Law School Student Senate

The Law School Student Senate opened its 1978 Legislative Term Monday night. As was the case last semester, the LSSS will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. Constituents, as always, are invited to attend and participate.

Chuck Stavoe was appointed editor of the Res Gestae. Due to graduation and other paraphernalia, a number of new staff persons are needed to keep this bastion of the law school in operation. If anyone out there is interested in working for the R.G., give Chuck a call at 764-9030 or 763-4332.

The Board of Governors of the Lawyers Club will be meeting in February. If there is any input you would like to make, talk to your (or any) Senator, or stop in at the LSSS office in Room 217 HH. REMEMBER, these are the people who set the rates and policies of the Lawyers Club.

Every few years the ABA re-acredits the law school. They will be here in the spring. There is preliminary work prior to their arrival. If you would like to get involved with this process, let the Senate know and we will get you started.

A number of ideas were presented for possible action this semester. Among them are: A tutorial program, ID card label to distinguish law students from others (to avoid hassles at law school events), an improved speaker program for 1978, a fuller events calendar for 1978, and a new refrigerator for the women's lounge. If you have any suggestions to supplement this list let the LSSS know.

The ground breaking for the new library addition will be at 10:30 a.m. on January 27. Everyone is invited to attend. Brave the cold and speeches and see frozen ground broken.

Watch for signs that will show how YOU can win valuable prizes.

The LSSS is planning to start a renters referral service. If you have a good apartment that you are leaving behind, let the Senate know (217 HH) and we will let other law students who are looking for a place know about it.

LSSS SIGNING OFF
TTFN
Day Old Bread

by Steve Fetter

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ISSUE
* * FEATURING * *
PREDICTIONS FOR 1978

1--Sallyanne Payton's huge dog "Cinder" will maul three members of the Dean Search Committee--and the next day will be offered the deanship.

2--Dean Susan Ecklund, separated at birth from her identical twin sister, will be reunited when Britt Ekland will visit Ann Arbor in February.

3--The first-year 50/50 Diversification Program will erupt into civil war in mid-April, pitting classmate against classmate, scholar against artist. Only prompt action by Dean St. Antoine in calling out the Law Review to quell the disturbance prevents it from escalating into a full-scale war. However, month-long battle proves to be especially hard on the borderline people--those who are unsure whether they were accepted by U-M because of their grades or their piano playing.

4--"P" entry of the Law Club, led by the lovely Parisienne, Maylis Casati-Ollier, will secede from the Law Club in order to combine with Quebec into a new French-speaking country, Quepec. John Coogan, in P-22, will sleep through the entire affair--only to wake up in Montreal a week later.

5--Following in the footsteps of other great Supreme Court Justices--Justice Marshall (pneumonia in 1976) and Justice Powell (too similar to the Bakke case in 1977)--Justice Blackmun will ask to be excused from the finals of the 1978 Campbell Competition--citing narcolepsy as the reason.

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A skeptical Dean St. Antoine fires off a scathing letter to Chief Justice Burger, threatening to tear up Michigan's agreement with the High Court. "No Blackmun--No Contract."

Surprisingly, Justice Blackmun yields to the pressure and attends--only to sleep through 3 of the 4 presentations. Nonetheless, he reaffirms Justice Arthur Goldberg's feelings from last year: "Everyone I saw did a great job. Somewhat peeved at the record of the Supreme Court over the last 3 years, the Campbell Competition Committee decides to look elsewhere for next year, sending out feelers to Billy Carter, Olga Korbut and Donald Duck.

FRESH FROM THE OVEN: A reader writes in and asks, "Dear Bread, Each time I take a test pass-fail, the proctor requests that I indicate it by putting "P-F" on my bluebook. Also I have to write 'Graduating Senior' if it's my last term. I couldn't help but wonder--does this help us or hurt us, and if so, how? CONFUSED

Dear CONFUSED, Don't worry. That information can only help you. It is meant to ease the burden on the professor by allowing a less in-depth study of the particular test paper--more-or-less, a quick review for the essential points. Also with the tight room squeeze in the Law Club, the Administration hates to clutter up the Quad with people who are only taking one course. Therefore, the request for "Graduating Senior" on the test. In fact, Mrs. Betts reports that of the four people who turned in blank bluebooks with P-F GRADUATING SENIOR on the cover last term, two passed, one got a D+, and the other a D. Additionally, if you want to raise your chances of passing even higher than 50%, you might want to try some of our favorites:

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GARGOYLE FILMS
PRESENTS
Judy Holliday, Broderick
Crawford and William Holden
in
* * * * * BORN YESTERDAY * * * * *

Directed by George Cukor
From the play by Garson Kanin

One of the most successful film adaptations of a hit Broadway play, BORN YESTERDAY features Broderick Crawford as a millionaire influence-peddler who comes to Washington to pay off Congressmen. Judy Holliday plays his dumb blonde fiancee who is to sign the checks and launder the funds. Her empty-headed conversational offerings are a source of embarrassment, so an articulate newspaperman (Holden) is hired to coach her. Not only does he coach her, he enlightens and informs her as well. Judy Holliday won an Academy Award as Best Actress for her portrayal of Billie Dawn, the glassy-eyed, truculent-voiced, gin-rummy playing fiancee.

FRIDAY
January 20
7 & 9:05 p.m.
Room 100 HH

Admission:
Law Students
25¢
Guests
75¢
Others
$1.00

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P-F GRADUATING SENIOR--Early Flight Home

P-F GRADUATING SENIOR--Sole Support of Crippled Mother

P-F GRADUATING SENIOR--Dating Your Daughter and We Haven't Done Anything Yet--Want to Keep It That Way?

Tell us if you have any success with these, and send in ones that have worked for you--we'll be glad to pass them along.

BEST PROPERTY JOKE OF 1977 (Reported by Mark Rosenblum):
What do a covenant that runs with the land and a fat woman in a tight skirt have in common? Of course--they will both bind the assignees.

Be sure to tune in next week for The John Coogan Story, Part III (or How to Sleep Your Way to Success). See you then.

Notice

UNDERGRADUATE LAW TEACHING
Fall 1978 & Winter 1979

All persons interested in teaching undergraduate law courses for law school credit during Fall 1978 and Winter 1979, and who were unable to attend the January 17th meeting, should see Asst. Dean Cohen, in 316 Hutchins Hall, no later than * * * * * January 25th, * * * * *
Thursday

FEMINIST LEGAL SERVICES

General Meeting
January 19
W.L.S.A. Office
12:00 Noon

P.A.D.
LUNCHEON

January 19
Noon

Professor Marcus Plant will speak on
"Recent NCAA Developments"
Faculty Dining Room

And don't forget the
Sherry Hour at 3:00.

Friday

NOTICE

Drops and Adds
end Friday---
January 20.

DEUTSCHE TAFEL

Studenten, Professoren,
Deutsch sprechende Leute

Wir möchten eine Deutsche Tafel
in der Lawyers' Club Cafeteria
organisieren.

Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen wollen
kommen Sie am die Deutsche Tafel
jeden Donnerstag.

Wir wollen einen Tische am Ende
der Cafeteria reservieren.

Von 12 bis 1.

Jeder ist herzlich willkommen!

(German-speaking table every Thursday
for lunch in the cafeteria)

Mystery of the Week

Who will be our new Dean?
SPORTS POLL

This week begins our college basketball poll season. The rules remain the same: circle the winners in each game and cross out the losers, taking into account the stated point spreads. Put your entry in the box outside of room 100 by 4:30 P.M. Friday.

The weekly RG rankings this semester will be thrown open to anyone who wants to vote in them. If you would like to participate, make a list of your top ten teams after the weekend games, and turn your list in to the RG office on Monday, or put it in the box outside of room 100.

Mike Harrigan was the winner of the football prediction poll. No one correctly predicted that Dallas would defeat Denver in the Super Bowl, but Mike did take Dallas, and predicted seven of the eight playoff entries.

This week's games:
Michigan at Ohio State (4½)
Iowa (10½) at Michigan State
Minnesota at Wisconsin (7½)
Indiana (6½) at Purdue
Northwestern (9½) at Illinois
Kentucky at Mississippi (15½)
Washington (14½) at Marquette
Indiana State at Illinois State (16½)
Maryland (8½) at North Carolina
Arkansas at Texas Christian (20½)
Florida State (10½) at Louisville (Sun.)
UCLA at Notre Dame (½) (Sun.)
Kansas State (9½) at Kansas
Fordham (12½) at Syracuse
Providence at Connecticut (16½)
New Mexico at Texas-EI Paso (17½)
Holy Cross at Georgetown (7½)
Virginia at Clemson (4½)
Dayton (10½) at DePaul
St. Peter's (30½) at Detroit
Duke at La Salle (10½)
Northern Illinois at Kent State (18½)
Toledo at Ball State (6½)
Memphis State (3½) at Cincinnati
Missouri (5½) at Nebraska

Tiebreaker: How many points for Michigan Saturday? _______________________

Name: ________________________________

Greg Need

LA TABLE FRANÇAISE
French Table

Nous déjeunons ensemble tous les mardis à midi pendant ce semestre.

C'est l'occasion de pratiquer votre français... even if you have not spoken French for a long time, come along.

Ce mardi, le 24 janvier, nous aurons une dégustation de vin à la réunion!

Nous allons aussi choisir une date pour notre voyage à Montréal.

If you are interested in the Montreal trip, come to the luncheon on Tuesday.

Tous le monde est le bienvenu.

A midi, dans la cafétéria du Lawyers' Club. (Faculty Dining Lounge)

SATURDAY

MONEY & CREDIT

A Community Workshop For Women

Saturday
January 28
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Topics: Checking & Savings Accounts
Credit Cards
Buying a Home
Loans
Lawsuits
Equal Credit Opportunity Act
Effects of Separation and Divorce on Family Finances

sponsored by: F.L.S. and W.L.S.A.
A number of us are curious as to who's out there. In the spirit of scientific inquiry, why don't you fill out the following questionnaire? Return it to the RG office (Basement, library) or the Lawyers Club desk, preferably before January 20.

Name_________________________ Year_______ Phone____________________________

Address______________________________

Would you be interested in
Receiving a list of other bridge players? YES NO
Meeting informally once a week? YES NO Day preferred________
Participating in a tournament? YES NO

Do you consider yourself (circle one or two):
   a. Beginner (never played or just learning)
   b. Not-so-beginner (Haven't played much; know the general idea)
   c. Fair (Have played for a while; have a grasp of principles but still have a lot to learn)
   d. Pretty good (Have played a good deal; can appreciate most subtleties)
   e. Quite good (Have a mastery of the game -- we're not talking about expert)
   f. Expert

Would you prefer to play with people who consider themselves a b c d e f
Would you prefer not to play with " " " " " " " " a b c d e f
Are you willing to teach beginners occasionally?

How do you feel about table talk?
   a. Don't like it at all
   b. Generally disapprove
   c. Don't care
   d. Prefer a social game

OTHER COMMENTS:
ESTATE OF GOLIATH
v.
DAVID
(as reported by B.J. Ustice)

This is an appeal from a wrongful death action, verdict for the defendant. The appellant assigns a number of errors, mainly revolving around the lower court's charge to the jury of contributory negligence on the part of the deceased.

The facts from the trial record are that appellee, David, caused the death of Goliath by hitting him in the forehead with a rock propelled by a sling. It was also found by the jury that the aforesaid act was not negligent but was a willful act on the part of David.

The assignment of error concerns this charge to the jury by the able and learned lower court judge Samuel:
"If you find that the death occurred during armed combat, then, in order for the plaintiff to prevail, you must also find that Goliath used the due care required of a reasonable man in combat. I would like to point out that normally men in mortal combat do not have fits of laughter to such extent that they drop their shield and weapons in order to hold their stomachs. If you find that the deceased did not act reasonably, that he was contributorily negligent, then you must find for the defendant, the heroic David."

The plaintiff objects on two grounds. The first contention revolves around that portion of the charge concerning the objective man test. The plaintiff claims that it would be entirely reasonable to laugh at a boy who, not even having hair on his face, had come onto the battlefield to challenge "the mighty Goliath." The plaintiff also claims that the judge prejudiced the jury by describing the defendant as "heroic."

This Court holds that the plaintiff is full of crap. If this kid killed the "great Goliath" (the plaintiff's own words), then he is a hero and should not be laughed at. We hold as a matter of law that no one should laugh at heroes on the field of battle.

A second assignment of error concerns the lower court's refusal to charge that David misrepresented himself by using a sling. The lower court was entirely justified in its ruling. The record states that David held himself out to be the champion of Israel, a position he occupied admirably, and that he did not misrepresent himself. The argument that usage of the trade defines a champion differently is not applicable since that is a contract concept and this action lies in tort.

Before the plaintiff decides to file a new action for breach of contract, we should point out that the defendant's attorney has developed a very just and effective defense: In contract, as well as in tort, the plaintiff has a duty to mitigate his damages, and what better way is there to do so than by consuming homemade chicken soup, something the plaintiff in this case did not do. The verdict of the lower court is

AFFIRMED.

Opinion rendered by Gabriel, J.; Yaweh, C.J. and Moses, district court judge sitting by special designation, concurring.

[This opinion was originally reported at 14 Biblical Rep. 912.]
While the R.G. Staff is growing in number and quality(?) we need some talented writers to cover major news events that happen every day here at the Law School. A staff photographer and artist in residence would also be helpful. If you or someone you have met somewhere, anywhere, would like to contribute these otherwise untapped talents, let us know—you'll get into print almost immediately!

Remember Kids, Equity takes no Shit!

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