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EDITORIAL

It has been the editorial policy of the Res Gestae to remain a neutral forum for the expression of various views on issues confronting the Law School community. The staff feels that without any derogation of this policy, the time has come to speak out on an issue that directly affects the R.G.'s integrity and performance. You might have heard that in order to relieve a budgetary deficit, the L.S.S.S., at President George Vinyard's suggestion, has cut various organizational budgets, including $200 from the R.G. budget.

Although this may appear a minor inconvenience, it is not one easily absorbed by the R.G. The R.G. financing already lags far behind other comparable law school newspapers. The average law school newspaper staff budget exceeds our entire budget; the average law school newspaper printing budget for one issue is approximately five times greater than our own printing budget per issue. This unfortunate circumstance, which reflects poorly on our law school, is compounded by such a cut.

Let us turn, now, to the specifics of the budget cut. The budget reduction ignores some important factors:

1) The initial R.G. budget request was already cut at the beginning of the semester by $600.

2) The R.G. has a record of fiscal responsibility over the years. According to an L.S.S.S. Memorandum (Feb., 1977):

"You will doubtless come out ahead with the new Senate if you have your stuff together for making your 77-78 request and can point to a track record of responsible management in 76-77."

In view of our past performance, it is inconsistent not to apply this principle to our budget revision.

3) The R.G. budget, as approved in September, represented a mere $100 increase over last year. This $100 was the only Senate approved increase in our budget since 1971. Last week's budget cut sets us back 6 years.

4) The Mental Health Law Society, an inactive organization, was the only other organization whose budget was cut by the Senate in its budget revision.

5) The major reason for the budgetary problems this year is the Senate's own mismanagement. Most of the revenue sources
have brought in more money than expected. The largest budget loss -- almost $1000 -- came from the pop vending machine, which has lost $560 instead of making $375! It's hard to imagine a pop machine losing money. The Senate has even budgeted another $40 loss this semester -- a total loss of over $1300!

The Senate has shirked its responsibility in its revision of the budget. It has not chosen where the budget should be cut, but rather where it could be cut. It has avoided the reappraisal of budgetary appropriations to special interest organizations and has taken the easier, less controversial route by reducing the budget of the neutral Res Gestae.

The L.S.S.S. might well reflect on the words of the United States Supreme Court:

"Freedom of speech and press and freedom of association for the purpose of advancing ideas and airing grievances are constitutionally protected not only against heavy-handed frontal attack, but also from being stifled by more subtle governmental interference."

If you feel that this unfortunate Senate decision should be reconsidered, please contact your L.S.S.S. representative and indicate your disapproval.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Ned Ottman
FIRST YEAR ORIENTATION

The final chance for you to ensure a brighter tomorrow for next year's first year persons comes today at noon in Room 132. Dean Eklund is looking for volunteers for revision of the Law School Survival Handbook and for "leaders" for fall orientation. If you're at all interested please come by.

ELS: A LUNCH WITHOUT ASBESTOS

The Environmental Law Society is holding a bring-your-own luncheon today at noon in the ELS Office (112 LR). Eric Lipson will make a presentation (with slides) entitled "Reserve Mining: Economy v. Environment."

PAD: A PLANTED LUNCH

The weekly PAD luncheon features Professor Marcus Plant, the faculty representative to the NCAA for the University of Michigan, who will discuss the recent NCAA Convention.

A SIMPLE MEETING

The Black Law Student Alliance will meet this afternoon at 3:30 in Room 138.

WESTEN ON CRIMINAL LEGISLATION

Professor Peter Westen will discuss current legislation, both state and federal, in the area of criminal sentencing at a public meeting this Friday at 8:00 p.m., at the home of Joel and Naomi Gottlieb, 3946 Pemberton Avenue, Ann Arbor.

The meeting is organized by the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) as part of a series of open meetings on topics of current interest.

MEMBERS of the public (even including law students) are heartily invited to attend.

RETURN OF THE SILVER SCREEN

This Friday evening, you, the law student, have the rare opportunity to attend one of the fine Hitchcock movies and pass out at a function of the Master Blasters. At 7:00 and 9:10 see a certain Ms. Tallulah Bankhead star in Lifeboat in Room 100. Law students free, mortals one dollar.

DEBAUCHERY

The aforementioned Master Blasters function incorporates live music and (gasp!) beer along with the proverbial boogy at 9:30 p.m. in the Lawyers Club Lounge. Admission free for law students and mortals.

MEXICAN DINNER

A benefit dinner for the Juan Luis Tienda Scholarship Fund will be held Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in the Law Club Dining Room. Tickets are $2.75 in advance or $3.00 at the door.
Wednesday

WLSA BAKE SALES

Our fifth and final bake sale will be held next Wednesday from 9-12 in front of Room 100. We hope our regular contributors and customers will all be out in force. Remember, you can always diet in March after the Alumnae Conference.

NOTICES

PLACEMENT NOTES

The first two sections of the HARVARD SURVEY are in the Placement Office. Harvard Law School sends questionnaires to legal aid and public interest groups asking about their hiring plans. Sections of it will be arriving periodically, so keep checking.

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Applications for THE ATLANTA URBAN CORPS' are in the Placement Office. These internships are for first and second year students. They are with legal aid, prosecuting attorneys, public defenders, judges, etc. Please stop by the Placement Office for more information.

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Mayer, Brown & Platt, Chicago, will interview first year students on Monday and Tuesday, February 21 and 22. Please stop by the Placement Office to sign up.

Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., Hartford, Connecticut, will interview second year students on Friday, February 25. Sign-ups will begin tomorrow (Friday, February 18) in the Placement Office.

1977 HENRY A. CAMPBELL Moot Court Competition

Semi-Final Round

Members of the Court

James A. Martin
Sallyanne Payton
E. Philip Soper

Docket One

Wednesday, February 23, 1977 7:00 p.m.

I Calvin Keith
E. Philip Soper

II Kenneth Laino
Douglas Zingale

III Steven Berlin
Stephen Houghton

IV Robert Bride

Docket Two

Thursday, February 24, 1977 3:00 p.m.

I Mark Kalafut
David Miller

II Dennis Egan
Kenneth Laino

III James Hogg
Kathleen Rhoades

IV Franklyn Kimball
George Kimball

Docket Three

Thursday, February 24, 1977 7:00 p.m.

I Thomas Friel
Edd-Richard Watson

II James Brunner

III Phillip Rodgers
Susan Rodgers

IV Eric Mashburn

MOOT COURT ROOM--232 Hutchins

OBSERVERS WELCOME

AMAZING TALE OF HUMAN ENDURANCE: The following four have heroically resisted every temptation to collect their 1977 CAMPBELL MOOT COURT pens from Mike Herbert (G-15, 764-8929):

Steve Brock
James Brunner
Andy Campbell
Stuart Jones
PETTY POETRY
From the Pen of Per Stirpes
(The Well-Trained Horse is an adaptation of an old Russian folktale my mother told me.
Boy, those old Russian folktales sure come in handy! And a verse to the wise is sufficient.)

Once upon a time
(Before cars, of course,
There lived where the quail is now,
A farmer and his horse.

The farmer was poor,
(They all were, you know,
But he had a wife and kiddies,
So he needed some dough.

He took out his horse,
(It was still early morn,) and plowed his small field, and sowed lots of corn.

Then he rode to the village,
(Which was two miles away,) and got a job delivering milk, for the rest of the day.

Now his poor horse was tired,
(He'd worked from dawn til night)
But he loved the poor farmer
And worked with all of his might.

At the end of that day,
(After twelve grueling hours,) the farmer fed his horse a bag of hay, and some oats and wildflowers.

And then on the next day,
(It was Wednesday, and sunny)
The farmer thought up a new idea
To save up more money.

That night after working,
(With hardly a pause,
He cut by half the horse's rations
For it was such a good cause.

And the horse gave his all,
(He really had heart,
And the farmer was so thankful
He cut the rations to a quarter part.

After a week, or two, or three,
(Or so I seem to recall.)
The farmer's plan was working so well
That his horse ate nothing at all.

But then, on the fourth week, (A Monday, and raining,) The horse fell and died in the dirty old mud—He had starved, despite his good training!

MORAL: Cutting down your horse's hay makes him less productive in the long run.

VIRTUE OFFERS REWARD

Ms. Maxine Virtue (a practicing attorney in Ann Arbor and Chairperson of the State Bar of Michigan Family Law Section) urgently seeks "a few good persons" to aid her in cataloging recent family law cases for the spring edition of the Family Law Section Newsletter. Ms. Virtue characterized the volunteer work as "a bit tedious, at times, but very rewarding."

If you're interested in giving an hour or two, please call Ms. Virtue at 761-7682 or Grace Holmes of ICLE at 764-0533.

SENIOR JUDGESHIP APPLICATIONS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN
ROOM 318 HUTCHINS
Important notice of first and second year students: Group meeting for those interested in spending Fall '77 semester at the Center For Law and Social Policy in Washington, D.C. will be held TODAY at 3:30 p.m. in Room 218. Individual interviews will be held on Friday, Feb. 18. Students may pick up materials on the Center and sign up for interviews in the Placement Office.

The Center is a foundation-funded public interest law center located in Washington, D.C., and dedicated to representing the interests of previously unrepresented citizens before agencies and courts; to analyzing legal institutions, particularly federal administrative agencies; and to providing clinical education for law students.

The Center has concentrated in the areas of consumer affairs; the constitutional rights of mental patients; hospital care for the poor; women's rights; the foreign affairs decision making process, especially trade and international environment; and energy policy.

The Center will select from three to six students from Michigan to spend the '77 Fall Semester in Washington with students from Pennsylvania, Stanford, Yale and UCLA. The students work closely with lawyers on the Center's cases.

Michigan students are eligible to participate in the program during their third, fourth and fifth semesters (NOTE: Not during their sixth semester), and receive 12 units of pass/fail clinical law credit based on evaluations of their work by the Center. Students who have taken a clinical program here in Ann Arbor may not receive full credit for the semester in Washington. The students must pay all of their expenses in addition to their regular tuition, except travel back and forth to Washington. The Center has some scholarship funds for needy students and some residence lodging for single students.

For further information, See Professor Peter Westen, 1043 LR (763-1374).

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**LSSS ELECTION**

The Law School Student Senate election will be held March 30, 1977. The following positions will be filled:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- One member of the Board of Governors (two-year term) from the Class of '79
- Two Senator-at-large from the Class of '79
- Two Senators-at-large from the Class of '78

Candidates must qualify by filing a petition bearing the signatures of forty (40) currently enrolled law students. Petition forms will be available at the Lawyers Club desk beginning March 1. The filing deadline is March 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Voting will take place Wednesday, March 30, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM in front of Room 100 Hutchins Hall, and from 4:45 PM to 6:30 PM in the reception area of the Lawyers Club. Students who will be away from the Law Quadrangle for the entirety of March 30 may apply to Jesse Jones or Debroah Friedman for an absentee ballot, no later than March 28.

Pursuant to Section 2-b of the LSS election code, no campaign materials may be displayed or distributed prior to March 17. This does not apply, however, to letters published in RES GESTAE. Potential candidates should also be aware that there are other campaign regulations, including a $40 spending limit. Copies of the regulations will be made available to the candidates, and to others on request.

Volunteers are needed to supervise the polls and to count votes.

Jesse Jones (668-7802)
Debroah Friedman (663-6817)
February 17, 1977
SECOND ALUMNAE-STUDENT CONFERENCE!
Schedule of Events

Friday, Feb. 25,
7:30-10:30 P.M.
WELCOME!! COCKTAIL PARTY!!
Lawyer's Club Lounge

Saturday, Feb. 26
8:30-9:30 A.M.
Registration, Coffee and Donuts provided
"Legal Information", Room 150
Women in Prisons, the DeHoco Project
Family Law Issues
"General Electric"

9:30-12:30
The Equal Credit Opportunity Act
Soup and Sandwich Bar at the Michigan Union ($3.5
Presentation by WLSA and FLS (Brown Bag)

10-10:45
10:45-11:30
11:30-12:30
12:30-2
2:00-5:00 P.M.
CAREER PANELS
Women in Administrative Agencies, Room 236
City Government Careers, Room 242
Women With Own Practice, 212
Women in the Judiciary, Room 212
Legal Aid and Legal Services, Room 242
Women in Law Firms, Room 236
Women in Corporate Law, Room 236
Women Teaching Law, Room 236

7 P.M.
Cash Bar at the Michigan Union, followed by
Banquet ($9.00) (Dessert option $1.20)

8 P.M.
Keynote Speech: Wanda Reif, "Practicing in
Washington Lessons I Didn't Learn At Law
School"

Sunday, Feb. 27
11:00 A.M.
Brunch--Lawyer's Club; $2.85
Discussion session

WLSA--ALUMNAE CONFERENCE--MEALS

Tickets for the Alumnae Conference meals--lunch and banquet--on Saturday, February 26 must be purchased in advance in order for the Union to plan the meals.

Tickets will be on sale in front of Room 100 Monday through Wednesday. After Wednesday, only tickets for the banquet dessert will be on sale.

Please register next week at the same table to "Brown Bag" the Saturday lunch.

PRICES:
Lunch: $3.50
Banquet: $9.00
Banquet dessert only: $1.20
CROSS GESTAE by

Across

1. Former example of 15 Down.
2. Noted architect.
8. What an attractive nuisance may do.
13. Having phalanges.
17. __shell: student’s friend.
19. Reading rm.
20. Excited.
22. Gas.
24. Title song of a film.
26. Dollars.
31. Man or ball.
33. Pronoun.
35. Crease Ball participant.
38. LEXIS connector.
40. Jazzman (slang).
41. Lode load.
42. Undergraduate instructor (abbr.).
43. Lawyer of a sort.
45. All-purpose verb.
46. Not personal.
47. Faculty prize possessions.
49. Treaty.
52. Powerful cartel, for short.
54. Between lieut. and maj.
55. Save.
58. Common case name component.
60. Yes, monsieur.
61. Hide.

Down

1. Volcano.
2. _____ and ready.
3. Rejected.
4. Andy Watson’s interest.
5. Bailey.
6. Raison d’______.
7. Do ______!
9. Loop vehicle.
10. Mold.
12. Diet drinks.
15. Washington V.I.P.
21. Well spoken.
23. _____ about.
26. Two down and ______.
27. Summers’ companion.
29. Ogre.
30. Embezzle (colloq.).
31. Michigan, e.g.
32. Thomas.
34. Time period.
36. Louis XIV, e.g.
37. _____-fi, type of novel.
38. Sphere.
43. Religious group.
44. Lasso.
46. Felon of a sort.
48. What to do if you can’t win.
49. Hiatus.
50. Generous one.
51. Nixon’s people(abbr.).
53. Fill in the cracks.
54. For men and women.
55. Ad ______.
56. Throb.
57. _____ Ryan.
59. Securities treatise author.
60. Endings for employ and pay.
62. Et cum spiritu ______.
63. See 45 Across.
65. Fish savior.
66. _____ well that ends well.
67. What punishment should do.
68. Cohort of 15 Down.
69. Journeys.

ANSWERS APPEAR ELSEWHERE IN
THIS ISSUE.
The National Lawyers Guild is an organization of legal workers and law students who "recognize the importance of safeguarding and extending the rights of workers, women, farmers and minority groups...; who seek actively to eliminate racism; who work to maintain and protect our civil liberties in the fact of persistent attacks upon them; and who look upon the law as an instrument for the protection of the people rather than for their repression." from the Preamble to the Guild Constitution, 1937.

The broad goals stated in the Guild Constitution are shared by many persons in this law school. The ideals espoused here are ideals which progressives everywhere hope for and work for. But the Guild is more than a collection of ideals and idealists. It is founded on the belief that effecting change requires more than loosely defined political goals; that change will not occur without individual action; and that a commitment to progressive legal work--and the work itself--must begin in law school.

There are three basic reasons why people join the Guild here at U of M. Some people who are disillusioned and alienated by the school seek a support group of like minded persons; others want immediate involvement in progressive legal work; others want to explore and expand their understanding of current issues through political discussion. If you identify with one or more of these needs, then you should consider Guild participation.

Many persons begin law school with the hope of becoming advocates for social reform. However, after spending some time at the Law School, they observe that the school is not working to train them "to protect and extend the rights of workers, women, farmers and minority groups"; that, in fact, the school is teaching proficiency in a system which is not always egalitarian, humanistic, or just. They feel alienated by their law school experiences and want support--support in resisting, criticizing, and correcting this process of enculturation in a set of values which conflicts with the personal values they brought to law school. The Guild provides such support.

The Guild sponsors speakers, workshops, study groups and meetings which discuss issues and approaches which are downplayed or avoided in law classes. These discussions often put legal problems in their broader sociological perspective, and look beyond legal precedent in suggesting solutions.

The Guild--both locally and nationally--is involved in projects designed to change legal and social institutions. This chapter has joined in or instituted a variety of projects, such as the DeHoCo Education Project, the MESC Hearing Project, Ann Arbor Tenants Union, and the Washtenaw County Jail Suit. Nationally sponsored summer internship programs offer placements for law students all over the country--such as the Appalachian Black Lung Project, the Wounded Knee Legal Offense/Defense Team, the Women's Labor Project in Oakland, and many others. Work on these projects has produced change in local institutions, provided experience and job contacts for chapter members, and provided a worthwhile outlet for the surfeit of legal abstractions which inundate us all academically.

The Guild is a vigorous national organization, reestablished here in 1970, with chapters in every major city and with members involved in many progressive legal struggles. The Ann Arbor Chapter is a unique institution of this law school, providing discussion of and involvement in issues which are otherwise largely ignored.

There will be an office-warming party in the Guild Office, in the basement of the Library, 110 Legal Research, at 4 P.M. on Thursday, February 24th. Anyone interested in meeting with and talking to Guild members is welcome to attend.

Standard Criminal Jury Instructions

In criminal trials throughout the year, Michigan judges and lawyers have been urged by the state Supreme Court to use new "Standard Criminal Jury Instructions" developed by a state bar committee.

At the end of the year the Supreme Court will evaluate the new instructions for further use.

The new instructions will be the subject of one-day workshops for (cont.)
practicing lawyers and judges, presented by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE), a joint unit of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University law schools and the state bar of Michigan.

Live presentations will be offered March 2 in Detroit and March 31 in Grand Rapids, while videotaped showings are scheduled for April 20 in Lansing and Marquette, April 22 in Flint and Kalamazoo, and April 26 in Traverse City and Southfield.

ICLE will also publish a three-volume reference work presenting the full instructions along with commentary on Michigan criminal law. The book is scheduled for publication on March 1.

Featured speakers at the one-day workshops will be four members of the state bar committee which developed the instructions. The chairman, attorney Donald L. Reisig of Lansing, will give an overview of the instructions and discuss evidentiary problems and property crimes; the committee's reporter, Dorean M. Koenig, who is affiliated with the Michigan Court of Appeals in Detroit, will discuss general instructions, lesser offenses and homicide; Judge Susan D. Borman of Detroit Recorder's Court will speak on sexual offenses and insanity; and attorney Arthur Tarlow of Detroit will discuss narcotics and miscellaneous offenses.

The state Supreme Court's recommendation for use of the new jury instructions was contained in the Court's first administrative order of 1977.

ICLE's three-volume reference work, titled "Michigan Criminal Jury Instructions," is available for $70, with a $10 discount for orders placed before March 1.

Further information on the book and workshops is available from ICLE (phone 764-0533).

The Causes of Circumstances which naturally introduce subordination, or which naturally, and antecedent to any civil institution, give some men some superiority over the greater part of their brethren, seem to be four in number.

The first of those causes or circumstances is the superiority of persons qualifications, of strength, beauty, and agility of body; of wisdom, and virtue, of prudence, justice, fortitude, and moderation of mind. The qualifications of the mind can alone give very great authority. They are, however, invisible qualities; always disputable, and generally disputed. No society, whether barbarous or civilized, has ever found it convenient to settle the rules of precedence of rank and subordination, according to those invisible qualities; but according to something that is more plain and palpable.

This article was submitted to the R. G. by Professor Conard.
Fearfully anticipating interviewing Season next fall? If you think you might be interviewing with a MICHIGAN firm get a leg up on the competition by becoming a member of the LAW STUDENT SECTION of the State Bar of Michigan (open to all students, whether or not they plan to practice in Michigan).

A paltry $3.00 (annual dues) brings you bountiful benefits which include (but are not limited to):

1) a year's subscription to the State Bar of Michigan JOURNAL (a $12.00 value);

2) inexpensive insurance plans;

3) free membership (non-voting) in state bar sections (providing outstanding opportunities to meet practicing attorneys in areas of your interest); and

4) a flashy entry on your résumé.

If you apply for membership now you will be qualified to vote (and run, if you wish) in the March election of Councilors [3 from UM] to sit on the 1977-78 governing board of the Law Student Section. If interested, call Rich Ingalls at 434-5896.

IN FORMA PAUPERIS

R.G. Budget ............ Ned Othman
Good Will ............. Carol Sulkes
Hobo .................... Bob Brandenburg
Mother Waddles ....... Don Parman
Used Car .............. Stew Olson
Poor House ............ Ken Frantz
Stick Ball ............. John Mezzanotte
Patches .................. Dot Blair
K-Mart .................. Andrea Sachs
Park Bench ............ Earl Cantwell
Legal Aid .............. Sandy Gross
Welfare ................... Kevin McCabe
Tenement ............. Murray the K
Rabbit Stew ........... Crusader Rabbit
Tin Cup ............... Bruce Johnson
Slum Lord ............. George Vinyard
Bankruptcy ........... Frank Kennedy
Many Michigan law students may be aware of the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), a public-interest law firm in Washington, D.C., where students can work for a semester and receive 12 units of law school credit. Unfortunately, CLASP insists upon involving itself in various liberal bleeding-heart projects on behalf of consumers, workers, minorities, women, poor people, and other oppressed victims of the Establishment. This work, of course, interests very few Michigan law students.

However, students should be pleased to hear about another internship opportunity with the Greedy Rapacious Attorneys for Stifling Progress (GRASP), a private-interest law firm in Washington, D.C., which offers a variety of legal projects more in line with the thinking and values shared by most Michigan law students.

Women's Subjugation Project: The project's most recent triumph occurred when we filed an amicus brief in the Gilbert v. G.E. case, where the Supreme Court denied pregnancy benefits under a company health insurance plan, invoking our offered justification of "keep 'em barefoot in the winter and pregnant in the summer." We have swung key legislators in half a dozen states to switch positions and oppose the E.R.A. due to our varied efforts at lobbying, bribery, and blackmail. Recently, we defended the Little League coach who, after losing the case which required him to permit girls on his team, required that all players, male and female, wear jockstraps.

International Capitalistic Cooperation Project: Our goal is to disseminate the developments of modern technocratic industrial capitalism throughout the entire civilized world, including California, despite the persistence of primitive notions of "environment," "national sovereignty," and "limits to growth." We persuaded the British airports to allow the French SST to land as long as the French airports allowed the British SST to land, and vice versa. Then we persuaded the American airports to allow the British and French SST's to land as long as the British and French would take all of our unsafe nuclear reactors off our hands. Finally, we persuaded the West Germans to take the unsafe nuclear reactors from the British and French as long as the U.S. would take back the nuclear waste and dump it in Lake Superior. Presently, we are representing Liberian oil tankers in a suit against the North Atlantic Ocean seeking the recovery of several million gallons of misplaced oil.

Media Monopoly Project: The project's most recent triumph was representing the Democratic and Republican parties in their successful effort to keep Eugene McCarthy and other communists out of the Carter-Ford debates. We have represented the canning and bottling industries to prevent the media from diluting the power of advertising money by giving away free air time to supporters of Forced Deposit campaigns. Presently, we are defending TV stations facing licensing challenges by demonstrating the stations' responsiveness to minority concerns through their broadcasting of "Amos and Andy," "Charlie Chan," and "Stepin' Fetchit" movies. Within a month, we plan to sue ABC-TV on behalf of the descendants of white slaves...
owning families to compel ABC to air a 12 hour dramatization of their ancestors, tentatively titled "Branches."

Healthy Health Finances Project: With the election of a Democratic President and a Congress which is over 60% Democratic in both houses, the project faces its greatest challenge in trying to subvert National Health Insurance. We plan to bring Congress to their knees by organizing a nationwide campaign by all physicians to refuse service to any member of Congress who favors such Socialistic poppycock, and then defending the campaign against the inevitable Anti-Trust suit. With luck, we should be able to delay the case for so long that enough members of Congress will die off due to lack of medical care to cause the surviving members to lose their enthusiasm for the idea.

Mine Disaster Law Project: Our goal is to keep America's energy supply cheap and plentiful despite the opposition of pettifogging "safety" experts. We have succeeded in welding the management, the labor union, and the federal government into a United Front of non-enforcement of the Federal Mine Safety Law -- analogous to the three monkeys that would "hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil." We have defended employers against civil damage suits by reviving the ancient and honorable doctrines of employee assumption of risk, contributory negligence, last clear chance, and Act of God. We have advanced the argument that coal mine safety defies Divine Intention because if God had intended coal mining to be easy, He would have left the stuff sitting right on the ground. Our greatest triumph occurred when we reduced a death benefit award from $5000 to $500 on the theory that the decedent had deprived the coal company of $4500 worth of coal dust by breathing it in and storing it within his lungs.

Wage Slavery Project: Having suffered temporary setbacks due to the passage of Child Labor, collective bargaining, and minimum wage laws, we are now engaged in highly successful efforts to limit, isolate, and extinguish the impact of those laws. We have defended union-busting tactics from California to North Carolina, while filing suits alleging harassment, brutality, and conspiracy by so-called "non-violent" union agitators. We successfully negotiated the $300,000 contribution from Ray Kroc of McDonald's to Nixon's re-election fund, thus insuring the survival of the 49 cent hamburger.

Mental Repression Law Project: We have endeavored to fulfill our goal of getting sickies and perverts off of the streets and into the courtrooms where they belong. During the Vietnam War, we succeeded in getting a number of traitorous anti-war activists civilly committed to mental hospitals, because of their giving aid and comfort to communistic tyranny. Recently, we represented the State of Virginia in a case filed by a "gay rights" group, and obtained from the Supreme Court a decision which, without benefit of oral argument or written opinion, upheld that State's sodomy laws. Presently, we are defending the State of Alabama in a challenge to their mental health system by attempting to demonstrate that filling toothpaste tubes from the front end can be useful therapy for mental retardates.
Early this week, senior staff members arrived at the RG office in a rage (actually, they came in a Ford, but it looked like a '73 two-door Rage). Amid tears, screaming, and much hair-pulling, we lowly members of the staff were told the awful news: George has done it again.

The RG's costs have increased. The size of the issues has increased. Even the quality may have increased. With these facts in mind, dear old GV has taken the only logical course—he cut the RG's budget.

Rumors have been running rampant in the RG office as to what the money cut from our budget will really be used for. Knowing the high ideals of the LSSS, we can only assume that the cash will be used for an extremely good cause—-a few of which have been rumored already:

1. Seven cases of No-Doze, for use during GV's speeches at LSSS meetings.
2. Life-size (8x10) portraits of GV for each classroom, as an inspiration (and dartboard) for us all.
3. Transportation (one way) for the LSSS to LA, for a "Gong Show" spot.
5. A ghostwriter for George's new book.
7. A small, unpretentious, solid gold throne for the LSSS meeting room.
9. A cash grant to any law school organization which can prove that it represents less than 0.5% of the student population (sorry, LSSS, you can't get it—you represent about 3%).
10. The cost of cleaning, clipping, and fertilizing George's mustache.
11. A stereo system for the meeting room, so that "Hail To The Chief" can be played each week.
12. The new hornbook which George just ordered, entitled "Run, Spot, Run".

Now that our budget has been cut, the RG will have to economize by removing some items from each issue. Naturally, nothing important will be left out; only the worthless items will be removed. So, no more LSSS meeting notes . . . also, no more "witless and totally without charm" articles by George, such as his one in the last issue.

Which reminds me—-As far as I can recall, the article last week was the first to appear under George's by-line. (Letters to the Editor don't count). George, I may have been wrong about you all along—maybe you really are very qualified to become a politician after graduation. After all, you've been on the masthead a whole year, and have still only done one little item. An efficiency record like that certainly does show your qualifications.

I hope each of you got to watch "2001: A Space Odyssey" on the tube last Sunday. Remember the opening, with the apemen? Three guesses who played the one with the mustache that kept pounding a gavel-like femur on the other apes' heads.

So, dear budget-cutters, you have won the coveted "Thanks For Nothing" award this week. The tinplate plaque (we can't afford anything nicer any more) and a certificate suitable for absolutely nothing (in keeping with your generous spirit) will be mailed to you as soon as we get our yearly ration of six 13¢ stamps.
**The Adventures of Peep'n Tom**

*Hey Peep, just what in the world are these "legal lines"?*

*It's what the females will hear at the upcoming law school mixer.*

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**MARK YOUR CHOICES**

- Minnesota (3 1/2) at Michigan
- Iowa (2 1/2) at Michigan State
- Indiana (4 1/2) at Purdue
- Ohio State (9 1/2) at Illinois
- Wisconsin at Northwestern
- Tennessee (3 1/2) at Alabama
- Arizona at Utah
- Arkansas at Texas (15 1/2)
- Clemson at NC State (4 1/2)
- Detroit at Duquesne (9 1/2)
- Duke (8 1/2) at Maryland
- Princeton at Harvard (13 1/2)
- Kentucky at LSU (11 1/2)
- Providence at La Salle (6 1/2)
- Louisville at Memphis State (7 1/2)
- Wichita State (6 1/2) at Marquette
- North Carolina at Virginia (8 1/2)
- Notre Dame at West Virginia (13 1/2)
- UCLA at Oregon (4 1/2)
- St. John's (7 1/2) at Syracuse
- San Francisco at Pepperdine (12 1/2)
- Virginia Tech (10 1/2) at Wake Forest
- Portland State (17 1/2) at Nevada-Las Vegas
- Cincinnati vs. Rutgers (6 1/2) at MSG

**TIEBREAKER:** How many points will Rickey Green score against Minnesota? __________

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We realize that our view may be slightly biased, therefore we are providing the following way to show how you feel. Just cut out the badge of the side you support and wear it. -- Staff
LEGAL LINES

by Clarissa

I'm afraid, reading public, that I'm going to have to get serious this week, ruining an otherwise perfect track record. As should be clear from the rest of this issue, the Student Senate went ahead last week and cut the RG budget. Perhaps that's not a great calamity for most of you, and chances are that we will manage to get by without the money. Nonetheless, I would just like to say a few words about this "trend."

For all of the jokes about the Reg Gestae, I happen to believe that this paper serves a valuable function in this school. During my two years of law school, I've noticed that more than a few "controversies" have been aired in these pages. Besides serving this function of keeping the lines of communication open, the RG is important in that it informs the law school community of lectures, mixers, movies and alike. Lastly, but not insignificantly, I happen to think that we're rather entertaining at times. Think of how many lectures you would have had to listen to if you hadn't had an RG discreetly placed to the side of your notebook!

For those of you who might like to see a more professional publication -- I totally agree. The LSSS President has been one of our most fervent critics, and yet his solution is to recommend a budget which further discourages serious journalism. The RG's money goes almost exclusively to pay our printing costs. None of us are getting rich from working here -- as a matter of fact, I get nothing for writing this column, although it requires a weekly commitment. For those of you who have joked about the RG's lack of quality -- I invite you to work here. Put in some time! The only reason that the RG is being published at all is because some of us think that having a school paper is important.

It might be of interest to you RG readers that we exchange student newspapers with many other law schools.

Some of these papers are extremely professional in their format, and quite well written. Most of the other papers are run on newsprint, or in magazine style. The newspaper from That School in the East is gorgeously professional. It also costs 20 cents an issue, and is at least partly supported by alumni subscriptions. The only thing that these other schools have that we don't is money. The talent is here. These schools spend thousands of dollars on printing costs, and many pay their staffers, which allows a more serious commitment. In order to print a quality newspaper, there must be a number of people who are able to spend long hours supervising this process, and putting the paper together. The editor of the Cleveland-Marshall paper gets free tuition, while our editor gets what amounts to an honorarium. The fact is that if we -- opt for such a paper, it is going to cost more money. The interesting fact is that in this type of situation, money breeds money. If we were a more professional outfit, we could solicit advertisements, alumni subscriptions, and so on. Personally, I would like to start moving in that direction. I suspect that the President of L.S.S.S. would like to see such a change. I wonder if the best way to accomplish such a plan is to cut back even further on our already limited funds.

The R. G. Penalty Box

In tribute to the famed R. G. columnist G. Burgess Allison and in honor of the incredibly mediocre Law-Sabres ice hockey team of which I am captain, the following penalties were meted out by Referee Ron Wicks at the Law School last week:

Place: Le Forum, Montreal
Linespersons: Neil Armstrong and Claude Bechard
Announcer: Roger Dousette
Color Commentary: F. Guy Lab and Howie Meeker for Hockey Night in Canada Delay of Game, to Thomas Kauper in Antitrust. The violation was so flagrant the game-clock actually moved backwards!
BASKETBALL POLL

First some bad news. Due to the cutbacks in the RG budget we will no longer be able to award prizes to sports poll winners. Unless and until this situation can be remedied these things will be just for fun (which they always are anyway).

Rick Mentzinger won last week's poll by going 17-8, and predicting that Detroit would be held to 122 points by mighty Wayne State (they scored 123). Losers on the tiebreaker only were Don Parman (109) and Russell Herrold (95).

There was a real crowd at the bottom of the pack, as six people went 9-16. Vinny Provenzano "led" the way by picking an outrageously low 87 points on the tiebreaker. The other tailenders were Jim Hiller (95), Steve McDonald (95), Michael Adelman (102), Dan Boynton (110) and Clyde Robinson (115).

Now for this weekend's games. Circle your predicted winners, Cross out losers, and deliver the entry to the box outside Room 100 before 5 p.m. Friday, or to K-43 Lawyers Club by noon on Saturday. The Cincinnati-Rutgers game is being played at Madison Square Garden.

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NAME:______________________________________

John Mezzanotte

MORE PENALTIES

"Hooking" to certain law professors with notoriously low grading curves.
Slashing, to Alf Conard for absurd sexist comments.
Too Many Men on the Ice, to the attractive blonde who works in the Law School offices.
Third "Man" in on a Fight, to Yale Kamisar who will rush in any time, anywhere for any reason.
Elbowing, to the younger law faculty members competing for tenure.
Interference, to the A.C.L.U. in the Gary Gilmore case.
Holding, to Sudden Sam Estep's Commercial Transactions class. See UCC 1-201 (20) and 3-301.
Game Misconduct to J. J. White for certain alleged misbehavior in a local ice hockey league.
Cross Checking, to the people who publish Shepard's Citations and to Bruce Johnson for last week's puzzle.
Boring, to the entire Faculty Dead Wings (Boarding?)
Penalty Shot, to Joseph Califano and H.E.W. for re-instituting the flu inoculation program.
Bench Penalty, to Hamilton County (Ohio) Court in the Larry Flynt case.
Drawing Blood, to U-M Tuition Billing Office, also 2 min. for Charging.
Roughing, to the U.S. Senate for their treatment of some of Jimmy "The Atlanta Flame" Carter's cabinet choices.
Indefinite Suspension, to Griffin Bell, the new Attorney General, for taking up residence at that all-American symbol of law and order - the Watergate Apartment Complex.
Icing, to this winter's massive cold wave.