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Clinic Defended By Students

Friday's faculty meeting, where the fate of the Clinical Law I program was being pondered by the professors, was not exactly a display of fireworks. But then, that wasn't the purpose of the meeting, nor was it the nature of the issue.

The Clinical programs face cutbacks because of the expiration of present financial grants from the Federal government. The expiration of this funding means that the Law School has to decide whether to replace that lost revenue with funds of its own or to alter the clinic programs so that the present level of Law School expenditures on the clinics remain constant.

The faculty committee set up to study the clinical programs, headed by Prof. Cooper, evaluated the clinical method of instruction and decided that it is entitled to substantial academic credit at this school. Though instituted only a few years ago, that clinical instruction has shown its significant pedagogical value in such a short time is perhaps understating its contribution to the academic process.

The Cooper Report suggested that the fieldwork component of the clinic be reduced from 5 credits to 3 credits; that the Law School continue present levels of funding but not make up the lost Federal moneys; that the number of clinical instructors be reduced to 2 (from 3), but that they be hired on a "tenure-track" basis; and that the instructor/student ratio be increased to 1/15 (from 1/8). Other recommendations were made, in addition to these.

Student response to the Report was swift. The LSSS passed a report of their own regarding the clinical programs. LSSS favored the reduction in credit hours for the fieldwork aspect proposed by the faculty committee. But the Senate felt that any reduction in credit given should be accompanied by a statement of support from the faculty for the value of the clinical programs.

LSSS opposed reducing the staff and budget support of the clinic and expressed dismay at the standards used by the Cooper Report to select clinic professors.

Finally, LSSS noted the potentially adverse effects to the Law School from drastically reducing or eliminating the clinical education programs. Student diversity, alternatives to corporate practice, loss of alternative employment opportunities which require some clinic-type experience, and loss of stature as a leading law school were all cited as possible results of cutting back the clinics.

At the faculty meeting, Seth Jaffe presented the LSSS position as put forth in the official LSSS report. Two other students, John Walter and Gary Peters, were also allowed to present their own views on the clinic. Walter, who wants to work as a prosecutor, noted the need for trial experience prior to graduation in certain alternative practices. He noted the present inability of simulation courses to convey the quality of experience that clinic conveys--the intense student involvement that the simulation courses cannot receive. Peters, a third-year student also, but who is going with a New York corporate firm, praised his experience in the clinic. Peters went on to note that it was his view that clinical enrollment has declined because of the attitude of the faculty toward the clinic programs. Observing that law students are very sensitive to professors' attitudes to all areas of the law, including those areas in which practice seems (to them)

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worthwhile, and those other classes in the school which seem worthwhile, Peters said that it has been the students' perception that clinic has been the "bastard child in the Law School curriculum" (based on perceptions). Peters suggested that faculty members become more intimately involved with and supportive of the clinical programs. He noted that after Dean White described the Clinical Law program at a recent course selection discussion, six more students signed up for the course. (There are still openings for the fall term.)

Prof. L. Hart Wright defined the problems under discussion differently than had the students. He pointed out that at the present time it is a question of allocation of limited resources among various Law School educational activities. Prof. Harry Edwards remarked that the faculty could not be blamed for the student misperceptions about faculty attitudes toward the clinics. Prof. Regan, who was on the Cooper Committee but did not publish the entirety of his views, said that any student who did not take clinic at this time would have to be a fool, but that he felt that, unless the expense of fieldwork could be reduced during the next few years, fieldwork should be eliminated from the program.

Sitting through the meeting, I got the feeling that the faculty are not nearly as insensitive to the clinic as they are often portrayed. Yet, individual professors do not realize the control which they possess over the student attitudes toward the clinic. Students hear "war stories" from professors all the time. Professors tell about other classes which they and other faculty will be teaching. Clinic doesn't get the same "publicity" from these persons who are important role models in the Law School community. It's little wonder that it has had a difficult time maintaining enrollment--especially with increasing pressure from our corporate interviewing system.

Clinic provides a qualitatively unique educational experience. A good clinic will teach students things that they cannot learn from post-graduate experience with the best firms--and we have one of the best clinics around. Let's keep it and support it.

From the Editor:
Professor Roy Proffitt has informed me that S. Anthony Benton was a graduate of this school, receiving his J.D. in 1963. Mr. Benton was an associate editor of the Review, a Case Club Senior Judge, member of the Barristers and a member of Phi Delta Phi. After he graduated, Mr. Benton became associated with the New York firm of Sullivan & Cromwell. As the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship, he took a leave of absence in September, 1963, to study international law and to work with the Max-Planck-Institut in Heidelberg, Germany. Mr. Benton took ill in Germany and returned to the U.S. in September, 1964. He was unable to return to the practice of law, but remained instead at his home in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he died of cancer in June of 1965.

Because of his leadership and many contributions to the Case Clubs and Campbell Competitions, it was thought appropriate to honor his memory by naming the best brief awards for him. In addition, the S. Anthony Benton Memorial Award Fund, established by his classmates and associates, supports an annual award to an outstanding senior in the Law School, account being taken of scholastic excellence in legal study particularly in the fields of Constitutional and International Law, participation and leadership in Law School educational program activities, extra-curricular interests, character, and promise of a distinguished career. The award is announced and presented each year at the Honors Convocation.

Our apologies for continuing the unfortunate joke that no one has yet been able to identify Mr. Benton. I hope that next year's Campbell Competition organizers will pay him due respect.
This is the city, Ann Arbor, where point one million people live. Sometimes the serene is violated by the obscene. That's where I come in. I am a student of law. This is the story of a man with the hottest racket in town. The names have been changed to protect the innocent.

The day was Friday, the end of the week, the time: 12:37, the afternoon not unpleasant. I had just returned from an early lunch—a chili dog with a thin line of mustard and no onions. I could sense that something was wrong, and not just with me. From my early days of chicanery, as a boy running the dirt roads of New Mexico, I had mastered a keen sense of trouble. A fellow in the Maniac Division across the hall put me on alert that a bat, no less—no more, was waiting ust over my doorway to greet me. A real live stinking bat. And thus began a story of chilling suspense and terror, not to mention obscene. That's where I come in. I tightened with nerves of steel, though my mind remained dully calm. Strangely, I was ready for whatever might come through the door.

I threw the door open, and there she stood. My heart throbbed. The most beautiful lady my startled eyes had ever set upon. A long cool woman in a black dress. Her eyes were an intriguing green, her ears totally unlike the serene is violated by the calm. She had an early lunch—a chili dog with a thin line of mustard and no onions. Her skin was silky smooth and naturally ymblemished. The chassis was firm, Yet feminine power and devilishment. Her sense was exquisite. So, there we stood, me in the hole, the girl on the deck, and the bat to bat—the good, the bad and the ugly.

She was the first to speak. "Mister," came the golden voice as she carelessly whisked a thin cigarette from her sparkling lips, "do you know that you have a bat in your belfry?" My reply was cool, perhaps too cool. I snatched her in and kicked the door shut... click.

"Madam," I said, "this hallway is no place for a lady." Apparently my ploy would work, for then she inquired about my mother. "My mother?" I repeated. "She is a great gal. Now let us get right down to business," I smiled. She gave a slightly hysterical laugh. It was her turn to repeat.

"Business," she lamented. "Silly boy, busy, busy, busy, beee-seee. Have you no time for play?" I was going to have to pump the babe for information, so I played her game. I didn't have to lay in wait long. She went for my gun. Strically amateurish. Bang.

A cry rang out. "No, no, oh, OH!" That was that. She broke for the door and was gone before I could say "betcha by gooly wow." I resisted the temptation to race after her. She had too great a head start. "When will I ever see you again?" I cried. "Nevermore," sneered the bat, snapping me back into reality.

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I returned to my room and dressed for a night-long search for the mysterious dame. In my heart I knew that she knew more than what she was telling... and she knew that I knew that she knew that I knew that she knew that something was up. I wore a white flannel shirt, black pants, back shoes and white socks. With whiskey on my breath I set off for the bars. I felt like bustin' loose.

The menace of the bat weighed heavily on my mind. But I knew that it would be fatal to succumb to worry. That was the bat's game, to lie in wait until my resistance had broken and then to swoop down on me and suck my lifeblood. The bright lights of downtown brought me back to reality. Life was cheap here, but souls went for even less. I eyed every chick in the cafe. Just when I thought I would strike out, I scored. The early worm gets the bird.

Across the room she sat. I neither looked to my left, nor to my right as I smoothly slid into the booth beside her. I had her number, and she knew it... and she knew that I knew that she knew that I knew that she knew that something was going down. Say what. I got the goods.

Suddenly it dawned on me. With out batting an eye, she whispered softly, "Take that bat to bat." The connection became obvious. It was to be a battle. It is the law of the law school: only the battiest would survive. No goodbye was needed. Time was to get over. Tit for tat, bat for bat.

A whole weekend had passed, but it seemed so much longer, since up came the bat. Now it was my turn. I knew what I had to do and the bat knew that I knew that it knew that I knew what I had to do. The proper authorities would not go to bat for me. Just one man against the world, like always. I gathered my batman costume. It was time for the final act. I put a pillowcase over my head, with slits for my eyes, stuck on rubber gloves, and set up with heavy clothing. Next I packed my bat-swatting tennis racket, bat-knocker broom, bat-sprayer fire extinguisher, a bat-bag, and my bat-cap pistol. With a heavy heart pounding at my chest, quietly I opened the door as I had done so many times before. But I did not look back, even though it may have been for the last time.

It was time. Marcus James, my surrogate, said from afar: "May the force be with you." I said, "*%&*%!, bend over, and let me kick you in the @&?!" Needless to say.

Enter the bat. I placed my bat-bag under the hanging monstrosity, hoping to snare it there with my bat-broom. He was quick, but I was quicker. Unfortunately I missed. They say perchance there is a second chance in this town, but is there? The bat went flapping about, whooping and hollering and causing all kinds of fuss, emitting poisonous vapor. The shrill was deafening. It was now or forever hold my peace. I pulled out my bat-cap pistol and fired point-blank, but the bat kept soaring. The caps were blanks. I had been set up. Quickly I shifted toe nozzle to sonic distractor frequency so as to warp the bat's directional signal. It was a stall, but it bought me just enough time to pull the pin on the bat-fire extinguisher. This time I did not miss. I stunned him with the spray, then I used a backhand slice with my bat-tennis racket to subdue the monster. My lashing out, I am sure, could be heard all the way to the gates of hell and beyond.

But what to do now. The godforsaken creature had to be bagged and not just sacked. But I was in shock. To the victor went the spoils, but the victory itself was spoiled. Moments were precious. Any minute the bat would regain consciousness. Just when it looked like I was a goner, along came two freaks, Harry Krishna and Lone Wolf, they called themselves. "What is this?" they asked incredulously. "You're going to be an attorney and you're afraid of a bat." I said nothing, nothing, that is, that I care to repeat. We managed to bag the bat. But am I a law student or am I a law student? I decided to try him in the press. So there--hah! The bat got his wings and I was not even left holding the bag. She too was gone.

Hear ye, hear ye. Almost as surreptitiously as it had begun, the 48-hour reign of terror had ended. Back to business. A memory swelled, "Busy, busy, busy--buu-see," she lamented, I chortle to myself. There was no sunset, only an overcast, into which I might ride: the horizon was not in sight. A law student's day is never done, the point is to outdo, but it's come undone and only the battiest would survive.
So you think you hate finals! According to a modest research study made this spring by third-year student Barbara Debrodt, the chances are that members of the U-M Law Review staff hate them more.

Nineteen Law Review staffers and 21 other students attending PAD and WLSA meetings in March completed questionnaires assessing what they think of law school and why. Some of the results surprised Debrodt.

Law Review students on average seem to like law school as a whole far better than they liked any element of it, particularly finals.

On a 60-point scale in which +30 represented "I love it!", 0 represented indifference, and -30 meant "I hate it!" the Reviewers gave law school +14, law classes +9. Then they got negative. Reciting in class got -7; preparing for class -17; and taking finals -16.

Non-Law Review students on the other hand appeared, in the score averages, to like law school classes somewhat more than they did law school in general--+8 for classes, +6 for school. They dislike reciting in class more than the Law Review staff (-10), but minded preparing for finals (-12) and taking finals (-13) less.

A possible explanation for the Law Review staff's distaste is that they study for exams longer than non-Law Reviewers. During their first year, Law Reviewers really poured it on, studying an average 40.7 hours per exam while non Law Reviewers spent 29.4 hours. Law Reviewers spent 30.7 hours per exam their second year, as compared to other students' 27 hours per second year exams.

The picture changes when it comes to studying for classes. Law Review members study less for classes than non-Law Reviewers, both in the first year (33.3 hours average per week for Law Reviewers, compared to 35 hours for others) and in the second year (20.6 hours for Law Reviewers, 21.6 hours for others). By the third year both groups shifted into cruise gear with Law Reviewers studying 17.8 hours per week for classes, and others 17.5 hours. Of course these are hind-sight estimates.

The groups were asked how they had changed in their career plans and self-confidence since coming to law school. With about 80 percent of each group reporting firm plans now, about a third of the Law Review members said their career objectives had changed while here, compared to half of the non-Law Reviewers.

Not surprisingly over half of the Law Reviewers said that during law school their self-confidence had gone up. One third reported no change, but 10 percent of the Law Reviewers said theirs had dropped.

A much larger number of Non-Law Reviewers reported a decrease in self-confidence, (45%) with 30% experiencing an increase and 25% no change.

Whether these changes represent positive growth or the contrary would depend in each case on the pre-law school confidence level, of course.

About half of each group described personal "breakthroughs" in discovering how to deal with law school. For handling it emotionally, the three most popular suggestions were: 1) choosing to like the material or the school instead of hating them; 2) resolving to stay calm; and 3) developing interests outside of school. An example of the last, "Get drunk frequently."

The two groups thought alike on how to cope academically. The most repeated suggestion of any on the questionnaire was to spend one's study time on finals, not classes. "It's better to study after class than before." "Concentrate on end-of-term study and review."

One approach to finals the researcher had not seen before was to distinguish exam questions between those in which the issues are obvious, and the object is to pull out possible arguments and see where they lead, and those in which the issues are not obvious, and the object is to spot them and think up possible problems, not arguments.

Working simple problems and doing one's own not-too-detailed outline were repeatedly suggested as good preparation for finals. But one said, "Don't bother to outline." Others: See a movie the night before, and don't take finals too seriously.

In going over all the responses, the common thread for most of the suggestions for developing a love of law school

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was "Relax! Relax! Relax!" It runs through the perennial suggestions for improving law school mad again in this survey, "Eliminate grades," "Eliminate competition...we're all good." "Cut it to two years," "Provide some student guidance to first-year students on how to study for exams," "Smaller classes," "Smash the Socratic method!" "More contact with attorneys," "Move Central Campus Recreation Building to the Quad."

The survey showed the researcher the generously helpful attitude of most U-M law students, with the majority of both groups signing the forms and volunteering to answer further questions. She would like to see another survey of a random sample of all students, rather than just these members of recognized and supportive groups.

(Barbara Debrodt)

Honors Convocation

All students are cordially invited to attend the 1979 Law School Honors Convocation, Sunday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m. This event is held annually to honor law students for academic achievement and for overall service contribution. We have designed both the ceremony and the reception differently this year. The convocation itself will be held in the Hale Auditorium of the Business School. University President Allan F. Smith will be the guest speaker, and his topic will be "Who Nurtures Scholarship?" We have dispensed with the formal and time-consuming procession of honored students following the speech and substituted a more relaxed manner of recognition.

The reception will take place in the Lawyers Club Lounge, and it features such treats as wine, cheese, quiche, and fresh strawberries--plus musical entertainment by a string quartet.

Come and be honored, or watch your friends being honored. All students, staff and faculty are welcome.

(C. Birnbaum)

Cryptic Quiz

IN GSTP KD HAT GSTPV LWCN GF HSTVLT
GCGFA WZGKZGFHF STJGSZ0 HAT JPFT KD
IN JVGZH, MPHCGJB K'RCGTZ, P WZGKZ
RCGJBVPNTC SAK SPF CWZ KLTC RN JAPWZJN
IPCVRKCKWOA'F CKVVF-CKNJT SAGVT
IPCVRKCKWOA SPF KZ AGF SPN HK STMKFGH
DGDHN HAKWFPZS SKVVPCF GZ HAT RPZB.

--Melvin Belli
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Schneider to Faculty Post? Where is Student Input!

Rumors flew around Hutchins Hall late last week to the effect that former Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review, Carl Schneider, was being considered for a faculty appointment sometime after he returns from his judicial clerkship (next year on the D.C. Circuit).

When contacted late Saturday night, Schneider neither denied nor confirmed the stories, but referred further inquiry to Dean Sandalow. However, later that same evening Professor Chris Whitman, who herself received an offer to join the faculty (after her clerkships) while she was still a student, confirmed that Schneider is being considered for a faculty position. Prof. Whitman stated that Schneider had been talked about by the faculty for quite some time, but she declined to say how far along the decision-making process had gone.

Meanwhile, Jack Molenkamp, a member of the Student-Faculty Personnel Committee, the committee which supposedly oversees faculty selection, vigorously claimed that the committee had never met to consider Schneider or any other potential faculty appointments.

What happened to student input?
Report From 11th National BALSA Conference

The 11th Annual National Conference of the Black American Law Students Association (BALSA) was held in Oakland, California, March 28 through April 1. Michigan Law School was represented by Lynn Morison and Bess Murchison, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the local Black Law Students Alliance Chapter. The convention was hosted by the BALSA chapter at Hastings College of Law.

The theme of the convention was "The Reconstruction of Black Civilizations." Various speakers at the convention drew analogies between the post-Civil War reconstruction and the 1960's. Both periods resulted in short-term gains for Blacks. The benefits achieved by Blacks in the post-Civil War era were soon eliminated by state and Federal legislation and Supreme Court rulings invalidating the Civil Rights Act of 1875. Today, Bakke and Weber threaten to eliminate the strides made by Blacks in the 1960's. Many of the speakers emphasized the need for Black lawyers to alert and inform the rest of the Black community of the challenges to the gains made by Blacks in the 60's and to work with our community to prevent further encroachments.

The first Plenary Session began with a speech by Junius Williams, president of the National Bar Association. He contrasted the 1960's with the 1970's and concluded that the confrontation tactics of the 60's were inappropriate and ineffectual in the 70's. He stated that the 60's were invaluable, but that our efforts in the future would have to be focused on struggle within the framework of the system, and as future lawyers, we would be prepared and capable of doing this. He also emphasized the need for effective coalition with the various ethnic and interest groups.

The workshops included Sports and Entertainment Law, Consumer Fraud, Affirmative Action, Reproductive Rights, Commercial Law, Southern Africa, and Consumer Protection. The Sports and Entertainment workshop emphasized the need of Black lawyers in this area of the law. The speakers admitted that this particular field was difficult to penetrate, but noted that career opportunities were available. The panelists all stressed that it was imperative for a sports or entertainment lawyer to know the sport or particular industry of the clients they desired to represent. The speakers outlined in detail the duties of an entertainment or sports lawyer, and what one could expect from a career in this field.

The Consumer Fraud workshop emphasized the need for Black attorneys to work in the consumer law field because that area of the law has a greater effect on the Black community than any other field of the law. The speakers mentioned several illegal sales practices prevalent in poor communities as well as various methods used to protect the community from these illegal practices.

The Reproductive Rights workshop discussed attacks on reproductive freedom from restrictions on Medicaid abortions and forced sterilizations. The workshop participants formulated a resolution in opposition to forced sterilization, mandating that BALSA write to HEW to demand that restrictions on forced sterilizations be enforced.

The Affirmative Action workshop outlined law school admissions programs and policies since Bakke and attempted to formulate strategies to combat the retrogressive effects of Bakke. The panelists also addressed the problem of employment for minorities in the face of Weber.

The students who participated in the Pre-law seminar were informed of the general application procedure and warned of what they could expect once they got to law school. BLSA chapters at the convention had representatives at the seminar for the students to speak with.

The Moot Court Competition this year involved a "reverse discrimination" case. Eight teams representing five regions competed. The team from the U of Cincinnati received top honors for the best team. Boston College got the best brief award. The award for the best oralist went to James Hewitt of Cleveland-Marshall School of Law.

One very helpful part of the convention was the Chapter presidents meeting. The presidents and chairpersons of the various chapters met to discuss problems facing local BALSA chapters, and various methods of dealing with them. Common concerns were continuity, funding, and increasing student participation.

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TO THE EDITOR:

April 13, 1979

Earlier today I was denied admission to the Law School Faculty Meeting. I had asked Dean Sandalow's permission to observe the meeting. The Dean told me that, with the exception of those students designated as representatives by LSSS, the Faculty had a "firm position" excluding students and other members of the public.

I find that position shocking and outrageous. It appears to violate the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Mich. Comp. Laws 15.261 et seq., notwithstanding any faculty claim that the faculty is only an "advisory body" to the Regents. Any such claim is plainly obfuscatory, misrepresenting the true nature of decision-making at this law school and university. Moreover, the faculty's position certainly violates the spirit of the Act.

More troubling, however, is the faculty's obvious lack of commitment to free and open discussion of public issues, embodied in the First Amendment to our Constitution and, in fact, in our entire Constitutional heritage. No one doubts that commitment to democratic principles and institutions is more difficult "at home"; yet one would think that a law school faculty would be more sensitive than most groups to infringing on democratic processes.

What are you afraid of? That students will take an interest in the way you are forming our education? That students will hold you accountable for your decisions? That students will see you in non-scholarly roles, bickering among yourselves as ordinary politicians?

I have a sincere interest in clinical education at Michigan. I read the Cooper Report with great interest. I do not understand why you feel it is necessary to exclude me from your discussions on the subject.

/s/ Jonathan Klein

(Ed. Note--I sat through the first part of the faculty meeting; but then I didn't bother to ask anyone if I could attend the meeting, I just did. None of the faculty seemed to mind my presence.)

REPORT FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES TO BLACK LAW STUDENTS 11th ANNUAL CONF. (Continued from Page 7)

The convention was highlighted by the remarks of keynote speaker Minister Abdul Farrakhan. Minister Farrakhan is one of the leaders of the Muslim religion in America. He gave an inspiring speech emphasizing the need for Black solidarity.

The convention proved to be an invaluable experience. The workshops were informative and enlightening while the plenary sessions and regional caucuses provided a forum in which to sharpen and develop "politicaking" skills. The convention also afforded the participants an opportunity to meet with Black law students from all over the country and share experiences and observations. Most importantly, though, the convention instilled in the organization a sense of solidarity and cohesiveness which is vital in the reconstruction of an civilization.

For more information, contact Lynn Morison or Bess Murchison.

(Lynn Morison)

Last Chance....

Yes, indeed, friends, the end is almost at hand. There are only a few short weeks until the end of the Spring Term. This means that we at the R.G. will also have to start studying (ugh!) for finals. But more importantly, it means that there will only be one more issue of your favorite Law School rag, The Res Gestae, this year. Just one more this year! So for all of you graduating seniors who have spent the last three years of your lives repressing those creative urges, this is your last chance to tell the Law School world just how you feel. Before you get swept away into corporate "never-never land", separated from all your friends and beloved professors, you might want to give them all one last parting comment--something for everyone to remember you by.

If you do, just write it down and drop it off at the R.G. Office. Opportunity knocks but once!
Admissions Committee Brouhaha

In the April 9 Res Gestae the LSSS announced the Jack Butler, Randy Mehrberg and Perry Hooks had been selected for the faculty-student Admissions Committee. The "LSSS Notes" of that same issue stated:

"A resolution encouraging more women and minorities to apply next year for committee assignments was approved. It was noted that this year's assignments are reflective of the applicant distribution."

In fact, six women (Marian Ayaub, Linda Cornelius, Donna Erb, Sherry Goodman, Margaret McFarland, and Betty Rankin-Widgeon) applied to the Admissions Committee, which has been described by the LSSS president as one of the three most important LSSS committees.

Women have a strong interest in ensuring they are represented on the Admissions Committee because sexism exists in this law school and in our society. Sometimes the discrimination is blatant, other times it is subtle. Either was, many often don't even perceive it--as is demonstrated when they are surprised that women are angry that an admissions committee is all-male.

Our interest in eliminating the pervasive sexism of this school and society makes it imperative that a woman be on the committee.

We challenge the assertion that all members of the present committee can adequately represent the interests of women. Members of the committee must be representative of the school and society. They do not become representative by running for the Senate and losing, or by applying for other committees and not being selected. Rather, the committee members should demonstrate that in the past they have had an interest in providing equal access to positions in this society, and that they will continue to demonstrate this interest while serving on the committee.

We do not allege that the LSSS entered the selection process with a firm policy to select only whites or only males for the committee. What we do allege is that cronyism pervaded the selection decisions and that the Senate was insensitive to the interest of their constituency in representing all members of the school on the committee.

We now refuse to accept the results of their favoritism and insensitivity. We oppose such maneuvering among the minorities here. Blacks and women have diverse, but equally valid, reasons for representation on the Law School Admissions Committee. If the LSSS did not realize this last week, 229 signatures collected from 10 a.m. Thursday to noon Friday demonstrate the need for LSSS to realize it now.

/s/ Mary Hendriksen

(The petition signed by the 229 law students read as follows:)

"The Admissions Committee of the Law School Student Senate makes policy decisions. It is perhaps the most important committee of the Senate, particularly for those who are now in a minority at the Law School.

"Although qualified women applied for a place on the Admissions Committee, none were appointed. The Senate officers explained this by stating that the majority of the student body and the applicants to the Committee are white males, and that the newly appointed Committee rightly reflects this composition. Their position has the effect of pitting Blacks, Chicanos, and women against each other for one place on the three-person committee.

"Given that women compose over 1/4 of the student body, that there are compelling reasons for increasing this number, and that a woman will most effectively advance this interest, we demand that a woman be added to the Admissions Committee. Alternatively, if the Committee cannot be expanded to four persons because its present student-faculty ratio must be maintained, we demand that the Committee be made more representative of the student body and of the Law School applicant pool by replacing one of the two white male Committee members with a woman."

(The petition was signed by 229 law students--too many to list them.
A copy of the petition is on file in the LSSS Office for those who are interested.)
Mary Berry’s P.A.D. Address Successful
by Marty DeWitt

This year's Phi Alpha Delta Annual Spring Banquet was a most enjoyable success, with Dr. Mary F. Berry, Assistant Secretary of Education in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, as the guest speaker. For those unable to attend the off-campus banquet, the following is an encapsulation of Dr. Berry's address.

Through her role in government regulation, Dr. Berry is working to upgrade the nation's education programs. Dr. Berry is the person responsible for overseeing the 'E' in HEW—a chunk of the largest civilian bureaucracy that is oiled by an annual budget of $13 billion. Hence, Dr. Berry refers to HEW as being the "third largest country in the world."

The administrator coordinates the management of all education programs in the Federal government, a task so immense she normally uses a large organizational chart of black boxes to aid her in explaining the extent of her authority. Dr. Berry's cube sits at the top. The National Institute of Education, the National Center for Education Statistics, and the Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education are just a few of the boxes over which Dr. Berry wields her "power of persuasion, leadership and coordination."

Dr. Berry has been instrumental in pushing to establish an education department independent of HEW—a move President Carter has pledged to bring to fruition. According to Dr. Berry, education priorities get lost in the tangled HEW bureaucracy because they are overshadowed by what are considered more immediate concerns that the agency is handling, such as Social Security, health insurance and care programs. Education problems are not so obvious, she said. The long-term effect of an educational program has to be monitored and is of great importance here. In addition, Dr. Berry rejects the claim that a new department will only add to the government bureaucracy; rather, this measure will simplify.

Dr. Berry projects a manner of enthusiasm and involvement, and communicates a sense of personal attachment when describing her programs. She speaks of successful administrative reshuffling like a teacher enthralled by the prospect of a student on the verge of learning a new concept instead of a high-level official who spends hours poring over statistics and charts.

She says that since she has accepted her post two years ago, her taste for statistics has been enhanced. To generate policies, Dr. Berry must wade through reams of figures to discover which techniques or plans are most likely to work effectively.

Although Dr. Berry has acclimated to government work amazingly well, she intends to return to a university to continue her academic interests. She says she wants to avoid becoming a stereotypical bureaucrat, a fate she fears would accompany a long stay in government.

L.S.S.S. Notes

LSSS passed a resolution, while approving the Student Curriculum Committee report on the Clinical Program, stating:

"We (also) wish to express some dismay at the standards the Cooper Report uses to select clinical professors. The regular faculty are required to be superior scholars and teachers. Clinicians must possess these abilities, and, in addition, outstanding practical skills. This standard may be unreasonable. For the present, clinicians should be hired because of the potential value to the clinical programs, and not because they may someday be asked to teach in the socratic fashion and write in the Law Review."

Budget hearings are at 6:45pm, Monday, April 16. Please sign up for a time.

A stereo purchase was authorized. $2400 was allocated for a state-of-the-art, high power system to be used for Law student activities. Details are available from Deryck Palmer.

Kathi Machle was appointed as interim representative to the M.S.A., pending a determination of the M.S.A. election's validity. (The M.S.A. election was declared invalid and new elections are to be held in September. Kathi Machle was the top vote-getter for the Law School representative post in that election.)
Counter Culture
by Ted Vogel

For a decade or two now, we have had our consciousness considerably raised about the "Black experience". Unfortunately, other than Sociology 101, our nominally integrated schools (see Time, April 16, 1979, p. 100), and a good book or two, we have been largely left to such quality fare as "Sanford and Son" and "The Jeffersons". A Black playwright, Joseph A. Walker, is rapidly filling the void with his works about Black life. "The River Niger", perhaps his best play, was presented by the University's Professional Theatre Program last week to an undersized but overenthused audience in the Power Center.

In the lead role of Johnny Williams, the role he also played in the National Touring Company's production of "The River Niger" when it visited Ann Arbor in 1975, was Guest Artist in Residence Mel Winkler. The play centers around the return of Jeff Williams to his home in Harlem from the Air Force. Johnny--who gave up college and a hoped-for career as a lawyer to assume the millstone of financial support for a burgeoning household of relatives, a life of housepainting, and eventual alcoholism--is really a poet at heart. Consequently, he projected into his only son, Jeff, his desire to get ahead, to achieve and be recognized, and Johnny oozes with pride in Jeff's expected Air Force officer's rank.

Also waiting to greet Jeff's return is a quarrelsome collection of toughs from his old street gang who have now decided to wage their own little street war as revolutionaries against the oppressive establishment. While Jeff rejects their new tactics (he wants to go to law school: "We can make the Constitution work for us,"), he also must confess to his father that he has washed out of the Air Force because he could no longer take the military's petty treatment for him: "I told them to let go of my nigger toe."

The intense climax of the play brings together the several themes, along with some immensely touching moments of personal anguish and strength, to under-score the essence of the play that each person must choose his own battlefields. And in this respect, the play transcends the single theme of Black experience---everyone in daily living must search for his own battlefield, his own place to make a contribution, his own road to self respect.

Interspersed between intense scenes was lots of plain good fun, as well as the expected street (formerly known as "gutter") language. (The play was banned for under-12 kids.) Hymn-humming Grandma Wilhelmena Brown was exceptional in providing comic relief, although that appears to have been the only reason for her role in the play. The lovely Janice Reid, who played Major Barbara last summer, returned in another role of Goodness Impersonate as Ann Vander guild, Jeff's fiance.

But the performance of Mel Winkler dominated the play and breathed vibrant life into Walker's poetry.

Kamisar Gets Chair

Dean Sandalow has announced that he will nominate Professor Kamisar to be the first Henry King Ransom Professor of Law. The nomination will be submitted to the University Regents at their May meeting. The Ransom Professorship was recently established by a gift from a U-M professor emeritus of surgery.

Super Sax!

Professor Joe Sax has been selected as a recipient of a University of Michigan Faculty Achievement Award for 1978-79. The award, which is one of the highest honors the University can bestow upon a faculty member, will be presented to Sax next fall.

Pass/Fail Time

If you, too, have a "fear of flying", then remember that the Pass/No Pass deadline is Friday, April 20. Pass/No Pass slips are available in Room 300.
Legal Aid Society's Summer Program

The Law School's Legal Aid Society was formed to give students an opportunity to gain experience through representing clients in connection with Campus Legal Aid (now Student Legal Services) and to enable students to serve indigent clients. In the past year the Legal Aid Society has not represented clients, but individual students have volunteered at Student Legal Services where they have assumed virtually all of the responsibilities of practicing lawyers. Student attorneys at Student Legal Services have been able to practice and improve many of their legal skills. As an organization, the Legal Aid Society is still responsible for the Summer Legal Aid Program. This program funds 10-week summer internships at Michigan Legal Services offices for students attending law school in Michigan.

Students who are interested in volunteering at Student Legal Services next year or who wish to discuss the Summer Legal Aid Program or legal services practice in general are invited to attend an organizational meeting for the Legal Aid Society, Monday, April 16 in Room 212, Hutchins Hall at 3:30 p.m. At the meeting we plan to discuss potential activities for next year. Any suggestions will be welcome. If you are interested in more information but are unable to attend the meeting call Ruth Stevens at 995-0961 or Keith Carson at 764-9041, or leave a note in the mailbox outside Room 300. Everyone is welcome!

--Ruth Stevens

Placement Lists Now Available

Third-year students-If you are interested in receiving a list of where your classmates will be after graduation, please sign your name and address to the list attached to the 1st floor Placement Bulletin Board. The list will be mailed around the first of July. Also, if you have not notified the Placement Office of your job, please fill out the blue form on the table in front of Room 100 or include the information on the address list. Or if you do not have a job yet, please stop by to see us.

Second- and first-year students-Each year the Placement Office receives requests from many employers for a directory of student addresses, undergraduate majors, etc. If you would like to be included in the directory, please fill out the white form available on the table in front of Room 100 and in the Placement Office. Also, if you would like to receive a tentative list of on-campus interviewers, please fill out the top part of the same white form. The tentative list will be mailed in early August.

Bikes Evicted

Dean Sandalow has issued the following warning to those law school bicyclists who have been parking their bicycles in Hutchins Hall (instead of locking them in the bicycle racks just outside the doors):

Because of the problems and generally undesirable conditions resulting from the collection of bicycles inside Hutchins Hall, it is necessary to institute a Law School regulation against parking of bicycles in the corridors and entryways of Hutchins and Legal Research.

Bicycles left in such areas are now, therefore, subject to removal by the University Security service.

(H. Slote)
# Baseball Poll

The L.O.P.S. (Lawyers Official Polling Society), consisting of die-hard baseball fans ushered in the new season with the following predictions (and unfortunately the Yanks to repeat):

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The Sports Poll will resume in the fall and we hope to get a lot of participation from all you sports nuts.

See you then.

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# Gag Orders

by Stan Shapiro and Seth Weinberger

Did you hear that the Red Wings don't let goalie Gagnon drive a car. They're afraid he won't be able to stop it!

Good one!


There goes this year's poster child for the 'first-year syndrome' telethon.
TRUCKING TO NEW YORK CITY—I need three more to share rental of a U-Haul or van. Call Dave Glanz 764-9056 (8-10am, 7-7:30 pm, or midnight-2am)

WHO BORROWED MY CORPORATE TAX NUTSHELL—I've forgotten who borrowed that and my Basic Corporate Taxation (Kahn, ICLE ed) Whoever you are, please call Dave Glanz 764-9056.

LOST—2 keys on round metal key ring at Crease Ball. If found please call me at 668-7138.

FOOTBALL SEASON TICKETS—I need 2 student season football tickets. Will pay $45 per ticket. 973-0596 after 6pm. Offer good until May 9, 1979.

MOTORCYCLE NEEDED FOR SUMMER—I'd like to rent yours from May until September for commuting to my law firm in Detroit and a class in the suburbs. Should run well and be over 125cc (but not too big) Terry 764-2018.

PHI DELTA PHI has rooms available over the summer. If you want a private room for over three months ($200 total), with no utility bills, call 994-3276 or stop by the Phid House.

SET OF KEYS FOUND at Hale Auditorium—includes Chrysler keys, U keys, and whistle on ring. Pick up at basement of Business Administration building.

PROFESSOR'S HOUSE TO SUBLET—1209 S. State near IM and track, 4 singles & 1 dbl. Price negot. 994-9230/764-9062.

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Monday, April 16, 1979
Legal Aid Society meeting--3:30/212HH

Wednesday, April 18
Placement Committee meeting--briefly get together to get acquainted; Noon/212HH

Equal Justice Foundation meeting--Noon/236HH

B.L.S.A. general body meeting--3:30/Cook Room

Christian Law Students Bible study---Exodus 3, 4. 3:35/see posters for room

Thomas Sussman, counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee will speak on the Kennedy Anti-Merger Bill. Sponsored by MSA and Speakers Committee. 3:45/132HH.

Thursday, April 19
LSSS 3-mile Mini-Marathon--4:30pm/Nichols Arboretum (in case of rain, the race will be held Friday)

Gargoyle Films meeting--present members and anyone interested in joining can attend. 7:00pm/Law Club Lounge

Sunday, April 22
Law School Honors Convocation--3:00pm/Hale Auditorium (Bus. Ad. School)

Monday, April 23
WLSA lunch--Report on 10th Annual Conf. on Women and the Law in Texas. Will discuss regional conference here next fall. Possible workshops in corporate practice, custody, divorce, real est.; and other women's legal problems. Noon/Faculty Dining Room

All Graduating Seniors should get their invitations for Senior Day from Mrs. Howe in Room 320 Hutchins Hall. The number of guests that will attend the ceremony and the reception which follows must be known well in advance so that preparations can be made for everyone. Just stop by Room 320--it only takes a minute.