by DAVID MCCABE

The Clinical Review Committee's decision to drop the Maryland section of the Criminal Justice Clinic is unnecessary and unjustifiable, according to students who attended an informational meeting Wednesday. About 30 students were there.

According to Mike Matthews, who chaired the meeting, the way to treat the perceived problems of the Maryland clinic should be to cure them, not to amputate the clinic.

Students challenged the Committee's methods and findings. Matthews said the Committee "wears two hats" to suit its convenience. It is an academic standing committee empowered to decide how many credits the clinical experience is worth; but it is also using cost-benefit analysis to see how funding affects academic performance. It then decides how much it is worth in dollars to maintain that quality. Matthews saw these as conflicting purposes. A further charge leveled against the Committee was that it has not considered the relative benefits of classwork and clinical programs.

The Committee's laments lack of control over clinical supervision, but several clinic students discounted this fear, saying that their supervision was fine. They praised the Maryland Public

SBA elections

The SBA officers' election will be held tomorrow and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the first floor foyer of the Law Center. Voters should bring their freshly validated ID cards.

The candidates, including write-ins, will appear at an open meeting in the Moot Courtroom today from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. where they will speak and answer questions. At the invitation of the Law Weekly, most have submitted campaign statements which accompany this article.

The SBA presidency is being sought by Juliana Zekan and Ken James.

John Johnson, K.M. Smith, David Garza and Barry Marcantoni are running for vice president. Johnson and Smith did not turn in statements.

Thaddeus Bejar will be the only named candidate in the race for secretary, but he is facing a write-in challenge from Jesse Sligh, who feels that a write-in victory would be an affirmative blow against student apathy. Sligh did not submit a campaign statement.

Ramona Powell is the only candidate for treasurer; no one is running for the executive council.

Delegate elections will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. All delegations will be contested. Prospective candidates should pick up Notification of Candidacy forms from Student Activities office this week and return them by Friday at 5:30.

Statements begin on page three.

Int'l Moot Court team scratched

by JAMES MICHENER

Last year Georgetown won the national division of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. A member of the Georgetown team was also honored by being chosen the best advocate in the National Division. This year there will be no Georgetown team in the Jessup competition.

The moot court competition at Georgetown is run by the Barristers' Council, which has planned to select five member teams in the fall. The selection was to be based on a memo on one issue of the problem being used this year in the competition, as well as an oral argument. In addition, ten students had four weeks to write the memo that seventy-five copies of the problem were distributed not one was submitted by the October 30th deadline.

Jim Stearns, chairman of the Barristers' Council and Ed Wilcox, the moot court coach and a member of last year's Jessup Team were shocked by the lack of response. In fact their initial fear had been that they might be overwhelmed if even close to seventy-five memos, were turned in.

Faced with this lack of response both Stearns and Wilcox approached individuals who they knew were interested in moot court competition or international law, to try to convince them to try out for the team. At that time no one was willing. With the coming of exams and the end of the fall semester and lack of interest, plans for the team were abandoned.

At the beginning of this semester Stearns was approached by some people wanting to form a team. Twenty people involved in international law at Georgetown felt that there was still enough time to get the briefs written by the Feb. 13th national deadline. Stearns, on the other hand, felt it was 1/2 way to form a team then. His main reason was that there just was not enough time to do all the necessary work. For the Jessup Competition two briefs must be written. Since the briefs must be at the printer at least a week before they are due there would only be four weeks available.

According to Stearns who was a member of the 1974 National Moot Court Team, the pressure would be too great for a group of people who would not have any time to learn to work with each other. Stearns felt another problem was that because of the time constraint a team would have to be chosen without any preliminary writing and oral competition. There was a possibility that the faculty would object to this. Although objections could probably be overcome, Stearns felt it set a bad precedent for the future. If a person could make the team in this way, why bother with the preliminary memo. Finally, Stearns felt that it was not worth risking Georgetown's moot court reputation with a team handicapped by lack of time. He said that moot court is something at which "Georgetown is the best" and that it would be better just to wait until next year.

There is no apparent reason for the failure of anyone to enter the competition in the fall. There was adequate publicity since at least seventy-five copies of the problem were picked up. At Georgetown there had been a few participants in moot court competition, (for instance, only nine people totaled for a year in the National Moot Court Team) but this does not explain the total lack of response. Wilcox thought that the great length of the Jessup competition, from Oct. to April, scared some people off. In addition, he said that the problem at first glance appeared very difficult. Stearns guessed that many people's options were too many such as jobs or journals, kept them from competing. He also thought students were unaware of the great potential benefits from moot court competition, such as advocacy experience and a chance to distinguish oneself other than with grades.

For those upperclassmen interested in moot court competition, the Leby Competition is being held on Med. Feb. 26th, problems can be picked up in the Barristers' Council Office.

Rubella!

There has been an outbreak of rubella (commonly known as German measles) on the Main Campus of Georgetown on a few cases have been reported at the Law Center, Nurse Lang stated. Most students have contacted the disease because they were not given vaccines as children and have not built up immunities by being exposed to each other in the community.

Rubella is not serious to most people; however, it can be dangerous to pregnant women because it may affect the fetus. In a few women this is a form of arthritis which persists for the rest of their lives.

Nurse Lang advises that if you have a rash, the most common symptom of rubella, go to Student Health for diagnosis. While you have the rash, try to avoid public places where you may unwittingly expose pregnant women to the disease.
Get rid of SBA

SBA election time has come around again. Once more, eager (or masochistic) students will vie for the opportunity to be student spokespeople, get an office to leave their books and coats in, and receive junk mail. As usual, the vast majority of students will neither care about the ultimate outcome, nor see how it will affect them.

The true power of the SBA to influence student life at Georgetown comes not from its Constitution, but from the ability to put students on various and important student/faculty committees. The Finance, Academic Affairs, and Tenure committees are three excellent examples of areas where students have made valuable contributions. To the extent that the faculty follows these committees, students have a voice in the administration of the school, however weak.

As long as the full faculty holds the final veto power over budgetary, academic and related affairs, no amount of student government, no matter how formalized, will be guaranteed of having a true voice in the administration of this school. A joint student, faculty, and administrative steering committee, empowered to make binding decisions governing all aspects of the conduct of the Law Center will be the only means of insuring a true student voice. We urge the newly elected candidates to consider this idea. By abolishing themselves, they may do more good than if they continued in office.


to the Law School Community,

In my final week as SBA President, I ask the student body to recall with me that GULC was like a year ago. The library was noisy, dirty, and chaotic. The Librarian claimed he was unable to spend the day in the library, that his staff had no time for students. Books never seemed to get re shelved. The "food service" primarily consisted of "plastic" Macke food, dispensed by machines. The halls were often broken and usually filled with garbage that the garbage cans. The whole food service area was unacquainted and painted in garish colors. Exams, up to and including the most recent exam period, were taken with no guaranteed feedback on the method of evaluating performance and on the performance itself. These problems presented the SBA with many challenges. This past year the SBA has had a major role in effecting change in these and other areas of concern. It is true that much of the work involved has been carried through by a few dedicated SBA officers and delegates and that other delegates have done little or nothing. This fact only points out how much more can be accomplished if a dedicated group of delegates are elected and if the new officers continue the SBA's efforts of this past year.

My term as president has been a most fulfilling one for me. I would like to thank those who took the time and trouble to help in my efforts to make the Law Center an institution which is more responsive to students. I would like also to thank each and every student at GULC for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President.

Tariq Kadri

Medal of Honor Rag

by HARRIET MCAFALL

D.J., a boy in a Detroit ghetto is taught by his mama to combine the Christian virtue of turning the other cheek with the prowess of a sprinter. He survives because he's a good boy, a kind child who listens, obeys, thanks and feels deeply. But he's sent to Viet Nam on a twelve month hitch where he lives in a tank with a bunch of other guys - friends - for eleven months and twenty-two days. On the twenty-third day of that twelfth month he's transferred to another tank. On route to Des To Tho the shelling begins, the old tank explodes and spews out his buddies in black charred bits. Then he goes mad; first with a pistol, later with a submachine gun he rips through the enemy troops on a single-handed murderous rampage he afterward can't even recall. And the President awards him the Congressional Medal of Honor. And his mama laughs and cries and hugs him for doing them murders.

Medal of Honor Rag, a new play by Tom Cole now at the Folger Theater, is a look at how the guilt of surviving his buddies makes D.J. incapable of coping with life.

Howard E. Rollins, Jr. as D.J., the returned veteran.

If you have an awful feeling that may be your whole life is revolting around law and law school, why don't you go see a play this week?

D.J. is mad, a certified looney. At the time the play opens he's placed himself in an army nuthouse. The entire play is his hour long session with a psychiatrist, one who specializes in Viet Nam vets, and "survivor guilt.

If a play about Viet Nam atrocities strikes you as overworked, stop a bit. This one is based on a true story, and there's something very timeless and terrible about hearing a man tell of holding in his arms a black lump - smells like a charcoal dinner - that used to be his friend.

Medal of Honor Rag is powerful because it's not just a general war-is-horrible play. The real focus is on what the war does to one man, a fine guy, and step by step we see what it was that ate him away. Howard E. Rollins, Jr. gives the complex psychic character of D.J. the gut-wrench reality he needs to pull the play into the story of a man and not a war. David Clennon's psychiatrist is also an interesting characterization. The shrink, far from being omnipotent, is sort of feeling in the dark. It is clear that although he's a smart and clever man-which he is-each is different, each has a different psyche and has to be reached in a different way. The doctor is not just a sounding board for D.J. He too is a survivor, a Polish Jew, a child during the war, who lost all his family in the camps but was saved himself by an almost miraculous twist of fate.

Medal of Honor Rag is a beautifully written play both in structure and language. The imagery is striking and often comic. "If my grandmother had wheels she'd be a trolley car." "Yeah, but if a trolley car didn't have no wheels it still wouldn't be your grandmother." (Don't that just sound like some of the legal crap you've been reading lately?) It's tense and passionate play, but not exhausting or depressing. I've been trying to avoid words like gripping, powerful and spiritually uplifting, but the play is.

There is a gorgeously horrible feeling about the set - a box with institutional green walls, institutional folding chairs, an institutional metal desk and the piece de resistance, two wall pictures, one of roaring eagulls (get it), and the other of an abstract man in the center of some sort of geometric dilemma, in complimentary colors. Vintage: therapy art sessions.

If you have an awful feeling that maybe your whole life is revolting around law and law school and legalism, why don't you go see a play this week? Medal of Honor Rag is a good chance to get back into caring about people.

Medal of Honor Rag runs through Feb. 22, and will probably be extended through Feb. 29. Tickets are available and cost $5.00 every night except Saturday ($6.00). Call 546-4000. The Folger Theater is located on East Capitol Street at 2nd E.S. Curran at 8:00.
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Scholarship information

Students interested in applying to the Waterbury, Conn. Bar Association for the Bar Scholarship or for the Milton Meyers Law Scholarship should read the bulletin board of the Office of Financial Aid, Room 406.

Need printers' names

If anyone can recommend a Printing firm that does quick and reasonable priced printing/offsetting work, please inform the Student Activities Office (Susan Richards).

Deadline for K/NK

The deadline for submitting credit/no credit (K/NK) forms to the Registrar is February 13.

Film/lecture on CIA

Tickets are still available for the National Lawyers Guild/Fifth Estate benefit on Tuesday, February 10, at the Key Theatre, 1222 Wisconsin Avenue in Georgetown. For a four-dollar donation, you get (1) the British film, “The Rise and Fall of the CIA,” (2) speeches by Tim Brit of Fifth Estate and Joe Forer of the Guild, and (3) your own personal copy of the latest issue of Counterpunch magazine. Showtimes are 7:30 and 9:30. For tickets, call 483-0340 or 546-7857.

Food Service Spot

The SBA Food Service Committee is looking for a student to fill a vacant spot on the committee. Interested persons are urged to contact Mark Davidson at 233-1457 or by leaving a note in the Food Service Committee box in the Student Activities Office.

The committee has a number of important matters pending such as reconsideration of installing a microwave oven and lounge renovation. They would like to fill the positions as quickly as possible. Any person not wishing to join the committee, but wishing to express his or her views on these matters or others is invited to do so by leaving a note in the committee mailbox.

Gen. Counsel: friend or foe

Norman Paulison, Dep. Asst. General Counsel for the V.A., will speak Wednesday at 12:30, Hall 7, on Nature and Process in the General Counsel’s Office.

What behavior can you expect as General Counsel’s opponent or attorney? Can you reasonably decide how to take full advantage of a Capitol Hill law school without knowing the nature of these omnipresent, government legal arms? Nest of vipers or New Eden?

Come, on. Feb. 11th to Hall 7 and find out! Presented by PAD law fraternity.

Congressional interns

The Congressional Intern Program run by the Barristers’ Council has several openings on Capitol Hill for interested interns. Many of these involve substantial and timely legal problems.

Any interested applicants should fill out an application form, available at the Council Office (18-A-4A) and return it to Jim Stens’ mailbox by Monday, February 16. Applicants will then be contacted by phone concerning which office or office to visit.

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Watch this space!

First-class mailings are expensive and get lost: notices taped on a pillar are many and get overlooked. To improve communication and to fulfill student input, the administration has purchased the space. In future weeks, important announcements on classes, improved registration and student services procedures, summer session schedules and offerings, and other matters of general concern to the Law Center community will appear here.

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Kenneth James
President

I have chosen to run for President of the SBA because I believe myself to be the most qualified person available to do the job which must be done. I have been a member of the SBA for the past year, and I feel that I am well aware of the problems which will be facing the SBA in the upcoming year. My concern for the best interests of students at the Law Center has not been linked to my participation in SBA; earlier this year I worked on an ad hoc committee to reevaluate the selection process for the Georgetown Law Journal. The outcomes of that committee’s work was a recommendation, which was accepted and implemented by the editorial board, that a larger percentage of journal members be taken on via a writing competition.

In the past I have served as a member of the board of directors of a regional chapter of the Red Cross; during my tenure on the board my chief responsibility was developing programs to aid the development of the leadership potential of young people. While I was in college, I helped to develop a “Writing Lab” program which was later made a part of the regular curriculum. Thus experiences, I feel, have made me well prepared to be President of the SBA.

As President of the SBA, I would work hard and long to see that the interests of all students would be represented. As President of the SBA, I would like to examine the feasibility of a full tuition deferment plan at the Law Center.

As President of the SBA, I would like to see a regular, ongoing fund raising program at the Law Center. I offer plans, the dedication to see them through and practical points at which to begin the job.

I ask everyone’s support on election day.

Juliana Zekan
President

Our Student Bar Association has the potential of offering high quality student services and realizing a larger role in formulating policies through active and responsible administration. The next SBA President must bring to this Student Government effective leadership, organizational talents, dedication, and the ability to efficiently execute worthy projects.

Since my arrival to Georgetown I have worked vigorously in the students’ interests. My proposals as SBA representative first year for library reform, improving the Orientation Program, and acquiring plants for GULC have been implemented. I volunteered for other projects, including the Alumni Fund Drive and the Book Exchange last fall. As Chairperson of the Co-Curricular Committees and Student Affairs Committee, I negotiated GULC movies, managed the beer blast and dance, and initiated coffee-hours for faculty-student interaction. I also organized and ran the Roommate and Housing Referral Service last September.

As to future efforts:

STREAMLINE SBA for efficiency. Require constituent-SBA communication, committee representation at meetings, personal responsibility by each delegate for specific SBA projects.

IMPROVE GULC representation in summer internships and permanent JOBS on Capitol Hill, in Federal Agencies, and paralegal work.

COORDINATE GRIP with area schools. Include more special interest firms and law-related organizations.

CREATE committee for investigating summer SCHOLARSHIP programs (language, interest, overseas).

ENSURE continued BOOK EXCHANGE services; recycle paper.

Think; we can! Vote Zekan.

Day Vice-President
Barry Marcantoni

I believe most people’s dissatisfaction with the SBA arises from the fact that the bulk of its substantive work is not apparent to non-members, (e.g. controlling the menu and prices of the food service and compiling student recommendations for faculty tenure). On the other hand, most of its budget is spent funding outside organizations and their activities. I would like to see more initiative channeled into SBA programs that affected the school atmosphere visibly. One example of this would be the newly-acquired plants in the building.

I believe the SBA should expand more of its resources soliciting suggestions from students and using its own initiative to accomplish projects of this sort. Some tentative suggestions would include ping-pong tables for the lounge, weekly movies, and maybe more plants and artwork in the library.

If the SBA increased its activity in this direction, I believe it would make better use of its ample budget and improve the law centered in ways that could be appreciated by all who must spend long hours here.

Marcantoni (L), Garza (R).

David Garza
Day Vice-President

As candidate for Day Vice-President, I support the following propositions:

1. More student input into:
   (A) Course Feedback, i.e., broader interaction of faculty with students on a one-on-one basis.
   (B) Decisions for Tuition Increases - GULC will soon price itself out of the student market. (1) Total dependence on tuition to cover costs should be discouraged (2) Lack of meaningful alumni support can be remedied by establishing an effective and creative Alumni Association (3) Unquestionful fiscal relationship with the main campus should not be continued

(C) Earlier return of grades

II. Tighter Security - Not only around the library but all over the Center (witness the rash of thefts last semester and those of earlier this semester).

III. Revamp Law Chb -

   (A) More standardized problems for all sections
   (B) More emphasis on activities that relate to course studies, e.g., visit to courts, police station, etc.
   (C) Better orientation as regards the library.

Treasurer
Ramona Powell

The next SBA treasurer must be capable of handling meetings, balancing books and writing checks. Although there are many students who meet these qualifications, I meet these qualifications and have already demonstrated my willingness to serve the students of GULC. For example, last semester I served as SBA representative for first year section 2. This semester I ran the book exchange with Robert Mone. As treasurer I will continue to serve with competence and dedication.

Thaddeus Bejar
Secretary

The Secretary’s job is one of co-ordination and communication. It is not one of policy determination or issue advocacy. Primarily I am running on the basis of continuing Linda Morgan’s efficient operation as Secretary. I am not employed, nor do I intend to be in the fall. I have been an SBA representative, am knowledgeable, and willing to devote the time necessary to the task.

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