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RES GESTAE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Res Gestae is the Michigan Law School Student Weekly--emphasis on the student is supplied. It is your money that funds it (through the L.S.S.S.). But without student input in the forms of letters, articles, regular columns, ideas for stories, notices from organizations about meetings, etc., etc., the R.G. cannot be an effective media or forum.

We need student participation in all areas of operation--from writing to advertising sales to cartoonists. If you are at all interested in helping make the Res Gestae something useful and worthwhile, please stop in to our organizational meeting:

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 6, 1978
7:30 p.m.
102A Legal Research (That's in the Library basement)

We need your cooperation---but even more, your participation. No journalistic experience is at all necessary (in fact, it might get in the way), since the Res Gestae was founded on the principles of being a vanguard of First Amendment rights, rather than on the traditions of journalistic excellence.

[P.S. to Student Organizations: Please submit all notices for the next issue by Friday midnight.]

PLACEMENT

WELCOME BACK 2nd and 3rd year students!!

Since the Tentative Schedule of Interviewers on Campus became available (8/11/78), there have been two updates. Please stop by the Placement Office to pick these up. Also, please check the print-out in Room 200 periodically. All information on this will be kept up-to-date.

Interview request cards for interviews scheduled on September 13, 14 and 15 are due Tuesday, September 5 at 5 p.m. Interview request cards for interviews scheduled the week of September 18 are due Thursday, September 7 at 5 p.m.

If you have any questions, comments, etc., on our new procedures, please stop by and see us.

IN MEMORIAM

A Memorial Service will be held this evening, Tuesday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lawyers Club lounge for BRIAN S. DOMBKOWSKI.

Brian, a second-year student at the Law School, passed away Sunday in a swimming accident.

Donations for flowers will be accepted after the Service.
FROM THE NIGHT MANAGER:

This is a new tack for a Lawyers Club Night Manager--writing a column in the R.G. The Lawyers Club serves more than just residents, however, and I hope to take advantage of this opportunity to inform residents and non-residents alike of some rules and some opportunities available.

Non-residents:
Many of you non-residents are probably not aware that any law student can cash a personal check for up to $20 at the main desk during weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beware, however, because Livvie (who runs the Law Club desk) sometimes runs out of money early in the day (rich law students, you know).

In the basement of the Law Club main building are several pinball machines which always work very well and are maintained much better than anywhere else in town. The man who runs this service for us splits the proceeds 50/50 with the L.S.S.S. Also in the basement is a TV room and two table tennis tables. You can get ping-pong balls and paddles at the main desk anytime it is open (weekdays 8-11, weekends hours vary but always near mealtimes).

You can also get a mailbox at the Lawyers Club (until the supply runs out). Get in touch with me (Terry Calhoun) for permission and Livvie will assign one to you.

Residents:
If your lights suddenly go out, what do you do? 99% of the time it is a simple matter of a circuit breaker that needs to be reset. Any of the desk personnel should be able to do this for you when the desk is open. When it is closed, contact me, and I will do it for you. There is no need to emphasize how badly you need the lights back on--we'll do it as quickly as we can regardless of the circumstances. We know that everyone here is busy and that there is no one here who's time is not valuable.

What do you do if there is a suspicious-looking person walking nude down your hallway? Call the desk or the Night Manager! They will call security for you and also send someone over to help you if you need help. In case no one can be reached here, call Security at 3-1131. Note: Don't hesitate to do this for any suspicious person. Every year we have a number of wallet or purse thefts because people get lax. So far we've had no one hurt and we'd like to keep it that way.

One thing to remember about the Lawyers Club (especially residents) is that it is not a dormitory in the full sense of the word. It does not have the full staff of housekeeping, maintenance and other support personnel that other dormitories have. Law students are older and more mature than undergraduates, and, as a consequence, the Lawyers Club takes a slightly more 'laid back' approach. Don't approach a Law Club staff member thinking you know just how our routines and workloads are arranged--you don't know. If you ask, we will explain as fully as you'd like, but we are often harassed by students who already think they know how we are supposed to be doing things and open a conversation with a criticism based on inadequate knowledge.

Thanks for reading this. I hope that it was interesting and informative. Some of you may have suggestions or interested comments to make. I'm sure our new Director, Margot Morrow would like to hear these. Please address them to Terry Calhoun, Night Manager, The Lawyers Club, and leave them with the main desk. Among the ideas that some of us are toying with is putting an exercise room in one of the basement storage rooms. Anyone interested?

---Terry Calhoun
Phones: Law Club 764-1112 or 4-1116
Night Manager 764-2018
This year the Law School Sports Committee is headed by a duumverate: Czar Jeff Liebster(663-0817) and Czar Al Knauf(662-7149). All information about I.M. sports and other athletic events will be posted on the Sports bulletin board in the hallway in the basement of the library. However, I.M. team managers will be responsible for going to the managers' meeting for their respective sports, and to pick up schedules and other information pertaining to their team in the mailboxes in the I.M. building. Team roster forms will be available this week at the sports bulletin board, and should be returned to the Sports Committee mailbox at the Lawyers Club desk. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those persons who are not able to find teams on which to play.

Sports starting next week:

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Most Law students play in the graduate division. The independent (open to all U-M students), co-rec, and women's divisions do offer both competitive and recreational leagues in many sports. Women interested in playing softball should contact Sue Funk (994-3402). Men interested in a very competitive team program should contact Czar Jeff Liebster or Bill Smelko (769-6769). Skilled soccer players (especially goalies) interested in playing on an excellent I.M. soccer team, the Law Passers, should contact Czar Al Knauf or Charlie Glerum (769-0307).

The czars have acquired a variety of new sports equipment available for loan from the Lawyers Club desk (e.g. softball and ping-pong equipment, a football, basketball and soccer ball).

The 2d Semi-Annual Law School Mini-Marathon is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21 at 4:30 p.m. over a 3-mile course through the Arboretum.

This Friday:

It Happened One Night

-Starring-
Clark Gable  Claudette Colbert

7 and 9 p.m. in Room 100 Hutchins
Law Students: 50¢
Others: $1

Anyone and everyone interested in working on the Film Committee please attend the meeting on Thursday, September 7 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 132 Hutchins. We need volunteers to help carry the load or the Film Committee will be forced to cease its activities.
To: Nancy Krieger, Placement Director  
From: Sue Carlson  
Subject: How I Spent My Summer

This summer I practiced law in a firm which paid me no salary and accepts only non-paying clients. The U-M Clinical Law Program operates pursuant to Michigan General Court Rule 921, which allows law students to represent indigents.

The word, "indigent," is an unfortunate choice, since the sound of it, if spoken with just the slightest note of disdain, conjures up images of the larval form of some sort of hideous insect. These same images were evoked when a prosecutor gratuitously gave me his views on "prison low-life." The first hurdle the Clinic student faces is the need to avoid stereotyping of the clients on the basis of their inability to pay for legal services.

The second, and related hurdle, is the false assumption that the legal problems of poor people are all relatively simple. Every legal problem has its own potential for complexity, and the legal issues of the poor are often made even more complex by the intervention of the state through the welfare system.

For example, a prison inmate gives birth to a daughter, and by virtue of her status, faces permanent termination of parental rights. A client, seeking to enforce the judgment of divorce provisions for property settlement and child support against the property of her ex-husband who had left the country, can expect subrogation by the state for its aid given in lieu of defaulted child support, assuming that the complex questions of jurisdiction and the priority status of the child support obligation are decided in her favor.

Even if the legal issues encountered in the Clinic were simple and clear-cut, however, the course offering would still present a valuable learning experience. I had the opportunity not only to practice, through interaction with clients, dealing with management of time, and appearances in court, but also to observe the "lawyering" styles of the various supervising and opposing attorneys.

While many of the basic skills learned in Clinic can be easily picked up in the first few months of practice, the easy access to intensive, non-judgmental evaluation would be lacking. Bad habits are caught in the Clinic before they become ingrained. Additionally, the Clinic student gains a certain confidence in her or his abilities and, as a graduate, does not feel limited to a small range of job options.

As with other practical law school course offerings, such as Writing and Advocacy and Undergraduate Law Teaching, the amount of law school credit given, compared to the amount of time and effort expended, seems inadequate. The experiences gained by such effort, however, are invaluable.
LEGAL AID SOCIETY
Organizational Meeting

Anyone interested in doing volunteer work for the Campus Branch of the Washtenaw Legal Aid Society should attend an organizational meeting at noon, Thursday, September 7, 1978 in Room 220 Hutchins Hall.

Under Michigan General Court Rules second and third year students are allowed to fully represent clients in District Court, including making court appearances. Becoming a volunteer provides students with practical experience as well as providing indigent students with legal representation. We hope to see students who volunteered last year as well as many new faces.

While opportunities for interviewing and counseling primarily exist for second and third year students, under the supervision of attorneys, first year students are also needed and welcome as office volunteers and in other capacities.

Anyone who has questions about what it is like to work for Legal Aid can talk to any of the following volunteers from the past year:
Tim Knowlton  
Jack McCullough  
Chris Meyer  
Audrey Little  
Mitch Frazen  
Frieda Jacobs  
Ira Mondry  
Pat Ehlmann  
Fred Klein

If you're unable to attend the first meeting, and are otherwise interested, call Barb Kessler (763-9920) for more information.

NOTICE
Will those former residents of the Lawyers Club who did not leave their forwarding addresses at the end of last year please notify the Lawyers Club Mail Room of your present address so that your mail can be forwarded.

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY
SANGRIA PARTY

The International Law Society extends an invitation to all interested students to attend their annual Sangria Party on September 14, from 4 until 6 p.m. in the Lawyers Club Lounge.

PARTY

Yes indeed friends, your Law School Student Senate--Social Committee has been busy preparing for the first Cocktail Party of the season. And never a group to let you down, the Social Committee has seen to every detail once again. This year, as usual, your cups will overflow with your favorite beverage(s) while you mingle with your friends and cohorts. Take some time out of your busy lives to relax and join the rest of us.

FRIDAY  3:30 - ?  
September 8, 1978  
-Liquor (Your favorite brands)  
-Beer (Lots)  
-Wine (To make it respectable)  
-Munchies (For you dieters)
The Law School Student Senate will hold its first meeting of the 1978-1979 school year tonight, Tuesday, September 5, at 8:00 p.m. in the seminar room next to Room 250.

All students are welcome to attend.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, September 5
4:00
Senate Office (Room 217 Hutchins)
Anyone interested should attend.

JOBS IN NEW YORK

A meeting with New York lawyers and students who have worked in New York will take place at the law school next Monday. Speakers will address the advantages of law practice and life in New York, and will be available for questions. Students from all three years are invited to attend. Representatives from four Wall Street firms will be present:

- Davis, Polk & Wardwell,
- Donovan, Leisure, Newton & Irvine,
- Hughes, Hubbard & Reed, and
- Shearman & Sterling.

The meeting will take place next Monday, September 11, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 100.