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Allen Gives Russel Talk

ANN ARBOR--"We have entered into an era in which concern is being expressed most strongly for the value of just punishment and for deterrence achieved by punishment, as contrasted to rehabilitative treatment" of criminals, maintains Michigan criminal law expert Francis A. Allen.

Delivering the Henry Russel lecture Tuesday (March 20) here on campus, Allen traced causes of the decline of the "rehabilitative ideal" to a general dissatisfaction with many social institutions today, to claims that prison rehabilitation does not work, and to the desire for more uniform sentencing of criminal offenders.

Allen is the Edson R. Sunderland Professor of Law, and served as Dean of the Law School from 1966 to 1971. The Henry Russel Lectureship, established in 1925, is the highest honor the U-M gives to senior faculty members.

America in the 1970's is undergoing what can be called "a crisis of belief," said Professor Allen, "and this crisis provides unfertile ground for the rehabilitative ideal.

"It is not only criminal justice that has suffered loss of confidence in American society. All of the institutions traditionally relied on to develop character and social capabilities have similarly lost support. This seems clearly true of the family, schools, and religion," he said.

There have also been claims, Allen noted, "that rehabilitative techniques employed in American penology simply do not work, that there is no evidence that we possess the knowledge and techniques to prevent criminal recidivism."

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Knauf Voted In As New Senate Prez

As the last ballots were counted on Wednesday night (March 21) it became clear that the Michigan Law School student body was not overwhelmingly anything--not conservative, not issue-oriented, not excited about any one candidate. Yet when the ballots were tallied, Al Knauf carried off the LSSS presidency by a large margin of victory.

With 619 votes being cast in the day-long election, the turnout was characterized by one election worker as being "intermittently heavy, but encouraging, considering the normal apathy of the students in the activities of their student government." After the heavy campaigning by many of the candidates throughout the corridors, bathrooms and classrooms of the Law School and Lawyers Club, including claims, counterclaims, promises, orange sheets, green sheets, posters, flyers, banners, pamphlets, and stickers, turnout was higher than last year's LSSS election.

In the race for the LSSS presidency, Al Knauf garnered 289 votes, Terry Calhoun received 163 votes, and Bill Smelko got 136 votes. Mark Norby won the vice-presidential contest with the highest vote total for any contested candidate -- 298 votes. Jim Williams was a close second with 214 ballots cast in his favor. Williams did win a position on the Student Senate, however, when he captured a representative at large post for the class of 1980.

Tammy Stewart, the only woman on the ballot, won a close treasurer's race, and Brooke Schumm won secretary unopposed.

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Among other indications of our discontent with criminal rehabilitation are numerous legislation bills attacking parole and indeterminate sentencing, the imposition of adult criminality in juvenile courts, and explicit withdrawal of rehabilitative objectives from sentencing guidelines, according to the professor.

Allen observed that confusion over the rehabilitative ideal caps decades of conflict between two clashing trends in criminal justice--one which presumes "blameworthiness" or "moral default" on the part of the offender, and one which tries to rehabilitate him.

"The same public that is asked to support the criminal law and to condemn the criminal offense is also asked to embrace and provide financial resources for programs of correctional treatment that views offenders as the products of conditions over which they have little or no control."

Although the concept of moral culpability is scoffed at by behaviorists and other social scientists, it has remained a central principle in American criminal justice, stressed Allen.

"Perhaps the most basic reason for the persistence and survival of the blameworthiness principle is that in many instances it expresses what might be called the popular understanding of criminality."

Thus, "a law-giver who has misjudged the community's sense of propriety, and proportion by condemning acts that are widely approved or by authorizing penalties too extreme, may encounter the phenomenon of nullification: prosecutors may refuse to prosecute; juries may disregard the evidence and acquit; and judges may in myriad ways frustrate the enforcement of the law."

Despite failings of the rehabilitative ideal, said Allen, it has made at least one clear contribution:

"Persons with strong rehabilitative motives have been the chief source of pressure for amelioration of the physical and moral environments of penal institutions.

"One may well inquire where the impetus for decency and humanity will come from in an era marked by the eclipse of the rehabilitative ideal." 

(U.M.I.S.)
MACHLE'S MUSINGS

For years I've heard stories about people who, when upset, lose their appetites. Anxiety actually causes them to lose weight. I am not among those people. Indeed, I can add onto my body while suffering from a bad case of dysentery. Sometimes I think that I could gain weight in a concentration camp.

To fight the flabby thighs and midriff bulge, I've tried about every diet in the book. Each has failed long before any effect could be seen.

A recent attempt, for example, was destroyed by a janitor. Consuming only animal protein and 10 glasses of water per day proved disastrous when I discovered that the second floor restroom was locked.

Reducing candy was much more fun. I had to quit though after gaining seven pounds in three days.

My "sensible" 1200-calorie diets always seem to come just at the time of the Girl Scout cookie or high school band candy sales.

I know someone who lost 24 lbs. using only coffee, cigarettes and Ex-Lax. I managed to pass that one by.

The "grapefruit diet" went wll until the squirt marks on my glasses started to obstruct my vision.

Quitting my salad diet became a badge of political courage during the farm workers' strike.

No one has yet developed a diet to take care of my law school fattened head.

Of course, diet pills are a great temptation. If I stay awake constantly until the end of the semester I might catch up in my classes.

Some people tell me to try jogging. They, however, don't get ever dog and pervert in the city following them . even in the gym.

But then, I can always fall back on my lifetime credo: "Thin may be in, but fat's where it's at." If only I could find out what "it" is!

Placement Committee

The Placement Committee will hold a brief meeting Wednesday, March 28, at noon in the Placement Office. The main business will be initial planning for next year's Alternative Practices Conference. We need to decide the scope of the conference in order to take a budget request to the LSSS.

The Alternative Practices Conference was begun by some students several years ago to fill a gap in the Law School placement program. Last fall the conference consisted of a series of luncheons, at which students could meet attorneys who practice outside the large firm, corporate law setting. The Placement Committee would like to expand on the idea of the conference, making information on a wider range of law practices more readily available. We want to move away from a "placement" program and toward a career development program.

If you have ideas and/or a little energy to share, please drop by the meeting. If you can't attend, call Bob Hagelshaw (769-3074).

SENIOR JUDGESHIPS

The Writing and Advocacy Program is now recruiting senior judges for the 1979-80 school year. Any student who will be a senior in the Law School in the 1979-80 academic year is eligible to apply.

Those who are ultimately selected will have to commit themselves to active year-long involvement in the program, but filling out an application form should only be considered a means of expressing interest.

Application materials and further information may be picked up in Ms. Kappes office, Room 336 Hutchins, and the forms should be returned by March 30, 1979. Applicants must schedule an interview with Professor Lempert when they turn in their applications.
Senior Day Plans

Senior Day, 1979, will be held on Saturday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. in Hill Auditorium. The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Lawyers Club Lounge.

The purpose of Senior Day is to honor the graduating class in a way more personal than possible at a University-wide ceremony, though it is not intended to take the place of the University Commencement exercises.

It is important that the Administration know whether each graduating senior is or is not planning to attend, since seating arrangements are made so as to facilitate the awarding of certificates to each member of the class present. Accordingly, all seniors who are to graduate in May or August of this year are requested to stop by Room 320 HH and fill out a Senior Day information form. As soon as you register with Mrs. Howe you will receive invitations which you may mail to your guests.

The May ceremony honors all graduates, including those graduating with an M.C.L., L.L.M. and S.J.D.

P.A.D. Drive

Phi Alpha Delta is now accepting applications for membership. Spring initiation is tentatively set for Friday, April 13, in Circuit Courtroom #1, Washtenaw County Building.

Membership in P.A.D. enables you to join in an organization with over 30,000 participants. The benefits of such membership are numerous: a legal referral service; discount consumer merchandise buying; discount hotel and car rentals; national placement service -- to mention only a few.

Locally P.A.D. sponsors a weekly speaker's luncheon in the Faculty Dining Room of the Lawyers Club. Also, P.A.D. sponsors a local judicial clerkship program. Several of our members have the opportunity to clerk for local circuit and district court judges for one year -- a great experience and a great resume item!

Student Groups

Balloting Soon

INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY ELECTIONS

Elections for new officers will be held Friday, March 30, from Noon to 5 p.m. in Room 102B Legal Research. Refreshments will be available, but only I.L.S. members may vote.

Absentee ballots will be available for those unable to attend the polls in person on Friday. They may be picked up from Fred Rodriguez in Room 342, after Monday (and preferably in the afternoon).

PHI ALPHA DELTA ELECTIONS

The election of next year's officers for P.A.D. (Justice, Vice-Justice, Clerk, Treasurer, and Marshall) will be held Thursday, March 29, at our regular luncheon meeting.

Nominations are now being accepted and should be left in the P.A.D. mailbox outside 300 Hutchins or in the P.A.D. mailbox in front of the Lawyers Club desk.

You may nominate any member, including yourself, for any office. Nominations of first-year students are encouraged. Nominations should be submitted by Tuesday, March 27, if at all possible.

The P.A.D. clerkships extend from May to May. Selection of clerks to begin this May is now underway. If you wish to be considered for the clerkship program, please leave a note and a short, informal resume in the P.A.D. mailbox outside Room 300 Hutchins before April 5.

All law students interested in joining Phi Alpha Delta should complete the necessary application, available from Jim Schacht or at the Thursday luncheons. For further information attend one of the weekly Thursday luncheons or contact Peter Adler (665-5173) or Jim Schacht (971-2419).
Law School Fund-A Rite Of Spring

--Roy Proffitt

One of the "rites of spring" in Ann Arbor, and regularly reported in the Res Gestae, is the annual announcement that the Law School Fund has just completed another successful year, and that the National Committee, which plans strategy for these annual campaigns, will soon meet to review the game films of the recently completed drive and to make the necessary adjustments for 1979. We haven't determined the proper order of cause and effect--whether this announcement is made because it's spring or that spring is nearly here because the announcement was made.

But they go happily together, and in either event the Law School and the law students are the big winners. The 1978 campaign (fiscal year February 1 through January 31) was the best yet--the Fund received 5,533 gifts totalling $573,243. Both figures are new records.

A new and specific "connection" in 1978 was the use of the Fund as a depository for student contributions for the Student Funded Fellowships. A total of $2,515.50 was received from 62 present students, 9 members of the class of 1978 who made their first gifts to the Fund for use by SFF, and two additional alumni. By combining the needs of SFF with the purposes of the Fund, the gifts qualified as charitable deductions. The Fund office was regularly open to receive gifts throughout the year, and an accurate record of the contributions was maintained. If (as hoped) support for SFF grows, the Fund can easily handle the increase.

That of the balance? In its 18 years a total of $5,458,886.48 has been contributed to the Law School through the Fund. About 20% of the dollars are earmarked by the donor (SFF, scholarship or loan funds, library purposes, etc.); the Fund is entirely self-sustaining and costs of operation in the several years have ranged from 10%-17% (for 1978 the figure was 16.5%)--the rest is unrestricted.

Various financial aid accounts for needy students have received substantially more than one-half of all receipts. Other direct benefits for students have included prizes for outstanding scholastic achievement, improved placement and admissions operations, support for student organizations and activities such as legal aid, case clubs, Journal of Law Reform, Senior Day, etc. Some of the money has been used to purchase equipment useful in the instructional program, such as closed circuit television from the Washtenaw County Court, videotape equipment, and to augment resources of the law library.

Some necessary additions and alterations have also been made to the buildings, such as the carrels on the second level of the third-floor library in Hutchins Hall, the interview rooms in Room 200, the remodeling of the library to make two levels open stacks, air conditioning and new lights in some of the second floor classrooms. The Fund has also helped with the rehabilitation work and purchase of new beds, carpets and draperies in the Lawyers Club. The most recent project was the remodeling of Room 116. This list is not exhaustive, but it underscores the fact that it would be difficult to overestimate the importance of private giving to the "good health" of the Michigan Law School.

Students, soon to become alumni, will be asked to support the Fund in two ways--through contribution, of course, and also through service on the 'team' that makes the Fund go and grow. Since its inception in 1961, the Law School Fund has been an important alumni activity. There is a nucleus of three officers and a national committee. Each year these officers name 15 regional chairpersons, who, in turn, select state and/or local chairpersons, who, in turn, ask other to help them as solicitors in the local areas--until a team of 500 to 600 alumni is organized. This group's efforts through personal solicitations are supplemented by a follow-up by an agent for each class. The goal is to be sure that each alumnus and alumna is reminded of the Fund each year.

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No one is asked or expected to give more than once a year, but those in charge believe that increased numbers of alumni contributing each year is the key to success. In any single year, more than 40% of the 12,200 alumni will make a gift to the Fund, and at least two-thirds of all alumni have participated at some time. In annual fund circles these are very good figures, but a few of our peer schools (Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Stanford) have at least 50% participation each year. Is there any reason Michigan alumni should do less? What you do will be a part of the answer.

David Macdonald of Chicago, J.D. '54, has been the National Chairman for the past two years. During the annual meeting of the National Committee, April 6 and 7, he will be succeeded by William A. Groening, Jr., J.D. '36, Midland, Michigan, who will serve through the 1979 and 1980 campaigns. Logistical support to the "team" and the officers, and year-to-year continuity is provided by a small staff in Room 118 Legal Research. Professor Roy Proffitt has general administrative responsibility for the Fund. Mrs. Lois Richards is in direct supervision of the office, where she has the assistance of Mrs. Wenda Richmond.

Because of the continued friendly competition during the past year with the Capital Fund drive, Proffitt noted that he was pleased with the results for 1978. At the same time he pointed out that with continued inflation, increased tuition, and a general increase in the cost of living for the Law School, the Fund must do better than stand still. Fortunately it has.

Copies of the printed report for the Fund for 1977 (the 1978 report won't be available for several weeks) will be placed on the table in front of 100 HH. Help yourself. From it you can see the growth pattern for the first 17 years. Continued growth is imperative to provide those "extras of excellence" that will assure that Michigan Law School retains its position as one of the truly great law schools of the world.

JOURNAL CORRECTS WRITE-ON RULES

The Journal of Law Reform has made a correction which appeared in the note about the Review/Journal writing competition in last week's R.G.

The deadline for submission of Case Club memos or briefs or other legal writing samples for consideration by the Journal is 5 p.m., Mon., April 30. Please note that this deadline applies only to the submission of Case Club writing samples for consideration by the Journal. It does not apply to the submission of Joint Writing Competition papers, which remains 5 p.m., Monday, June 4.

It should also be noted that while the Journal will consider either a Case Club sample or a Joint Writing Competition piece, it will consider only one submission from each student. A student who has submitted a Case Club paper to the Journal, however, is not precluded from entering the Joint Writing Competition for consideration by the Review only.

MORE JURY JOBS

Want to be a juror—you'll never be one once you become a lawyer!

The Clinical Law program is looking for law students, spouses, and just about anyone else to sit a jurors in simulated criminal trials.

Steve Pepe, head of the Clinical Law program, noted special thanks to the people who served on the Clinic jury (and thus fulfilled their "civic duty" to their fellow students) March 22, but said that this Thursday's Clinic trial also needs jurors desperately.

Again stressing that it is much simpler to be a Clinic juror than it is to be prepared for Friday a.m. classes, Pepe asked for volunteer jurors to please come to the Moot Court Room, Thursday, March 29, at 3:30 p.m. The trials will proceed until about 6 p.m.
"THE DEER HUNTER"

Directed by Michael Cimino
With Robert DeNiro, Meryl Streep, Christopher Walken, John Savage

This morning I sat through my first taped lecture on New York Civil Procedure. This evening I went to see "The Deer Hunter" at Fox Village. The two experiences had the following in common: each was long and unpleasant, and I'm not sure either one was worthwhile.

Since "The Deer Hunter" was much more painful than the bar review lecture, I hope that I have been proportionally more enriched by it. Unfortunately, I'm not sure this is true. To put it another way, I still don't know the answer to the question, "Should I see it even though it's depressing?"

Certainly the film masterfully confronts the audience with the horrors of war. And I could not say that a movie about POW's in Vietnam is less valid than, for example, a television series about Jews in Nazi Germany.

But I did not watch "Holocaust," and I am not convinced that the fact that terrible violence occurred is enough in itself to justify filling a movie with it.

Nevertheless this is a personal choice. Few of us have seen Vietnam, and many may feel that it is important to gain vicarious knowledge. Simply be warned that you may get more than you bargained for.

I had hoped that the film would have even greater significance. To be completely successful, "Deer Hunter" should have worked on two levels. The first is the manipulation of audience reaction to violence, and the movie accomplished this artfully.

Yet on a deeper level, the director started out to do something that he never finished. He had the opportunity to make a powerful statement about the effect of war on his characters, and in the process to tell us something about our own lives. But no coherent statement was ever made.

To give some simplistic examples, Cimino could have made the point that courage and strength are necessary to survive atrocity, and that such qualities are also invaluable in civilian life. Or, conversely, that those who survive war are not brave, simply brutal; and it adds to the tragedy of war that the most sensitive are destroyed and the rest are coarsened.

Hopefully, Cimino was trying to say something more subtle, but the result was unintelligible. We are told that "The Deer Hunter" is the story of the effects of war on three friends. Presumably we should be able to see those effects clearly. We should get some insight into the traits that contributed to diverse reactions to the same trauma.

In the case of Nick and Steve (Walken and Savage), one can easily see the changes, but it is impossible to tell why they occurred. The characters are too shallow. This would not be a fatal flaw if the movie was filled only with caricatures, and if the irony of fate were the focus.

"The Deer Hunter," however, is not a modern morality play. Michael, DeNiro's character, stands in sharp contrast to the other two; it is complex and subtle. And since Michael was the only one of the three to survive whole, it is the most important to understand him.

But I was not sure whether Michael had changed at all, much less how or why. Although more convincing than Nick and Steve, Michael was confusing from the beginning. I was never sure whether he was heroic or merely crass, in charge of himself or compulsively driven. Unless this ambiguity was, for some unknown reason, intentional, it is the mark of failure. Either
the director had no clear idea of Michael's character, or his conception was in conflict with DeNiro's.

Meanwhile the film was lacking in structure. There were too many loose ends and too little editing. Boredom is realistic but undesirable in a work of art.

It is also worth noting that the symbolism of the hunt adds little to the movie except some gorgeous scenery and more room for speculation. As a parallel to war it is too simplistic. There does seem to be some religious significance -- a hymn is sung, distractingly, as DeNiro singlemindedly stalks the deer. Are we to believe that Michael worships death, and if so, is that characteristic what allowed him to survive Vietnam? And does this say anything about our own lives?

Answers to these questions would have made "The Deer Hunter" not only memorable, but tremendous. Unfortunately, we are simply left with the questions themselves. (To give the film credit, it is rare and valuable even to find the questions.) We are also left with the enigma of Michael's personality, which is satisfying if you enjoy wrestling with such problems.

And again, we are left with the violence. It is true that the bloodiest scenes are the most gripping. From being struck dumb with horror at the games of Russian roulette, I progressed little by little to morbid fascination. Eventually, like Michael, I felt contemptuous of his friend's tiny pistol and silly threats. I almost cheered when Michael fired the gun, all but one chamber empty, at his friend's head.

But it is an old idea that violence hardens men, and also hardens an audience watching a movie about it. It is no longer enough, if it ever was enough, solely to make this point, even if the point is made brilliantly.

COUNTER CULTURE
(Cont. from previous page)

TO THE EDITOR:

We appreciate the LSSS candidates' enthusiasm, but there should be some limits on the amount of campaign literature (we hesitate to use the term "literature" posted on the walls, in the bathrooms, on the benches, in fact, posted everywhere in the Law School. We even noticed little stickers (with the famous logo) on the stairs.

Doesn't anyone think of the trees anymore? What about esthetic pollution?
We would suggest that next year the LSSS limit the campaign literature to one wall--better yet, to one bulletin board.
RON NESSIM
PAM MULL

I talked to Dean White on Tuesday about removing the dirt pile in the quad. He promised to speak to Paul Spradlin, U-M Director of Plant Extensions, to see what could be done. In a letter White sent to LSSS on Wednesday, he said "Paul is continuing to push to get them to remove the dirt, but the contractor has not been responsive...he fears the contractor will not move the dirt until Spring term is over. The only alternative which would certainly get the dirt out of the Quadrangle before Senior Day and in time for students to enjoy its use during the warm weather in April is to have the University remove the dirt and charge the contractor.

"Paul is hesitant about doing that...Under the contract the contractor is required to return the flagstone walks to their original condition after the work is completed...if we bring our heavy equipment into the Quadrangle at this point, we will probably break up some of the flagstones ourselves. Whether or not we break them, the contractor will argue that we did and will be much less willing to replace the flagstone than otherwise would be the case...we expose ourselves to $40,000 to $50,000 worth of walk replacement. Thus we need to balance this $40,000 to $50,000 loss which will come out of Law School funds against the inconvenience and unsightliness of the dirt pile...")

On Thursday, I spoke with Lawyers Club Director Margot Morrow. She suggested that we take an inventory of the flagstones before and after U-M trucks away the dirt, to establish which ones the break. I asked her to have the grounds crew do something immediately about the ruts and trash around the pile.

Since the construction company is violating the contract by leaving the dirt where it is, I don't see why U-M should have to pay for any broken flagstones. I would appreciate any comments and suggestions you have about this problem.

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LSSS President
Mary Berry To Give P.A.D. Address
by Marty DeWitt

Dr. Mary F. Berry, Assistant Secretary of Education, will be the guest speaker at this year's Phi Alpha Delta Annual Spring Banquet.

Nine years ago Mary F. Berry was a University of Michigan Law student at the receiving end of educational policy decisions. Back then, like today, controversy surrounded problems such as rising tuition, admission standards, minority enrollments, etc.

But now, Dr. Berry can do more about these issues than just listen or complain. As Assistant Secretary of Education in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, she is working through the government, to upgrade the nation's educational programs.

Ber. Berry is responsible for leading and overseeing the 'E' in HEW--a chunk of the largest civilian bureaucracy that is oiled by an annual budget of $13 billion.

Dr. Berry received a PhD in history from the University in 1966 and went on to get her J.D. here at the Law School in 1970. Prior to being named as the Assistant Secretary of Education, Dr. Berry served as Chancellor at the University of Colorado--Boulder.

All students, their spouses, guests and significant others are cordially invited to attend the Spring Banquet, which will be preceded by a poolside hospitality hour. This is a great opportunity for students to mingle informally with Dr. Berry, faculty, "U" officials, judges and attorneys. Dr. Berry is an excellent speaker and the entire evening should be a most enjoyable affair.

The banquet will be held at Weber's Inn, Thursday, April 5. The hospitality hour will begin at 7 p.m. and will have a cash bar with free munchies. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. with London broil as the entree. Tickets are $8 for law students and their guests and $10 for others. RSVP's are necessary by March 29 to Marty DeWitt (764-8904).

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INTERNATIONAL YEARBOOK

Applications for Michigan Yearbook Of International Legal Studies staff positions are now available outside rooms 102B Legal Research and 829 Legal Research. The topic for next year's volume and symposium is "Multinational Enterprises--Issues and Problems in Regulating Corporate Concentration." First- and second-year students are invited to apply. Applications must be submitted by April 6.

For further information call Ed Krauland (763-4597/994-4425) or Bob Olender (973-9305).

SFF APPLICATION INFO

Student Funded Fellowship application are available in the Law School Senate Office, Room 217 Hutchins Hall. Applications must be turned in by Monday, April 2 in order for the applicants to be considered for this year's fellowships.

Apply now, even if you have not yet secured the job you have in mind. If you have any questions, contact any SFF Board member.

(SheilaHaughey)
A case handled by students in the U-M Clinical Law Program has become an important precedent in the issues surrounding the rights of homosexual parents. The Clinic clinic, a Lesbian mother who had lost custody of her children pursuant to a divorce action, gained possession of the children (with custody to the Friend of the Court) after an eight-day trial before Washtenaw Circuit Court Judge Ross Campbell.

The Michigan Court of Appeals recently upheld the trial court's decision in Schnieder v. Schnieder, Mich.App., Docket No. 77-1622 (1978). The opinion stresses the fact that extensive testimony was taken from "psychologists, psychiatrists, a pastor and members of the lay community," and that reports were received as well from the Friend of the Court. The Court also stated that, while the effects of a parent's sexual preference on the child's environment are valid factors to be considered in a custody determination, in this case those factors had been carefully weighed by the trial judge and his findings were not against the great weight of the evidence.

The tone of the opinion underscores the importance of using heavy doses of expert testimony at the trial level, as the Clinic did in this case, for the Court of Appeals will affirm a trial court's decision unless the findings of fact are against the great weight of the evidence.

The case of Margareth Miller, as outlined by attorney Michael Moran at the March 15 P.A.D. meeting, provides an interesting contrast. There, an Oakland County trial judge conclusively presumed, without taking any evidence on the issue, that Ms. Miller's homosexual preference would have an adverse effect on her child's environment. On appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court, Moran argued that the trial judge had, in effect, impermissibly taken judicial notice of a fact which is still the subject of debate by sociologists, psychologists and psychiatrists. The Court reversed the decision on the evidentiary question alone.

One of the Clinic students involved in the Schnieder trial, Susan Bittner, J.D. '77, is now an attorney for Washtenaw County Legal Services and continues to represent Ms. Schneider on other matters.

(Sue Carlson)
LSSS COMMITTEES

Positions are available on the following Student Committees and Standing Student/Faculty Committees for the 1979-80 year:

STUDENT COMMITTEES
ABA Law Student Division (2)
Athletics & Recreation (Chairman)
Student Directory (Chairman)
Elections/Appointments (Chairman)
Facilities (Chair & Members)
Faculty/Course Evaluation (Chairman)
Film (Chairman)
Placement (Chairman & Members)
Res Gestae Editor (able to spell!)
Residential Comm. (Chairman)
Social Committee (Chairman)
Speakers (Chairman & Members)
Law Club Recreational Sports Advisor
Coke Machine Serviceperson (paid)

STANDING COMMITTEES
(Student positions open)
Academic Standards & Incentives (4)
Admissions (3)
Administrative (1)
Curriculum (3)
Building (2)
Student Personnel (3)
Scholarships (2)
Awards (3)

Applications for these committee positions are available in the LSSS Office, and are due by 5pm Monday, April 2.

ORGANIZATION BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 1979-80

All organizations, people, groups, etc. who want any funding from LSSS for the 1979-80 year must complete a budget request form and return it to the LSSS Office by April 13, at 5 pm. Groups submitting requests will be notified of a time at which they must present their budget at the Senate Budget Hearings.

LSSS MEETINGS FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS

- Wed., March 28, 3:30pm in Rm 242
- Wed., April 4, 3:30pm in Rm 242.
- Thurs, April 5, 6:45pm EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING in Faculty Dining Room (LSSS Officers, Chairmen of Senate Committees and Organization Presidents)
- Wed, April 11, 3:30 pm in Rm 242.

BUDGET HEARINGS
April 16, 6:45 in Faculty Dining Room
April 18, 3:30 in Faculty Dining Room (vote taken)

CRYPTIC QUIZ

SOGFV DJW VURR CU MIEV DJW HEK ESSJGA.
VIUK MU'RR IELU E TJJA RENTI EKA TJ JK
SGJC VIUGU.

--Realtor to prospective customer.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
"His widow's distraught and his children are pappyless; he drove like he thought he was at Indianappyless."

--Epitaph for a speeder.

THIS WEEK'S SOLUTION ON PAGE 12.
With the advent of Spring, many dormant feelings are stimulated: the warmth of the sun, the sounds of outdoor activities the smell of blooms, the stirring of romance. And, best of all, the excitement of the Academy Awards.

Yes, it's Oscar season, the occasion for the 2d annual R.G. Oscar Poll. The rules are simple: circle the nominee in each category that you think will win, and turn in your entry at the R.G. office or to me, Bob Portnoy, at least 24 hours before the Awards. I anticipate (hope for) a larger turnout this year, though I can't promise an Oscar party quite like that of last year.

The entrant who successfully predicts the most Oscar winners in the 9 categories below will win. The tiebreaker question is: which film will win the most Awards and how many will it win? (Hint: "Heaven Can Wait" and "The Deer Hunter" had the most nominations, with nine each; "Coming Home" had eight. Therefore, if you predict "The Wilderness Family, Part Two" with 10 Oscars, it is unlikely that you'll win.)

Best Film:
"An Unmarried Woman"
"Coming Home"
"The Deer Hunter"
"Heaven Can Wait"
"Midnight Express"

Best Director:
Woody Allen, "Interiors"
Hal Ashby, "Coming Home"
Warren Beatty and Buck Henry, "Heaven...
Michael Cimino, "Deer Hunter"
Alan Parker, "Middle Night Express"

Best Actress:
Ingrid Bergman, "Autumn Sonata"
Ellen Burstyn, "Same Time, Next Year"
Jill Clayburgh, "An Unmarried Woman"
Jane Fonda, "Coming Home"
Geraldine Page, "Interiors"

Best Actor:
Warren Beatty, "Heaven Can Wait"
Gary Busey, "The Buddy Holly Story"
Robert DeNiro, "Deer Hunter"
Laurence Olivier, "Boys From Brazil"
Jon Voight, "Coming Home"

Best Supporting Actress:
Dyan Cannon, "Heaven Can Wait"
Penelope Milford, "Coming Home"
Maggie Smith, "California Suite"
Maureen Stapleton, "Interiors"
Meryl Streep, "Deer Hunter"

Best Supporting Actor:
Bruce Dern, "Coming Home"
Richard Farnsworth, "Comes A Horseman"
John Hurt, "Midnight Express"
Christopher Walken, "Deer Hunter"
(Walken performed on campus this year as Richard in Richard II.)
Jack Warden, "Heaven Can Wait"

Best Original Screenplay:
Woody Allen, "Interiors"
Ingmar Bergman, "Autumn Sonata"
Nancy Dowd, Waldo Salt and Robert C. Jones, "Coming Home"
Paul Mazursky, "An Unmarried Woman"
Deric Washburn, "Deer Hunter"

Best Screenplay Based on Material From Another Medium:
Elaine May and Warren Beatty, "Heaven...
Walter Newman, "Bloodbrothers"
Neil Simon, "California Suite"
Bernard Slade, "Same Time, Next Year"
Oliver Stone, "Midnight Express"

Best Foreign Language Film:
"Get Out Your Handkerchiefs" (France)
"The Glass Cell" (West Germany)
"Hungarians" (Hungary)
"Viva Italia" (Italy)
"White Bim Black Ear" (U.S.S.R.)

Tiebreaker:

Number of Awards:
There will be a Sports Committee meeting on Tuesday (tomorrow) at 2:45 in the Lawyers' Club Lounge. Anyone interested in one of the following positions should attend:

Sports Czar(ina)
RG Sports Editor
Director, Law School Mini-Marathon
Lawyers Club Recreational Sports Advisor (you get a t-shirt and free permanent transient locker)
Director Law School Pinball Tournament
Director of any tournament you run
Manager, Law Gold (Mothers-in-Law?)

The All-Law basketball team will practice Thursday at 4 pm. The place will be posted on the blackboard in front of room 100. The czars would like to clarify how the team was selected. It was based on performance in the Law School Tournament. The only teams allowed two players were the tournament finalists (Gold and Pistols) and graduate division finalists Trash (Black'n'Blue). The three commissioners of the tourney picked the team, in consultation with various team captains.

Excitement is at a peak as the George H. Wright Racquetball Tournament moves into its final rounds. The commissioners report that the women's division has been won be first year ace Marianne Gaertner. A grueling early Saturday morning match (31-19) marked the defeat of Commissioner Sue Funk. In the open division, racqueteer Dave Dickeson has defeated Bill Dristas. He will face the winner of the Scott Broshar-Jeff Eisen semi-final match in the championship. The new victor will replace dethroned 1978 champion Phil Schrader.

Jordan Miller tied for second in the all-campus free throw shooting competition, with 94 out of 100. First place went to Bob Klompaneks of DSD"A" with 95. The den-

tists edged Law Gold in the graduate competition, 221-215. Each team member shot two rounds of 25, with the best ten rounds scoring. Leading scorers were:

Jordan Miller 25
Mark Eby 22
Jordan Miller 22
Jeff Liebster 22
Dave Brown 21
Art Meyers 21
Rick Fendel 21
Joe Tilson 21
John Schrashun 20
Lloyd Snook 20

In corec foul shooting, Michigan Bar Association finished second out of five teams. Four male and female rounds of 25 scored for each team. Top shooters:

Jeff Liebster 22
Mary Mescher 22
Mary Mescher 22
Lloyd Snook 22
Jeff Liebster 20
Lloyd Snook 20

In 5'9" basketball, the Pistols beat the Shooters, 64-42. "Pistol Pete" Kupelian netted 22 points, while "Magic" Rick Zussman picked up 10 assists.

This is my last sports column. It has been fun to write, and it has been good to know that quite a few people read it. I have been really glad to see the interest in sports among law students grow. There are a lot of things to do besides study in three years of the prime of your life.

COREC VOLLEYBALL

Our Team 4, Michigan Bar Association 0
Michigan Bar Association W, Cross House B F
Law Peppermint 4, Appeals to Reason 0
Breakers 4, Law Dirt 0
Mongers 4, Law Strawberry 0
Bumpers W, Law Maroon F
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**DOCKET**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27**
Environmental Law Society meeting, election of officers, discuss budget and projects; Noon/Cook Room

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**
Placement Committee meeting, planning Alternative Practices conference; Noon/Placement Office
Cercle Francais; 1pm/Faculty Dining Rm
L.S.S.S. meeting; 3:30pm/242HH

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29**
PAD Luncheon, Michael Frank, Executive Director State Bar of Michigan, "More on Lawyer Competence," elections; Noon/Faculty Dining Room
Clinical Law trials-jurors needed 3:30pm/Moot Court Room

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30**
International Law Society, elections Noon to 5pm/102B L.R.
Applications for Senior Judgeships due; Room 336

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**
PARTY, co-sponsored by LSSS and Phid, dancing, beer and punch; 9pm-2am/Phid House

**MONDAY, APRIL 2**
SFF applications due; LSSS office

**THURSDAY, APRIL 5**
P.A.D. Spring Banquet
International Yearbook applications due

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**MOVIE**

This Friday--
Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck in Alfred Hitchcock's

**SPELLBOUND**

7 and 9 P.M. in Room 100 Hutchins Hall
Law Students--50¢
Others--$1.00

**Partiers of the World Unite!**
The Barristers Society Presents

**THE 1979 CREASE BALL**

Saturday, April 7, 1979
9 p.m. - 2:30 a.m.

It's the social event of the year!
It's the annual Law School semi-formal!

**Tickets**
Couples: $15--includes dancing, one bottle of champagne, and 8 mixed drinks!
Singles: $10--includes dancing, one bottle of champagne, and 4 mixed drinks!

On sale in front of Room 100 HH. Mon-Thur., 10:30-1:30, (or any Barrister)

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**Classifieds**

ANYONE INTERESTED in driving my car, a '74 Mustang II, to California at the end of the school year, please call Ron Nessim (769-7968, around dinner). Prefer L.A. destination, but S.F. or San Diego are okay too.

SHAG CARPET FOR SALE--9x12, brown, beige & orange in ex. cond. 764-9026 (10pm-1am).

SHAG CARPET - 6x9 light green plush. Contact: 764-8940

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**TALENT SHOW PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED**--If you shot photos at the Law Revue last Friday, we'd like to see them for making up a possible publication. Call Jeff at 764-8946 or Dave at 764-9056, anytime (although we're usually in 7:15 pm to 7:30 pm).

MARANTZ Imperial 6-G speakers (8" - 2 way), $55 each (orig. $120 each). Call 764-8940 or leave note at R.G. office.

I love you, Juanito. Signed, Julio.