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ENPORT OF THE DEAN FOR THE ACADMETC YEAR 1939-1940

To the President of the University

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As Dean of the School of Law of The University of Teorgia, I have the homor to submit the report of the School for the academic year 1939-1940.

An adequate library is absolutely necessary for the operation of a modern law School. Fortunately the law building is satisfactory in most respects due to the generosity of the alumni and friends of the Law School. We have now reached the point, however, where additional stacks are necessary. The present stacks are arranged so that a glass floor can be laid on them and thereby provide two floors in the stackroom. Additional stacks may be placed on this second floor and we shall them to able to properly take care of our books. The stackroom was constructed with this end in view.

Purchase of the building on the corner of Groad and Lumpkin Streets that was occupied by the Law School from 1919 to 1932. The contributors intended that this building be used by and for the Law School, and it now seems the building should be sold and part of the family funds received be used to purchase a new floor and stacks for

the present stackroom. The balance should be applied for the purchasing of books for the library. I believe that this disposition of the old building and lot will meet with the hearty approval of all these interested in the Law School.

Some progress has been made during the past few years in providing essential books for the library, but I wish to point out again certain deficiencies that should be taken care of as soon as possible.

We should add a few complete sets of the better law reviews not now in the library.

Several sets of periodicals and law reviews already in the library should be completed as soon as possible, vis:

American Bar Association Journal, volumes 1-10; Seorgetown

Law Journal, volumes 1-16; Illinois Law Seview, volumes 1-26;

Tulans Law Seview, volumes 1-3; Washington University Law

Quarterly, volumes 1-21; Yale Law Review, 1-25; University of

Fennsylvania Law Seview, volumes 1-46.

Se have no recent statutory compilations for the following states: Arisona; Arkansas; Colorado; Delamare; Florida; Idaho, Indiana; Ioma; Kansas; Louisiana; Saine; Karyland; Kansashusette; Kichigan; Kontana; Kebrasha; Kewada; Kew Kampshire; Kew Jersey; Kew Kemiso; Korth Dakota; Chio; Oklahoma; Gregom; Pennsylvania; Shode Island; South Carolina, South Sakota; Stah; Vernont; Virginia; Sashington; Sest Virginia; Syoming, In several of the other

ctates the statutory compilations are only reasonably up-to-date.

There are no state reports in the library prior to the Estimal Reporter System for the following states: Delaware; Haryland; New Hampshire and Woot Virginia.

The state reports are incomplete for the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kontucky, Massachusette, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Tomescoo and Tomas.

The librarian has been fortunate in having the assistance of five student assistants during the year who received their expensation from the National Youth Administration. These students were diligent in the discharge of their duties, and I take this approximity of expressing the approxiation of the Law School for the cooperation and help of the National Youth Administration.

The lighting system in the reading room of the library has never been satisfactory, and changes that can be effected at a reasonable cost should be made before the beginning of the fall quarter.

Much of the interior has not been painted since the building was dedicated in Cotober 1932. The woodwork on the outside needs two coats of paint, and much of the interior needs repainting.

The roof has always leabed, and damage has resulted to the cellings in the reading room and stackroom of the library. The roof has been patched from time to time, but without success.

Competent persons have been requested to make a thorough investigation

and recommendations. Then this information is received I shall make definite recommendations.

The south wing of Milledge Hall, that was designated by the President for the use of law students, has proved satisfactory. The living room and library furnished by Mr. Marrison Jones of Atlanta have proved popular with the students.

The curriculum of this School as well as the curricula of the other leading law schools in the country for the purpose of effecting such revision as seemed desirable to better serve the meeds of the students. The complete reorganization became effective in September 1959, and the changes that were made have proved satisfactory. We believe that the new curriculum will better fit the law graduates to meet present day conditions at the bar and to discharge their social responsibilities.

In years ago a course was added to the curriculum of the Law School: "Introduction to the Study of Law and the Legal Profession." Professor Spruill and Dean Bosch have taught this course, but we are delighted that Procident Caldwell has consented to teach part of the course. This will give our first year students the opportunity of benefiting from his deep learning and rich experience in the law.

Since the graduates of The University of Seorgia have been required to pass the Seorgia Dar Smamination before being eligible

for admission to the Mar the members of the faculty have stressed the law of this State in all courses. In a further effort to cooperate with the seniors each member of the faculty reviewed for the seniors during the spring quarter the courses taught by the members of the faculty. A schedule was prepared at the beginning of the quarter giving the subjects, the instructors and the dates. These meetings were held on Honday, Tuesday, Sednesday and Thursday afternoons of each week from three until five or six o'clock. All courses covered by the bar examination were reviewed in this manner and a practice examination was given to the third year students. Be credit could be given for these lectures but the students seemed to appreciate this interest and help on the part of the faculty.

The activities of the Law Clubs this year have received the enthusiastic support of the students. There was a decided increase in the interest of the students this year over the preceding years. Tuch of the credit for this is due to Er. Phillip Sheffield and Er. Thomas Adams, who acted as student advisers to the Law Clubs. The members of the faculty and upper classes acted as judges. The fact that the members of the faculty jave of their time so freely, and showed such a jenuine interest in this entra-curricular activity, had a fine reaction from the students.

This year for the third successive time the final argument in the Jumphin Competition was held. The case was argued before Tomorable /. H. Judimorth, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

of leargia. Excellent briefs were presented and the oral arguments were the best of any since the competition was begun three years ago. This final argument serves to attralate interest in law Club work, and gives a goal toward which the students may work.

case notes for the Journal during the year as has been done since the Journal was first published in 1938. These editors were selected on the basis of their records in Law School, and their work this year was of excellent quality. The officers were: Thomas Reed Bewson, editor-in-chief; Robert Alexander Molarty, Jr. and Byron Benley Mathews, Jr., associate editors.

difficulty adjusting themselves to the work in the law School.

Is a result these students are unhappy at least for a few months, and some were not successful in the past who night have done well.

The have tried to develop in the law school a close relationship between the members of the faculty and the students, and especially the first year students. The first year class is divided each year into groups of eight each. A member of the faculty is assigned to each group as well as an upper class member of the loner Court. In this way the members of the oner Court are in a position to be of real pervice in helping develop these first year students and there is definite responsibility placed on each peaker. The members of the faculty had their groups in their homes from time to time

to time during the year.

The Honor Code has continued to receive the enthusiastic support of the student body. The successful manner in which the Honor Code has been supported and enforced in the Law School by the students justifies the continued confidence and approval of the faculty of the Law School.

and members of the bar to come to the School and deliver lectures each year has proved highly worthwhile. During the current academic year the following visiting lecturers addressed the faculty and students: Homorable J. Harold Hawkins, Judge of the Superior Court of the Blue Hidge Circuit; Homorable John H. Slaton, Chairman of the State Board of Mar Szaminers; Homorable Chlis Armall, Attorney General of Georgia, and Homorable Charles Bloch, Scoretary of the Georgia Bar Association.

Association of American Law Schools in Chicago during Secember, and the meeting of the Seorgia Sar Association held in Macon, Seorgia in Say. Shenever possible the members of the faculty of the School have cooperated with all agencies in the state and nation that are working for Setter legal education and an improved bar.

Professor Tenry A. Shinn was absent from classes for a month during the spring quarter as the result of an appendentumy.

Down Mosch took over his classes in Torts during this period.

Doctor Signamd Cohn, Assistant Professor and Special Lecturer of the College of Arts and Sciences gave six lectures on Comparative Law During the year to the classes in Contracts, Family Solations and Quasi Contracts and Squitable Relief Against Mistabe.

Doestor Richard H. Homig of the Department of Philosophy in the College of Arts and Tolenoes gave a series of lectures last fall to the students and faculty of the Law School to which the public was invited. The subjects of lectures were as follows: Rictorical Dackground of Modern Law; Relation of Law to Philosophy; The Law of Mature as a Dasis of Modern Democracy; The Problem of Responsibility as Emplained by Assemblus' Tragedics.

Professor Thomas F. Green, Jr. has been notified that his essay was awarded the prize of \$3,000 by the judges in the Poss Desay Contest. This contest is conducted each year by the American Dar Association and the following is an emerpt from the June issue of the American Bar Association Journal: "Again the bequest in the will of the late Judge Trakine M. Poss has enabled the Association to bring about a notable contribution to the literature and source material of an important and timely subject. This year's Poss Essay dealt with the subject ... 'To That Extent May Yourts Ender the Sule-Making Power prescribe Tules of Widenes'."

This is a signal conor that inoforsor brown has been be to binnelf and the law chool.

In the pril is me of the North Carolina Law Teview was published an article written by Professor James 7. Spruill on "The ffect of an Tverruling Decision."

Professor Shinn's article "Exculpatory Clauses in Fersonal Trust Enstruments" was republished in the Tay Issue of the Ceorgia Tan Coursel.

of law for the year 1039-1940, came to the Law Ucho d in Teptember 1030. This work was thoroughly satisfactory, and he has accepted a position in the faculty of Tashington University Law Tebeol. An article Dy Ly. Boost, "The rower to remove secreed dividends by Charter Twomboost" was published in the April issue of the Columbia Law Law Levines.

Professor obort L. Methorter was elected Payor of the City of Others last fall. Deveral of ar newbors of the faculty have devoted time to public service.

Judge J. owse Pradwell was appointed Lecturer in Coorgia ractice in optender 1935, and he has served in that capacity through June I this year. He was elected Judge of the ity Court of Others Judge Use year, and he will not continue as a Lecturer on the faculty. Prioritimately sudge Tradwell has not been in good health judge Dest year. I wish to express appreciation for

the services remiered by Judge Bradwell.

Professor Ashley ellers, who has been on leave of absence as Bead Attorney in the Office of the Solicitor of the Department of Agriculture for the past two years, submitted his resignation so that he may continue with the opartment of Agriculture.

Professor Tellers' work at the Law Bohool was of the highest order and we regret that he will not return in the fall.

e are fortunate in securing the services of Professor James Jefferson encir for next year under a one year appointment. Professor Lenoir is thirty-six years of age. He was graduated from the University of Mississiphi in 1927 with the S.A. dogree and received an M.A. degree in 1929. He entered the Graduate School of the University of Illinois where he specialized in Folitical Science and was awarded the Ph.P. degree in 1934. Shille at the University of Illinois Professor Lenoir was assistant in Political Science. The Sollowing year he received an M.R. degree from the University of Mississippi. From 1030 to 1938 Mr. Senoir was assistant and later associate professor of foliat al Science at the iniversity of ississippi. Turing the years 1934-1936 he served as part time assistant professor of law. To was at the " adenie de croit "sternational, the lague for the examer of 1936. le attended Columbia bivorsity Law chool during the year 1956-1957 and received the Mark degree in 1937. Times optember 1933 Professor Londin has been on the faculty of the school of Law of John T.

Lotson iniversity as associate professor of law for the year
1938-1939 end as professor of law since 1939. We has taught a
wide variety of law subjects. So is nuther of articles in the
Chiversity of Chicago Law Review, Journal of Criminal Law and
Criminology, Commercial Law Journal, Mississippi Law Journal, Adams
Law Leview. He is a member of the Mississippi Car Association and
the American Car Association.

The registration during 1939-1940 was as follows:

Thes of 1940 - 01

lass of 1941 - 27

Class of 1942 - 40

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buring the year the degree of L'.C. was amarded to 28.

During the past year uncertainties and confusion have plagued the world, and we are passing through a critical period in the nation's history. With very nations of the world at war and war clouds gathering elsewhere we cannot predict what lies sheed. These trying conditions have, and will continue, to affect our chool and legal education in general.

For the past two years we have held regular weakly faculty settings where the problems of the Tchool and legal addess on have been the musted. These meetings take place at the how 'chool, nee a wouth we have been needing at the homes of faculty members there pay is have been read and nore general problems and questions

discussed. We are considering with care how we can, with our limited recourses, offer the best possible instruction and opportunities for the students who must go out from our school into a state and nation where there have been such marked changes in recent years.

We realize that the administration of justice in this country depends on men trained in the law. Our system of justice under the law distinguishes our government from those of the totalitarian states.

Chief Justice Charles Evens Hughes closed his address to
the American Law Institute in Washington last May with the following
statement: "If democratic institutions are to survice, it will not
be simply by maintaining majority rule and by swift adaptations
to the demands of the moment, but by the dominance of a sense of
justice which will not long survive if judicial processes do not
conserve it. The judge must in truth represent authority, but he is
the symbol not so much of power as of justice, — of patience
and fairness, of a weighing of evidence in scales with which prejudice
has not tempered, of reasoned conclusions satisfying a sensitive
conscience, of firmness in resisting both solicitation and clamor.
It is in the quality of judicial work — whether performed by courts
or by agencies invested with judicial functions — in its expertness,
thoroughness, independence and impartiality, that the whole scheme

of the law, of government by law, comes to the decisive test.

And only as that test is successfully met will the foundations of a sound democracy be made secure."

As I review the setivities of the School during the year 1930-1940 I am encouraged by its accomplishments, and the fine epirit of both students and faculty. We at the Law School still feel that first class legal education is one of the best invectments which a state can make.

The School has had the thorough cooperation of the administrative authorities of the University, the Board of Regents, and of Chancellor S. V. Sanford. I am deeply grateful, Mr. President, for your constant help and advice that has been invaluable to me as Dean.

lespectfully submitted.

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