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ALL THE NEWS
THAT FITS
WE PRINT

NEWSBEAT: Placement, Plaudits, Peelings

The Placement Office reports an increasing number of inquiries from first year students about the possibility of employment next summer in a law office. The vast majority of employers who hire law students for summer work are interested only in those students who will have completed two years of law school study. The Placement Office is not in a position to be of assistance to first year students.

- Thar' She Blows! -

Plaudits to the installers of the sprinkling system! Last week's test run at the height of the noon rush hour covered 85% of the grass, 95% of the sidewalks and 100% of the 12 innocent students who were passing by.

- Dial "M" for Machine -

Assistant Dean Roy Proffitt simply "can't believe" those brown baggers who can strew about their orange peels and other wastes in such cavalier fashion and simply abandon them on the tables--and ultimately the floors--of the Hutchins Hall Lounge. If they do this in retaliation for the chronically empty vending machines, he suggests that they vent their wrath by simply calling the service phone number on the machines themselves and complaining directly to the company operating them. He quipped, "The louder the wheel squeaks, the sooner it gets greased." (Refunds for money lost in these machines are available in the third floor Law School Office.)

- Faculty Newsnotes -

Prof. Alfred F. Conard's book, "Automobile Accident Costs and Payments: Studies in the Economics of Injury Reparation," has received the C. A. Kulp Award of the American Risk and Insurance Association. This is one of two awards given for the most significant contributions to insurance literature.

Prof. B. James George, Jr., addressed the Governor's Conference on Crime and Law held at the Jack Tar Hotel, Lansing, last week. In a talk entitled "Crime, Law and the Community," Professor George told the police, sheriffs, judges, prosecutors and social workers who attended the conference that what law enforcement officials need is a "code of police practices within the broad limits of formal statutes and judicial decisions," so that they might have detailed guidelines for promoting the public safety as well as for protecting the rights of individuals, while operating in the field.

Prof. George suggested that this should be the task of a city- or county-level committee, composed of police command officers, circuit and juvenile court judges, the prosecuting attorney, school administrators and "concerned members of the community," which should consider the problems faced by the police, draw up detailed guidelines for them, and find the means by which each policeman can receive

Newsbeat, cont.

adequate training and guidance in trying to comply with both the local code and the more general legal principles.

One further recommendation proposed the development of "fair machinery to examine and check police misconduct," since "the few bad actors on the force" are the responsibility of both the police officials and the taxpayers.

- Hear Ye! -

Third year students interested in federal or state court clerkships should attend a meeting on Friday, October 8, 1:30 p.m. in Room 132 Hutchins Hall.

--Wm. H. Conner and Steve Petix

COHEN'S CORNER: Petitions, politics, and paternalism

One of the smoldering controversies in campus politics this year is whether the UM should be allowed to operate a student bookstore. Currently the Student Government Council is circulating hundreds of petitions (5500 signatures were collected the first day) in order to collect evidence of widespread student support to be presented at a meeting of the UM Board of Regents Oct. 21. Law students, especially, may be caught up in the question since the Law School has a bookstore which stands in peril if the Regents seek to strictly enforce a 1929 policy ruling. Opponents of the university bookstore concept quote the ruling against "cooperative mercantile organizations within University buildings ... under circumstances that will give such enterprises special advantages." Proponents point out that this is inconsistently enforced since the Law School and UM Flint campus each have a student bookstore. In addition, every Big Ten school and every state-supported college in Michigan is said to have a school bookstore except the UM. Some of these, like Wayne, sell at a 10% discount, while others sell at list prices. All college-owned stores are exempt from the 4% state sales tax. The basic question, then, is whether it is the task of a state university to provide texts as well as faculty, facilities, and living arrangements.

Some argue that the SGC plan for a University-owned store open year round would have unfair advantages and would constitute a threat to private enterprise. Others say that the swiftly growing Ann Arbor text market is ample for all and that many state universities, including Berkeley and Wayne, maintain stores in the midst of several commercial endeavors. There is also a question of the scope of the Regents' ruling. Would it, if consistently and strictly enforced, prohibit competitive selling of magazines, paperbacks, and food by the Union and League, microfilming by the Graduate Library, movie programs by SGC's Cinema Guild, and most important, textbook sales by the Law School and Flint campus stores?

LAWFULLY YOURS: Progress in the Library

The following letter was submitted by the Board of Directors for publication:

"I am pleased to announce that as from Monday, October 4, the Library will be open an additional hour on weekday evenings, that is to say, from 11:00 until 12:00 p.m.; it will also be open for an extended period on Sundays, that is to say, from 1:00 to 12:00 p.m.

"We have extended the working hours of the Library as early in the year as we could, so as to be of as much assistance as possible to persons working on Case Club briefs and to the Law Review tryouts. I regret to say that it will not be possible for us to maintain these extended hours during the vacations. We recognize that people who stay here during the vacations usually want to use the Library just as much as people who are here during term time; however, it just is not feasible from a personnel point of view to find the staff to man the Library at these hours during vacations.

Lawfully Yours, cont.

"I am meeting regularly with a Library Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Lawyers Club. Members of the Library Committee are as follows: Gerald Skoning (chairman), Jack Lynch, and Ken Oosterhouse. We are seeking to improve the quality of the services which the Library renders to its many users, and any suggestions, complaints, or other observations which would be helpful in this regard should be made to this Committee.

"In order to make certain heavily-used materials more generally available, I have suggested to the Committee that tables should be reserved in the Reading Room for the users of such materials. Specifically, I have suggested that one nearby table be reserved for the users of each of the following sets: Index to Legal Periodicals, Shepard's Citations, the ALR and the Decennial Digest. We would hope that each of the above classes of materials would be used only at the table provided.

"It will necessarily result from this, of course, that the Reading Room will be somewhat more crowded than usual. One will not ordinarily be allowed to settle with his goods, wares and merchandise at any of the reserved tables. He will make his base of operations on an unreserved table, and then, if he has need to consult one of these sets, he will move to a reserved table for this purpose. The question is therefore whether the inconvenience which will be produced by the resultant occasional overcrowding of the Reading Room will be offset by the expected advantage of being able to find what one is looking for. The Library Committee and I agree that this is an experiment worth trying and therefore, as from Monday, October 11, these tables will be reserved for the materials indicated. We will appreciate your cooperation.

"It has been suggested to me by the Committee that books would be generally more available in the Library if users were requested, in the ordinary course of events, to reshelve books which they had used. As you know, our present practice is to discourage this and to have all shelving done by Library assistants. I agree with the Committee that this is an excellent idea and would encourage its immediate adoption. Therefore, if you have time, please reshelve the books that you have used. This applies particularly to the U. S. Supreme Court Reports, and other Federal materials located at the eastern end of the Reading Room.

"It would be helpful if you would place them on the shelves with the fore-edge down, that is to say, with the spine of the book facing upwards, so that the Library staff can check against the possibility of books being accidentally misshelved. It will also enable us to continue our present practice of keeping statistics of how many books are in fact used in the Reading Room--statistics which will be of great use to us in the near future when I hope to place on the shelves of the Reading Room some heavily-used works, hitherto obtainable only through the Desk, in place of some of the less heavily-used materials at present located in the Reading Room. I will have more to say on this point at a later date.

Beverley J. Pooley
Assistant Professor of Law
Director of the Law Library

SPORTS: Plugs

Your correspondent for the sportin' life forsook the home stadium last Saturday for a visit to his Alma Mater in South Bend. You should have seen 'em, folks. I'm just glad Notre Dame doesn't play Michigan. It would be a shame to have to go from one cheering section to the other between quarters. However, we both play Mich. State, and the combined results should be interesting. ...

The Board of Directors is foregoing their usual banquet this year. The money set aside for the banquet is going towards a Board hayride, to be held inside the Quad. They figured that if they used home-grown hay it would cut expenses and squelch charges of extravagance. (Why is a hayride mentioned in the sports column? Well, friends, you play your sports, and I'll play mine.)

Sports, cont.

The Scout has levelled off. He hit 67% again this week. Needless to say, the Georgia game didn't help a whole lot. The Scout has a sad premonition that the Mich. State game won't help much this week either, but anyway, here they are:

Michigan over Mich. State (This is not quite a loyalty pick. It's a loyalty prayer.)

Notre Dame over Army
California over Air Force
Ohio State over Illinois
Purdue over Iowa
Nebraska over Wisconsin
Alabama over Vanderbilt

Missouri over Kansas State
Bucknell over Temple
Northwestern over Ore. State
Arkansas over Baylor
Penn State over Boston College
Duke over Pitt
Arboga Tech over Sancho Panza
Academy of Equine Sciences

P.S. Cincinnati over Xavier (That's for you, Steve, and I really, really mean it!)
--George A. Cooney

WEEKENDER: A Rage to Live for a Ship of Fools

Regular Reviewer Bob Pyle is recuperating this week from the eyesore, dyspepsia, and nervous twitches a movie column inevitably inflicts. However, before departing for the Cannes Festival on Fred Schmedlapp's press pass, the Reviewer did leave the following news written on the back of old Gloria Swanson photos:

At the Campus theatre--THE PAWNBROKER. Rod Steiger hasn't had a bad review yet on this one. An intense study of the emotional and psychic scars inflicted in the victim of a Nazi concentration camp. Should result in an Oscar nomination.

SHIP OF FOOLS floats into the Michigan theatre. A movie that sinks faster than the Titanic, fortunately. Stanley Kramer takes this production right on the chin, though Michael Dunn (Mr. Big of the "Get Smart" TV offering) and Lee Marvin salvage something of the SHIP.

At the State--Friday, SECRET OF MY SUCCESS. An eyefull of light comedy. Starting Saturday, A RAGE TO LIVE. John O'Hara can't be imitated, least of all by Hollywood.

Cinema Guild--Thursday and Friday, D. H. Griffith's ORPHANS OF THE STORM. A silent, with the Gish sisters. Good fun. Saturday and Sunday, Jacques Tati in MON ONCLE. Hilarious.

Also, TV this Saturday night presents a rare selection of late shows. At 11:10 p.m. Channel 13, William Holden, Kim Novak, and Rosalind Russell go on a PICNIC. Haunting song, good drama.

At the same time Saturday, Humphrey Bogart, Jose Ferrer, and Van Johnson stage CAINE MUTINY, on Channel 6, 11:20 p.m. Ferrer gives everybody acting lessons in the closing scene. And Bogart, well..., Bogart is Bogart. Excellent.

Finally, about 1:00 a.m. or so, on Channel 3, Glenn Ford, Earl Holliman, and Keenan Wynn poke fun at the Navy in DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER. After a slow start, it's smooth, funny sailing.

And, if you survive all the flicks, "Last Blast" should complete the catharsis. The Road Runners will provide the R&R and the U-M and MSU sororities will fill the supporting roles. This Sunday, 2:00-6:00 pm, in the Law Club. Students interested in working for the event at \$2.50 an hour should contact Ed Bittle or Bob Heller.

--Art Dulemba

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