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Quad Loses
Mount Cook

You're probably all wondering why the Law Quad is suddenly being turned into a strip mine just when we had gotten used to the majestic rises of Mt. Cook. In an interview with Ms. Margaret Leary, Assistant Director of the Law Library and Unofficial Liaison with the Construction People, the R.G. learned that all of the dirt that was being stored in the Quad is being trucked up to North Campus storage "as quickly as possible."

The action started when Ms. Leary noticed our Quad elms forlornly poking out of the huge piles of dirt and she wondered what the effect of those tons of dirt would be on the trees.

She called the University Landscape Architect, and his opinion was that there would be definite damage to the trees if they were still partly buried by March 1. The architect works for the Construction and Engineering Department which is in charge of coordinating the technical aspects of any University construction, and he recommended that the subcontractor be ordered to remove the dirt immediately. The University gave the order last week, and as you probably noticed, the dirt started leaving the Quad early Monday morning.

Though Leary said that all the dirt up to the blue fence would be removed a.s.a.p., Friday morning no dozers or workers were to be seen, and many large pieces of frozen earth remained perched precariously near the walkways, as well as on the back side of the "mountain". Hopefully, no one will get hurt before the rest gets carted away.

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MOOTS II

The semifinal rounds of the Henry M. Campbell Moot Court Competition will be held on three consecutive evenings next week. The arguments of the twelve semifinal teams will be heard Monday, February 12 through Wednesday, February 14, 1979. All the arguments will be heard in the Moot Court Room between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

The judges for the semifinal rounds will be Professors Martin, Reed and Westen. The judges will evaluate the teams' written briefs and oral arguments to determine the four best teams. These four teams will advance to the final round. This final round will be held April 3, 1979 with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis F. Powell, Jr. acting as chief justice.

The hypothetical problem for this year's competition was authored by Professor Jackson. The problem raises two issues to be addressed by the teams. The first issue involves the constitutionality of legislation which gives Congress the power to veto certain Presidential actions. The second issue involves conflicting obligations for the United States under the 1974 Trade Act and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Observers are welcome. A more detailed explanation of the problem and the issues will be available in the Court Room the evening of the rounds.

(Roger Stetson)

This Week

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TO THE EDITOR

A most ludicrous event took place in Labor Law class on Monday, January 29, of which I think the Law School should be aware.

An unknown group of students sent Visiting Professor Benjamin Aaron an unsigned letter stating that, had they known that he was going to "depart from the announced method of teaching" his class, they would not have taken the course.

At the beginning of the term, Prof. Aaron stated that he would call on students only when no one volunteered. The alleged "departure from the announced method" of conducting class consisted of Prof. Aaron's reference to the seating chart in an effort to obtain answers to discussion questions when no answers were volunteered. Thus, no "departure" occurred.

Even if there had been a departure, the letter sent to Prof. Aaron was completely unjustified. Such juvenile, self-serving behavior should never occur at a school such as ours.

Although I, as much as anyone, wish to avoid being called on in class, I am personally disgusted with this childish act. My apologies to Prof. Aaron for the rude behavior of some of my classmates.

/s/
Jeff Cecil
The MICHIGAN YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES is accepting applications for Editorial Board positions for 1979-80.

All those graduating in 1980 are eligible. Forms are available by Room 829 Legal Research. A writing sample is necessary and the applications are due on February 14.

We encourage everyone interested in international legal studies to apply.

In December of 1977, students from seventeen law schools met in Washington, D.C. to formulate a proposal for a new type of public interest organization. This organization was to be funded by direct contributions and was dedicated to building a national network of lawyers and law students working to improve citizens' access to justice.

Last spring, 160 graduating law students from across the country, including 23 from the University of Michigan, pledged 1% of their income for the year after graduation to launch what has since become the Equal Justice Foundation.

Though this group, described by Ralph Nader in his speech here last Tuesday, is still in its early stages of development, those of us who have followed its progress have hope that the seed planted last year will grow into an important force in the American system of justice.

We are in the process of beginning our second membership campaign here at Michigan. Anyone interested in helping with this project is urged to attend a short meeting this Wed., Feb. 7, at noon in Rm. 236, or to contact Pat Parker (971-3349), Mike Halpin (764-6966), Jim Schacht (971-2419), or Bob Hagelshaw (769-3074).

L.S.S.S.S. Notes

Directory Compiler Sought
- Open to individuals or organizations
- Chance to earn $$$
- Can be done in your spare time.

The Senate is still accepting applications from persons or organizations interested in putting together next year's Law School Directory. A sense of responsibility and entrepreneurial talent are key. If you're interested, stop by the Senate Office in Room 217, or leave a note.

Constitutional Announcement

The Senate is considering amending its by-laws and constitution. If you're interested, or have any comments at this point, please leave word for Donna Erb at the Senate Office.
BALSA Conference

The United Midwest Regional Conference of BALSA will be held at the University of Michigan Law School in Ann Arbor February 15 through February 17, 1979.

Banquet tickets will be on sale at $10.00 per person until Thursday, February 15.

The agenda for the conference is as follows:

Thursday, February 15
8:00-10:00pm Registration and reception

Friday, February 16
9:00-10:30am Continental Breakfast and registration
9:00-10:30am Plenary session
10:30-Noon Workshop: Starting Your Own Law Practice
Noon-1:30 pm Lunch on your own
1:00-5:00 pm Job Fair
1:30-3:30 pm Workshop: South Africa Liberation
3:45-5:00 pm Candidates' speeches
3:45-5:00 pm Moot Court competition
7:00-9:00 pm Draft resolutions
10:00-2:00am Casino

Saturday, February 17
9:00-5:00 pm Job Fair
9:00-10:00am Plenary session and Elections
10:00-Noon Workshop: Summing Up To Move Forward - Black Leadership in the 80's
Noon-1:30 pm Lunch
1:30-3:00 pm Workshop: Affirmative Action
1:30-3:30 pm Pre-law conference
3:45-5:30 pm Moot Court competition Finals
7:00-9:30 pm Banquet and Keynote Address
9:30 pm Disco Dance

Tickets may be purchased in the B.L.S.A. office, located on the 3rd Floor, Lawyers' Club. The Casino Night and Banquet will be held at the Michigan Union.
W.L.S.A.

Election

Since the consensus at last week's meeting was that W.L.S.A. should not disband, it is now time for elections for next year. Traditionally, W.L.S.A. elections have been held in April. However, we decided that in order to properly "break in" the new officers, resulting in more "continuity" from this year to next, the elections should take place now. Therefore, nominations will be accepted this week. Place your "nomination" in the box in the women's lounge in Hutchins. Nominees will be contacted at the end of the week. Elections will take place at the end of the week. Elections will take place Wed. Feb. 14 in front of Room 100. (All women are eligible to vote)

I would like to encourage women to run for an office and become involved. The positive response at last week's meeting was overwhelming and I think that potentially W.L.S.A. has a very promising year ahead!

Below is a description of the officers jobs:
- President: general, overall organizer. Sets meeting times, coordinates people and activities, etc.
- Vice-President: responsible for recruitment.
- Secretary: correspondence, bulletin board, minutes.
- Treasurer: money matters.
- Newsletter Editor: organizes "Women's Newsletter" and/or coordinates with the R.G.
- Alumni Conference Coordinators: 2 women are needed to start coordinating the Alumni Conference for the fall of 1980. Organization needs to start now. Since only summer starters and 1st year women will be here in the fall of 1980, only these women should be nominated.

Remember - watch for notices of our first "brown bag" lunch next week!

--Vicki Lafer

Al's
Sports Corner

This week, basketball playoffs start. Schedules for graduate and core divisions are supposed to be ready this afternoon at 4 pm. Note that there will be playoffs for graduate recreational teams. Here are my picks for the top graduate teams (not counting yesterday's games):
- 1) Law Gold (2-0) (I may be biased.)
- 2) Epidemics (2-0)
- 3) Law Booters (2-0)
- 4) Law Green (3-0)
- 5) DSD "A" (3-0)

The Second Annual George H. Wright Memorial Racquetball Tournament gets under way this week, with a 43 man and two women field. Marianne Gaertner and Sue (who else?) Funk look like co-favorites to run away with the XX Division. The XX-XY Division looks pretty exciting, with a big field including old favorites and new faces. Phil "Dark Horse" Schradle, the defending champion, has returned, but has yet to face Steve "Semi-Pro" Vanderploeg, or squashman Dave Dickeson.

(AL'S SPORTS CORNER continued on page 14)

CRYPTIC QUIZ

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--Benjamin Franklin, Poor Richard's Almanack (1734).

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

"There are not infrequent times when a bottle of wine, a good dinner, a girl of some trivial sort can fill the hour for me."

--O. W. Holmes, quoted in C. Drinker, Yankee from Olympus 246 (1944).
Machle's Musings

Ever since I began writing for the R.G. people have been asking, "Who is this Kathi Machle who writes this trite garbage?" Well, this week's column shall attempt to answer that question. Like the poor, I have always been with you.

I was the kid in the next crib at the hospital. It was my grandmother who, after looking in the window, turned to her son-in-law saying, "Is that the best you can do?"

In the first grade I was the one who "visited" the principal after explaining to the class what a steer was.

I was the goon who wore bobby socks, undershirts and sensible shoes . . . in the ninth grade.

At school dances I was the original wallflower--I even got turned down on "ladies' choice."

In high school Latin class I was the idiot who attempted to add a little humor by remarking, "Well, if the Iliad taught us anything it was to beware of horses bearing Trojans."

Four years later I learned why everyone gasped.

On opening night of my first opera, it was my skirt which fell down in the midst of Scene I--and I who came tumbling after.

I'm the waitress who poured coffee in your lap.

I'm the aspiring young law student who emerged from an interview and noticed that I had buttoned my blouse incorrectly.

You'll recognize me as the next person you see tripping over her own feet all through Hutchins Hall--that is, when they aren't both firmly jammed into my mouth.

Oyez-Oyez

The Law School Computer Facility now has accounts available for student use on MTS, the university computer system. These accounts may be used for any law-related computer project and are available free to all law students.

For further information, see Bart Thomas or Ken Gerver at 729 LR.

The Law School Computer Facility is currently seeking a first-year student to work as Assistant Director for schoolyear 1979-80. The Facility, which is located in Room 729 LR, maintains two terminals for use with the university computing system, offers general computer-related consulting services to law school researchers, and maintains a library of material related to legal computer applications.

The position of Assistant Director is available to any qualified student who:

a) is presently finishing his/her first year; and
b) has some background in computer programming; and
c) is willing to work 5-10 hours/week during the next school year with a view towards replacing the Director upon his graduation.

If you are interested please submit a resume to Bart Thomas or Ken Gerver during consulting hours (posted on 729 LR door) or put it in either of the Computer Facility mailboxes on the 9th floor of Legal Research or 3rd floor of Hutchins Hall.
Lest any of you have been disturbed by, or at least cognizant of, the absence of my column in any previous issue of the R.G. this term, this torpor is now ended. During the next several weeks, a variety of extremely worthwhile cultural events will be occurring on campus of which I urge you to take advantage.

Many of these events are part of the U of M's Russian Arts Festival, which will be highlighted by a performance of the Moscow Philharmonic (Feb. 3), an exhibition, "The Art of Russia, 1800-1850" at the Art Museum (Feb. 16-March 16) and the Professional Theatre Program's production of Nikolai Gogol's The Inspector General (Feb. 14-18). The Festival also includes, for example, Russian dance and films.

There are, in addition, some interesting non-Festival events. Side By Side By Sondheim is being performed as part of the Best of Broadway Series; the Kelsey Museum is displaying archaeological finds from Carthage; the Art Museum, after a very fine showing of Japanese landscape art from the 16th and 17th centuries, is featuring works by faculty artists.

I had the opportunity to talk with Philip LeStrange, the U of M's current Guest Artist-in-Residence, who will perform the leading role of the mayor in Inspector General. (After years of "kidding about my last name, I would be the last to comment upon his.) I found him both animated and literate.

LeStrange has a strong background as an actor, having worked in New York and several regional theatres, as well as in television and films. He is a good friend of William Leach (Guest Artist earlier this year in She Stoops to Conquer) with whom he worked for several years and for whom he has great respect. I wondered why LeStrange, like Leach, has moved from regional theatre to campus productions. He said he seeks "the challenge of new roles. Sometimes if you work too long with the same people or scripts, you stop growing and encounter the same range of emotions time after time."

This is LeStrange's first time at the U of M, about which he had heard favorably from Leach. He told me that what attracted him was not only this play and his part in it, but the chance to work with the PTP.

Besides rehearsing for I.G., he has taught classes ranging from Acting to Stage Production to a Journalism course on Dramatic Criticism. Next week he will lead a seminar for aspiring actors on what to expect from New York theatres. Barbara Softcheck of the PTP comments that LeStrange, "more so than most Guest Artists, seems very much to enjoy working with students."

I asked LeStrange whether he would like to settle down at some University. "Idealistically," he responded, "there would be four or five working professionals with whom you can exchange new ideas." In this production, he is the sole professional, and he sees his role as someone from whom the students can absorb experience.

Having also done some directing, LeStrange envisions further directing as a natural outgrowth of acting. "With directing," he explains, "you must have a broader view—not only of acting, but of lighting, staging and costuming." He prefers a director who structures the actors, but not one who over-intellectualizes. "Acting is movement. I like to be on my feet, trying new things."

I cannot see LeStrange wanting to settle down in the negative sense of becoming static. Rather, he is dynamic. I inquired how acting techniques in the theatre differ from those in television. "They have very different dynamics," I was told. "Television is flat in the sense that your movements must be small." LeStrange prefers theatre both because he is able to project his character on a larger scale and because of the interaction between actor and audience, which provides reinforcement.

LeStrange perceives a similarity between actors and lawyers to the extent that both rely on persuasion. "Lawyers never want actors as jurors," he says, "because actors can see through them." He believes that all students share the
N.L.G.

The National Lawyers Guild will sponsor Guild attorney and former national president Bill Goodman in a speech at the Law School this Tuesday, February 6, at 4:00 in Room 132.

Goodman is the lead attorney for the "Latino Law Students" case, a suit against Wayne State University Law School. The suit complains of the treatment of Latino law students by the law school in two respects: first, the school admitted Latinos with lower academic credentials and then failed to provide supportive services to remedy the students' academic deficiencies; and second, the law school required its faculty to grade according to a scale whereby 10-25% of the students would receive grades below C, which is the average required to remain in school.

The combination of these factors resulted in a 24-33% attrition rate for Latino students, as compared to a 2-3% flunk-out rate for white students. By setting up their programs so as to have such a disparate effect on minorities, the law school is in violation of the Michigan Civil Rights Act, which is based on Federal civil rights legislation.

This is an important case, as affirmative action programs are under increased attack in light of the Supreme Court's decision in Bakke. Institutions must be required not only to institute affirmative action programs, but also to take the steps necessary to ensure that minorities are able to overcome the debilitating effects of past discrimination and oppression. If minorities are to achieve true equality the impediments to their achievement must be removed.

--Jack McCullough

Classifieds

HARRY CHAPIN concert - one ticket for sale (Thursday, Feb. 8). call 764-9067.

opportunity to experiment in many disciplines, and urges them to do so. "Take risks now--be open and adventurous and then decide what you want to do. Don't limit yourself now or you'll become prematurely old. Besides, there will be enough limits imposed on you in the future which you must learn to overcome or accept." I found his comments prophetic, having recently heard Ralph Nader warn against the dangers of "tunnel vision" among law students.

LeStrange would apply this risk-taking philosophy to the study of acting. "Students should first be grounded in the classics and then should try as many different plays as possible so as to expand their outlooks on life."

The Inspector General, according to LeStrange, is widely considered a masterpiece and is especially revered in the U.S.S.R. Moreover, the theme of the play is contemporary. The play deals with the machinations of a mayor who curries favor with a stranger whom he believes to be a government inspector.

LeStrange describes the play as "timeless. It will probably still be relevant in 2079." Since it deals with political corruption, it seems particularly relevant now. The mayor is a political animal with a strong instinct for survival, manipulating people in his juggling act to maintain power.

LeStrange compares the character he plays to modern politicians "who may not be articulate, but say the right things to remain in control." He points out that the mayor is the most dangerous character in the play, and this facet makes the comedy at times very dark.

Lastly, we spoke about L.G. as part of the upcoming Russian Arts Festival. LeStrange toured the U.S.S.R. once as part of a theatrical troupe and was amazed by the variety of productions he saw there. "I was overwhelmed by their puppet theatre. I couldn't speak the language but was entranced by the effects created on stage." As he got up to leave, he saw a small American woman in dark glasses and a leopard coat -- who turned out to be Gloria Swanson (bedecked a la Sunset Boulevard). "That," he concluded, "was the wildest trip of all."

Performances of The Inspector General will be Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 14-17, at 8pm, with a Sunday matinee on Feb 18 at 2pm.
Night's Managed

I spoke to a bank teller at Huron Valley National bank last week. Then I spoke with a supervisor. They have had the biggest run of check forgeries in the bank's history this month. Other banks in the area are experiencing the same thing. Over the holidays a lot of rooms were entered around campus and the thieves are serious about pushing the checks they stole. Later in this week's column I will tell residents about how the locks in the Lawyers Club are supposed to work--so that the combination of knowing about the recent thefts and how the locks should work might make some residents more careful. Right now the Lawyers Club is a real easy mark. Anyone with a minimum of cool and intelligence could make off with 10-20 wallets and purses in an afternoon.

Money is now available to do some things to the pinball/recreation room in the Lawyers Club basement. What we now need is some personal effort on the part of residents. Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 anyone interested in being part of the planning behind the changes to come should meet with me--in the pinball room. We need to decide precisely what we want to do. Paint? Cover the walls with vinyl? Put in some tables and chairs? Indoor-outdoor carpeting? New equipment: dart boards, pool table, etc.? There is nothing in the way of getting this done except the lack of people to make suggestions and decisions.

It's Friday evening (early) as I write this. I'm preparing to go to the Ground Hog's Day Celebration at Le Chateau. As anyone who's been to a party at Le Chateau knows, preparing for the event is not simple. You have to either arrange for a roomate to be home when you get back or tie your keys to your body--so you don't lose them. For several days prior to the event you drive each of several routes between the Lawyers Club and Le Chateau to see which have the best shoveled walks. You don't even think about driving the night of the party, but you do want to know the absolutely easiest way back. Then, of course, your room has got to be spotless and well-prepared for company. People tend to get acquainted at Le Chateau.

On this particular night Lawyers Club residents have also got to worry about what is left of Mt. Cook. At (so I hear) the command of the law school the construction people are supposed to be hauling all the dirt off to North Campus. I think that I can speak for all the law students when I say: "IT'S ABOUT TIME!!"

At first I though perhaps we were building a dirt-filled soundproof barrier between the second and third floors of N-section. N-section residents should try to cool down, if they can, because I think that flare-up we had recently was nothing more than a manifestation of the February Doldrums. It just came a little too soon. Everyone has their favorite time of the year--that time when they are sure that everyone is depressed, psychotic, or heartbroken about something. Finals week, of course, is the worst. But other than the inevitable, I think February is prime depression time. Right about now everyone is tired of everyone else. Wanting to get "out of the quad" as often as possible. Wanting to avoid any kind of pressure situation or possible frustration. Feeling incredibly irritated at the smallest things. I know there are people out there who have never been happier. I'm not having such a bad time myself. However, this year and last I'm convinced that what I have said above is true of more law students, to a greater extent, right now in February than at any other time except, possibly during finals week.

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Perhaps before I go on I should remind anyone who might be reading this that this is a personal, signed column. Nothing in this column is anything other than a purely personal statement or opinion—unless I identify it as something another person has asked me to communicate to you. Even though this column started out as a way to avoid stuffing memos in resident mailboxes—it is not an official communication from the Night Manager.

I went to the Women's Law Students Organization meeting Wednesday. Something I would never ordinarily do, but I had seen several posters declaring that WLSA was in danger of folding. This I could understand if, maybe, we had 52.5% female students instead of 26.5%. WLSA is in no danger of folding, but I was disappointed to see less than twenty-five women there. I think not only the WLSA but the LSSS should make an effort to encourage a 50/50 split, male/female within the next five years. It's not as impossible when you think about it as it is at first hearing.

Think about it? One way all students could help is by encouraging female undergraduates to simply apply. I've been told by several different people that the number of men who enter in the fall is strongly determined by the number who apply. Probably each of us knows at least one female undergraduate (Right, guys?) who is thinking about it. Frankly I disagree with those who disparage the various qualities of female law students, but to them I say: Why don't you provide now for the students who will be here in a couple of years? Persuade your favorite undergraduate woman to apply here.

LOCKS

Every couple of days a resident suggests to me that the locks on the outside doors in sections K-P be changed to be like those in sections A-J. Those in A-J can be locked/unlocked easily by just pushing the buttons located in the free edge of the doors. In sections K-P, however, there is no way to lock or unlock the doors without an "L-1" key. Of course the "L" key everyone gets can open the doors, but not unlock them to leave them open.

Daily at between 11 and 12 PM I go around and lock all the doors. No one should unlock them until after 7 AM the next morning. Unfortunately someone usually does. Either unlocks the door in the case of sections A-J or props the door open in sections K-P. Please don't. Our hallways are not the kind of well-populated hallways you could find in larger dormitories. Someone with nefarious thoughts runs very little risk of being happened upon.

Twice last year during the day someone made the rounds through the sections and lifted a number of wallets and purses. Usually we'll have a stolen wallet reported in "B" section. A couple of hours later someone will find the wallet in the trashcan in "F" section and return to their room (which they left unlocked while they showered) to find their own wallet missing (By then, probably in the trash in "J" section.

Please keep the doors locked and closed whenever you can do so. I'm aware that there is a problem with friends visiting when they can't get to your room and knock on your door. Frankly I have no solution to that problem. If anyone has reached one please tell me and I'll describe it here in this column.

Residents of sections K-P should use the doorstops provided for that purpose. When you jam things either into the lock or between the hinges (What? Law students? -- Yes!) you almost invariably damage the door and cause more of our room and board money to be spent planing out the bottoms of doors or replacing sprung hinges.

One last thing this week. I am very strongly inclined towards going it on my own upon graduation and the bar exam. How many others feel that way? Does the placement office help with that type of plan? Anyone who might be interested in getting together occasionally to talk over problems in getting started alone, or to pass on information, please call me at 764-2018 and leave a message on the tape. Thanks.

Terry P. Calhoun
Night Manager
Law Quad Memo:

To: Law Club Residents

From: Margot and Sherry

The Student Labor Task Force for University Housing is conducting a survey to determine the reasons for the current shortage of student labor for residence hall jobs. Hopefully, the results will make it possible to correct this situation in the halls next year.

In order to make this a successful survey, we need help from each resident of the Lawyers Club in the following way. Residents will get survey forms in their mailboxes. Please fill out the survey and return it to the Law Club desk. When you return the survey, detach the tear-off section and place it in the appropriate container. Please have all surveys returned by Feb. 11.

A drawing will be made from the names of students returning surveys and several students will receive a set of movie tickets.

Many thanks for your help and cooperation.

S.F.F.

Organizational Meeting - Wednesday, February 7, 8:15 p.m. Room 217 Hutchins Hall.

Members of the Law School are invited for cider and doughnuts at our first meeting of this semester. We'll be discussing plans for the 1979 campaign, so stop by to learn more about the program or to talk about specific ways to help out. Creative energy needed in publicity, administration, liaison with the Bar, and other areas.

For more information, call Ed Krauland at 994-4425.
CONSIDERATIONS:

The question is, or was, should WLSA disband? The answer, arrived at during that body's most recent meeting, would seem to be no. I certainly think that that is right, but the more interesting question is--how did WLSA get to the point where it felt the need to ask this question and are they out of the woods?

We all know law school is time-consuming. What we should also know is that, important as they may be, books really aren't everything. One of the other things are those organizations to which we devote time and energy for our own reasons. For women at least, WLSA should be such an organization. No organization survives long without a reason for being.

There are many good reasons for the existence of WLSA. But we must recognize that people act on perceptions, not on reality. Though I perceive a need, women law students need not perceive the same need. So, assuming that there are in fact reasons for having WLSA, if no one perceives these reasons no one will perceive the need for WLSA. No one will participate and WLSA will die--so it would follow. To answer the first part of the question posed, one of the primary reasons for WLSA's predicament is that students lost sight of WLSA's relevance.

This raises additional complexities before the second part of the question (i.e. are they out of the woods?) can be answered. What are the reasons for the existence of WLSA? Manifestly, this question will have to be answered by the WLSA members themselves. But they should not assume that reasons are going to just walk in and sit on their laps. It will require a thoughtful, deliberative and reflective process for WLSA to identify and focus on the relevant issues to which it feels it should address itself.

A few things are obvious. First, WLSA should be a women's association, that is to say, it should be broad-based. It should not limit it's appeal to feminists, marrieds, or Quad residents. Current WLSA activists should welcome a broad-based membership, but it seems that many women don't perceive WLSA to be a broad-based organization. This is a problem of both education and communication. WLSA must find an effective means of communication--one that can reach all the Law School women. In that communication it must educate as to the many and varied desires and needs WLSA can and does serve.

WLSA must also deliver its "product". Women look at WLSA and ask, "What's in it for me?" WLSA must have an answer. They can have an answer for most of the women law students.

Second, if WLSA is to perform any function, it must have women in the Law School to make up its membership and to support its programs. This can be done by recruitment. Some women I've talked to lately seem to think that the recruitment process will take care of itself. I'm not so sure, but active encouragement of more women applicants certainly won't hurt.

Additionally, recruiters can work within the system with the Admissions Office and others, which would be an education in itself.

Third, WLSA can help assure that women admitted to the Law School will graduate. Though this isn't much of a problem here, it's always nice to have a little support. And the support can come in different ways. Academically, it can involve the kind of tutorial aid BLSA and La Raza have been giving 1st-year students. And it doesn't have to stop at the first-year level. WLSA can also provide socio-emotional support in a myriad of ways. It bothered me when, in talking with women in preparation for this article, a number of them said, "WLSA should be an emotional support group--but I don't need that." Maybe it's not intended, but that sounds like a put-down of WLSA as a lonely-hearts club. Some women feel no need for socio-emotional support from WLSA, they get enough from other sources--which is fine. But that is no reason for them not to get involved in some other aspect of WLSA. Furthermore, just because an individual doesn't feel the need for support shouldn't mean that she can't give support to those who do feel such a need. This seems to be a major educational problem with WLSA.

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The fourth obvious purpose for WLSA is alumnae contact. Since my column next week will deal with this whole area, including placement, I won't go into the area further, except to say that WLSA could use alumnae to probe the whole range of problems faced by women lawyers in the "real world". This could include sexism on the job but should include the problems of raising a family while being a lawyer. Many women law students are in conflict about the dual career/mother role, and yet are not will to shun either for the other. WLSA should reach these women and have workshops on these issues. They could be very valuable for everyone.

Fifth, and then I leave this laundry list to the imagination of WLSA, there seems to be little reason for the continued separation of WLSA and FLS. The kinds of things Feminist Legal Services does should be right up WLSA's community service "alley", while at the same time could be another appealing reason for active WLSA membership. FLS has had some problems this year, particularly with funding. Did anybody know about that? Did they care? If they were educated as to the services FLS could be providing it might have been a rallying point for some. At least it is a legitimate question for WLSA debate.

It may be unreasonable to expect WLSA to reach every woman all the time. But there are a wide range of special interests that can be served. WLSA must be careful not to limit their appeal to one group of women to the exclusion of some others. No group can sit back and expect people to come to them. That's wholly unrealistic under normal circumstances, but even more so in this hectic environment. But even further, WLSA must do more than merely educate law women, it should educate the entire law community on relevant issues. There is much benefit that can be had by all by such an approach. It could even lead to active assistance by non-"law women" in attaining WLSA's goals. And perhaps there could be a reduction in the level of sexism at the Law School as a result (though many women (and men) may not perceive its existence).

So, answering the second part of my question, WLSA isn't out of the woods by any means, not yet. Time will tell. Much of what I have said applies to other organizations. But if WLSA can sit down and decide what it wants from itself, it will be halfway to having it.

--Nat Colley

Ralph Talks

In a speech sponsored by LSSS, MSA and the Equal Justice Foundation, last Tuesday Ralph Nader urged law students to take a more active role in determining the direction their legal education will take.

Nader was on campus to promote the Equal Justice Foundation, a non-profit group supported by tithes of newly-graduated lawyers and dedicated to legal reform and demystification of the laws.

In an address punctured by jokes about professors at Harvard Law School and academic life in general, Nader exhorted law students to see beyond the tight, isolated subculture in which they are submerged, and to seek alternatives to the corporate life into which many of us are drawn.

Some of Nader's more poignant points:
- The bar exam is "eminently cramtable"--one should never choose courses to accommodate it.
- Professors, while very bright, are "prisoners" of the "academic mind set" and don't appreciate the narrowness of the legal environment any better than students do.
- Lawyers should assume a preventative role, rather than a purely compensatory one.
- We must question everything we see. It is our last chance at independence.

Good old Ralph.
With 45 people competing, the commissioners are depending upon everyone to play one match per week, and to report the score by noon each Monday. Check the board for your game, and play!

Law Gold has a strong team entered in the graduate swim meet. Dave Lesser will lead his team into the prelims tonight and Wednesday night at 8 pm at Matt Mann Pool. The finals are next Monday night. The lineup is posted on the sports bulletin board.

SECOND ANNUAL CANYON MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL LAW SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

If you want to enter a team in this year's law school basketball tournament, you must attend the organizational meeting on Thursday, February 8 at 3:45 pm in room 120 Hutchins Hall. The tournament is open to all law students and their spouses. The games will be played at the Sports Coliseum on Saturday, February 17 and Saturday, February 24. Each team must supply a referee who will be assigned to a maximum of three contests. If you have any questions, contact Commissioner Jack Butler (994-4993), Czar Jeff (663-0187), or Czar Al (662-7149).

A CHALLENGE

After reading that fine article in last week's RG concerning Law Crimson's win over Law Black'n'Blue, we of the poor, unfortunate losing team desire to issue a small challenge to the astounding basketball talent comprising Law Crimson. Are you men enough to engage in another contest with a small wager of a keg riding on the outcome? Seeing how your team is the greatest thing to hit basketball since the jump shot, winning a keg from lowly Law Black'n'Blue would be like taking candy from the proverbial baby! Right! So either put up or shut up!

Sincerely,
Law Black'n'Blue

"SPARKY" IGNITES CRIMSON FLAME

"Sparky" Stefan Stein scored on scats of shots and scoops Sunday in leading "No-Knee" Butler's Law Crimson to a 45-35 victory over the Law Wackers. The Wackers had their hands full with hot Crimson shooters "Staircase" Kaplan and "Senator" Gasner. "Rainbow" MacKinnon showed he can go both ways by combining a deft touch in the forecourt with consistent defensive rebounding and ballhawking on defense. "Bump" Levinson played the all-around game we've come to take for granted, picking up loose men and making big passes. "'Bulldozer' Lowenstein will have to play his way back into the lineup," said "No-Knee," commenting on the great job Bump did in taking the vacationing star's place. Also absent from Sunday night's contest was "Flash" Quicksilver, injured by the rough play in Thursday's 40-37 loss to BLSA. Fortunately, "Technical" Henick came out of retirement, and in failing to foul out, spelled the starters with a good defensive performance. The Crimson and BLSA tied for first place in their league with 3-1 records.

PHID FLUKE??

Led by Warren "One-man Zone Press" Taylor and Jordan "Call me Spanarkel" Miller, Law Phids rolled to a 61-29 victory over Sports Editor Al Knauf's Law Purple. Taylor scored 24 points and Miller 22, raising their season averages to 16.7 and 20.7 points per game, respectively. Law Phids are 3-0, having won by an average margin of 20 points per game.

The game was not as close as the final score would indicate. The halftime score was 27-5, and Phids coasted home on the strength of Miller's 19 second half points. Only the fact that the scorer stopped counting Phid baskets toward the end kept the carnage down. Rounding out the Phids' scoring, Lloyd Snook had 12 points, Mike Denton 6, Ed "The Cyclon Kid" Krauland 2, and Jessie Roberson 1.

SPORTS EDITOR'S NOTE: Why are they playing in the recreational division with us hackers?
AL'S SPORTS CORNER (Concluded from Pages 5 and 14)

LE CHATEAU DOES IT AGAIN!!!

Le Chateau de Bacchanalia held its First Annual Ground Hog Day Party/Hillbilly Hootenanny on Friday night. Over 300 people had a good ole time at the "ludicrous legal lodge." Le Chateau served 20 gallons of Buckwheat's dry ice punch, and set a new record for beer consumption- 5 1/2 kegs. The celebration broke up at about 5 am, at which point the hay barrels were spread through the whole house, the floor stopped shaking, and Scott "Go Green! Go White" Lange reportedly woke up. The Bacchanale brothers have a great selection of lost gloves, mittens and hats. So, all you people who were too wasted to get all your clothes on when you left (and didn't notice you were cold), please come claim them. Remember, Max the Gopher says, "Go fer the max!!"

IM Scoreboard

Scores are through Friday.

GRADUATE COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL
Law Green 45, Grand Rapids Phillies 24
Law Green 36, Gym Fungus 27
Grand Rapids Phillies 38, Marginal Scrubs 16

GRADUATE RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL
Law Phids 61, Law Purple 29
Law Gray 40, Law Bronze 30
DSD "B" 46, Law Raza 20
Corpus Delecti W, IPPS II F

WOMEN'S COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL
Hunt House W, Law Gunners F
Humor 34, Law Female 26

WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL
Legal Eagles 21, Williams 19
INDEPENDENT COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL
The Canyon 91, HSRI Sled Dummies 16
The Canyon 52, Explosion 36
COREC COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL
Waldo's 64, Law Maroon 54
Imperial Storm Troopers 57, Michigan Bar Association 35

U-Towers 102, Law Strawberry 14
COREC RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL
Wangoes 32, Law Peppermint 16

Graduate Soccer I 4, Law Passers 3
Snowbound 5, Law Purple 1
Law Express 7, Alice's B 1
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

The final order of law school shirts is in. Please stop by the PHID House between 11 AM and 3PM to pick yours up or a refund if you have one coming.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Cercle Francais meets Wednesday noon - 1PM for French conversation this semester in the Faculty Dining Room, Lawyers' Club. (Bring a bag lunch if you like)

E.J.F. membership campaign meeting noon in Room 236.

Christian Law Students Bible study on I Peter 2:1-17, 3:35 in the Cook Room.

Student Funded Fellowship organizational meeting-8:15PM in room 217 H.H.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

P.A.D. Luncheon - with guest speaker: the University's Interim President, our own Professor Allan Smith, noon, Faculty Dining Room. Everyone's Welcome!


Fred Bosselman, Esq., partner with the law firm of Ross, Hardies, O'Keefe, Babcock & Parsons in Chicago, IL will speak on "Sprawl is Beautiful: Careers in Planning Law." Sponsored by LSS Speakers Committee, Michigan Student Assembly--4PM, Room 132 H.H.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Black Sheet Tavern Trip. Leave Monroe St. Lot at 4:00PM. Confirm with the L.H.C. by Wednesday Afternoon

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

WLSA is having lunch next week in the faculty dining room. Bring a bag lunch or buy a Lawyer's Club special, and join us for a discussion about women's issues. Check next week's R.G. for details as to a speaker and topics.