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There has been increasing interest in the administrative functioning of the Lawyer's Club. Social rules, administration, quality of services and attitudes of members have all been subjects of conversation. The Res Gestae, an organ of the Lawyer's Club, believes that these and other matters deserve some degree of exposure and exposure. Accordingly this synopsis of an interview with Professor John V. Reed is presented.

Professor Reed is one of two faculty members on the Board of Governors of the Lawyer's Club. Dean Smith is the other. Among others there are two law students on the Board. Professor Reed has the ultimate responsibility for the many operations of the Club as secretary and treasurer. (Dr. Rinkel is part-time manager of the Club.) Prof. Reed describes himself as a type of 'executive secretary' without policy making functions.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors meets in the summers when Prof. Reed, Dean Smith, and a member of the University Board of Regents iron out the Club's problems.

In his capacity as Chairman of the University Committee on Discipline, Prof. Reed played a major part in drafting a report on disciplinary restrictions on undergraduate students. The conclusion of his report was that there was an inverse ratio between the need for external controls and the age of the student. Although he was most reluctant to draw any connection between his report and the conditions at the Lawyer's Club, his conclusion certainly applied with increased force to graduate students.

Professor Reed stated unhappily, that the Lawyer's Club was inefficient to operate. He cited unusually high overhead, largely because of the buildings and fixtures, as a contributing factor. Prof. Reed took care to affirm that the overriding policy of the Club was to keep living expenses to a minimum. But, he stated, every few years, fees were raised to meet increasing costs. When the kitchen was remodeled two summers ago, all the reserves of the Club were expended and Prof. Reed observed that since that point there has been an obvious slack in maintenance. In noting that the University raised its housing fees this year, Prof. Reed said the Club's rates will be investigated this spring.

He said that because of financial and social problems there is a need for change in the Club. The administrative structure of the Club is under study. Two major problems are being examined: the financial soundness of the Club's operations and the social "tone." Related to both problems if Prof. Reed's desire to see the Club's appearance improved.

In regard to "tone," he wondered if a freshman entering this term would have had the same feeling as he would have had ten years ago. Prof. Reed feels that the atmosphere of the Club has changed for the worse. He said that once there was a distinctly professional attitude around the Club. People living here had an esprit de corps which wore well. He commented on a decline in gentlemanly dressing habits both in classes and at dinner. Prof. Reed saw better Club social functions in the past. In his opinion, many student rooms are "rabbit Warrens" of electrical appliances, bottles, twenty-four hour, round the week open-houses, etc.

When the "tone" was still suitable and professional, according to Prof. Reed's opinion, there was a full-time, female, resident director. There were two different women. The first was a "proper, dignified" type who by her mere appearance, "broke up a riotous night football game with Harry Cook." Since the demise of the full time director system, Prof. Reed stated there has been an acceleration of unfortunate incidents such as bad manners at dinner (riotous eating rather than poor forskanship), petty thefts, use of the Club's boarding facilities without payment. Prof. Reed hastily stated that he didn't accuse the residents of perpetrating a crime wave. He did feel that the above examples were indicative of the desirability of improvement in the "tone" of the Club.

Prof. Reed intimated that this spring, when the Executive Committee meets, there will be a reconsideration of the hands-off policy of the Board in regard to the social privileges of the law student. But the first problem he wishes to attack this spring is the maintenance and upkeep of the Club. With improved upkeep and operations, he feels that the "tone" of the club will more likely improve of its own accord.
Prof Reed stated that he would be happy to listen to gripes of students about problems that have not been adequately solved in the administration of the Club, but that he would prefer to see students go through the Board before seeing him. Although Professor Reed will be teaching at Yale next year, if his ideas are carried out at the next meeting of the Executive Committee, residents of the Club may well expect some changes.

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AN INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY IS BORN: The law school makes a great extra-curricular stride Wednesday, March 6, when an excellent speaker celebrates the first meeting of a new International Law Society. Mr. Robert Campbell, general attorney for the International Division of the Ford Motor Company, will be at the Law School to speak on the topic "Problems of International Practice." Mr. Campbell graduated from Harvard Law School in 1937 and has been with Ford since 1969.

The talk is designed both to familiarize students with aspects of international trade not discussed in class and to serve as an introduction to international practice. An opportunity for informal questions and discussions will follow the talk, which will be in room 132 at 4:15 P.M.

The society is being formed to bring experts in the international field before the students for informal talks and discussions, and together with the national group, the Association of Student International Law Societies, to promote student activities in international law. Participation in the International moot Court Competition and conferences on today's international commerce and politics are also planned. More detailed information about the Society will be available at the meeting, and anyone interested is invited to attend.

A Law School junior, Alan Choate, and Prof. Whitmore Gray, have been instrumental in bringing about this first meeting. John Palmer and Prof. Eric Stein did much of the groundwork last year. Alan Choate, whose father, incidentally, teaches the patent law course here, is attending the Conference on Trade and Investment in Latin America, sponsored by the Association of Student International Law Societies, held in New York this weekend.

AT THE FLICKS:

Campus: "Divorce Italian Style"

Michigan: "Son of Flubber"

State: "Days of Wine and Roses"

Cinema Guild: "Gate of Hell"

Saturday - "Summerskin"

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HISCELLANEOUS NOSSELS: The Pairs gather together Saturday to entertain themselves, for once, at their own party... A law student makes a big splash as a member of a cool jazz trio at the Waterfall Club, Stadium Blvd. at Liberty, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Once again Dean and Mrs. Smith will entertain the June graduates and their wives at a series of Sunday suppers. Seniors sign up by the main bulletin board in Hutchins Hall... the coffers of the 1962 Law School Fund Campaign has swelled to $86,000. This is an increase of 70 per cent over last year, as the number of alumni contributing increased 40 per cent "YOU CAN PUT THAT STUFF AWAY, DEARIE, SORORITY to 1800 contributors."

QUADSVILLE QUOTES by Meyer Sniffen

"No legality can attach to any law, executive order, or written or verbal directive signed or issued by the Irishman in the White House."

- from "Homo Sapiens v. Irish," - a broadside circulating about the Quad.

"A good lawyer, a bad neighbor."

- Ben Franklin, quoting a French maxim.