Blunt, maileresque, impeccably dressed, Gerald Lefcourt, trial counsel to the New York Panther 21, looks for all the world like a character out of "The Young Lawyers." Speaking on Monday in the Lawyer's Club Lounge, Lefcourt delivered a curiously disconnected call to "law students and others" to assume "the role we have to play to fight repressive government acts."

Abbie Hoffman's lawyer, Lefcourt observed that "we are now in a crisis time," where in the face of "obvious polarization of the country, the Nixon administration is stamping and trampling on basic rights and driving them from view." Only a few years out of law school himself, Lefcourt can recall a period of above ground, peaceful, even enjoyable protest. For example, he remarked when client Hoffman, convicted of flag desecration for wearing the banner as a shirt, quipped to the sentencing judge, "I regret that I have but one shirt to give to my country." After Attica had come down, however, there could be no doubt at how the character and severity of discontent has changed among the nation's oppressed. "Prisons," Lefcourt warned "are a reflection of the kind of cold society in which we live. And, New York prisons epitomize the dehumanizing, disgusting, degrading situation which exists nationally."

The solution of these urgent problems demands active participation by young lawyers, said Lefcourt. So immediate is the need, he confided, that law students who seek to enter large law firms "in order to get their bearings and some money to go out later and "do their thing,"" are wasting time. Lefcourt, who entered practice as a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of New York City, suggested that "corporate law firms are somehow corrupting because of the life style to which you become accustomed. It is necessary," he went on, "to reject out of hand the idea that you will defend corporate wealth."

In rhetorical response to inevitable questions, Lefcourt assured that "there are ways to do it." As an example he cited the Panther 21 trial which he characterized as "one of the most unique cases in all American history." The calculation of "government oppression under color of law" was computed by Lefcourt, presumably for "Ripley's Believe It or Not!" fanciers: 30 counts in each of 21 indictments for cumulative sentences of 312 years per man with the appeal of one $100,000 bail posting successively affirmed by 43 courts. After 13 months in court every day, 12 jurors, each with 10 fingers and 10 toes rendered a verdict of "not guilty" on 156 charges. In Lefcourt's opinion it all added up to justice vindicated. Symbol of the victory was "a roaring party" which the defendants had with the jurors, where one of the factfinders offered to join the Black Panther party.
THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS AND SOME MODEST PROPOSALS

One of the seasonal events in the law school calendar like Cooley lectures and finals has just taken place again. Earlier this month the Committee of Visitors made their annual Visit. This group of successful alumni of the law school visited classes, conferred with faculty and administrators, wined and dined, and went to the football game Saturday afternoon. While here they annually tell the faculty what they think about how things are done here these days and put in their two cents worth on what needs to be changed.

There is a striking absence in the Committee's planned agenda of any substantial contact with students. Most student contact takes place at arm's length -- watching students in class and in the halls, hearing representatives of a few student organizations talk on their activities, occasionally individually being invited to speak to a student group or come to a lunch or coffee hour. There may be good reasons for keeping us apart -- perhaps we would raise each others blood pressure; but there are good reasons too for trying to arrange more direct student contact with the Committee members.

The sangria hour staged by the Senate this past week could have been scheduled to coincide with the Visitors visit. Alcohol with the Alums. The Committee would come out of such a social hour with a much better idea of what law students are all about these days. Students on the other hand might like to hear the views of these old grads about the school and the profession. Too often, I suspect, the old grads are invoked by the faculty and administration only when their opinions can be used against some change that students argue for. Over a hundred law schools in this country had clinical law programs before this year. Those students who worked so long and hard against the forces of stodginess here to finally bring about the inclusion of clinical law in the curriculum would have received strong support from alumni in practice who feel that law school neglects the practical aspects of practice.

This modest proposal for next year is submitted along with two others:

Traditionally the wives of men on the Committee have been primarily scheduled into social events away from the school. Need it be assumed that these people have no interest in contact with students or any substantive information about the school?

From year to year the membership of the Committee changes somewhat. Serious thought should be given to inclusion on the Committee of some who have graduated within the last five years. Addition of recent graduates would help make that august body more representative of the alumni of the school; most of us suspect that when we graduate and make pronouncements about the school our views as alums won't be hallowed and venerated quite the same way as those ghostly "alums" who keep such a close watch on the school.

-- H.J.F.
[Editor's Note: The following letter was received by a woman law student, who asked that her name remain anonymous.]

Carl M. Hillenbrand, Lawyer
233 "A" Street
San Diego, Calif. 92101

October 19, 1971

Dear Miss _________:

Your letter dated October 9, 1971, with enclosures were of interest, but I am a sole practitioner with a full time secretary at the office and a full time wife at home, and do not need your services.

However, I am the assistant editor of our local Bar Association magazine (DICTA) and I could place an ad for you if you wish, at no cost to you if less than fifty words. We also feature photographs of a DICTA GIRL each month, and if you do come to San Diego, you might contact me about this.

Los Angeles has a greater demand for attorneys than San Diego, and perhaps you would find employment there as a clerk more easily than in San Diego.

Very truly yours,
/s/ Carl M. Hillenbrand

WORKSHOP TOPIC: ABDOTN

Susan G. Alexander will speak on abortion reform this Saturday, October 30, at the third session of the Women's Rights Workshop. Ms. Alexander worked on an attack on the Illinois abortion statutes while she was a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow in Chicago. The workshop will meet at 10 A.M. in room 138 of Hutchins Hall.

LAW STUDENTS OF ALL SEXES!!

Please help us inform and encourage women college students about the possibilities of studying law. We need people to staff a table in the Fishbowl on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 8-11, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Three people should be at the table at all times, and overlap is desirable.

All you have to do is answer questions about law school and encourage people to take the LSAT, which will be given on December 18, 1971.

Please sign up for an hour or more (the more, the better) in the office of the Women Law Students Organization, room 116 downstairs in the Law Library.

-- Women Law Students Organization

WHO'S GOING TO BREAK IT TO THE KID GENTLY?

Letter received recently by the Environmental Law Society

Dear Sir:

I am in a class that is dealing with the problems of ecology and we are in the process of doing research and writing papers for a term project. My research project is dealing with the laws and the enforcement of these laws and I was wondering if you have any information or know of any place that I can get a list of the laws that have been written and are in the process of being written and if these laws are in any way being enforced.

Thank-you,

William L. Pollard Jr.
LETTER

October 22, 1971

To the Editors:

The recent nomination of Assistant Attorney General Rehnquist to the Supreme Court is inconsistent with Mr. Nixon's statement that he wants to fill the vacancies with a "strict constructionist" of the constitution.

Last summer, in the wake of the Pentagon papers, I had the benefit of hearing Mr. Rehnquist testify -- in place of his boss Mr. Mitchell -- before the House Sub-committee on Government Information and the Senate Sub-committee on the Separation of Powers, chaired by Sam Ervin. Understandably upset by the New York Times's revelations of the truth on Viet Nam, the members of Congress requested Mr. Rehnquist to explain the current Pentagon practices of over-classification, of refusal to inform Congress, and of lying to the American people.

According to Mr. Rehnquist, some information had been over-classified. However, invoking the nebulous doctrine of executive privilege, he boldly asserted the power of the President to withhold from Congress and the public any information which he believed should be kept secret "in the public interest". He claimed that Laird had been perfectly justified in refusing outright to give the Pentagon Papers to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, even on a supervised, classified basis. Mr. Rehnquist even defended Nixon's refusal to furnish information on American bombing of Laotian village to Sen. Edward Kennedy's Sub-committee on Refugees although, according to Rep. McCloskey, massive population dislocation results from this bombing; McCloskey asked Mr. Rehnquist how he expected the Congress to be able to legislate properly on the basis of improper information. What of the constitutional system of checks and balances?

What of the separation of powers if a recalcitrant executive could reduce the Congress to a secondary role by merely refusing to disclose information collected and under the control of executive agencies?

What would the reaction of Congress have been in 1964 had the truth about the Tonkin Gulf incident been made available? The answer, Sam Ervin hinted, lies in the Bible: "Ye shall hear the truth, and the truth shall make you free". In effect, Mr. Rehnquist maintained that the chief executive has the absolute discretion, subject to no checks either from Congress or the Judiciary, to withhold information.

These views on the interpretation of the constitution are far more radical and dangerous to the continuation of constitutional government in America than anything which has come out of the far left. The gross abuse of government information, either by wrongful withholding, of the selective leak -- e.g. the leaking of the unfavorable CIA report on the latest Viet Cong peace proposals -- were dramatically exposed by the Pentagon Papers. Vietnam has shaken our system to its roots. How far are we from 1984 with Mr. Rehnquist on the Supreme Court?

William J. Travis
Law School '73

WORKS

Joel Newman -- piston
Joe Serritella -- tappet
Brian Hays -- oil seal
Mike Hall -- camshaft
Helen Forsyth -- lifters
John Scott -- PCV
Limpy -- Detroit
These words are to commemorate your victory. Congratulations.

ROBERTO

From the Words of Bernie the Bodhisatva

I was walking to the coop where
Sitting on a stoop was a man from
Afghanistan

Two curly white poodles were playing around
I stepped barefoot in their shit
I was not angry for long because
Upon reflection I realized that
It was better than vomit

And so I remarked to the Afghan
Who replied
I hope you always have a choice
So do I . . .

LONG LIVE THE IMMUTABLE PRINCIPLES
OF MUTUALITY AND?/OR UNIVERSALITY
OF THE SPIRIT

Thank you

Pome

Critique

Last term it was only through the determined efforts of the members of the Law School Student Senate that the Michigan Law Critique became a reality and set the precedent for future efforts in this area. We are now in the planning stages for this Fall's projected course survey. This operation will entail redrafting the questionnaire, implementing the survey and gathering a staff to prepare the written evaluation.

We need student assistance. The ground has been broken but we need your help if the Michigan Law Critique is to continue.

Take a look at our initial offering at the Library desk. Then decide whether you'd like it to continue. Please return the lower portion of this page with the requested information to any Student Senate member or leave it in any of our mail boxes: Lawyers Club lobby or 3rd floor Hutchins Hall.

Thanks,

-- Fred Pinckney
Editor of the
Michigan Law Critique

LAW CRITIQUE STAFF

I would like to participate in the preparation of the Fall 1971 Michigan Law Critique.

Name ____________________________

Year _______ Phone Number _______

Best Time ________________________

Please deposit in Student Senate box.
was one Gene Roberts, assigned to infiltrate militant black organizations. Roberts was Malcolm X's bodyguard in 1965 when the Black Muslim leader was shot and later helped found the New York Panthers, all the while a government agent. To even a jaded citizen-juror, the state's disregard for associational rights proved shocking. Judge Murtagh, the Panther attorney believed, was sent to insure conviction. The judge's "one-sided instructions" to the jury likened unlawful conspiracy to a play "where a few actors have leading roles, others speak only one line, and some merely walk across the walk across the stage, but all are part of the play" -- an analogy that must take its place beside wheels and chains for utter inaptness. Indeed so obviously had the government's thumb tipped the scales of justice, explained Lefcourt, that the jury exercised its "historic perogative to turn loose the wrongly indicted." A sign of relative progress, he observed, was the trial for conspiracy of William Penn and William Mead in 1670, "four-hundred years almost to the day" from the Panther trial. There, the Kings Bench, dissatisfied with the repeated return of not guilty verdicts, sent the same jury back to deliberate seven times before finally jailing the whole lot for contempt.

Turning momentarily to the current scene, Lefcourt called Nixon's Supreme Court nominations, "packing that court" and speculated that "Rehnquist was probably an arch planner of the Department of Justice's repressive policies." The Senate, he asserted, is not required just to "rubber stamp presidential nominees" to the Court, "not just to certify that the man is not a moron," but should actively inquire into every aspect of a proposed jurist's policies, experience and practice.

The attorney fielded a variety of questions from the audience before retiring to a Lawyers Club dinner which he found thickly garnished with imponderable hypotheticals, dished out by Professor Yale Kamisar.
COOKPIX

THROUGH A STAINED GLASS

Alice and I have never been much for hornbooks or canned briefs, but we couldn't help taking a short course in the law while strolling past the windows on the first floor of Hutchins Hall. Whomever old Cook commissioned to do the center panel drawings depicting various aspects of legal life must have been a celibate fundamentalist Baptist preacher on the side.

"Geez, this guy was death on welfare recipients," said Alice pointing to a panel showing a squatting beggar with his folded leg hidden by a hat over his bent knee, and captioned "fraud." Then there was another vignette entitled "robbery" in which a ragged boy was extending his cup toward a sympathetic lady.

"He comes down a little hard on free speech, too," I reasoned from a panel called "anarchy" illustrating a soap box speaker before a crowd with the Capitol in the background.

"Do you think the local constabulary failed to make our preacher-painter's Morality League meetings every week?" questioned Alice in front of a series of police-oriented scenes. Over the words "bribery" a cop confronted a shocked family group inside a car, and in another panel a smirking officer of the law was grabbing a paper from a forlorn newsboy with the line "extortion" written below. Elsewhere, in a vignette headed "coercion" a righteous looking businessman was accepting a ticket reading "police benefit" from yet another cop.

Moving on, we couldn't help noticing the creeping shadow of misanthropy. "This guy must have had 40 French maids troop through his boyhood," I gasped, noting each of the rare windows that depicted women, all acidly drawn.

"Male chauvinist pig!" hissed Alice. Not knowing if that was meant for me, the illustrator, or both, I examined with her anyway the panels marked "disguised," showing women being made up in a beauty parlor, and one captioned "inheritance" with two haughty-faced veiled women waiting in a somber room. Not far away, a mother and daughter were scolding a very sheepish looking man over the title "divorce," and a final scene showed one woman directing a seering gaze at another coy-looking female arm-in-arm with a smug M-sweatered man (presumably a law student), all over the cryptic line "Matthew 5:21" -- that text reads "Thou shalt not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment."

"I swear," said Alice, "Cook must only have advertised for a pointer in the Daily Pentecostal News."

"Well, maybe," I replied, "it just shows you to what panes some zealots will go."

-- M.G.S.

LAW FIRMS OF THE WEEK


-- B.J.H.
Flicks

Friday, October 29

FRANKENSTEIN - CG

NIGHTS OF CABERIA - AA
Dir. Frederico Fellini. The master's first full-length film, pregnant with the themes of his later creations. Not to be missed by any avowed Fellinophilics or pretenders. Nocturnal.

Saturday, October 30

FREAKS - CG
Dir. Tod Browning (1932). A gallery of the deformed, maimed and grotesque who form part of a circus troupe, seen with the eyes of compassion. Freaky.

THEM - AA
(1954) James Whitemore shows his staff battling giant ants. You will never go on another picnic. Formicating.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
Lon Chaney adds excitement to an otherwise dull entertainment. Next to Maria Callas, an audience-pleaser. Danger Aria.

Sunday, October 31

AA - Repeat of 10/30 program, supra

THE HAUNTING - CG
(1963) Julie Harris, Claire Bloom, Russ Tamblyn. Scientist, drawn by fascination with supernatural phenomena, inhabits haunted house to his chagrin. Chilling.

THE OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT - AH
For those whose nerves can't stand the shock of Halloween fair, an unctuous confection sure to disrupt your stomach instead. What does Barbra Streisand have that George Segal wants? Dyspeptic.

Monday, November 1

REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE - AC
James Dean. Need we say more. Nonconformist.

Tuesday, November 2

NORTH BY NORTHWEST - CG
Dir. Alfred Hitchcock (1959). Fine vintage. Cary Grant, Martin Landau, Eva Marie Saint, James Mason. Hapless bystander Grant is snared in a web of intrigue that carries him from berth of Saint to tip of Lincoln's nose. Cliffhanging. N.B. 7:00 & 9:15 P.M.

SEVENTH SEAL - AC

Wednesday, November 3

THE BIG PARADE - CG
(1926) Early MGM mogul-maker.

ASHES AND DIAMONDS - AC
Dir. Andrzejo Wajda.

Thursday, November 4

THE RISE OF LOUIS XIV - CG

NEVER GIVE A SUCKER AN EVEN BREAK - AC
W.C. Fields. Not a film for lollipops. This movie will demolish you with laughter. Expect to go home aching from split sides. Romp.

Cont. pg. 9
THE WILD CHILD - FC
Dir. Francois Truffaut. Dir. debuts as lead man. Simple, touching (and true) story of young boy found in 18th cent. French woods. Child has grown as an animal. After capture Dr. (Truffaut) attempts patiently to impose rigors of civilization on his young charge. Pathetic.

-- J.J.S.

MOVIE KEY:

CG - Cinema Guild, Architecture Auditorium, 7:00 & 9:00 P.M. (unless otherwise specified), 75 cents.
AC - Alley Cinema, The Alley, 330 Maynard St., 7:00 & 9:00 P.M., $1.00.
AA - Cinema II, Auditorium "A" Angell Hall, 7:00 & 9:00 P.M., 75 cents.
AH - Angell Hall, 1 - 3 - 5 - 7 - 9 - 11 P.M.
FC - Ann Arbor Film Coop, Aud.
"A" Angell Hall, 7:00 & 9:30 P.M., 75 cents.

NIGHT OF SOUL
Saturday, October 30
8:30 to 12:30 P.M.
HALLOWEEN DANCE
Lawyers Club Lounge
Music By Joist & Unlimited of Detroit
Non Law Students 50 cents

LAWYERS GUILD MEETING
THURSDAY NIGHT 7:30
Watch for signs with room number
Bring ideas to channel progressive instincts
Answers to such questions as: "What can I do?"

DENVER (AP) -- Colorado's Supreme Court announced today that no new lawyers will be admitted to practice unless they are wearing shoes when they appear to take the oath.
The court also held that the lawyers must be wearing a coat, tie and socks.
There was no ruling on the length of hair.

---

codicil

To the Res Gestae:

NOTICE TO ALL LAW SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS:

In the next two weeks pictures of law school organizations will be taken for the 1972 Codicil. The editor and/or photographer of the Codicil should be contacting the various presidents of the organizations to arrange times and places. As the basic plan is to cover all organizations, if any president of an organization not contacted (unintended, but possible) would like to insure that his organization is pictured in the yearbook, would he please contact RICH MASON at 665-9605 or ANDY MARKS at 761-9523.

-- R. Mason

For the 1972 Codicil

LAST DAYS TO ORDER YEARBOOK!!

As the final production order must be placed with the yearbook company, next week marks the end of the period in which yearbooks may be ordered. It is imperative you order now to insure you will have a book: there will be few, if any, extras! Order forms can be found at the Law Library or Lawyers Club Desks.

-- R. Mason

---

page nine
GRIDDIE GOODIES

To say that I had a poor week is like saying Oklahoma has a fair rushing game (nobody seems to know if Oklahoma has a defensive team -- they don't have to show up). TFP (this fearless prognasticator) missed 9 out of 15 for dazzling 40%. Most of the GGE (Griddie Goodie Entrants) were able to beat that figure. As a result Mrs. Limpy will give the GGRF (Griddie Goodies Faithful Readers) the "Benefit" of her "expertise". If that doesn't work FIDO-LIMPY will get his chance.

One person who obviously felt the GGP (Griddie Goodie Pressure) was Roger Wilner. Roger, whose wife became the first Griddie Goodie Girl of the Week last week, certainly did not want to have to ask Wendy for half of her sub at lunch. He obviously "boned up" over the week and was well prepared when Res Gestae hit the stands. His two misses plus his correct prediction of the Chiefs - Redskin game earned him the coveted award as well as his very own sub. The victory also enabled Wendy and Roger to win the Griddie Goodie Couple of the Last Two Weeks Award -- a feat that should not be paralleled in the next ten days.

Well, here's Mrs. Limpy who operates by divine ignorance.

P.S. Someone please tell Mike Garcia to stop bothering me. I refuse to put his name in print.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Air Force + 15</th>
<th>at</th>
<th>Arizona State</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Army</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>Miami</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Duke</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>Geo. Tech</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northwestern</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>I11 + 20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indiana + 30</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>Michigan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iowa</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>Wisconsin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michigan St.</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>Purdue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ohio St.</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>Minnesota + 25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>LSU</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notre Dame</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>Navy + 30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Virginia</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>North Carolina St.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VMI</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>Maryland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Penn St.</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>W. Va. + 30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pitt</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>Syracuse</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Washington</td>
<td>at</td>
<td>UCLA</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Colorado      | at | Nebraska        | (we have relatives in Miami)  

("I gotta chose Michigan, don't I?")  
(our alma mater)  
(I don't like Mich. St. Besides, Jim went to Purdue)  
(That's my home -- a lot of friends are alumni)  
(Sonny who?)  
(A biggie -- isn't Nebraska #1)  

Tie Breaker: Score  
Detroit Lions  (21)  
Green Bay Packers  (16)  

-- The Limpy Family