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NADER STRIKES AGAIN

In the following article, Ralph Nader explains the concept of the Equal Justice Foundation, a public interest organization now being formed to improve access to justice. Nader is an inspiration behind the group, but it also has broad support from law student organizers at more than twenty schools, and will have a democratic, contributor-controlled structure.

In other words, this will not be just another Washington "Nader group". EJF will be an association of lawyers formulating their own specific goals under the general rubric of access to justice. An organizing drive will begin soon at this law school. If you have any questions about the group or would like to assist us in organizing, please feel free to contact us.

[The following is an edited version of a speech by Ralph Nader explaining the Equal Justice Foundation. —ed.]

The Equal Justice Foundation

by Ralph Nader

In the next two months, students from over twenty law schools will attempt to establish a structure to champion adequate and expeditious access to justice at the national, state, and local levels. For during the last ten years, enough documentation has been assembled about poverty, discrimination, pollution, consumer fraud, corporate crime, governmental corruption and waste to warrant their action. In addition, the opinions of the Burger Court have restricted access to justice procedurally and across a broad spectrum—two examples are consumer class actions and standing to sue.

Although all these events have long been front page news, there has certainly been insufficient corrective response by our legal and political institutions. The first requirement to help change this situation is a broader deployment of the legal profession to permit more lawyers opportunities to work on lasting system change and to represent clients who are presently shut out of our legal system. This is where law students can make a dramatic contribution to our country.

Together with a number of public interest lawyers, I have joined with students from a growing number of law schools to propose the establishment of the Equal Justice Foundation. The Foundation will be a nationwide, contributor-controlled, decentralized network of lawyers to advance national, regional and local work on issues of access to justice. It will be funded by tithing: law students will pledge to contribute one percent or more of their postgraduate income to the work of EJF.

Although the contributors will determine the policy of the Equal Justice Foundation, the consensus so far indicates that this new engine for justice will have an office in Washington, where critical reform legislation and litigation will be advocated. The Foundation would maintain local grassroots chapters to advance access to justice on procedural and substantive grounds. EJF would be governed by an elected board of directors.

The concept of tithing by the bar has a history of adherents. It was proposed by legal aid pioneer Reginald Heber Smith back in 1912. At the 1968 annual meeting of the American Bar Association, tithing was urged by Common Cause founder John Gardner.

Those who know well both the deficiencies and the possibilities of the legal system, law students and lawyers, have a special obligation to provide concrete support for its improvement. And as part of the more idealistic dimension of the legal profession, law students are initiating the Equal Justice Foundation drive, just as their predecessors marshalled energies a few years ago to help the civil rights and anti-war movements. With one major difference—the EJF will have continuity and full time staff situated around the country to enlist broader student and lawyer participation in its activities.

It is time to take some of the privileges of belonging to the bar in America and translate them into exciting professional obligations to make a better society. There are few students who cannot find a few hours a week to work to establish an access-to-justice organization. And there are fewer students who cannot give one percent of the income as practicing lawyers to establish what could truly be called an historic undertaking of historic advocacy.
LAW SCHOOL LIMERICKS

There once was a prof known as Yale,  
Against all the cops he would rail.  
As he practiced his trade  
Con Law II was re-made,  
And he sprung all the crooks out of jail.

There once was a prof known as Reed.  
On evidence rules he did feed.  
All the fed rules he knew,  
Thought his students did too,  
Which was quite a dastardly deed.

There once was a prof known as Kahn.  
On the tax court he should have been on.  
The Code he knew so keen  
That each April fifteen,  
The I.R.S. he'd try to con.

There once was a prof known as Plant,  
Who knew all about government grants.  
But when he did teach  
At the students he'd preach  
Til it seemed like Gregorian chants.

There once was a prof known as Estep,  
Who taught about Con Law with much pep.  
But while in Comm Trans  
He lost all his fans  
And in class two-thirds of the students slept.

There once was a prof known as Weston,  
Who knew all the rules of arrestin'.  
His knowledge he trusted  
So he went and got busted  
And befuddled the judge with his questions.

REGISTRATION FOR BAR/BRI COURSE WILL BEGIN FEBRUARY 6 OUTSIDE OF ROOM 100. REPRESENTATIVES ARE:
Terry Carlson  
Calvin Keith  
Jane McAtee  
Donn Randall

Alaska  
Arizona  
California  
Colorado  
Connecticut  
Delaware  
District of Columbia  
Florida  
Georgia  
Hawaii  
Idaho  
Illinois  
Kentucky  
Maryland  
Minnesota  
Mississippi  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
Nevada  
New Jersey  
New Mexico  
New York  
Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Tennessee  
Texas  
Utah  
Virginia  
Washington  
Wisconsin  
Wyoming

"THE MULTISTATE BAR REVIEW COURSE"
Thursday, February 16, 1978

P.A.D. Luncheon
Thursday, Feb. 16
Noon
Mike Modelski
--Oakland County Prosecutor's Office
"Minimum Sentencing"
Faculty Dining Room

Environmental Law Society

MEETING
Thursday, Feb. 16th
NOON
Lawyers Club Lounge
(bring your tray or brown bag)

Zyg Plater, attorney for the plaintiffs in the snail-darter endangered species case, will talk about its current status and how we can help in the final push (the Supreme Court brief is due FRIDAY!)

Friday

Atlanta Urban Corps
Group meeting for 1st and 2d year students.
Friday, Feb. 17
9:00 a.m.
Room 132 H.H.
Applications are available in the Placement Office.

THE LAW SCHOOL SHIRTS ARE IN!!! *********** Distribution will be Friday, Feb. 17, in front of Room 100 from 9 til 2. Please bring your receipt.

(Sorry, it looks like the sweat shirts won't be ready for another week or two.)

MOVIES
WHERE EAGLES DARE
7 & 10 p.m.
Room 100, Hutchins

CAMPBELL COMPETITION
Final Docket of the round.
Friday, Feb. 17
4:00 p.m.
Moot Court Room
232 Hutchins Hall
Everyone is welcome to attend.
Saturday

B.L.S.A. is sponsoring a one-hour videotape screening of 4 films produced by Hwesu Sam Murray (26) for WNET-TV, N.Y.

The screening will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, in Room 212, H.H.

Included will be "And Justice For All", concerning murders at Jackson State, Southern Univ., and Orangeburg.

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MONEY & CREDIT WORKSHOP

Saturday
Feb. 25
9:00-2:30

Sponsored by F.L.S.
and W.L.S.A.

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Monday

MICHIGAN WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

-invites-
Women Law Students to a Wine Tasting Party
(wine, cheese, cold cuts -----no charge)

6:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 20
R.S.V.P. 313/546-1711

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Tuesday

LA TABLE FRANÇAISE

A notre déjeuner du mardi, 21 février Monsieur le professeur Pierre Deyon nous fera une causerie sur

"Le Mal Français"

La conférence aura lieu après notre déjeuner ensemble dans la Faculty Dining Salle du Lawyers' Club.

Tous le monde est le bienvenu.
Soyez nombreux. A mardi! A midi!

("Le Mal Francais" was the subject of a French book which made a sensation last year. It dealt with the characterization of the French national stereotype. It was a fascinating book, and Professor Deyon's talk promises to be similarly interesting)

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wanted:

The recipe for the "Wheat and Honey" dish at the Susan B. Anthony Dinne. Please mail to Liz, Box 254, Lawyers Club. Thank You.
The 1st Annual Canyon Memorial Law School Basketball Tournament is now taking team entries. Teams must be composed entirely of currently enrolled law students only. Team entries should be submitted to the R.G. Office or Jeff Liebster ($1, 663-0187). The tournament will be held on 2 consecutive Saturdays as soon after Spring Break as possible. Make sure entries include the manager's name and phone number.

L S S S

Meeting called to order at 7:15. The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

$105 was granted to the Equal Justice Foundation to initiate their program. Eric Martin arrived late. The Senate voted to recommend that the Dean contribute $213 to BLSA for a regional convention in Iowa. It was further recommended to the Dean that he contribute $671 to La Raza Law Students Association to participate in a national convention in Washington D.C.

On the lighter side, a cocktail party in honor of the Deans is scheduled for Friday, February 24. All law students are urged to attend and partake in the festivities. A talent show is planned for early April. Barb Watkins promises hours of excellent and/or outrageous entertainment. The law Spouses are having a progressive dinner on March 25.

All Senate meetings are held Monday evenings at 7. Students are encouraged to attend and see their Senate in action.

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LAW STUDENTS CIVIL RIGHTS RESEARCH COUNCIL

Applicants:

Completed applications should be returned to the Placement Office here and not mailed to Atlanta. They must be returned no later than February 27th. Interviews will be held here beginning February 28th. Please watch the Student Notices Board for details Friday, Feb. 17th.

Applications and other information are still available in the Placement Office for those who have not yet obtained them and who are interested in applying for a summer position. For additional information, please call Gwen Mosley, 663-7177.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Law Spouses are planning their Progressive Dinner for sometime after Spring Break.

Watch for future details to be announced soon!

** SOCIAL COMMITTEE NOTICE **

"Deans' Day Cocktail Party"

Friday, February 24
3 - 5:30

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres

Starring: The Saint
The Sandman

Good times to be had by all.
To: assorted denizens of the law school community -- students, staff, faculty, groupies, etc.

From: LSSS

Re: JUNK

Moving up in the world, or at least away from A? Or just getting tired of your present accumulation of valuable merchandise? The LSSS would be interested in sponsoring a Law School RUMMAGE SALE, along the lines of the P.A.D. book sale, if enough potential vendors come forth with goods for sale. All money collected would * be distributed to the owners, except for a percentage - i.e. to cover advertising in the community, set-up, etc. The most likely date would be April 28-30, late enough for people to part with precious &/or essential belongings, but early enough so as not to conflict with finals and graduation.

At this point we need a preliminary indication of interest in participation -- nothing definite, just that you might have things to sell. Please fill out the attached form and drop it off at the LSSS office by March 1 (Room 217 Hutchins). Any questions or suggestions -- call Marla Simpson, 995-3456, or leave a note in the LSSS office.

*the suggestion was made that the charge be a small percentage, enough to cover expected costs and a small donation to the Student Funded Fellowship.

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RUMMAGE SALE INTEREST FORM

Name: ____________________ Pho: ____________________

Items possibly for sale:

___ bicycles (no cars)
___ large items -- furniture, stereo, T.V., etc.
___ kitchen items -- dishes, cooking utensils, small appliances
___ clothing, jewelry, etc.
___ books (non-textbooks)
___ records, tapes, etc.
___ sports equipment, games, toys
___ hardware, tools
___ posters, prints, artwork
___ linens, bedding, pillows, etc.
___ other (describe)__________________________

COMMENTS: ____________________________
SPORTS POLL

Keefe Brooks was the poll winner last week, getting 67% of the games right. John Nuances was in last place, with 37%. Bad weather postponed two games: Milwaukee at Boston (NBA) and Philadelphia at Boston (NHL). Keefe can pick up the prize at the RG office, or any time he can find me.

The rules are these: everyone must do the 25 basketball games, college and pro. If you want, you can also do the eight hockey games. The winner will be the contestant with the highest percentage in games he or she entered. Thus you can do either the 25 basketball games or all 33 games. Circle winners, cross out losers, and put your entry in the box outside of room 100 by 4:30 Friday.

College Basketball: Feb. 17-19
Michigan (13) at Indiana
Ohio State (8) at Michigan State
Iowa at Illinois (4)
Purdue (3) at Minnesota
Wisconsin (4) at Northwestern
Cincinnati (6) at Marquette
Mississippi State (12) at Kentucky
Arkansas at Houston (14)
Detroit at Canisius (22)
DePaul at Loyola (6)
Nebraska (4) at Kansas
Texas at Texas Tech (7)
Virginia (6) at North Carolina
Notre Dame at South Carolina (8)
Washington (14) at UCLA
UtEP (30) at New Mexico
Louisville at Florida State (2) (Fr.1.)
Miami at Ohio Univ. (9)
Louisville (4) at Minnesota (Sun.)

Pro Basketball: Feb. 19
N.J. Nets (16) at Philadelphia
Boston (13) at Denver
New Orleans (4) at Washington
Seattle (3) at Milwaukee
Kansas City (6) at Detroit
Indiana (15) at Portland

OPTIONAL: (see rules)
Pro Hockey: Feb. 18-19
Saturday Feb. 18:
Colorado (4) at Montreal
Los Angeles (12) at Pittsburgh
Detroit (2) at Philadelphia
Minnesota (3) at Toronto
Atlanta (2) at N.Y. Islanders
Sunday Feb. 19:
Los Angeles (12) at Detroit
St. Louis (4) at Buffalo
N.Y. Islanders (12) at Philadelphia

Tiebreaker: How many free throws will Michigan make against Indiana, and how many will they miss?

Name: _______________________________________

BIG TEN RANKINGS: (G.N.)
5. Indiana 6. (tie) Ohio State, Illinois

Also receiving votes: Illinois State (11), North Carolina (10), Detroit (6), Virginia (2), Georgetown (1), Texas (1), Wake Forest (1).

---based on schedule analysis of twelve games

Greg Need
Law Brown, playing its usual hot/cold style, trounced Law Black 57-42, in "A" IM basketball playoffs. Brown led 14-0 after ten minutes, but Black proceeded to tie the score at 14. Law Brown then got its offense into gear, led by strong board work by Paul Keller, who scored 16. George (Doctor of Gun) Brandon put the icing on the cake for the Brown win with three late baskets.

Steve Gaines' undefeated Law Orange squad whipped Law Yellow, 41-29, and meets Law Brown this week. Meanwhile, Law Tse Tse crushed the Giants by 29 points, and looks like the toughest law school team.

Law Fuschia crushed the Pistols, 48-28. Fuschia played an impressive game, and was never seriously threatened. Their high scorers were Steve Weiss with 12, Kevin Russell with 10, and John Cashen with 9. Mark Rosenblum led the cold Pistols with 12 points. The game was a replay of a protested 42-37 Fuschia victory.

In "B" playoffs, Canyon II won its first game, 59-31, over the Quick Carls. Jeff Liebster led with 28 pts. Law Detergent ripped Law Cream, 40-15, led by Jeff Eison's 18.

In mini-soccer action, Bill Brighton's Law Passers (2-0-1) beat the Kelsey Camel Jocks, 3-1. Charley Glerum and Bob Steere each scored their second goal of the season. Law Purple (0-3), playing short one player, got behind the Cosmos 4-0 in the first half. However, after Mike Romero was dragged from his case club memo by a desperate phone call to bring Purple to full strength, the Cosmos were held scoreless. Unfortunately, Law Purple could not produce a goal, and the game ended 4-0.

In the George Wright racquetball tourney, John Rivin beat Gary Walton, 21-15, 21-5, to advance into the finals of the winners' bracket. Dave Franks thrashed Bob Olender, 21-6, 21-8, to set up the other winners' semifinal, against Phil "Dark Horse" Schradle. Meanwhile, Mike Weinbaum dumped Brian Dombkowski, 21-7, 21-16, in a key losers' bracket match.

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OHIO DEFEATED

When all the states bordering Ohio entered into the conflict last week, the war was all but over. Partitioning of the conquered territory has been approved by all but Indiana, which is unhappy with its share. Governor Milliken is still negotiating with them. The general feeling in Lansing is that if Indiana doesn't sign the agreement, "we may just wipe them off the map." (attributed to a high official in Lansing).

As it stands now, the new state lines will be as indicated on the map below:

With the addition of Superior, there will still be 50 states. Congress has admitted Superior to the union and eliminated Ohio at the same time. It was decided that all of the representatives allowed for Ohio would be reapportioned to Superior until the results of the 1980 census are available.

Victory celebrations are underway, and as soon as Indiana settles down, more are expected. The possibility of a conflict with Indiana is not yet beyond reason and our troops have been moved to this hot spot as a precautionary measure. More on this next week.

Homer SWIFT
War Correspondent

RES INDIGESTAE
AKA LAW CLUB MENU

Thursday, Feb. 16
Lunch: Pancakes and Sausage, Oriental Slivered Beef
Dinner: Rib Steak, Gourmet Chicken Almondine

Friday, Feb. 17
Lunch: Turkey Club Sandwich, Chili Con Carne
Dinner: Baked Buffet Ham, Beef Stroganoff

Saturday, Feb. 18
Lunch: Escallopied Tuna and Peas, Fried Eggs
Dinner: Baked Pork Chops, Wine Sauce Swiss Steak

Sunday, Feb. 19
Brunch: Scrambled Eggs, Potato Pancakes, Roast Beef

Monday, Feb. 20
Lunch: Hot Pork Sandwich, Cheese Blintzes
Dinner: Salisbury Steak Italiano, Baked Fish

Tuesday, Feb. 21
Lunch: Pizza, Western Egg Sandwich
Dinner: Tahitiian Chicken, Grilled Lamb Patty

Wednesday, Feb. 22
Lunch: Beef Eater Sandwich, Turkey Salad
Dinner: Beef Stew, Baked Pork Chops

Thursday, Feb. 23
Lunch: Hamburger, Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast
Dinner: Grilled Steak, Hot Seafood Tempter on rusk

WHERE EAGLES DARE

STARRING - Richard Burton, Clint Eastwood, Mary Ure.

Ace British intelligence officer Burton heads a 7-man team of super specialists sent to rescue an American general held in a Bavarian fortress-castle accessible only by cable car. Long on action and intrigue, this spy-counterspy tale carries a crisis-a-minute with the team in constant danger of being caught by the Germans or done in by the traitor in their midst. Based on the novel by Alistair Maclean.

Friday, February 17
7:00 and 10:00
Room 100 Hutchins Hall
Admission—Law Students—.25  Guests—.75  Others—$1.00
Day Old Bread
THE STRIKE IS OVER!

The terms of the settlement:
1) D.O.B.'s compensation will be increased from $20/term to $3,200.00/term (but D.O.B. will have to provide its own typing paper).
2) D.O.B. will have Monday night off, and every fourth week there will be a guest host.
3) Dean Eklund promises to do at least one funny thing each week—and, if not, D.O.B. can invent something.
4) Dean Martindale has agreed to initiate a plan for an affirmative action program for funny people, with the following tentative goals: 1978--5% ; 1979--8%; 1980 and after--10%, with special consideration to transfer students who can improve the humor ratios in the current student enrollment. Additionally, one tenured appointment will be reserved every fifth year for a professor who has documented his sense of humor through publishing.
6) The Res Gestae will be the granted rights of self-determination without the military supervision of the LSSS Army commanded by Bob "The Desert Fox" Santos.

After exiting from the successful all-night negotiating session, a tired Steve Fetter spoke to newsmen:
"I'm glad that an agreement has been reached. For awhile it did look bleak, but Dean Eklund was willing to make valid concessions--and when that began happening, I knew it was only a matter of time."
"I think the low point came last term when only two people entered Rejection Letter Contest, but Dean Eklund has promised me that that won't happen again. In fact, Barb Watkins informs me that we already have more than twenty entries for the Talent Show—-it should be a good term."

Quotes Without Comment:
Charles T. Morrissey in The Wall Street Journal, February 1, 1978:
"...bar exams, among others, have not always been as rigorous as they are today. Earl Warren recounted in his "Memoirs" how the District Courts of Appeal in California would accredit a drove of candidates in a few hours by asking as few as two questions of each would-be lawyer, and accepting just one correct answer as enough for admission to practice.

Warren told a story about this process: When an applicant answered the first question incorrectly the judge would say, "I'm sorry, your answer is wrong. Now for your second question: what is the doctrine of Cy Pres?" If the applicant replied "I don't know," the judge would announce, "That is correct, you don't; and you have passed the examination.""

Sydney J. Harris in the Detroit Free Press, January 30, 1978:
"...Our Supreme Court Chief Justice, Warren Burger, told an audience in England not long ago that by his conservative estimate (and what other kind could he make?) fully one-half of all American lawyers are unqualified to represent their clients in court.

Other evaluations rate only 25 percent of our attorneys as being minimally competent. By doubling their estimate, he feels that he is certainly not erring on the side of rashness in condemning half the bar."

Be sure to tune in next week when D.O.B. announces the winners of the Last Annual Rejection Letter Contest.

[ED. NOTE: Many of you have complained that it would be factually impossible for John Coogan to appear at a Tuesday morning press conference when he never arises before noon. Nice try, but you didn't consider the possibility that he never went to sleep the night before!].

---Photo by M. Jackson

Steve Fetter explains a particularly complex point of law to Deans Eklund and Martindale during one of the marathon bargaining sessions over the past few weeks.