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

LAW CLUB ELECTIONS TOMORROW. VOTE!

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ELECTION SPECIAL: Statements Submitted by the Candidates

Ed. Note: The opinions expressed are those of the candidates and are in no way necessarily those of this newspaper or its staff, nor does the inclusion of these statements imply an endorsement of the candidates by the newspaper or its staff.

Art Dulemba, Editor
George Cooney, General Elections Editor

PRESIDENT

"This past year, I proposed to the Board the institution of monthly student-faculty dinners (the first was Feb. 17), distribution of drug-store discount cards (approved), and a course evaluation system similar to Harvard Law's (in the works).

"Next year I will live in the Club and, if elected President, intend to begin holding B/D meetings periodically in the lounge open to all law students and improve the H.H. brown bag lunch room facilities. As ex-officio member of the Board of Governors, I hope through greater operating efficiency to eliminate further room and board increases."

Christopher B. Cohen, '67
(Member Legal Aid, Res Gestae, Toastmasters)

"Former elections have seen directors elected on every basis except proposals meriting support or laudable records in office. Hence it is difficult to disparage past failures to accomplish something never promised initially. In my view, directors should be elected on programs which serve the students as a whole, such as improvement of library facilities, as well as the special needs of residents and non-residents. Minimally, I support establishing an adequate place for non-residents to have lunch, University financing of capital improvements which past failures to provide depreciation reserves would now shift to residents, and increased support for organizations such as legal aid."

Hurst K. Groves

"I believe that the Lawyers Club is facing a critical decision: whether it will continue to be a unique part of the Law School, or decline into an outmoded, poorly serviced, and overpriced dormitory. I believe in the former: that the Lawyers Club is worth working for and improving.

"In college, I was in charge of a radio station with 60+ members,

Election Special, cont.

participated in meetings with university administrators on money and policy matters, and played an active role in campus government and politics.

"If elected I will serve with enthusiasm, imagination, and diligence. I ask for your vote. Thank you." James P. Kleinberg

VICE-PRESIDENT

"Having been a member of the Board of Directors this year (co-social chairman) and a member of the Board of Governors which is responsible for the maintenance of the entire Lawyers Club, I feel I have the requisite experience and desire for the position of Vice-President of the Board of Directors which position, under the new by-laws, is a position involving special responsibilities within the Club."

Eric Reif

"A great institution of legal scholarship deserves well qualified, conscientious, and active student leadership. At present, such is more myth than reality. Our present board of directors has given every indication of being mired in their own self-interest without regarding the interests of their constituents. The following are examples: 1) increased board and room rates; 2) the disaster area once known as the lawn; 3) increased incidents of theft of personal property.

"If elected, I pledge no quick and easy solutions. I only promise an increase in communications between the board and those who it is supposed to represent not ignore. The Law Club is a private club; but the board of directors shouldn't be."

William J. Stiner

TREASURER

"The Treasurer's principal duties are to keep the financial records of the Board of Directors and to prepare a budget for the Board. I feel that as a result of my experience on the Board this past year as Co-Chairman of the Social Committee and as a member of the Stores Committee which supervises the operation of the Book Store and the Supply Store, I am familiar with the financial operations of the Board, and that my experience will be helpful not only in fulfilling my duties as Treasurer, but in acting as a representative of the entire Law School."

Ed Bittle

"In seeking the office of Treasurer I wish to put before the members two points upon which I am running.

"FIRST: I am qualified for the office: during my undergraduate years I was: Secretary-treasurer of the Chess Club; Treasurer and then President of Theta Chi Fraternity; Treasurer, then Business Manager, and finally General Manager of the campus Radio Station.

"SECOND: 'We are paying TOO MUCH for what we are getting!'. If elected, I will do everything within my power to see that the costs of running the Club are stabilized WITHOUT eliminating any services offered."

Michael J. Close

"My name is Jim Cohen and I live in West Hartford, Connecticut. I attended Cornell University, where I served as Treasurer of the Senior Class. At Law School I am participating in two activities: law review candidacy, and as Junior Clerk in the Freshman Case Club Program.

"I am concerned about the Board of Directors' role in the capital expansion program, and wish to insure that our funds are properly allocated toward meeting our needs. Also, I am very interested in promoting the Board of Directors' participation in the recently submitted proposals for course evaluation, and in a reconsideration of the financial bases of the Law Club Book Store and Law Club Store. I am anxious to serve the Law School as Treasurer."

James H. Cohen

Election Special, cont.SECRETARY

"My reason for seeking the office of Secretary of the Board of Directors is, by common agreement, naive. From this position I hope to focus law student concern and harness law student energy to consider and meet some problems and responsibilities existing in the somewhat larger community beyond the traditional one of 'me'--that is, my grades, my car, my notes, my job, and my draft status. Since we all are over 21, should we not take a peek at what our professional status (once established by the bar exam) might require?"

Thomas E. Allen

"As secretary, I feel I can be of greatest service to the Club. Besides performing the duties of secretary, I feel there are a number of activities that should be continued and others that should be started. These include: 1) Uniform grading system; 2) Food referendums; 3) Improvements in the Hutchins Hall Lounge; 4) Stability of rates; 5) Better lighting and more ready access to books in the library; 6) communication improvements between the Board and the law students; 7) Evaluation of courses. Thus if you want an active secretary, when you get in line to vote don't push or shove, just vote Nicely."

Philip Nicely

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

"The principal concern of the Lawyers Club resident is his cost of living. Although students are not in the administrative position to decide exactly how the Lawyers Club's annual budget should be drawn up, we should be informed of the reasons requiring annual increases of room and board rates.

"Students should also receive a semiannual or annual statement explaining the precise costs for which we are paying. Our complaints might then be quieted. Or, we might discover costs which are extravagant.

"As a member of the Board of Governors, I would continuously attempt to control costs of the Lawyers Club.

"I PROMISE ROQUEFORT DRESSING EVERY DAY!"

Clement Dinsmore, '68

"As a Board of Governors candidate, I pledge support for the following programs:

- "1. Termination of the occupancy fee for rooms during vacations.
- "2. Publication of a yearly Club financial statement; Room and board should reflect cost, not comparative Ann Arbor prices.
- "3. More Club social functions, especially dinner dances.
- "4. Encouragement of non-residents to participate in school functions and affairs.
- "5. Most Important: A committee to present student complaints of poor course content and teaching methods to the faculty and administration. A faculty aware of and responsive to its obligations to the student body would do much to enhance the atmosphere of the school."

Allen D. Field

"As a candidate for the Board of Governors, who would also have a seat on the Board of Directors, I feel that the greatest problem lies in the lack of student-board member identification.

"Too often the Board has acted with an almost callous disregard for the student view, not by disregarding it when demonstrated but by a failure to ascertain it in the first place. This is evidenced by last week's vote on removal of the basic Law Club services, such as centrex, etc. This problem, and there are others, can be remedied only by more active Board members, willing not only to listen, but also to seek the advice of their constituency."

Eric J. McCann

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"What the board of directors obviously needs is a direct line of communication to the students. The students should be made aware of all pending action, before the board reaches any decisions. Necessarily concomitant with a preview of the board's activities is a forum where differing opinions on the pending action may be heard. Both of these requirements; direct communication and an open forum, are easily obtained. The former through more publicity and the latter through questionnaires, publicized open hearings, etc. The problems may be solved easily, but first they must be brought to the attention of the board. This would be my primary objective."

Charles Barnhill, '68

"My principal motivation in running for the Board of Directors is the desire to accomplish some immediate practical improvements for law students such as special nearby parking privileges (on the basis of two discussions with Mr. John Walters, Dir. of Faculty Parking), and measures to eliminate further room and board increases.

"As a Res Gestae reporter of Board activities, there are several programs I have developed an interest in and would like the Board to pursue, such as student course evaluations, the establishment of another legal journal similar to the Law Review, and greater student contact with the faculty at lunches, dinners and social gatherings."

Lynn Bartlett, '68

"I believe there is much that can be added to the Board of Directors by way of active representation of the entire student body. But within that framework I believe that the Board should not lose sight of the fact that it is the residents of the Club who are most directly and immediately affected by Board actions. It will be my aim to actively pursue the special interests of residents in their living facilities; to broaden the communications between the Board and the entire student body, in both directions; and to provoke more interest in the student body in those areas with which they are concerned and have a legitimate, if unexpressed, voice.

Wm. H. Conner

"A recent discussion with Professor Julin has revealed that the Student Board in addition to setting the policy for the Lawyers Club serves as a 'student sounding board' for much of the faculty's general policy. Therefore, I urge everybody to take an active interest in the selection of the members of the Board so that the student body will not be represented in these important matters by default.

"My past experience in planning and promoting programs has been in the capacity of Treasurer and Assistant Steward of Beta Theta Pi and as an Industrial Engineer with General Motors Corporation for three years."

Bill Francis

"Recently the position of the Lawyers Club Board of Directors has been questioned by the activities of both the staff and Board itself. I hope that the Board will become more expressive and representative of its membership in the next year.

"I am in favor of--an expanded social program (especially considering the three parties this year and the present \$5,000.00 treasury balance); an expanded IM sports program, so that the Club will regain first place (not 18th as this year!); and more student-board interaction in the decision-making, such as the recent rate increase determinations."

Kirk Grant

"My general concern for intelligent supervision of expenditures, rate structures, and food and facility quality is coupled with a special interest in academic affairs. Inter-disciplinary courses in such areas as public speaking, economics, and psychology should be available within the law school curriculum. These programs should be taught by experts in these areas from the University faculty and should be oriented to law students' needs. Further, a feedback mechanism must be established whereby student evaluations of the academic program can be applied constructively to enhance the curriculum quality. I will work towards these ends if elected to our Board of Directors."

Harry Keidan

Election Special, cont.

"I don't think that it is a misstatement to say that this year's Board of Directors has been a disappointment. From the point of view of a resident of the Club, they have been all too willing to make use of the Club's benefits for dinners and dances while avoiding the burdens of its problems--such as the cost of living in the Club, fielding competent athletic teams for intramurals, and minor but significant annoyances like stolen fireplace wood.

"More and better representation is needed; a better and more representative Board will answer that need."

John Eric Schaal

"This year's Board is presently working on several new programs the success of which will depend upon a follow-up by next year's Board. I would like to see Board interest in the following: library-lighting and rapid reshelving; curriculum-development of the planned questionnaire for student evaluation of course offerings and individual teaching methods; social-dances of the tenor of that last week; lectures-more faculty discussion panels such as the one on confessions; cost allocation-the Board as a true representative of the students in expressing priorities to the faculty, with ample use of questionnaires or open meetings to survey attitudes."

Joel B. Strauss

"The job of the director is to act. He must apprise himself of the needs of the student body and then proceed to effectuate a plan to accomplish these ends. Avoidance of bureaucracy is impossible in a student organization; however, dedication to a task can expedite the process. The director has a responsibility to that achievement."

Robert A. Wells

NEWSBEAT: International Law Society Hosts Panel on Vietnam and Dominican Republic

The Honorable Leonard Meeker, Legal Advisor of the State Department, and Prof. Wolfgang Friedmann, Professor of International Law at Columbia and Director of Columbia's International Studies Program, will join issue on questions of international law and foreign policy involved in United States policy in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic, on Tuesday, March 8, at 6:30 PM in the Lawyers Club Lounge. The formal topic of the panel, sponsored by the International Law Society, will be: "Intervention and Subversion in International Law and Relations: The Problems of Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic."

The two men are uniquely qualified to debate the topic. Mr. Meeker, as the Legal Advisor of the Department of State, is the principal official in the United States government responsible for legal aspects in foreign policy decisions of the United States. Professor Friedmann is a recognized authority on international law. He recently published a treatise entitled, "The Changing Structure of International Law." He is also specially qualified by reason of an article he wrote for the October, 1965 issue of the American Journal of International Law entitled "United States Policy and the Crisis of International Law." After introductory statements by the two speakers, there will be an exchange of views between them, followed by questions from the floor.

Don't Forget: Case Club Banquet Wednesday, March 9th.
Campbell Finals Wednesday, March 9th.

- The Board; the Proposals and the Results -

Last week the Res Gestae reported that certain amendments to the By-Laws of the Board of Directors were being considered by the Board, the effect of which would be to remove the existing requirement that the President of the Board live in the Lawyers Club, and to add the requirement that the Vice-President live in the Club. At the Board's meeting, these amendments were discussed, voted upon and adopted by the Board. As amended, the by-laws relating to officers are as follows:

Newsbeat, cont.

The President shall function as the chief executive officer of the Student Board of Directors of the Law School and be elected by the entire student body. His duties shall be to coordinate all activities of the Board of Directors relating to the Law School student body and relations with the administration and faculty. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at all meetings of the student members of the Club.

The Vice-President shall reside in the Lawyers Club. In addition to his general responsibilities as an officer of the Board, he shall be charged with special responsibility for matters relating to the operation of the residents' facilities of the Lawyers Club.

The approval of the amendments came only after a spirited, hour-long discussion among the members of the Board and other students who had come to the meeting to voice their views. Kevin Beattie, who made the motion for adoption of the new language (and who, along with President Bill Herman, drafted the amendments) explained that during the past year the scope of the Board's activities has broadened to include not only the day-to-day affairs of the Club, but also matters concerning the whole student body, residents and non-residents. He cited student-faculty relations and the projected course evaluation program as examples of the areas into which the Board's interest has expanded. In view of this larger sphere of operations, said Beattie, it is only fitting that the man who heads the Board should be chosen from all the students, not just those who live in the Club.

At the same time, Beattie pointed out, there should be a resident of the Club in a major executive position on the Board, so that the residents will feel that their interests are being adequately represented. For this reason the residence requirement has been attached to the Vice-Presidency. The Vice-President is seen as the man having responsibility for the ordinary affairs of the Club (under the ultimate control of the President), and he would be the officer to whom the residents would go to get their complaints, suggestions, etc., before the Board.

A practical argument for the amendments was advanced by Bill Herman. He pointed out that since the Board has expanded its activities, the work of the President has expanded also, so that in effect the President is now acting in a dual capacity, being responsible both for the affairs of the Club and for activities concerning the whole student body. The resulting work load, said Herman, has required him to "shovel off" a lot of responsibilities to the Vice-President this year, particularly with regard to Club matters. The amendment requiring the Vice-President to live in the Club would recognize the existing situation, and such responsibility would be formally delegated to the V-P.

John Lynch raised the objection that while this problem is a real one, it does not necessarily call for this particular action. He offered two alternatives: 1) that responsibility for the affairs of the Club should go to the senior member of the Board who is a resident, or 2) that there be no residency requirement except that either the President or the Vice-President would have to live in the Club. Lynch questioned the advisability of the proposed amendments at this time. He said, "This is an ad hoc resolution ... We don't need it."

Some further objections were raised by Chris Cohen, who is not a member of the Board but who attended the meeting. Cohen joined Lynch in his opinion that the proposed amendments would not meet the need. He raised four particular objections to the passage of the amendment requiring the Vice-President to live in the Club:

1) If responsibility for the Club were on the shoulders of the V-P, and a V-P were elected who didn't have sufficient interest in the affairs of the Club, then sole charge of Club matters would be more or less in the hands of an indifferent person.

2) Under the present system, without the amendments, the President is free to delegate responsibility as he sees fit.

3) In future years, the Vice-President's job may be viewed as a second-class, merely ministerial position.

4) In general, it is best to expand, rather than restrict, the group from which potential candidates may come, thus maximizing the possibility of good candidates.

Board member Steve Petix raised the practical point that to many people, the changing of the election requirements just before an election may look like "manipulation." He said an appearance like this would not be in the best interests of the Board. To this Bill Herman replied that he thought it would be best to carry on the consideration in terms of the benefits to be derived, and not let the discussion drift into the issue of personalities. Herman said, "I personally and sincerely state that my proposal is motivated solely by my experience as President."

Kevin Beattie, in reply to Cohen's objections, pointed out that if there is a danger that an uninterested V-P might be elected, there is also the distinct possibility that the very requirements for office may attract men with a special interest in working with the affairs of the Club. Also, he said, if the rule turns out badly, it can be changed, just as a change is being proposed now.

Beattie then called the question, and a motion to consider the two amendments separately, proposed by Lynch, failed. The amendments were approved 7-4, with Kevin Beattie, Jon Birge, John Walker, Gerry Skoning, Sally Katzen, Ed Bittle and Eric Reif voting for; and Steve Petix, John Lynch, J. B. Griffith and Duane Ilvedson voting against.

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Professor Joseph Julin, member of the Board of Governors, and the three-man Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, also spoke to the Board of Directors meeting on Monday, Feb. 28 on the problems and needs which have generated the current rumors of an increase in the rates for next year. He solicited recommendations from the Board as to possible alternatives to an increase in rates to meet both the rise in the cost of services and expenses and to finance the rehabilitation program of the Club.

The central suggestion discussed was the possibility of removing the Centrex systems from the rooms with residents left to purchase private phone service as they wished. Such a move would result in a savings to the Club of approximately \$12,000-\$14,000 per year, or approximately \$40.00 per resident. It was pointed out however that private phone service would cost at least as much for anyone who desired to have such service, although the possibilities of several men pooling the use of one phone would serve to reduce the cost per man. The central drawback was the anticipated delay in securing phone service in the fall when it is not unusual for the telephone company to run months behind in its installation.

Member Gerry Skoning moved to have the Board of Directors recommend to the Executive Committee (which is responsible for determining the rate structure) that the Centrex system be removed if it was possible to get some assurance of a minimum of delay in the installation of private service. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 to 3, with members Beattie, Birge, Bittle, Ilvedson, Reif, Skoning and Walker voting for the proposal while members Griffith, Lynch and Petix were opposed.

In a later report from President Bill Herman, the Res Gestae learned that the Board of Governors, at their meeting on Tuesday, March 1, gave final approval to the suggested amendments, after considerable discussion. In considering other suggestions made by the Board of Directors, the Governors voted to: 1) attempt to find new ways of increasing the efficiency of the present food service operation, while retaining the present system of sit-down dinners; and 2) enact a room rate increase of approximately 6%. Although the Board of Governors were of the opinion that ordinary inflation will raise the cost of the Law Club operation approximately 8%, it was thought that in view of the large rate hike last year, a more gradual raising of rates over a longer period of time would be preferable. Any future increases, of course, would have to be determined by then existing circumstances.