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CIVIL RIGHTS AUTHORITY SPEAKS TO STUDENTS: Mr. John Feikens, Co-chairman of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, spoke to law students this past Tuesday. A long-time Detroit attorney and former state Republican chairman, Feikens spoke generally on current civil rights problems, both locally and nationally, devoting himself primarily to equal housing rights. His thesis is that the Commission has been granted sufficiently broad powers to enable it to cope with discrimination in the renting or sale of housing. This is in direct contradiction to the argument put forward by Prof. Roger Cramton in a recent Law Review article. Cramton argues that additional laws are necessary to bring the Commission into this area.

Feikens pointed out that the major argument used by those opposing the Commission's involvement in housing problems is that property owners use or dispose of their property as they see fit, and to whom they see fit. They see this right as one that cannot and should not be infringed upon in any way. However, he argues, this argument fails to recognize that the rights of ownership are presently curtailed in many ways; most of which seek to place public good above private wishes. For instance, there are zoning codes, limitations by nuisance doctrines, the requirements of certain formalities as prerequisites to effective sale, the right of eminent domain, etc.

The conflict is one between property and civil rights. While most people will agree that everyone has the right to buy or rent property and to live where he wishes, many people completely reverse themselves when they see the other side of the coin--no right to discriminate when renting or selling to another.

As to how the Commission will go about enforcing opening housing, Mr. Feikens noted a number of possible paths it may follow. The most direct route is to utilize the terms of the constitutional provision creating the Commission and outlining its powers. It may merely seek a modification of the common law in this area, one more in line with the times. The power of the courts to adjust the rights of property with the times is, he points out, as old as the common law itself. The Public Accommodations statute may also be used to prevent real estate dealers and brokers from involving themselves in discriminatory sales. Moreover, the fact that these dealers are licensed by the state may make it possible to attack their conduct as quasi-state action or to effectively impose fair housing agreements on them.

ADVOCACY INSTITUTE BEGINS TODAY: How much is an injury really worth? How do you place a dollar value on pain and suffering? These are just two of the questions which are under review as more than 2,000 lawyers from all over the United States gather here this weekend to attend the 16th annual Advocacy Institute, sponsored by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. Eighteen of the nation's best known trial lawyers and legal authorities are taking part in the two-day discussion of "Personal Injury Damages." Among them is Bill Colson of Miami, president of the American Trial Lawyers Association. Also taking part in the program are Michigan Supreme Court Justice Theodore Souris, Washtenaw County Circuit Judge James R. Breakey, Jr., Wayne County Circuit Judges Horace W. Gilmore and Victor J. Baum, Dr. Andrew Watson, of the Medical and Law School faculties, Dr. John T. Hayes of the Medical School and former U-M law professor John W. Reed, now Dean of the U-Colorado Law School.

I.C.L.E. director, E. Donald Shapiro, explained, "We are using the same techniques that have proved so popular and effective in past institutes." These include unrehearsed courtroom scenes based on fictitious cases with leading trial lawyers demonstrating their techniques and styles. "Those attending will also share the insight of in-depth critical evaluation panels which will include psychiatric evaluations by an outstanding forensic psychiatrist."

The Institute is also giving two excellent volumes to all of those attending. Damages in Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Cases is edited by New York attorney Sol Schreiber and published by the Practising Law Institute of New York. The volume has been specially prepared for the Institute. It contains some of the most authoritative and practical articles ever published in the damage field. In addition, extensive notes on recent developments and comments have been added to the articles to facilitate research and to provide up-to-the-minute coverage. Questions of techniques in handling damage problems are dealt with at length. These include Pain and Suffering--the "Per Diem" argument and "How much is a Good Wife Worth?". In addition, many technical and legal topics are covered.
Personal Injury Damages Course Handbook contains legal documents, pleadings, statements of parties and witnesses, exhibits and other background material to enable the course registrant to benefit fully from the material presented in lecture and in the courtroom demonstrations. An added feature of value in the handbook will be a complete Settlement Brochure illustrating this important new technique. Also included will be outlines of many of the lectures and important material on formulae for damage evaluation.

INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY NEWS: The International Law Society has announced the members of the 1965 Michigan International Moot Court Team. They are Robert E. Hollweg, Earl H. Staelin and John M. Walker. The team argues in Pittsburgh next Tuesday in the regional eliminations of the annual Jessup International Moot Court Competition. If successful, they will then argue in the national finals in Washington.

The Society is also sponsoring two talks next week. On Tuesday, at 6:30 in the lounge, the Secretary of the European Commission on Human Rights, Mr. A. B. McNulty, will discuss how the European Convention on Human Rights has affected the daily practice of European defense attorneys. All students are invited to this talk entitled "International Enforcement of Civil Rights."

On Thursday, Mr. James L. Elsman, Jr., of Bartoli & Elsman, of Detroit, a specialist in international business transactions, will discuss the problems the young attorney encounters in the practice of private international law. For further details, interested students are asked to consult the bulletin board outside of Room 100.

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The deadline for petitioning for a place on the ballot for the Law School elections is this Tuesday, March 2, at 5 p.m. To be elected are a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, one member of the Board of Governors and seven members of the Board of Directors. Petition forms are available at the counter in 307 Hutchins Hall and at the desk in the Lawyers Club.

Members of the Board and this year's officers will be available to answer questions about the activities of the Board in the Law Club lounge at 12:45 p.m. Monday. Any student who is considering filing a petition but who would like more information about the workings of the Club is welcome to attend this session.

The Board, at its Monday meeting, arranged on a trial basis for faculty members, when invited by a law student, to eat lunch or dinner at the Law Club Dining Room without charge to the student. It is hoped that this will encourage the students to take this opportunity to become personally acquainted with their professors on an informal basis.

Students wishing to take advantage of this program should pick up a meal ticket from the counter in the Law Club office and tell the attendant at that time that it is for a member of the law faculty.

FRESHMAN BRIEFS: "Be It Ever So Humble . . ."

These are the times that try men's souls. Indeed, once more at the Lawyers Club rooms and roommates are the topic of conversation, as the Big Lucky Number Game is almost upon us. To aid the two prospective room shoppers who get really lucky, we now offer a guided tour through our own dear K-22.

As you ring the bell, notice the lilting chimes. They play Chopin's "Prelude" during the week and Verdi's triumphal march from "Aida" on weekends. If you are early for your appointment, sign the register anyway; and the butler will usher you into the library. That's Fred Schmedlapp's picture over the fireplace, one of the original contributors, architects, and, one might even say, "Founding Fathers" of this room.

If you have perused the first editions long enough, ask the butler for directions to the solarium. It's here we putter and continue the work of the Schmedlapp Botanical and Zoological Foundation. This year's projects display a modicum of success. The pigeons aren't housebroken yet, nor have the squirrels quit begging and gone on welfare; but the Dutch Elm bacteria are finally acquiring a taste for ivy.

The room adjoining the solarium is the master bedroom. The beds defy description. Occupants with allergies may have to swap the goose-down mattresses. The closet is more than just a closet. We planned to have a "TC" there last Friday; but the light hadn't been installed as yet.

Passing quickly by the den, you find yourself in the living room. No need to remove your shoes for the plush green carpet. Just don't step on the golf balls. If the piano is being tuned, content yourself with the stereo. But don't flick switches indiscriminately. Last week one guest inadvertently turned the air conditioning and sunlamp systems on simultaneously and in no time at all became the best tanned...
pneumonia patient in the University Hospital.

Wondering why we're giving all this up and moving elsewhere? Heavens, man! It's getting impossible to leave a paradise like this at 7:59 a.m.

--Steve Petix and Art Dulemba

EDITORS’ WASTEBASKET: The Faculty has revised the Law School grading system, effective beginning with this semester's grades. Under the new system, grades and their number equivalents are: A+ = 4.5; A = 4.0; B+ = 3.5; B = 3.0; C+ = 2.5; C = 2.0; D+ = 1.5; D = 1.0; E+ = 0. The new system is felt to be especially desirable since it utilizes the familiar system of letter grades while at the same time reducing to a large degree, the wide disparity that often exists between students receiving the same grade in a given course.

Prof. Conard recently lectured at the Max Planck Institute on "The Quantitative Analysis of Injury Reparation". Prof. Kimball recently had an article published in Riesgo y Seguro, a Spanish publication. Prof. Knauss is the editor of the Securities Regulation Sourcebook. Prof. Kennedy delivered the mid-year commencement address at the State University of Iowa. He is also the author of "The Proper Relation Between the Bankruptcy Act and the Uniform Commercial Code," appearing in the New York State Bar Journal; and of a book review of Cases and Materials on Debtor and Creditor. Deans Smith and Joiner, Professors Polasky, Wm. Pierce and Wellman recently attended the ABA meeting in New Orleans.

FROM OUR READERS: This year Law School Seniors of the Class of 1965 have the privilege of participating in commencement exercises on May 1 and beginning finals on May 3. Obviously many seniors will choose not to attend. Those who do take the time to attend their own graduation will be 'penalized' by losing study time.

If Commencement were only for the students the situation could be tolerated; however, it is for the parents that a graduation exercise has meaning, either of fulfillment or relief. Under the present situation parents can attend but their parting words to their son or daughter will be "good luck with finals" instead of "congratulations."

Graduation is a time for gaiety, or some such horseplay, instead of a time to "grind, grind, grind at that grindstone" [Mary Poppins, 1964]. Freshman and junior law students should act now to encourage a change of the present system—for the benefit of their parents or any other selfish reasons. --Frank Hill

MISCELLANEOUS: Sociological study of Occupations: With the cooperation of Dean Profitt and the legal fraternities, a sociological study of family background, occupational choice and organizational participation is being conducted in rm. 100 next Tuesday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. This is part of a campus-wide study of occupational groups. All students are asked to assist in this study so that a broad cross-section of persons preparing for legal careers may be obtained. Your participation requires only that you take about 10 minutes to fill out a questionnaire, the contents of which are anonymous and confidential. Mr. Paul H. Stoddard, Special Agent of the F. B. I., in charge of the Detroit office, will speak at the Club on Wednesday, March 3, at 6:30, in the Lounge, concerning the work of the F. B. I. and the prospects for service in the organization. The top ranking agent in Michigan, he has seen service in a number of cities and has worked in a supervisory capacity at the Bureau's Traning and Inspection Division in Washington. Summer job opportunities are available to Michigan Law students through the Michigan Law Students Civil Rights Research Council. Internships are currently available for legal work in New York City and in Mississippi with a pay of $30-$45 per week. If you are interested, contact Joe McMahon C-21, 48970, for more details, or come to the March 4 meeting of the Civil Rights Research Council to be held in the Law Club Lounge at 6:30 p.m. All students are invited to hear about the Conference on Law and Indigency held in Washington in January, as well as to hear a summation of the work of the Council to date.


QUADSVILLE QUOTES:

Continued fair and mild

--U.S. Weather Bureau

Business? It's quite simple. It's other people's money.

--Dumas