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## Editorial

This is the first issue of the Law Media published by the Law Association Session 1975-76.

For the first time in history an Editorial Board is formed to take up this special publication of the Law Association. It is believed that a better Law Media can be produced by involving more law students to work for it.

In addition to providing an intra-departmental news service, we set out with the aim to share with our readers what some of our law students have perceived, thought and felt during their stay in the Department. In addition to providing a place for intellectual exercise, for questioning the validity of what we study, for applying what we learn from books to the real world, we wish to see the Law Media a 'media' for the law students and the Ex. Co., the teaching staff, the Library staff, the alumni, the Students' Union, the University authorities, the...

The Law Media is something that all law students have a part, Let us all join our efforts to make it a success.

## IN AND AMONG OURSELVES

The tea party and the Orientation camp held in Sept. for the new law students served as a get-together for both the newcomers and the old folks, and in fact marked the revival of the force of union in full vigour.

Another tea party was given, this time by the 1st year students, in the Assembly Hall. Amiable exchanges intermingled with laughs, plus light snacks, hors d'oeuvres as well as soft drinks did give everyone an enjoyable time.

In Nov. a BBQ was organized at Chung Hum Kek, which was met with great response. The evening was a success due to efficient organization and highlighted by the hearty participation in singing and games by all those present.

In a basketball match against Arts, Law won a glorious victory - 1st time in history !!! We also won 2 out of 3 squash matches. Well done, Squash Team!

The ladies also deserve full congratulation for winning a gold medal in shortput and a bronze in the 4x100 relay.

Best of luck in the future and full support from all law students is certainly needed.

The Hon. Treasurer, Miss Rita Ho, requests those who have not yet paid their subscription fee kindly do so after the holiday. Kind of anti-climax, right?

Well, here comes something more enlightening: the 3rd issue of the Justitia is on the road, and will be distributed FREE to all members of the Law Association. Also a new sweatshirt with a brand new design will be available soon.

Please note that a X'mas party will be held in the Union's Common Room, and in January 1976 an alumni tea party will be organized.

If you want any more news, keep posted.

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#### A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

"The Law Association? - Sewhat?" Many of you are probably asking yourself this question right now, and, frankly speaking, there is no ready answer. But let us consider the Law Association for a moment.

We have had a short history of 7 years. Our 'birth' in itself was a painful experience. There had been much opposition from the Union Council before we were granted the status of a faculty society. But even then, we have always been treated (to a certain extent) as outsiders. Our former site in Caine Road did much to enhance this image. Even after having made our move to the Main Campus, this had persisted. Recently, I had a talk with a 866enees

Science student about this and he told me (goed-humouredly) that the sight of group of law students having tea in the canteen was so formidable that it scared him off. Interesting ?

But let us look at some facts. Members of the Law Association have always been active in the University. We have produced many members who have held responsible posts in the various halls and clubs. Take the Union Council for example, last year we had four members there, a number far above our proportion of University students. Take sports for another example: in the past 7 years, Law has given less than half a-dozen walkovers in inter-faculty games. At the same time, we have won the tennis title 3 times; the woman's athletic's 3 times; the hockey championship twice; the softball title twice and the netball once - a remarkable record !

Even more remarkable is our Debating Team. We have won so many times that they finally had to scrap the whole thing.

Let the facts speak for themselves. We are not outsiders - it is our unity and strength which has distinguished us. In many ways, we share the same problems - our work-load sees to that. Yet at the same time there is the time and opportunity to get to know one another. Spare some time and join our functions. You will also have an opportunity to get to know our predecessors as we have certain functions to which we will invite our alumni. The first batch of HKU law students are already in practice and as more and more of them come out the need to keep in contact with them becomes very apparent. Perhaps through these and other such activities, we can build a Law Association into a position of strength where past and present law students can be joined together.

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LADY LUCK AND THE VILLAIN

A 75 year old man was alleged to have raped a 16 year old girl. He was charged with assault with a DEAD weapon.

During the trial, counsel for the accused submitted that his client's evidence did not stand up.

His Honour did not entertain the submission; he UPHELD the evidence instead.

OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD

Lawyers are obsessed with Latin tags, so much so that it was heard the other day the following conversation between 2 eminent practitioners:

A: You are a bastard.

B: Correction, you should have addressed me as your learned Filius Annulus

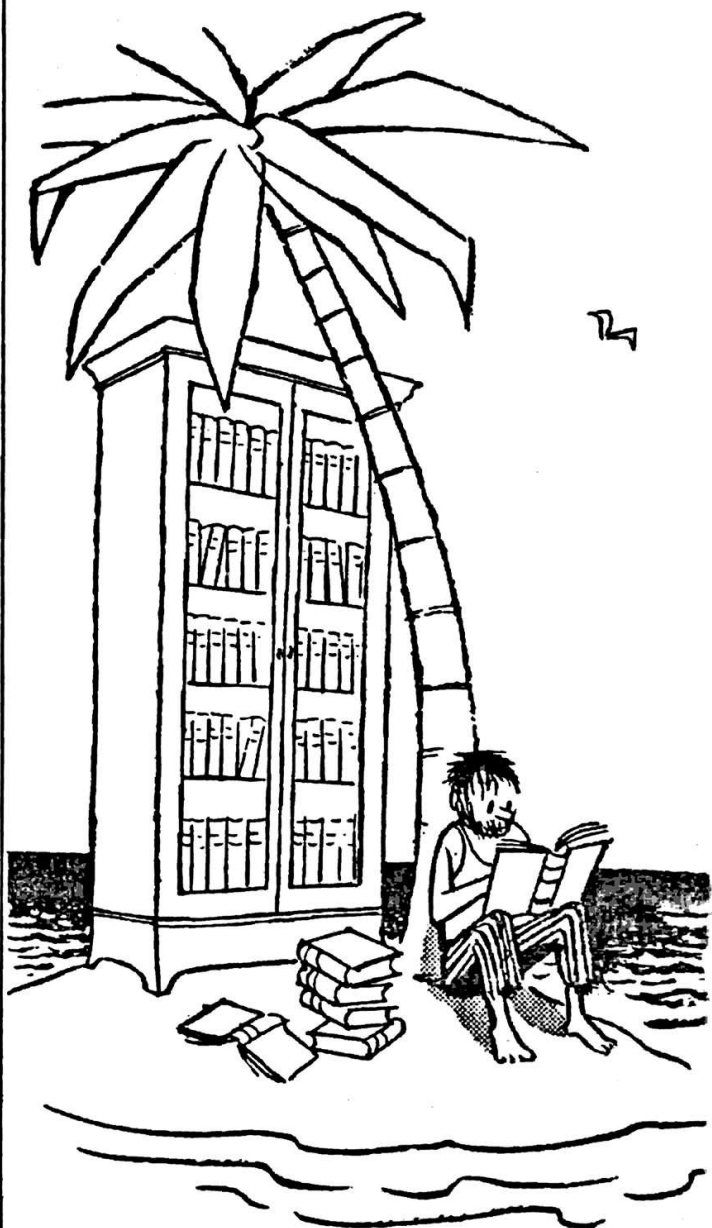
OBJECTIVE TEST

A contracted with B for the performance of B's masturbation. Now A sued B for breach of contract; for B did not turn up for the show.

Advise B. Can he successfully raise the defence of

- 1) res sua
- 2) res extincta
- 5) illegality

a.b.



To my law books

If all the hours were counted  
I should have spent with you,  
To what they'd amounted  
I only wish I knew.

J.P.C.

A PREVALENT WAVE OF DISAPPOINTMENT IN OUR MIDST ?

A questionnaire on the life of law students is going through the final stage of preparation. Questions will be set on the learning habits, interest, attitude towards fellow students, and general impressions on the teaching and the University. The degree of disappointment (by comparing the expectations of the 1st year students and the subsequent disappointment of seniors) would be laid out on a graph and published in the next issue. But first, let us have a look at the thoughts of some of the people in our midst.

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Monday morning finds me miserable. You can always find me so. It means another week of long slow suffering. Rush to the library, spread a few pieces of paper on a desk just to make sure that I can put myself somewhere for the rest of the day. Then rush out of the library and dash into the appropriate lecture room just in time to start a case called Sneed v. Efficiency.

my heart I know that I am doing something I want to do and for which I will not regret may it turn out to be dust and ashes. I have got to "pay" for what I want and it is easier to "pay" when I am young than when my old-age falls upon me. Agree

Anonymous, Year

Lunch time gives me a good excuse to relax. Stuff myself with some nonsense in the canteen and then squeeze in an overloaded lift - up, up and away to the fifth floor.

At half-past three, my eyes betray me and my legs start to carry me to the canteen again - afternoon tea, what a good habit!

at five, the four walls around me sing in perfect harmony - "Home Sweet Home!" Should I go or should I stay? It all depends on the time table.

Sunrise, sunset, swiftly flow the days. At last....

Friday morning finds me smiling, with a song in my heart and a spring in every step. I can sit back and "enjoy" reading my law books. The coming Monday is such a long way off!!

Do not think that I am complaining. I am square. I am enjoying my busy life here. I may shout and grumble from time to time but deep down in

After 2 exhausting months of hard work since term commenced, the winter vacation proved to be almost inadequate. The amount of reading material left unfinished, the enormous case-lists, the assignments to be promptly handed up on the first day of second term made me feel I needed another holiday to recuperate from over work. As University students we are expected to bury ourselves in books even during the holidays; but that, of course, is a question of degree. Perhaps the common word "reasonable" so often used by eminent judges would seem most applicable. To eliminate the festive season from my mind altogether is most unbecoming.

Certainly the lecturers did not expect me to "visit" the library during the Christmas days, yet still in my mind echoed the vibrating reminder, "Oh my goodness, the assignments!"

Fortunately, I could not escape the swishing, merry Christmas spirit in Hong Kong. Whether assignments were





How's work in the fourth year?  
Heavy? The answer is both yes  
and no. We don't have the pres-  
sure of tutorials but the work  
is in no way light. As the fourth  
year is intended to provide a prac-  
tical course one has the chance of  
a closer look at the legal practice,  
but one may discover that after all  
doing is not the same as studying  
it!

Michael Chan, Year 4

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A CHEERING THOUGHT

When I was in the Outward Bound School this summer, especially at  
the time of rock-climbing, I always remembered the following:-

"But it is not so much about mountains and mountaineers that  
I wish to speak tonight as about other aspects of life to  
which the attitude of the mountaineers would seem to me to  
have special relevance. It is not commonly recognised how  
similar the qualities of determination that are essential to  
achievement in all walks of life; and the necessary determi-  
nation cannot be forthcoming except through a single-minded  
dedication to the matter in hand. Just as strength of body  
will not automatically make a mountaineer so intelligence  
alone will not make a great scientist. There must be what we  
might describe as 'inner fires'....."

Professor Fred Holye,  
Mountaineer, Scientist and  
Astronomer.

It stimulated me and helped me pass the whole Outward Bound Course.  
I hope you will share it with me.

Stephen Wong Kwok Ki

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The views expressed by our contributors do not necessarily represent  
those of the Editorial Board.

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We gather there has been some discussion among the Law students concerning the Law Librarian's request that students reshelve after use materials consulted in the Law Library, so perhaps it would be helpful if we invite Mrs. Shaw to go into this in more detail. Here is what Mrs. Shaw wants to say -

I am sure that every user of the Library has experienced the frustration of not finding on the shelf the law reports volume required and, after a time-consuming walk around the Library, finally locating the volume amongst an abandoned pile of books on someone else's desk. How much better it would have been if the previous reader had reshelved the volume after use!

We cannot, as I will explain, have library staff rushing around reshelving non-stop and, if we did, I should think it would be rather disturbing to those studying in the Library, anyway - especially as the volumes to be reshelved would always be from the same area of shelving.

During term the Library is open long hours and a rather complicated shift work time-table has had to be devised to ensure that at least one attendant and one Library assistant are on duty at all times. The Law Library attendants, unlike the Main Library attendants, are not employed solely to shelve. They must also supervise the Loans Counter, look after the issuing and returning of reserved books and also carry out various messengering duties from time to time. The library assistants (all of whom have their own special duties to perform) sometimes have to fill in at the Loans Counter, especially in the evenings or on weekends, so that the attendant on duty can get on with some of his other work. Books pile up on the tables in the Library during the day and, even if one of the attendants is able to put in a couple of hours of shelving during the afternoon, sufficient books will accumulate after that to necessitate another 2-3 hours

shelving during the evening so that the Library will be neat and tidy at opening time the following morning.

Depending on the staffing situation, we can sometimes get some shelving done on weekday mornings but generally there is nothing much to be shelved then as most students are at lectures and do not come into the Library to study until after about 11 a.m. We have, over the past week, kept statistics to the number of volumes collected at different times in the Library, the type of material involved and the time it takes to collect the material, sort it and reshelve it. Most of the material for reshelving (three quarters of it, at least) consists of volumes of various law reports series and usually it is much the same collection of volumes which is being reshelved several times a day.

Therefore, we should be most grateful to those of you who can spare the time to reshelve your books after study, when leaving the Library for a break or to attend a lecture, and I am sure that a class-mate looking for the same books will be most grateful too. If you do not have time to reshelve everything the most important items are the law reports as the use of these is the heaviest.

Our attendants will, of course, continue to tidy the Library up when they can but, as they often are not free to do this when the need is greatest you will all be helping each other a great deal if you reshelve what you have used at least once a day and preferably before you go to lunch as 12-3 tends to be our most difficult period.



**WE WISH ALL OUR READERS  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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聖誕新年快樂**