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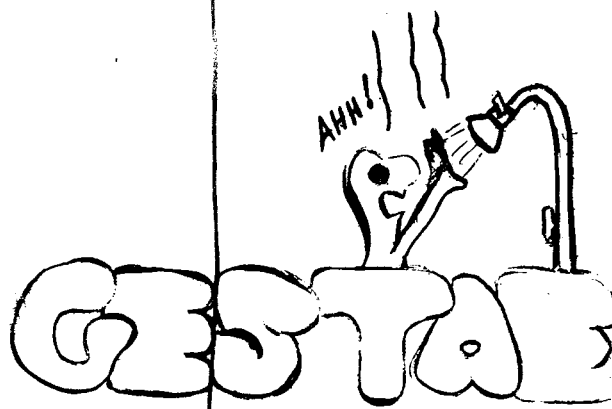


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OUR MAN IN HUTCHINS:

2-S ?: Captain Billy J. Shuman, JAGC, of The Judge Advocate General's Office in Washington, D. C., will be at the Law School on Wed., Oct. 19, to discuss the Army's Officer Recruiting Program. A question and answer period follows. Personal interviews probably can be arranged if desired. Students who have not fulfilled their military service obligations are urged to attend. Time: 3:30 p.m. Place: Room 138, Hutchins Hall.

NEW SERVICE. Oscar J. Miller, circulation librarian, has announced the restricted circulation policy, previously followed on Sundays, has been abolished. Effective immediately, full service from the Circulation Desk will be available throughout the entire week.

INTERVIEW WITH DEAN ALLAN SMITH by John Fiske

The 21 years of former Dean E. Blythe Stason's direction of Michigan Law School ended approximately one month ago when a professor who had been taking French classes at 8 a.m. for two years in anticipation of a year of study abroad became the new Dean of the Law School. "I was just about ready," said Dean Allan F. Smith, "when the roof fell in."

The 49 years between his birth in Belgrade, Nebraska and the roof falling in here in Ann Arbor have been productive years for Dean Smith. Graduating from Nebraska State Teachers' College with the intention of teaching high school English, he was compelled by 1933 teaching conditions to look elsewhere. He joined his brother-in-law's law firm in Kearney, Nebraska, for three years as a stenographer--an experience which prompted his enrollment in the Nebraska Law School from which he graduated in 1940. Again bleak economic conditions (\$75 a month starting salary in Nebraska) were a factor in his decision to accept a post-graduate fellowship for a year at Michigan Law School. Then he worked for the Office of Price Administration until he left as "Chief Counsel" two years later. ("Chief Counsel," Dean Smith points out, was at that time subordinate to the General, Associate, and Assistant-General Counsels.) Three years in the Military Intelligence Service were his last before teaching law full time in 1946 at Stanford and in 1947 at Michigan, where he became a full professor in 1953.

As for his family, he married Alene Mullikin of Kansas in 1939; they have two children--Stephanie, 17, and Gregory, 14.

Besides collaborating with Professor Lewis Simes on a revision of the latter's four volume treatise on future interests, Dean Smith co-edited the West casebook on property and published his own work on personal life insurance trusts. His "extra-curricular" responsibilities have included direction of research activities and the Graduate Committee of the Law School, besides work outside the Law School as chairman of the Real Property Committee of the Michigan Bar Association.

His interest in foreign law developed during a trip abroad in 1956 with Professor Philip Jessup of Columbia Law School. They toured mid-eastern law schools (cont'd on attached page)

SENIORS: The deadline for reserving issues of the law school yearbook, "Quad", is Oct. 21. Reservations may be placed in front of room 100 in Hutchins Hall from 9-12 Oct. 17 through Oct. 21. The pictorial annual is priced at \$3. Seniors are reminded that pictures will be taken next Friday, Oct. 21, in the Alumni Room, Hutchins Hall. Late picture appointments will be taken through Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 17 and 18. Contact Barry Fredericks, NO34145

SBA SOJOURN: Two tentative dates have been set for a trip through Jackson State Prison, sponsored by the Student Bar Association. These dates are: (1) Friday, October 21, 1960; (2) Friday, November 18, 1960. Both trips will be afternoon excursions, leaving Ann Arbor about noon and returning about 5:00. The trip, by chartered bus, is free to members of the SBA. A nominal charge of \$1.00 will be made to non-members to help defray transportation costs.

Jackson State Prison is a Michigan State Prison and is the largest prison within one walled area in the world. Further information will be provided to those interested before the date of each trip.

A sign-up list giving full details has been posted on the SBA bulletin board in Hutchins Hall.

FRATERNITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DELTS--1212 Hill: Party at the house immediately after the Northwestern game tomorrow. Refreshments will be available.

PHIDS--502 Madison: Postgame party at the Phid house Saturday afternoon. The usual refreshments will be featured. Standard door charge.

SPORTS: Law Club 2, Tau Epsilon Rho 0 Phids 20, Alpha Omega 6
Alpha Chi Sigma 1, Delts 0 (overtime)

OVER THE WEEKEND:

Around town: Coming Oct. 26, Mort Sahl at Ann Arbor High.

Michigan Daily picks:

Northwestern at MICHIGAN	Oklahoma at KANSAS	CLEMSON at Maryland
Wisconsin at IOWA	Penn State at SYRACUSE	Wake Forest at N. CAR.
Marquette at INDIANA	Air Force at NAVY	Colorado at IOWA STATE
Illinois at MINNESOTA	Arkansas at TEXAS	TCU at Texas A & M
MICHIGAN ST. at N. Dame	ALABAMA at Tennessee	Holy Cross at DARTMOUTH
OHIO STATE at Purdue	North Carolina St. at DUKE	Tougaloo at PH. SMITH
ARMY at Nebraska	UCLA at WASHINGTON	

Weather Forecast: tonight--low near 55, rain, ending by Sat. mid-morning. Clearing in the afternoon, high 66. Sunday, continued cool.

AT THE FLICKS

Michigan (Dial 5-6290)
starts today....I'm All Right, Jack

Campus (Dial 8-6416)
ends Sat.....On the Waterfront &
The Wild One

State (Dial 2-6264)
now.....Hell to Eternity

Architecture (Cinema Guild)
tonight.....Camille
Oct. 15 & 16...An American in Paris

NOTE: Any organization with notices they wish printed in succeeding issues of RES GESTAE should place the article in the SBA mail box on the 3rd floor of Hutchins Hall before each Thursday noon.

RES GESTAE STAFF: Bob Downey, Editor; Bill Schmidt, Don Witter and Lloyd Costley, Associate Editors. Drawings by Jack Edwards.

Interview with Dean Smith (contd)

to explore the possibility of exchange programs and other cooperative measures. Decoration with the Order of the Cedars by the Lebanese government, insists Dean Smith, was nothing more than the result of his accompanying the grandson of the founder of the American University in Beirut (Professor Jessup). It was this trip which led to Dean Smith's desire to study land controls under the civil law system in Paris. Nor have his efforts in French been in vain, since he accepted his present position on the understanding that the trip is to be postponed and not cancelled.

Several administrative and curricular aspects of the Law School already reflect anticipated changes. There are now two Associate Deans, Professors Russell Smith and Charles Joiner, where there was formerly one. They will continue their teaching on a half-time basis and devote the rest of their time to their respective administrative duties--Professor Smith as head of both the Graduate Research Committee and the Personnel Committee, and Professor Joiner in charge of the Law School's external relations.

The curriculum is presently undergoing its first comprehensive review since World War II, with all faculty members participating in an examination of the content of every course presently offered. The Curriculum Committee, headed by Professor Kauper, may then be able to recommend an acceptable "core curriculum" to be required of every law student to equip him with all essential training needs. He would thus enjoy more freedom of selection in a wider range of electives than is presently possible. Though Dean Smith is careful to couch his hopes in long-range terms, his present aspiration is to increase the faculty from 40 to 50 "as soon as possible" in order to reduce the size of some present sections and to further diversify course offerings. The hope that every law student may someday be required to participate in at least one seminar before graduation is corollary to the curriculum change and increase in faculty.

"Any vigorous program can always use more money." On this premise plans are being made to increase alumni support of Law School needs in the ambitious years ahead. Until about two years ago the Cook endowment fund for faculty research has been adequate; recent additions to the faculty and increased research activity have outgrown the capacity of the fund. The demand for student scholarships and loans continues to increase. In order to maintain the high level of present library facilities a heavy library budget must be met. Teaching and training a student to become an attorney is but one of the three obligations which Dean Smith feels a law school must perform for its society. It must also provide facilities and encouragement for legal research and serve as a focal point of law reform. It is within this tripartite framework that the Law School is to operate.

Though already acclaimed for producing the most astonishing change in female representation at the Law School in the last few milleniums, Dean Smith has refused any personal credit; however, he has remarked that he is hardly adverse to such aesthetic improvements.

His political sentiments may be reflected by a remark with which he began his first class on adverse possession back in the fall of 1952 one November morning: "After 20 years of open, notorious, and adverse possession of the White House....." His present job, however, is "strictly a-political."