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# RES GESTAE

"There are no trials inside the Gates of Eden."  
--Bob Dylan

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"Exhaust all legal remedies";

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## DEAN POLL TUESDAY

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## Curious?

On Tuesday, November 17, law students will have another chance to express their preferences for a new Dean. The Dean Selection Committee has announced that it will conduct a poll of the students to get a better idea of the kind of Dean students want. According to Wayne McCoy, one of two student members on the Committee, returns to previous inquiries were too scanty to serve as a barometer of student opinion. As a result, McCoy says, Committee members have been forced to rely on personal perceptions of student preferences. This poll is being conducted, therefore, "To better determine the person or type of person students want as Dean," McCoy said. To facilitate participation, ballots will be available on Tuesday between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM in front of Room 100 and from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM at the entrance to the Lawyers Club dining room.

Students will be asked to select and rank 5 names from a list of from 50 to 80 names. The names include all members of the Michigan Law School faculty and those outsiders nominated by students. According to McCoy, if there is a good student turnout (over 50%), and if a clear mandate emerges, the Committee will weigh it equally with results of the faculty polls. What weight President Fleming will give to faculty and student polls and to the Committee's recommendations in making the final choice is not clear.

This second effort by the Dean Selection Committee to get student opinion suggests such opinion is important to the Committee and hopefully will have a significant impact on its final recommendations.

You'll have to take the long route to class and forsake the bulletin board to avoid the balloting. Excuses for not voting will be hard to find, and therefore non-votes will speak loudly for student indifference or distrust.

Only 13% of the students responded to the Committee's original questionnaire, and 7% returned nomination and preference forms. This time even if you doubt the Committee's validity, you can vote as an experiment, or you can vote by writing "boycott" on the ballot. At least treat your curiosity to a look at the names.

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