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Killer Drivers Drop From View

How do the police, courts, and driver licensing authorities deal with drivers involved in fatal traffic crashes in Michigan?

A University of Michigan study has found evidence of incomplete record-keeping on these drivers—including a lack of entries on legal charges filed and the disposition of the court cases—and a pattern of "undercharging, plea bargaining, and extended delays in dispositions."

The study, conducted by researchers at the U-M's Highway Safety Research Institute (HRSI), focused on 2,361 surviving drivers in 1,997 fatal traffic accidents during 1972. That year was chosen to ensure a sufficient lapse of time for judicial and administrative processes to have been completed.

The study was conducted by HRSI researchers Kent B. Joscelyn, Paul A. Ruschmann and William T. Pollock, and reported by Ruschmann in the HRSI publication "Research Review."

The researchers found that actual felony charges were about one-third as frequent as they could have been, with many drivers who could have been charged with felonies being accused of lesser offenses or nothing at all.

Statistically, Ruschmann reported that of the 2,361 drivers studied, 579 (or 24.5%) could have been charged with felonies—100 with manslaughter and 479 with negligent homicide. By contrast, comparison of records revealed that only 187 of the 2,361 drivers (or 7.9%) had apparently been charged with accident-causing felonies, while another 121 were charged with misdemeanors.

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U. of M. to Hold Transportation Seminars

Transportation will be explored from many angles in a U of M seminar-lecture series beginning February 14.

Robert L. Hess, director of the U-M Highway Safety Research Institute and chairman of the transportation program executive committee, said, "Because transportation has become a dominant factor in the economic and social health of Michigan and the United States, it will pose a significant to the educational and research resources of this University for decades to come."

"We hope this series will provide a gauge of the interest here in aspects of the field of transportation. The program's executive committee can then decide whether there could be a cohesive program of research and teaching in the transportation area here at Michigan."

During the series, a lecture will be given or a seminar led by an invited speaker every Wednesday. The following day, a University faculty member will chair a seminar or lecture on the same or related areas of transportation.

Among the topics in the series will be: airline deregulation and transportation regulation in general, urban and regional planning and economics, contemporary transportation research methodology, rail revitalization and restructuring, goods and materials movement and intermodalism, transportation labor issues, transportation technology topics, and government's role in the management of change and the implementation of innovation.

The series will provide an opportunity for the University community to meet academic, industrial and government transportation experts. All the talks
February 8, 1979

TO THE EDITOR

Last week's "Cryptic Quiz" solution was a rude and shocking example of sexist humor. One need not be a radical feminist to be offended. The attempt to sanction such an unenlightened attitude with a quote from an eminent jurist disparages women in general and the women law students in particular. Its appearance in the student newspaper demeans the Law School.

It is little wonder that there was initial confusion about the source of the phantom RJ. The difference between the RG and the RJ at times is merely a matter of degree. The RJ was objectionable because it crudely attacked individuals; the RG is little better when it promulgates categorical insults. Such immature "humor" has a demoralizing effect. It is hoped this is not representative of law students' attitudes in general. Some editorial discretion regarding this brand of humor is called for in the future.

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No doubt, Justice Holmes' remark, "There are not infrequent times when a bottle of wine, a good dinner and a girl of some trivial sort can fill the hour for me," is sexist. Unfortunately, Holmes was a M.C.P. So are we, every once in a while. At eleven-thirty on Sunday night when there is a three-inch gap on page six, editors tend to be much less discreet in selecting filler.

Let it be known, however, that the editors of the Res Gestae did not, by the inclusion of the quotation, intend to "attempt to sanction" Holmes', and others, unenlightened attitude toward women. We viewed the comment as a piece of ironic historical trivia (in light of Holmes' "enlightened" reputation).

We sincerely apologize to all of the abovementioned persons who became demoralized by the printing of the statement, and to any other persons who might have been similarly, or dissimilarly, affected thereby.

We did not mean to hurl categorical insults at the women of this law school (who are certainly not of the "trivial sort" referred to by Holmes), or at women generally (whom we also do not view as being of the "trivial sort").
Karen Burrell, Treasurer, reported that W.L.S.A. is quite solvent. As a result, any appropriate activity that the W.L.S.A. wants to pursue can probably be funded. Even the Alumnae Conference last fall was not a financial drain, because we financed almost the entire cost from the sale of Michigan Law mugs.

Carla Nails, Newsletter Editor, pointed out that while the Newsletter is of high quality, very few are contributing articles. Its purpose is to serve as a forum for communication, and it is not clear whether it is performing that purpose now. It was noted that the Newsletter might get wider circulation if published as part of the Res Gestae. However, that would destroy its focus as a women's publication. Carla felt that these issues should be discussed at a separate session.

The second part of the meeting was a free-form conversation. The theme was that W.L.S.A. should provide a better opportunity for communication and learning, and that for people to attend something worthwhile or fun must be happening. Several noted that they had been active feminists in undergraduate school, but had not really been moved to participate actively in law school. There are apparently the usual problems of lack of time and communication.

We are going to try to have meetings at a convenient time and place for both those who live in the Quad and those who do not. Also, a more diligent attempt will be made to put up notices in locations that everyone might see, including the Lawyer's Club and in the R.G. So, everyone, please take it upon yourself to feel cordially invited to any and all functions, without someone escorting you to them. Even better, invite a friend to go with you. At this point, W.L.S.A. is willing to expand its function and focus. If you are interested, but have doubts that the present activities are worthwhile, speak to one of the officers and we will try to implement any improvements you might have. It is important to remember that this organization is open...

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TRANSPORTATION SEMINARS TO BE HELD
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 14
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will be held at 1 p.m. on the 4th floor of the Rackham Graduate School.

John Snow, v-p for governmental affairs of the Chessie System will be the
first speaker Feb. 14 in the West Conference Room. He will discuss the
federal regulatory controls on motor vehicles and airline and rail dereg-
ulation. Snow served in the D.O.T. during 1972-77.

Professor Sallyanne Payton will speak Feb. 15 in the East Conference
Room. She is the former chief counsel for the Urban Mass Transportation
Administration. Payton will discuss the institutional aspects of the
transportation regulation process.

Seven other speakers will give presentations on other aspects of the
transportation area, on Feb. 28, Mar. 14, 15, 20, 21, Apr. 10 and Apr. 11.
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WLSA's FUTURE (From Page 3)
to all women and would benefit from
diversity of ideas and needs. Now that
women are no longer tokens, there is
naturally going to be a greater spread
in people's priorities and interests.
One thing, however, that everyone agreed
on was the need to continue W.L.S.A.
Also, it is important to be visible to
women applying to Michigan Law School.
Many women had voiced concern over the
state of women already at the schools
to which they were applying. W.L.S.A.
will try to reach them.

The best concrete product of Thursday's
meeting was a decision to have the
weekly lunches. Meg Munson Lentz has
scheduled the first one for Tuesday,
February 13. Let's have a real interest­
ing group show up and see what happens!

--Elaine Mittleman

L.S.S.S. Notes

Senate Seeks Fearless Individual to Evaluate Faculty

Opportunity available for someone interested in polling students to
evaluate the Law School faculty. This
is how Pat Caddill, Harris, Gallup and
others all got their starts. If you
are interested, see Al Knauf or stop
by the Senate office in Room 217.

Election Petitions Ready This Week

Petitions for those persons interested in running for election to the LSSS
will be available starting on Friday, Feb. 16, at the LSSS office. Please
pick them up during regular business hours.

The petitions are due at 5 p.m. on
Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the LSSS office.

Senate Provides Funds to Gambling Operations

No, it's not an unprecedented scandal in Law School Student government, nor
is this a dramatic tale of laundered money, midnight flights to Las Vegas,
and threats of cement overcoats.

Instead, the somewhat less scandalous truth is that the Senate voted $450
to the Law Spouses Association for their "Casino Night", March 24. Law
students and other high rollers will be able to drink, carouse, and gamble
in pursuit of "raffled-off" prizes.

Next week: More yellow-journalism when we ask the question, "Is it true
the West Publishing Company is owned and operated by the Communist Party?"

NEXT MEETING--Thursday, February 15 6:30 P.M.
Machle’s Musings

Sitting on the 47-yard lane at the U-M/Duke football game, some of us reminisced about happy times in Criminal Law. Partway through an application of Prof. Kamisar’s burden of proof analogy to new guidelines for referees, a middle-aged man turned and said, "You’re obviously law students. What do you think of that new show, 'Paper Chase'?"

He was a trifle put off by our laughter (as have been several million others who have asked me that question).

That seems to be the stock conversation starter for the non-law student addressing the law student these days. And how do you explain in a calm, friendly, uncomplicated manner that in real life law professors don't have personal vendettas against a single student, that study groups don't spend 85% of their time together, that no major law school to my knowledge prohibits drinking ....

It seems to me that rather than each of us wasting time explaining all this, we should produce our own show to tell it like it REALLY is.

I can see it now—a montage of typical scenes at Hutchins Hall:
- Round-shouldered, consumptive types carrying five-foot stacks of tax regs everywhere they go.
- Healthy, smiling types carrying 12-packs everywhere they go.
- Entire classes entering Room 150 in down jackets, mittens and afghans—then shedding down to bathing suits as they pass on to Room 220.
- 11:02 a.m. in the women's restrooms—where on an average, 2 out of 4 toilets are out of order or have someone locked inside, unable to free herself, and a long line of people with class starting in 3 minutes. (For added fun we could shoot a brief scene of 54 different women trying the door of the 2nd floor restroom, only to find it locked by the janitor.)
- Then we could switch to classroom scenes: Monday afternoon classes with all but the gunners filling out the sports poll. Friday afternoon classes with none but the gunners.

Thursday classes where one by one the students pick up their books, straighten skirts or ties, and tiptoe out—until the professor is lecturing to an empty classroom.
- Fresh air freaks bounding in and opening all the windows so that hurricane-like winds blow everyone's papers hither and yon.
- Back to Room 150 where all you hear is pile drivers . . . the prof's mouth out of sync.
- And, of course, we couldn't forget to show the folks out there in TV land what law students do for fun. Social hour in the Reading Room . . . Phid House parties with 6 lonely future lawyers of America (male) to every freshman dental assistant (female) of the future . . . the Cottage Inn, the V Bell, Fraser's, Del Rio's, Mr. Flood's . . .

I wonder how we'd do on the Nielsen ratings—probably pretty well . . . there's certainly enough violence involved.

--Kathy Machle

Mount Cook: Update

As reported last week in the Res Gestae, Mt. Cook has been evicted from the Quad, with orders to be out as soon as possible. We noted with interest that last Friday the steam shovel had disappeared, seemingly for good, though the job was only half done.

Ms. Leary, Assistant Director of the Law Library told us this weekend, that the dirt has not been given a reprieve or an extension. The subcontractor has been ordered to have the dirt out of the Quad by the fifteenth. If the dirt has not been removed by then, the University will have it removed and charge the expense to the subcontractor. So it looks like the noise will resume in the Quad shortly, but residents of K-P sections will be glad to have a direct route to the library and Hutchins Hall again.

- Polly Latovick
DEADLY DRIVERS DESERVE MORE

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Because some dispositions were not entered in records of the Department of State Police, Department of State and some local courts, the outcomes of all 187 felony charges could not be determined in the U-M study. Of the 143 known dispositions of felony charges, 74 were felony convictions, 40 were misdemeanor convictions, and 27 were dismissals or acquittals, said Ruschmann.

Noting the need for further examination of police and prosecutors' "investigative and charging policies," Ruschmann suggested that:

"Presumably some instances of undercharging or failure to charge stemmed from reluctance to bring felony charges in cases where the evidence necessary to support such a conviction was judged to be weak.

"Some such instances apparently resulted from decisions not to charge those who had lost relatives as the result of their at-fault driving behavior. However, what role these--or other--factors played in lowering the frequency of charges could not be established."

The U-M researchers found a much higher rate of penalizing drivers by the Michigan Department of State, which is authorized to re-examine the fitness of drivers whose record suggests an inability to drive safely.

U-M projections, based on records by the Department of State, showed that 60% of drivers actually charged with a felony received some sort of sanction (such as suspension of license): of the 288 drivers charged with accident-causing felonies and misdemeanors, 171 were sanctioned and 107 not sanctioned, the study found. And projections of the total study population of 2,361 drivers showed 495 were sanctioned, 1,341 re-examined by licensing authorities but not sanctioned, and 525 against whom no action apparently was taken.

Noting problems with the state's system of record-keeping on the drivers Ruschmann concluded:

"The study indicated that centrally administered record systems relating to driving offenses in Michigan did not contain sufficient data to permit precise determinations of how drivers in fatal crashes were dealt with by the criminal justice and licensing systems.

"To obtain gross estimates of the frequency of charges or sanctions, the study had to be extended to include examination of records at individual local courts."

Ruschmann also noted that "many of the police accident reports maintained in the Dept. of State Police 'fatal file' contained no information on the charges brought against drivers involved in fatal accidents. Nor did all of the reports contain unequivocal entries on whether the case was open or closed. Some reports, particularly those from the Detroit Police Dept., were incompletely or inconsistently filled out.

"The driver record file maintained by the Dept. of State contained less than one-half of the convictions for manslaughter or negligent homicide. This indicated that the procedures by which information from the State Police and courts of record are transmitted to the Dept. of State need to be reviewed and improved," the study recommended.

On the other hand, the study concluded that "the Dept. of State has been consistently applying the criteria expressed by Michigan law in investigating the competence of at-fault drivers in fatal accidents and removing unfit drivers from the road."

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ST. VALENTINE'S SHERRY HOUR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1979
3:30 - - - 6:00

LAWYERS' CLUB LOUNGE

BEER WINE MUNCHIES

Sponsored By the L.S.S.S. Social Committee
ELS Projects

The Environmental Law Society is off and running after a general meeting two weeks ago. For those of you who missed it and have found a second semester of boredom is getting you down, pick out a project and get the fell of doing some real "lawyering". As ELS does not presently exist as a clinic, projects suffer as third-year students graduate. First- and second-year students are especially needed to join project teams.

MEREMBERG PRESERVE--a private land-owner in Colombia has preserved a portion of the tropical forest in its natural state. In order to acquire surrounding lands, fund scientific research and maintain the tract, this project seeks to secure tax-exempt status for an American organization which could receive deductible contributions for the benefit of the preserve. Questions to be researched include, among others: 1) Must the ownership of the land be removed from private hands to satisfy the conditions for tax-deductible gifts to a tax-exempt American fund-raising organization (IRC §501c3, 170c2, "non-incurrence" requirement)? And if title must change, does Colombian law prevent landownerships by foreign organizations? 2) If the American fund-raising mechanism is organized as a corporation, is it eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions from American business corporations, despite the fact that the contributions will be used abroad (IRC 170c2, last sentence)? 3) What is the limit on tax-deductible contributions to the U.S. fund-raising organization--50% or 20% of an individual's adjusted gross income? (IRC 170)

Project contact: Peter Wiedenbeck, 662-1006.

FERMI II--ELS, in coalition with other environmental and anti-nuclear citizen groups, has been granted standing as intervening party in Nuclear Regulatory Commission proceedings relating to Detroit Edison's Fermi II plant near Monroe, Michigan. The contention which we expect to engender the most serious debate concerns quality control during the construction.

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STATE LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING AND BILL DRAFTING—Four issues will be before the Michigan Legislature this term which are of prime importance. The Number One environmental issue will be a wetlands bill. Legal analysis of the bill and proposed amendments will be needed, requiring some research on EPA standards. Most importantly will be an opportunity to lobby and get acquainted with State Legislators. Anyone interested in the tradeoffs between natural areas and land development should find this an interesting project. A proposed revision of the Michigan Drain Code in light of the Headlee Amendment, by the House Drainage Committee, will be an opportunity to do substantive Code review. Other potential legislative issues will be state floodplain management and farmland protection. Call Julian Izbiky at 663-8348 or Paul Pratt at 662-5978 to start.

PIGEON RIVER COUNTRY STATE FOREST—Research of at least three issues is needed in the ongoing conflict over the use of the natural resources in the Pigeon River State Forest. The opportunity to become acquainted with current law in the area of natural resource (gas and oil) extraction should not be overlooked here.
1) Research and monitoring of DNR gas and oil leases on private property.
2) Research into the possibility of requiring unitized drilling in the Pigeon River area, either as a lease requirement or by drilling regulation.
3) Research to determine whether there is a conflict in allowing commercial oil and gas drilling in an area which receives Pittman-Robertson funds. Call Kevin Smith at 769-6929 to join.

Finally, if you are aware of other potential projects, drop by the ELS office in the basement of the Library. Every Tuesday at noon we meet over bag lunches. Or, you can call Mike Aichenbaum at 994-4989.
CONSIDERATIONS:

About a year ago this time, I walked into Carrington's Civil Procedure class, late, as usual. He was muttering in lower than normal tones and the class was totally silent. I sat down and turned to Jane Garfinkel. "What's going on?" I asked. "Butch Carpenter died last night," she said.

I've been thinking about exactly how I felt right then. The usual things to say are works like stunned, shocked, and disbeliefing. I guess they're all accurate enough, yet nevertheless inadequate. Perhaps that's more from overuse than anything else. At any rate, I can honestly say that even though I do believe it, I still haven't gotten over the experience.

People I've known personally have died before, of course. And most of them were closer to me than Butch was. But they were all elderly and sick. I was prepared for their deaths. Butch was not just young, but healthy, at least as far as I could tell. More important than that, though, Butch was my friend. And this is my small remembrance to him.

We started law school together, 84, 1977, summer starters. We were two of the only three Blacks to start then--the third was John Palmer. I suppose one might say it was only natural then that we strike up some sort of friendship. Yes, there was the usual small talk about classes, cracking jokes and such. But the thing I value most about my relationship with Butch was sharing quite serious discussions with him.

One of our favorite topics was the City of Detroit. He was very much in favor of the "renaissance", and there was much he wanted to do for the city. He gave me new insights on the problems of Blacks, the big city and their inter-relationship, that I had never before appreciated and will not forget.

I can't recall what we were doing, or when, or where, the last time I saw him alive. It's jumbled up with so many other images--in the library, at Dominick's--just because I was so used to seeing him.

I rode to the funeral with Hwesu Sam Murray. We found the church easily enough. Not being from a city with a large Black population, I'd never seen a Black church so big. And it was filled. Not just people from his hometown, but a lot from Ann Arbor. People from his fraternity, the football team--yes, even Bo was there. And there were a number of us from the Law School, as well.

After the services, it took me close to half an hour before I could satisfy myself that when I talked to Butch's parents and widow I wouldn't break into tears. I did that by crying my tears out during that half hour. I went up to his father, introduced myself, and told him quite honestly that I didn't know what to say. "There's nothing to say," he said kindly. "It just hurts a whole lot."

My wife likes to say that everyone is put on earth for a reason. I can't conceive of Butch having fulfilled his purpose so soon. But whatever, I'm grateful for the privilege of having known him, if only for the last eight months of his life. He is someone who touched me, and I shall never forget him.

In April, the Black Law Students Alliance will sponsor a dinner dance. The money raised thereby will go to the Butch Carpenter Memorial Scholarship, which was set up last year. It is an appropriate tribute, and I hope as many of us as possible will support it.

--Nat Colley

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

"Necessity knows no law; I know some attorneys of the same."

--Benjamin Franklin, Poor Richard's Almanack (1734).
Law Gold was knocked out of the "A" Graduate Basketball playoffs by Abar Cadaver, 39-37. Last year, while playing as Law Orange, they lost to the Epidemics in the "A" finals. Abar Cadaver's only loss this year was a forfeit. The Cadavers also knocked Gold out of the football playoffs in the fall.

Brent Graber's hot-shooting Law Black'n'Blue surprised previously unbeaten Law Green, 44-33. Black'n'Blue lost two close games in its first two outings (BLSA and Law Crimson), but has been playing tough ball ever since. BLSA nipped the Grand Rapids Phillies (a.k.a. West Philadelphia Speedboys) and the Doctors of Decay to set up a quarterfinal matchup with top-ranked Epidemics. Law Booters, semifinalists last year (Law Fuschia), ran into foul trouble and were upset by Dental Derelicts.

Three Law School teams have given the Epidemics a run for the money. In the regular season, Legalese lost to them by 4, and Booters were within 2 with a couple minutes to go, eventually losing by 7. Joe Tilson's Pistols were down by 2 at the half in their prequarterfinal game, but eventually lost by 13. Legalese, which lost it three regular season games by very close scores, could be the dark horse in the "B" Playoffs. Here are my rankings for graduate basketball for this week:

1. Epidemics (4-0)
2. MBA Green (4-0)
3. Abar Cadaver (4-1)
4. LAW GOLD (3-1)
5. DSD "A" (4-0)
6. MBA Blue (3-0)
7. Dental Derelicts (4-1)
8. LAW BOOTERS (2-2)
9. BLSA (4-1)
10. LAW BLACK'N'BLUE (3-2)

The Canyon Law School Basketball Tournament gets underway Saturday morning at the Sports Coliseum on Hill Street. Twenty-four teams entered, an increase of nine over last year. Contrary to previous announcements, the last games on Saturday will conflict with the first half of the Michigan-Michigan State game on TV. This is because so many teams entered that the court time had to be extended.

Twenty of the forty-two graduate division teams in basketball are from the law school. There are about 1100 law students, and 15,000 graduate students. So, law students participate over ten times greater than other graduate students. Why is this true? Possibly because law students are in a relatively closed environment and therefore have a lot more friends to play on teams with, and Sports Committee pays for entry fees and gets out information well. Or is it because law students are so much more competitive and athletic than other graduate students? If it's safe to generalize (and it's not), law students are more outgoing and balanced than most of their peers in other fields, and thus more likely to do things like socialize and play sports. But the most important factor is competition - in grades, jobs, the adversary system, and in intramural sports.

Tonight, Law Gold battles DSD "A" and the field in the Graduate Swim Meet, at 6 pm at Matt Mann Pool. John Croll qualified first in the 50 yard butterfly (25.59). The 200 medley relay (Croll, Broscher, Helder and Lesser) and the 200 freestyle relay (Lohman, Cochran, Dorado and Schumm) both qualified second in 1:52.9 and 1:53.3 respectively. Other promising Gold performances should come from Dave Lesser in the 50 and 100 yard freestyles, Rich Dorado (100 and 200 free), Scott Broscher (100 individual medley, 50 butterfly), and Phil Boggs (50 butterfly).

We have acquired new ping pong paddles for checkout at the Lawyers' Club desk. Please be careful of them. Also, we got Risk, Monopoly and Backgammon. Terry Calhoun and I submitted a proposal to redo the game room (pinball room) to LSSS. $3,000 of the funding would come from the Lawyers' club, while $1,000 would come from LSSS. We would like to repaper the walls, carpet part of the room, and add a pool table, another foosball table, and some tables and chairs. Note that about $8,000 of LSSS's annual revenues come from pinball and coke. Renovation of the Hutchins Hall student lounge is also being considered.
IM Scoreboard

GRADUATE COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL

Law Gold 57, MBA Wombats 37
Law Crimson 45, Law Wackers 35
BLSA W, Nu Sigma Nu F
Epidemics 57, Law Booters 50
CGI 45, Legalese 43
MBA Green 69, Law Yellow 28
MBA Blue58, Pistols 35
Law Red 51, Gold In Lays 46

"A" PLAYOFFS
FIRST ROUND
BLSA 41, Grand Rapids Phillies 37
Law Detergent 60, Law Crimson 30
PREQUARTERFINAL ROUND
Epidemics 46, Pistols 33
BLSA 36, Doctors of Decay 33
Dental Derelicts 48, Law Booters 40
MBA Green 56, Law Detergent 34
Abar Cadaver 39, Law Gold 37
MBA Blue 40, Law Wackers 32
Law Black'n'Blue 44, Law Green 33

"B" PLAYOFFS
PREQUARTERFINAL ROUND
High & Tight II W, Law Orange L
Law Red 46, Marginal Scrubs 24
Law Silver 54, Gym Fungus 34
Legalese 50, Gold In Lays 22
GRADUATE RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL
"A" PLAYOFF SEMIFINAL ROUND
Law Phids 56, Law Raza 45
WOMEN'S COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL
"B" PLAYOFF PREQUARTERFINAL ROUND
Law Gunners W, Wenley F
Law Female W, Van Hoosen One F
WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL
"A" PLAYOFF QUARTERFINAL ROUND
Delta Gamma 16, Legal Eagles 12
ALL CAMPUS HOCKEY
Law Gold tied Bizad Bombers
GRADUATE TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
"A"
DSD "A" 2, Law Gold 1
"B"
Corpus Delecti 3, Law Silver 0

THEORETICAL BASKETBALL
Law Review 31, Faculty 28

OBITUARY

We are glad to announce the passing away of Law Crimson. For the unaware, Law Crimson was the author of several, shall we say biased accounts of their intramural basketball games. Crimson had a short, but undistinguished career as a contributor to the RG.

Cause of death was being taken to the cleaners. Crimson's passing away occurred at 9:00 pm on Wednesday, February 7. The alleged murderer was Law Detergent, and it has pleaded guilty on all counts.

Leading the washing machine was Rick Lopez who went the cycle 20 times. His act was followed by Phil Schradle and Dan Conway who rinsed Crimson until it turned a pale pink. And then Jeff Eisen and Chris Donnelly put Crimson out to dry. Bill Fallon, Steve Lockhart and Stan Shapiro then folded up Crimson and added the finishing touches.

The game was close the first half (20-16), but from that point on it was downy-hill. In the second half the tide turned as Detergent applied the arm and hammer and wiped up 60-30.

Crimson's fans had nothing to yell about in the second half, for it was all temp a cheer for Detergent. Crimson could not gain at all on Detergent for this is the era of Law Detergent.

Funeral will be held at Maytag's.

LAW DETERGENT

Sports editor's note: Seeing no "clear and present danger" (except in one line concerning a female spectator and Dynamo detergent), I printed this article. Unfortunately, yet another team of literary giants went down to defeat yesterday, as Law Detergent was eliminated from the basketball playoffs by MBA Green.

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A NIGHT IN THE TROPICS
Friday, February 23 9:00 PM
Lawyers' Club Lounge

Tickets will go on sale this week in front of room 100 for this party. They cost $2.00 per person, which includes tropical drinks and beer. A drawing will be held at the party for a trip for two to the Bahamas for spring break. You must be present to win. The winners get round trip plane tickets, lodging for eight days, and spending money. This event is sponsored by LSSS Social Committee. Several graduate and professional schools are co-sponsoring the party—business, Rackham, Public Health, and Dental Hygiene.

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SECOND ANNUAL CANYON MEMORIAL LAW SCHOOL OPEN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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All games are played at the Coliseum. Mens' Division Games #1-#20 and Womens' Division Game 'A' will be played on Saturday, February 17, 1979. Mens' Games #21-#29 and Womens' Games 'B'- 'D' will be played on Saturday, February 24, 1979. Questions or problems, contact tournament organizers:

Jack Butler  994-4993  
Al Knauf  662-7149  
Jeff Liebster  663-0187
Each team must supply one referee at the times listed below by their name. Tournament rules provide that teams will forfeit their berth for failure to provide officials. Please cooperate.

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Anyone in the Law School who knows basketball rules and would like to help officiate the tournament should contact Jack Butler at 994-4993.
Portnoy's Cultural Corner

This is the first in a (though you may hope otherwise) series of contrasting viewpoints. On one side there are my just and perceptive (dare I say witty?) musings; the other views represent the inane, semi-literate musings of baser "minds" (using that term loosely).

Let it not be said that I prejudged "Side By Side By Sondheim," which was "performed" (again being generous) last week in the Power Center as part of the Professional Theatre Program. Far from it; I gave it at least two (for me very painful) minutes before deciding that at the end of the first part I would suddenly remember a previous commitment that would force me to exit.

By that time I didn't merely exit--I fled. The show was a snore. "You Gotta Have a Gimmick" (one of the songs) was apt. The show's gimmick was a random repertoire of Sondheim oldies sung by three tuneless wonders who had all the intensity of beached flounder. Narration was provided by Hermione Gingold, who, I understand, was exhumed for this part. The attempts at bawdy (and oh so stale) humor were insipid.

Even the song titles struck dissonant chords as oft-induced yawns set me adrift. As they sang "Could I Leave You?" I thought could they only. During "Buddy's Blues" I rued they were Bobby's. "Everybody Says Don't" began the second part--had they only heeded their own words. By the time they got to "I'm Still Here" I, to my deep relief, wasn't.

I was on my way home, licking my wounds and salivating at the prospect of reviewing the show.

Still, I was (and remain) unprepared for the obtuse drivel adjacent (next column).

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Counter Culture

R.C. Stavoe, Jr.

Portnoy, you boorish schmuck. You wouldn't know a decent musical from Bella Abzug singing in the bathtub. "Side by Side by Sondheim" was a lively production, full of genuinely talented renditions of Sondheim's best known songs. The collection of numbers from "Follies", "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum", "Company", "Gypsy", "A Little Night Music", "The Mad Show", "The 7% Solution", "Anyone Can Whistle", "Pacific Overtures", and "West Side Story" was comedy for everyone over age eight--maybe that was why you didn't appreciate the show.

Hermione Gingold narrated the songs, tossing in a number of worn jokes from the 1950s (which had been revived from the 30s...). No one else could have got a chuckle--the audience guffawed for Gingold's versions of the bawdy gags about ex-husbands, etc. She was just what the audience expected and wanted--and she played the character role to the limit, but successfully. She is one of the few old madames of the theatre who can make a convincing game of the double entendre-loaded script.

Jack Blacot, the only male in the "show" (as distinguished from a "play"), while not setting the stage on fire, did a very fine job of interpretation--especially in light of the settings for which many of the songs were originally written. His voice is excellent, but the show was not designed for him to steal the center ring.

Barbara Heuman and Stephanie Cotsirilos were both exceptionally talented singers, and for this show a lot of talent was necessary. It could have easily fallen flat on its whatever had it not been for these two. Each was comfortable with her role. Each was enthusiastic in her rendition. In comedy, that's often a battle--not here. Voices unflawed, range extensive, execution very sharp.

It made for a great night of comedy with another winner from PTP.
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-1:30pm  Lunch on your own
1:00-5:00pm  Job Fair
1:30-3:30pm  Workshop: South Africa Liberation
3:45-5:00pm  Candidates' speeches
3:45-5:00pm  Moot Court competition
7:00-9:00pm  Casino
10:00-2:00am  Workshop: Summing Up To Move Forward - Black Leadership in the 80's

Saturday, February 17
9:00-5:00pm  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

REWARD--$25 for information leading to fall lease of a 3 to 5 bedroom house. Call Mike at 994-4989.

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.

Mr. Kenneth V. Cockerel will be the Keynote Speaker for the Saturday night banquet.

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HUTCHIN’S HEROES

... In fact, just the other
day Khomeini suggested that
foreign invaders be treated like
thieves, who in Biblical times
had their hands lopped off
for stealing.

You can simply think of it as
my HANDS OFF policy.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1979

The National Lawyers Guild is sponsoring a potluck dinner in honor of Lincoln's birthday at 6:30 at Ann Maclaine's house. Short meeting after dinner to discuss the National Convention. Directions and sign-up sheet are on Guild bulletin board. All interested persons are welcome.

Campbell Moot Court Competition 7:00 p.m. in the Moot Court Room.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

WLSA lunch- our guest will be Nancy Kreiger from the placement office. Informal discussion on sexism in interviewing in the Faculty Dining Room at noon. Bring your own or buy a Lawyers Club special.

Equal Justice Foundation group meeting - Noon Room 236

Campbell Moot Court Competition 7:00 p.m. in the Moot Court Room.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

WLSA elections to be held in front of Room 100 from 12 to 3. All women law students are eligible vote. Please stop by and vote!

Christian Law Students - Bible Study 3:35 in the Cook Room.

Senator Edmund M. Muskie (D. Me.) will speak at Rackham Auditorium at 8p.m. on "A Question of Balance- Environmental Regulation v. Environmental Hazards", followed by a question and answer period.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

P.A.D. Luncheon - Professor David Chambers speaking on "The First Year of Law School". Speaker begins at 12:30. Faculty Dining Room.

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