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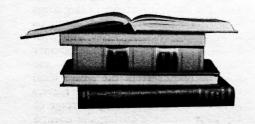
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Annual Alumni Banquet

The Law Alumni are holding their annual banquet Wednesday, May 5, 1965, in the Terrace Room of the Penn Sheraton Hotel.

The speaker is to be the Honorable Walter E. Alessandroni, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The dinner this year combines the usual functions of an alumni gathering with observance of Law Day by both the Alumni organization and the Student Bar. It is hoped that Chancellor Litchfield may attend.

Dinner is to be at 6:30 P.M., preceded by a cocktail party, which will start at 5:30 and is being sponsored by a group of alumni.

News of the Faculty

On leave of absence for the spring semester is *Professor Herbert L. Sherman, Jr.*, who is a visiting professor at the University of Minnesota Law School in Minneapolis.

David Stahl has been named City Solicitor by Pittsburgh Mayor Joseph M. Barr. Mr. Stahl served as City Solicitor from 1958 - 1961. Before coming to the University as a professor of law, Mr. Stahl was Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is expected that Mr. Stahl will be teaching part-time during the Fall semester.

Dean Thomas M. Cooley II is going to the University of Illinois Law School this Fall on a year's leave of absence during which he will teach Property Law as a visiting professor.

Pitt Students Pass Bar

27 out of 31 Pitt students who graduated in June of 1964 took and passed the Pennsylvania Bar Examination held on July 24 and 25, 1964, a percentage of 87.09. Pitt led all other Pennsylvania law schools in respect of the percentage of first-timers passing.

In January of 1965, 4 Pitt students, all of whom were repeaters, took and passed the Bar Examination. A number of other schools equalled this 100% record for the Spring Examination.

Dean's Letter:

Little need be added to the observations in my last letter to the Alumni in the Fall of 1964. I then said that the Law School was at a crossroads. That its position has since deteriorated seems beyond reasonable question.

The period has not been without hopeful developments: our students again placed first among those from Pennsylvania law schools in percentage of first-timers passing the Bar Examinations. Our moot court teams have performed respectably in the National and International Law Moot Court competitions. The number and caliber of applicants for admission are both noticeably rising. Placement is going well; and student work on the Law Review and the Moot Court and Legal Writing programs have been of great assistance in keeping these going while the faculty is under-manned. We have also been most fortunate in the work performed by an overburdened secretarial staff.

On the other hand, all problems have grown. None are solved. An overworked staff is shrinking. The search for a new dean has been and threatens to remain unproductive. Space and library deficiencies are more acute, as are those of faculty salaries. Student and faculty morale seem likely to deteriorate; and faculty recruitment will certainly suffer, as in the long run student recruitment will also, if the School receives no better support than now promises.

Thomas M. Cooking =

THOMAS M. COOLEY II

Louis Caplan Distinguished Lecture Given by Katzenbach

On December 2, 1964, Acting U. S. Attorney General Nicholas De B. Katzenbach (more recently, Attorney General) delivered the annual lecture in the series dedicated to Louis Caplan at the Law School, on the topic, "Civil Rights: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Tracing the fifty years' neglect, repeal and judicial nullification which had met the various civil rights amendments and laws which immediately followed the Civil War years, Katzenbach then summarized the developments which have come with increasing rapidity since Buchanan V. Warley invalidated a city ordinance requiring segregated zoning in 1917.

Along with the developing law as declared by the Federal Courts came increased activity by the Department of Justice and numerous Federal Agencies concerned in one way or another with the rights and aspirations of Americans — especially the underprivileged. These activities, in turn, pointed to the necessity for and helped shape legislative solutions culminating in the 1964 Civil Rights Act and, on a broader scale, the "War Against Poverty."

After an analysis of the currently controversial and uncertain provisions of the Civil Rights Law, Mr. Katzen-

Law Students Compete In National Moot Court

Two University law students represented the Pittsburgh Law School in the 15th annual National Moot Court Competition held recently. Seniors Louis J. Timchak, Jr., and Robert D. Rowley, Jr., competed against seven other schools in the regional competition in Newark, N.J. They won over teams from Temple, Rutgers, and Penn State Universities on November 26 and 27, giving Pittsburgh the privilege of competing in the finals of the competition for the second consecutive year. The finals were held in New York on December 15 and 16. The Pittsburgh team was defeated in the second round by the team from the University of Oklahoma Law School, bach concluded by pointing to the very considerable progress that had been made and could be anticipated in the way of acceptance of its provisions and by saying that "The test of our future in civil rights is not how compassionately we treat some Americans because they are negro. The test, rather, is how well we can respond to the problems of negroes — and whites —because they are Americans."

The lecture drew the best attendance of any in the Caplan series so far; and printed copies are available at the Law School.

Pitt Hosts Moot Tribunal

The University of Pittsburgh School of Law was host for the Eastern Regional rounds of the 1965 International Law Moot Tribunal held at the School on March 2 and 3, 1965. Teams represented were Michigan, Western Reserve, Dickinson and Pittsburgh. The winning team was Pittsburgh. The semi-finals and finals of the competition were scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C. on April 22, 1965. Students who argued the regional round were John Cook and John Dean. Abigail Cooley and Lawrence Breck assisted in the research. All are second-year students.

Law Review Board Selected

The University of Pittsburgh Law Review Board for Volume 27, 1965-66 will consist of:

Editor-in-Chief —
Byron D. Baur

Managing Editor —
William Schwartz

Article Editor —
H. Reginald Belden

Commend Editor —
Leonard L. Stewart

Case Editors —
John Stedeford

Survey Editor —
James E. Blackwood

Michael Antkowiak

Placement of Law School Graduates

The Placement Committee, comprising professors Sell and Stahl, has met an increasing volume of requests for graduates. As in past years, most such requests stipulate that the prospect must be Law Review, or in the top 20% or so of the class. These stipulations overlook the steady and very substantial improvement in the caliber of students admitted (and graduated) over the past decade. It is literally true that the middle of present classes approximates the high levels of classes of some years ago. The bottom segment of former classes is simply no longer graduated (or admitted).

Another recent development has been the marked increase in law firms and legal departments of corporations and governmental agencies who wish to employ students during the summer of their second year and who also tend to recruit from the senior class during the early Fall. These factors have caused an increasing shortage of top men available during the normal recruiting period in the Spring of the senior year. More and more placement activity has tended to center on lower levels of the graduating classwhich takes more time and greater attention to particular virtues and capabilities of individuals.

On the whole, mere placement of a majority of the graduating class is getting to be less of a problem, although the total time and effort invested in placement as such is increasing.

Professor to Study Abroad

David M. Cohen will spend the summer in London, England, where he will study International Trade Problems at the City of London College. Professor Cohen, a recent addition to the Law School faculty came from the University of Illinois where he was a member of the Illinois Law Review. He specializes in International Business Law and has taught during his first year at Pittsburgh courses in International Law and Trade Relations. He has also been active in the Legal Writing Program.

Class Notes

1926

David B. Fawcett on May 30, 1964, received an Alumni Achievement award at the annual alumni luncheon of Westminster College.

John L. Miller has been named president of the Westminster College board of trustees.

1930

Mrs. Bessie Kann Sack has been named assistant director of the Pittsburgh office of the Federal Housing Administration.

1931

Matthew A. Crawford has been elected president of the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention.

Harry Savage has opened an office for the general practice of law in the Plaza Building, Pittsburgh.

David H. Weiss has been appointed president judge of the Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas.

1933

S. Knox Hunter has been elected president of the Pennsylvania Safe Deposit Association, Western Group.

Ken Loeffler, former coach at Geneva and now a professor of law at Monmouth College, N.J., has just been elected to the basketball Hall of Fame.

Howard M. Swartz has been elected to the West Penn Power Company's board of directors.

1935

W. McCook Miller is the new president of Mercy Hospital's Board of Trustees.

Seymour A. Sikov has been elected to the board of governors of the American Trial Lawyers Association.

1936

Edward H. Levin has been named a special assistant to Florida Attorney General James W. Kynes.

Joseph G. Smith has been appointed vice president — international purchases and traffic of Pittsburgh Steel Company.

John A. Robb has been elected a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

1938

John M. Duff has been elected vice president and trust officer of the Trust Department of the Gallatin National Bank.

Richard R. Winters has been elected vice president and secretary of Pittsburgh National Bank.

1939

Edward B. Doran has been appointed by Governor Scranton to fill a vacancy in Common Pleas Court, Westmoreland County in July 1964. Judge Doran had served several terms as District Attorney of the County.

Paul V. Mahoney has been elected president of Fayette County Bar Association.

1940

John H. Devlin has been selected minority leader in the Pennsylvania State Senate.

1942

Edward C. Ford has been elected secretary of Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation.

Arnold W. Hirsch has been named first assistant district attorney for Washington County.

1943

John Hoeveler, with his wife, and three daughters was a visitor in Pittsburgh in July. Jack is with the U.S. Foreign Service and has been in Tunisia for a number of years.

1947

William J. Copeland in January, 1964, was named assistant head of the Trust Division of the Pittsburgh National Bank.

Daniel H. Core, Jr., has been appointed general attorney traffic of U.S. Steel Corporation.

1948

Maurice N. Steel has been named buyer, mill equipment, by Hussey Metals Division of Cooper Range Company.

1949

Paul G. O'Friel has returned to Pittsburgh as General Manager of KDKA TV after several years in Boston, serving Westinghouse Stations in that City. Ewing B. Pollock was a candidate for Green County Judge in the May 18 Democratic primary election.

1950

Jerome A. Early has been elected vice president, corporate development of Rockwell Manufacturing Company.

Robert E. Gregory has been appointed as Director of Public Relations for Columbia Gas System Service Corp.

William H. Knoell has been elected vice president of the Crucible Steel Company.

1952

Henry C. Flood, Jr., has been appointed to vice president at Pittsburgh National Bank.

Robert I. Kingsley has been elected secretary for Crucible Steel Company.

1953

Robert B. Peabody has been appointed assistant general counsel for the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation.

1954

Thomas N. Bucar has been appointed vice chairman in the 1964-5 Greater New Bedford United Fund Campaign.

John R. Kountz was recently elected General Counsel of the Rust Engineering Company and subsidiary companies with headquarters in Pittsburgh. James D. Morton has become a partner in the firm of Buchanan, Ingersoll, Rodewald, Kyle and Buerger.

1955

Thomas P. Brennen has been appointed assistant secretary of Crucible Steel Company.

1957

Glenn W. Ferguson has been nominated by President Johnson as director of Volunteers in Service to America, one of the main programs of the nation's attack on poverty.

Ronald G. Lench has been elected City Solicitor for Beaver Falls and has also been elected as one of the four assemblymen from Beaver County to the General Assembly in Harrisburg.

1958

Marvin S. Lieber has become a partner in the firm of Ruslander, Ruslander, and Lieber.

1964

Norman W. Smith, Jr., has won first prize of \$250.00 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law for his paper submitted in the 1964 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition.

Who Moved Where

As space allows, the Newsletter will carry changes of address received from graduates so that friends can keep their copies of the Alumni Directory current.

Anstandig, Louis, L'64, Apt. A, 3301 Grover St., McKeesport, Pa.

Efron, Morris, L'36, 502 Turner St., Allentown, Pa.

Maddox, Jay Rush, L'61, 1280 Monroe St., Denver, Colorado 80206.

Silverman, Arnold, L'63, Apt. 10, 2550-A King Lear Dr., Pitcairn, Pa.

Tallman, Robert P., L'58, 340 Old Roaring Brook Rd., Mt. Kisco, N.Y.

Webb, Alan D., L'58, 7105 Woodland Avenue, Pittsburgh 2, Pa.

Welty, Robert L., L'60, 17200 Brailie, Detroit, Michagan.

DEATHS

Where only date and/or place is given, the *Newsletter* was not in possession of further information.

1902

Woodside, Robert G., died in Florida, July 16, 1964, aged 88.

1903

McAdams, Wm. W., February 22, 1964, aged 90.

1905

McBride, Arthur B., August 21, 1964.

1907

Bell, Joseph T., July 1964, aged 80.

Fergus, Hugh E., at his home in Washington, Pa., March 25, 1964, aged 83.

1914

Marsh, James I., June 27, 1964.

1917

Wettach, Robert H., Dean Emeritus of School of Law, Univ. of N. Carolina, August 29, 1964, at his home, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

1923

Humes, John J., at his home in Uniontown, April 16, 1964, aged 64.

1928

Definbaugh, Ellis R., aged 60, March 25, 1964.

1929

Beck, Nathaniel, June 11, 1964, aged 61.

1931

Schermerhorn, Earl J., February 11, 1964, aged 58.

Rothman, Harold L., December 8, 1964.

1932

Carson, Ralph W., November 27, 1964, aged 54. Was killed when his car collided with a truck on a highway near his home in Naples, Florida.

Haller, Harry S., in Mercy Hospital Pittsburgh, November 12, 1964.

1933

Hunter, David A., April 9, 1964, aged 54.

1934

Lembersky, Jack, May 7, 1964, aged 54.

1935

Cowan, Leonard J., at his home in Greensburg, May 4, 1964.

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