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NEWSLETTER

MUDHENS FOUNDED

The Mudhens is a privately operated, nonprofit, non-sectarian, unincorporated association founded to combine a modicum of service to the law school with the measured and moderate intake of alcoholic beverages in a convivial spirit. To accomplish this twofold purpose, we have selected a group of charter members who we feel are capable of contributing much to one or the other purpose, or both. Many details need to be worked out, such as election of officers, choosing projects to work on during the next year, deciding whether to call the chief executive officer the Divine Rooster, the Resplendent Godalmighty Stallion or what. These things may take some time; nevertheless, we think that we now have enough agreement about our purpose, and enough people interested that we are ready to tell the world -- or that fraction of it that reads the "Adversary."

The Mudhens will have about twenty-five members, this depending on certain organizational problems, like -- can anyone in the group count that high. Academic excellence is neither a prerequisite nor a bar to membership. We feel that there are sufficient organizations set up to recognize academic achievement. We take a fundamentalist approach -- mainly good times, service to the school, beer, good fellowship, pretzels. We feel that it is time for a return to the basics.

The Finance Committee is proud to announce that on April 14, 1970, the S.M.U. Student Center approved the highest budget request ever made by a Student Bar. The budget is as follows:

| Orientation of Freshmen | $200.00 |
| Academic Conference | 200.00 |
| Speakers | 1000.00 |
| A.B.A. Conventions | 400.00 |
| Esquire Week | 1000.00 |
| Law Week | 1600.00 |
| Social | 1000.00 |
| Administrative | 200.00 |
| International Law Society | 600.00 |
| **TOTAL** | **$6,200.00** |

This amount plus the surplus left by the present bar means the 1970-71 Student Bar will have approximately $7,500.00 with which to begin the new academic year.

We would like to express our deep appreciation to Shelly Bowles for his work on the Finance Committee by assisting in the preparation of the budget request and then making a personal appearance before the Student Senate. Due to Shelly's effective presentation, over 97% of the request was approved.

Mike Allison,
1969-70 Chairman

NADER'S RAIDERS

Professor Harvey L. Davis asks that any students interested in doing research in consumer problems and forming a group of Texas "Nader's Raiders" to please get in touch with him at an early date. It is contemplated that students interested in such consumer problems will sign up for directed research and engage in empirical research, proving and exposing facts concerning the operations of organizations and agencies that adversely affect consumers, especially Ralph Nader.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

All May and August Graduating seniors and their families will be invited to the annual Senior Luncheon. The school will send invitations to the parents, wives or husbands of seniors. All seniors please check with Mrs. Jury immediately to make sure she has the correct addresses.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FORMS

All students interested please see Mrs. Jury.
A REAL BELLY LAUGH

This is the time of year that Southwest Conference Basketball coaches get a real belly laugh while thinking about how easy beating S, M, U, again next season could be. Many may ask why this is so. Well, here is your answer.

First, our admission standards are out of proportion with the rest of the conference schools. Can we get junior college help? Basically the answer is "no." The reason is that many of those good enough to help S, M, U, either are not interested in coming here or do not have the disproportionate number of hours of "C" work required.

Of course, their boys are being sought by major universities across the nation. Work harder? This sounds good on the surface, but this year Assistant Coach Mike Pinkham has done just that.

The second reason for the belly laugh is that S, M, U, is one of the two remaining schools in the Conference with only two full-time coaches. Recruiting on a large scale is an impossible task for one man. The other school in our category reportedly has signed a boy who, after three semesters, had half his work in the "D" and "F" range, with only coaching courses "C" or better.

The icing on this delicious cake is that one S, W, C, athlete will possibly play on two national championship teams without ever passing a course. He withdrew from finals first semester and could conceivably forego them this spring since he is fairly well assured of a pro-baseball contract, judging from his performance to date. Furthermore, the same school will start a 6' 8" sophomore next year who was in the bottom quarter of his senior class after seven semesters.

The solution to the problem is probably not to initiate a special program for athletes, as Rice and Vanderbilt have done. (Incidentally, do you think this fact detracts from the reputation of academic excellence, which these two universities enjoy?) The probable solution is to bring our admission standards in line with our competition. When will this be done? Never. The probable result? We will continue to lose money at the gate, much to the financial dismay of the entire university. Why should we try to compete? No reason, other than the financial aspect plus school spirit and student involvement.

Bob Jones

END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES

Although we are in the midst of exams and papers, our extracurricular activities have not come to an end. I would like to call your attention to the two following programs which have been scheduled for your benefit:

JUDGE M. MICHAEL GORDON of Houston will make a presentation regarding the nature and work of the American Judicature Society on Wednesday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. Judge Gordon will be coming specifically to meet with the third year students, so your presence would be most appreciated.

JUSTICE BEXELIUS of Sweden will speak Friday, May 8 at 3:00 p.m. Justice Bexelius is the former Ombudsman of Sweden. His presentation will be on the concept of "Ombudsman" and is co-sponsored by the S, M, U, School of Law and the Dallas Bar Association's Urban Affairs Committee.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Executive Council of the Student Bar, we wish to thank the following members of the Social Committee for their tireless efforts in attempt to effect a well-rounded social program during the 1960-70 academic year:

Bill McGowan, PAD
Randall Bridwell, PDP
Martin Kahn, 3rd yr.
Karl Klinke, 3rd yr.

Ira Tobolowsky, 2nd yr.
Clark Willingham, 2nd yr.
Duke DeWare, 1st yr.
Steve Buholz, 1st yr.

Mike Allison
Dick Zadina,
Co-chairmen

CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE

Ap. 27-May 1 SwLF Local Government Problems Short Course
Ap. 22 Board of Visitors
Ap. 30-May 1 SwLF Institute on Wills and Probate
May 1 Last day of classes; last day to withdraw from courses - 12 noon deadline
May 4 EXAMS BEGIN
May 4-29 SwLF Police Supervision School
May 13 EXAMS END
May 23 Graduating Seniors' Luncheon
May 24 Baccalaureate - 10:30 a.m.; Graduation - 2:00 p.m.
May 30 Summer School Registration; Memorial Day
June 1 Summer session classes begin

FRATERNITIES ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Phi Alpha Delta:
Justice--Albon Head
Vice-Judge--Shelly Bowles
Treasurer--Art Tribble
Clerk--J. W. Brown
Marshal--Jim Hicks
Rush Chairman--Phil Pfeiffer

Phi Delta Phi:
Magister--Jack Spellman
Exchequer--John Burnett
Clerk--Charles Waters
Historian--Larry Alexander
Rush Chairman--
Clark Willingham
Program Chairman--
Richard Green
Social Chairman--Harlan Martin