Dear Parent,

How smart of you to write for this instructive pamphlet, compliments of your local bar association. It is full of information on the world that awaits your child when he (or even she) chooses law.

First, we should tell you that the world has changed during the last half century--indeed it has. Today there are many--count them: one, two, three, four, many--ways to be a lawyer. Today, lawyers look and sound like everyone else--well, almost. We find them in all sorts of interesting places and doing all sorts of interesting things. For example, your little boy (or even girl) can some day become an:

ESTABLISHMENT LAWYER. Sound impressive? It is. The establishment lawyer works in a beautiful office where he helps beautiful people get and keep beautiful money to make themselves even more beautiful. To help him, the establishment lawyer has a beautiful secretary (often called a "girl," but not to be confused with your little girl, dear parent). The beautiful secretary brings her lawyer coffee every morning, Alka Seltzer after every lunch, and Excedrin at exactly 4:00 each afternoon. The establishment lawyer gets very rich whether he likes it or not, but usually he likes it.

Or your child can be a:

POVERTY LAWYER. The poverty lawyer has all the headaches of the establishment lawyer and none of the benefits. He even has to get his own coffee, and he can't afford Alka Seltzer, Excedrin or a secretary. But in exchange for his sacrifices, the poverty lawyer feels relevant. Secretly, he believes there should be a redistribution of goods and services in America, but not if he has to give up his MG and his rent-controlled apartment.

Or your child can be a:

CRIMINAL LAWYER. You hardly need to know any law to be a criminal lawyer. You just have to know two words--due process--and be able to convince a judge that for some complicated reason your client didn't get it this time around. That's been real easy to do lately.

Or your child can be a:

THEATRICAL LAWYER. A theatrical lawyer is an establishment lawyer with charm. The main difference is that the theatrical lawyer's clients make their beautiful money by writing beautiful movies and plays about sex and revolution and the evils of selling-out to beautiful money (except by writing beautiful movies and plays--that's OK).

Or your child can be a:

RADICAL LAWYER. The radical lawyer must know how to be convincing when he complains to the TV cameras that the government is unfairly persecuting his clients--the Weehawken IL--simply because they capsized the State of New Jersey into the Atlantic. The radical lawyer must also have good contacts among theatrical lawyers when it comes time for his clients to make some beautiful money by writing books about revolution in America and the dangers of selling out.

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Are You Running With Me Dean??

The Deanship of any law school is a unique and prestigious position. Such a position requires consummate skills in education, administration, and public relations. The SMU Law School is indeed fortunate to have a man of recognized competency in all these fields. Dean Galvin has received much prestige as a result of the academic and professional growth of this law school, and has returned such prestige by being appointed a member of the President's Commission on Marijuana and Committee to Revise the Tax Structure. The relationship between this man and the law school is indeed an enviable and workable one. As most 2nd year students know, the Dean is also a teacher of no little merit in a field in which he is a recognized authority.

That a man with such great responsibilities would keep up connections with the student body by applying himself in an academic endeavor is admirable. However, there has arisen a conflict in roles.

Due to his commission responsibilities, the Dean will not be able to carry on his Tax Class for three consecutive weeks. After his return, these classes will be made up in 2 1/2 hour sessions on successive Saturdays. This in itself is not an oppressive hardship and a minimum of foresight by the student should enable him to keep up. However, Tax Law is not the legal discipline that lends itself to this kind of studying. The statutory interpretation that is essential to this field of study needs direction to achieve some sort of workable knowledge of the code. This direction has been hampered by the size of the class the Dean teaches (only one section offered of this required course). It may be lost to many by the end of the next three weeks.

Provisions to alleviate this situation, such as attempting a second early evening class period and narrowing the scope of the problems to be covered, have already been implemented; but more are needed. Special tutoring and extra expanded sessions may be necessary to prevent a potentially disastrous situation for students unable to cope with this brand of self-induced education. It hardly seems possible that the Dean would expect to cover the large amount of intricate material in the small amount of time allotted, even in his schedule allowed him to teach full time. To cast a student adrift in the statutory mine that is Tax Law without any instruments of navigation may be a trip from which many will be unable to return.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sirs:

I would like to thank Mr. Stuart J. Anderson for making me face the reality that such reactionary and anachronistic ideas as his still exist (see Anderson, "Minority Recruitment," The Adversary, Sept., 1971). It is disheartening merely to know that such is the case; however, to accept the idea that such thinking (READ: lack of thinking) flourishes within the confines of a law school approaches depression.

When Mr. Anderson calls the law school's decision to award scholarships to minorities "our charge into the brave new world," he portrays himself as an somewhat of an antiquary. Where was Mr. Anderson when most educated people finally realized that for years they had forced the Blacks into totally inadequate and altogether inferior schools, then tested them and exclaimed, "Aha, you scored 15 points below the White mean!" Along with this academic need for testing, there has sprung up a psychometric obsession in our society that classifies minorities as inferior and inhibits their accessibility to higher education. With less than 3% non-Whites studying for the JD degree, if one desires to criticize our law school's admission policy, it certainly shouldn't be for its

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Got a letter today from the Dean; got one yesterday from both law journals—saying congratulations on your outstanding grades. One month earlier I, too, was a sniveling, grovelling, paranoid, neurotic, first-year law student. But today I am a legal scholar. Says so right in the letters. I have so exhibited the expertise and the ability to apply that expertise, that I am a prime, Grade A, U.S. inspected candidate for law review. And, hot damn, I'm invited to the Dean's house! Yessir. Not only that, but we get free beer for refreshment on a school night. Good god a' mighty, I'm a success. I'm puttin' this on my resume right now. Let's see, "starting salary, of course, is expected to be commensurate with my legal skill, acumen, and instinct for the jugular vein as exhibited by my position and participation on Law Review...." Later That Evening at The Dean's House — Holy, kiss my locust in quo, I have never seen such an assemblage of analytical reasoners. We got deans, sub-deans, quasi-deans, full professors, sergeant major professors, not to mention editors-in-chief, notes and comments editors, leading articles, research, managing, associates, maybe a couple of ambassadors and the Pope. And, good Lord, me and the other invitees. I can't stand it! Here comes the Dean.

"Hello, I'm the Dean." Guy's awright. A regular fellow. Here comes the Pope.

"Dominoes nabiscos and congrats on your far out grades." "Thank you Pope." Here comes a covey of editors. "Hello, we're editors." "Nice to meet you editors; I'm number four in the class."

"What's your average, son?" "87, but that's without cans." "Ah, yes, 87, that rings a bell. I'm terrible with faces, but I never forget a grade point average." Next on the itinerary is a pitch from each journal to get volunteers, delivered primarily by a couple of genuine full bird, scramble egged professors and assorted editors. Decisions, decisions—do I want a journal that's long on international readers or one that satisfies. Everyone knows the Fifth Circuit docket its cases around the accessibility of the latest issues of Southwestern.

"Hi, I'm number four in the class. Which journal are you choosing?"

"Any one I want. I'm number two." "Really? What's your average?" "104.69051." This guy must've used cans. I can't believe.... "What'd you get from the Colonel?" "51, but I've got an appointment to discuss it with him May 1, 1974." "Good, well hang in there number two."

Whoo-eee! That guy must've really burned on his other exams....

I hate to see this night end. I feel like I've developed some relevant and meaningful relationships here. "What's this...?" "Haw, haw, g'night Deanie; yee haw, les go get some "Ripple" an' celebrate this auspicious occasion."

My goodness, some of these invitees are getting quite rambunctious. I guess I'd better go. I had no idea legal scholars could be so boisterous.

"G'night number four/87 g.p.a.; glad to have you aboard."

"Thank you, g'night."

"G'night number four/87 g.p.a.; good going on your..."

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Summer Internship:  

by Dick Grisham

Curriculum reform is much talked about these days. Articles are written, conferences are held, reports are issued. And increasingly frequently something is done about it. Harvard has no required courses beyond the first year now. Yale allows selected students to spend the entire third year away from New Haven in approved legal work. Stanford is developing a two-year curriculum. SMU’s thinking in this regard has been at best skeptical and hesitant. But there has been some movement in the right direction, and it deserves notice and approval.

This past summer, as part of a criminal law internship set up by Professor Bogomolny, I worked in the office of the Public Defender Service in Washington, D.C. The position was largely unstructured, and I was allowed a great deal of freedom in defining my role. Consequently I was able to observe the criminal law from a number of vantage points. For example, I sat through oral arguments in two cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit--one an appeal of a contempt conviction of Phil Hirschkop, an activist Washington lawyer whose defense work did not square with the lower court’s view of courtroom decorum; the second case involved the government’s appeal of a lower court’s refusal to permanently enjoin publication of the Pentagon papers in the Washington Post. As my time allowed, I sat in on the jury trials of some people who had been arrested during the Mayday protests.

The greatest part of my time was spent doing research on the juvenile courts. I sat through numerous detention, trial, and disposition hearings. I talked with judges, defense lawyers, prosecutors, social workers, and policemen as well as a number of people working in social welfare agencies. In short, I got a fairly good view of what justice means for juveniles in D.C. It isn’t a pretty picture, but that isn’t the point here. The point is that I learned how the law operates on one class of real live people; I saw it function smoothly sometimes, but more often wrenchingly. I got some idea of what a defense lawyer’s work is really like. And lest the traditionalists be concerned, I learned a lot of black letter law.

Classroom and library work is one way to study law. But it is not the only way. That seems a simple enough proposition, but SMU’s resistance to it is substantial. My own experience leads me to believe that clinical work and field work are more valuable educationally than much of the classroom work law students endure for 3 years. Should SMU continue its resistance to this kind of thinking, the likely result will be an inferior and inadequate education for the student. And for $6,000, perhaps he deserves something better.

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courageous attempts to attract minority students. How does it come about that the one institution that is supposed to be the gateway to opportunity, the university, is the very one that is most effective in perpetuating inequality?

I can only take hope in the fact that Life’s inevitable Plan calls for the passing on of the Old to make room for the New. Bon Voyage, Mr. Anderson!

Vincent L. DeBiase

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FORUM:

ANDERSON ON WELFARE

Like most programs that evoke the enthusiasm of my liberal friends, welfare in the United States is both unproductive and terribly expensive--a truly heady combination. For those who complain about welfare, liberals do suggest a reform. Or should I say THE quintessential liberal reform; federalization and, of course, more money. On the other hand, conservatives are quite dubious about the ability or the desire of the "welfare corps" to husband taxpayers' money, so they have long been clamoring for stricter controls along with thorough investigations to both deter and extirpate corruption.

So the issue is joined.

New York State, done in no small part to its increasingly successful Conservative Party, is having the most uncharacteristic flirtation with sane government. Governor Rockefeller, who has always felt that you certainly don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows, has encouraged a more than willing state legislature to pass a welfare package that Dr. George A. Wiley of the National Welfare Rights Organization ($6,500 for four or fight) has termed "brutalizing." Two requirements of this package are especially praiseworthy; first, a new office of Welfare Inspector General has been established to root out fraud, and second, instead of receiving their welfare checks automatically by mail, those welfare recipients deemed employable must personally call for them at state employment centers where a clear and present danger of referral to gain employment exists.

Well, no sooner had this new program gone into effect last July 1st when word was received that a full 18% of those recipients deemed...
employable failed to pick up their checks. How to explain it? Starting-up confusion? Mobility? "Brutalization?" When in succeeding semi-monthly pay periods the number of nonappearances hovered around the 20% level, and rising to as much as 22.1%, these explanations were clearly untenable. An investigation has recently been launched which has already revealed that at least half of the no-shows should not have been receiving welfare at all! These investigations are continuing and the feeling is that the best is yet to come.

Not to be outdone by his liberal Republican Governor, Mr. Abraham Beame, the liberal Democratic Controller of New York City, reported that close to 100,000 welfare checks amounting to almost $9 million were forged in the past five years. Upping the ante still further was yet another liberal Democrat, State Controller Arthur Levitt, who announced that in the last year alone about 45,000 duplicate checks were fraudulently cashed for $4 million and the rate of fraud has been running even higher in the early months of this year. Revelations of falsified welfare applications, recipients secretly holding jobs and/or receiving checks from more than one state or from the same state under several names have lately been common occurrences.

While taxpayers are beginning to come out of the shelters their places are being quickly occupied by a number of liberal fundamentalists. One of them, Congressman Herman Badillo (D.-N.Y.), a man who has been a leading spokesman for the welfare trust in Washington, summed up the situation beautifully when he sadly admitted:

The welfare rights groups have been totally discredited in claiming so few on welfare were employable and so little cheating by recipients. Debate on welfare reform in Congress has ended. How can you argue with those figures--20% failing to pick up checks, the number of checks fraudulently cashed?... Welfare reform is dead.

From the SBA Desk...

Participation was the subject matter of my last article. I asked at that time for more student participation in the activities of the Student Bar Association. I restate this request today. As an aid to you, I am including a list of the committee chairmen and the Student Bar representatives who are the Directors of the areas. Please contact the representative or the committee chairman if you are interested in any particular committee.

Mac McDermott--522-0890--Mac is the Director for all Social functions. These include dances, TGIFs, block seating at football games, Esquire Week, Law Week, and sports events. Mac needs students to aid in all of these committees.

Kurt Phillips--351-6063--Kurt is the Director for Placement and Recruitment. This area includes placement, interviewing, recruitment, minority recruitment, and alumni relations. His committee chairman is:

Interviewing
Fred Shiver 522-0967

Jim Pitts--369-5619--Jim is the Director for Student-Faculty Relations. Under this area all of the faculty committees plus orientation, tenure and elections function. His committee chairmen are:

Admissions and Scholarship
Al Ellis 369-1543
Mike Chitty 691-7709
Van Carter 521-4728
Drew Bagot 528-4430
Fred Shiver 522-0967
Larry Love 823-1186
Jerry Goodrich 361-5800
Jim Pitts 369-5619
Bob Lea 526-4997
Jim Pitts 369-5619
Duke DeWare 369-2632

Drew Bagot--528-4430--Drew is the Director for the Student Relations area. Under his direction the following committees and their chairman function:

Publicity
Gary Arey 278-5080
Grievance
Scott Campbell 691-1458
Parking
Dale Gross 361-1840
Governance Study & Honor Court
Russ Kruse 352-3894
Library Grievances
Mike McManus 368-6957
Fraternities
Floyd McSpadden 526-1495
Practicing Law Institute
Jay Garrett 823-7629

Mike Minogue--368-2007--Mike is the Director of the Publications and Special Projects area. Included in this area is the Student Caucus and a Student Bar Symposium. His committee chairmen are:

Adversary
Burns Vick 691-1497
Yearbook
Brad Day 528-8839

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SBA COMMITTEE REPORT

The first party of the year filled the Royal Room at the Dallas Athletic Club. Those unfortunate souls who couldn't make it missed the following highlights: Rick Wilhelm doing his famous impersonations of Dick Nixon, Hubert Humphrey, Daffy Duck, etc., for an enthralled-inebriated crowd in the lobby (Rick says he is available for parties); your second year representative Drew Bagot amazing everyone with his alcoholic consumptive capacity; the Biff Murphy Band that wowed the group with their sizzling Latin rhythms plus an added treat in the Bunny-Hop(!); and finally, the rousing after-hours party at the Busy Bee Lounge where the law students rubbed elbows with their future clientele (the only casualty of the evening was Burns Vick, who was struck in the eye by a flying pastie!). Everyone there said that it was a night to remember....

The next scheduled event is the SBA Fall Golf Tournament. Due to the popularity of last year's golf tournament, two golf bouts were scheduled for this year. As usual, food and beer will be provided for all the athletes. Hangers-on who merely come to gorge will be charged a nominal fee for the food and drink. Due to time problems, this will be held after Esquire Week. Watch the bulletin boards for further details.

Mac McDermott

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER
4-9 Esquire Week
6 Law Wives Meeting
9 SMU vs. Air Force at Colorado Springs
11 Howard Cosell at Lawyers Inn
11-15 SBA Fall Golf Tournament
16 SMU vs. Rice at Houston
23 SMU vs. Texas Tech at Dallas
26 Wes Wise at Lawyers Inn
28-29 18th Annual Institute on Labor Law
29 Homecoming Events
30 SMU vs. Texas at Dallas (Homecoming)

DECEMBER GRADUATES!
--see Mrs. Jury

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The first meeting of the Library Committee was held on September 23, 1971. The committee discussed the use of carrels by students, and in particular whether any or all of the carrels should be assigned to law students. It is the tentative position of the committee that no carrels be assigned to students. The reasons for this position are twofold:

(1) Based upon the experience of last year, the majority of students used the facilities only for book lockers and not for study.

(2) It is not reasonable to assign carrels to 50 or 75 students.

The library committee has requested that the S.B.A. conduct a survey of how many students desire library carrels for the fall semester and for what reasons.

Please fill out the form below and put the completed form in the "survey box" outside Mrs. Jury's office no later than October 10.

LIBRARY CARRELS SURVEY

NAME: ________________________________

YEAR IN LAW SCHOOL: ________________________________

DO YOU WANT A LIBRARY CARREL FOR FALL SEMESTER, 1971? ________________________________


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SIGNATURE:

(THIS IS A SURVEY - NOT AN APPLICATION)