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NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATION  
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1971 - August issue

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FORTH-COMING EVENTS  
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1. Miss Stephanie Cheung has resigned from the post of External Secretary.
2. Judge Yang has donated \$300 to help the publication of 'JUSTITIA'.
3. The Executive Committee has adopted Mr. Ronnie Tong's proposal of forming a Current Affairs Committee. In the meantime, Mr. Tong is preparing a report on the structure, functions and authority of this proposed committee.
4. Miss Ruby Fung has been appointed Acting Social Convenor by the Executive Committee in view of Miss Judith Rocha's termination of office as Social Convenor when she discontinued her studies.
5. The members of the Association has raised about \$300 towards helping one of the Department's errand staff in respect of his father's funeral expenses.

1. DINNER PARTY.

Date: 27th August, 1971.  
Time: 6.30 p.m.  
Place: Beaconsfield House  
3rd floor, H. K.  
(H. K. Auxilliary  
Police Officer's  
Mess)

2. 2ND-HAND BOOKS SALE.

Date: 18th Sept., 1971.  
Time: 9.30 - 12.30 a.m.  
Service charge: 3% on the purchase price. The proceeds go towards the reserve fund of the Association.

3. FRESHMEN ORIENTATION PROGRAMME.

a) Tea-party.

Date: 4th Sept., 1971.  
Programme: chatting, giving advice on choice of books, introducing life in H.K.U. with particular reference to life in the Law Department.

Exclusively for freshmen and necessary helpers.

b) Camp.

Date: 10th, 11th & 12th September, 1971.  
Place: Y.M.C.A. Youth Camp in Sai Kung.  
Programme: swimming etc.  
Open to ALL.

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EDITORIAL NOTICES  
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1. In future, the LAW MEDIA will be published around the 15th of each month. Those who wish to submit material for publication should ensure that it reaches the Publications Secretary by the 10th of that month.
2. While editing the article 'The Devil or the Saint' which appeared in last month's edition of LAW MEDIA the editorial board made certain alterations. Mr. MOK Yeuk Chi, the author expressed his displeasure at the changes

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so made. In the original draft, the last sentence of the 3rd paragraph in page 4 had read: "Should this note of appreciation by the Government's Legal Sub-Committee be regarded as a positive acceleration to the good image of the law students, Stephanie and I, without prejudice to some other eight participants, has contributed."

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ARTICLES  
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CAMPAIGN SEASON

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Since the establishment of the Law Association its members have shown more concern in its ability to provide facilities and activities than for its internal consolidation as an organisation founded on democratic principles.

In any organisation in which its office-bearers are elected to office from among its members it is essential that there should be elections at agreed intervals as well as to provide for the manner of elections in order to ensure that the candidates elected are of popular choice. It is equally vital to the members of the Association that they should know whom they electing and for what reason or policy they are adopting in their choice of chairmanship. In short, it is most important for the members to know WHERE they want to go and WHY.

One of the means to supply these vital necessities is campaigning before the general election. It is usually through the series of campaign speeches and debates of candidates that the electorate gets to know better the aims and policies of those who are to be elected as their leaders. But speeches and debates require time; time for the candidates to examine what they are prepared to do and say, time for the electorate to conceive, think and decide to choose. For reasons such as these, and perhaps many more, it is thought that there should be a period of time within any one term of office set aside as the 'campaign season'.

It would be a good idea if an official known as the SPEAKER be elected by the general assembly to be in charge of the election. This office must be held by a member who could be entrusted with the post on account of his impartiality. This, it is suggested, serves to eliminate the possibility of a last-moment appearance of unexpected candidates as a result of political manoeuvring; and equally to discourage intending candidates from attempting to obtain some unwarranted element of surprise by giving late notice of candidature.

Briefly, it is suggested that the Speaker's duty should include the administration of the election campaign in general. He should be the proper official to receive nominations for candidates. He should be the one to see that only MEMBERS are nominated. He should also certify that a particular person has been properly nominated and has attained the status of a candidate so that his campaign speeches or other writings may be published in the LAW MEDIA (which, it is also suggested, should serve as a media of communication during the 'campaign season'). It follows that the Publication Secretary should not publish any writing of a campaigning nature during the season written by any prospective candidate unless that person has been certified by the Speaker as a nominated candidate and a member of the Association. It is expected that the duration of the campaign season should at least be one month, and that notices of candidature should reach the Speaker before the beginning of the campaign season. Of course, the Speaker should give reasonably advanced notice to all members inviting nominations and declaring the date on which the campaign season starts. No nomination should be accepted by the Speaker during the Campaign Season because, it is suggested, the period is mainly for campaigning NOT nominations.

...CAMPAIGN SEASON...(cont.)

No doubt some members of the Law Association would think this is a good idea and some not. Perhaps there are others would like to see the idea constitutionally implemented, and still others require more detail discussions before adopting it. It is certainly within our rights to discuss, disagree or to adopt, but before we do anything, let us THINK, and let us look before we leap.

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Writer's Note:

As my suggestions are by no means intended to be absolute or thought to be fool-proof, I respectfully invite the present Executive Committee to study into the feasibility of my suggestion and should be grateful for their Comments in the LAW MEDIA in this regard.

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