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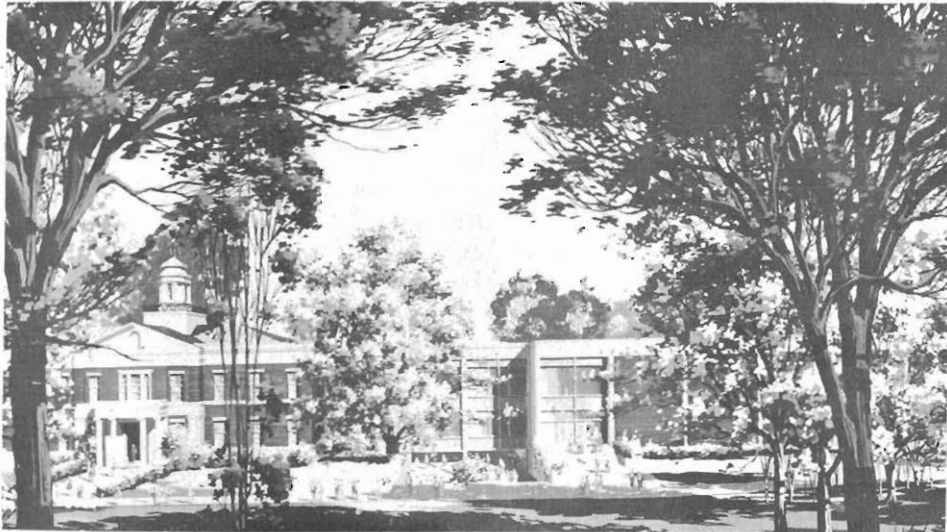
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THE NEW LAW SCHOOL



Dedication

by Jerry Wall

In this initial issue of LAW LORE, perhaps it might be beneficial to outline the purposes of this paper.

It is hoped this paper may be useful in furthering the law. This will be done by providing means of communicating new developments in the law, and specifically Georgia law, to the alumni of this school, the students of this school, and other law schools. We feel that legal education can be bolstered through the format of newspaper media.

Although this edition is dedicated primarily to introducing our organizations, in the future we plan to remain in the van with feature articles on current legal developments across the state and throughout the nation. We also hope to show you that law students have a sense of humor and that, even though we revere and respect the law, there are no sacred cows in the law, with the possible exception of Rose the Second of Aberlone.

This paper will be a vehicle of communication between the faculty and the student body in the University of Georgia School of Law and will contain announcements of coming events, special achievements, and study tips.

LAW LORE is primarily dedicated to the LAW, secondarily dedicated to students of LAW, and specifically dedicated to the LAW students at the University of Georgia

Dean's Corner

by Lindsey Cowen, Dean

A few weeks ago a delegation of students called upon me to present plans for a proposed Law School newspaper. They had already decided upon a format, made tentative arrangements with a printer, and were ready to send him copy. There was only one major problem to be solved, and that is a common one - Financing. We talked ways and means for next year, but the student editors were anxious to do something this year. So it was decided that the Law School Asso-

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Soon the Law School Building, one of the most dramatic examples of the new emphasis on quality here, will be ready for the future law classes of the University. Despite delays in drilling caused by unexpected underground rock formations, the new building can still be available for use by September, 1966. Complete physical renovation of the law school will be finished one year later with the completion of the interior remodeling of the present law building.

The final law school complex will reflect the best of the recent architectural designs employed by other leading law schools throughout the country. Although this complex may not be as extensive as others, it has been particularly designed to meet the foreseeable needs of the law students at Georgia. For example, it will increase present available space more than six times.

The new building will have three floors. It will house all of the library and expanded classroom facilities, and almost half of the administrative offices. The library will especially benefit in that it can make available for use the books then which it is now forced to keep packed away in storage because of lack of shelf space. The new building will also include a 350-seat auditorium, a student lounge, and a student locker room. Meanwhile the present building will contain the bulk of the administrative offices, a new courtroom, and an area for the law review offices.

Some have expressed a fear that the modernistic new building, as illustrated at the top of recent Law School Newsletters, might clash with the more traditional style of the present law building. These people will be relieved to know that those illustrations are not repre-

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President's Corner

by Gerald F. Handley
President, Student Bar Association

I have thoroughly enjoyed my term of office over the past two quarters. They have been very productive for the SBA, less because of my own efforts, than those with whom I have been privileged to work.

This year's Barrister's Ball was the most successful ever, due to the hard work of Governor of Student Activities, Archer Smith and his committee. Everyone who helped is to be congratulated.

Law Day 1965 was, I believe, an unqualified success. Dean Cowen's speech lived up to our expectations in every respect. Senator Talmadge's remarks were an interesting contrast and served to stir further interest.

Also during this period we took another step toward becoming more active in the American Law Student Association by attending the joint 5th - 13th Circuit Conference in New Orleans. ALSA offers numerous benefits to the individual member (such as ALSA Life Insurance, the Guaranty Loan Fund and varied publications, to mention a few). In addition ALSA offers various services to SBA governments and aids in undertaking new activities. At circuit conferences and the national convention emphasis is placed upon problems of the profession in general, as well as problems of the students and student governments. By winning the 1964 Most Outstanding Student Bar Association Project Award for our Trial Practice Court, we established a name for ourselves in the ALSA that we should continue. I

strongly recommend that every law student become an individual member of the ALSA. It is a great investment at \$2.00 per year.

The formation of this newspaper is perhaps our greatest achievement this year. Jerry Wall was appointed to chair the committee which planned it and to him the majority of credit belongs. A law school newspaper is something I have agitated for two years; it is extremely gratifying to see its birth.

At the present, we are planning for the future. This summer we will send at least one, and possibly two, delegates to the ALSA national convention in Miami Beach, August 7-13. For the fall we are planning an extensive orientation program and an advisor system to aid new first-year students. It will be up to the next SBA administration to carry these plans out. Likewise we have begun a study of the Honor Code Constitution at the request of the Honor Court. It is our wish that the Honor Code should be as equitable as possible. This study will continue into next year.

It has been my pleasure to work with my fellow officers, the Board of Governors and the student body in general. There is a great deal of work and promise for those who will replace us next year. However, I envy their opportunities. My thanks to all who have helped me during my term of office and to my fellow students who gave me the opportunity to serve.

act as an agent for, and retain commissions from the issuance of insurance incidental to banking transactions" has led to an announcement by the Citizens & Southern National Bank that it will begin to sell car insurance in connection with its auto installment loans to customers expressing no preference as to insurance agents.

Until this announcement, C & S has simply referred customers to insurance agents in the area. Now, granting a favorable decision from the Georgia state insurance commissioner's office, it will enter, at least partially, into the insurance business itself. Considering the size of C & S and the possible insurance business that it could handle in Georgia, its decision has understandably caused some consternation among national and state trade insurance associations. The Georgia Association of Independent Insurance Agents and the National Association of Insurance Agents have apparently decided to fight against the C & S decision. They believe it would put the bank in a coercive position toward its customers and would be an unnecessary intrusion by banking into insurance. Furthermore, they fear that other banks might follow C & S's lead, thus widening the breach even more. On the other hand, C & S seemingly feels that the whole matter has been blown out of all proportion, and that its "intrusion" will be too limited to endanger the interests of the insurance agents.

If one of the insurance associations should attempt to defeat C & S action (assuming approval by the Georgia insurance commissioner) through court action, there would be many questions brought before the law. What are the legal interests of both sides in relation to each other and the public? Are these interests capable of protection and regulation by courts? Can effective limits be placed on the competition of banks and insurance agents in the insurance field? What are the interests of the public and how can they be protected? Answers to these questions must wait until court action develops - if it does develop. One thing is certain. Any clash between two goliaths representing banking and insurance would be certain to have a profound effect upon the law, our state, and even our country.

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Discussion today - legal battle tomorrow?

by Al Ruehmann

Discussion today - legal battle tomorrow? A recent decision by U.S. comptroller of the currency, James Saxon, to the effect that "any bank anywhere may

Law Dames

by Lucy Hargrett

Each September the Law Dames welcome to their ranks the "Forgotton Women" on the University of Georgia campus. For three long years the Lumpkin Law School sees far more of the attorneys-to-be than do the wives. For mutual solace these women band together under the name of "Law Dames". This organization's primary purposes are to assist in any functions of the law school and to better prepare its members as future lawyer's wives.

The society provides regular social activities for the wives of the law students with the emphasis on what might be important in the women's roles as wives of members of the legal profession.

At the beginning of spring quarter Law Dames had 59 active members with Bernice Cloy serving as President, Merle Jose as Vice-President, Lela Allison as Secretary, Suzanne Lasater as Treasurer and Rosemary Gerard as Corresponding Secretary. Julia Gordon is Director of Publicity and Membership.

The wives of each law student are encouraged to join the Law Dames. This society is a unit of campus-wide organizations established to foster and encourage the interests of one fifth of the entire student population. The Law Dames who are faithful friends of the Lumpkin Law School fulfill their purposes beautifully. The Law Lore salutes each of them.

The Legal Aid Society

by William R. Robertson, III.

The Legal Aid Society was organized in 1961 largely through the efforts of Mr. Fred S. Clark, then a student in the Law School. He worked with the Athens Bar Association and the Law School faculty to establish the Society. There is no connection between the Society and the University of Georgia other than the mutual membership of the students in the Society and the University community.

The purpose of the Legal Aid Soc-

iety is to aid indigents in the Athens area. This aid is in the form of helping an attorney develop a case for trial.

There are nine attorneys who regularly work with the Society and handle all cases brought to it. The attorney who takes the case is responsible for it, though the members of the Society who are assigned to the case may research case precedents, interview witnesses, or work in any other capacity to help the attorney on the case. If all the available attorneys are busy when a case comes up, a law student who has passed the Bar may take the case gratuitously.

The requirements for indigent status for the purposes of the Society are: the applicant must neither own real estate, nor earn more than \$30 a week plus a \$15 a week allowance per dependent. Other restrictions are: the case must not be a criminal one and the Society may not handle a plaintiff's case in a divorce proceeding.

Dr. Green, Professor of Law at the University is the advisor for the Society. He helps determine which cases the Society may handle when such questions arise, discusses legal problems generally with the members, and works with them in developing the Society into a better functioning organization. Judge James Barrow of Athens has helped in this respect also, although in no official capacity.

The Society has experienced an appreciable growth this year with many new members coming from the first year class. It now has eighty-four members and is looking forward to continued expansion with the growth of the Law School. At present the officers are: Richard Slaby, President; John Noell, Vice-president; Carleton Vaughn, Secretary; and Morton (Salty) Forbes, Treasurer. Elections are held every fall and spring quarter.

This year, for the first time, the Society is looking forward to presenting certificates of participation to all graduating senior members. Also expected this year, or as soon as possible, is a new office. The present office is on the second floor of the Court House, and there is no room in the present facility for the planned expansion of the Society in the near future.

To the Editor:

by Bob Matthews

To the Editor:

I was disappointed by the manner in which Senator Herman Talmadge was received (perhaps "not received" is more correct) by our law school administration when he visited our campus for Law Day. The choice of Senator Talmadge as a speaker was an excellent one. Not only is the Hon. Herman E. Talmadge a respected United States Senator but he is an alumni of Lumpkin Law School. One need look no further than the Science Center on Ag. hill to see concrete (and brick) evidence of the contribution Senator Talmadge has made to education and to the University of Georgia. In view of this it is disturbing to know that Senator Talmadge was not shown the courtesy of being met when he arrived in Athens. This lack of hospitality is even more glaring after learning that the Senator had not been informed of the place and time he was to speak. It was necessary for Senator Talmadge to call one of our students to get the information. After some delay Senator Talmadge reached the Law Day ceremonies.

I have no doubt that Dean Cowen's address did very little to dispell the unfavorable impression Senator Talmadge must have brought with him to the platform. Senator Talmadge had been invited to Law Day as a guest to be honored. Instead he heard his views denounced and was virtually issued a challenge to debate.

So that my intent will not be misunderstood, I in no manner question Dean Cowen's right to express his views and convictions as he sees them. I in fact defend his right to do so. (though I must admit it takes my imagination to find a similarity between the Selma Marchers and the Signers of the Declaration of Independence) Let me suggest, however, that because one has that right, courtesy, taste, and good manners should not be abandoned. I have always regarded Georgia and Virginia as rooted in the traditions of Southern hospitality. I now have my doubts about Virginia.

