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DEFERMENT IN DOUBT FOR MICHIGAN LAW GRADUATES

COHEN'S CORNER: Sam and the Single Lawyer

COLONEL W. J. MYERS is Deputy State Director of the Michigan Selective Service System which has responsibility for the more than 500 Michigan males enrolled here in the Law School. In an exclusive statement to your Res Gestae, Col. Myers replies to several questions including one involving the draft status of law graduates who go on for more schooling.

To begin with, the Colonel points out the consequences of the current pressure on the Selective Service to deliver increasing numbers of registrants for service in Uncle Sam's armed forces. "All general classification policies have been tightened to secure this manpower, and our age for induction has dropped to age 19, compared with age 23 only a little more than a year ago. Our state draft call has increased from 363 in January of 1965 to 3,394 in December. We are calling on our Local Boards to deliver 3,300 men in January 1966. The two Washtenaw County Local Boards, No. 85 at Ann Arbor and No. 341 at Ypsilanti, received calls for 192 men in the twelve months of 1965, compared with a call for 80 in 1964.

AS TO INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATIONS, Col. Myers states that each is decided on its own merits on a case-by-case basis and that no classification is considered permanent. "Any deferred classification is subject to reopening and review and recategorization at any time that the facts warrant. All deferrals are subject to at least annual review, and no occupational or student deferment in Class II-A or Class II-S can be granted for longer than a period of one year at any one time. Currently Local Boards have full authority to defer in Class II-S full-time college students in good standing whenever they are convinced that the student is making reasonable progress toward graduation in the normal period of time. Since student deferrals constitute our largest single available reservoir of military age manpower, it may be necessary in the near future to institute some sort of qualitative or quantitative review of such deferrals. We may again find it necessary to base deferrals on class standing or on a general test of capacity, such as the former college qualification test administered by the Selective Service System. At present, however, no such measure has been promulgated, and each Local Board must base its decision on the facts in each individual student's case. Normally Local Boards will continue to defer qualified students progressing normally in the attainment of graduate degrees, including law degrees."

THE GRADUATE STUDY QUESTION is more difficult to answer definitely. The Colonel replies that "We could give you no assurance that all Local Boards would look favorably upon continuing to defer a graduate of the law school who wishes to continue in school to obtain an additional degree in business administration or education. While there is no prohibition against such a deferment, we believe that most Local Boards would seriously question the advisability of continuing such deferrals for additional degrees in the light of present manpower requirements. Each student would have to convince his own Locan Board of the merits of his individual case as compared with the national interest at this time. In brief, there is no exact answer that we can give you to this question. The decision rests with the Local Board, subject to appellate review by the state Board of Appeal."
All the fuss and muss being made on the second floor of Hutchins is not a madness without method. In particular, Room 200, the between-classes study hall, is being bordered on two sides with interview rooms to ease the fall semester jam-up. According to a construction worker, in an exclusive interview, there should still be study space available once the wheelbarrows and other heavy equipment is moved out.

A more full report will be forthcoming upon Assistant Dean Proffitt's return from the hospital, where he underwent an appendectomy last week. (Contrary to prevalent rumors Res Gestae will not run a full-page pictorial story on either the operation or the scar.) Before the good dean departed, however, he did reveal that the classrooms and seminar rooms throughout Hutchins Hall had been newly painted and that the cooperation of students and faculty alike in keeping them looking that way would be sincerely appreciated.

Since we last mentioned in this column the problem of disappearing fireplace wood, it has become even more acute. Indeed, since the previous article should have put any ignorant parties on notice, the term wood "thefts" might now be appropriate. The victims of these expropriations, who may have been annoyed before, are now downright angry and threaten dire consequences (including criminal prosecution) if the practice is continued. The prior appeal to honor seems to have been in vain. Perhaps such a threat will afford these victims some relief.

- I-Law Society Sets Speakers and Social Soirees -

The International Law Society will begin the semester's program of dinner meetings with Professor Bishop as its guest on Thursday, February 3. Professor Bishop, who is a Vice-President of the American Society of International Law and editor-in-chief of its Journal, will make remarks on the subject of the problems of the changing international scene resulting from the new statehood of so many nations. The meeting will be in the Faculty Dining Room beginning at 5:45 PM. A sign-up sheet will go up outside Room 100 Hutchins on Monday, January 31. Anyone may sign up to join the meeting, although he is not a member, as long as he pays the Society's $3.00 dues by the time of the meeting. New members are welcome, of course, at any time.

Any law student may join by giving an envelope with $3 dues enclosed to Bob Faux, the Society's Secretary-Treasurer, B-21 Lawyers Club, or by leaving it at the desk in the Lawyers Club. Future International Law Society meetings during the course of the semester will include meetings with Professors Stein, Harvey, and Conard. The Society also plans a cocktail party and other social programs for the semester.

The Language Luncheons will begin with a German lunch today in the Faculty Dining Room at noon. The first French lunch will follow on January 24. A schedule for the semester will be posted on the first floor Hutchins Hall bulletin board. No degree of fluency is required—you can come and learn by listening.

- Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot -

Some other big news items include the latest Dining Hall innovations: the "ketchup plunger" and the introduction of multi-lingual paper sugar packets, replacing the old, prone-to-breakage, ceramic sugar bowls. Query, whether more sugar will be "consumed" now by the pockets of boarders than was wasted by sugar bowl breakage?

Some things that just don't change:
--the need for more classes in meat carving
--maids who come in at 8:00 AM when your first class is at 11:00
--wood thefts
--the food
For those skeptics who persist in believing the grapevine rumor that the Placement Office exists only for the upper echelon of the class, the following statistics will be revealing. During the past recruiting season (September 20 through December 12, 1965), a total of 195 third year students had 1732 interviews at the school. Of these, 57 students had cumulative average of 3.0 and above, and 53 had averages below 2.5.

To help dispel another rumor to the effect that second year students "hog" the interview schedules, 150 second year students interviewed 944 times during the fall recruiting season as compared with 195 third year students and 1732 interviews.

The complete breakdown by grade point average follows:

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Third year students averaged about 9 interviews each, although 34 talked with 15 or more employers and one chalked up a record-breaking number of 40 interviews. The average number of interviews for second year students was 6, with 11 students scheduling 15 or more. In addition, 14 graduate students had 49 interviews through the Placement Office.

A record number of 209 employers interviewed at the Law School last fall. Some of these interviewed more than one day and some had more than one person interviewing so that a total of 286 schedules were arranged. Representatives were here from 172 law firms, 8 corporations, 13 government agencies, 5 banks, 5 CPA firms, and 6 miscellaneous. The geographical breakdown is as follows:

- California 23 (14 Los Angeles, 7 San Francisco, 2 other)
- Colorado 4
- Connecticut 1
- D. C. 16
- Florida 2
- Georgia 1
- Illinois 32 (all Chicago)
- Indiana 7
- Michigan 38 (25 Detroit, 13 other)
- Minnesota 3
- Missouri 5
- Nebraska 2
- New York 35 (29 NYC, 6 other)
- Ohio 25 (12 Cleveland, 6 Columbus, 7 other)
- Pennsylvania 5
- Rhode Island 1
- Wisconsin 9

Employment opportunities for law students are not limited to the interviewing "ratrace" during the fall. Between September 1 and December 15, 1965, 115 employers, who did not interview at the school, contacted us about openings for 1966 graduates and 34 were interested in second year students for summer employment. Do you check the bulletin board on the second floor? Both second and third year students should remember that openings still exist, and that we will continue to hear about new opportunities during the Winter Term. Keep in touch!

**REMINDER**: Third year students who anticipate "working" for Uncle Sam should establish placement files NOW for future reference.

**EDITORS' NOTE**: While the above statistics may well be revealing as to actual use of the Placement Office, query what they really mean in practical terms for the job-seeking student. Use of the Placement Office alone
does not seem valuable if detached from any expectation of success. We trust that the Placement Office will, in the near future, publish facts and figures regarding the success of those who interviewed at the Law School. If these figures indicate that only the "upper echelons" actually obtained jobs through interviews begun here at school, then of what value is it to encourage use of the Placement Office by all?

--Wm. H. Conner and Steve Petix

SPORTS: Pong Ping

All those hotshot table tennis players who missed last Friday's tryouts, but would still like to play, should contact Bill Felton (764-8908) right away. Last year the Lawyers Club took the championship in this sport, which aided greatly in the winning of the All Sports trophy on display in the Dining Hall. Those interested in basketball and swimming should also start scouting up a team, for these sports are coming up soon.

--George A. Cooney

WEEKENDER: Movies and Mixers

Cinema Guild

Thursday and Friday: Public Enemy (1931)--James Cagney, Jean Harlow, Joan Blondell
Saturday and Sunday: Beauty and the Beast (1946)--Jean Marais

Campus: The Tenth Victim
Michigan: Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines
State: Thunderball

"Bring yourselves and those charming personalities; we'll supply the rest," reports Becky Rapport of Martha Cook. She's talking about the Mixer (free) this Friday, from 9:00-12:00. Worth the effort, if you get there early.

--Robert Pyle

DEADLINE SQUEAKERS: I-Law, and a Final Note

The International Law Moot Court Competition this year involves a problem patterned after the Rhodesian situation. You can have the chance to argue this case before an arbitration tribunal set up under the statute of the International Court of Justice. Michigan will enter a team in the regional competition. Finalists appear before a distinguished tribunal in Washington in an argument held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Society of International Law. Attractive prizes are awarded to anyone who has taken or is taking International Law may sign up on the sheet on the Case Club Bulletin Board. Those who sign up will be contacted for details by John Walker, International Law Society Board member in charge of Michigan's entry in the competition.

AND FINALLY, Res Gestae has changed its newsstand time from Thursday (Remember?) to Monday. Every market research report (which your Law Club dues financed) seemed to indicate that Monday was the best time to reach an alert, inquisitive, impressionable audience.

So, writers of news material, planners of social events, seekers of means to make announcements, take note! THE NEW DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL TO BE PUBLISHED IN RES GESTAE IS THURSDAY, 2:30 p.m. Follow this simple rule, and all the fits news to print shall greet you Monday next.

--Art Dulemba