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## REPORT FROM THE BOARD

Most of this week's Board meeting was devoted to the tedious task of considering possible revisions in the detailed bylaws of the Board of Directors. Though any bylaw changes must be approved by the Board of Governors, several proposed revisions emerged from the meeting and more may come next week when the discussion is continued. One of the recommended changes was the elimination of the two Law School representatives to the Graduate Assembly. Experience has shown that the deliberations of this body are of little interest or significance to the Law School. A motion was passed proposing that two additional at-large positions on the Board be created to take the place of the seats previously occupied on the Board by the Graduate Assembly representatives.

Tuesday, March 5 was set as the date for this year's Board of Directors elections. Copies of the rules and regulations governing these elections will be distributed shortly, as will copies of the bylaws.

Chuck Michod, the Board member in charge of arranging for this year's prison trips, announced that the trips are already fully subscribed. He also mentioned that in connection with these trips, there will be a special lecture given by a prison official this Friday (see separate article elsewhere in this issue).

## PRISON OFFICIAL TO GIVE TALK

This Friday at 3:30 p.m. in Hutchins Hall (room to be announced), The State Prisons will be the subject of an illustrated talk by a Jackson Prison official.

The talk will be ideal for those planning to take the prison trips, or for those who missed the sign-up and are interested in learning about Michigan's correctional facilities.

Details are posted in Hutchins Hall.

-- Chuck Michod

## THE INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY

The International Law Society will hold a dinner meeting with Professor John Jackson on Thursday, February 15, at 5:45 in the Faculty Dining Room. Professor Jackson will discuss United States trade policy and balance of payments policy as they complement and contradict each other. A sign-up sheet for dinner is on the first floor of Hutchins Hall. Those not attending the dinner may join the meeting at 6:30.

The International Law Society is planning for two events the last week of February. Professor Bernini, an Italian Professor of Law and the Italian representative at the United Nations Conference on World Trade Law, currently in session, will discuss legal problems in international trade at a dinner meeting on Monday, February 26. On Thursday, February 29, Mrs. Gomes and Professor Whit Gray will conduct an information session on foreign study scholarship opportunities. All freshmen and second-year men considering studying abroad after graduation are strongly encouraged to attend. The meeting will take place in Room 132, Hutchins Hall, at 5:00.

## WEEKENDER

The Number 1 Pick again this weekend is, of course, THE GRADUATE, with Dustin Hoffman and Ann Bancroft. This is really one film that shouldn't be missed. As big as the Fox Village is, though, it's mighty tough to get in for this movie; so go early!

The Wayside is continuing VALLEY OF THE DOLLS. If you have a chance to see this one, watch television; it's just Peyton Place with drugs.

THE PENTHOUSE is at the Campus. This is a very tasteful production of a difficult subject. Two young men invade the love nest of a married man and his mistress, in the penthouse high atop a yet uncompleted apartment building. They tie up Our Hero with -- get this -- ribbons (fairly suggestive of something?). However, our suspicions are allayed when they finally get the girl drunk and jump her, after a neat little strip scene. Her shocked boyfriend soon becomes flabbergasted as he realizes that she's actually enjoying it. The fifth member of the cast, the third invader, eventually stops in for a real gutsy ending. There's a little something in this for everyone, especially fans of the Marquis.

Frank Sinatra replaces W.C. Fields at the State Theatre. In TONY ROME, Sinatra takes an unbelievably transparent, hackneyed plot, and manages to turn out a something more than respectable acting job. Though there are some other fairly big names in the movie (Jill St. John, Richard Conte, Sue Lyon, and an old favorite of ours, Lloyd Bochner), none of them are able to do anything to help the plot along, except Jill and Sue, figure-wise. While they could hardly be called actresses, they sure aren't getting paid for "nothing". There's nothing to think about in this movie, but you might enjoy the action.

Sinatra's buddy, Dean Martin, will be over at the Michigan this weekend, starring in another Matt Helm epic, THE AMBUSHERS. It vies with Sinatra's film in the broads and bullets categories, and wins hands down in the incoherency department. But this is also good if you have nothing else to do and you've seen everything else in town (including THE GRADUATE, twice).

The Vth Forum is having Richard Lester's HOW I WON THE WAR, starring Michael Crawford, an excellent and well-established English actor, along with John Lennon, whom you'll remember best as one-quarter part of a very popular singing group. There is, of course, a lot-full of fine English faces whose names no-one ever remembers. The obvious thrust of the film is directed against war films in general, and wars in particular. As Joseph Morgenstern put it so well, the hero has three days in which to establish an advance cricket pitch on the trackless desert. Staff officers exchange bubble-gum cards while the Nazis pitch pfennigs and insist they are a nation of artists. When Crawford's men make contact with the enemy, they whistle a couple of choruses of "Colonel Bogey" and the Germans lay down their arms. This film is funny, touching, pointed, and extremely timely.

#### Guest Editorial Amendment 8

Your editor, Joel Cooper, has asked me to write a column for this paper on my recent verbal fisticuffs with the County Sheriff and I want to thank him for this invitation. It so happened that I was asked to visit the demonstrators in the county jail who were serving sentences imposed as the result of their participation in a sit-in at the local draft board in October of 1965. As I went to visit them, six of these men and a seventh prisoner had to be removed from the "incurable" cell and placed in an ordinary one so that we might converse. They had spent the night in the cell and had been left out for several hours in the morning to use the toilet and were then returned to it for another afternoon and night. The cell measures approximately 6 x 7 x 9 with no furniture, toilet or water. There are about 12 three-quarter inch holes above the door to permit a bit of air to enter. There is supposed to be an air shaft in the ceiling, but I could not find it, although I must confess that I did not stay in the cell very long looking for it!

The reason for this particular incarceration was the somewhat amusing, although potentially serious, act of one of the seven men. He wadded some toilet paper and placed it in the drain in the floor. Then he lit it and held a cup with water and a candy bar in it to convert it into hot chocolate. When the turn-key entered and discovered the smoke, the perpetrator of the act told him what he was doing and why. No one pointed a finger at anyone in self-defense and all seven were taken into the "hole", as it is appropriately called, and kept there for two days and nights. They were permitted

to leave the cell in the morning to use the toilet and to clean up.

Needless to say, I was shocked at the kind of treatment these men were given and began to protest on the spot! A deputy barked back at me that if it was trouble I was trying to stir up I should go home, because they had plenty of trouble there as it was.

I went home and began to phone a number of people I thought might help in the situation and by evening the prosecuting attorney, Mr. Delhey, informed me that he had ordered an investigation to be made surrounding the circumstances of the case. Mr. Delhey informed me via telephone several days later that no written report was available but that the investigator had concluded that there had been no infraction of jail rules; i.e., Sheriff Harvey had broken no rules. The prisoners had not been questioned. Upon further questioning, Mr. Delhey, also informed me that it was legally proper to place all seven men in the incorrigible cell even though only one of the seven had lit the fire. All could be considered part of a conspiracy as the result of participation, talking, or just being there!

There are a number of aspects to this case I could write about, but for the interest of readers of this paper, may I make some general comments and raise questions in the area of law and morality.

First in the area of law:

- (1) What constitutes cruel and inhuman punishment?
- (2) To whom or what group is the Sheriff of the county responsible? What powers are vested in the Board of Supervisors or in the Circuit Court?
- (3) How can a prisoner extricate himself from a "conspiracy" taking place in the cell in which he is detained?
- (4) The Michigan Compiled Laws on Housing, 1948, section 125.483, state that each occupant of a room must have no less than 500 cubic feet of air space. Section 125.402 listing classes of dwellings states that jails are included in Class B dwellings. How many men can legally be placed in the incorrigible cell at one time? (I am indebted to law student Louis Beer for the above data)

In the area of morality, I would raise the following questions:

- (1) Because the statutes regulating the management of jails are broad, the person (Sheriff) who administers the jail should be a person of considerable penological sophistication. He should be a person of moderation and good judgment.
- (2) Our immediate and ultimate concern must be human beings and the values they cherish. How can human dignity be maintained even though it appears depraved?

Erwin A Gaede  
February 12, 1968

Reverend  
The First Unitarian Church  
Ann Arbor

### SENDARIAN

The curtain is finally drawn on 43 years of athletics in the old 8th avenue area, but it would be impossible to isolate the excitement and the memories that this reporter has experienced just because they've taken the action and moved it 16 blocks downtown. I remember.....

.....Ray Robinson, old and creaking and an underdog to Gene Fullmer who had taken the title from him four months earlier, but who stiffened the Mormon Bull with a left hook shot straight out of hell. It landed May 1, 1957 and it put the cavalier Ray back on top, the only place he ever felt at home.

.....Bill Russell, the fear of a foul shot in his heart and the boos always coming when he missed. The time is December, 1956, and Russell has just returned from the Olympics where he was a star. He had been a star at San Francisco for three years, an all-American, the best player on a team which once went 60 games without a loss. He was the most ballyhooed player in college basketball history, and the Celtics had traded away Cliff Hagan and Ed Macauley to St. Louis to get him. But Bill Russell is a pro now, sans goatee, and with the troubled look of a man who knows he is among his peers. He looks bad. Gangling Ray Felix outmaneuvers him for a rebound; Knickerbockers drive and shoot around him as if he were a statue; he has three sets of hands. Could the Celtics have been wrong?

.....Hockey -- the ecstasy of the goal; the despair of rooting for the Rangers; the great Canadians of Rocket Richard, Belliveau, and Dickie Moore; terrible Loo Fontinato's mashed-in face after he had walked into a Gordie Howe fist; Ranger Red Sullivan lying flat on the ice, the blood gushing out in spurts from the ruptured spleen administered by Doug Harvey's stick; and their awful confrontation a season later when the recovered Sullivan, having sworn to "get" Harvey, tried futilely to revenge his target.

.....The wrestlers, the original "grunt 'n' groaners", playing to packed houses every fourth Monday. There was Killer Kowalski with his famous "crab" hold; Mark Lewin and Don Curtis administering death through the "sleeper;" Johnny Valentine, the T.V. champion, featuring his "atomic skull crusher;" and the fabled Rocca, who with his Puerto Rican mate Miguel Perez was the darling of the ethnic Garden regulars.

.....Rocky Marciano, winner of 37 straight and on the way up, knocking out a decrepit Joe Louis, who at 37 and on the heels of a comeback was but a shadow of the giant who had held the heavyweight championship for twelve years. And there was the young Floyd Patterson, a picturesque blend of power and finesse but with the china chin that just couldn't keep the pace. Then came Griffith and Ortiz and I remember Carmen Basilio when he knocked a little Frenchman named Pierre Langlois through the ropes and into a photographer's lap in the front row.

.....the peerless Big O, Oscar Robertson, scoring 56 points for Cincinnati as a sophomore and setting a new Garden record; Jimmy Walker pouring in fifty for Providence against Boston College in the 1965 Holiday Festival and coming back the next year to duplicate his heroics; and the legend-like Bill Bradley who after single-handedly destroying Michigan's great Russell-Darden-Buntin team with forty one points before he fouled out with five minutes remaining, sat helplessly on the bench as he watched his team dissipate a 16-point lead and lose, a last-second shot by Russell capping the disaster.

It's tough to say so long to a building. But good-bye MSG, I hope you like your new surroundings.

#### "THE LAW AND THE POOR"

On Wednesday, February 21, at 4:00 in the Lawyers Club Lounge, Mr. Harold Rothwax of the New York Bar will be speaking on this subject to all those interested. Mr. Rothwax is the former head of the Criminal Division of Legal Aid of New York City, and one of New York's top criminal and civil liberties attorneys. He is presently the head of the Legal Services Unit of Mobilization for Youth of New York City. This organization has as one of its main goals the bringing about of changes in the laws to make them more equitable for the poor.

In addition, those who desire to do so, may dine with Mr. Rothwax after the lecture. There will be a sign-up sheet in Hutchins Hall the first part of next week for those interested.