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The Michigan Raw Review wants everyone with a biting itch to get their satiric humor into print. Rewards include being a part of the Law School's oldest humorous publication (unless you count the First Year Student Photo Directory), and an opportunity to poke fun at various campus non-personalities.

If the Review interests you, stop by Room 217 at 4:00 Monday afternoon, and meet with the infamous co-editors of this year's edition.

 Anyone who is interested in participating in a Passover Seder on Thursday March 27th in the Lawyer's Club, please call Sandy 764-9062 by Monday March 24. There will be a nominal charge.

LAWSCHOOL FILM SERIES

Any law student who wishes to take charge of the Law School Film Series for the 1975-76 school year, please call Rick Kaminsky at 764-9073, or leave your name and address at the main desk of the Lawyers Club. The job entails both choosing the films and running the projectors on Friday nights. Hopefully, replacements can be found soon, for the films should be booked and the budget set within the next month or so. The current committee members will be happy to teach any newcomers how to operate a 16 mm projector.

BUDGET

Student groups that have not received their 1975-76 budget request forms, please pick them up at the Lawyers Club Desk. This form should be filled out, xeroxed at the copy center and returned to the club desk by April 2 so that they can be distributed to Senate members for consideration before the budget hearings.
IN THE FACULTY LOUNGE
by Joe Fenech

Those who hear this humble tale will undoubtedly be most incredulous.

After all, it is most unseemly that this poor writer, who is unloved and generally considered insignificant by his fellows, should have gained access to that most sacred of sanctums—the faculty lounge.

Rather than be considered presumptuous, let me state to all assembled and to the deities themselves, that I am most grateful. To have seen the law review library—to have been allowed to purchase a Coke from the law review's personal pop machine on the fourth floor of Hutchins—was ecstasy itself. Surely such an experience would suffice as the fulfillment of any man's dream. But I, I am twice blessed. For I have done that, and more. I have seen the faculty lounge, and in the spirit of munificence I now share the revelations bestowed upon me.

The cause of my entry was an invitation by Kale Yamisar himself. This reknowned gentleman was to be the subject of an R.G. interview.

I approached the door of the faculty lounge quite cautiously. My timid knocks were answered. There, barring the entrance was Alf Conard with a picket sign.

"Students can't park in here!", he cried.

"Sir, I'm not driving a car.", I replied.

"I'll get even with the G.E.O.! he said. Keep me out of my parking structure will they! I've been parking there since 1896!"

Fortunately, at this point fate came to my aid in the form of a committee sent by the Women Law Students to discuss certain matters. Alf fled into oblivion.

"Those girls'll never catch me!", he cried.

I walked into the faculty lounge. A quick gaze around the spacious room... there was Whit Gray playing checkers by himself—and cheating—in the corner; Donnie Regan was talking to himself in another corner, and didn't understand the conversation; Charlie Donahue was reading The Sexual Allure of The Ablative Absolute; David Chambers was practicing his "young professor—nice guy" looks in a mirror; in their midst was Kale Yamisar.

"Good afternoon, sir. My name is ...

"I hate police.", he said.

"Huh?"

"I hate police, those scum."

Well, at least we have something in common, I thought to myself.

At this point Doug Kahn came in and asked me to move from my seat on the couch.

"Why?", I asked.

"Because you're sitting on the far right, said Professor Kahn, and everybody knows I'm always on the far right."

It was hard to argue with such a concise statement of the facts, so I deferred. Doug is on the far right.

I turned back to Kale Yamisar and proceeded with the interview.

"Professor Yamisar, what do you think of the minority students' efforts to secure fairer treatment?"
ANNOUNCING OPENINGS OF LIAISON POSITIONS TO ABA SECTIONS AND COMMITTEES

The Law Student Division's Section and Committee liaison program is a vital LSD activity. This program provides a student voice in the substantive activities of the ABA.

Applications are now being accepted for the positions listed below.

Applicants must have at least one academic year remaining in law school after June 1, 1975. They must be a member of the Section to which they seek appointment as liaison. Attendance at the 1975 Annual Meeting in Montreal is required but expenses to that meeting generally are not reimbursable. Otherwise the positions are all funded.

To apply, send a letter of application with a complete resume covering student bar activities, Section membership, previous LSD activities, academic achievements, extra- and co-curricular activities as well as any information in particular expertise the applicant might have in the area covered by the position being sought.

Where possible, appointments will be made to students with two years remaining in school to try to achieve continuity - but merit and expertise are weighed most heavily. A geographical balance is also strived for.

Letters of application and resumes should be received by April 10, 1975.

They should be sent to:

LSD/ABA
1155 East 60th Street
Chicago, IL. 60637

The positions open are:

- Administrative
- Antitrust
- Corporation, Banking and Business
- Criminal Justice
- General Practice
- Insurance, Negligence and Compensation
  Labor
- Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar Litigation
- Natural Resources
- Patent, Trademark and Copyright
- Public Contract
- Public Utility
- Real Property, Probate and Trust Taxation
- Young Lawyers
- Joint Committee on Principles Relating to the Status of Prisoners
- Special Committee on Housing and Urban Development
- Special Committee on Environmental Law
- Special Committee on Prepaid Legal Services
- Standing Committee on Education About Communism
Dear Editor:

The University of Michigan has long prided itself on being not only one of the top centers of higher education in this country but also on being one of the most progressive. This image is somewhat deserved since, for the majority of its students, the courses are relevant; the professors are helpful and the education, therefore, is innovative. But Michigan has failed miserably where minority students are concerned.

After finally being convinced in 1970 that minority students should be admitted in numbers roughly related to the percentage of minority residents of the state, the University has been dragging its feet on all other forms of affirmative action.

An illustrative case of institutional ambivalence concerning affirmative action is the Law School. While the Law School has admitted black students in ever-increasing numbers, to date it has only hired one black professor. This is after demands by Blacks, both in 1970 and 1972, that more black professors be hired. If General Motors only had 2% black representation on its work force, it would be called racist. Of the large number of workers within the Law School (custodial, clerical, etc.), only six or seven are black—well below even 10% representation. In any other situation this would be called racism. Of the many positions within the administration only the financial aid officer is black.

Of what of the curriculum? Blacks are being trained to become corporate lawyers for large firms. There is precious little training to help the needs of the poor, black community. There is no course on Racism and how it can be attacked. There are no courses explaining how to set up a small, one or two man practice in the black neighborhoods. The legal aid program suffers from lack of sufficient facilities for all who wish to use the program. There is no black counselor who can direct black graduates to black firms across the country.

Many black law students come to Michigan hoping to be trained in the legal profession so they can help their brothers and sisters when they leave this law school; yet they are programmed to work only in certain areas, sometimes very far removed from the black community's needs. This has got to stop! The Black Law Students Alliance has seen the need to rearrange the structure of this Law School to make it more relevant to the needs of black students. When proposals to affect such a change were submitted the administration decided that they should be shuffled off to a "committee".

The frustration we, black law students, feel now compels us to ask for the public's aid. Only the people can make this public institution explain why it has shown such reticence in moving ahead with affirmative action. We call on you to shake the conscience of this University and make it a school for all people.

Black Law Students Alliance

Dean Theodore J. St. Antoine
University of Michigan Law School
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Dean St. Antoine:

Three weeks have passed since our presentation to the faculty. Our speeches have now been distributed in written form for further study. Hence we believe it is now an appropriate time for you to provide us with a written report on the status of our proposals.

Our first concern is with the status of the curriculum. We would like to know what steps the faculty propose to take to provide full coverage of the law relating to discrimination. In addition, we would like to know what plans are being made for the immediate future so that next year's graduates will not leave Michigan without an opportunity to study sex-discrimination.

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We would also appreciate a report from you concerning your plans to eliminate sexual bigotry in the classroom. Although our informal contacts with individual faculty members have revealed some heightened awareness of the problem, we feel that substantial difficulties remain. We specifically included in our presentation our concern that male students were recently offered a tour of Jackson prison that was not available to female students. We would like a statement from you that sex-segregated educational activities are against the policy of the University of Michigan Law School. In keeping with this policy, it is necessary that faculty members be trained to recognize and avoid sexism. As we suggested in our presentation, the introduction of sensitivity training would be an appropriate solution. If that solution is unattractive to you, we would like to know what alternative solution you propose to pursue.

We look forward to reading your written response.

Sincerely,
Abigail Kelly
Joyce Bihary
Connye Harper
Carol Koller
Carol Rogoff
Jennifer Schram
Mary Louise Fellows

To The Editor:

Two weeks ago George Vinyard wrote an article giving his suggestions for LSSS reforms. While reading it, I got the impression that I was reading a platform statement for an election. Because George has now actually filed a petition for the office of LSSS President, and because I think this exposure may give him an undue advantage over the other candidates. I would like to reply critically to George's proposals.

First, George said he thought that Senate members should be paid salaries. I think this is a questionable suggestion. This year's Senate refused to take priority positions in the parking space lottery when the Dean suggested it because we felt it would be taking advantage of our position. Salaries would have the same questionable nature: the primary purpose of the Senate is to allocate student money and somehow it seems wrong that they decided to keep some of it for themselves.

Second, George wanted a larger and more prominent Senate office. I see no need for this. The Senate's business doesn't require it, and there are many other student organizations who need the space. Yes, it might be nice to have a big office, in a convenient place, but we have several other groups who are sharing too-small offices now.

Third, George thinks we need a new Constitution. I don't think that the Senate has the manpower to spend two week's time writing a new document. There isn't enough time to do all the things that have to be done now. I would think it sufficient that the new Senate simply read the present Constitution.

Fourth, George made two suggestions regarding greater publicity for Senate business. I agree with him on this one, but then my own attempts to get more space in the Res Gestae for Senate news were not overly successful themselves. Unless the RG staff undergoes some changes, I think
next year's Senate should pass a motion requiring the RG to publish the Senate minutes. Twice this year official notices were left out in favor of critical comments. I am in no way suggesting that their right to make critical comments should be limited. I do think, however, that the proper function of a school newspaper is to publicize the activities of student government, and that the first priority should be making sure that the facts are printed on an issue before they take a position.

In closing, I would like to make it perfectly clear that I am not implying anything about the type of Senate officer George Vinyard would make. I just think that the proposals he's made so far are pretty weak.

S/Bill Hays

[Ed's Note: The reason why Mr. Hays' minutes have, on occasion, been left out of the RG are:
(1) They needlessly duplicated Mr. Vinyard's report.
(2) Mr. Vinyard's report was generally better written.
(3) Mr. Hays twice did not attend Senate meetings this term, and three times failed to give RG minutes for meetings he did attend.

Lastly, while the current workers of RG are willing to take suggestions as to how we can improve the RG, we absolutely refuse any "requirements" which limit the full editorial discretion exercised by those who do the work.]

BLACK LAW STUDENTS ALLIANCE

BLSA STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Three groups of people have demands/proposals before Law School Administrators and Faculty. These groups are comprised of elements which have historically been victimized by an inhumane economic order. Manifestations of this inhumanity against Chicanos, Women, and Blacks include sexism and racism. The Black Law Students Alliance sees the struggle against a common enemy. The Black Law Students Alliance endorses and supports the demands and concerns of both Chicano and Women law students. The solidarity that is expressed here is not to be construed as limited to a statement on paper. We must unite to confront common enemies so that substantive issues can be resolved.

BLSA

Black students at the University of Michigan Law School are now engaged in a vital struggle to make this institution responsive to the needs of Black law students and Minority and poor people as a whole. The response of the Law School administration to the changes we have demanded has been quite negative, although the conditions at Michigan Law School clearly indicate discrimination. The Law School has only seven Black staff people in the entire complex. (This includes custodians, secretaries, and all others. There are no women on the Law School faculty and this institution has never had any Chicano professors.

To our demands that the Law School change immediately, we are given the usual responses. Among these are 1) "We want to hire more Minorities, but we cannot lower our high standards." and 2) "We have no money." In essence we are being told that there are very few if any Minorities in this
Statement of Bruce Hiler: Candidate for LSSS President.

Tho I dislike the stock Law School worries and derogations, in my time here I have been "impressed" by the following:

1. I believe that this is a leading Law School and it should be a leader in:
   a.) ideas on the fair and effective study, practice and communication of the law;
   and on,
   b.) ideas of, communication with, and assistance of each other as people with different goals and interests and as potential counsel.  

   (Hiler p.10)

GEORGE VINYARD CANDIDATE FOR LSSS PRESIDENT

Due to R.G. 's 200-word limit, the following positions are necessarily stated in general terms. I urge all voters desiring more detailed information about my qualifications and positions on the issues to refer to my article in February 21 R.G., or to campaign material, or contact me personally (Lawyers Club Room B-22; phone - 764-8969).

I believe I have the interest, experience, and ability to help the Law School Student Senate become a more visible and influential representative of the interests of the Law student body. In order to accomplish this goal, the Senate needs to be re-constituted and organized in a way that will enable it to deal more efficiently with its business.

While continuing and hopefully improving in its vital function of promoting social, athletic, and entertainment programs, the Senate must also take the initiative in the following areas:

* Promoting improvement of administrative services to students.
* Reforming Academic Policy.
* Promoting recognition of human rights in the law school community.

(Hilyard p.10)

PREZ

BILL-W. JAMES ELLISON
for
LSSS PRESIDENT

After being on the senate for the past seven months, I am very much aware that many of you feel the senate is not responsive to your non-social needs. For instance, the senate has done nothing to obtain summer jobs for first and second year students. As your LSSS President, I will work to get definite commitments of summer internships in Federal and State agencies - it can be done - I can do it.

(Ellison p.10)

The Law School Student has been a primary target of student frustration and criticism. Specific areas are open to improvement. One is the very structure of the organization itself. I would push for a committee to ascertain whether the present constitution is properly structured to meet the needs of today's law students. Second is the method of selecting students to serve on Law School committees and of obtaining non-senate student help for Law School activities. I would seek to have fair and adequate publicity of positions available and an open selection process designed to insure representation of all groups interested. Third is the handling of the Senate agenda. I would try to keep people informed in advance as to what will be on the agenda and to promote the efficient handling of those matters to be discussed. Fourth is the method of allocating funds. Initiative and fairness are my goals in directing this process. Last and perhaps the most important is the quality of leadership. I am willing to expend energy and time to make the LSSS a viable and effective organization for you.

Vote for Pam and you will see some changes!

Pam Hyde
Candidate for President
LSSS
Lil' Man, look. I mean, well, sure.

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JACK FROST

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ADMINISTRATORS. You makes sense, that agrees, that really, I guess. That's alright.
2. The Senate has failed to communicate and advance the above to assist all Law School groups and individuals in doing the same.

3. Groups seeking LSSS funds and Law School assistance have failed to communicate their ideas and goals and a logical, unemotional understanding of them to all students and faculty. Given: with little or no effective assistance and/or push from the LSSS.

4. The Senate has no known policies on anything.

There are more, but I believe all of my concerns and ensconced in the following:

It seems to me that we here all have some cause in common - getting to know the law. Most of us will be using that law someday, and whether or not we use it for the same ends we are and will be dealing with and affecting each other the rest of our lives. It would seem we at least have an obligation to try to work together here and attempt to understand each other and that law.

WHAT WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT EACH OTHER HERE MAY BE LOST LATER IN A MORASS OF PROFESSIONAL PURSUITS.

S/George Vinyard

(VINYARD)

* Promoting awareness of the broader moral and ethical issues inherent in the role of the legal profession and of the institution of legal education.

S/George Vinyard

During a recent visit to Washington, D.C., I found many summer jobs were available, in government and the private sector, but they were not being given to M.U. law students. We have got to get our share of the job market; and we can, if we are aggressive enough.

At present, I am the regional representative of the Law Student Research Council. The council provides summer internships nationally, for first and second year law students in Federal and State agencies and in private firms. (I'll be interviewing later this month). I have been working with the council, because I want to see you get the summer job you deserve. As President of the senate, I could do a lot more for you.

The senate has had an inconsistent policy, in its allocation of your funds to student groups. Leadership - my kind of leadership, could easily resolve this problem.

My voting record indicates that I am in favor of the "Alternative Practice Conference," soon to be held here. Also, that I support the efforts of women and other law students in their attempt to make the law school more responsive to their needs. Some of the things I would like to see are:

- Better lunch facilities for commuting students;
- Day care center for the children of married students;
- Students having greater control over who is allowed to view their school records.

Please feel free to contact me about these and other topics of interest to you. Space limitations preclude my discussing them here.

Your vote for me would be a vote for a better senate; one committed to answering your needs.

S/Bruce Hiler
To write anything about spring is to court banality. Nothing I can say can compete with not complement a walk outside. The subtle warmth of the sun, the breezes murmuring rain, the yellow light that washes fields and trees in a random way, as if it refuses to dominate the landscape opting instead to caress it slowly. The air wreaks with the scent of a potential, potential. The clumsiness of winter's last gasps counterpoint to the grace of the slow growing.

Inevitability has always had a ring to it.

By my egomaniacal nature has always refused an artistic defeat, and I have, on occasion, attempted to capture the Lady in lines. One chapter in a book about a distance runner, and a short paragraph in a story. Poetry always seemed to me to offer the best chance of a decent treatment, but then I've never been very happy with my poems—they always seem so self-indulgent.

But at any rate, for good reasons, I offer you the following two short poems, on this the first day of Spring.

**Spring**

> In the gone-green garden of the year,  
> When the sun recalls its name,  
> And winds-  
> (once weapons)  
> For white weather  
> Wash face and hair like  
> Liquid dreams.  
> When water is paroled,  
> And leaves us see ourselves again—  
> Then, are we both drowsy and aware.

**It's Spring and Twilight**

> It's spring and twilight  
> which means the day dims  
> which means it's yellow  
> which means the Lady on my lap smiling—  
> As I watch her make love to the setting sun,  
> and I'm not jealous but learning.
I believe the following changes are needed within the law school:

1) Expanded Role of the Senate-The Senate should organize more activities in which large numbers of us will want to participate. For instance, the Senate could easily organize excursions to surrounding metropolitan areas for concerts, plays, athletic events, etc.

2) Curricular Reform-The long waiting lists for the Clinical Law program provide ample evidence of the need to expand non-corporate course offerings.

3) Self-Scheduled Exams-Systems of self-scheduled exams work well in undergraduate institutions of comparable size to our law school, and I feel a similar system could be implemented here. Also, there should be a longer reading period before finals.

4) Student Evaluation of Faculty-Faculty members should receive constructive student feedback as to the strengths and weaknesses of their teaching methods.

5) Partial Rebate of Our Student Fees-The activities and groups that use the majority of our Senate's money should carry more of their own weight. I ask that each activity and group make bonne fide efforts to raise the money themselves before receiving Senate allocations. In this manner Senate expenditures can be cut and the excess returned to those of us who contributed the money. Let's put our money back in our pockets.

Thanks to all of you who read this far.

S/DAVE DAWSON
Class of '77

The Law School Student Senate--mere humbug? I don't believe so. In my first year at Michigan and on the Senate, I have witnessed the bureaucratic and procedural delay on which the cynics thrive. This year's Senate, though, has not allowed such obstacles to significantly hamper its ability to act. By funding such projects as the Alternative Practice Conference, Legal Aid Society, and the recent production of Trial By Jury, the Senate has demonstrated a great willingness towards directly servicing the needs and interests of the Law school community.

The student body, especially the freshman class which I represented this year, has become less and less imprisoned by their studies and more and more willing to get involved with other classmates outside the classroom. There has been particularly enthusiastic participation in a wide spectrum of extra-curricular activities, corresponding to an equally broad range of interests. To be sure, the students are not of the same mind on all issues. It is therefore important that this vitality and the variety of interests and viewpoints be maintained.

I believe programs such as those mentioned above mark only a beginning for the Senate. A new Senate will be elected on Wednesday, March 26, 1975. I believe I can help provide the leadership and experience necessary to assist the Law School Student Senate in taking the next steps.

Ross Miller
Candidate for Vice-president

Information Resources for Public Interest

Information Resources for Public Interest, written by Carol Clark and Mary Marcus, is a compilation of public interest organizations, pertinent legislation, and other information useful to consumer and environmental groups. It may be obtained for $5.00 from the Commission for the Advancement of Public Interest Organizations, 1875 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1013, Washington, D. C. 20009.
Having served one term on the Senate I have, unfortunately, discovered that the Senate's powers are limited. For example, the "Tuscaloosa Ticket"'s proposals to get the Club a liquor license and change the $15 fee system proved to be impossible.

Still, there are several items which, I feel, ought to come up before the next Senate:

--funding a student-run effort to locate summer jobs for 1st and 2nd year students. As the economy worsens, the Placement Office will find it tougher and tougher to place students.

--firm Senate rules on funding conventions, conferences, and the like.

--giving priority to those activities which will either provide practical legal experience (Legal Aid, International Law, etc.) or simply help make this school a less disagreeable place to spend three years, such as speakers, movies and student-faculty sherry hours.

I would like the opportunity to work for these policies; so this means take the time and vote next Wednesday. Again, many thanks to all who gave me ideas and suggestions this year.

S/-Paul "Lefty" Ruschmann

I am running for the office of Member-at-Large. This position is often downplayed. Some of the office holders do not even show up at LSSS meetings. There are two reasons for this. First of all, the initiative in the LSSS has shifted from the Members-at-Large to the Executive officers and student groups. Second, there is a general problem with the Senate—it has become inefficient. The results are long meetings that destroy student interest, and tabling of issues, which erodes student confidence in the Senate.

The solution is a more effective Senate with shorter meetings. To shorten the meetings, the issues would have to be clarified before they are brought to the general meetings, and the proceedings of the meetings would have to be more structured (but not to the extent of stifling student participation.) The solution will also take an effort by the Members-at-Large to become more involved in the issues before they are formally brought to the Senate, and an effort to open themselves to student organizations and the "Student-at-Large."

S/NED OTHMAN

New Family Law Service

The Bureau of National Affairs has instituted a new service—the Family Law Reporter. The weekly publication covers a broad range of topics, including divorce, separation, and annulment; adoption, majority, and emancipation of children; children's rights as legal individuals; duty to support children and parents; support order enforcement; women's rights issues; juvenile court issues; legal problems of the aged and infirm; abortion and family planning; child neglect and abuse, and legal issues concerning sex. Each subscriber will be provided with a permanent "Reference File" volume that will contain the divorce laws of all fifty states and selected federal, state, and model laws in the domestic relations field. The charter subscription rate is $160 per year (regular rate, $180), and further information may be obtained from the Bureau of National Affairs, 1231 Twenty-fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.
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PHYLLIS ROZOF - SECRETARY

My interest in being an officer of the \textit{LSSS} results from my belief that the Senate could be more effective in promoting activities which would \textit{benefit} a larger number of students. As an undergraduate at Flint College of the U of M I held one-year terms as Representative at Large, Secretary, and Vice President of the Student Government Council. This experience educated me to the requirements of the office of Secretary: the importance of regular attendance at all meetings and an attention to details in the keeping of accurate records. I hope I am given the opportunity to serve the students in this capacity.

TREAS

BUTTS - CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

My name is Bertie N. Butts, I'm the Treasurer of the Senate and I'm seeking reelection to that office. I graduated in Economics from Duke University and spent three years in the Peace Corps in Northeast Brazil working with a rural electric co-op teaching accounting and managerial systems.

The past year the Senate reinstated regular sherry hours, provided blue books and clarified the sources of funding and expenditures. The Senate helped fund new groups such as "Trial By Jury" and the Section V alternative practice conference.

This year the Senate will have some $25,000 available for its committees and student groups. Needed is a better policy on conventions. While the school should be represented at conferences, a balance needs to be drawn on the amount. The object should be to spend money in a way that most benefits the student body. I believe it is better to expand existing programs or fund new ones, social or special interest, that encourage activities at the school rather than send more individuals on trips.

Finally a greater student interest in the Senate is needed. Despite defensive reaction to criticism, the Senate needs on what you want in order to function effectively.

TREASURER - ED MAROD

I originally decided to run for a seat on the Law School Student Senate after seeing the current senate in action. Anyone who has shared that experience knows what it means.

My bachelor's degree in accounting immediately suggested to me that I could make my greatest contribution to the senate as its treasurer. It also crossed my mind that some day some personnel officer from some CPA firm might be impressed by the fact that I had served as treasurer of such an august body. Of course I rejected that second thought immediately as unworthy of me.

In case anyone is interested I am currently working with Rhonda Rivera on the new "Survival Handbook", I am a contributor to the \textit{Res Gestae} ("Argie Ant"), and, although I have been characterized as a political conservative, I prefer to consider myself a realist and an activist. I would like to see some changes in the operation of the senate, including somewhat tighter procedure to allow more efficient and more complete consideration of substantive matters, more active interface with our hybrid faculty/administration, and earlier, more complete disclosure of L.S.S.S. activities, financing and transactions.

By the way, I wouldn't be running if I didn't think I could do the job as well as anyone.

S/Ed Morad
Class of '77

WHO TO VOTE FOR?

I am black, a woman, a feminist, gay, who believes in Socialism, is warm, honest, sensitive, candid, perceptive, abhorrent of the status quo, ie. The fucked-up system, doesn't lick asses, or smile falsely to Professors.

I promise to be myself and listen to you, the under-represented student.

Try Something New!

Vote for me, Maryel Norris as Treasurer of the Law School Student Senate.

Call 663-3281 if there are any questions, etc.
"I hate police!", he replied.

Maybe I should try a different tack, I thought.

But my thoughts were interrupted. In came Dean Teddy St. Unwound, carried in a sedan chair by his retinue of bottom-half student-servants.

One of these students came around with a tray of drinks.

"I want the one on the far right!" said an anxious Doug Kahn.

"I'll take one only if the police didn't get to them first!" interjected Kale Yamisar.

"Don't worry Kale, said Teddy St. Unwound, this place is never policed. By the way, you guys can finish my drinks—I only take the top half."

At this point I got up to leave. The faculty members were getting tipsy, and I had guilt feelings about attending a party where the only refreshments served were Gallo wine and iceberg lettuce.

"Wait!" cried Kale, as he came after me. "I haven't finished telling you how much I hate the police!"

"I'll come back later on."

This seem to content him, and he went back to the couch and sat on the far left.

For a number of reasons, the Law Spouses Association plans to end its activities permanently in May of this year. A basic reason for this decision is a lack of significant participation by the law school community. As a result a few core people end up doing almost everything—and many times this is only motivated by a sense of obligation to keep the organization going. Furthermore, in light of this limited participation, we do not feel justified in spending funds allocated to us by Student Senate.

Before we end our operations we would like some feedback from the law community. Over the past several years, efforts have been made to change the image of the old "Law Wives Association." One of these efforts included changing our name to "Law Spouses." We have worked toward providing information and hospitality to the new members of the law school community and have sponsored various activities and social events throughout the year. Some of these have become somewhat of a tradition, such as the annual Progressive Dinner with faculty and students, the bake sale during exams, and our monthly speakers. A perhaps less well-known function is our housing survey which has helped many a new law student and his family. We believe these activities have been worthwhile and fun, but they need people willing ...
A conference on Alternative Forms of Practice will be held here in the Law Quad on SATURDAY, APRIL 5, from about 9:30 AM until 6 PM.

All Michigan Law Students and Faculty are invited to participate. There is no registration fee.

The Objective of the Conference is to provide an opportunity for future lawyers to become acquainted with career options other than traditional private firms, corporations, and government agencies concentrating on criminal law enforcement. In other words, students will be given an opportunity to meet informally with practitioners who work in a variety of organizations and formats and who concentrate on areas of substantive law which affect children, the poor, minorities, women, the environment, children, the legislative branch of government, labor, the Constitutional rights of everyone, and several other "alternative" areas.

Approximately thirty attorneys will be present to discuss the kinds of work listed above as well as the benefits and limitations of the kinds of organizational format in which they work. Those who are interested should not miss this opportunity since the organizations represented are not of a kind that are likely to send recruiters here for the fall interviews (because few legal organizations other than big corporations and the most prestigious private firms can afford to do so).

Arthur Kinoy of the Center for Constitutional Rights and a Professor at Rutgers Law School will be the keynote speaker. The Program will also feature an introductory panel discussion of career alternatives for practice in various organizational formats. The rest of the schedule will be devoted to workshops or informal discussions with the lawyers from the various areas. A "happy hour" is also tentatively planned to top off the afternoon with beer or wine in the Lawyers Club.

The Conference is being planned and carried out by SECTION 5, a spontaneously formed group of students concerned that their law school experience not narrow their vision of social and political reality or undermine their awareness of the humanistic responsibilities of the legal profession. Sponsorship for the Conference is being provided by the Law School Student Senate, Dean St. Antoine, and the Placement Office.

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Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants
Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Servicemen
Standing Committee on Professional Career Development
Standing Committee on Continuing Education for the Bar, Advisory Committee
Advisory Board of the American Bar Journal (Two Positions) - American Judicature Society Council
Standing Committee on Membership (National LSD Membership Chairman)
JESSUP

MICHIGAN WINS AT REGIONAL JESSUP COMPETITION

The Michigan Law School annually participates in the Jessup International Moot Court Competition. The competition is sponsored by the American Society of International Law, and about 75 U.S. law schools and law schools in 20 foreign countries participate. This year's hypothetical problem involved the pollution of an international river between a developed and a developing country, with the developed country complaining of the unregulated pollution by the developing state.

Each team writes 30 page briefs for each side in the controversy, followed by oral arguments requiring each team to argue both sides at least twice.

The Midwestern Regional, comprising 11 schools, was held March 14 and 15 at Northwestern Law School in Chicago. Michigan won by a wide margin on the briefs, and tied with Iowa on oral arguments. The two oralists, Tom Brooks and George Lehner, both placed high, with Tom taking second place. Russell Scarlett served as counsel, and Gregg Jones and David Hanson participated on the briefs. Bob Wessely was Competition Chairperson.

Because of the tie-breaking procedure, Iowa's oralists will participate in the finals in Washington. However Michigan's briefs will advance to the finals and be judged against other regional winners.

The Jessup team particularly wishes to thank Mary Broaldey Gomes and Anne Harrington for their strong interest and support.

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ABA BOARD OF GOVERNORS URGES CREATION OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY COMMISSION

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 -- Creation of an American Bar Association Commission on Medical Professional Liability was urged today by the legal organization's board of governors.

In a resolution, the 22-member board asks the ABA's policy-making House of Delegates to create immediately a 15-member commission in response to the crisis in medical services resulting from threatened unavailability and skyrocketing costs of medical malpractice insurance.

The House will meet here Monday and Tuesday in conjunction with the ABA's midyear meeting.

"This problem is real and urgent," said James D. Fellers, president of the 190,000 member ABA. "Insurance companies have raised premiums to cover losses. Doctors have raised fees to cover increased premiums. The patient pays."

It was reported that in certain parts of the country, some kinds of specialty practice may become unavailable because doctors cannot obtain malpractice insurance. Estimates of how much the public ultimately pays for malpractice coverage range as high as $8 billion annually.

"One thing must be clear from the beginning," Fellers told the board of governors. "We are going into this for only one reason. We have got to find a way to solve this problem for the public's benefit. It has been said by some that we lawyers are to blame because we represent clients who sue doctors and receive large verdicts. Others blame doctors for the problem; some fault insurance companies. We are not concerned with pointing the finger of blame; we want to find better alternatives."

Saying he would urge the House of Delegates to act in this matter, Fellers stated "this is among the most pressing items on our agenda."

The House's 343 members represent state and local bar associations and a number of other lawyer organizations.

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to organize them as well as to attend them.

If anyone is interested in taking over the organization for next year, or assuming the sponsorship of any of our activities, please contact Joan Foot at 1034 Hasper Drive, Ann Arbor, phone: 663-1021, or leave a note in the Law Spouses mailbox in the Lawyers Club.
We congratulate the editors of Volume 9 of the University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform on their appointment to serve during the 1975-76 academic year.

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Doctors, insurance companies and consumer groups have expressed concern in recent months that the malpractice problem was making the cost of medical services rise beyond the ability of the average family to pay. In some cases, it is estimated that insurance may cost the patient as much as $2 per visit to a doctor and almost $4 per hospital day per patient.

"If there were an easy legislative answer which would protect the public and I knew what it was," said Fellers, "we would act now. There isn't, but we are going to find the answer as fast as we can. This is literally a matter of life and death."

NEW LAW MERIT BADGE FOR BOY SCOUTS INTRODUCED AT ABA MIDYEAR MEETING

CHICAGO, Feb. 22 -- The availability of new Law merit badge program, designed to help scouts learn about law in a democratic society and how law affects their daily lives, was announced today by the Boy Scouts of America and the American Bar Association.

To earn the new Law merit badge, a scout must learn about the history of the law, civil and criminal law, contracts, courts, and the legal profession. He must also interview a lawyer and a law enforcement officer and perform other specific tasks.

"Get off this estate."
"What for?"
"Because it's mine."
"Where did you get it?"
"From my father."
"And where did he get it?"
"He fought for it."
"Well, I'll fight you for it."

Private Property

by Carl Sandburg
country who are qualified to teach at this Law School, and that the Law School does not have any money for financial aid and courses designed to help the poor. It is well known that Michigan is one of the richest law school's in the country. These responses are an insult to all Minority people.

Our course and tactics which the Law School has used to respond to us are the same tactics that the White establishment has used to respond to poor peoples' needs and request throughout society as a whole - they meet our legitimate demands and requests with excuses of why they cannot act and criticize our programs instead of making an effort to eliminate racist and other intolerable conditions.

Anticipating the Law School's response to our demands, we have instituted a campaign to pressure the Law School into giving us what we, as students of a state supported institution, should have had without asking. Among other things we are:

1. Bringing suit against the Law School for discrimination and other illegal actions.

2. Getting in touch with Michigan alumni, institutions, and leaders who can pressure this institution.

3. Calling for investigation of the conditions here by as many individuals and agencies as possible.

4. Planning to publicly expose this Law School as a very discriminatory institution.

There are many things you can do to assist us in this struggle.

1. Please read the demands thoroughly and determine if you agree with all or some of them.

2. If you can support our demands, please send us a letter of support or a letter criticizing the Law School. We will use these letters to pressure the administrators of the Law School. Such letters will be invaluable in demonstrating to them that we have support and that we are not an isolated group.

3. Please send us any criticism of our demands or methods and any ideas or suggestions that you may have on how we can get these demands implemented.

4. Please let other people know what is happening at the University of Michigan Law School and assure them that we welcome any type of support.

5. Call for an immediate investigation of this institution if it is in your power to do so.

6. Please let us know how we can assist you in your struggle to assist poor people.

One of the most effective weapons a University uses to defeat students' struggles is the stall. If the Law School is able to shuffle paper and give non-commital responses until the semester is over, it will be difficult for us to revive this struggle next fall. Therefore, we must pressure the administration NOW. Any response which you give us will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Letters Committee
Black Law Students Alliance
U of M Law School
BASKETBALL POLL

Jim Dautremont won the poll with a .7083 percentage. The average was .5096.

The RG sports editor must admit that he made an egregious error last week.
Mark Fugolo a.k.a. the Fugawi was the actual winner of the poll two weeks ago.
Mr. Fugolo was very understanding about the error saying, "I don't give a shit about the prize, just make sure my name appears in the RG. Let he who knows the truth speak the word from the mountaintop, that all may know it." (Citation omitted.)

This week's poll will require more intelligence than is usually demonstrated by the entrants. Check the results of Thursday night's regional semifinal games to determine who the opponents will be on Saturday. Cross out the losers of Saturday's games.

EAST: Kansas State, North Carolina, Boston College, Syracuse.

MID-EAST: Indiana, Kentucky, Central Michigan, Oregon State.

MID-WEST: Cincinnati, Maryland, Louisville, Notre Dame.

WEST: UCLA, Montana, Arizona St., Nevada-Las Vegas.

Tiebreaker:
Who will win the Ali-Wepner bout?

In what round will it end?

RG RANKINGS

1 Indiana(5) 11 Cincinnati
2 Louisville 12 Creighton
2 Kentucky 13 Notre Dame
4 UCLA 14 Michigan
5 Maryland 15 Boston College
6 Arizona State 16 LaSalle
7 North Carolina 17 Kansas State
8 NC State 18 Nevada-LV
9 Alabama 19 Rutgers
10 Marquette 19 Oral Roberts

Messrs. Gehring and Blaske did not take part in this case.

ELECTION

The LSSS election will take place on WEDNESDAY March 26 instead of Tuesday March 25.

The polls will be open in front of Room 100 from 9 AM until 4:45 PM and in the Law Club lounge from 5 PM until 7 PM.

Pictures will be taken TODAY Friday March 21 from noon to 1 PM in the Law Club Lounge.

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