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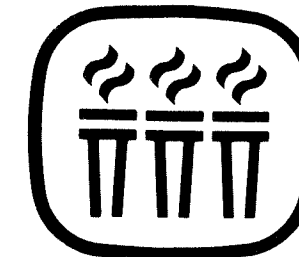
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Florida State University



DECEMBER, 1980

Season's Greetings

Open letter from Dean Slagle

I dislike impersonal communications. Nevertheless, the pleasure of informing the alumni of the happenings at the College is mine and cannot be accomplished without the use of open or mass produced letters. This year, I intend to get around the state to meet those of you who will come to meet me. Perhaps those occasions will be less impersonal.

It is impossible for me to convey the excitement over the outstanding opportunity that the University and faculty have made available to me. When I finished deaning at Ohio State, I thought I would never again be a dean. That thought was not the product of an unhappy experience, but rather dictated by my plan to serve my term as President of the Law School Admission Council and then return to a full schedule of teaching, research and writing. When I visited Florida State in February and March I was caught up in the dynamism of a young ambitious and progressive faculty and alumni. I am glad that I was. In time, I hope that you will be glad that I was.

Florida State University has probably come further in the shortest time of any law school. My predecessors and those on the faculty really have done a job. It will be difficult to keep pace.

Two matters will preoccupy my mind during the first months of my tenure. As is more fully stated herein, the Legislature has appropriated money for us to plan and to prepare



(l to r) Moot court team members Margot Pequignot, Patricia Alexander and Patricia Leary. Teach coach Prof. Patricia Dore.

Moot Court Team Is No. 1

The FSU Moot Court Team of Patricia H. Alexander, Patricia B. Leary, and Margot Pequignot won the national championship in San Francisco this summer. Professor Patricia Dore was coach of the team.

the site for a critically needed addition. We must plan an addition that will solve immediate and long-range needs. Until it is constructed, we will need maximum good will and humor of students, staff and faculty as we live our sardinic (to coin a phrase) lives.

Second, we need to increase the involvement of the alumni in the affairs of the College. Those alums that I have met are hungry for knowledge of their alma mater and thirsting for the opportunity to make it a better place. It is not just a matter of securing increased contributions, though that will be important, but of using all of our resources so that the College and alumni can grow in stature together. It seems clear that one cannot so grow without the other doing likewise.

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In defeating the University of Indiana in the finals, the team's success was based upon the brief submitted as well as the oral argument. The brief, which was a corporate effort of the team members, counted 60 percent of the total scoring.

The problem dealt with a variety of complex constitutional law issues, such as standing, eminent domain, preemption, and racial quotas as violative of the equal protection clause.

It is evident that the success of this all-women team was derived from a combination of factors—raw intellect, practice and self-confidence. Nevertheless, a factor which all three indicated as a prevailing motivating force was a drive for excellence.

Margot Pequignot was a journalist before commencing law study. Patricia Leary was a sociology major at Valdosta State College. Patricia Alexander was a social worker and holds Master degrees in History and Library Science.

The College of Law is extremely proud of this team's accomplishment!

On October 24, 1980, John J. Daley, Jr., 41, was involved in a fatal airplane accident in Gainesville, Florida. In 1966, Bud enrolled in the Charter Class of the College of Law. While at F.S.U. he was a member of Delta Theta Phi and received an award for the highest grade in jurisprudence.

In 1969, after receiving his Juris Doctor degree from F.S.U., he returned to Jacksonville to clerk for the Honorable Bryan Simpson, Circuit Judge, United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. During 1970-1971, Mr. Daley enrolled in the University of Georgia's Masters of Law Program, taught a legal writing course, and became a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

After obtaining his Master of Law Degree in Jurisprudence in 1971, Bud began his practice of law in Jacksonville as an Assistant United States Attorney. At the very outset he established himself as a very capable trial lawyer and later distinguished himself as an outstanding trial lawyer. From 1975 to 1979, Bud was the Chief Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida. When United States Attorney John L. Briggs retired on November 20, 1978, the judges of the Middle District named him Acting United States Attorney.

In October, 1979, Bud left govern-

Dean Mason Ladd Dies

On April 23, 1980, Dean Mason Ladd, the Founding Dean of this College, died at his farm in Iowa. Charles Ehrhardt, Ladd Professor of Evidence published "In Memoriam" 8 Fla. St. L. Rev. 161. With permission of the editors, and Professor Ehrhardt, the following is an excerpt from that memorial:

Mason Ladd was a great law teacher and lawyer who put his indelible mark on two law schools—the University of Iowa and Florida State University. He had strong roots in Iowa where he was born in 1898, graduated from North High School in Des Moines, Grinnell College, and the University of Iowa College of Law. Mason practiced in Des Moines prior to becoming a member of the Iowa faculty in 1929. He received an S.J.D. from Harvard in 1935. After ten years teaching at Iowa, he was appoint-

ment service and joined the firm of Corrigan and Moore. In August, 1980, he became affiliated with the firm of Holland and Knight and moved to Bartow, Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; three daughters, Caroline, Jacquelyn, and Catherine; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Daley, Sr., all of the Jacksonville area.

A trust fund has been created to provide for the education and support of Bud's three children. Any trust funds remaining after the education of the children will be used to establish a scholarship fund at Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville, Florida. Bud taught and coached at this high school.

Persons interested in making contributions to this trust fund may direct their contributions to the Bud Daley Memorial Trust Fund, Florida First National Bank at Bartow, Post Office Box 1129, Bartow, Florida 33880. Any questions regarding this fund should be directed to John Frost, Esquire, Holland and Knight, Post Office Box 1068, 245 S. Central Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33880, (813) 533-1151. Mr. Frost, a trustee of this fund, is a former F.S.U. classmate of Mr. Daley's, a close friend of the family, and a partner in the Holland and Knight law firm.

ed dean, in which position he served until 1966. Mason was popular among deans and teachers and had a reputation as a recruiter of gifted young teachers.

Upon completing his career at the University of Iowa at age 68, Mason accepted the position of Dean at Florida State and began to plan the establishment of a new law school. When he accepted this challenge, there was no building, no faculty, and no students. However, in the fall of 1966, the law school at Florida State opened with over 100 students enrolled. Under his leadership and constant prodding, the College of Law began its steady growth. Prior to his retirement at Florida State in 1969, he obtained funding for the new College of Law building and completed the preliminary planning for its construction. For three years there-

I need your help. We need your help. Please do not be hesitant to write or to call. Write or call whether your purpose be to offer suggestions for improvement or describe matters which need to be improved. It is, for a brief time, understandable that you and I are strangers. It is unforgivable if, even for a brief time, you and the College are strangers. With the College as our ward binding us to common labor, let us become friends.

Standley Leaves Law Admissions

Regrettably, Jo Standley has decided to become a full-time student at FSU. The regret is selfish because while we at the College know the importance that Jo attaches to getting her degree, we will be sorely put to serve the students as well without Jo as we did with her.

The faculty and staff held a luncheon which was followed by a reception for Jo on Wednesday, September 17. Dean David Dickson paid tribute to Jo and presented her with a gift.

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after Mason returned each winter to Tallahassee to teach evidence and renew old acquaintances.

In his free time in Tallahassee, Mason tried to swim daily and liked to fish for bass when he had the opportunity. He talked frequently about his farm outside of Iowa City and looked forward to returning. He enjoyed seeing his orchard bear fruit and driving his well cared for tractor over the fields. Mason was close to his family. His wife, Esther, was truly his partner in life. He was a man of strong moral conviction and character.

The law and legal education will miss Mason Ladd. His personal traits together with his dedication, scholarship, and enthusiasm for the law serve as an exemplar for those who knew him.

The next issue of the Alumni Newsletter will describe the College's Memorial to Dean Ladd.

On Saturday, October 18, the Annual Meeting of the College of Law Alumni was held at the Law School. Carl Motes, President, presided. The first order of business was the election of Directors and of a President-Elect. Those elected were: President-Elect—Mel R. Martinez, '73, Orlando; Directors—Robert C. Apgar, '77, Tallahassee; Charles N. Castagna, '80, Tallahassee; Edwin P. Krieger, '77, Miami; and Mary Charlotte McCall, '79, Tallahassee.

A proposed amendment to the articles of association concerning the election of officers and directors was adopted. It reads as follows:

A. Nominating Committee

Not later than August 1 of each year, the President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of the President, the President-Elect and two additional Board members. This committee shall nominate a President-Elect, Secretary and four new Board members for election to office at the annual meeting.



President
J. Lester Kaney

Missing Alumni

We do not have the correct addresses for the alumni listed below. Please help us keep our lists up-to-date by informing the Law Alumni Office if you know the address for a "missing alum." Also, please remember to notify the office if you move. The "missing alumni" are:

- SMITH, James J. 3/74
- SCARLETT, Carlton D. 8/76
- REISSMAN, Marshall Gary 3/80
- RAY, Frederick L. 6/76
- McDONNELL, Martin Patrick 3/80
- WHITLOCK, William E., III 12/71
- HOFFMAN, Eric Steven 8/78
- ST. MATTHEW-DANIEL, B. J. 8/76
- McMULLEN, Linda 3/77
- MOUW, Gregory 6/79
- CHRISTOPHER, Robert G. 8/77

B. Balloting

1. Not later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting, the President shall cause to be mailed to all Association members a ballot containing the names of those nominated, which shall also permit voting for eligible write-in candidates. Balloting shall be by mail or by delivery to a location at the College of Law stated on the ballot prior to commencement of the annual meeting.

2. Election to the office of President-Elect and Secretary shall be by majority of the ballots cast for those offices.

3. The four candidates for Director receiving the highest number of votes for that office shall be elected.

4. Run-offs shall be decided by vote of those members present at the annual meeting of the Association.

5. Those elected shall assume office at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

C. Vacancies

Any vacancy in any office or Board position shall be filled by vote of the majority of the remaining Board members. Bal-

loting may occur at the next meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy, or by telephone or mail ballot conducted by the President.

In addition, the articles were amended to make Homecoming weekend the occasion for the annual meeting of the Association.

Carl Motes thanked the Board for its service, especially, Eugene Stearns '72; C. Gary Williams '72; S. Curtis Kiser '70, and Wayne L. Rubinas '72, all of whom were completing their service as members of the Board of Directors. Carl then relinquished the chair to J. Lester Kaney, '72, the new President. Les announced that he and the Board hoped to assist the College in improving communications with alumni, in fund raising, in planning class reunions and in improving Alumni-Student relations. With respect to the latter, he appointed a Special Committee comprised of David Wilcox, '79, Mary Charlotte McCall, '79, and Tom Equels, '79.



Past President
Carl Motes

L. Orin Slagle, Former Dean at O.S.U. Accepts Deanship at College of Law

On July 1, 1980, L. Orin Slagle became the Dean of the College. His appointment came after a national search conducted by a Committee of faculty, alumni, and students which Professor Larry George chaired.

Slagle, a 1957 graduate of the College of Law, the Ohio State University, briefly practiced law in New York City with Mudge Stern Baldwin and Todd. He was a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Air Force in England for three and one-half years. Upon his return in 1961, he was appointed Assistant Dean and Assistant Professor at Ohio State. For the succeeding seven years he remained a teacher and administrator at the OSU College of Law.

A desire to broaden his professional activities led him into private practice

in Columbus, Ohio, as a partner in Dargusch & Day, a firm specializing in state and local tax. Slagle returned to the OSU College of Law in 1971 and remained there, until he came to FSU. In the interim, he was dean at Ohio State (1974-78) and President of the Law School Admission Council (1978-80).

Orin Slagle is married to Lois Ann Slagle (nee Black). She was a registered nurse when they were married, but most recently a teacher for the Ohio Youth Commission. The Slagles have three children: Jennifer, who remains in Columbus to be a graduate student at OSU, Jeanine, and Jeffrey, both of whom have moved to Tallahassee with their parents.

The last year has been a good year for law placement at Florida State University. Of those 168 graduates in the December 1978, March, June and August 1979 classes, 95% were employed or were continuing their academic studies within six months of graduation. Of the remaining 5%, it is not known if all are seeking employment. The Placement Office has not yet been notified of their employment status.

As in years past, many graduates will remain in the Tallahassee area. Approximately one-third of our total alumni, 1701, are in Tallahassee. Other areas within the state where sizable members of our alumni are located are Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Tampa and West Palm Beach. We have graduates in Georgia, California, New York, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Several alumni are practicing in Belgium and other foreign countries.

Although many are employed in the "traditional" jobs, there are a number of graduates who are involved in the areas of banking and finance, accounting, commodities, insurance, public interest programs, bar associations, etc. Eight percent of those graduates in the classes mentioned earlier are judicial clerks—federal and state. This is an increase of two percent over those going into clerkships the year before.

Over the past academic year 1979-80, 50 law firms, government agencies, CPA firms, etc. scheduled on-campus interviews at the College of Law. We were pleased to have several Atlanta firms interview with us. (Update regarding Fall Quarter 1980-53 interviews scheduled on-campus interviews at the College of Law. It was a busy quarter!)

Employers unable to visit the school are encouraged to notify the Placement Office of available positions within the firm or office. Job oppor-

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Alumni Information Sheet

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Month/year of graduation from College of Law _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home telephone _____ Area code _____

Name of organization/firm _____

Business address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Business telephone _____ Area code _____

Please the address you prefer as your mailing address

Home _____ Business _____

Professional status (attorney, corporate counsel, banker, etc.) _____

Area(s) of law practiced: _____

Bars of which a member: _____

Information you wish to share with the College of Law administration and faculty regarding policies, admissions, curriculum, etc. or with fellow alums.

tunities are placed on the law school placement bulletin board and in the monthly issues of the Alumni Job Notice Bulletin. The Bulletin is available to interested College of Law alumni. If you wish to receive the bulletin, please contact Linda Murrell in the Placement Office.

Other placement services range from assisting with resume preparation and offering interview technique workshops to making available periodicals on career options. Assistance is open to both law students and alumni.

Much of the progress in bringing interviewers to our school and in the increased job notices is due in large part to our alumni. Your encouragement and help is very much appreciated. The placement program has come a long way thanks to you.

STANDLEY LEAVES LAW ADMISSIONS (Continued from Page 2)

Jo Standley was first employed the College in 1969. She was the secretary to the faculty. As that grew, Jo was promoted to supervisor. She assumed the duties of Placement Director and in 1976 became the Admissions Officer. Students knew that Jo Standley was their friend and helper. As the news went out that Jo was considering leaving the College, many alumni wrote expressing their chagrin and hope that somehow Jo could be persuaded to remain. We tried, but failed. We will miss Jo, who, we hope may sometime return.

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