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EDITORIAL

In about two months the annual Student Senate elections will take place.

Last year's elections were marked by confusion as to the rules of the game -- (When is a 200 word campaign statement a 200-word campaign statement?); who could vote (Quote the bewildered freshman: "Do I have to live in the law club to vote?"); who could run (Just what is the status of a write-in candidate?); and what are the written rules in the Lawyers Club By-Laws -- that exclusive document read by few and subject to amendments that somehow have not always made it into the written document (Does the President of the Senate have to live there while President or was that rule abolished three years ago?). Now is the time for the present Student Senate to sort things out, decide what the rules will be, and explain the process to the student body. Remember, at least a third of us were not here last year.

In addition, here is a proposal that should be acted upon now for the sake of that third of the school who will be here next year subject to spending the most frustrating year in law school with out a voice in the Student Senate. The four first-year sections should be allowed to each elect one representative sometime in September to represent the members of the section in the Student Senate. The present members of the senate should act now to make this change in structure. If the elusive By-Laws require a vote of the student body on such a change, the Senate should now make plans to put such a proposal on the spring ballot.

-- H.F.

Battles On New Front

BATTLES LEAVING

[The following is a memorandum from the Dean to the faculty, staff and students of the Law School.--ed.]

I am both sorry and pleased to report that Ron Battles, our Financial Aid Officer, is leaving to become a member of the staff of the University's Opportunity Program under William Cash, Assistant to the President. Ron is taking over his new duties immediately, but he will spend part of his time at the Law School during the coming weeks to help ensure an orderly transition.

In his two years with us, Ron displayed a rare combination of enthusiasm, imagination, dedication, and effectiveness in the performance of his tasks. He was sympathetic and fair in dealing with students in a highly sensitive role. He was exceptionally efficient in organizing his office. And he was alert and tireless in uncovering new sources of funds for student aid.

Ron's promotion to the University's administration is fully understandable, and eminently well-deserved. While I regret losing his services, I realize that his talents entitle him to wider responsibilities. I trust I can speak for the faculty, staff, and students in expressing our gratitude for his contributions to the Law School, and in wishing him much success and satisfaction in his new post.

Dean Theodore J. St. Antoine
TWO ALUMS WILL SPEAK

Martin Ponpidour, a Vice President of ABC and graduate of the Law School will speak on issues concerning the broadcasting industry such as government pressure and television's role in the political process -- on January 27, at 4:15, in the Law Club Lounge.

Michigan Congresswoman Martha Griffiths, also a Michigan alum, will speak February 3, at 4:15. A sign-up dinner will follow that evening.

Professor Marcus Plant will speak on "Professional Liability" to a joint meeting of Law Wives and Medical Wives on January 17. Guests are welcome to attend. There will be a short business meeting at 8:00 with Professor Plant scheduled for 8:30 in the Lawyers Club Lounge.

COUNCILMAN SEEKS STUDENT VIEWS

From: Councilman Robert Faber

As your 2nd Ward representative to Ann Arbor's City Council I would like to hear your views about the City -- your complaints and your suggestions -- so that I can more effectively represent you on the Council. Every Tuesday afternoon from 4-5 PM beginning January 18, 1972 I'll be at Dominick's Restaurant at 812 Monroe Street. You may meet me there or call me at my office (665-8673) or my home (761-2567).

PLACE MENT

1st and 2nd Year Students

Some second-year students were successful in finding summer legal jobs after their first year of law school. In an attempt to help this year's first-year class we would appreciate it if the second-year students would note such information on a log sheet which is on the bulletin board just outside the Placement Office. The first-year students can then refer to the log sheet for possible leads for this coming summer.

Also, there are a few notices of job opportunities for first-year students posted on the board across from the Placement Office. We anticipate that there will be a few more in the next couple of months so we encourage you to check the board continuously.

If you are interested in non-legal jobs for the summer, you can receive assistance through General Placement which is located at 3200 Student Activities Building. They handle summer employment opportunities outside the Ann Arbor area and abroad. Mrs. Ann Cooper heads this office and she can be reached at 764-7460.

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