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ANNUAL PLACEMENT MEETING--APRIL 3

The Annual Placement Meeting for 1968 graduates will be held Monday, April 3 in Room 100 at 3:15 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the function of the Placement Office and how it relates to you. Instructions concerning procedures for the Fall recruiting season and preparation of a resume will be discussed.

All 1968 graduates are urged to attend. This includes those second year students who may have interviewed this past Fall.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET STARTED!

BANQUET HONORS TOP STUDENTS

Dean Francis Allen presided over the 1967 Honors Banquet held last Thursday at the Union to honor the outstanding students of the Law School and present the 157 awards made available by alumni, student groups and others.

Those honored included members of The Order of the Coif, national honorary society for the top 10 percent of the third-year class; editors of the Michigan Law Review; senior judges of the Case Clubs; the executive board of the Legal Aid Association; winners of the various scholarship awards; recipients of book awards given by Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Company to students writing the best examination papers in a course, and given by the American Law Book Company to the student in the first, second and third year classes who has made the most significant contribution toward overall legal scholarship; and the West Publishing Company Award to the student in the first, second and third year classes who achieved the highest scholastic average in his class.

The following is a capsule summary of the prize awards:

Class of 1908 Memorial Scholarship (senior student who has attained the highest scholastic average): William M. Fischbach, Jr.

Junior Class Prize Awards (the four members of the junior class who maintained the highest scholastic standing during their freshman year): George K. Crozer IV, Frazer C. Hilder, Michael W. Palmer, Robert M. Weinberg.

Senior Class Prize Awards (the three members of the senior class who had the highest scholastic average when entering the senior class): Herbert L. W. Bernstein, William M. Fischbach, Gregory C. Jones.

Barristers Award (senior student with a fine scholastic record while also making, through part-time employment, a substantial contribution toward his own legal education): John T. Svendsen.

Clarence M. Burton Memorial Scholarships (three senior students who have exhibited superior scholarship while engaging in significant extracurricular activities and substantially contributing to their own support through part-time employment): Anthony A. Derezinski, Duane A. Feurer, William C. Pelster.

Jerome S. Freud Memorial Scholarship (a high-ranking senior student who has demonstrated superior scholarship while at the same time contributing to his own support and maintenance): Thomas E. Swaney.

Hessel E. Yntema Award (a senior law student who has distinguished himself in courses in comparative law and conflict of laws and who intends

to pursue his interest in these fields after graduation): James H. Cohen. Carl Gussin Memorial Prize (best student in the course Trials, Appeals and Practice Court): John F. Lynch, Jr.

Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation Prize (the student with the highest grades in real property courses): Bruce L. Colton.

National Bank of Detroit Estate Planning Award (the student who, in the opinion of the faculty, has done the best work in Estate Planning): John H. Martin (Winter 1966); Ronald I. Reicin and John M. Rintamaki (Fall 1966).

Henry M. Bates Memorial Scholarship (for outstanding work with Michigan Law Review): Robert M. Weinberg.

Bodman-Longley Award (a worthy student elected to the editorial board of the Law Review): Michael W. Palmer.

Jason L. Honigman (to the student who has made the greatest contribution to the Law Review during the preceding two years): W. Richard Keller.

Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition: Barry E. Springel (First Prize) and Richard E. Whitmer (Second Prize).

Frank Holmes Shaffer Memorial Award (to an outstanding student for general excellence as a student or for some outstanding contribution to local or municipal government law as it relates to government finances, public improvements, planning): Alfred V. Boerner.

Joseph Wolfe Memorial Prize (best student paper produced in the Law School during the academic year in the field of trust law): Michael C. Devine.

--Richard Sawdey

INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY ELECTION RESULTS

The International Law Society held elections for new officers and Board members at a general meeting last week. The newly elected Board consists of Mark Sandstrom (President), George Mudge (Vice President), Gregg Wilson (Secretary-Treasurer), Mike Bixby, Don Nelson and Bob Wells. The old Board, including Bob Faux (President), Dan Israel (Vice President), Mike Bixby (Secretary-Treasurer), Alan Polansky and Jim Kleinberg, has completed the Society's second successful year, one highlighted by the Conference on "Law and Policy in the Changing Environment of the Atlantic Area" held in November.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD

Subtle though the change may have been, it's now official--the reins of Law School leadership have now been turned over to the recently elected Board. After meeting with Deans Allen, Joiner, and Proffitt, Prof. Julin, Mr. Yourd, Mr. Ryan and the outgoing Board members and being familiarized with the Law School power structure and the problems of running this institution, the new Board members took office and set out on their own Monday evening.

President Al Field opened the meeting by expressing his hopes that the new Board members would work with diligence and enthusiasm, and that interested members of the Law School at large would avail themselves of the opportunity to sit in on Board meetings whenever they so desire. In addition, Field vowed to keep his campaign promise of having the tentative agenda of each Monday's meeting conspicuously posted so all will know what items can be expected to be discussed.

In accordance with the Law School by-laws, Field resigned his previously held position on the Board of Governors and the Board elected Mike Mason, one of the directors-at-large, to replace him. This procedure then opened up an at-large berth on the Board and, again in accordance with the by-laws, the candidate for Board member who had the next highest number of votes in the March election--Chuck Michod--was chosen to fill this slot.

Committee assignments were then allocated among the Board members. The committees and their chairmen are:
 Social Committee: Tim Baetz and Milt Wright
 Speaker Committee: Clem Dinsmore and Sam Tsoutsanis
 Stores Committee: Mike Mason and Jim Schwab

Publications Committee: Doug Jones and Sam Tsoutsanis
 Library Committee: Mike Mason, Chuck Michod and Sam Tsoutsanis
 Law Club Maintenance and Discipline Committee: Chuck Barnhill, Bill Bavinger and Mike Cole
 Food and Dining Room Service Committee: Clem Dinsmore and Jeff Wohlstadter
 (Note: next year all menus will be submitted to them by the food staff for approval)
 Married Student and Brown-Bag Committee: Jim Schwab
 Parking Committee: Chris Cohen (for the time being)
 Prison Trip Committee: Chuck Michod
 Refrigerator Committee: Chuck Barnhill and Bill Bavinger
 Intramural Sports Committee: Chairmen still to be named from among the Law School population at large. Anyone interested in serving on this committee, please notify Al Field or Mike Cole.

As the last item of business, the Board voted to continue the current policy of allowing Board members and special guests who are not residents of the Law Club to eat their meals at the weekly Board meetings free of charge.

An Admonition from the Board: Spring weather is conducive to tossing around a football, baseball, lacrosse ball, or frisbee. But spring is also the time when the ground tends to be softest and when the Law Club lawn is most likely to be damaged if trod upon, so STAY OFF THE GRASS. Bear in mind that there is a \$2 fine for a first violation of the keep-off-the-grass rule, and a \$10 fine for any subsequent violations. These penalties will be enforced.

--Mike Cole

ANNOUNCEMENT

Would those seniors who have not yet remitted their \$4.50 to Jim Walter in J-13 please do so as soon as possible, please.

THE SOCRATIC METHOD A LA CRAMTON or CONFLICTS CAN BE FUN

Excerpts from class notes (old ones):

- 1) Feb. 10. Prof. Cramton asked, "Is this a jug handle contract?"
 Translation: Is this a K with a handle on only one side, i.e. an adhesion K?
- 2) Feb. 10. Prof. Cramton asking student to reconcile a case enunciating a new modern theory with one applying the traditional rule, "Well, we certainly don't want to import the fuzzy sloppy thinking of anti-trust into the pristine purity of black letter conflicts law, do we?"
- 3) Feb. 11. "What happens to a flexible modern standard once stare decisis sets in?"
- 4) Feb. 11. "Isn't this a door closing case?" Translation: Isn't this a dismissal on procedure rather than a decision on the merits?
- 5) Feb. 11. "How can you weigh a bushel of horse feathers against next Thursday?"

THE INITIAL ADVENTURE OF CAPTAIN TORT

After reflecting upon the recent success of comic strip melodrama and the relative longevity of legal serials, one major network has decided to introduce a half-hour show combining the virtues of both (humor and sex-appeal) called, you guessed it, ... Captain Tort (and his wonder-dog Virginia), the first installment of which has fallen into our unworthy hands.
 The Ho Caper

Scene I (street before the posh headquarters of the West Publishing Co. about 5 pm on a cold March day. Enter right: our hero, Stokley Frosser (sporting a Norfolk jacket of pure Samsonite) leaving the office after a hard day of mixing and matching key numbers for 417 A. Clayton Powell Reporter. Enter left: ten thousand rampaging Red Guards on a forced march from Peking to Washington to protest copyright infringement of Chairman Mao's hit pop recording "Cultural Revolution: You Can Have It,

Baby." At the head of the scruffy column is that super con man Proximate Ho (and his fearful dog Questmoreland) brandishing a copy of the latest Harris poll which shows him seven points higher than LBJ in general popularity and eleven points higher in the way he's conducting the war. Carefully, Frosser steps to one side, that is until he sees that the Guards have interposed themselves between a fire in the West Key Club and the waiting trucks of the Chicago Fire Department. Seeking the shadows, Frosser snaps on his glasses, says the magic words (Wha, wha, whadaya mean?), and emerges in his working uniform: a brown herringbone, replete with vest, chalk smudges, and Eleanor Roosevelt electric tie. Racing to the head of the column, he beards Ho with an absurd hypothetical.

Capt. T: Now look, Ho, what if your stacks of flax were in that burning building and fifty-eight B-70 bombers flying five feet over Lake Michigan fanned the flames so as...

Ho: Enough, mouthpiece. Everything's an insurable risk. Now if you can't do better than that, cool it, or I'll sic Questmoreland on you and your cur.

Quest: gnash, gnash.

Virg: wuff, wuff.

Capt. T: Back, Wonder-Dog, back to the Tort Cave for some automated aid.

(Exit Capt. T.) (and Virg.)

Scene II. (The Tort Cave: Washtenaw Gothic with high, cross-vaulted ceilings, dimly lit by stained glass windows depicting the shields of famous insurance companies. Enter Capt. T. (and Virg.), hunched forward slightly, dejected but not broken by Proximate Ho's refusal to play the game. Subjective camera as Capt. T. rushes through the very bowels of the cave to the lowest drainage point, The Inspiration Room. Shots of him fumbling through his pockets as he hurries to the Duty Machine, a computer thinly disguised as a Servomation Coffee Vendor.

Capt. T: Just a dime away from truth, and I haven't the dime. How about it, Virginia?

Virg.: wuff! (Yes)

Sound of machine whirring acceptance; close-up of fingers skillfully punching various "Coffee Black," "With Cream," "More Sugar," etc. combinations; very close shot of symbolic writing on dispensed cup bottom, clearly visible through the brackish warm water: The ULTIMATE HYPO. Pan left to a chorus of tax men huddled about tables. With faintly patronizing smile they intone:

Less wilful wanton acts abort
His plan's to foil that dirty tort-
Feasor.

(fade)

Scene III. (Same as I but Guards are now seated in orderly circles preparing press releases. Proximate Ho is passing the time putting Questmoreland through some standard tricks.)

Ho: Okay Questmoreland, do a somersault.

Quest: gnash

Ho: Good dog, now fetch the Claymore.

Quest: gnash, gnash

Ho: Very good...now play dead.

(Enter Capt. T. (and Virg.)

Ho: What, you and your obnoxious dog again, flannel-tongue.

Virg: wuff.

Capt. T.: Down, Virginia, down. All right Ho, now what if...

Ho: (interrupting) Would you mind putting your tie on low beam?

Capt. T.: Sorry. Now what if you're rampaging through Haiphong when you come to the intersection of two streets and a railroad track. From the east, in a camouflaged Corvair, approach Pfc's Ali, Hamilton, Nader and Manchester on a suicide mission; from the west, nine Bay City dribblers completing a pre-game dribble to Haiphong High; from the north, Harrison Salisbury on a motor-scooter, looking back negligently; and from the south, well... how absurd can one be? Just as they're about to collide.. (shots of Ho rousing the Red Guards, of the column trotting

toward D.C.) But Ho, where are you going? At least you could let me ask the question.

Ho: (from the middle distance) Shoot, Clyde.

Capt. T.: The question is: "What's the question?"

Ho: (from afar, with dying voice) Oh, that's easy. The question is: "Ho's Afraid of Virginia's Wuff?"

(Closing shots of a huge gorilla swinging from Burton Tower, melting of the Polar Ice Cap, etc.)

--David Harrel

WEEKENDER

The upcoming weekend should provide an interesting choice of films:

Leading off, Cinema II will have "Irma La Douce," Billy Wilder's highly entertaining comedy-romance set in the Pigalle. Jack Lemmon turns in one of his funnier performances as a Paris policeman whose overzealous prosecution of the law costs him his job but eventually leads him to Shirley MacLaine, the proverbial "poule" with a heart of gold.

At the State, another former Broadway hit turned motion picture will continue to run, namely "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." Robert Morse and Rudy Vallee take their Broadway roles as well, but don't let that entice you. The show could well have been the most over-rated in recent years, chock full of every business cliché of all time: coffee breaks, browning the boss, secretary chases around the desk etc., etc., etc. They're all here--complete with a mediocre score.

The Campus will bring in Francois Truffaut's "Fahrenheit 451," the science fiction parable based on Ray Bradbury's short story. Oscar Werner and Julie Christie star in this story of one man's rebellion against a bookless society of the future (451 being the temperature at which books burn), yet apparently many of the critics believe that even the notable acting abilities of these two fail to pull the film out of the grasps of boredom. As a result, they say, Truffaut, who has hit high points such as "The 400 Blows" and "Don't Shoot the Piano Player," has despite noble intentions regretfully missed in his first English language film.

Cinema Guild, tonight and tomorrow, will have Luis Bunnell's "El," a 1953 drama which is this talented Spanish director's indictment of "bourgeois repression and the orthodox church," according to the CG's press release. If this one is as biting and cynical as Bunnell's "Veridiana," it should be well worth it. On Saturday and Sunday, the Guild will show Alfred Hitchcock's "Shadow of a Doubt," which features Joseph Cotten, Theresa Wright and MacDonald Carey. Thornton Wilder wrote the script for this story of murder and suspense in a small town.

Finally, the Michigan will run "Bullfight Connor," the newest Walt Disney feature.

--Jay Witkin

SPORTS

Congratulations go out to Chris Mills, a first year student, who captured the national championship in the giant slalom at Mount Hood in the Amputee Ski Tournament recently. His trip was made possible through the Detroit Free Press Action Line department. They contacted a Detroit ski club which provided the funds for his trip.

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BASEBALL POLL

In connection with the start of the major league baseball season the Res Gestae has polled the students and faculty and the results are as follows:

STUDENTS

<u>American League</u>		<u>Pts.</u>	<u>National League</u>		<u>Pts.</u>
1.	Baltimore (15)	309	1.	Pittsburgh (17)	305
2.	Detroit (12)	287	2.	San Francisco (11)	288
3.	Minnesota (5)	272	3.	Atlanta (1)	226
4.	Cleveland (1)	214	4.	Cincinnati (1)	212
5.	Chicago	190	5.	Philadelphia (3)	208

6.	California	184	6.	St. Louis	183
7.	Kansas City	124	7.	Los Angeles	149
8.	New York	104	8.	Houston	126
9.	Washington	72	9.	New York	63
10.	Boston	61	10.	Chicago	54

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