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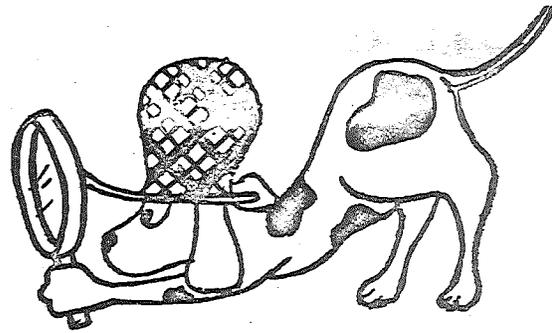
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ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 28 - Law Wives Bake Sale, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

December 5 - Last Day of Classes

December 3 through December 19 - FINALS EXAMS

January 10 AND January 11 - REGISTRATION

January 14 - CLASSES BEGIN

RETRACTION REGARDING BRI

The last issue of the Legal Beagle printed an article on the BRI bar review classes to be held in January at St. Mary's University School of Law. THIS WAS A MISTAKE. BRI will not be holding classes using the facilities at this School of Law. It is unknown at this time whether or not BRI will be having review classes in San Antonio for the January Bar. For further information, contact the BRI representatives.

MOOT COURT RESULTS

The Final Round of the first Fall Intramural Moot Court Competition was held on November 7 in the Moot Court Room at the Law School. A distinguished panel of San Antonio jurists sitting as the Moot United States Supreme Court heard the final arguments presented by the team of Dan Kamin and Richard Meyer representing the Petitioner and the team of Karen Beverly and Patrick Cullen representing the Respondent. Upon conclusion of the oral arguments and during the deliberations of the court, the Moot Court Board's Chairman, Adrian Acevedo, announced that the intramural moot court competition was to be named in honor of Professor Orville C. Walker and his years of service to Moot Court. Also, during the intermission, the Moot Court Board presented a permanent plaque to Joseph Vives and Mike White in recognition of their submission of the "Best Brief" in the competition. Patrick Cullen was also recognized as "Best Speaker" in the preliminary rounds of the competition. The Court returned upon conclusion of its deliberations and through its Chief Justice, Charles Barrow, announced that the best oral argument had been presented by the team of Karen Beverly and Patrick Cullen.

Thereafter, a reception in honor of the judges, Mr. Walker and the competing teams was sponsored by the Student Senate in the foyer of the Classroom Building.

The Moot Court Board is to be congratulated, as well as all participants in the competition, for making the first intramural program a success.

FRESHMAN PROFILE

The class that entered law school this September numbered 212 students and is the largest class in the Law School's history. Ninety-eight of these students are from Texas; 19 from New Jersey; 17 from New York; 15 from Pennsylvania; 10 from Missouri; 8 from Arizona; 6 from Maryland; and 5 from California. There are a total of 98 colleges and universities represented in this first year class. Some of the schools represented are as follows: American University, Arizona State, University of Arizona, University of Delaware, Fairfield University, Lamar University, University of Miami, State University of New York, Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers, Seton Hall, Southern Methodist University, University of Texas, Tulane University, Villanova, University of Virginia and William and Mary.

Including special admissions, the mean LSAT test score of the Fall Class was a 592 with a writing score of 61. The mean GPA being a 3.13 on a 4.0 system. The high GPA was a 3.98 on a 4.0 system with a high LSAT score of 714. Additional statistics include the following: 640 total enrollment; 63 women out of 640; 16 women out of 212 entering class; 3 Blacks out of 212 entering class; and 35 Mexican Americans out of 640 total enrollment.

FINGERPRINT-CONSENT CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 3, 1973, representatives from all of the Texas law schools and several out-of-state law schools were invited to a conference on fingerprinting sponsored by the University of Texas Law School Student Bar Association. The keynote speaker was Professor Eliot Landau of Brooklyn University School of Law, an authority on the right of privacy. Other speakers included Senator Ralph Yarborough; state senator A.B. (Babe) Schwartz of Galveston, chairman of the Texas Senate Jurisprudence Committee; and Mike Hudson, A.C.L.U. representative.

St. Mary's University was represented at this conference by seven students. There were approximately 70 people at the conference, including representatives from Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas law schools.

During the morning session of the conference, representatives heard speeches from Professor Landau, Senator Yarborough and Senator Schwartz. All of these speakers spoke in opposition to the proposed changes in the Declaration of Intent. These changes include required fingerprinting and a mandatory blanket authorization to the Bar allowing them to obtain any information concerning the applicant. Further, the applicant would be required to execute a broad release relieving both those who supply the information and those who evaluate it of all liability. Thus, either misuse of information or false information would leave an applicant without remedy.

The basic mood at the meeting was one of shock and disbelief. Representatives wanted to know why these changes were necessary. If some type of effective investigation is necessary (that is, if the current methods are not working), what safeguards are available to guard against abuse of the data which is gathered? These questions could not be answered because no representatives of the State Bar Committee of Standards of Admission and the Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Admissions (the Joint Committee) which proposed the changes came to the meeting although they were invited to attend and to speak.

During the afternoon session, the general meeting was split into smaller workshop groups to formulate constructive proposals to be submitted to the Texas Supreme Court. The result of all of this was a petition which was sent to every law school in Texas. This petition read as follows: "We, the undersigned students (faculty) of School of Law, express our opposition in principle to the proposals for fingerprinting of Bar Applicants, blanket authorization to seek information, and waiver of liability for abuse contained in proposed Rule III, and to the definitions of good moral character in proposed Rules II B & C recommended by the Joint Committee on Standards of Admissions. These proposals imperil and may actually violate constitutionally protected interests. No evidence of their effectiveness or of compelling need for them has been offered, and no action should be taken on them without research and public hearings. We are particularly appalled that no attempt was made to consult law students, whose legitimate interest in this problem is strong and obvious."

St. Mary's University Law School Senate adopted this petition and set up a table in the Classroom Building to solicit signatures. Over 200 law students at St. Mary's signed the petition. The petition was then sent to the Texas Supreme Court to show support for a memorandum which had been sent to the court. This memorandum, written by law students in attendance at the Fingerprinting Conference, enumerated law students' objections to the proposed rules.

THREE STUDENTS TO CLERK FOR TEXAS SUPREME COURT

Three St. Mary's University law graduates have been accepted for clerkships next year in the Texas Supreme Court.

The court each year chooses 10 clerks from among top upperclassmen in public and private law schools. The three from St. Mary's represent the largest number selected from a single school. The St. Mary's selection also marks the first time more than two applicants have been chosen from any law school except the University of Texas at Austin.

Selected from St. Mary's are Larry Hyden, Stephen Paxson and Dan Sheehan. They will graduate from St. Mary's in May and assume their new positions when the court convenes in July.

The newsletter staff would like to take this opportunity to congratulate these three students on their fine academic achievements.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT - Verne Mayfield of the Department of Housing and Urban Development will be on campus Friday, November 30, to interview interested students for positions in Washington, D.C.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS - If you are within one year of graduation and are interested in seeking a position with the Federal Government, you can pick up a pamphlet at the Post Office in the Federal Building entitled "In Public Practice." This pamphlet contains application instructions, names and addresses of the various government agencies, and the number of positions for attorneys within each department.

FRATERNITY NEWS

DELTA THETA PHI - A joint initiation ceremony was held with the Delta Theta Phi chapter from the University of Texas in Judge Curry's court room on Sunday, November 11. One of the national officers came down from Washington to take part in this event. This was a first for Delta Theta Phi. At the conclusion of the joint ceremony, a cocktail reception was held at the Travel Lodge for the students of both chapters and the alumni in attendance from this area.

Nominations for new officers for the spring semester was held on Wednesday, November 14. Voting was held November 19 through November 23.

Future plans for Delta Theta Phi include a fraternity "Christmas/Finals Out" celebration of beer and fellowship to be announced at a later date.

Other future events include a "Welcome Back" All School Party of beer, tamales and wine coolers to be held the second week of classes of the spring semester and another seminar in our series of Legal Seminars to cover the subject of pornography laws.

We would like to thank you for your participation in the many activities of Delta Theta Phi this semester, making it a successful one for us. We look forward to serving the students in new areas next spring.

GOOD LUCK on finals to everyone from Delta Theta Phi.

PHI ALPHA DELTA - Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity held its fall initiation on Friday, November 9, in the Moot Court Room of the Law Classroom Building. Thirty-five new members were inducted into PAD. These new members joined the old members at a reception at La Risa Apartments.

The festivities were highlighted by Tom "Primo" Jordan leading a chorus of boisterous and well-oiled voices singing such old favorites as "I Wear My Fingernails Long So They Will Click When I Play the Piano" and, a local selection, "The Chevy Decal on the Rear Window of My Car is Fading in the Sunshine of Your Love."

PHI DELTA PHI - Phi Delta Phi is proud to announce two recipients of scholarships from our National Headquarters. Charles (Chip) Vogan received the Senior Scholarship and Peter (Pete) Wolverton received the Mid-Law Scholarship. These scholarships are based on outstanding scholastic achievement, service to the fraternity and service to the law school. Congratulations to both people; we feel they are very deserving.

We would also like to announce our new officers for the spring semester, elected at our last general meeting: Magister - Ginny Jordan; Vice-Magister - Pete Wolverton; Clerk - Greg Mazza; Exchequer - Pat Irvine; Historian - Bill Weaver; Rush Captain - Bill Barnhill; Senator - Mike Noonan. We wish to thank the out-going officers for the fine job they did.

A special thanks to Steve Paxson for the great job he did in organizing our Fall Training Service and all the "tutors" for their services. There were 15 sessions sponsored by the fraternity which covered all freshmen subjects in detail and approximately 650 total students in combined attendance for all review classes.

Phi Delta Phi has added 37 enthusiastic new members and is looking forward to another active semester. However, we will be losing 14 fine members who will be graduating in December - Ron Bird, John Britt, Walter Brock, Mike Curran, Jerry Dozier, Bob Flaniken, Bob Holmes, Paul Kendall, Larry Linnartz, Jack McCall, Pat Sheehy, Richard Smith, Al Steinle, Glory Sturiale, Chip Vogan and Tom Willess. - Best of Luck to all of them.

Hope Everyone has a nice holiday!

Phi Delta Phi Special Awards

Phi Delta Phi is privileged to announce the winners of the following awards, in recognition of their various talents, and especially for the grace and finesse they exhibited in "tripping the light fantastic" at the Juarez Plaza (La Villita) Initiation Party on November the 9th:

1973 Annual Fred Astaire Awards

- 1st -- Pete "Twinkle-Toes" Wolverton
- 2nd -- "Black Jack" Smith
- 3rd -- Chuck "Stogie" Hester
- Honorable Mention -- Larry Brockman (The Winchester Man) and Adrian "Cub" Acevedo

1973 Quarterly Ginger Rogers Awards

- 1st -- Pat "The Stroll" Irvine
- 2nd -- Mary "She-Bop, She-Bop" Kelly
- 3rd -- George Ann Miller ("At the Hop")
- Honorable Mention -- Ellen "L'Elegante" Cook - not that she danced so much, but she covered a lot of floor space when she did! (continued)

1973 Decennial Galloping Gourmet "Supah" Chalupa "Scoopah" Award -- Sue Hall

The Arthur Murray's Couples Awards go to Andy Mireles and friend, Chris and Julie Heinrichs, Rusty and Janet Biechlin, Bill and Naomi Weaver, and Dave and Barb Hornig.

While there were no awards for the foot-shuffling "better halves," special mention should be made of Frank Miller, Janie Sheehan and Mike Kelly.

LEGAL RESEARCH BOARD

LEGAL MEMORANDUM: To all members of the Legal Research Board

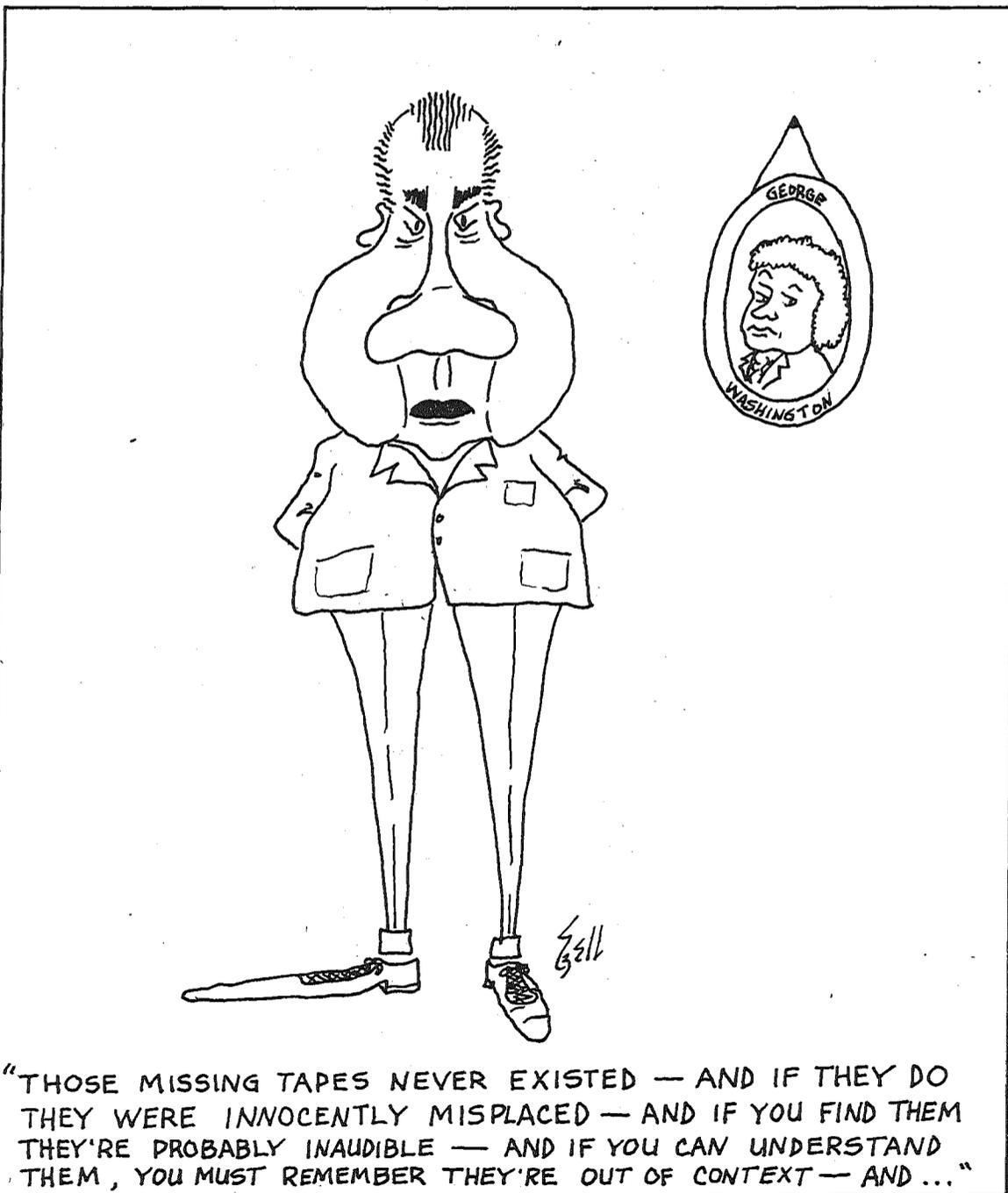
CONGRATULATIONS!

Our first year of operation has been highly successful and we think that a January Birthday Celebration is in order.

Please give your suggestions for celebration to any director. Interested members are invited to help plan the event.

Our operations are now closed (except for work in progress) until January 10, 1974. Until then: HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The Directors: Judy, Bill, Bill, Ginny and Tom



SPORTS

FOOTBALL - The law school "over the hill gang" football team ended the season with a whimper losing 7-0 to Rho Beta Fraternity. Overtraining, nervousness, old age and general butterfingers combined to create an insurmountable obstacle to triumph. However, Raba's Raiders did finish 4th in the intramural competition, and, of course, no one can fault their constant enthusiasm for the game. The team would also like to thank both spectators who turned out this year to cheer the team on to victory. They were a real morale booster.

BASKETBALL - The season is bearing down on the law school which is fielding six teams who will try to overwhelm the undergraduate school teams by sheer numbers. The teams include: the Counselors coached by Judd Holt; the Dirty Tricks (made up of the football team members, no doubt) coached by Paul Finley; the Exchequers coached by Joe Rowek; the Morgans coached by Stan Schneider; the Sub Ubis coached by Cal Horvath; and the Wergilds coached by Tom Beasley. The games start in November with the play-offs in February. The Beagle staff wishes all six teams success.

HANDBALL - The Law School Handball Competition was held November 2 at the Downtown YMCA. The team of Charlie (Number 1) Fitzpatrick and Peter Dean won the doubles competition. The same two players met in the final singles match with Fitzpatrick prevailing. Trophies for the winners were generously provided by Professor Joe Anderson.

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