had the coleslaw and the Russian dressing, applesauce on top of that would give me, I think, a pretty soggy sandwich.

**RG:** The Primus Soup?

**RAP:** I think it would be.

**RG:** That could be the next thing you win at the SFF auction.

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**RAP:** It could be. I suppose it could be.

**RG:** Were you charged for all those sandwiches you ate while making it?

**RAP:** No. I suppose that, from a particular law and economics standpoint, you could say that the donation that I made to SFF included the eight sandwiches that I tried. They did not charge me for the sandwiches that I sampled to figure it out. Once the sandwich was set, if I wanted one I had to pay for it.

**RG:** You designed the sandwich at the end of last spring, right? What with grading finals and getting married, when did you find time to make a sandwich?

**RAP:** It was tough. It really was tough. I look back on March and April and I find it difficult to understand how everything that needed to get done got done. But, priorities are priorities, and designing a sandwich is serious business.

**RG:** Where did it rank in there with the other two?

**RAP:** Let’s say in second place.

**RG:** Alright, we don’t need to be any more specific. Now, the cost of a Zingerman’s sandwich does raise an interesting question. As a constitutional law expert, at $10.99 a sandwich – steep for a sandwich – is there the possibility that it is a due process violation?

**RAP:** I think I’ve waived any such objections. Is there a due process problem to the public at large? I guess what I would say about this is: Are you a communist? WHO TAUGHT YOU CONSTITUTIONAL LAW? [laughs]

**RG:** Well, since your sandwich didn’t make it onto the permanent menu, do you still feel that it was money well spent?

**RAP:** Oh, absolutely. It was money well spent, I think, on two fronts. The first is: Student Funded Fellowship is a worthy cause to support and I’m glad to give them my money. I’m glad to give them my money, sandwich or no sandwich. And then secondly, you know, you take your shots at glory and they don’t always pan out. But it is far better to dare might and things, even though checked by failure, than to dwell in the perpetual twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat.

**RG:** But, can we still call it a student funded fellowship if it is the professors, like yourself, who are picking up some of the larger ticket items?

**RAP:** That’s an interesting question. I think what it means is that students need to step up and open their pocketbooks a little bit more. I can be beaten in this auction. Most students at this law school are going to make more money over, let’s say the next ten years, than I am. There is very little reason why students, with an appropriate understanding of their consumption possibilities, shouldn’t be able to beat out the faculty in these auctions.

**RG:** What about at the next auction? What are you going to bid on; what is a dream win for you in the upcoming SFF auction?

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RAP: That's tough. You see, the problem is that this was the dream and I don't know if something comes after it. It's not the only thing I've ever bought at SFF auctions -- I also bought a week on a cattle ranch in Nebraska at a previous auction. But, worthy as that was, it wasn't a Zingerman's sandwich. I'm not sure that there is anything for sale in Ann Arbor that is more exciting than that.

RG: Maybe then it won't be so hard to beat you next year. Well, other than your sandwich, which sandwich or two would you recommend to people from your experience?

RAP: Well I have notes on the subject.

RG: Really?

RAP: Well certainly, because the theory was: try all the sandwiches so that, for the rest of my sandwich purchasing life, I will know what to do. I don't have a perfect memory so I take notes on lots of things, including this. [Opens a file on his computer containing detailed information on each Zingerman's sandwich.] So, my notes say that my favorite sandwiches off of their menu are the 1, the 18, the 20, the 34, the 62, and the 67, and maybe the 73. Now, I'd need to look through the menu and see what those are to narrow it down further. The number 1 I remember. The number 1 is called the "Who's Greenberg Anyway?," it's corn beef, chopped liver, and Russian dressing on rye. If I eat it every day I'll be dead by the time I'm 45, but I'll die happy. And, what else? Let's see. [Consults a Zingerman's menu.] 18, 20, 34, the 62, and the 67, and maybe the 73.

RG: Do you have any advice for the sandwich consuming public?

RAP: I would say: "Life is short, use the right mustard."

RG: Thank you.

RAP: You're welcome.

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Darin Latimer, the Front of House Manager for Zingerman's Deli, recalls the Primus Inter Pares. "Although it didn't sell enough to make it onto the menu," says Latimer, "it did develop a bit of a following while it was on the special menu." Rick Strutz, the Managing Partner of Zingerman's Deli, adds that "[n]ot only was [the Primus Inter Pares] one of the best tasting, but also one of the most requested sandwiches we have co-created in the 10 or so years we've been involved in the auction." Even if it isn't listed on the menu, customers can still order the Primus Inter Pares. As an added incentive, Latimer noted that "it's always possible for a sandwich to make it on the menu" if enough people ask for it.

That means that all hope is not lost for those of us who weren't able to purchase happiness at last year's SFF auction. We can each carve a slice of immortality for ourselves if we do our part to buy the Primus Inter Pares onto the permanent menu. And, at $10.99, we could do it for much less than what that sandwich cost Prof. Primus!

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If you are what you eat then pictured here is Prof. Brensike with her new husband, a Zingerman's Sandwich.

Photo by Gregory Fox, Law Quadrangle Notes
Save Yourself: A Semester-Long Exercise in Perspective
Lost in Law School: Keeping Your Perspective and Finding Your Way

By Liz Polizzi

I have a confession to make. On several occasions over the past year, I’ve found myself looking with deep appreciation at bad landscape paintings.

It all started during OCI last year. I was standing in the kitschy hallways of the Holiday Inn, listening through the door as the interviewee ahead of me guffawed with the interviewer. Sure that my own chances of success must be shot – how could I possibly follow such an act? – I began to scan the halls for something to take my mind off of my misfortune. That’s when I beheld it.

The color scheme of the painting involved teal, purple, and a sort of beige-ish pink, in a swirl of pastels that somehow gave the impression of a landscape involving water. It was the sort of painting you’d expect to see in a Holiday Inn – nothing more, nothing less – but it captivated me, it soothed me. It took me to a faraway place, a distant land where I was free to sit on the blurry riverbank and watch the garish teal water reflect the purplish-beige trees. I imagined a breeze. The air smelled somehow fruity.

Since that moment, I’ve spent a great deal of time rationalizing and making excuses for my obviously horrendous taste in art, evidenced not only on that occasion but on countless others. I love bad landscape paintings, and that’s all there is to it. But why?

This fall marked the fifth occasion on which I have enjoyed the almost-but-not-entirely-unpleasant queasiness of returning to Ann Arbor after a long absence. Every time I reenter the city limits, get stuck in student pedestrian traffic, catch a first glimpse of the Law School, I have the same thought: “This time will be different. I have perspective now. Armed with fresh memories of the world outside of law school, I hereby banish all the ‘scary law student’ thoughts I had before. I will remain a level-headed, good-natured human being throughout the whole semester. Yes, this atmosphere and period of life are unique, but life is still composed of days and minutes, which I hereby promise to enjoy and live well, as a human being.”

Sadly (and this is a heart-wrenching personal admission, so I expect the reader to feel at least a little pang of sympathy), it usually only takes a week or two before I’ve gotten myself twisted back into such a state that a purple-tinged pastoral scene is required to facilitate anything resembling a state of calm.

I am egomorphic enough to assume that I am not alone in this, and thus we come to the point of this column. I have a fabulous friend, whom I was lucky enough to meet at the beginning of law school, who is fond of putting her face inches away from mine and screaming “Snap out of it!” But sometimes that’s not enough – just like it isn’t enough merely to know about the world outside and how little it really cares about or even understands most of the things that plague the average law student. In order to overcome a negative, you need a positive, like kite-flying or jumping rope – only more suitable to our positions as the future leaders of the free world and all that.

The key, in the end, is to maintain connections with the things that make us unique, and not just another notch on the grade curve. I know many people who have done a much better job of this than I have. They remember what they used to like to do, or what they always wanted to learn how to do, and make a little time each week to pursue things totally unrelated to law school. Although I always intended to follow suit, I just never found the time... until now.

From now until the end of the semester, I promise to explore in each issue of the RG a new way of leaving the Law School campus and embarking on a human adventure entirely unencumbered by the laws of Civil Procedure or the Uniform Commercial Code – and I’m taking you with me. I’ll be delving headlong into perspective-enhancing adventure – from art and music, to yoga and volunteer work, from philosophy, music, and religion, to adventures in food. Along the way I hope to take my cues from other law students who have done this sort of thing all along and thus theoretically kept a heightened degree of perspective (although I suppose that question must be examined as well). To that end, I hope my loyal readership will not hesitate to write in with their own personal methods for maintaining sanity in a not-so-sane place.

For the time being, let’s all just take a moment to find our own peaceful place and meditate upon the notion that it’s never too late to begin the process of reintroducing simple human pleasures into the maelstrom of our to-do lists, to rediscover the versions of ourselves that made Dean Zearfoss invite us to come here in the first place, or to reacquaint ourselves with our own truly sophisticated taste in art.

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you with a permanent place to store your [auction items]. ... I recommend that you go through the ‘stuff’ in the office at the beginning of the academic year (or sooner if possible) and identify items that can be thrown away, recycled or stored for future use.” The “stuff” referenced by Gregory is merchandise donated by alumni and faculty and collected by SFF throughout the year for the SFF Auction, which raises over $60,000 for public interest grants each year.

“Quite frankly, SFF needs space to store confidential applicant information, to have meetings, to work, and to collect items for our auction and other programs,” said SFF co-chair 3L Kate Redman.

Examining priorities

The new LSSS committee hopes to advocate for additional space in the new building and to determine criteria for the allocation of existing space.

“[The Building Committee is] considering ways to maximize the amount of space groups get going forward,” said Melnik. “The Building Committee recognizes that student groups bring life to the Law School and want to help foster this life as best it can. But, because the planning of the new building and the re-organization of the current building is very early in the planning process, I can’t really give any specifics about the amount of space that will be allotted to groups. I know it will be more space, but how much more, I don’t know.”

However, faculty offices and classrooms will continue to take priority. “Clearly, classrooms are first priority because there is always a struggle to find room for all the courses,” said Melnik. “Faculty space is also important because professors don’t want to come teach here if they can’t have an office. But, space for students is definitely on par with those concerns.”

Husain noted that the committee will not rearrange current space allocations in the next few years, but will develop allocation criteria for future use. He personally believes that three criteria should be used: the size of the group, how active the group is, and how the group would use the space.

Husain also explained that although the committee will look at peer schools’ policies, many such law schools have entirely new campuses with new facilities and new space. Those other schools are not confined within an architecturally beautiful, but cramped, quad.

“Student Group space is indeed a priority for not only LSSS but the law school in general,” said Minthorn. “Our student groups are among the most active anywhere and are key to making the Michigan Law community the vibrant place it is. We are excited to delve into this multifaceted issue and to work out a solution to the space problem that is fair and equitable for all.”

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part in organizing alternative events that manage to entertain sans alcohol.

We will also be continuing a longstanding tradition, started by Josh Gewolb and Krista Caner: kindergarten-snack-style Milk and Cookies, which will take place beneath the Reading Room every Sunday night!

On a more mature front, Wine and Cheese events, slated once a semester, will continue to offer students a chance to interact with their professors outside of the classroom setting. Additionally, the Blue Jeans lecture series will enable professors to discuss their cutting edge research in a similarly casual setting.

Finally, the Alumni Association-sponsored exam study breaks will preserve the tradition of free massages (to work out the knots your professors will invariably induce in your muscles), copious amounts of food (mainly of the junk variety), and much-needed respite during crunch time.

Closing thoughts

The quality and diversity of the students at Michigan Law are what sets it apart from its peer institutions. Because of this, I implore all of you to be proactive in getting to know the students, faculty and staff that surround you and learning from them with as much diligence as you do from your casebooks.

Additionally, the breadth and depth of the University is unmatched globally. Michigan has everything from a leading social work program to cutting edge medical research to top notch athletics. Because of the unique situation of the University, please make every effort to reach outside Hutchins in sculpting your optimal syllabus and outside the law school community for extra perspective and a host of extra-curricular opportunities.

--Hadi Husain, LSSS President
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Swing by our office at 116 Legal Research and have a chat about how you can get involved.
We'll see you then.
Tuesday, September 11

HeadNotes Auditions - The Headnotes is the Law School A Cappella Group, which has been around since Michigan began getting snow in the winter (aka the founding of the Law School). We are not only the oldest a cappella group on campus, but we are also the oldest a cappella group on campus (measured by the average age of the singers). We sing a wide variety of songs, from Cake to the Beatles. We also eat cake. It is delicious. 7 -10pm; Lawyer’s Club Lounge

Wednesday, September 12

APALSA General Body Meeting - Dinner will be provided, as well as an overview of some of the events that APALSA plans to put on this year as well as opportunities to get involved, including our 1L Rep position (1Ls take note!). All students are welcome! 6pm; 218 HH

Inaugural Speaker for the Environmental Law and Public Policy Program - Carol M. Browner, former cabinet member and administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from 1993-2001 will give an inaugural address at 4pm, followed by a reception at 5:30pm. All are welcome. 4pm; 100 HH

Christian Legal Society Cookout - Everyone is invited to come enjoy the free food, and to learn more about our group and how to get involved. 6:00 – 7:30pm; Phid House (502 E Madison St.)

Thursday, September 13

American Constitution Society Coffee Table - Curious about the Constitution and how it affects day-to-day life? Want to learn about important and current issues? Stop by the ACS table outside of HH 100! Have a cup of coffee, meet our members, learn about ACS, and see for yourself what ACS has to offer! 8:30 – 12pm; 100 HH

Representing Musicians (EMALSA) - Howard Hertz, a founding partner of Detroit area law firm Hertz, Schram & Saretsky, heads the firm’s Entertainment Practice Group. Mr. Hertz has represented numerous musicians and other entities in the entertainment field, including authors, screenwriters, recording artists, radio personalities, producers, production companies, record labels, agents, artist managers, music publishers, songwriters and athletes. Pizza will be served. 12:20-1:20 pm; 150 HH

ACLU General Interest Meeting - Appetizers provided. 5 – 7pm; Leopold Bros. Brewery

Monday, September 17

Campbell Moot Court Information Session - If you are a 2L or 3L interested in participating in the Henry M. Campbell Moot Court Competition this year (or even think you might be), please join us at one of the two information sessions (see also October 2). Details of the competition will be discussed, and questions answered. 5 – 6pm; 150 HH

Tuesday, September 18

Banned Books Week Read-Out (ACLU) - Come hear students and professors read excerpts from their favorite banned books of all time. 12:15 – 1:15pm; 100 HH

Rear Admiral James W. Houck (ILS) - The International Law Society invites students to a talk by Rear Admiral James W. Houck, UM JD ’85, Deputy Judge Advocate General and Commander of the Naval Legal Service Command. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Marta Castaing, castaing@umich.edu. 12:20 – 1:15pm; 132 HH

Wednesday, September 19

Student Organization Fair - An open house to introduce new and returning students to the various organizations at the Law School. Stop by to chat with members of all the Law School’s student groups, and find out more than you ever wanted to know about how you can become involved. 5 – 6:30pm; First Floor of Hutchins Hall

Tuesday, October 2

Supreme Court Roundup (Federalist Society and ACS) - Hosted by our dean, Evan Caminker, the event will discuss cases in the Supreme Court’s upcoming term. Speakers include professors Joan Larsen, Douglas Laycock, Richard Primus, and Christine Whitman. 12:15 – 1:15pm; 150 HH

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