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SCHOOL OF LAW NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

DEAN'S COLUMN

Since the last newsletter to the alumni, another academic year has passed and the summer vacation period is at an end. We have begun another year.

When classes opened in September, we found the largest enrollment in the school since World War II. Although we had originally planned for an incoming freshman class of 125, the first year class exceeds 180. It should be noted that this number was achieved without any relaxation of the admission standards set by the faculty. While we are gratified at the fact that we have had the largest number of applications for admission in the history of the school, we are concerned about the inadequacy of our present quarters, a situation which will not improve until we move into the new law school building, an event which is probably four years into the future.

During the last academic year, we enjoyed an increase in our enrollment and some noteworthy events. Our Moot Court team placed second in the national competition held in New York City last December. Many compliments were received by the members of that team, Edward Symons, Jr., Allan McClain and Michael Malakoff. Professor William J. Brown served as Faculty Advisor of this activity.

Major activity is developing in the area of the new law school building.

The architects, Kuhn, Newcomer and Valentour, have completed preliminary work on the drawings for the new building. After having visited a large number of law schools with Associate Dean T.O. White, the architects have recommended a design calling for six floors. The first floor will contain all administrative offices and a courtroom-auditorium suitable for continuing legal education programs. The second floor will contain the classrooms, while the seminar rooms and student activities will be located on the third floor. The library will occupy the fourth, fifth and sixth floors with faculty offices surrounding the stack areas on four and six.

Present plans call for the completion of all design work and working drawings by April 1, 1970. This will allow for a sufficient interval for approval and still be ready to begin construction upon availability of the site.

In future issues the exact location and other details of the project will be discussed.

W. EDWARD SELL

FACULTY CHANGES

The beginning of the academic year 1969-1970 saw some new faces and some changes in the faculty and administration of the law school. Professor Robert S. Greenspan has gone to the University of Illinois for the coming academic year. Professor R. Stanton Wettick will be on a partial leave of absence during the year to serve as Executive Director of the Neighborhood Legal Services Association. During the year, he will work on a new clinical program for the law school.

Professor David M. Cohen has received a Congressional Fellowship and will leave in early November for Washington, D.C. He will be on leave of absence from November 1 for the remainder of the academic year. Professor Thomas S. Checkley will continue on a leave of absence for the fall semester, returning for the second semester.

During the past academic year, Mr. Checkley asked to be relieved of the position of Law Librarian and return to the full-time teaching faculty. This request was approved by the Library Committee of the Faculty. We have been most fortunate in securing for the position of Law Librarian Professor Talbert B. Fowler, Jr., who was Law Librarian and Professor of Law at the University of Alabama School of Law. He had been at Alabama for fifteen years, having gone there from the University of Florida College of Law, where he had served as Assistant Law Librarian. He is a graduate of the University of Florida (A.B.) and the University of Florida College of Law (LL.B. with honors) (later converted to J.D. degree). He is admitted to practice in Florida and Alabama. Mr. Fowler has a formidable job ahead as he assists in the planning of the law library in our new law school building.

Visiting with us as Assistant Professor of Law for the next academic year will be Miss Joan E. Baker, who served as an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Akron College of Law during the past academic year. She will teach Procedure and Conflict of Laws. A graduate of Reed College (B.A.), she received the J.D. degree with Honors from George Washington University Law School in 1967. She received a Master of Laws degree from Yale Law School in 1968. Miss Baker served as Law Clerk to Honorable Oliver Gasch of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

We have also been able to add another person to the administrative staff of the School of Law. He is William B. Hazlett, who will serve as Director of Placement and Alumni Affairs. While Mr. Hazlett is

not a lawyer, he has a wide experience in academic placement and alumni relations. He also has had experience in a professional placement service. He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Business Administration. This appointment fills a long-standing need in the school. As the school has grown, the matter of placement becomes more involved, time-consuming and necessary. We are confident that Bill Hazlett will carry out these responsibilities in the best manner and with success. He will be in contact with alumni on placement and other matters. I am certain those who come in contact with him will enjoy meeting and working with him.

The remainder of the faculty and staff will remain as it has been the past year. As we grow, we are continuing to build a strong faculty.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR
1969 LAW ALUMNI DUES?

If not, please send your check for \$5, payable to University of Pittsburgh Law Alumni Association to:

Mrs. Eunice Ross, Treasurer
Law Alumni Association
School of Law
University of Pittsburgh
1417 Cathedral of Learning
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

ALUMNI CONTRIBUTIONS

You are reminded of the new policy of the University with respect to contributions by alumni. Any contribution to the General Alumni Drive of the University *which is earmarked for the School of Law* will come directly to the law school. These funds are being used to supplement the regular budget of the law school and to enable the school to strengthen its program above that which is possible under ordinary budget conditions.

Last year, our alumni made a significant contribution to the law school.

It is hoped that every alumnus will consider making some contribution to the Fund, regardless of size. Be certain that your contribution is earmarked for the School of Law!

REPORT OF ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Law Alumni Association, I welcome this opportunity to offer a few thoughts with respect to our alumni activities.

At the Annual Meeting last May, new officers and members of the Board of Governors were installed. The officers are as follows: Andrew N. Farley, President; Honorable David Olbum, First Vice President; William B. Washabaugh, Second Vice President; Donald C. Winson, Secretary; Mrs. Eunice M. Ross, Treasurer. The Board of Governors consists of James C. McCreight, Abe R. Cohen, John M. Feeney, Jr., Robert F. Burkardt, James F. Clarke, William J. Kenney, Honorable David B. Fawcett, Jr., and Robert P. Lightcap. As in past

years, the Nominating Committee sought to insure that the Board of the Association was representative both of the geographical areas where a significant number of Pitt Law alumni have their practice and of the various graduating classes.

Although the alumni organizations within the legal profession parallel our professional organizations, only the alumni organization can provide those services and contacts so vital to the School of Law.

In 1970 the School of Law will celebrate its 75th anniversary. The date of that celebration has been fixed as the Annual Dinner of the Law Alumni Association on Saturday, May 2, 1970, at Chatham Center. This date was specifically chosen to insure that as we join in celebrating this anniversary of growth of our own school we do not lose sight of the fact that we, as members of a profession, have responsibilities which transcend this allegiance. It is appropriate that our anniversary be a part of the 1970 Law Day observances.

As we approach this event significant to the School of Law, it is imperative that the Association's priorities be reconsidered. Under the leadership of successive presidents, commencing with Israel C. Bloom, an earnest endeavor has been made to establish county chapter organizations of the Association. This goal becomes increasingly important as the revitalization of these chapters and the establishment of new ones provides the channel of communication between members of the faculty and of the administration of the School of Law and of this Board with Association members, particularly in counties other than Allegheny. These county organizations likewise serve to facilitate the identification of prospective students and provide the opportunity whereby graduating students can be placed in professional positions. Finally, and in view of the pending construction of a new law school building, it is vital that a viable chapter organization be in existence to facilitate a capital gifts campaign, the success of which will in large measure determine the quality and character of the furnishings of the new law school building.

From time to time Dean W. Edward Sell has reported upon the progress of the University with respect to the proposed construction of the law school building. I am quite concerned about continuing delays which can only jeopardize the type of building to be erected as the result of increases in costs of construction. I have been in touch with Harbaugh Miller, the Chairman of the Board of Visitors for the School of Law. The Board shares this concern in anticipation of meeting with University officials.

Although the General State Authority has been appropriated funds for the purpose of construction, these funds are allocated solely to building. Other financing will be required to furnish the new law school building. The Board of Governors believes the Law Alumni Association, with the prior approval of the University and the School's administration, must be in a position to undertake a capital gifts campaign. This will be no small endeavor and it will require that all of us be diligent not only in personal contributions but also in soliciting contributions from others for this purpose. Organization for such a campaign is the second priority for the forthcoming year.

The present tensions within our society are by no means the least important of our concern. During the Association's dinner in 1968, under the guidance of the then president David Stahl, a special scholarship fund in memory of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King was established. The Association has, unfortunately, failed actively to build this fund. This laudable goal is but one way in which the Association might exercise social responsibility. It is unfortunate that we, through our alumni organization, have not convincingly identified the necessity for the rule of law in contemporary society with the aspirations and needs of all members of our community.

Finally, I solicit your help and your guidance. It is an awesome responsibility to follow such stalwarts at the bar as Messrs. Unverzagt, Stahl, Aldisert and Bloom as president of your organization. Hopefully, you can help a young man in the performance of this responsibility by your critical suggestions and comments for the mutual betterment of our Association.

ANDREW N. FARLEY, President

NOTES FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

An effort is being made to improve and enlarge the Law Library's holdings of Pennsylvania legal materials.

The following Reports and/or Opinions of the Pennsylvania Attorneys General are needed to complete the Law Library's set of this title: 1857-1888 (all material published for this period during which they appeared in Pennsylvania Legislative Documents, in Pennsylvania Executive Documents, and as Pennsylvania Official Documents); 1895-1896 (includes Opinions from 1871-1894); 1899-1900; 1901 - 1902; 1907 - 1908; 1917 - 1918; 1919-1920; 1931 - 1934 (Report only, loose leaf, numbered by letters); 1935-1938 (Report only); 1939-1942 (Report only); 1959-1960; 1961-1962; and Index-Digest Informal Opinions 1923-1933.

Also, the personnel of the Law Library are interested in securing a duplicate set of the *Report of the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association*. All volumes published for this title from 1895-1968 are needed.

Any gifts of the above "wants" from our readers will be deeply appreciated. Of course, such gifts will be acknowledged and a valuation will be provided each donor in order that he may utilize the gift as an income tax deduction.

Please send such gifts to the following address:

School of Law Library
University of Pittsburgh
1512 Cathedral of Learning
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

PLACEMENT POLICY

The Placement Office of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law is available to assist lawyers, law firms, government agencies, corporate legal departments and others interested in hiring lawyers. We will be pleased to recommend suitable candidates for positions and to arrange for interviews at the School of Law or at the employer's

office. The Placement Office is now scheduling appointments for the year 1969-1970, and interested employers are urged to make arrangements for interviews.

Your Placement Office offers assistance to third year graduates seeking full-time employment; graduates returning from military service or short-term employment such as judicial clerkships, etc.; all alumni who desire to change jobs and second year students who are seeking summer employment.

To all alumni—let us help you, your firm or your company with your employment problems—if you are thinking about changing jobs this coming year or are planning to add another young attorney to your Legal Staff—just call Bill Hazlett, 621-3500, Ext. 341—and remember you have Lifetime Placement Service at your School of Law.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR
CONTRIBUTION TO THE
ALUMNI FUND?

LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DINNER

The University of Pittsburgh Law Alumni Association Annual Dinner is scheduled for May 2, 1970. This will mark the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the School of Law. Plans are already being developed for this dinner. The President of the Law Alumni Association, Andrew N. Farley, Esquire, has appointed Alexander Unkovic, Esq., General Chairman of the dinner.

Mr. Unkovic graduated from the Law School in 1939. He is a partner in the firm of Meyer, Unkovic & Scott.

It is hoped that all alumni will save this date and plan to attend what should be one of the outstanding events in the history of the School and of the Law Alumni Association.

BOARD OF VISITORS

Last year, in accordance with a new policy promulgated by the University, each school in the University has organized a Board of Visitors, with a trustee serving as Chairman.

The Law School's Board of Visitors, chaired by Harbaugh Miller, Esquire, was organized and had its first meeting in November, 1968. A meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 16, 1969.

The Board is being organized into several committees in order to be of greater value and service to the school.

The members of the Board, in addition to Mr. Miller, are: William W. Booth, Esq.; Rev. Dr. Robert M. Carson, Jr.; Ralph H. Demmler, Esq.; William H. Eckert, Esq.; Professor Ralph Fuchs; The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham; James M. Houston, Esq.; William H. Knoell, Esq.; Honorable Thomas F. Lansberry; R. Heath Larry, Esq.; Dean Robert B. McKay; Honorable John L. Miller; J. Quint Salmon, Esq.; William K. Unverzagt, Esq.; and Edward T. Tait, Esq.

Membership on the Board will be of a rotating nature.

KEEP US INFORMED

In order that we may continue to mail you the Law School Newsletter, will you please keep us informed as to your current address, current employment, activities and other information that you feel would be important to us.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The following positions are available for experienced legal personnel. For additional information, contact Placement Office, (412) 621-3500, Ext. 341.

(A) ATTORNEY FOR TRUST DEPARTMENT—One to three years experience in any legal area—McKeesport area—Pennsylvania Bar—Salary, \$10-14,000 range.

(B) TAX ATTORNEY—Prominent Pittsburgh C.P.A. firm—three to five years experience—can sit for C.P.A. exam after one year public accounting experience—Salary range, \$16-20,000.

(C) ATTORNEY—Pittsburgh corporation—general legal work—no experience to three years experience—Salary, negotiable.

(D) ATTORNEY—Corporation in Lancaster, Pa.—general legal work—Salary, to \$12,000.

CONVERSION OF BACHELOR OF LAWS DEGREE

A year ago, a letter was sent to all alumni concerning the change of degree in the School of Law from Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) to Juris Doctor (J.D.). With the change, the Board of Trustees authorized a retroactive application of the conversion to all those who applied and paid the necessary fee. The deadline set was June 1, 1969. At the time of the deadline, over one thousand alumni had exercised the conversion privilege. In view of the fact that numerous inquiries have been received since the deadline, we are extending the deadline for the conversion to December 31, 1969. This should give adequate time to those who may have overlooked the letter I sent last August. That letter contained an application form. Since some who may still wish to convert their degree might not have the form, we are reproducing it on the back page of this newsletter. Please allow a period of two months for delivery of the new degree. It is also requested that you give the graduation date appearing on your Bachelor's diploma.

Office of the Dean
School of Law
University of Pittsburgh
1417 Cathedral of Learning
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

I hereby apply for the Juris Doctor degree from the School of Law of the University of Pittsburgh.

I hold a _____ degree from _____, which
(Name of degree) (College or University)
I received in _____.
(Year)

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$25.00, made payable to *The University of Pittsburgh*, in payment of the applicable fee.

Name _____
(please print)

Address _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Law School Graduation Date _____

(Date)

(Signature)

NOTE: DEADLINE FOR THIS APPLICATION IS DECEMBER 31, 1969.