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OH TO BE IN MUDVILLE WHERE IMPORTANT FACTS STILL COUNT.
(From the Caveat of the University of Illinois)

The Mudville bar exam is unique among bar exams of this country. More than any other, it lays emphasis upon the knowledge acquired in the law school classroom and tends to deemphasize the practical side of the law. A cram course is unnecessary. The law graduate with a well-rounded legal education and an aptitude for recalling the professorial inanities will have no trouble. Some sample questions from last year's exam follow: (The questions are labelled to assist the examinee)

1. Property. Give the legal description of Blackacre?
2. Contracts. Which ship Peerless was the cotton on?
3. What did the Foakes have against Beer? (Hint: the 18th Amendment is applicable.)
4. Did Hadley really get the shaft from Baxendale?
5. Legal History. Which English judge contributed the most to the law of de minimis?
 - a. Lord Holt
 - b. Chancellor Clark Kent
 - c. Bill of Middlesex
 - d. Mienhard V. Salmon
6. Federal Jurisdiction. How much did Tompkins get out of the Erie Railroad? Could Melvin Belli have gotten more?
7. Constitutional Law. Did Marbury get his commission?
8. Taxation. Discuss the impact of the Helvering case upon the law of federal taxation. (restrict your answer to 10 words.)
9. Judicial Remedies. Before 1955 in Illinois, A lighted a squib and threw it at B. B picked it up and threw it at C. C tossed it at D's feet where it exploded. In action for injuries by D against A, does the Rule in Shelley's case apply?
10. Domestic Relations. Which of the following is not a divorce case?
 - a. Haddock v. Haddock
 - b. Estin v. Estin
 - c. Barber v. Barber
 - d. McCullough v. Maryland
11. Torts. Why does Mr. McPherson drive a Volkswagen?
12. How much did Mrs. Falsgraf weigh?
13. Why couldn't Rylands hold his water?

SENIORS GOING ABROAD NEXT YEAR:

Ten members of the senior class of the University of Michigan Law School have been awarded fellowships for foreign study during 1963-64.

The awards, which range in value from \$1,200 to \$4,000, make use of funds from the Ford Foundation and the William W. Cook endowment. Announcement of the fellowships was made jointly by Prof. William W. Bishop, Jr., co-director of the Law School's international legal studies program, and Prof. Spencer L. Kimball, chairman of the graduate and research committee of the school. Five of the fellowship winners will pursue advanced studies in England during the coming academic year. Two will go to Germany, while France, Italy and the Netherlands will each draw one of the Michigan law graduates.

The complete list of fellowship winners follows:

Stephen Benton, of 4126 York Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn., who received his B.A. degree from Yale before entering the U-M Law School, will study in Germany.

Peter H. DeHaas, 69 Maplewood Ave., Maplewood, N.J.; A.B., Amherst; France.

John Galanis, 2131 N. 52nd St., Milwaukee, Wis., B.B.A., Wisconsin; England.

David Kratchman, 1318 Charrington Rd., Birmingham, A.B., Michigan; England

John Krsul, 19428 Lahser Rd., Detroit, A.B., Albion; Germany.

James McDermott, 1634 Murfin Ave., Ann Arbor, A.B., Princeton; England.

Joseph P. Martin, 1297 E. Maple Rd., Birmingham, A.B., Notre Dame; England.

David Rosso, 801 S. Main, Ann Arbor, B.M.E., University of Detroit; Italy.

Paul Tractenberg, 393 Clinton Place, Newark, N.J., B.A., Wesleyan;
Netherlands.

Larry A. Waggoner, 312 Franklin Ave., Sidney, Ohio, B.B.A., Cincinnati;
England.

COOK LECTURES NEXT WEEK:

Adolf A. Berle will deliver the 12th series of William W. Cook Lectures on American Institutions February 11-14 at the University of Michigan. The Columbia University law professor, who has a long and distinguished career of public service, will examine "The American Economic Republic" in a series of four lectures. Each of the lectures will be given in the Rackham Amphitheatre on the U-M campus. Starting time for each lecture will be 4:15 p.m., and the public is invited to attend.

On Monday, Feb. 11, Prof. Berle will examine the emergence of a twentieth century political-economic ideology. His Feb. 12 and 13 lectures will be devoted to legal institutions as he examines the constitutional and legal bases of the current organization of the economy. Growing federal assumption of responsibility in economic matters will be one of the main trends under review.

For his final lecture on February 14, the one-time assistant secretary of state will focus attention on the institutionalizing of a minimum standard of living through welfare legislation. He will examine the growth of an extra-legal value system as the final arbiter of political as well as economic direction of the economic republic.

The lectures are under the auspices of the Law School and the William W. Cook Foundation, established by an 1882 alumnus of the Law School who was a generous benefactor of the University.

PLACEMENT MEETING:

A placement meeting for students graduating in 1964 will be held on Monday, February 18, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 100. Placement procedures will be outlined and you will be given an opportunity to ask general questions. All 1964 graduates who plan to use the Placement service are urged to attend this meeting.

LAW WIVES:

The Law Wives will hear Mr. Ronald R. Wangerin speak on "An Introduction to World Communism" on February 11 (Monday) at 8:00 P.M. in the Law Club Lounge. The bridge group clashes February 14th at 8:00 P.M. in the Canterbury House, 218 N. Division.

AT THE FLICKS:

Cinema Guild: "Stalag 17"
State: "Billy Budd"
Campus: "The Devil's Wanton", "Night is My Future" (these are Bergman's oldest and are reputedly weak.)
Michigan: "40 Pounds of Trouble"

A jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer.
- Robert Frost. -

A Judge is a law student who marks his own examination papers.
- H.L. Mencken. -

