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ELECTION INFORMATION

The Board of Directors of the Lawyers Club, which last semester changed its name to "Student Senate", is holding its annual election of officers Wednesday, March 10. All persons enrolled in the University of Michigan Law School are members of the Lawyers Club and are eligible to vote in the election.

Candidates are vying for the following positions:

(a) four officers of the Lawyers Club:
   President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary

(b) one of the two Student Members of the Board of Governors

(c) seven Members At Large.

Under the by-laws of the Board of Directors(Student Senate), the Student Member of the Board of Governors and "at least three other members of the Board of Directors shall, at the time of election, have completed no more than two full terms of class work".

All unsuccessful candidates for the Officers positions (Pres., V.P., Treasurer Sec.) are deemed candidates for Member At Large, unless they decline to be considered for the position, in addition to those who specifically filed for Member at Large and no other position. Subject to the requirement mentioned in the last paragraph, the seven candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to the Board as Members at Large. Thus each voter may vote for up to seven persons for Member at Large.

Campaign statements of the candidates follow, arranged by office, and in alphabetical order.

These are the candidates:

President: Nolan Bowie, Helen Forsyth, Robert Kubach.
Vice President: Robert W. Palmer, Norm Roos, Jerry Rosenblatt, Sandy Thompson.
Secretary: Steve Blackwell, Yvonne L. Hughes, Hayes Kavanagh.
Board of Governors Student Member: Joan Bernott, Yvonne Hughes, Fred Pinckney.

THE POLLS
Wednesday, March 10, 1971
Outside Room 100 -- 8AM to 5PM
Outside Lawyers Club Dining Room -- 5 PM to 6:30 PM.

ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE POSTED OUTSIDE ROOM 100 AND THE LIBRARY WHEN THE VOTES HAVE BEEN COUNTED.
This week the Res Gestae sacrifices itself to politics. The pages are full of wide-eyed promises and fine good-old-American campaign rhetoric. Our hope is that publishing these statements will encourage continued prodding and that the energy and enthusiasm shown in campaigning will carry over to make the promises come true.

We also hope that the new officers, in addition to fulfilling campaign promises, will try to cultivate a sense of community and common purpose in the law school. Several candidates talk around this problem. Competitive grades, the isolation of law review, hiring practices and the barriers between students and faculty all tend to fragment the school.

Admittedly the law school is neither a commune nor a family. Students and faculty naturally pursue disparate individual goals, and there is disagreement about what goals the school itself should pursue. But learning is a common goal. Effective learning requires communication. And effective communication requires a sense of community.

Students can create the community. They can open up law review, push for new hiring procedures, resist competitive grade pressures and be more open towards the faculty.

One way to open up channels between students and faculty would be to have a pleasant snack bar or lounge on neutral territory where faculty and students could go to relax. There wouldn't have to be any pressure to mix. Some teachers and students probably see more than they want of each other in class. But for those who wanted it, there would be an opportunity for informal discussion.

In addition to community benefits, such discussion would help make up for what is lost in large classes. According to Professor St. Antoine, the Law School is "starved" for teachers and does not have the manpower necessary to tackle difficult social issues confronting the law. Such issues require a dialogue in small seminar classes he said. Professor St. Antoine told his Labor Law class last week, in response to Professor Sax's article in the Res Gestae, that the most the law school can do is produce good legal technicians. He said it cannot teach students how to effect profound social change.

A greater sense of community in the school and a freer exchange of ideas would help students and faculty to at least see where profound social change is needed and what major obstacles stand in the way.

Students have petitioned unsuccessfully for a better lounge. Mr. Gribble says the administration has no plans for lounge improvements. Of course physical changes are not the most important, but it does seem unfair to throw defenseless professors to the vending machines. Therefore it is important that the new officers find a way to get a decent student-faculty lounge. In the meantime the Board of Directors could sponsor Friday afternoon get together in the Lawyers' Club.

---Mike Hall
PRESIDENT

Nolan Bowie

Having served on the Law School Student Senate during the past year as Member-at-Large I am familiar with the current problems in the law school and with the limitations and potential of the Senate in effecting change.

I believe that certain changes are necessary and are possible through this student legislative body. The Senate should direct its efforts to reform our legal education and to make it more relevant to meet the needs of the world of today and of tomorrow.

I support a general grade-system revision. Either a pass-fail system or some other related alternative. There should be an increase in student influence in the law school policy-making (minority and women admissions, student services, curriculum changes, etc.).

The Student-Faculty Committees are a step in the right direction but not a far enough step. They seldom meet; they are dominated by Faculty and they don't publish whatever decisions they arrive at.

I favor the current proposal before the Senate that three of its members be permitted to attend faculty meetings on a regular basis, that the same three students attend each meeting, having full rights of discussion, and would remain in attendance throughout the meeting. The students would have no vote.

Also, there should be published, annually, a student evaluation assessment of the the law professors and the law school curriculum.

Helen Forsyth

The Board of Directors should be more responsive to and accessible to the student body and should do more to find ways to make life at the law school less of a hassle wherever possible (how about figuring out ways to shorten the time we spend in lines each fall registration?).

There has been a sad lack of communication between the present board and the student body, (you won't find the phone numbers of the present President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer in the student directory -- look for yourself). One example has been the lack of communication on the rationale behind the change of name or even that the change took place. (Calling yourself a "student senate" instead of a "board of directors" does not make you any more democratic or responsive to the needs of law students.) Wouldn't a decision like that be better made by the entire student body?

Over a third of the student body each year is new to the school. Greater effort should be made to let us know -- why not through the pages of the RG? -- what the governing body is, what it is doing, and that it is our voice for expressing grievances.
CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS
(President Continued)

Robert Kuhbach

Bettering the lot of law students starts here in the Law Quadrangle. Clinical work possibilities with full credit must be expanded to include those with desire, not only high academic standing. The placement office should provide an anonymous compilation of students' interviewing success by location of firm and grade point, so that succeeding classmates will have some idea of their employment prospects. The grading system is unsatisfactory. Third year students should have a full pass-fail option. The Student Senate should support low income minority admissions by sponsoring scholarship benefits to raise additional loan funds.

Use of our facilities can be improved. The basement lounge in Hutchins is grubby. A cheap carpet, more padded chairs, and inexpensive wall posters would help. Operate the copy center at night for our benefit. The Lawyers Club basement needs more washers and dryers; and a partition between the 'tube' and the 'pins' to separate the noises.

The social life here is no Love Story. Meal exchange arrangements with sororities and residences could help. Providing a free meal ticket monthly to all faculty would give everyone a chance to rap over lunch in the Lawyers Club. Music school recitals could be held in the Lawyers Club lounge for a breather on those long Sunday afternoons.

I think the life of the law school can be improved.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Robert W. Palmer

I intend to be a stabilizing influence on the Law School Student Senate. Given the extreme positions generally taken by those who run for office in student governments, it is my opinion that a voice of moderation can only be beneficial to the senate in going about its daily business.

My business school background and my experience in the field of certified public accounting will serve me well on the Law School Student Senate. Much of the work done by that body necessarily involves the application of sound business principles in making what are essentially business decisions. I feel highly qualified to apply those principles and make those decisions with integrity.

The fact that I did my undergraduate work on this campus will help in making those decisions involving the Law School's relations with the rest of the campus.

If elected, I promise to apply my abilities and the experience at my disposal for the collective benefit of all law students.
Norm Roos (Joint statement with Steve Blackwell, Candidate for Secretary)

During the past semester, it has become apparent that the law school student body is unaware of the issues confronting the Law School Student Senate. It is important that the Senate open itself to the student ideas and suggestions apart from those of its members. The business of Senate meetings should be more widely publicized, and the students should be regularly encouraged to attend these meetings and voice their ideas.

The Student Senate, of course, remains the collective voice of the law school student body. While no student representative can single-handedly remodel the educational atmosphere and living conditions at this law school, there is much that can be done.

Curriculum reform, simplified pre-registration, improvement and expansion of law school and related facilities (i.e., the bookstore), and student referenda are, we believe, generally favored by this student body. To effectuate changes in these areas, more than promises are needed. A willingness to work with the administration -- and its new dean -- and a willingness to respond to the concerns of the student are prerequisites to any meaningful change that the student senate can produce. We are willing to work and willing to listen.

Jerry Rosenblatt

Tired of trudging through the snow to get to your classes? Tired of the same, unexciting-looking instructors once you defrost in your chair? Time for a change? Well, since the chances of getting the law school moved to Tahiti are rather slim, the problems mentioned above will have to remain with us for at least a while longer.

However, it is time for changes which we can make now. I propose:

1. Initiation of a new grading system which gives letter grades to those students who want to receive them and grades of pass-not pass to those students who do not want letter grades. This will help to eliminate the pressure caused by grades, and reduce the discriminating effect of grades resulting from the different backgrounds of students.

2. Alternative methods of evaluating student performance to eliminate the emphasis placed on final examinations.

3. A student guide to the faculty made up of the results of questionnaires filled out by students. Besides aiding students in selecting their courses, it will provide the faculty with meaningful feedback.

4. Publication to the students of what is happening in the Law School Student Senate, and surveys of student opinion on sensitive matters.

5. Registration by mail, instead of standing in line for hours.

It is time for a change! Jerry Rosenblatt for Vice President! I need your help. Peace.
Sandy Thompson

Generally, campaign speeches are characterized by an excess of promises; once a year the iconoclast steps forth to offer his challenges and reforms. Then, almost with a sense of relief, the law school settles down and "gets back to business." The campaign posters are torn down and soon the slogans and innovations are forgotten.

There are many things here that need to be done: some meaningful alternative to the present grading system must be proposed and instituted, the present "informal" faculty evaluation should be refined by questionnaires and published, effective communication between the students and the new dean must be established, and the lounges in Hutchins Hall and the Club need renovation. (As I will be in Ann Arbor this summer, I will volunteer to oversee this job so that we can begin next year with comfortable lounges that offer edible food.) None of these ideas are new; they all have been proposed before and nothing was done!

There can be change at this law school, but it will not come about as a result of slogans and campaign speeches. It will come only from elected Senate members who have both the ideas and the willingness to put them to work. It is with these qualifications that I come to you and ask for your vote.

TREASURER

Neil Mullally

Law students are assessed a total of $20,000 a year in fees, $7500 of which is spent by the Board of Directors. Many students, especially those living off-campus, feel that they receive few benefits for their money. My general position is that I will support only expenditures that will benefit the entire student body.

Next year the book-keeping will be computerized, and the treasurer will be free to develop new sources of revenue. He will also be able to initiate expenditures on behalf of the whole law school community.

In particular, I would urge the Board to fund a student evaluation booklet of law school professors and courses. In addition, I would move that the Board sponsor charter vacations during our own Christmas and spring vacations. I would also support the creation of public non-credit evening courses taught by qualified law students. Lastly, I would attempt to engage fewer but better speakers. I have had personal experience in implementing similar proposals at other institutions.

As a member of the student committee determining next year's room rates, I have supported various cost-cutting measures in the Lawyers' Club budget. As treasurer I would continue to promote the concept of a self-supporting Lawyers Club offering the lowest possible rates. Thank you.
CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS
(Treasurer continued)

Cheryl Turk

The treasurer of Student Senate accounts for about $15,000 of student money each year. As treasurer I would not only keep the books, but attempt to publicize where the money goes. Through articles in Res Gestae and hand-outs it could be a matter of common knowledge where much of this money is being allocated. Such information is basic when students push for changes in the club and in the school -- and is essential for generally policing the system and trying to make it respond to student wishes.

I would prefer that officers of Student Senate live at the club, as I think there would then be a more thorough overseeing of the services provided by the club. For instance, a suggestion box concerning the cafeteria should be set up immediately. When the lunch line runs out of food or dinner is poorly prepared, the dietician should be personally confronted with the complaints. As a member of Student Senate I would take it upon myself to set up the suggestion box and make the complaints. The same sort of technique should be used generally in running the club -- for instance, in deciding what sort of entertainment to provide.

Arthur Warady

My qualifications for the office of treasurer include a degree in accounting, a C.P.A. certificate and 3 years part time experience in public accounting. I have also had extensive experience working with student governments.

I believe that expenditures by the senate ought to be channelled into areas that will most benefit the law student community. I will insure that law students have the information necessary to discuss and challenge allocation of funds by the senate.

I am running on a ticket with Norm Roos, Vice President, and Steve Blackwell, Secretary.

Robin Weaver

My name is Robin Weaver and I am currently a member of the freshman class seeking the position of treasurer on the Lawyers Club Board of Directors.

While an undergraduate student I was floor President-treasurer for three years in the dorm in which I lived. The experience which I gained from working in that position will help me, if elected, to function in a competent manner as treasurer. As floor President-treasurer it was my duty to make arrangements for all floor social functions. I was accountable for the $150 social fund which our floor received each quarter. Also functioning in the capacity of president I represented my floor's interest...
CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS
(Treasurer Continued)

in the dorm government. I was instrumental in having a pool table placed
in the dorm and in establishing a snack bar in the dorm cafeteria.

As a member of the Lawyers Club Board of Directors I will seek, among
other things, the following: improved facilities in the student lounge
under the library; improved parking conditions for law students; implemen-
tation of an optional pass-non-pass grading system; more courses in which
law students can put their legal knowledge to practical use.

Thank you for your support and I am looking forward to representing your
interests in the Law School Senate.

SECRETARY

Steve Blackwell (Joint statement with Norm Roos,
candidate for Vice President)

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Yvonne L. Hughes (Also running for Board of Governors)

The major issue in this election is political involvement -- whether or not
law students are willing to take an affirmative role in the determination of
the policies and procedures which affect their lives.

I feel that as responsible adults we should answer this question in the
affirmative, and we, as law students, should elect those people who support
the idea of concrete and definite political involvement. Some of the areas
in which I feel innovative action is needed include:

(1) optional alternatives to the present grading system
CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS
(Secretary Continued)

(2) expansion of the clinical program and increased opportunity for independent study
(3) weekly publication via leafletting of the activities and meetings of the Student Senate
(4) attempt by the Student Senate to deal with the mundane and every-day problems of law students.

The only way to achieve these desired objectives is through increased communication between the faculty, students, and administration. I have served on the following organizations and committees in undergraduate school at Oberlin College: Student Senate, Oberlin College Alliance for Black Culture, Steering Committee for Afro-American Studies Program, 6-6 Committee (committee to study program for independent study during January), 4-1-4 Committee (committee on the liberalization of social rules), and I am presently a member of the Legal Aid Board of Directors and the Black Law Students Alliance.

Your concerns are my concerns. I hope that I will receive your support and votes in the upcoming elections.

Hayes Kavanagh

Background: I am a summer starter. I was born in August. I started law school in June, 1969. I am thirty years old. After receiving a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame in 1962, I began my career as an itinerant student. But for the residency requirements here I would still be one. I studied one year in Germany and one year in Spain. I taught high school one semester and junior high one year. The rest of my time was dedicated to preparing for the challenges of law school. I studied Linguistics, whatever that is, at the University and received a Ph.D. last spring. I am currently living with my first wife, Justena, and our son, Thomas Giles.

Political Philosophy: Why am I running for Secretary? For two reasons. First, I feel old people must be represented on the Board of Directors. I would bring to this governing body a mature, sober wisdom gained over 10 these many years. Secondly, as a professional student I would competently represent the student point of view.

Issues: I look at it this way: One simply cannot overemphasize the issues. This is my position and I will stick to it.
Joan Bernott

first of all two people get
together an they want the doors
enlarged. second of all, more
people see what's happenin an
come t help with the door
enlargement. the ones that arrive
however have nothin more than
"let's get these doors enlarged"
t say t the ones who were
there in the first place. it follows then that
the whole thing revolves around
nothin but this door enlargement idea.
third of all, there's a group now existin
an the only thing that keeps them friends
is that they all want the doors enlarged.
obviously, the doors're then enlarged
forth of all,
after this enlargement
the group has t find
something else t keep
them together or
else the door enlargement
will prove t be
embarassing
--Dylan

Yvonne Hughes (also running for Secretary, see statement there)

Fred Pinckney

Each year a student is elected to the Lawyers Club Senate as a liason member
of the faculty Board of Governors. In order to effectively represent your
interests, this law student must be perceptive and articulate in making known
your views to the faculty.

Realizing the potential role that you the student body can and should play in
shaping policy within the law school community. I will diligently seek out
and represent your dominant views to the faculty. I am not hesistant and never
will be hesistant to speak out on matters that concern us all -- your views
will be heard and acted upon by the Board of Governors. Specifically, I can
promise that your opinions will be thoroughly compiled in an Evaluation
Critique of Professors and Courses for publication next term.

Thank you.
MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Mandy Behe

The Student Senate thus far this year has, with little effort to determine student opinion before the fact, presented us with one fait accompli after another. Statements on ROTC, recruiting policy, etc. have been issued in the name of the students with no discernable attempt to discover beforehand what opinions prevail in the student body. Surely a "representation" body like the Student Senate should communicate with its constituency even after the elections to remain constantly aware of the needs and thoughts of the voters. Such communication is especially difficult with off-campus students who are in the Quad for a few hours per day during the school week. I would suggest that an effort be made, especially by members-at-large, to seek out opinion before senate action is taken. This could feasibly be done with polls, suggestion boxes, surveys in Res Gestae, or by talking with students outside the members' immediate cliques. In sum, the senate is not an oligarchy given carte blanche by the voters. The populist representation which has been missing in the past would be my goal in the senate.

William N. Hutchinson

A law school is a community of ideas in which the diversity of the habits and desires of men are sought to become homogeneous. The student body has the responsibility of learning, developing, and innovating these ideas. The body also has the responsibility of representing each diverse input of the community; otherwise the homogeneity will be a fiction.

The Law School Student Senate and its functions since the beginning of the school year seem representative of an absence of an adequate representation of the law school community. For example, it is indeed a fiction to think that providing a one hundred dollar door prize to a mixer is according to community interest a proper allocation of resources.

I petition for membership to the Student Senate in hope of its exercising more responsive functions.

Frank W. Jackson

I am interested in this school. I want to get involved. The Student Senate would allow me to do this.

Some of the things that I would like to see at this school include: (1) an alternative to the present grading system that would be used on a voluntary basis, (2) increase communication between the faculty and the student body, through student observation of faculty meetings, (3) more clinical programs, (4) academic credit for Legal Aid, (5) weekly publications of the Student
Senate minutes in leaflet form, (6) more security in the Lawyers Club, (7) better upkeep in coffee room in Hutchins Hall, and (8) better food at the Lawyers Club.

These are only some of the things I would attempt, as a Student Senate member-at-large, to bring into being. I also feel that I have the obligation as a Student Senate Member, to listen and to be available to law students. I think that I will do a good job as your representative. I promise that, if elected, I will be honest with you, the student body, and that I will work very hard to make this a better law school.

Joel Newman

It is time to end the secrecy with which decision-making occurs in the Law School community. First, the Law School Student Senate (nee: Board of Directors) must consistently—not just the month before elections—provide information as to proposed and completed action. I will provide this information even if the Senate fails to. Second, the faculty meetings and administrative decisions are closed to students save by the grace of those august personages. It is this secrecy which created the "great light rip-off." For years now candidates, including those who were subsequently elected, have proposed that a representative of Res Gestae attend those meetings. I will implement this proposal. Finally, the principle that the Law School community make the decisions for the community was breached in the recent dean selection. The Senate must join with other University student governments to ensure a uniform, representative dean selection process.

My qualifications include: membership on Central Student Judiciary, sometime Law School representative to Graduate Assembly, and past Executive Vice-President of that body. Of course, no amount of time spent in reasoned discourse with rational people qualifies one to speak to lawyers.

Rocky Rowan

The Law School Community is currently in a period of change and self-examination, brought on by new demands for remedies to old problems, as well as new; and the result has created mistrust and misunderstanding among the student body. To correct this situation I would strive to find out the views of the students on current problems, proposals, or whatever. I propose to bind myself to no pre-arranged or prior-determined program or course of action. I would strive to, simply, maintain an open and accessible channel through which all concerned students could be aware of the current issues and proposals before the Board and allow them to voice their views as to possible solutions. In this way I will try my utmost, if elected, to achieve my conception of the role of a member-at-large: to represent my classmates and to put their ideas into action.
Bill Travis

In the coming elections you will have the opportunity to make the Law School work for you. I believe that rational change can be effected by the Board of Directors through the various student-faculty committees and otherwise. Here are my views on a few of the major issues.

Curriculum -- publication of a "course guide" student evaluation of professors and courses; more credit for case club; and more clinical type courses for credit.

Grading -- adoption of pass-fail on an optional basis in line with the more forward looking law schools; and getting away from "one-shot" finals.

Lawyers Club -- more relevant and provocative speakers; improvement of services, for example more washing machines in the basement; more efficient daily operation, e.g., the profits of the Club from the pinball and candy machines should and could be higher; speed-up in the building of the TV room partition.

Job policy -- enforcement of the University-wide extension of the OSS policy.

Next Wednesday the choice is up to you.

Wendy C. Wilner

If you vote me onto Law School Student Senate, I'll spend my time on three things: academic reform, professional reform, and making law school a little more human.

ACADEMIC REFORM. Michigan is big enough to offer a variety of law degree and combined degree programs. Other law schools have taken pass-fail grading and changes in exams farther. It takes money to lower class size, and students should work on coming up with that money.

PROFESSIONAL REFORM. Older lawyers exploit young law school graduates. They also train them. Professional ethics deserves more consideration than now given. Lawyers more than others should be concerned that a minority of this country's people support constitutional rights. Job opportunities must be sought for first-year students.

MAKING LAW SCHOOL A LITTLE MORE HUMAN. Student Senate has money to spend on this. It could do a better job if meetings were earlier in the day and decisions were publicized. The Senate should lobby for better food in a student lounge. Information should be more available on off-Quad housing. More money should go to the sports program. Speakers should be persuaded to come without being paid student money. Social events should be more varied and include other University people.
New Nevada Law Bars Brothels in Las Vegas

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 25 (UPI)—A bill to prevent the legalization of brothels in the Las Vegas area was signed Thursday by Gov. D. N. O’Callaghan, who said, “The less said about it the better.”

He refused further comment on the measure, which prohibits the Clark County Commission from issuing a license to a house of “ill fame or repute.”

The bill was passed by the legislature last week after it had been disclosed that the commission was considering issuing a franchise for a house of prostitution about 10 miles from the Las Vegas “Strip.”

The bill affects only Clark County. In many of the rural counties of Nevada, brothels operate openly with the sanction of the community.

Union Is to Whiteness As . . .

In order to gain admission the applicant is asked, among other things, the relationship of Shakespeare to Othello, Dante to the Inferno, Brahms to music, and Whitman to poetry. He must understand such words as debutante and modiste, know that Dali is a painter and verity is the opposite of myth. Only after having established such credentials is a man judged to be qualified under the union rules to become an apprentice steam fitter in New York. In the past, the test has weeded out 66% of the nonwhite applicants and only 18% of the whites—a fairly effective method, according to charges filed last week by the New York State attorney general’s office, of preserving the union’s whiteness. On this particular test, one of four an applicant must pass, there is not one question about the relation of monkey wrench to pipe.