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ALL THE NEWS THAT'S
FIT TO PRINT, PLUS
A LITTLE MORE

The Weekly Newspaper of the U-M Lawyers Club

NEWSBEAT: Dinners, Anyone?

The Lawyers Club Board of Directors, in the interest of furthering contact between faculty and students, will sponsor a special "Faculty-Night" Dinner in the main Lawyers Club dining hall at 5:45 PM Thursday, February 17.

Faculty members are cordially invited to eat with the men of the Law Club and to have an informal cup of coffee in the lounge afterwards if they so desire.

Contrary to persistent rumors, neither liquor nor stag movies will be available, but scintillating conversation is expected.

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The Office of Religious Affairs is recruiting students to work as counselors for the Office's "Freshmen Rendezvous" next fall. The "Rendezvous" are orientation programs held at the University's Fresh Air Camp, 22 miles west of Ann Arbor. The dates are August 19-21 and August 21-23. Anyone interested should contact the Office of Religious Affairs, 2282 SAB, and fill out the application by February 18.

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The International Law Society has received notice of the conference on "The International Law of Propaganda" to be held at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, February 18-19. For those interested, details can be found in the folders posted on the bulletin boards in Hutchins Hall and in the Lawyers Club.

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SEMI-FORMAL DINNER-DANCE - FEBRUARY 26 - SATURDAY

Dinner--All the roast beef you can eat.

7-8:30

- 1) Residents: There will be no extra charge but you must have a special dinner ticket. Only residents with dates will be permitted in the late dinner. Residents not attending dance may eat at an earlier hour (same meal), 5:00-5:30. **YOU MUST HAVE A DATE AND A SPECIAL TICKET TO ATTEND BEEF BUFFET!**
- 2) There will be a \$2 charge for dates and for non-residents.
- 3) You can pick up your special dinner ticket and buy your date's ticket at the dinner hour the week of the dance in Law Club lobby.
- 4) Plan ahead. There will be a limited number of reservations for dinner.

Dance

8:30-12:30

- 1) Smooth dancing in Lounge
- 2) Rock & Roll in Rec Room downstairs

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Newsbeat, cont.

The Henry M. Campbell Competition is proud to announce the four finalists who will compete before the Campbell Mock Supreme Court on Wednesday, the 9th of March. They are Michael W. Coffield, Kay Felt, J. Edmund Frost, and Peter L. Truebner.

The distinguished members of the final court will be Mr. Justice Potter Stewart of the United States Supreme Court; Judge Clifford O'Sullivan of the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; Chief Judge W. Wallace Kent of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan; Professor Charles W. Joiner, Acting Dean of the University of Michigan Law School; and Professor Robert L. Knauss of the University of Michigan Law School, the author of this year's problem.

EDITORIAL: To Default, or Not to Default ...

The use of the Lawyers Club Lounge on Friday, February 4, by the Young Republican sponsored Conference on Civil Rights has brought to the fore a matter which deserves some attention from those who hold the governing positions in the Club power structure.

As I see it the issue is not the fact the lounge was rented per se, or that Club members were charged to enter their own lounge, or that a Republican was speaking; the issue is instead simply that none of those responsible for deciding who may use the lounge, when and under what terms, did in fact make any such decision. That is government by default.

The By-Laws of the Law Club vest this authority in the Board of Governors, a group composed of a University Regent, two Law School faculty members, four practicing lawyers and two law students. Whether or not this group is the proper one for deciding who uses the facilities is not the question. The fact is, until changed by an amendment of the By-Laws or by a delegation of its authority, the Board of Governors has the responsibility.

This fact appears to have escaped the Board of Governors and the Director of the Law Club, Mrs. Margaret Langer. Mrs. Langer can perhaps not be criticized for doing the job "as I have always done it." But the Lawyers Club is essentially a private club composed of law students, and as such, the voice of its members ought to be afforded a forum where the use of their facilities are concerned.

Such is hardly the case where Mrs. Langer is permitted to exercise authority as was done in the present instance. The lounge isn't an auditorium available to the public at will. At first glance it is not unreasonable that a Club member be accorded the privilege of renting the lounge for an evening. But if a Club member wishes to hold the keynote speech for a civil rights conference in the lounge, then what is to prevent a member from renting the lounge for a private party of any sort? The charge of \$15.00 plus expenses--the fee paid by the Young Republicans--is not going to stop many intent on using our opulent living room for an evening. One can but speculate what the decision would have been in the latter case, but one strongly doubts that our Director would have approved.

The point is that, as the lounge is for the convenience and use of the Club, part of whose room and board money goes to keep the rug cleaned, the tables dusted and the lights on, then any deprivation of the privilege becomes a matter of policy, the decision of which is and ought to remain in the hands of a group in which members are represented.

This ought more properly be the Board of Directors than the Board of Governors, for convenience's sake if nothing else. Be that as it may, the source of authority has been confined to the Board of Governors and ought to be reasserted now. It is rather disheartening to learn that everyone assumed the power was in Mrs. Langer. Such is government by default. When the Club is but a short time away from another anticipated rise in rates, we can ill afford such government. Rule by one person may be efficient in terms of getting answers quickly, but the price comes high. Too high.

--Wm. H. Conner

Newsbeat Editor

Editorial, cont.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This newspaper has always been open to the considered opinion of any member of the faculty, staff, or student body of the Law School. Recognizing that policy, not motives, are legitimate subjects of scrutiny, the editorial board of Res Gestae invites an expression of Law School opinion both in regard to Mr. Conner's editorial (in no way an expression of the unanimous opinion of the editorial board) and in regard to any area of Law Club welfare. All opinions must be signed.

--Art Dulemba

COHEN'S CORNER: Food for Thought

MARGARET L. LANGER, whose address is A-11, Lawyers Club, is an unusual resident here in that she is the only woman living among 351 males. Officially the title is Director of Cooks Inn Lawyers Club, but she is sometimes referred to as the den mother, the mother superior, or even (by one freshman to his visiting parents) as the landlady. Born in Sharon, Pennsylvania and raised in Cleveland, she attended Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio and also Kent State College.

Before coming here, she held the imposing title of Assistant Executive Housekeeper at Metropolitan General Hospital in Cleveland, which is a general, teaching, and research hospital affiliated with Western Reserve Medical School. Among her varied duties was the supervision of the dormitories for the nurses in training and about 100 resident doctors. (Mrs. Langer is certainly to be commended for her wise switch from medicine to law.) Before this assignment she worked six years at Southwest Community Hospital in Berea where she was their food service supervisor in charge of therapeutic nutrition. She had to help feed the patients and keep them happy--much like her job here in the Law Club.

REMEMBERING HER EXPERIENCE at this job that "people eat with their eyes and their noses long before they pick up their forks," Mrs. Langer says, "at the Law Club we try to plan the menu remembering color and texture as well as to make the meals nutritious and tasty." She is very conscious of the problems of many men all living confined under one roof and strives to make living here as pleasant and home-like as possible. "Where you have a prepaid captive group already on the defensive the people want the best for their money and then one has to be especially careful in food planning," she notes.

Prior to being at Southwest Hospital, "Ma Langer," as she is sometimes affectionately referred to, was house director at Methodist Children's home at Berea--a custodial institution which cared for orphans, children from broken homes or from parents unable to care for children, and those referred by courts and welfare agencies. She comments, "I learned a great deal there about children and their great ability to be stretched to the limit and then to bounce back from being in this pressured situation. If they could struggle through abnormal critical situations past age 12 you could be sure their resilience would carry them well through life." In addition to these jobs, she has taught night school (household management) for many years in Cleveland's adult education program and spent one year as night supervisor at the Stouffer Corporation's Playhouse Square restaurant in downtown Cleveland.

MRS. LANGER'S HUSBAND, who died in 1963, was in the automobile business in San Francisco. Their older son, Johann, is a member of a maintenance crew for the new Phantom Super Jets and is stationed at Kirtland AFB in New Mexico. He is a graduate of San Francisco City College and is currently attending the University of New Mexico while in the service. Daniel Richard is an amateur pilot and a sophomore majoring in social studies at Asbury Methodist College in Wilmore, Kentucky.

Mrs. Langer's most serious hobby is the theater. She worked for many years with the Berea Little Theater as an actress and also on costumes, stage managing, makeup, lighting boards, tickets, and publicity, all of which tasks resemble her myriad duties here as house director for 351 residents and 48 staff people. She also enjoys singing and is a member of the First Methodist Church choir in Ann Arbor and the University's Choral Union which puts on the famous Messiah Concert each Christmas. As if this

Cohen's Corner, cont.

weren't enough, she is on the board of directors of CAP, a local workshop employing handicapped individuals, and is a member of the Ann Arbor Business and Professional Women's Club.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD: A Look at the Law Review

As faculty advisor to the Law Review, Prof. Roger Cramton was Monday night's guest speaker at the Board of Directors meeting. In his discussion, Prof. Cramton indicated that since the 1950s the Law Review has evolved to a position of almost complete autonomy from its faculty board of advisors, which now merely glances at the finances of the Law Review and gives occasional advice on policy questions relating to academic standards. The Law Review has no official standing, but is considered as a valuable extracurricular student activity, and a well subsidized one. During the year it published about 1,600 pages, the cost of which is not fully met by subscriptions, but is supplemented by funds from the Law School and the University.

Candidates for the Law Review are selected on the basis of class standing at the end of the freshman year. This year 40 juniors were originally chosen and five additional juniors will be selected on the basis of last semester's accumulated grade averages. At the present time 12 of the original 40 have withdrawn or were cut to leave a staff of 28 which compares with past experience. As members of the Law Review, students are exempted from P & R, which is designed to provide approximately the same experience. Currently members of this organization receive preferred scholarship treatment, a policy which Prof. Cramton indicated may be revised.

Prof. Cramton felt that valuable aspects of Law Review training were the benefits derived from group work, handling of detailed research to a degree that most students are not able to acquire elsewhere, and rigorous training in legal writing.

Negative features of the Review were felt to lie in the candidacy system with the realization that grades as a criterion of selection may not be the most objective system; and secondly, "a supine bowing and scraping that accepts an accident of opportunity as a conclusive indication of leadership," by other law students. Prof. Cramton felt that candidacy selections should not be taken by others with resignation, but rather should be considered as an opportunity on the part of others to "embarrass" those on the Law Review through higher quality class work.

Prof. Cramton indicated that though this experience is attempted to be reproduced in P & R, the structural difference between classroom conditions and those of the Law Review make this objective unrealistic. To meet the need for other activities that would approximate the advantages to be derived from the Law Review, plans are fairly well advanced for the establishment of a law journal that would be devoted to Midwest law reform and empirical statutory analysis. Prof. Julin, faculty advisor to the Board of Directors, indicated that the A.B.A. publishes a journal relating to probate and trust law which is desirous of having student contributions.

Members of the Board expressed the opinion that the Law Review ought to accept outside contributions as is asserted to be the policy at Yale and Chicago where any student may contribute a note on his own. Prof. Cramton felt there was no reason why this policy could not be followed here. He also felt that more should be done to have exceptionally well-done seminar papers rewritten and submitted for publication.

Kevin Beattie indicated that the International Law Society is considering some venture in publication.

Bill Herman suggested that consideration be given to the adoption of a research program similar to that of the University of Virginia, in which attorneys around the country would be able to send in particular questions which would be researched by students, and then edited by an advisory board. Such a program would be similar to the present Civil Rights Research Council, but in an expanded form.

--Lynn Bartlett

WEEKENDER: "Never too Late" for "Dreams"

The cinema scene will offer something new, something old, and several long engagements during the upcoming weekend.

The something new is "Never Too Late," a comedy bowing in at the State later this week. This picture concerns two very middle-aged parents who receive a surprise visit from the stork, and quite predictably, "that's when the fun begins." The warmed-over screenplay is based on the recent Broadway success of the same name. Featured players include Paul Ford, Maureen O'Sullivan, and that Blond Bombshell of "Hawaiian Eye" fame, Connie Stevens. According to the critics, it's not on par with the play; apparently, however, it should be entertaining for the married set.

The something old is "Blood and Sand," a circa 1922 Rudolph Valentino epic with Nita Naldi (remember her?). If memory serves me, this one is about a rags-to-riches bullfighter who succumbs to wine, women, and bulls. The film will be shown Thursday and Friday, in case you start your weekends early. Nevertheless, if you're industrious and wish to hold off until Saturday or Sunday, the Guild will reward you with "Dreams," an early Ingmar Bergman drama. If the quality of Bergman's later works (e.g., "The Magician," "The Virgin Spring," or "The Seventh Seal" shines through "Dreams," it will indeed prove to be worth your 50¢.

The Cinema II, which this past week crossed me by showing "The L-Shaped Room," will definitely have "David and Lisa" this week instead. Once again may I urge you to see this excellent motion picture, which is scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at Angell Hall. (Cf. last week's column for a review).

The long engagements are "The Loved One" at the Campus and "My Fair Lady" at the Michigan. The latter, according to the box office, will be in Ann Arbor until March 3.

--Jay Witkin

LEGAL AID BRIEFS: Something Old, Something New

On Wednesday, February 9, the 9 new members of the student Executive Board were elected from a field of 15 candidates. The new Board will have the following gentlemen sitting at the "round table." Congratulations to:

James B. Boskey '67	663-5251
John C. Hartrauft '67	663-2370
Matthew P. McCauley '67	761-3485
Michael Malley '67	665-2231
Charles Moran '67	764-8919
Gerald Skoning '67	764-9005
John Waters '67	761-0734
Robert A. Wells '67	764-9007
John Zulack '67	426-2273

These men will begin attending the meetings of the present Executive Board on Thursday, February 17. Their new term of office will begin at the end of this month. At their first meeting with the incumbent board, the 9 new members will elect their own chairman. After this, the other officers will be selected in a manner suggested by the new chairman.

One issue stressed by many of the candidates was their strong desire to establish or reestablish rapport with the Board of Trustees. Most candidates felt that "keeping the clinic open" was also a major consideration.

The retiring members of the student Executive Board are to be thanked for their "thankless job." All of the initial problems of organization and basic policy have consumed an extraordinary amount of their time. Now that the clinic is "on its feet," it will be much easier to carry various policies and procedures to their complete fruition. No clinic would be open today without their continuing labor.

All the members of the retiring Executive Board:

Barney Berkowitz
Joe Boerner
David Croysdale

