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DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Alumni:

This is the second year that we have been quartered in the Merrick Building on the main campus. As a result there has been more of an integration of the faculty and students into the University as a whole. This has been done, however, without the sacrifice of autonomy in the School of Law, and the law school program has not been, nor will be, abandoned or deviated from.

Although the library facilities and teaching facilities are the best, there is a great need for a law school building. We need faculty offices very badly, as well as club rooms and lounges for the students, and I hope that the Alumni will continue to send in their contributions in order that we may have a suitable home for the School of Law.

Because of a new high in enrollment and the adding of new courses to the curriculum, it has been necessary to add new members to the faculty. The new members are Gerald Bloom, Ralph Boyer, Dr. Franklin J. Evans, Charles H. Gautier, Minnette Massey, Daniel Murray, and George Onoprienko.

Besides adding Medical Jurisprudence, taught by a practicing lawyer and medical practitioner, we have increased our curriculum in Taxation and in Latin American Law. We established the Exchange of Professors with the Free School of Mexico last year, and this year we're adding to the Exchange program, not only with the University of Mexico, but with the University of San Carlos in Guatemala. The professors from the University of San Carlos are presenting a series of lectures in December, and the professors from Mexico will lecture in February. We plan to eventually have a study of comparative law by professors from other countries in every core course in the Law School curriculum.

LAW SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS: The Miami Law Quarterly is now entering its sixth year and continues to offer articles written by outstanding specialists in their particular fields, but the main part of the Quarterly, such as Comments, Case Notes, Synopsis of Florida Cases, and Summary of Opinions of the Attorney General of Florida, are written entirely by the students. As a matter of fact, it is one of the few publications published entirely by the students.

The Barrister, a bi-weekly newspaper for the benefit of students and alumni, is now being printed and sent to every alumnus.

The Civic Forum, law for laymen, is a new quarterly magazine for the benefit of the lawyers and laymen, as well as the student body. Articles of primary interest will be published in this magazine.

The University of Miami Lawyer will be published once each year.

This is the annual law school letter to the Alumni and friends in picture magazine form.

LIBRARY: Our Library now has grown to over 60,000 volumes. Our collection includes state reports and statutes of the various states and territories, reports of federal courts and administrative bodies, and several thousand texts and treatises covering all phases of law.

Our British collection includes the leading English reports, statutes, and digests as well as those of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Ireland, Scotland and others.

We have an extensive collection of bound legal periodicals with current subscriptions to approximately 200 published in this and foreign countries.

We are developing a fine working library of the contemporary law of the Latin-American countries, backed up by an extensive Roman Law collection.

The members of the Bar and Judiciary are free to use our library in person at any time.

The library has inaugurated new services to the Bar of Florida, in that we are offering a photographing service, as well as a loan service to the judges and law libraries when volumes are needed. So far this has met with a splendid response.

Last year marked a very successful year from the point of view of visiting celebrities and successful events.

The Honorable Cody Fowler, President of the American Bar Association, spoke to more than 500 students, alumni, and distinguished guests at the Third Annual Alumni-Student Law Breakfast.

Sir Zafrulla Khan, Foreign Minister of Pakistan, and Chairman of the Pakistan Delegation to the United Nations, gave an address to the students on "The Judicial Code of Pakistan."

Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz gave a very inspiring talk to the Student Body. He was introduced by Sam Silver, one of our Alumni.

The highlight of our program last year was the address by Justice Hugo L. Black at the Dean's Dinner given to the graduating class in February. His delivery, his address, and the whole program was very inspiring to the student body and faculty.

Another memorable event was the address of Judge Vincent Giblin to the graduating class at the Dean's Dinner in June.

Dr. Jay F. W. Pearson addressed the graduates at the Dean's Dinner in August in his usual inimitable manner.

The Junior Bar Section of the Dade County Bar Association again put on its Legal Clinic for the Senior Class.

The fraternities and other organizations were very active and did considerable service for the student body of the School of Law in the

various activities that they sponsored, such as the Freshman Clinic, Donation of Blood, Second-Hand Book Store, Trust Fund, etc.

The Sixth Annual International Taxation Conference under the sponsorship of the Evening Division of the School of Business Administration and School of Law was held at the Sea Isle Hotel in Miami Beach, and was very well attended. National and local experts presented the program. Our Seventh Annual International Tax Conference will be held in Miami Beach sometime in the first part of April.

A new series of conferences will begin for the law enforcement officers in April sponsored by the University of Miami, Evening Division, and the School of Law, together with the various peace officers' organizations. This will be a full week's program for the benefit of police officers and law enforcement officers of the State of Florida.

The Honorable B. K. Roberts addressed the Fourth Annual Alumni-Student Law Breakfast at Homecoming, November 17th. This was designated as Supreme Court Day, and a large number of the Supreme Court Justices and their wives were present, as well as members of the State Board of Law Examiners and their wives, together with many prominent judges and lawyers.

The Breakfast was a resounding success attended by well over one thousand alumni, students and guests (a new record), setting what we hope to be a precedent for the future.

Sincerely yours,

R. A. Rasco,

Dean of the School of Law