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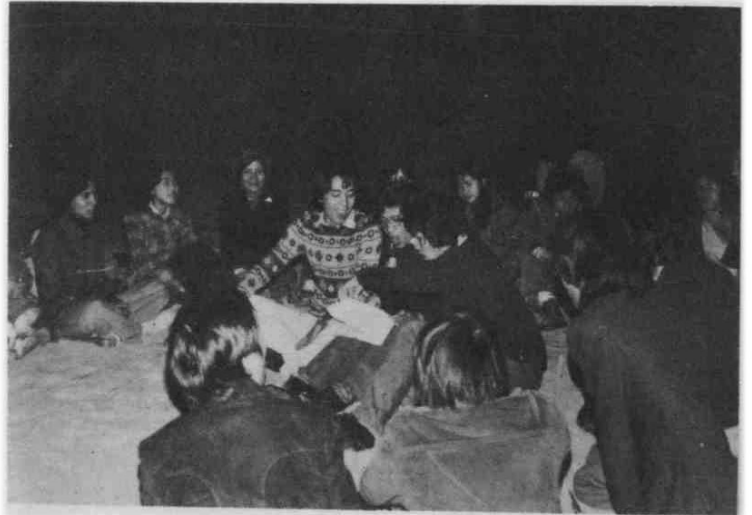
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THE WHAT'S ON CORNER



The Law Association had organised a B-B-Q on the 6th of December. Initially the natural and probable consequence foreseen was that we would go and eat. However, as it turned out, out of the forty something aspiring lawyers who went, half of them returned with a sore throat – due to excessive singing, shouting and eating.



A forum was convened on the 7th December to discuss matters relating to the Legal Education Project Sub-committee. All the office-bearers of the sub-committee were present alongside with this year's EXCO members. The forum witnessed free exchange of opinions and mutual respect for one another.

THE SPORTS FIELD

Yes, we did it again! Grand fiasco down the football arena! After losing 2 – 0 to Architecture, we went down gallantly 5 – 0 against the Social Science people. Reason: we tried our best and so did they.

Turning to the squash court, we “quashed” Architecture with a brilliant 5 – 0, followed by another grand success of 5 – 0 against the literary Arts people.

Mention must be made of those chaps whose efforts brought about these fantastic results. They are Stephen K.K. Wong, Ismail Ma, Daniel Lai, Kumar Ramanathan, Roderick O’Brien and the surprise “wonder” boy within living memory, Philip Barrington Clarke Griffith.



As for the basketball match against the Faculty of Engineering, there were ample grounds for appeal against the law of nature. We played well; we actually won in the first half by 20 – 18. In fact we were still in the lead until the last 2 minutes. But we actually lost – 36 – 37.

At the time of writing, there will be a soccer match between the Staff and students of the Law Department. We envisage roughie-toughies such as Messrs. Lovegrove, Ribeiro, and Wesley-Smith will put up a strong defence against the students’ penetration. We will have to see what we can do in “retaliation” for the assignments that have been given to us.

Also, on the same day, there will be an inter-year basketball match. The forecast is: the first year people are likely to win subject to any friendly “intimidation” by the seniors.

By the way, the PCLL have already started with a bang in a softball match against the LLB. The LLB lost so heavily that as a matter of prudence, it is thought that the results should not be disclosed.

EDITORIAL

Our former editors had done a marvellous job in initiating the regular publication of the Law Media. With the Law Media, everyone is informed of what is going on in the Law Department. The students are allowed to exercise their intellectual ability and through such communication of ideas, a better understanding is reached amongst ourselves. A closer link is also secured between the past and present members of the Law Department. With regard to the good intention and success of our predecessors, we have decided to carry on with this challenging job.

We do not plan to implement any “revolutionary” changes, but some minor improvements are made. One is the printing of photographs for the purpose of being more informative and entertaining. The other is the increase in the number of Chinese articles. The articles in this issue also touch on quite a variety of subjects. All these signs certainly help to develop the Law Media into a more balanced and complete publication.

However, we still have to face a potential problem, i.e. the shortage of materials. In our case, because a considerable section of the Law Media is devoted to contributions, it is quite impossible for the editors to work on the content if the readers remain reticent.

To eliminate any misconception, we would like to stress on the fact that the Law Media is different from the “Justitia” which is more of an academic nature. The Law Media is nothing more than a voicing ground where everyone (lecturers, alumni and students alike) has a chance to speak for himself. You can choose whatever topic you think fit and express it in whatever form you like.

It seems to be unfair that we have to forfeit our right of expression simply because of the heavy workload we have to face. We certainly hope to see that there is active participation from everyone in the Department to make the Law Media a success!

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Stepping into its eighth year, the Law Association experienced an unprecedented event – a forum was held in which about 70 law students participated to discuss the activities of the Association. Though the forum was received with mixed feelings, it showed that more students are becoming interested in the administration of the Association. The main theme of the forum turned on the merits of the “co-opt method” in organising sub-committees. This method is more convenient, time-saving and probably creates good co-operation within the sub-committees. Most important of all, this method has been the traditional way of doing things in the past because of the usual lack of response of our hardworking students towards the functions of the Association. In the forum, it was queried whether the method is at present still the best way. It has been put that the method may deprive some members of the opportunity to participate as he or she may not be approached, and that he or she may not even learn about the work if there is a lack of publicity. The result is that those members feel they are being neglected. There is substance in such opinions. However, that is not to say that the “co-opt method” is to be done away with. What method is most appropriate in forming sub-committees depends on the magnitude of the work, its nature and the surrounding circumstances. Nevertheless by involving more of us to work together, we can understand each other better and create a greater sense of belonging and unity among us. But all this may well become empty words if we take no action. So spare some of your time and join our functions. With your participation and consensus to support us, the Law Association will march towards the brighter.

Eric Chan



異客

踏着脚下的影子，從紐魯詩樓斜路躑躅而下，寒風牽起一陣惘然。回頭仰望，好一座紐魯詩樓，幾許熱誠，願望及抱負皆被摒棄門外。

從啃嚙而來的知識抵償不了失去的一分摯誠與純真。智慧的追求，入學前的懇切期望，理想中的大學生活皆與現實相距萬里。沮喪；失望；只是徒然。這裏有着的是社會縮影，只有適者才能生存。

厚厚的書本塞滿了腦子卻填不了心靈的空虛，所追求的還是在那麼遙遠；四塊牆壁藏着應用不完的知識，卻找不到能開啟心鎖的智慧之鑰。在漫長的道途上欲找一同路客，無奈，這方面也失敗了。人與人之間的淡薄，人的自尊與矜持築起了一無形的牆。攻破它？談何容易。

也許人生實如一夢，夢中說幻非幻，說真非真，醒來時一切皆虛，未醒時一切是實，所謂云有非有，云無亦無。

也許終有一天衝破樊籠；也許明天會帶來新的希望，但誰敢肯定？

歸

馮志光

(一)展破樹梢白茫茫的濃夢

飛馳，忘我狂歌

月出月落

載一車灣頭白雪

酒落一地酒氣豪情

燻醉路邊枯草

北風無奈

東坡不如。

(三)歌，愈唱愈旺旺成一盆火

燎原千里

書椅之間三寸木板化作一灘白灰

上水吐出幾圈漣漪

幾圈漣漪吹破法律的冷峻冷峻的法律。

(二)關上了，整個十二月的風關在車外

冷，整個十二月的風不及紐魯詩樓

今夜

人在風外

樓在山外

睡眠不見藏經閣

就此一葉輕舟，共渡

數不盡幾重山，天連地。

(四)忽忽的來，忽忽的去

又能有幾回

手握一杯

細問冷暖

靜觀北斗。

EQUALITY?

In death alone are all men equal, for life, although she speaks in lofty terms of “equality” and “righteousness” is unfair to men. Each man is born into a certain set of circumstances, a certain time and a place – and what he has, what he makes or does not make of what he has, places him on a predetermined scale of equality in this life. King, criminal, rich man, poor man, evil man, right or wrong – men contend, men live and die within these bonds of equality.

Wars are fought over “righteous” causes, and men die for the right or for the wrong reasons. The great emancipator of the oppressed people and the cruel tyrant who burned thousands of innocents, both lie beneath the same impassive earth. Both bodies turn to dust and eventually to nothing, regardless of the importance of their lives.

The man whose family loved him and mourned his passing, and bedecked his funeral with garlands, and built him a memorial to last for centuries, and the man whom no one cared if he lived or died, whose body was disposed of by the state for lack of funds – both these men, so remote from each other in life, lie equal at last in death.

What does it matter what one has accomplished in a lifetime after he has died? That he has accomplished it remains – his death alters the deeds of his life not in the least. But the fact that this *particular* man accomplished this thing, and not some other, matters not at all after he has died.

In dying, man relinquishes the status and accomplishments he has acquired throughout his lifetime. He becomes nothing more nor less than a man.

After one is dead, what does it matter which side he was on in a war, the “right” side, the “wrong” side, the winner or the loser? What does it matter except to the living?

Angie Goh

CONGREGATION – AS I SEE IT.

There were some discussions among my friends whether congregation is one of those phoney occasions and hence not worth attending. Initially I subscribed to their view that it is.

I mean it is one of those occasions when dons put on their funny looking gowns and long faces. And then the supposed elite of the society queue themselves up and then file off at the call of their names by the somewhat tired and cheerless dean. And then they bow to the bored VC and then go back to their seats. And then there is a chant of some stale ritualistic words. And then they put on funny things on their heads which they call mortars. And then a discourse by the VC which they call speech. From the so many “and thens” you can easily tell how stale and how formalistic it can be.

And there everyone present seems so pleased and so complacent. For students coming from well-to-do families, this is another excellent chance to show off; everyone putting on their Sunday apparel. Their parents are very proud of their children of fortune. They take it for granted that their children are borne to be successful. And for the students coming from the less well-to-do families they are happy with the success of their struggle. Perhaps they may indulge themselves in the thought of climbing further up the social ladder. And those pale-looking dolls over there, plastered with theatrical make-up, look exceeding pleased with their medic guys. The air over City Hall all becomes thick with complacency and makes breathing difficult.

Then there is the reception at West Lawn with a band reminiscent of the old Colonial days, with ladies and gentlemen talking about fair weather and dolls and guys about cock and bull stories.

I suppose the whole thing comes down to one single issue-namely how far are you going to negate the values of this world, or if you are more positive-minded, how far would you go to attribute values to this world's affairs. I mean, to many people, attending university course is phoney enough. And reading law savours all too strong of a petit bourgeois value system-things like a beautiful doll, a big house at Stabley, a big fancy car and what not. To some radicals the mere existence is a phoney thing enough. Camus has a typical existentialist, but in a way picturesque, description of life. Life is a man rolling a stone up a conical hill and then let it go and then rolls it up again and then . . . and then. Well, a child is born, he grows, he marries, he struggles for existence and then he returns to dust.

So I say the whole thing is really a matter of value judgment. To me, the chance of meeting old friends and making relatives happy are reasons good enough for me to participate in this phoney occasion.

Here are the matches for the coming two months. Anyone who is interested in participating in any of these games, please contact our Sports Captain. If there is any change, further notice will be given.

JAN.	3rd	Mon.	(Table tennis)	Law – Med.	4.45 pm.
	4th	Tues.	(Tennis)	Arch. – Law	4.30
	5th	Wed.	(Volleyball)	Med. – Law	6.15
	13th	Thurs.	(Hockey)	Med. – Law	4.30
	14th	Fri.	(Table tennis)	Law – Arch.	4.45
	17th	Mon.	(Volleyball)	Law – Sc.	4.45
	18th	Tues.	(Softball)	Med. – Law	3.30
	21st	Fri.	(Table tennis)	Art – Law	5.00
	25th	Tues.	(Tennis)	Law – S.S.	4.30
	27th	Thurs.	(Lacrosse)	Art – Law	4.30
FEB.	3rd	Thurs.	(Lacrosse)	Law – Eng.	4.30
			(Tennis)	Eng. – Law	4.30
	4th	Fri.	(Softball)	Eng. – Law	3.30
	25th	Fri.	(Softball)	Law – Sc.	3.30

The Editors wish everyone
a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year.