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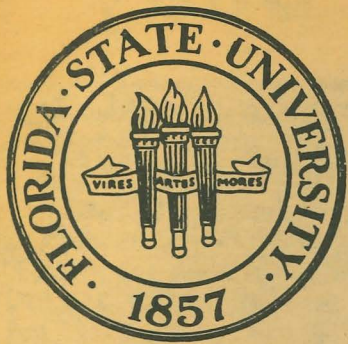


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FSU Law Center Opens

By RUSS BOBO

A record 497 students attended the first day of classes at Florida State University's \$1.3 million new law center this September.

The opening culminates a major step in the law school's short five year history. The old law school quarters were held in ancient Longmire Hall and located on the FSU main campus grounds.

The new contemporary structure is located on W. Pensacola Street in close proximity to The Supreme Court Building and several other courts.

The three-story law center now adequately meets the needs of the school but already most of the offices are full. There are four large lecture rooms on the first floor specially built to keep them acoustically sound.

The modern stairway in the center of the school is the focal point of the building. The second floor houses the main floor of the library as well as the student lounge. Also located on the second floor are administration and professor offices. The third floor of the building contains the upstairs of the library and more offices. Still uncompleted on the third floor is the courtroom which will be used for mock trials.

The law center was designed by Tallahassee architects Barrett, Daffin and Figg. Construction had commenced about a year and a half ago by the Winchester Construction Company of Tallahassee.

The cost of the structure, which bears some 58,830 square feet of space, came to \$22 per square foot.

According to librarian Wayne Schroeder, some 50,000 volumes have begun the move into the new law library and many more are still yet to be shelved.

The FSU faculty has grown from three members to 23 this year and the curriculum which began with just 100 hours of required courses now offers more than 300 hours for the three-year law program.

In its inception, FSU was regarded as just a minor counterpart of the University of Florida Law School. FSU, however, has been overwhelmed with applications.

According to ratings based on LSAT scores and grade point averages, FSU currently ranks third in the South. Rated one and two respectively are Virginia and Duke.

Dean Joshua Morse said that last year more than 1,200 applications were taken for 200 openings at the College of Law. Seventy-four colleges and universities are represented by law school students.

"I think this means people throughout the law schools in the country are starting to recog-

nize us as a law school they can aspire to attend," Morse said.

Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice B.K. Roberts said that the school's nearness to the courts is one reason for its success.

"FSU offers a program which is completely unique unto itself," Roberts said. "Students have a built in learning laboratory where they can observe first-hand the workings of municipal through federal judiciaries at work, as well as the Legislature and other state offices."

FSU law students have the opportunity to actively participate in the state offices and courts through the school's clinical education program, whereby the third-year law students intern in the attorney general's office, public defender's office and others.

The law faculty at FSU is another drawing card.

"Rather than compete for older, established professors, we have been able to attract a young teaching faculty, drawn by the promise of opportunity here, by the excitement of being able to build a new law school," Morse said.

The average age of the law faculty is 35 and each faculty member averages slightly more than four years teaching experience and four years in practice before coming to FSU.

Morse said that of the 22 teaching faculty members, 19 were on the law reviews of their respective schools and five were editors-in-chief.

Among the many ways of judging a law school, its real success is probably rated most often by the performance of its graduates.

FSU's College of Law graduates' performance on the Florida Bar exams has been highly touted in academic and legal circles. During the past three years, only four students failed the exam.

Morse said the school's June class of graduates had "consistently had a 100 per cent record" of passing the exams.

The fact that about half the law clerks employed by the Florida Supreme Court are FSU graduates is another indication, Morse said. "Out of our first year class, we placed people in the largest and most prestigious law firms in Florida and we have had excellent reports on them," Morse said.

SBA Aims for Greater Service, Participation

The main thrust of the Florida State Student Bar Association has been directed toward offering greater service and gaining increased student participation, according to SBA President Bill Gary.

This past summer, a new and workable constitution and set of by-laws were adopted. The constitution will function to control the Student Bar.

"For three or four years, the making of a constitution was only a platform for elections," said Gary.

"This time we made one.

"People are always trying to do things that aren't possible," said Gary. "With a constitution, even impeachments are easier!"

Copies of each of these reports are available in room 330, the Student Bar Office.

Freshman orientation seemed to run smoothly this fall.

"It was the most successful ever and will serve as a good outline for next fall," said Gary.

"The program was brief and didn't bore the students to death. Not completely, anyway."

Open House was another program sponsored by SBA. About 70 people attended including several legislators, FSU President Stanley Marshall, and Chancellor Robert Mautz.

"The whole idea was to acquaint the Legislature, Talla-

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DEAN JOSHUA MORSE gives tour of new law library at Open House to Mr. and Mrs. Angus Laird. (Photo by Sage Thigpen)

Governor's Welcome

Dear Law Students:

It is a pleasure to say "welcome" as you begin the study of one of the most fascinating subjects anywhere -- law.

If asked why you chose this course to follow, there would no doubt be quite a variety of answers. One of the most challenging yet rewarding facets of the practice of law is the tremendous opportunity to put individual talents to work. It has been my experience that at one point or another you will need every shred of researchability, every ounce of business acumen, your best oratorical talents and all the tact you can muster to be successful.

You have probably already come to realize that your days are filled with seemingly endless study. Your work for the next many months will call for self-discipline and a rigid schedule.

Although the going will not be

easy, there are many compensations. With each course completed, you are a step nearer your goal. You begin to realize that your knowledge is increasing and your abilities are developing to a degree that will enable you to join the ranks of those who have walked these steps before you.

As you are aware, some of the most outstanding leaders our nation has produced have been lawyers. You will be exposed to keen minds, to those who shoulder their responsibility and are realistically looking for ways in which the law can better serve society. There will be much to observe and even more to learn.

My best wishes go to you. I have many wonderful memories of law school days and hope that this period in your lives is as meaningful to you as it was to me.

Sincerely,
Reubin A. Skew
Governor



SBA PRESIDENT Bill Gary (right) talks with student about new policies.

FSU Law Wives Dependable Body

There's always one dependable group around FSU Law School and, surprisingly enough, they aren't even law students. The group is known as the Law Wives.

Law Wives are very active in helping the students and are interested in learning more about the law themselves.

Leslie Williams, president of Law Wives, said, "We cooperate with the Student Bar Association on such projects as preparing the Law School Directory, assisting with graduation exercises, Law Day and the planning of Homecoming."

"During Moot Court we attempt to generate a more relaxed atmosphere by serving refreshments to the law students," she said. Law Wives also assist with refreshments at various other Law School functions such as the recent Open House.

In addition, they participate in a number of service and money making projects to enable the organization to purchase useful items for the Law School.

"Recently a number of the members hand painted Christmas ornaments and sold them at Market Day in Tallahassee," said Mrs. Williams.

The Law Wives are also very dedicated and useful to the community.

"We are proud to say that we serve the blind students on campus at the University by reading to them," she said. In addition, they have worked at the Junior Museum demonstrating the procedure involved in soap and candle making.

Various special interest groups are designed to occupy the wives in their leisure. These activities include tennis, golf, needle work and bridge.

Mrs. Williams said, "These group functions serve also as an outlet for the wives to get acquainted with one another who all share in the same predicament--a husband who is buried in his books! It also helps us adapt to a new schedule and pace that accompanies having a spouse in law school. In any event, it is simply a chance to get together and have a good time."

One of the wives main activities for this fall was a coverdish supper held at the Alumni Village Recreation Center.

"It was a welcome change for the law students to break away from the books for an evening and a time for all to share a good time and good food," she said.

Also this fall the Law Wives had a cordial invitation to visit the home of President and Mrs. Stanley Marshall. Dr. Marshall was the speaker for the evening.

"This was an excellent opportunity to meet and talk with the State of Florida's most highly respected University President," said Mrs. Williams.

"Law Wives also have the opportunity to participate in the law classes themselves. Frequently certain law professors hold class in their particular subject matter which our husbands are constantly discussing and it is an opportunity to meet the professors. Mrs. Duke and Mr. Vandercreek will speak to the wives on Nov. 16," she said.

The Law Wives plan to tour the Le Moyne Art Gallery in December, and in January, Delphene Strickland, a member of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners will address the group.

The Law Wives would like to invite any wife of a law student to come to any of their meetings



LAW WIVES MAKING hand painted Christmas ornaments to sell at Market Day. From left are Kristi Hogan, Dora Anton, Amy Gearey (center), Lollie Marchbanks and Maggie Zeller.



LAW WIVES HOSTESS Welcome Tea at Dean and Mrs. Morse home. Shown are Sally Peacock (left) and Lollie Marchbanks.

and take part in their organization.

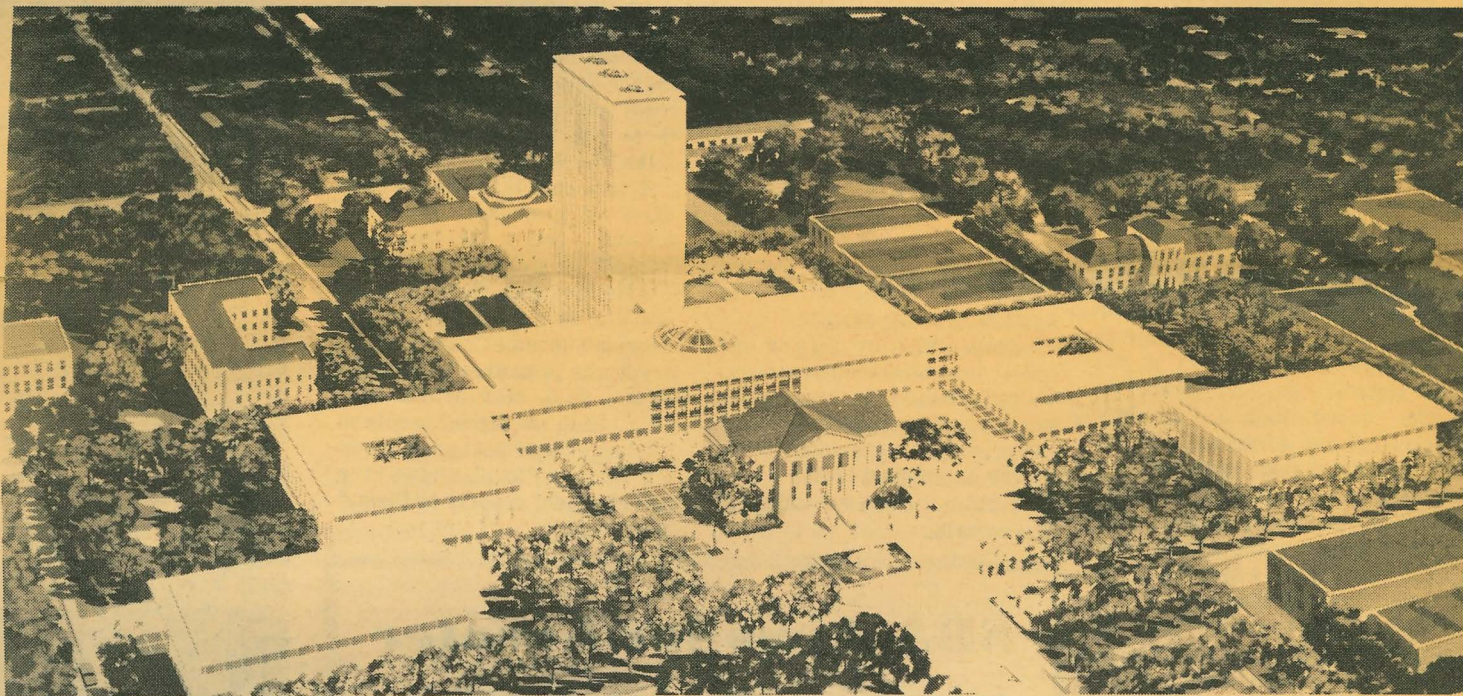
Officers and Committee Chairmen for this year are: Advisor, Mrs. Nell Morse; President, Leslie Williams; 1st

Vice President & Programs, Nancy Jones; 2nd Vice President, Margaret Sartin; Secretary, Marsha Hutcheson.

Treasurer, Cathy Gardner; Membership and Communica-

tions, Monteen Cave and JoAnn Cumbie; Social, Frances Rubinas; Publicity, Chris Maggie Zeller; Project Money making, Twyla Corrigan and

Carlotta Appleman; Special Interest, Amy Gearey; Historian, Jane DeSerio; Welcome, Lollie Marchbanks; "Sunshine," Barbara Taylor; Hospitality, Donna Schoditsch and Paul Reutling



FLORIDA'S NEW CAPITAL center and court buildings are currently being renovated. This new complex will be located just two blocks from the FSU law center.

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hassee Bar and Judiciary with the new law school," said Gary.

"It was as successful as any and we thank the Law Wives for their help in supplying refreshments."

Another improvement is the abundance of lockers to accommodate the majority of law students.

Data on scholarships and loans for law students, which has been compiled by several students, is complete and will be placed on Reserve in the Law Library.

"There were big complaints that the law students were just left behind when it came to scholarships and loans," said Gary.

"We had a committee draw up some reports on where financial aid may be obtained for the law student."

There is student representation on virtually every faculty committee in the law school. "At present there is a student committee working on a request for more parking spaces around the law school," said SBA secretary Nancy Richardson.

Also, Friday afternoon socials have been more preva-

lent than ever before.

Nov. 19 and 20 will be Founders' Day or the Law School "Homecoming".

"An informal affair is planned this year and there will be no charge for any of the functions to the dues-paying members of the SBA," said Gary.

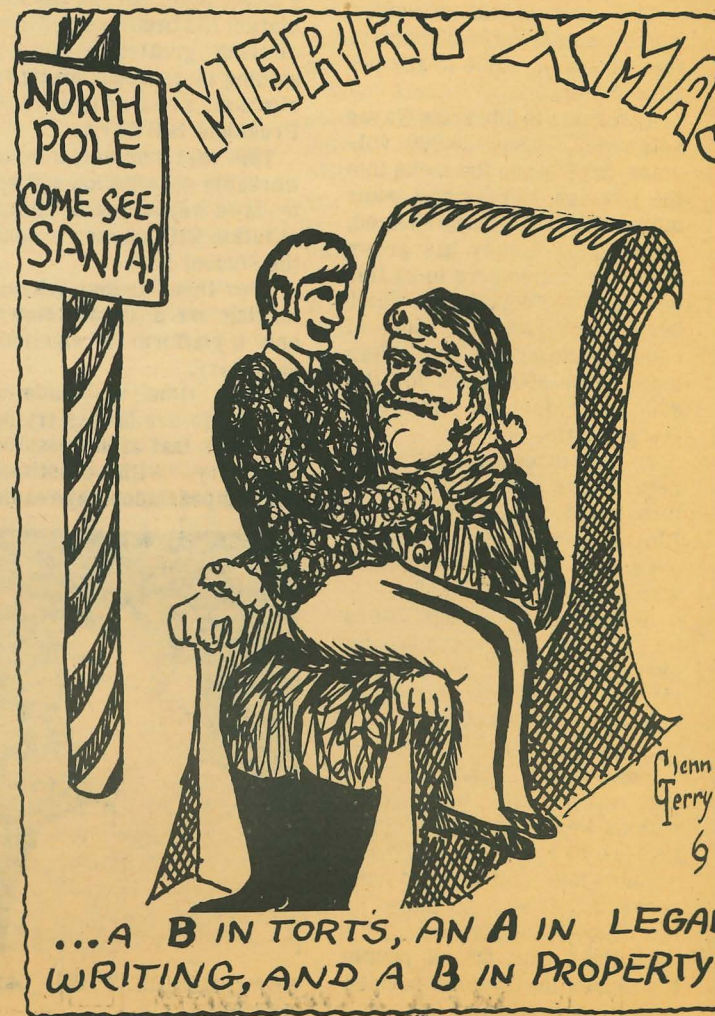
Elections for SBA officers will be held in latter part of November.

"In order to run for office, a candidate must have 15 signatures of dues-paying SBA members on his petition, and anyone signing may only sign one petition per office," said Gary.

"The list will be turned into the election committee chairman, and there will be a "Meet the Candidates" party prior to elections."

Rosters of the outcome will be displayed in the designated areas only.

The Fall Student Bar Officers are: Bipl Gary, President; Bill Roland, Executive Vice President; Dave Hulse, Senior Class Vice President; Steve Koons, Junior Class Vice President; Lewis Peacock, Freshman Class Vice President; Nancy Richardson, Secretary; Gerald Anderson, Treasurer, and Marshall Davis, Treasurer-elect.



Law Alumni Weekend Set This Month

The in's and out's of the No-Fault Insurance Program will be discussed at a special session of this year's FSU Law Alumni Weekend.

This year's Alumni Weekend at the FSU College of Law will be November 19-21.

The weekend starts out with a dance Friday night, and features a group out of Avalon Beach, Fla., the "Rock Creek Reunion".

Saturday morning, the SBA, with the assistance and guidance of the Florida Bar Association, is sponsoring a presentation of the No Fault Insurance Program which goes into effect January 1, 1972.

Jack Cannon is in charge of the presentation and to date, he has Charles Friend, of the Florida Bar Association; Bryan

Hayes, a local attorney; Dan Deering, of the State Attorney General's Office, and a representative from the Insurance Industry who led opposition to the No-Format Program, scheduled to conduct the presentation and to lead the discussion.

This program will be the highlight of the weekend and is certain to be highly informative and of great importance to all attending.

Ed Rude, Chairman of the Alumni Weekend, said that The Florida Bar considers the No Fault Insurance Bill as being as pertinent an issue at this time as any in the State of Florida.

The program should be of special interest to all students, especially those in the field of Torts.

Saturday afternoon plans are for a barbeque (location to be announced) with all the trimmings, for students, Alumni and their families or dates. Children are welcome at the barbeque.

Ed Rude further pointed out that paid up members of the SBA will be given tickets to the barbeque at no cost, while Alumni, Faculty and Staff will be charged \$2 per adult and \$1 per child. Non-SBA members will be charged \$5 each or \$7.50 per couple, and \$1 per child. This is a good opportunity for members to get part of their dues back and for non-members to pay their dues.

Saturday evening has the FSU-TULSA game, followed by a BYOB cocktail party at the Chateau DeVille party room.

Sunday morning the weekend will conclude with breakfasts sponsored by the Legal Fraternities at the College of Law.



A GAME OF poker, and a quick snack in the student lounge provides study break for students. (Photo by Doug Chanco)

LAW ALUMNI WEEKEND

November 19, 20 and 21

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 P.M.

- Informal Dance. Carriage House Banquet Room, Northwood Mall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 A.M.

- Presentation and Discussion of the No Fault Insurance Program

10:00 A.M.

- Coffee

10:30 A.M.

- Continuation of No Fault Insurance Program

11:30 A.M.

- Annual Law Alumni Association Meeting and Election of Officers

1:00 P.M.

- Barbeque - Location and Maps will be posted in the Law School Lobby

7:30 P.M.

- FSU v. U. of Tulsa, Campbell Stadium

10:30 P.M.

- Cocktail Party (BYOB) Chateau DeVille Party Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 A.M.

- Legal Fraternity Breakfasts, locations to be announced

Wanted!!!

WANTED: Staffers, Contributors.

You may feel that this first issue is bland and a sham.

If so, this was our fault.

If it happens again, it is your fault.

Our purpose is to offer a forum for discussion. A paper constantly filled with the opinions of a few people has little value. This newspaper should strive for a forum of ideas.

If an opinion is fostered it will be offered as one view --not the "right" view.

Articles may be turned in to the Student Bar Office or mailed to the newspaper in care of the SBA.

Attorney General Shevin Gives Frosh Challenge

Florida Attorney General Robert Shevin challenged Florida State's incoming law Freshmen in the school's September opening to be political activists to bring about improvements in our world.

"Be active in politics," Shevin said, "in improving the conditions of our city dwellers and rural poor and in improving our universities and education centers generally.

"When you have attempted to

do this through all of the regular channels, through reason, and no one seems to be listening, then protest. But do it within the system and the limits of the law; to do otherwise would be self-defeating," Shevin concluded.

Shevin said he has always considered himself an "activist."

"Some people have been referring to me -- derogatorily -- as an activist. I accept the label. I want to participate."

The attorney general addressed an assemblage of law students, faculty, state Supreme Court Chief Justice B.K. Roberts, Justice Joseph Boyd and other state dignitaries during the annual orientation gathering sponsored by the College of Law. Florida State President Stanley Marshall and several key administrators were on hand to welcome guests and new students.

In talking about his term as an "activist" attorney general, Shevin said, "In the past nine months I have personally handled a dozen major cases before the Florida Supreme Court, district and circuit courts and the federal courts; and we have gained clear-cut victories in 90 percent of these cases."

He said he realized how frustrating it could be working through our existing legal system, and added there were still bills in legislative committees that he introduced when he first entered the Florida Legislature in 1965.

"I have felt like marching, sitting-in and lying in, to get these enacted into law," Shevin said. But he added he felt that when enough people are aware that such laws are needed, they will be enacted.

Shevin commented that people are demanding law and reason instead of the tumult of the sixties, and he told the students, "You now have the tools to do both."

Shevin added that he felt more people are sharing in the constitutional freedoms and wealth of the nation than in any country at any time in the history of man. "And I cannot believe that

it is worthwhile to waste the lives of your generation... to tear down this system and build a new one when we have no assurances that the new one would be as good or even work."



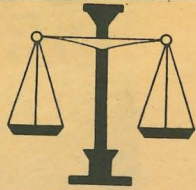
ROBERT SHEVIN challenges law students



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EDITORIAL



Dynamic Tradition

"Tradition" to many students embodies quite a bit of negative connotation. To them, it is a pre-structuring of the future, locking oneself into a set pattern, and denying alternative options.

True, some traditions can stagnate a law school, as some habits can stagnate an individual.

Yet, for a law school to possess "life" it must be and always remain dynamic, an institution in continual process.

The challenge confronts you and I to establish a tradition of dynamic-life.

Passiveness imbuing an institution in an intricate and changing society and world manifests death, generally a characteristic of behaviorally passive objects moving only when subjected to external force.

The death of an institution reflects dead characteristics of its agents. You and I are among the agents of the law school.

Human dignity and vibrant life remain ours, individually, only as long as we behaviorally manifest them. Substance vests in positive acts, not easy words.

Through tradition dynamic substance can be breathed into this law school's personality by the aggregate of individuals which comprise it.

Take this challenge and reflect human dignity and life. Get involved!

Opinion

'Welcome' to Freshmen

By K. NEROS

Sorry, Freshmen, but you've been put on. The law school Bulletin is indeed a sham, a fraud, and a lie.

You didn't really have to join the Student Bar Association. But now they've got your money, and you will learn to like beer!

But that's nothing. When you were applying to law schools last Winter, were you impressed by the extensive course offering at FSU? There are, in fact, fully seventy-eight second- and third-year courses described in the Bulletin. Of these, only thirty-eight, practically HALF, ARE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND ON THIS YEAR'S (SEPTEMBER TO JUNE) SCHEDULE.

Don't worry, though. To be a competent lawyer, you don't need to know anything about accounting ("704"), or damages ("646"), or insurance ("623"), or international law ("617"), or land finance ("635"), or local government ("641"), or military law ("648"), or real estate planning ("734"), or remedies ("624"), or state and local taxation ("725").

No, these are merely "perspective" courses, and are of no use to any FSU graduate.

And the Law Review?

Well, they were extremely selective last year! In fact, so selective that nobody made it.

The students?

FSU is where law students admit they watch TV, where drinking is still a novelty (wait 'til the fraternity posters appear), and where Joe College has not yet been revealed as a false god.

The classroom?

In the classroom, gladiatorship replaces discourse as a teaching method, and the remotest double-entendre fills the room with adolescent hilarity--and even the professors laugh.

Tallahassee? That's where the largest voter turnout ever recorded defeats the first black candidate for the city council; where traffic control means a light at every intersection, and where the FSU law students don't worry when they start liking the place.

Sour grapes? You bet.

My delight upon leaving shall be equalled only by the joy of questioning the fund-raisers' seriousness when they come around several years later.



LEGAL RESEARCH Program Undergoes Change

... WORST ETHICS STUDENT I EVER HAD.."

Glenn Terry '71

Phi Alpha Delta Sees Busy Year

By BILL GARY

This should be another active year for the Glenn Terrell Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. In keeping with our motto, "Service to the Student, the Law School and the Profession," we have a number of programs slated.

Our Federal Correctional Institution program is probably one of the most rewarding offered anywhere in the country.

It not only provides the Law Student with an opportunity to supplement his legal education with practical experience but also enables him to help his fellow man. One need not be a member of Phi Alpha Delta to participate. If interested contact any member of Phi Alpha Delta.

The Speakers' Program is also off to a good start.

The purpose of this program is to afford Law Students an opportunity to hear from leaders in certain fields and to question them on the legal aspects of that particular area of the law. So far this year we have had Jim Spalla, who spoke on consumer affairs and Dr. Vernon Fox, internationally known expert in the field of criminology and penal reform.

These programs are for your benefit so if there's someone you feel would add to our program, let us know.

The sale of the course outlines is also off to a booming start.

This program serves a two-fold purpose: it provides the Law Student with a source of quick review and provides Phi Alpha Delta with revenue to use in a new local scholarship and loan program. One note to the freshmen Law Students: If you use these outlines, use them to

supplement your study of the text, not in place of the text.

The sponsorship of the Bay Area Bar Review has proved to be most rewarding. The funds generated by this program are earmarked for scholarship and loans for Law Students at Florida State University.

In addition to our local scholarship and loan program, Phi Alpha Delta members may avail themselves of loans and scholarships through the national and international programs of Phi Alpha Delta. New this year is the National Minority Student Scholarship available to first year Law Students.

The programs above are not the only things that distinguish

Phi Alpha Delta from the other legal fraternities. We are presently the only legal fraternity that accepts membership regardless of race, religion and sex. In addition to our special programs mentioned above, we have numerous social functions. Our rush party of last year, among others, is still being hailed as the best ever.

We of Phi Alpha Delta welcome all new Law Students and urge them to become involved in our programs.

This year's officers are: William Gary, Justice; Donna Wilhelm, Vice Justice; Bruce Koran, Clerk; David Fletcher, Treasurer, and Richard Schoditsh, Marshall.

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Poor, Meritorious May Find Aid Money

By N. T. RICHARDSON

Law students often gripe about the scarcity of financial aid, i.e., money--a commodity without which few (or none) would ever begin or complete the three year uncharted

journey through the intricacies of law school.

Those students who do not receive support from some generous source (parents, spouses, etc.) must either search for a job or find financial

aid of some sort.

This is not meant as an exhaustive survey of available resources. (what can you expect from an unpaid reporter?), but perhaps you will be guided toward a pot of gold of sorts

("given" with a generous supply of restrictive clauses).

Student loans may ("may" is emphasized) be obtained through the FSU Financial Aid Office. Since I could not start to list the numerous types of loans, it is suggested that you drop by

the office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. for extensive information.

According to Mrs. Fletcher, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, there is neither preference toward nor discrimination against law students in the granting of either short or long term loans. However, long term loans are not as available as are short termers.

This roving reporter failed to make searching inquiries regarding the availability of assistantships to the law school.

According to an unnamed wit, "The best advice I can give is to remain poor and become a meritorious student; then you may be able to find some funds for your education."

So, on to scholarships...

Through the Admissions and Awards Committee, the law school administers several types of scholarships.

Some scholarships are given from the general scholarship funds available through the University. These are awarded to entering freshmen who exhibit great promise and to second and third year students who establish and maintain good grade averages, plus who exhibit some financial need according to standards of the Committee.

Certain special scholarships are available through the law school, also. Our faculty contribute to the Campbell Thorne Memorial Scholarship Fund, while the employees and officers of the Municipal Code contribute to the George Langford Scholarship.

The Guyte P. McCord Memorial Scholarship Fund is increased by contributions through the FSU Alumni Association.

In addition to the above, the law school recommends deserving students for the George M. Weichert Trust scholarships and grants from the Young Lawyers section of The Florida Bar.

There are also private funds available to minority group students. Those students should meet with Dean Dickson. There are also special research assistantships in the property area which are funded by the Lawyers Title Guaranty Fund.

The above rundown was to let you know what you are missing.

Furthermore, there are loans and scholarships available through the ABA and The Florida Bar. If you are interested in obtaining financial aid through these sources, talk with any member of the Awards Committee. Your hard-working Student Bar Association Executive Board is attempting to establish some grants or loans from the Tallahassee Bar.

So you decide for yourself--is financial aid a myth or reality?

It's The Year for 'New Look'

By RALPH ERIKSON
Phi Delta Phi President

The 1971-72 academic year can aptly be characterized the year of the "new look" for law students at Florida State University. Witness, for example, the new look of the College of Law and the equally new and exciting, if not surprising, look of the Seminole football team.

It would seem only natural for the Mason Ladd Inn of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity to take a fresh approach in providing its members and pledges a first-rate compliment to their legal education.

It is the philosophy of Ladd Inn that a legal fraternity should

offer something more than the traditional "beer bust"; but, on the other hand, it is felt to be equally important that the non-academic activities of the fraternity should be both relaxing and entertaining.

Ladd Inn believes law school to be a professional institution and recognizes the legal fraternity to be a professional organization in the truest sense of the word. It is important to the college, the profession, and the students themselves that this image of professionalism be maintained.

The program which Ladd Inn has instituted for the current year is designed to be educational, informative, and enjoy-

able. It affords the student a necessary respite from the daily tensions brought on by long hours of work and study and allows him to broaden his perspective by presenting an opportunity to satisfy interests in areas other than that of jurisprudence.

The activities of the Mason Ladd Inn for this quarter can best be described as a two-phase program. In addition to the usual business functions of the fraternity, the Ladd Inn plans to continue and expand its already successful speaker/luncheon series. Once or twice each month, the fraternity meets at one of Tallahassee's dining establishments for an

opportunity to share good food and engage in informal conversation that can range from subjects such as law or politics to really important matters like sex or football.

Following a meal, the featured speaker who has been invited to speak at that time talks briefly to the fraternity on whatever subject his particular area of interest might involve. Thus far, in deference to the fall season and a predominance of football fans in the group, the speaker program has been limited to the topic that has been foremost in our thinking for the past six or seven weeks--the Florida State Seminoles.

However, as the quarter and the year move steadily along, plans are for the speaker series to encompass a variety of personalities and topics of interest to us all both on a local and state level.

It was pointed out earlier that Ladd Inn feels it imperative that the fraternity offer its members something more than beer bashes and minnow swallowing contests. However, this cannot be taken to mean that our fraternity has forsaken the world of fun entirely in favor of becoming better Rotarians.

The idea is simply to avoid the hassle and hostility of the "happy hour" environment in favor of something more to the liking of Good Housekeeping and the disposition of the law student's wife. Hereafter the ladies needn't suffer themselves the distress of being left out both socially and educationally. They can now join in the merrymaking by accompanying their husbands to one of Ladd Inn's frequent cookouts, cocktail parties, or weekend fiestas. Hotdogs, oysters on the half-shell, and all you could drink were on the agenda before the South Carolina game.

This year's officers are Ralph Erikson, president; Bill Eppley, vice-president; Jim Hankins, secretary; Wayne Webb, treasurer, and Bob Bennett, historian.

This year Phi Delta Phi wants to give law students more than just one mode of life. They offer balance. Students will be welcomed formerly to Phi Delta Phi during second quarter rush.

Book Exchange?

By BARRETT JOHNSON

Since the cost of law books is a major expense for law students, the Student Bar Association has been actively seeking ways to cut this expense.

A book exchange seems the obvious first answer, and the Student Bar has taken several steps to place one in operation: the Law School administration has agreed to the concept and tentatively set aside a room within the Law School where the books would be stored. Old library shelves will be used to store and display the books.

The university administration is a possible stumbling block, and have yet to give their approval of the plan.

Basically, a book exchange functions exactly as its name implies. Someone wanting to sell a book brings it to the exchange, where it is placed on the shelf and its value tentatively credited to his account. When the book is sold, the credit is confirmed, and is either used to offset debts he has incurred by buying books or paid in cash.

The book exchange subtracts a small percentage to cover overhead. The big advantage of a book exchange is the very low overhead, which allows a student to be paid more for his book than a commercial bookstore can afford, while still selling for less than commercial bookstores charge.

In either case, the student still runs the risk that his book will be discontinued for a course. In that case, he cannot sell it to a commercial bookstore, and the book exchange will cancel his tentative credit, either returning the book to him or disposing of it as he directs.

Ideally, a student need invest in books only once, turning them over through the book exchange each quarter until he graduates, when he would get at least some of his money back. In practice, it will never work out that well, because students will want to keep some books, because others will be discontinued so that the investment is lost, and so on.

A practical advantage to students is the considerable spread of their book expense, as well as the price saving.

Once a book exchange is set up and functioning well, the next step in cutting book expenses is cooperative ordering of new texts. This step is much more complicated, because the volume of money handled is larger, because working capital is required, and because a much more elaborate accounting system is required. The Student Bar Association feels that this step cannot be taken without the experience of running a book exchange, but it is something to be kept in mind for the future, because the potential savings are substantial.



STEVE SPARKMAN

Steven L. Sparkman, a law student at FSU, has won first prize of \$250 in the 1971 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition.

The competition is sponsored annually by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers to stimulate interest in the field of copyright law. It is under the supervision of Dean Joshua M. Morse III in the College of Law.

Sparkman's paper is entitled "Tape Pirates: The New 'Buckaneer\$'." In 1969, he received a B.S. degree from FSU and was granted a FSU Foundation Law Scholarship. Sparkman is a member of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, and the Student Bar Association.

Law 500 Changed

Law 500, legal research, writing, and moot court, is substantially changed this year.

For one thing, the program has been spread out over three quarters instead of two.

Like previous years, the fall quarter phase consists of research, taught by members of the Board of Student Advisers. There are ten freshman groups, and two advisers assigned to each.

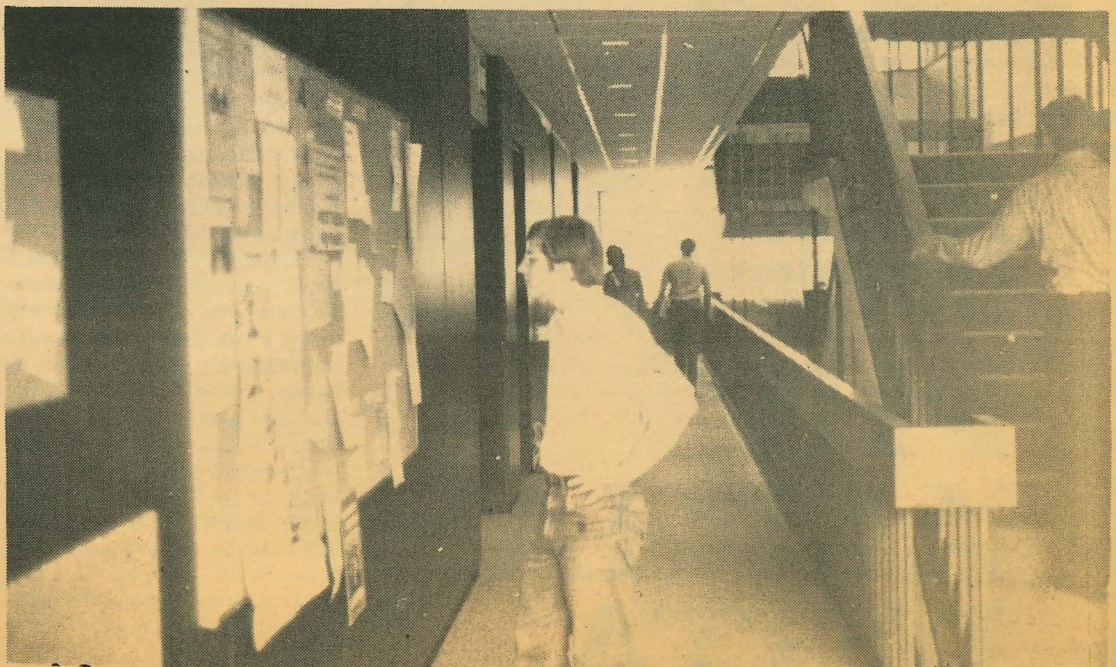
Unlike other years, however, the legal research problem requiring the drafting of a major memorandum of law will not be distributed until the end of fall quarter. This schedule will give students the holidays and several weeks into January to

work on it.

Following that deadline, students will convert their memoranda into legal briefs on the same problem, arguing--in writing--one side of the issues.

(In previous years, freshmen were given new problems to argue. The purpose of this year's changes, according to Dick Evans, Chairman of the Board of Student Advisers, is to encourage depth and quality of legal research, in the belief that the more students know their issues, the better they can analyze, research, and argue them.)

Briefs will be prepared by students working individually.



CHECKING BULLETIN Board Is a Daily Chore for Law Student

OBITER DICTUM COMES TO LIFE

By TIMARA TOMKO

In an effort to promote interaction of ideas within the law school and the general law area, law students Russ Bobo and Steve White instituted Obiter Dictum, the new Florida State Law school newspaper.

Due to much criticisms in the past to previous newspapers in the law school dealing with gossip and jokes, the Obiter Dictum will strive to deal with more pressing issues on the local and international law areas.

"The paper is not geared only to the Florida State Law School and its students. It will be sent to all the courts, legislators, lawyers, and the Florida Bar Association of Tallahassee," said Russ Bobo. "It will also go to the FSU Law School Alumni."

"We hope to involve all those interested in the law system."

Bobo pointed out that the paper is just in its beginning stages

and there is still much to be done and much to be improved upon, but this is a beginning.

"This is a paper for the students and for the city of Tallahassee. If the students have an interest in a certain area, we urge them to write about it," said Steve White.

"If the paper fails, it is because of the lack of interest by the law students. We hope they will help to promote it and continue the paper."

The newspaper will serve as an outlet for the law students, faculty, and those in the law field in the city of Tallahassee.

"It will be a Tallahassee Law Paper sponsored by the Florida State Law School," explains Russ Bobo.

"We hope the paper will serve as a platform for comments, announcements, and general 'gripes'."

In the future, Obiter Dictum plans to publish exam schedules

and news of special interest to the students both in the school and around the state.

"Stetson Law School and the University of Florida Law School news will be published in special columns," said Bobo.

"This will give the students a little insight into what is happening at the other schools."

Steve White also added, "All the other law schools have newspapers and by starting one here, it will help promote Florida State's Law School because of its wide circulation and because of the exchange of information among the schools in the state."

Steve White, a junior law student, helped initiate the Obiter Dictum staff to release some energy.

"I wanted to satisfy my need to get involved," he said.

"The newspaper, hopefully, will give me an opportunity to express myself and release some pent-up energy."

He also loves to write and wants to contribute something to the law school.

"Also, it is good experience and might be that 'extra' which gets the job."

Russ Bobo, a freshman transfer from Stetson Law School, has had much experience in the field of newspapers. Bobo has written for the Ft. Lauderdale News for five years now, was editor of a local weekly in Gainesville, and has been a stringer for Associated Press.

"I enjoy working with newspapers," he said. "I just hope that other students will join in and help make this thing worthwhile."

Early Effort Urged

By TIM MORAN

"The best preventive medicine" is to start studying at the beginning of the quarter and keep up with your courses.

That is the advice of Dr. Jack Jones, M.D., Associate Director of the FSU Health Center, to law students who want to stay healthy during exams.

Dr. Jones said there is real danger in using pep pills. They can lead to "permanent nervous and cardiac complications" according to Dr. Jones.

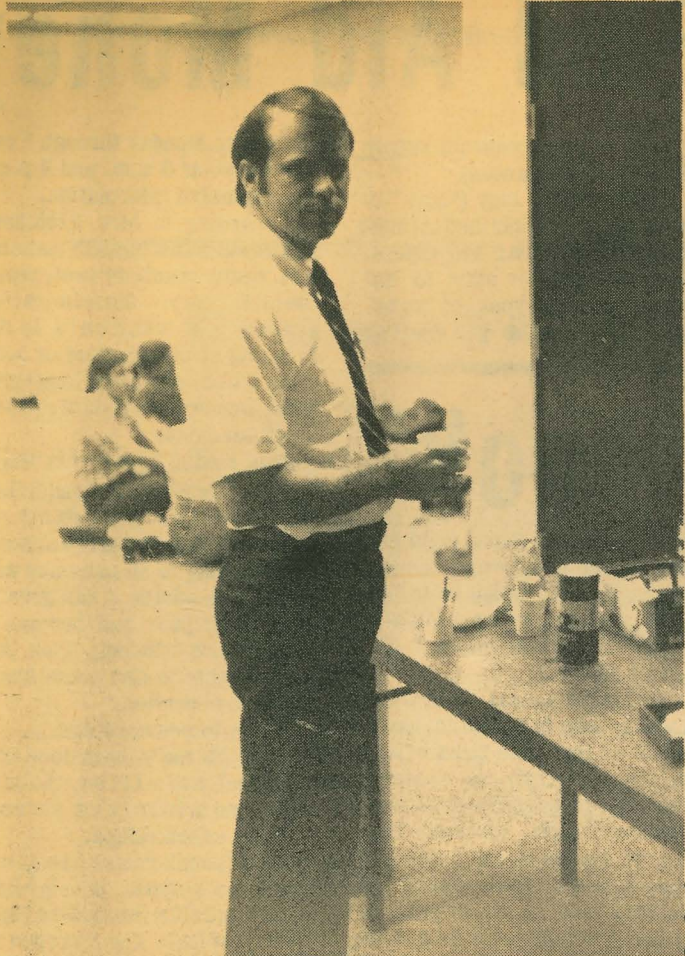
Jones said that too much coffee or caffeine tablets may cause nausea or heart rhythm disturbances. But that usually wears off.

Dr. Jones was asked his suggestions for enduring exam time in a telephone interview. His basic recommendation is to maintain a normal schedule. Students should avoid "all those crazy things" and "get adequate sleep, plenty of fluids and a balanced diet" according to the doctor.

Also, Dr. Jones said it takes several days for the body to recover from lost sleep. "Staying up all night will just make you dill. You can't even see the paper," he added.

There is a pattern to sickness at schools centering on exam periods, according to Dr. Jones. He said that tension ailments rise "starting as much as two weeks before exams."

Colds and upper respiratory infections are heavy just after exams. Dr. Jones blames this on the weakened condition of students from their exam-time cramming.



JOHN BRIGGS TAKES advantage of SBA coffee during class break.

Ladd Efforts Brought McGuire to University

By AL GALBRAITH

Ray McGuire, a tall, lean New Yorker who teaches labor law, conflict of laws, and civil procedure, gives one reason when asked why he came to the FSU College of Law.

"Dean Ladd," says McGuire. "He had a reputation for having a 'hard sell' in his recruitment of faculty members. He was the only dean to give me a firm job offer right off the bat, and then he telephoned me eight straight nights until I accepted. He could apply pressure on you in all sorts of ways."

McGuire, who was working on his master of laws at Columbia at the time, already had developed a varied background in the law.

After undergraduate study at Canisius College, he spent a year in the Army, where he decided to become a lawyer "partly because there wasn't much I could do with a degree in English," he says. He earned a bachelor of laws at Harvard, spent some time working with a labor law firm in New York City, and then entered the Peace Corps. While in the Peace Corps, he spent two years teaching law at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria.

"My law school class was one of the first to enter the Peace Corps," says McGuire. "About twenty of us ended up in Africa with either the Peace Corps or some other organization. It seemed like an interesting new

experience at the time, and a chance to grow in a different direction, but I didn't realize until later how many new opportunities it opened up for me."

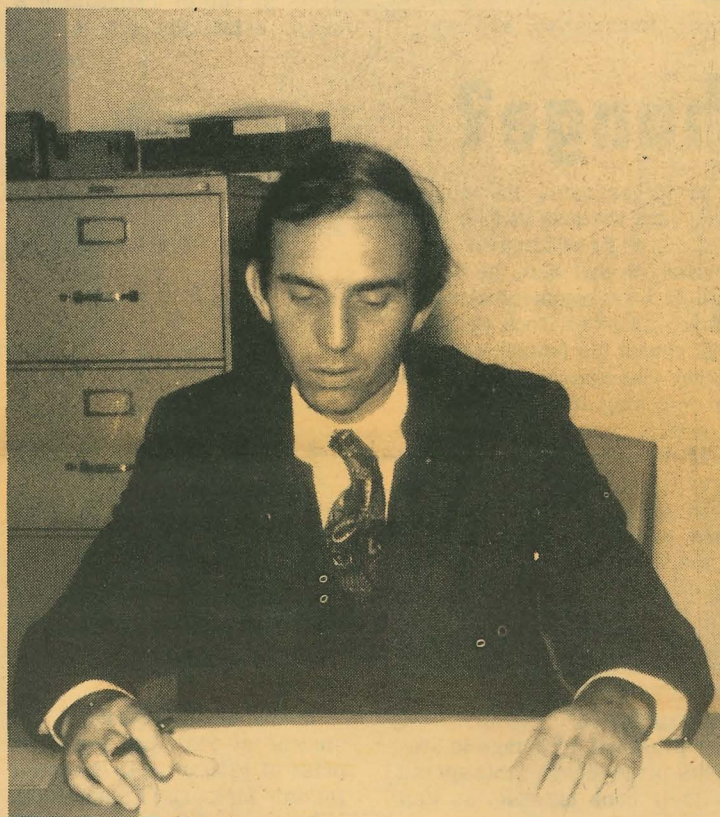
One of those opportunities was a teaching career.

After receiving his master of laws, McGuire moved to Tallahassee with his wife Judith and their two children, and joined the faculty of the new law school.

"Working conditions here are great--in fact, idyllic. You couldn't find a better faculty, and the students are very challenging intellectually. Our first graduates have become very good lawyers all over the state --in fact, they practically run the state. They're in state government, the best law firms, and some of them are even judges. If there's anything I want to know," he grinned, "I have pipelines running all over."

In addition to his teaching duties, McGuire has become involved in several extra-curricular activities. He is active in the Tallahassee chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. He is a consultant to several members of the Florida House of Representatives on labor law matters, and to the governor's task force on the court system in Florida. He is a member of, and gives advice to, the campus chapter of the American Federation of Teachers.

And he manages to find time for basketball, running, and an occasional game of tennis.



PROFESSOR MCGUIRE Recruited by Dean Ladd

Intramural Slate Set for School

By GARY PAJIC

An extensive program of intramural sports is planned for the Law School this year.

Among the activities will be football, golf, basketball, paddleball, racketball, bowling, tennis and softball.

These activities are planned for the benefit of all students and the faculty.

Last year in softball the only faculty participant was Mr. Edmunds. Everyone who observed his play agreed that if he is representative we would welcome other faculty members to participate. He was an impressive pitcher with an earned run average of only two runs per game. Perhaps the fact that he was fast pitching and the league was slow pitch had something to do with that. He also hit the ball well, the only problem was he was winded by the time he reached first base.

Actually everyone thoroughly enjoyed the fun and competitive games.

This years activities got off to a bang with the Law School

Golf tournament.

The surprises of the tourney were Bill Coalson's 80 and Buddy Whitlock's 101. Buddy normally likes to play in the 70's but it was a little warmer than that the day of the tourney and this may have had something to do with his poor showing.

On Oct. 15, play in the football league began. The Prosecutors, The Shysters, and the Mistrisals came out with victories. In the Prosecutors win over the Judicators 20-13 the big guns were George Cappy, Richard Krause and John Cechman. Jim Dunning had an outstanding game for the Judicators.

In the Shysters victory over the Scirie-Facias the stars were Prihard, Rubinas and Martinez.

In the Mistrisals win over the Offenders 26-7 Mike Tartaglia, Palmer Williams, and noneless than Ralph Erickson were the stars.

The season will run until Nov. 19, and everyone is invited to come out and watch the games which are played every Friday afternoon on the varsity practice field.

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PHI ALPHA DELTA

A Word from Dean Morse

By JOSHUA M. MORSE, III
Dean of Law

Now that we are settled in our new building, it seems appropriate for me to briefly review the growth and development of the Florida State College of Law.

The College of Law was authorized by the Florida State Legislature in 1965 and opened its doors to a student body of 116 with an average LSAT score of 519 and an undergraduate grade point average of 2.40. The student body has since grown to 500 students with an average LSAT score of 610 and an undergraduate gpa of 2.84, profiles surpassed by only two law schools in the Southeast.

The faculty has grown from three members to seventeen. These individuals average over four years each in both law practice and law teaching. Most of them were on their respective law reviews and many have received a graduate education at one of the country's finer graduate schools in law.

With faculty and students such as these it is easy to understand why FSU College of Law graduates have fared exceptionally well on the bar exam. The

charter class had 100% pass the exam on the first try with two men placing in the top ten. At the present time, we have only one graduate who has not passed the bar exam.

Such academic excellence has not gone unnoticed nationally.

In 1969 we received full accreditation from the Association of American Law Schools and in 1970 from the American Bar Association. Traditionally, ABA accreditation is granted first and AALS accreditation follows some six or seven years later. We do not know of any other law school which has duplicated our success in gaining such recognition.

This national recognition is also shown by the number of Florida students we are able to attract back from outside the state. While only 32 of the 511 students presently enrolled are non-residents of Florida, there are 74 different schools represented in the first year class alone.

Our Moot Court team has also received national recognition by winning the right to compete nationally and receiving honors in both oral argument and brief writing.

We feel that the growth in academic excellence of the past is indicative of the growth of the future.

This year over 1200 applicants competed for about 200 positions and we expect even more next year.

While more faculty positions are needed, the calibre of the faculty continues to grow. Our new building has given us needed facilities, including room to make most of our library accessible and to allow for the growth required to maintain accreditation. All of this has been done with the help and support of many friends as well as the university administration and with their continued help, we eagerly look forward to the second phase of our development.



JOSHUA MORSE
... Law Dean

Traditional Structure Attacked

A resolution, proposed by a member of the FSU College of Law's student body, attacks the conventional structure of law courses and encourages general innovative changes.

"A term paper provides the flexibility requisite to making law school a more meaningful and relevant experience for each student," contends Steve White, who formulated the proposal.

The resolution, if adopted by the membership of FSU's Student Bar Association, would "urge" the implementation of a "policy of making available within second and third year courses an optional paper (of reasonable length) in lieu of the final exam...."

"The proposal is aimed at individualization of the learning process, at allowing the student to be a more active agent--rather than a mere object acted upon," White maintains.

White feels that the paper could involve projects such as researching a problem within the community.

He does not deny that an optional paper has been offered within the law school, but contends that the practice is not sufficiently widespread.

Furthermore, the resolution makes special note that some means "might be implemented to ensure students are familiar with other problem areas within the scope of the course."

This, White says, is in recognition of the probable broad problem coverage desirable in view of "the BAR exam, general practice, and salability of talent."

The proposal includes a possible method of ensuring such coverage. White emphasizes that it is only illustrative of available means; he does not narrow the resolution by contending that it is the only or best means.

The "illustration" would require a student exercising the option to submit during the course a "mini-paper" every

three weeks "perhaps limited to three pages long."

The "mini-paper" would be restricted to listing issues covered in class and in the book within the specified period of time (e.g., three weeks).

The proposal only "urges" the "administration to encourage, and the faculty to implement" the policy.

Also, it is applicable only "within" second and third year courses, implying that perhaps it would not be proper for some of the second and third year courses.

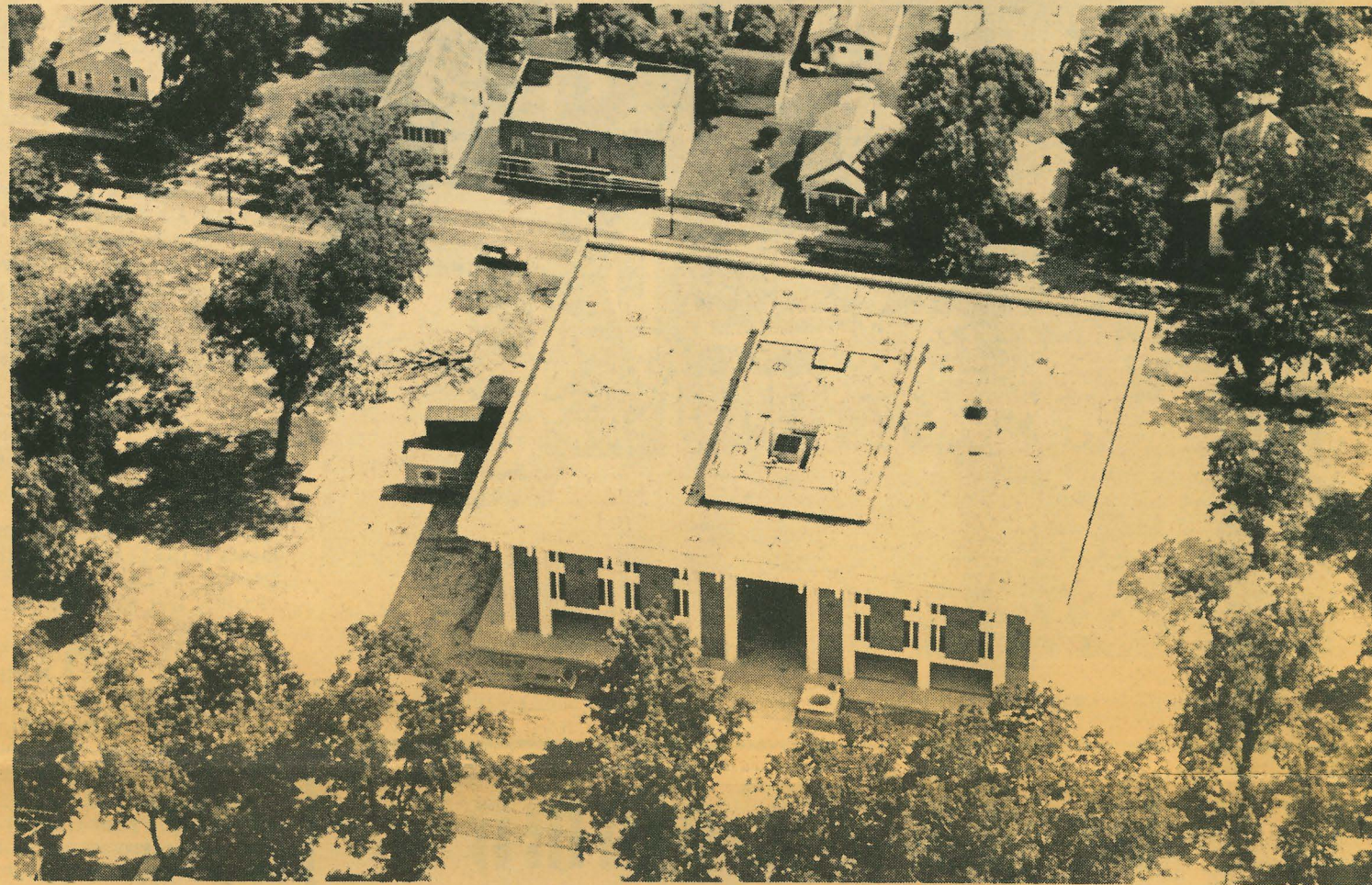
However, White feels that to use any stronger or more sweeping language would be to assume information and expertise that he does not possess.

"But hopefully the administration and faculty will seriously consider the resolution's content," White says.

He is quick to point out a course offered here last summer by Derrick Bell, a visiting professor from Harvard. The course embodied delivering oral argument, writing a legal memorandum, and preparing one's own final exam, a comprehensive hypothetical situation complete with outlined answer (issues and subissues).

"Although Mr. Bell has returned to Harvard, his course at FSU was a gallant innovation for our law school, dispelling the myth that law school has to be conducted a certain way."

"Mr. Bell proved that FSU's law school can be more meaningful to the individual," White concluded.



AN AERIAL VIEW of the new law center notes construction progress.

Record Enrollment Makes Parking Spaces and Seats Hard To Find

By GARY CHERRY

Spent time looking for a place to park in the morning? For a library seat with some space around it at noon?

The FSU College of Law opened its sixth year of classes with a record, near-capacity enrollment of 497 students. The largest class is the 199-member entering class, 40 percent of the student body.

Over 1,200 applications for Fall Quarter entrance were processed by Mrs. Koski in the Admissions Office to be passed on by the Admissions Committee, now headed by Professor Millett.

About a third each of the applications came from students here at FSU, at other Florida schools, and at schools outside Florida.

"One hundred twenty-six of the first year students attended schools in Florida," Mrs. Koski said. Seventy-one students, over a third of the entering class, elected to stay on their home turf, returning to FSU for another fall quarter.

Next largest Florida delegations are 18 students from UF and 13 students from USF. Students from schools outside the state number 73, or 36 percent of the student body.

The percentage of upperclass students schooled outside the state is 27 percent. An informal poll taken tends to indicate that

an increasing national stature for the College of Law.

Hawaii has no law school, so University of Hawaii graduate Wally Campbell decided to come to FSU rather than somewhere closer to home because of reputation and nearby family. Bob Angerrer, a Michigan resident, cited climate, reputation, and a more tranquil campus political atmosphere as his reasons for coming to FSU.

Several members of the class from Iowa were attracted by the reputation of the school and its Dean Emeritus, Mason Ladd, former Dean of the University of Iowa Law School.

Florida residents Bill Burns and Jay Smith of Jacksonville both cited costs as a major factor in their decisions. Bill also felt that a Florida school was best if you want to practice in Florida. Jay liked the personal attention given to students, the progressive attitude of the faculty, and the nearness of state government facilities.

Twenty-three freshmen hold scholarships or assistantships from university or college of law sources. Ten more receive financial aid from private foundations. An estimated 95 members of the student body receive financial aid, not including privately obtained funds.

About 5 percent of the student body are women. However, 16 of the 27 women enrolled are

members of the first year class. We "male chauvinist" types may have our hands full if "revolution" gets in full swing. The ladies average 20 points higher on LSAT scores and a good plus-grade better in the grade averages!

Ten first year students are black, including 5 FAMU graduates. The College of Law has 24 black students enrolled, also about 5 percent of the student body.

Academic achievement of the entering class is high. Thirty members of the class hold other graduate degrees.

The median score on the LSAT was 608; the median GPA was 2.81. Several members of the class were over 700 on the LSAT. But the most distinctive mark, a first for the College of Law, was the perfect 800 score of an FSU graduate.

That's the past. What of the future?

If past statistics are a fair indication, the entering class may lose more members through voluntary withdrawal over the next two years. Nine have already dropped since enrollment. Six more students may flunk out. But no such unfortunate happenings are planned.

The lowest projected grade average for the entering class is 62.5, the highest, 83.5.



MODERN STAIRWAY is focal point of the new law center. (Photo by Sage Thigpen)

UF Law Column

BULGING ENROLLMENT for U of F LAW SCHOOL

The largest freshman class ever at the University of Florida Law School has begun its nine-quarter trek toward a juris doctor degree.

About 334 first time students and three returning students constitute the class as compared with 307 first-time students and one returning student last fall. About 130 students in this fall class are graduates of the University of Florida (UF).

Robert M. Lee, assistant to the dean stressed that the figures did not reflect students who might start late or drop out after starting the term. He estimated the total enrollment at the law school to be 1063 persons and said the March class was already filled.

Lee said the average LSAT score for entering classes as well as the undergraduate grades for entering classes have gone up. He declined, however, to divulge statistics.

Nineteen first quarter students are black and two are American Indians. Twenty six blacks and three American Indians attend the law school. Thirty three first quarter students are women.

Lee said nine members of the fall class were receiving Law Center Scholarships, and he estimated that 10% of the class received loans. To several first quarter students, finances figured prominently in their decisions to come to UF.

"The sole reason was money," explained Don Carter, a 22-year-old UF graduate. "I wanted to go to the University of Michigan but it cost \$2,000 a year and they couldn't give me any financial aid."

LEGAL RESEARCH ON TAPE?

Legal Research seems to gather much complaint as to time consumption and difficulty.

The University of Florida Law School has initiated a new idea using portable cassette players as their guide.

Students are spending the three-week portion of the writing course not in the traditional lecture hall, but actually in the library.

This segment of the course has been recorded on to nine one-hour cassettes which the students can complete at their own speed.

The first hour consists of an introduction to legal bibliography and a short tour of the library. The student, player on his shoulder and earphone in place, is guided through the moze of stacks and learns the location of the general categories of books.

In the next eight hours, the student begins the research which will form the basis of his memorandum in the legal writing portion of the course. In doing this research, he learns the techniques of research that can be applied through the rest of his career.

The experimental cassette section is researching a general question on the relationship of landlord and tenant which will be refined later into the more specific subject of their memorandum by the writing professor.

Along with each cassette, the student gets a list of the law book series covered, a checklist of the specific volumes they must have to do the work, and an outline of the material on the cassette.

At the end of each tape, the students critique the material for the speed of presentation, understandability, and the technical quality of the tape itself.

Along with taking the grade away from this segment of the course, the administration is looking into the possibility of removing the subject from the Legal Writing course. Under this possibility, the legal bibliography material would be a requirement to be completed by each student anytime before a certain point in his studies.

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NEW LOOK FOR ALUMNI MAGAZINE

The Law Center News, Florida's official College of Law alumni magazine, has taken on a new format, a new air of enthusiasm and a new goal.

Strong, editor for the new magazine, explained, "We hope the alumni will realize we are attempting to communicate with them. We want them to respond with alumni news for each issue. This magazine will be more literary and scholarly than in the past."

The new format is a dual-color twelve page magazine with plenty of pictures and sketches. "The old format," commented Editor Strong, "was a single-page, black-and-white glossy mail out. This is a definite improvement."

The goal of the News, sponsored by the Law Center Association and the U of F Alumni Association, is to keep the law alumni informed and interested in their alma mater. Of 5,000 copies issued 4,600 are mailed by the Alumni office. The rest are held in reserve for students or Law Center guests.

Law Review 'Tool' Nears

By STEPHEN R. WHITE

The law review, which Dean Joshua Morse deems as "one of the best teaching tools" available, appears to be nearing reality.

Morse's optimism and enthusiasm for the project is apparent as he comments that he would like to send it, when it comes out, to everyone in the world. He hints that its time is due.

The major problem appears to have been the \$20,000 to \$25,000 per year which the project requires, according to Morse. He says that the status of the necessary money remains undetermined.

The budgetary request goes through a number of steps, involving the legislature, the Board of Regents, the University, and the College of Law. Generally, the College of Law does not receive budgetary allowances commensurate with its production, Morse points out.

The remnants of the core student staff of the heretofore sputtering project consist of Ed McGinty, Mary Clark and Wayne Hogan.

Generally, Morse's comments illustrate the critical impetus which Hogan and McGinty feel will actualize the publication.

Regarding "funding anything for the law school," McGinty posits that the Dean's access to information is essential: "if the Dean isn't backing it, you're not going to get it funded."

McGinty goes on to say that the Dean's recent initiatives and encouragement are indicative of that administrator's confidence regarding securing the requisite money.

Maybe the administration didn't think we could do a good job in Longmire due to the cramped physical plant, Hogan adds.

Hogan and McGinty agree that we now have the necessary building facilities.

Now decisions must be made on the details of the publication: What are its functions? What format best serves the desired functions?

Morse, elaborating on his conception of the law review as a teaching tool, asserts that it should be utilized by every student who is desirous of working for it. Above all, we should avoid elitism, he says.

McGinty, Hogan and Clark share the Dean's sentiments on elitism.

Clark favors the maximization of student involvement; everybody can use the experience.

"We want to involve as many people as can managerially be feasible," states McGinty.

The rationale behind law journals in the past being restricted to the better students, according to McGinty, is "simply because there is so much work involved that their grades usually suffer--they have the cushion to absorb it."

McGinty continues by proposing that the law review should consider publishing articles by any student in good standing with the law school; Stanford is doing this now. He says that a major criticism of law students and young lawyers has been that they can't write.

Possibly seminar papers, modified, could be submitted for consideration, Hogan points out.

Regarding the format of this "teaching tool" or instrument of

experience, Morse favors the traditional format. He states that you can't have a successful law review which changes the traditional format too much.

Clark strongly disagrees. There are too many traditional law reviews now in existence, she says. She feels that social need should be dispositive; in other words, ask the question, what social need can we fulfill that other law reviews are not now fulfilling? There is no need for another traditional law reviews, she avers.

Expounding her position, Clark maintains that a magazine format could provide flexibility without sacrificing scholarship and quality. For example, a magazine might include a photo essay on prison conditions.

Clark's magazine would aim at a more general audience, including non-lawyers as well as lawyers.

McGinty and Hogan appear to differ with each other in emphasis, but both seem to differ more from Clark than from Dean Morse.

The initial publication should be a non-magazine, McGinty and Hogan agree, with the possibility of developing a magazine later.

However, Hogan heavily emphasizes modernity. He wants to ensure that the FSU law review gets into a new trend, if such a trend exists. Furthermore, writing styles and topics should not be excluded because they do not fit into a particular mold, contends Hogan.

Although those interviewed, Dean Morse and the three students, do disagree on some crucial aspects of the burgeoning publication, they all share optimism for the project.

McGinty and Hogan even project an initial publishing date for next fall quarter. McGinty incisively put it: the projection is not over-optimistic, unless it relies on over-optimism in estimating how hard the students are going to work.

Indeed, as McGinty exclaims, "starting a law review from scratch" is "an exciting challenge."

Referring to Morse's grounds for optimism, Hogan says, "what the Dean told us the other day is the best news that we've had."

What kind of "news" will the student body have for themselves, the profession, the client, the layman, the employer? Good news? Bad news? Or, no news at all--just passiveness?

Will there be a law review? What will be its function? What will be its form? What are its limits? What are your limits?

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