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1st Annual Law Revue is Smash Hit

The first "Law Revue" was held Saturday night, April 8, in the Lawyers Club Lounge before a packed house. For three hours, a myriad of talented and quasi-professional performers sang and danced before a delighted audience of students and faculty. They actually made it seem as if law students can have lives apart from the law books.

Thirteen acts of various demeanor, from Randy Hall’s hip-thrusting and pelvis-gyrating imitation Presley, to a dramatic reading from "Dracula" by Gary Mitchell were co-emceed by Barb Watkins and Steve Fetter (who somehow weaseled a free tuxedo out of Tice’s Mens Shop for the occasion).

The Revue started a little slow with a guitar and dobro act by the Subliminal Kid, but the tempo quickly picked up with some tight harmonic singing by Penny Proctor, Mike Romero, Jane Irwin and while the plurality of acts involved singing, the music ranged from popular to protest/topical and included folk singing, rock and roll, and bluegrass. There was also a magic act, hula, Maori and Tahitian dancing, non-vocal music on the piano and guitar, and our own "Law School News Update" (by Art Block).

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SFF

The Student Funded Fellowship campaign will be drawing to a close this week, and formal applications will be reviewed within the next two weeks. There have been a large number of applications for fellowships, many of them for positions in the criminal law area for indigents and minorities and in the environmental law field.

The response from the student body, in the form of pledges, has been good. However, due to the large number of applications, the current level of pledges (over $2,000) will not be sufficient to attain initial expectations. The number of awards that will be available will necessarily depend on the final amount pledged by the student body. In this regard, the SFF committee would offer a few points:

1) Please make at least a minimum pledge by the end of the week.

2) If you do have a job for the summer and have not thought about the SFF, give the program some serious consideration. Public interest law is deserving of our support if we can afford it; information brochures are available in 217 HH. Or contact a member of the committee.

3) If you are a first-year student, fortunate enough to secure a summer clerkship, consider helping out a fellow student interested in public interest law. The first year response has been unexpectedly strong so far.

4) Finally, due to numerous inquiries by third-year students who will not begin working until after the bar exam and who have indicated that it would be inconvenient to make a donation by July 1, the SFF committee would appreciate any pledges that could be paid by October 1. So, for those third-year students who can assist the SFF Program but have not pledged because of the July 1 due date, their contributions can be paid between July 1 and October 1. From going on, but its plain to see that this book is valuable.
WLSA END OF THE YEAR REPORT

The end of the year is fast approaching. WLSA elections were held on April 12th, outside room 100. I think that it is appropriate that, at a time when we are urging people to run for office and become more involved in the organization, I set forth some of WLSA’s activities over the last year.

Most of our time this year has been spent organizing two conferences. The first, the Recruitment Conference, chaired by Margaret Houy and Marilyn Putney, was held March 25th, and proved to be a huge success. Participation among women who are considering a career in law increased substantially over past conferences. The second conference, the Alumnae Conference, will not be held until October 20, 21, and 22, but as it requires a good deal of organizational effort, work began on it last summer. Due to the organizational efforts of Barbara Miller, with some added influence supplied by Dean St. Antoine, we have obtained Martha Griffith for our keynote speaker. Much still has to be done before October, and volunteers would be grateful accepted.

Another great success, despite one cancellation due to snow, was the Money and Credit Workshop, held on March 18th. Chaired by Nancy Keppleman and Mary Ellen Engen, the workshop sought to educate women in the community about their rights in the area of credit, loans and banking. On the lighter side, we held a Susan B. Anthony Birthday Dinner for the fourth year in a row. Once again, a good crowd of students and professors turned out to eat and be entertained. The program organized by Debbie Fochtman, included dramatic (and not-so-dramatic) readings and several women-oriented folksongs.

We still have one major event this semester. On April 17th, we will have co-sponsored a lecture by Selma James on “Race, Sex & Class”. Ms. James is the founder of the ‘Wages for Housework’ movement.

This list of activities is an underinclusive one. There are many activities which I have not mentioned which are important functions of WLSA. The point is that there are a multitude of activities going on as part of WLSA. I urge all women in the Law School to become a part of this.

I would like to apologize for a comic strip that appeared in these pages. While I intended no disparaging inference, my use of a student’s name without permission in a context which might possibly be interpreted as an insult was an act of indiscretion. I am sorry for any grief that it may have caused.

Seth Weinberger

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***GARGOYLE

FILMS PRESENTS:***

FRIDAY, APRIL 21
7:00, 9:00

THE TIME MACHINE
[George Pal]

Rod Taylor, a turn of the century scientist, invents a time machine which takes him through World Wars I through III (the latter set a little prematurely in 1966) and finally to the year 802, 701 where he finds an underground civilization of ape-like creatures who hold what remains of humanity in slavery. George Pal’s adaptation of the H.G. Wells’ novel is more science fantasy than science fiction, expansive and engaging. “The Time Machine deserves a place on the very short list of good science fiction films.” Time.
constant excitement often causes conversation of the sessions, but most...
Saint Raises Last $2 Million in One Fell Swoop

Ann Arbor—Soon-to-be Dean Terry St. Andalow will certainly sleep easier now that Dean Ted St. Antoine has raised the final $2 million necessary to complete the new library addition. The announcement came at a testimonial dinner held in the out-going, out-going Dean’s honor at the Raleigh House in Southfield. With tears in his eyes, the Saint informed the assembled revelers that the final stipend was contributed by three undergraduate Michigan coeds: Leslie Bernstein of Southfield (Dental Hygiene, ’79), Robin Hart of Bloomfield Hills (Nutrition, ’80), and Karen Gross of Oak Park (Make-up, ’79).

After the banquet the three women held a press conference to explain the reasons for their generosity—Leslie Bernstein: “I think that the Law Library is the nicest library on the U of M campus. I don’t go there to meet law students. I go there to study. I’m just happy that I can help in the library fund drive.” Karen Gross, on the other hand, had her own personal reasons: “I think that the Law Library is the nicest library on the U of M campus. I don’t go there to meet law students. I go there to study. I’m just happy that I can help in the library fund drive.”

After the press conference, Dean St. Antoine informed the press that the three women had made their gift conditional on the acceptance by the administration of a modified blueprint for the library addition (see diagram). Nonetheless, the Saint felt that the chance to exit Ann Arbor leaving an even ledger behind was too good an opportunity to pass up.

Reached at his home, soon-to-be Dean St. Andalow expressed gratitude for the coeds’ generosity, while Library Director Beverley Pooley reserved comment pending further study of the new floor-plan.

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Police Brutality and Community Relations in the Southwest

Chicano attorney, Ruben Sandoval from San Antonio, Texas will be coming to the U of M Law School to speak on Human rights in the administration of justice. Ruben Sandoval has been instrumental in reversing Justice Dept. policy regarding Federal Prosecution of Police convicted in state courts of killing prisoners and giving “wrist slap” sentences.

Mr. Sandoval is one of the very few, but greatly needed Chicano attorneys needed to challenge the type of administration of justice presently taking place in the Southwest.

ONLY A YEAR FOR MURDER:

Three police responsible for the beating and death of Joe Campos Torres in Houston, Tex., were let off with a sentence of only one year in prison. U.S. District Judge Ross N. Sterling imposed the sentence in what was a travesty of justice from beginning to end.

BIG SPRING, TEXAS: 19 yr. old Juan Galavez, a robbery suspect, in Dec. was trapped between two Big Spring police cars and shot to death by a police officer when the suspect reached into his pocket, which contained a pocket knife. Jan. 22, 1978—On the same day in different cities, High School student Danny Vasquez was attending a young woman’s 15th birthday party. When Vasquez tried to explain that a friend who was being arrested had not been fighting, a cop shoved his 12-guage shotgun into his chest and when Vasquez pushed the gun barrel aside and said that the deputy had no cause to point a gun at him, was shot to death with the shotgun. That same day in Odessa Texas, Larry Lozano was killed because he fought back when 3 sheriffs attacked him on a county road. Sheriff’s dept. said Lozano had killed himself, yet an autopsy showed 92 wounds on his body and a hemorrhage-causing blow to the base of his skull. These and more are under investigation, but with no federal involvement.
Solicitor General Wade McCree spoke to a crowd of approximately 110 people at the annual Campbell Chapter banquet of Phi Alpha Delta in Ann Arbor, Michigan. His presentation focused on describing his duties as Solicitor General.

He first discussed the history of the position of solicitor general, which was created in 1870, for "someone learned in the law" to assist the attorney general. From that grant of power arose the office of the solicitor general, which is the highest ranking office having purely legal functions.

The office, which is composed of 13 assistants and 5 deputies, has three functions: 1) It represents the United States in the Supreme Court, 2) It manages the appellate litigation of the United States, and 3) It offers the views of the United States in amicus curiae briefs before the Supreme Court.

Judge McCree first discussed the task of managing appellate litigation. While the solicitor general's office does not do trial work, when the United States attorneys or other attorneys involved in trial work lose a case, they must report it to the solicitor general with a recommendation either to appeal or not. The case is assigned to an assistant, who with some legal research, also makes a decision on whether to appeal. The recommendation is reviewed by the deputy, and the solicitor general decides whether to authorize an appeal. The decision is made after careful consideration, since only 600 out of 1,600 cases are appealed. If an appeal is approved, the U.S. attorney will handle it.

The other task of the solicitor general's office which Judge McCree discussed is to argue before the Supreme Court. Whether to ask for certiorari after a loss in the appellate court depends on several factors, including whether a Supreme Court decision would create a precedent that would be acceptable, or if the case is important enough to be one of the 175 cases out of 4,000 petitions for certiorari for the Supreme Court to hear. If the writ is granted, the case is given to one of the assistants to argue.

The third task of the solicitor general is to file amicus curiae briefs in cases where the United States has an interest. Often the most difficult task is to determine what that interest is, since various agencies in the government that are involved may have different views.

Judge McCree closed the evening with answering questions about his working relationship with the Supreme Court justices, the Bakke case, his own view on the competency of the trial bar, and others.
LACK OF FACILITIES FOR WOMEN - POSSIBLE TITLE IX VIOLATION

by Sue Carlson

For those women students who are tired of waiting for a stall in the washroom, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. ss1681 & 1682, promises some relief. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in education, and the regulations provide, inter alia, for comparable toilet facilities for both sexes. (45 CFR s 86.33)

The Title IX coordinator for the Law School is Dean Pierce. As part of the procedures under the regulations, a school receiving federal funds must complete a self-evaluation to determine whether it is in compliance with Title IX. Pierce points to the Comparable Facilities survey, a floor-by-floor toilet and urinal count that is part of the Law School's self-evaluation, to show that men's and women's facilities are, indeed, "comparable".

An informal survey revealed that most students believe that the men's and women's johns are comparable in only one aspect: they are all poorly maintained. A number of women cited the obvious disparity in size between the women's and men's washrooms in the basement of Hutchins Hall. Still other students expressed amazement when told that there are women's and men's rest rooms on both the third and fourth floors of Hutchins.

Women with an urgent problem, and facing a traffic jam in the washroom on the first level of Legal Research, can whisk to the facilities on either the fifth, ninth, or tenth levels, assuming, of course, that they can wait long enough for an elevator. Besides the one on the first level, there are also men's rest rooms on the seventh, eighth and ninth levels of Legal Research.

On a building-by-building basis, Pierce's survey shows a total of 8 toilets and 4 washbasins for the women, as opposed to 20 toilets, 16 urinals and 19 washbasins for the men in Hutchins Hall. In Legal Research, the women's total improves slightly: 9 toilets and 6 washbasins as compared to 14 toilets, 11 urinals and 8 washbasins for the men. According to Pierce, this disparate count satisfies the minimum requirements of s86.33.

Given the rather poor enforcement record of Title IX by H.E.W., (approximately one complaint per investigator per year has been resolved) it is pointless to explore the meaning of the word "comparable" as used in the regulations. As one of the top law schools in the nation, however, this school can and should be expected to obey the spirit, and not merely the letter, of the law, regardless of its enforcement pattern or narrowness of interpretation.

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Four faculty judges presented awards to the acts which they felt were the most outstanding. While their choices certainly deserved the honors, they must have been somewhat arbitrary in the rankings since all the acts deserved the. In the end, Fred Small took first prize with his topical songs.

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We appreciate the support that the student body has shown for this new program. Give the SFF your support. The more pledges that are made, the greater the number of awards that will be available, and this will reflect the quality of the program. Thanks.

POLICE BRUTALITY

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These are not isolated incidents. On the contrary, they are all-too-common examples of hostility between Chicano/Latinos and police, happening all across the country and it is getting worse, not better. Enraged Chicano/Latino communities have protested the injustices. The Mexican American Defense and Education Fund, League of United Latin American Citizens and others have filed complaints with the U.S. Justice Dept. to begin immediate federal investigations.

The seemingly intentional irresponsible displayed acts of violence against Chicano/Latino has to be stopped. This is the type of oppression-also that of poverty, discrimination, unemployment and harassment that Chicano/Latinos face in this country.

We urge everyone to protest these injustices aimed at Chicano/Latinos and to bring about immediate preventive measures and to insure Human Rights for all.

We invite everyone to attend Ruben Sandoval's talk on HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Ray Zapata
La Raza Law Student Org.

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recommend the purchase of this book. You'll be able to read such things as "The Home Treatment of Syphilis" and the "Home Treatment of the Secret Habit". And the illustrations make the book come to life. See "Suicide Lake", "A Testicle Wasted by Masturbation", "The Semen of a Victim of Masturbation", "Uniformed Men Are Always Popular with the Ladies", and "How Many Young Girls Are Ruined." Don't pass this book by.

Gordon Miller