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THE ONLY GOOD
NEWS IS SUPPRESSED
NEWS

NEWSBEAT: Speaker Due on Selective Service

Legal Aspects of Selective Service Reclassification will be the subject of a speech by a Detroit lawyer, Richard Goodman, on Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 in the Law Club Lounge.

Mr. Goodman is the son of Ernest Goodman, who defended many of the University of Michigan students who sat in last fall at the Ann Arbor Selective Service office.

A B.A. graduate of the University of Michigan in 1955, Mr. Richard Goodman graduated J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 1958. At Chicago Law School he served as Editor of the Law Review and was Order of the Coif.

He is a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association and of the National Lawyers Guild.

- Historical French Law Books Go on Display -

In conjunction with the 12th Annual Conference of the Society for French Historical Studies which convened in Ann Arbor this past weekend, the Law Library has put on display some material of interest for French legal history. The display, in the Library Reading Room, will remain for the rest of the winter term.

Our Library has an unusually good collection of old French Coutumes (i.e., the customary laws of France). The nucleus of this collection is the Viollet collection, consisting of the entire private library of Paul Viollet, one of the most famous French legal historians. Among the materials are the following: the first and official edition of the Napoleon Code, bound for the Emperor himself and given to his stepson Eugene Beauharnais when the latter became King of Italy; a miniature edition of all five Napoleonic Codes bound in a book 4 inches high, 2 1/2 inches wide and 2 inches thick. The print, needless to say, is small.

This is an excellent opportunity for law students to realize the extent and value of the Library's foreign law collection.

- Hornbooks, Treatises to be on Open Shelf -

Director of the Law Library, Beverley J. Pooley, announced that beginning today, April 4, certain of the hornbooks and treatises will be available on open shelf behind the periodicals rack at the western end of the library. Those books available constitute the 100 most heavily used books heretofore obtainable only through the library desk.

This new plan represents another of the library's continuing attempts to provide for maximum use of facilities and convenience of the law students. Whether the books remain on open shelf will depend on students' remembering that such books are for the use of every student and are not to be removed to a Law Club room or apartment for private study.

- Law Club Sports -

The Law Club Table Tennis Team won the Graduate League championship for the second straight year by defeating Nu Sigma Nu, 3-2, in the finals on Tuesday, March 29. The team had won its other league matches against

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Psi Omega by forfeit, Delta Sigma Delta, 5-0, and Phi Alpha Kappa, 5-0. The team this year is composed of: Dhamrong Dhamaruksa, Mike Bixby, Chip Bankson, Tom Sliney, Larry Gill, Lou Ferrand, Dave Miller, George Freese and Bill Felton. In addition to retaining the plaque displayed in the game room the team will try for the All-Campus Table Tennis Team Championship by playing the champions of the other U of M intramural leagues-- Fraternity, Independent, and Residence Hall--in post-season matches to be held soon.

Emmett E. Eagan, Detroit attorney, has been reelected National Committee Chairman of the University of Michigan Law School Fund. A member of the Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone law firm, he will head up the 1966 campaign. The announcement was made by Roy F. Proffitt, assistant dean of the U-M Law School, Saturday. Eagan served as regional chairman for Wayne County, 1961-63. He is a 1934 Law School graduate.

The Michigan Law Fund provides financial aid for student scholarships and loans, as well as academic aids to help keep Michigan a top-ranked law school.

Last year alumni and friends contributed \$94,000 to student financial aid--\$60,000 to student loan funds and \$34,000 for scholarship funds. Financial assistance was given to 365 law students, about a third of the Law School's student body, last year. In addition, study abroad was provided to seven students. Other "extras of excellence" included video tapes and films to supplement classroom work, books for the Law Library, and support of student activities.

The 1966 campaign will get underway next fall and run through December.

--Wm. H. Conner and Steve Petix

LEGAL AID BRIEFS:

When you have no basis for an argument,
abuse the plaintiff.

Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 B.C.)

- Clinic Reporter Needed -

This position will be vacant in a few short weeks. Your duties would consist of some attempt to keep informed of the various activities in the Clinic and report them on a weekly basis.

Any member of the Legal Aid Clinic who is interested in writing for this column may contact either John Waters at 761-0734 or myself.

- Summer Clinic Procedures -

Final procedures for the operation of the Clinic during our first summer have not yet been formulated. It is suggested that all students who are working on cases now, but will be out of town during the summer, discuss this question with their supervisor or area director. Jack Zulack (426-2273), who will be a full-time employee at the Clinic during May-August, will soon request certain basic information be supplied to him concerning the status of all open cases. Please help him by submitting the information on your case(s) as soon as he posts a suggested outline at the Clinic.

Announcements:

1. Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 PM. A panel discussion on euthanasia with legal, medical, moral, and psychiatric viewpoints. It will be held on the second floor of the Michigan League.
2. Friday, April 8. National "Panic" Week begins. Purpose: "To inject a little humor into an otherwise serious financial legal obligation."

Legal Aid Briefs, cont.Court Appearances:

1. Monday, April 4--2:00 PM. Miss Alice Winters will open a trial in Ypsilanti Municipal Court.
2. Wednesday, April 6--3:00 PM. David Muhlitner has a motion for temporary support before Judge Ager in Circuit Court.

A Tip of the Clinic Hat to:

The Law Wives for their fine contribution of baked goods for our March 5 Open House.

A Clenched Clinic Fist to:

1. The night visitor who was so unkind as to throw a bottle through the front window of the Clinic.
2. Student attorneys who leave files everywhere except in the filing cabinet.
3. Students who fail to pay for their coffee.

--John L. Chamberlain

LAWFULLY YOURS: A Letter About the Posters.

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my opinion of the posters which were on display in the men's john, presumably in conjunction with Crease Ball.

In my opinion they were in grossly vulgar poor taste, in short, smut. Certainly they are of no higher value than the more usual scribblings found in such places and aren't raised to a higher plane by virtue of being posters and not scrawled on the inside of a stall.

I assume little more need be said about the quality of those "ads" (query: what are they?). The question really is, it seems to me, not so much a question of individual standards or individual freedom but whether they should have been put up in such a public way. I don't care so much why they were put up or even the quality of the material. That's their business. I am concerned with the wisdom of putting them up at all. It may be presumptuous of me to write this kind of letter, but not nearly so presumptuous, it seems to me, as it was to put up those posters. The crucial issue from my point of view is whether the tacit approval of the Law School or the students should be lent to this sort of thing. I, for one, do not wish to give mine.

Perhaps I assume too much. Perhaps there is no issue. This is the third year the same type of poster has been displayed, and it may be that I am an unusual individual with neurotically narrow standards attacking as in poor taste what is generally acceptable to everyone else. I must admit that I assume not. I certainly hope not.

It is only fair to say that I haven't made very many inquiries as to the reason for the posters. But from my point of view, even if they were relevant, explanations could only serve to heighten the lack of justification for that form of communication.

Sincerely yours,

Jeffrey Choi

THE ALSA REPORT: U-M's Latest Effort

The Sixth Circuit of the American Law Student Association held its annual conference on the weekend of March 25-26. The conference, hosted by the University of Toledo College of Law, was attended by approximately 75 representatives from 16 of the 18 circuit law schools. The conference had three primary business functions. The first was to exchange ideas, plans and programs to be put into action by the student government

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groups at the various schools. The second, to formulate plans for intra-circuit communication and cooperation such as expansion of the inter-school moot court competition, reported in last week's Res Gestae, to circuit-wide or nationwide multi-level competition. The third point of business was to elect a national Vice President to lead the Circuit and act as our prime representative to the annual National Meeting in conjunction with the ABA meeting in Montreal, Canada, Aug. 6-12. George Matish of Wayne State was elected to this sought-after position after a vigorous and very wet campaign.

Interspersed with the duty portions of the conference were a number of enjoyable functions including a Group Therapy session led by Dr. Watson (is enjoyable the right word?), and after the Banquet, a pot-boiler speech by the Honorable J. P. Cavanagh, Mayor of Detroit. The high point for the pleasure-seekers among the representatives was the arrival of the well-chosen, "hand-picked" (as they were advertised) dates for the cocktail, dinner and pool parties at the motel. The highly congenial atmosphere that prevailed thenceforth led, of course, to highly productive considerations of inter-school communication and cooperation. This writer suggests that plans be made now to send knowledgeable representatives to the Annual Meeting in August to correctly evaluate the possibilities of increased communication among the accredited law schools.

--Jim Rodgers

WEEKENDER

Several new flicks will be on hand for this coming weekend, but only one will really be worth your while.

The Campus will have "A Patch of Blue," starring Academy Award winner Sidney Poitier ("Lilies of the Field," "Raisin in the Sun" and a host of others) and newcomer Elizabeth Hartman. According to the reviews, fine acting by this pair partially saves this tear-softened drama about a young blind girl experiencing love for the first time. In short, this is not one of Poitier's finest efforts, but apparently good catharsis for one in need of a good cry.

The Michigan will have "The Singing Nun" with Debbie Reynolds, Chad Everett, and Ed Sullivan, of all people, appearing as himself. In this one, Debbie plays a nun who makes a Difficult Choice between show biz and going to Africa (guess what she does). Apparently, however, Miss Reynolds is true to form, and the reviewers unanimously give this one a rating between Bad and Awful. Save your time and money.

The Cinema Guild will present Vittorio De Seta's "The Bandits of Or-goloso"(1961), starring Michele Cossus, Peppedu Coccu, and Vittorino Pisano. Besides having a director and cast unknown to American viewers, to top it off this picture also has an award which no one has ever heard of, namely the Robert Flaherty Award.

This leaves the real sure shot for the weekend, namely "Psycho," the final picture in the Hitchcock trilogy now running at Cinema II. For those who don't remember, this one stars Tony Perkins, Janet Leigh, and John Gavin in what has to be this director's best or at least most suspenseful and scary movie. This column guarantees "Psycho" will definitely have you on the edge of your seat and away from the attic for days. Do not miss it.

Finally, for those who missed "The Silencers," the State will have it running through this weekend. For the review, see last week's column.

--Jay Witkin

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