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# GAVEL RAPPS

## Placement Bureau Offers New Program

The USC School of Law Placement Bureau is the newly created outgrowth of the old Placement Service. The Bureau is multi-faceted, functioning in the traditional role of placing graduating seniors in permanent positions as well as placing rising second and third year students with law and business concerns on a temporary basis in the summer months. In addition, the Bureau will attempt to provide the wives of law students with information concerning the availability of jobs left vacant by the departure of the wives of the recently graduated law students.

Structurally, Ron Motley, a senior from Charleston is Placement Chairman serving under Professor James Dreher and Asst. Dean McDullough. Three other students are assisting Motley. Allen Tew is contacting Southeastern banks, industry and governments, and law firms as well as the Federal government and judiciary. John Grimball is liaison with S.C. law firms, S.C. banks, industry and governments, and non-Southeastern banks, industry and governments. Mike Layman is serving as liaison with the USC Placement Bureau and oversees summer placement and the Wives Bureau.

Functionally, the Bureau has developed a new locator system. This system will allow interested law firms to narrow the number of prospective interviewees (by matching their specifications with the available seniors' qualifications) before the interview stage, thereby reducing the length of time the interviewer will be away from his office.

A new resume form has been adopted, and senior's individual resumes are being prepared. The Bureau is presently active in setting up interviews with numerous out-of-state law firms, governmental agencies and business concerns.

The USC Placement Bureau has pledged full cooperation and has been quite helpful in providing the Bureau with information concerning national companies which interview at USC. It is hoped that the situation of the last several years in which numerous seniors were still unemployed as of the spring prior to their graduation will not be repeated this year.



Delegates were entertained on the RIVERBOAT EXTRAVAGANZA

## Four Attend LSD Conclave

By Wes Jones

The Law Student Division of the ABA held its annual convention this year in conjunction with ABA convention in St. Louis as it has done since the Division's creation in 1967.

This year's delegation was made up of the South Carolina Law School representative to the ABA, Wes Jones and his wife, Margaret, S. C. Student Bar President Donnie Myers and his wife, Vance, SBA Vice President, Heyward Clarkson, and Ray Chandler. The group left Columbia on August 6 and flew directly to St. Louis.

The L.S.D.'s main convention hotel was located outside of St. Louis, in Clayton but due to the large number of law school delegates, the U.S.C. delegation was forced to stay in a Holiday Inn near the St. Louis airport.

The first two days of the Convention were taken up with registration and other procedural and administrative matters, and consequently the real business of the convention was not begun until the 9th of August.

This year's Convention itinerary was geared to enable each law school delegation to discuss their various problems and programs with representatives of other law schools in attendance in order to stimulate new ideas and to help solve the varied problems facing law schools and law students in the coming year. The convention workshops which followed each meeting of

## Law School Sponsors Two Institutes

During the summer, the University of South Carolina School of Law sponsored or assisted in sponsoring two institutes for the state's attorneys.

The Criminal Defense Institute was held July 30 and 31. It was sponsored solely by the Law School with funds derived from a grant under Title 1 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, consisting of \$5,000. The Defense Institute was mainly directed toward Public Defenders but was open to all members of the Bar. The Institute drew the largest turnout of any such program for continuing legal education in South Carolina, with a total of 140 attorneys

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# Rumors, Issues And Answers

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Our first **Gavel Raps** edition of the 1970-71 scholastic year, a special "Orientation" issue, frankly questioned some rumored practices within the Law School which have been festering among the student body for some time. Our editorial in that issue invited comment by the Faculty concerning those rumors.

Toward that end, the Editorial Board of this newspaper proposed a "Rap Session" to a group of professors whom we considered a representative cross-section of the Law School Faculty. Invited were Professors Robert Felix, John Krahmer, David Means, Charles Randall, and Eldon Wedlock. All promptly accepted and contributed substantially.

This article, based on our belief that it's far better to light a few candles than to curse the darkness, is a result of that meeting.)

**Gavel Raps:** Gentlemen, it is often rumored that the size of the first year class dictates that a certain percentage of students must be failed academically by the faculty. Is there a pre-determined wash-out rate at this Law School?

**Professor Krahmer:** There have never been instructions given to me, nor to my knowledge, any professor on grading patterns that must be followed. I personally think that should I ever be told how I must grade finals, I would do everything in my power to see that the person responsible for such directive was removed from his job.

**Professor Wedlock:** There is no dark conspiracy to "get" any class at this Law School. Grading must follow a subjective determination based on what the question asks and how the student answers the question. I personally use a "private representative" theory, whereby the question is asked in such a way that the student is representing my best interests in court. If he handled my defense in a mediocre manner he got a C; better representation was awarded a correspondingly better grade. If I felt that the student "blew" my case completely, I gave him an F.

**Professor Randall:** I feel most professors here grade too leniently, and I know that I grade toward generosity. I never give a student an F unless the paper is thrillingly bad. If the truth be known, many C grades here are generously given.

**Professor Means:** I see no fault in assuming that each student here is capable of turning in a C examination in any course. Such a presumption is rebuttable in two ways: displaying to me the ability to write a better paper, or failing to show an acceptable knowledge of the subject matter. Obviously, the faculty recognizes that all instructors will not agree on the exact percentage of A's, B's and so on in any given class. However, it is a matter of legitimate faculty concern if one faculty member consistently gives grades markedly higher than those given by his colleagues.

**Wedlock:** That's right. An idea to ponder is an attempt to insure that faculty disparity is evenly distributed. For example each student could be required to take a certain number of hours under each professor.

Another rumor I've heard is that professors grade not on the merits of an examination, but on LSAT Scores. That's ridiculous. It wouldn't take us six-eight weeks to grade on that basis.

Incidentally, I don't believe my grades last semester were overly generous.

**Krahmer:** For the record, approximately 86 first-year students did not register this fall. An overwhelming majority of this number (about 75) did not do so because of unacceptable grades.

**Professor Felix:** I don't think grades here are unduly generous in the first year, but rather the giving of the benefit of a doubt to marginal performances. There is, after all, a subjected element in grading.

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# Life In The Sardine Can

By Ron Motley

Students who are concerned by the appearance of legions of first year students, take heart. Several solutions (some final) are being bandied about our stifled halls.

The most clever is one which involves issuing first year students a book of tickets guaranteeing the recipient a seat in one half of the 45 regularly scheduled hours in each course, thus insuring manageable numbers. To prevent black marketeering, strict security measures would be imposed.

Each ticket booklet would be assigned a number, the use of which would be multi-faceted. For example, to facilitate his selection of case briefs (and to soften the personal trauma which occurs when one is caught unprepared) the professor will merely call out a ticket number and the lucky bearer will have an opportunity to recite. For those cynics who insist the professor will either pamper his favorite or harass the unfortunate by some devious scheme, objectivity will be insured by employing a ticket drum. The drum will be conspicuously displayed on the podium and its handle will be turned by a winsome young lass randomly selected by the third year Russell House coffee crew. (Selection will be based on charm and brevity of costume.)

The ticket plan, alas, like all theories, is not infallible. A potential flaw has been uncovered. It involves ticket hoarding. Incredible as it may seem, some enterprising and assiduous first year student (a slightly wealthy one) might unscrupulously "buy" the ticket books of less motivated students, thereby gaining an unfair advantage over his classmates. The problem, however, is not insoluble; as one professor points out, the tickets can be clearly marked as being non-negotiable. Despite such safeguards, it is feared that under such a system, ticket profiteering like skinny profiteering before it, may become rampant.

Another ingenious plan, though reminiscent of Rod Sterling, involves the faculty and student body being given quickie ESP courses. (Quickie courses have been helpful to the faculty in the

past. It is rumored that one professor, seeing the opportunity to receive free lessons, attended a speed reading class and employed the methods learned in grading his papers, a marked improvement over his old numbered step play.) At appointed times, the student can tune in on the professors wave length and be imbued with his knowledge. Under this system, students unhappy with their grades will receive the simple but logical response from their instructor that "you were tuned to the wrong wave length."

The most expensive of the proposed solutions involves televising all lectures. However, under such a system our present delineations between first year and upperclass law student could be scrapped. By broadcasting different courses at the same hour on different channels, the student could chose to be a first, second or third year student. By taping these lectures, reruns could be shown every year, thus freeing the professors to prepare course material or pursue his acting career. However, the prime benefit to be derived from such a system is the freedom of choice afforded the student who in the solitude of his home can select between Contracts and Kaptain Kangaroo with no one the wiser.

Some good stems from even that which is at first glance all bad. The following proposal possesses the attribute of curriculum novelty, which so attracts many legal academicians today. This solution involves implementing a committee study program whereby committees of law students selected by their peers will attend classes and then report their findings to the class en masse.

However, no student could serve on more than one committee and to police this stipulation, a committee on committees would be utilized.

The most feasible solution, of course, is to either decrease enrollment or build a new law school. The latter appears to be the most attractive. It is rumored that a construction of a new law school will begin in 1971. Or is that the same damned rumor we hear every decade?



# Foster's Findings

To the Law School Class of 1973 who joined us this year, I extend a hearty welcome and congratulations for the wise choice in joining our profession as junior members. You are also due an apology for the lack of physical and personnel resources which compels you to attend classes in sections of 175 students and to fight for a seat in the library which has a seating capacity of only 15 percent of our



**By Dean Robert W. Foster**

student body. The bright spot in this dismal picture is that you are blessed with an outstanding faculty who make up in quality much of what we lack in quantity. Also, we have been advised by the University Administration that construction of a new law school building is planned to commence by the end of June, 1971 and with luck, the class of 1973 will spend the third year of Law School in this new facility.

Now that the entering class has been sufficiently oriented and enmeshed in the study of cases to the point of healthy confusion, we can pause a moment and examine you as a group. The first observation which is apparent is your monstrous size of 354 students, the largest entering class in the history of our Law School. Furthermore, you undoubtedly have the best credentials of any law school class since you survived the screening of our higher entrance standard which increased by at least 20 percent over that of previous classes.

Your average "Add Score" (Law School Admission Test Score times undergraduate college grade point ratio) is 1243 as compared with the average add score of the two previous entering classes of 1150. It can be expected that the combination of the larger numbers in the 1970 entering class and the reduced attrition resulting from the proportionately higher quality of students would produce a second year class in 1971-72 of about twice the number now in the second year class.

A recent questionnaire answered by the first year class also reveals some interesting characteristics of its composition and a prediction of things to come. Over 40 percent of this class have served in the armed forces for at least four months and of this group over 60 percent tell us they were compelled to delay their entrance into law school because of military obligation. This confirms our suspicion that the stabilization of enrollment during 1969 was due in large part to the termination of draft deferments for

law students.

We also learned that about 43 percent of the 1970 first year class who had prior military served, served for less than one year. This indicates that a larger percentage of the perspective students who were unable to enter law school in 1969 because of military obligation are now serving a two or three year tour of duty and will be knocking on our doors in 1972 and 1973 in even greater numbers than we experienced this year.

What these and other projection indicators seem to be telling us is that we are just on the threshold of a soaring demand for legal education. In one sense, this is a welcomed prospect in view of the correspondingly increasing demand for law graduates (the State of South Carolina still ranks last among all the states in the number of lawyers per capita). On the other hand, this prospect is frightening when we realize that our resources are hardly adequate to provide quality legal education at our present enrollment level and an increase could inundate us.

I am sure that I speak for the faculty when I say that the solution will not be found in thinning out the present Law School population by an artificially high grading system. The dilemma facing the administration must be solved by providing additional resources so that applicants to the Law School in the future who are equipped to successfully study law and aspire to join the profession will be offered legal education of the highest quality at our state law school.

The 1970-1971 school year is in full swing, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the members of the Student Bar Association for the manner in which they have confronted the unfortunate crowded conditions at the Law School. I would particularly like to thank the upperclassmen for assistance and co-operation in orienting the first-year class to the Law School community.

Orientation, held at Capstone House, was unquestionably the most impressive yet undertaken by the Student Bar Association. Ray Chandler, Orientation chairman, presented an excellent program which included an intermission featuring refreshments and discussions with members of the faculty, and followed by a social hour upon the program's adjournment.

It is evident that this is going to be a banner year at the Law School. The Placement Committee, headed by Ron Motley, is working overtime scheduling law firms, governmental agencies and

## From The President

By Donnie Myer



other organizations for interviews. More than seven interviews are already confirmed and approximately 700 letters have been mailed requesting dates for additional conferences with the seniors. I encourage every senior to co-operate to the utmost in completing their resumes and other placement questionnaires.

The Speaker's Program will be revitalized this year with a person in the legal profession addressing the S.B.A. twice a month. Due to the class schedule, there is a definite problem deciding on a place and time for a guest speaker to appear. However, these complications are presently being resolved.

Also, through the efforts of Emily Wheeler and Dean Hall an entire section of the University of South Carolina Annual will be devoted to the Law School for the first time. Pictures were taken in the S.B.A. Lounge during the week of September 21, and these pictures will also be used for placement resumes. I sincerely hope that every student had his picture taken in order to make this effort a success.

This year will witness another first at the Law School. Members of the senior class will be placed on Committees of the South Carolina Bar Association. The number of students to be placed on the Committee of the participation required is unknown. However, this is a great step in forming a closer relationship with the practicing bar.

Finally, the turn-out at the first S.B.A. party September 18, was simply tremendous. It was quite obvious that the 900 to 1000 people in attendance thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I urge all of you to make an attempt to attend the remaining S.B.A. social functions. By-the-way, plans are already in the making to obtain an excellent speaker for the Law Day Banquet.

## Institutes...

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attending. Some of the highlights of the program consisted of a talk on cross examination of expert witnesses by Mr. Kermit King and a demonstration of the breath analyzer. The director of the Criminal Defense Institute was Professor Douglas Wickham.

The South Carolina Institute for Prosecuting Attorneys was held August 24-28, with 80 attorneys registered. This program was jointly sponsored by the state Attorney-General's Office and the Law School. The Institute was funded by a grant of The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration under the Omnibus Crime and Safe Street Act of 1968, consisting of \$32,000. The Law School received \$18,000 as a sub-grantee from the Attorney-General's Office and the remainder went to create a full time Assistant Attorney-General for Prosecutors. A library of books was given to each Solicitor's Office and other officials acting as prosecutors. These books consisted of **Minimum Standards of Criminal Justice** by the ABA and **Search and Seizure** by the NDAA. Additionally, the book, **Criminal Defense in South Carolina**, was given to all attorneys. Some of the highlights of the Prosecution Institute were a speech by Fourth Circuit Judge J. Braxton Craven, Jr. on "Ethics and Professional Responsibility of Career Prosecutors" and a talk on "Opening and Closing Arguments of Expert Witnesses" by Judge Charles Moylan of the Maryland Intermediate Court of Appeals. The Institute was directed by Professor Webster Myers.

Two additional grants were received by the Law School from the Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility (CLEPR), a branch of the Ford Foundation.

## Four New Professors Added To Faculty

By Mike Spivey

**Prof. L.J. Ritchie** has a rich tradition of study in Columbia and at our School of Law. A native of this city, he did his undergraduate work here at the University of South Carolina. Upon graduation, he entered Law School and graduated in January 1967.

Upon graduation, he served until August 1968 as a Law Clerk to Judge Clement Haynsworth. With this background he was awarded an E. Berry Prettyman Fellowship at Georgetown University. Under this program Prof. Ritchie was a practicing attorney in the Washington area, representing indigents. Also he took classes at night and helped teach clinic courses.

**Prof. F.W. Smith** is a visiting professor this year. This semester he is teaching creditor's rights and the student legal aid, clinic.

Prof. Smith's academic credentials are excellent. He spent two years of his undergraduate days at Davidson, finishing up at Virginia. After a period of work and a stint in service, Prof. Smith entered the University of Richmond to secure his law

degree. After two years of practice in Richmond, he was enticed into teaching three years at the University of Richmond. While there, he had the privilege of instructing Prof. Ledbetter.

After his days at Richmond, Prof. Smith once again returned to school to do graduate work at Harvard. The past two years, he has been teaching at the University of Washington in Seattle.

**Prof. W. J. Quirk** is now in his first days of teaching. Yet, his record in the legal field is quite extensive.

A native of New York, Prof. Quirk attended Princeton University and graduated in 1956. He then entered Law School at the University of Virginia and was graduated in 1959. From 1959 to 1966, Prof. Quirk was in private practice in New York City. Since 1966, he has been serving with the city of New York in two different capacities. First he was Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Law Department. Later he became General

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### The Editors

**GAVEL RAPS is interested in your views. We would be pleased if you were to write giving your opinion of the publication or on anything else related to the school.**



Left to right, 1st row: Jay James, Jim Pressly, Donald Harper, Frank Gibbes, Jeter Rhodes, Ed Menzie. 2nd row: Mason Goldsmith, Heyward Clarkson, Bob Staton, David Jennings, Jack Kimball, Jim Pasley.

## Law Review Soon To Release Survey Issue

The South Carolina Law Review under the direction of Editor-in-chief Frank Gibbes will publish the first of five issues in October. The first issue, a survey issue, discusses recent decisions on South Carolina law during the period of June 30, 1969 through July 1, 1970. Material for the survey issue was compiled and edited this summer by Survey Editor Bob Staton.

The Law Review staff recently moved to new quarters in Davis College, where Gibbes and his staff are working on material for the two remaining issues that will be prepared by the fall staff for publication in November and December.

Of note is the Law Review policy to admit candidates for membership at the end of the fall and spring semesters. Qualifications for selection are a 3.0 GPR. Those qualified will receive training in the Law Review Candidate program.

The candidate program was put into effect this fall under the guidance of Chairman Andy Goldsmith. For the first time new members on the fall staff returned to school one week early in order to learn techniques in the preparation of the Law Review.

Frank Gibbes expressed the opinion that Law Review work required long hours on the part of its members, but that the training in legal research and writing was beneficial.

Editor Gibbes is aided in his publication of the Law Review by Managing Editor

Donald Harper. The organization of the review places special tasks upon Comments Editor Jim Pressly, Recent Decisions Editor Heyward Clarkson, and Notes Editor Ed Menzie. Each editor is responsible for compiling material for his section of The Law Review. Jack Kimball, Leading Articles Editor, is responsible for soliciting articles from legal scholars and noted attorneys.

## Environmental Law Society Faces Ecological Challenge

Two sources of air pollution will be targets of the USC Environmental Law Society's "learning-action program." The group also plans to take action on industrial abuse of the Ocala artesian aquifer, on lower riparian injury from recent mercury damage in the Savannah River, and in requesting reclassification of certain coastal fishery availability standards. Research efforts begin immediately for complaint preparation seeking relief in each of these cases.

For those interested in its extremely diverse program, the Society's next meeting is late this month. The group will be involved in a number of other areas, including:

\*\* Advising a group of graduate students

## International Law Society Seeks National Recognition

The International Law Society is eager to embark on its second semester of operation. Of immediate importance is the need for official recognition from the American Society of International Law. Tentative admission to the ASIL should be forthcoming upon submission of our formal letter of application to the Executive Secretary. However, formal admission will not come until our application can be voted on at the time of the annual spring meeting in Washington.

Presently the Society is planning its first business meeting for the last of September. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit membership from the first-year class and to make arrangements for the first cocktail party and informal discussion with a noted authority on International Law. The party will take place sometime in October and there will be free liquor, provided persons desiring to attend pay their dues.

## New Professors...

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Counsel to the Department of Building.

Prof. Quirk's specialty is Taxation and here he is teaching Tax and Tax Planning. He is very happy here at South Carolina and looks forward to a long stay.

**Prof. W.T. Toal** is another native Columbian, who has returned home. Prof. Toal has a B.S. in Chemistry from Yale University which was received in 1962.

Upon graduation from Yale, Prof. Toal served in the Navy for 3 years. He then returned and studied law here, graduating in 1968. In the past 2 years, he has served as a law clerk to Judge Haynsworth and Assistant Public Defender of Greenville County. Here at the University he is teaching the defense side of clinics and contracts.

on procurement of evidence of environmental law violations;

\*\* Contributions to committee hearings on new rules and standards pursuant to the State's new Pollution Control Act;

\*\* Submission of articles and studies to the legal advisory committee of the President's Council on Environmental Quality, and to the Environmental Law Review (published by the Columbia Law School);

\*\* A speakers program, with possibly well-known figures in the area of environmental law; and

\*\* A possible Southeastern moot court competition in environmental law this spring.

## Law Wives Grow And Change

It is true. Law Wives has grown and not in size or pounds, but in numbers! The influx of the largest freshman class yet has increased the number of potential Student Bar Association Auxiliary members by almost 100 percent. Hopefully this increased potential will increase the number attending meetings. Therefore, with the exception of the September meeting, the Monday evening "vacate the house and let husband study" get-togethers will be held in the Campus Room at Capstone. Membership in the SBAA is also open to female law students. A welcome to them is extended.

Just as other changes mark this year as a transition one, so is the Student Bar Auxiliary changing. Striving to appeal to the varied interests of the membership, the organization will offer a broad spectrum of monthly programs, from "Self Defense for Women" to "Home Decorating." The first semester programs sound exciting. A fashion show followed by a tea given by law faculty wives will highlight October. In November a distinguished panel of Law School faculty members will give Law Wives a quick course in "How to Converse Intelligently with a Legal Eagle" (your husband)! And December will feature Christmas decorating ideas by a local florist as well as some ideas shared by members.

More emphasis will be placed this year on perhaps the single most important aspect of the Auxiliary — the opportunity to become acquainted with other women who share the common goal of aiding the husband obtain his legal education. To this end, the social following each meeting will assume new

importance. Other social activities, some involving husbands, are in the making. The social committee will continue to assist the SBA social committee in its big events.

A newly-organized Ways and Means Committee aims to combine fun and funds. A spaghetti supper-beer bust for everyone is one of the major items under consideration. Publication of a cookbook, a bingo-toy party night, and rummage sales will also be sponsored. Our traditional Bridge Benefit will again highlight the Spring activities.

The Student Bar Association Auxiliary will award its two Hasford Poston Scholarships. These have been awarded continuously since the inception of the program in 1959. At that time, it was the first and only scholarship for law students. Second semester freshmen and upperclassmen are eligible to apply for the scholarship which includes one semester's fees. Notices will be posted soon concerning applications which must be filed by October 15.

The Student Bar Association Auxiliary looks forward to a prosperous year as we share in the Law School Community.

When I was young,  
I took to the Law  
And I argued each case  
With my wife;

And the muscular strength  
That it gave to my jaw  
Has lasted the rest  
Of my life.

Lewis Carroll

## Phi Alpha Delta News

The Charles C. Pickney Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta held its first monthly meeting of the year on September 15, at the Howard Johnson Restaurant. The speaker for the evening was Columbia attorney Joe Roof, Justice of the Palmetto Alumni Chapter, who gave a report on the recent national convention of the fraternity in New Orleans. Sam Banov, Treasurer of the local active Chapter represented the Pinckney Chapter at the convention as a delegate. At the convention, the bylaws of the fraternity were changed to accept girls in full membership of the fraternity.

PAD meets monthly for a dinner meeting including students and faculty to hear speakers of interest to law students. Speakers in recent months have been Justice Bruce Littlejohn, Attorney General Daniel McLeod, and Judge Robert Hemphill.

At the Law School, PAD sponsors the

Prince Competition which gives the law student an opportunity to compete with other students in trying cases under the supervision of the faculty.

Each year regional meetings of PAD are held where delegates from law schools within the region come together for a two day conclave. This year in the spring of 1971, the Pinckney Chapter will be host for this regional conclave in Columbia. Vice Justice Dan Causey is chairman of the meeting.

The purpose of PAD is to round out the law student's education by exposing him to the mechanics and problems of everyday law practice as well as providing social activity to meet and exchange ideas with other law students and faculty.

Incumbent officers of the Pinckney Chapter are Herbert Morgan, Justice; Dan Causey, Vice Justice; David Sale, Clerk; Sam Banov, Treasurer; and Jeter Rhodes, Marshall. Professor C. H. Randall serves as faculty advisor.

## Phi Delta Phi Happenings

The Calhoun Inn of Phi Delta Phi extends a hearty welcome to all returning brothers and pledges and the freshman class. The Inn has a big fall semester planned for the social calendar of the Law School. The first party, to be held October 2 at the Ben Arnold Ranch, will be a combo and beer bust party featuring "B.S. and the New Casuals" from Greenville.

The second party will be after the Tennessee game, November 7. It will be a combo party featuring the "Just Us" at the American Legion Hut. According to the new social chairman, several other social events are still in the planning stages.

Another highlight of the fall semester will be activation, which will be around the middle of October. A dinner and cocktail hour are planned after the ceremony.

The newly elected officers of the Inn for the fall semester are: Wendell Cantrell, Magister; David Wilkins, Exchequer; John Gaw, Clerk; John Bearden, Historian; and Nikki Setzler, Social Chairman. Professor Ledbetter will again act as advisor.

## ABA Convention...

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the House of Delegates proved to be the most beneficial and informative aspect of the convention. The most popular topics of discussion at the workshops were those dealing with placement, environmental law studies, pre-law studies, and orientation programs for freshmen among many others.

Amidst the busy convention schedule, there were planned for all the delegations various social gatherings and tours which were enjoyed by everyone. The River Boat Extravaganza on the St. Louis waterfront featuring Al Hirt and Gordon McCrae was the social highlight of the trip for all.

The University of South Carolina Law School would like to express its sincere appreciation to the following for their generous contributions in helping to subsidize this year's convention trip:

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## Rumors, Issues and Answers

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**Gavel Raps:** To what do you gentlemen attribute the enormous size of this Fall's first-year class, and what are your thoughts about it?

**Randall:** I attribute the size of the matriculating class to three important factors which the Faculty Admissions Committee failed to recognize:

(1) The fruition of the post-World War II "Baby Boom."

(2) The renewal of draft deferments for graduate students.

(3) The return of service personnel due to de-escalation of the Vietnamese conflict.

**Means:** Another very real problem is that the Law School at this University is not only the sole state-supported law school in South Carolina, but the only law school, period. Any resident student with reasonable promise should be admitted.

**Krahmer:** That's an important point. Ideally, every student should be allowed to take a shot at a legal education. Limited physical facilities usually force a more realistic selective process. The fault found in our Admissions policy this Fall can be traced to two factors: (a) The Faculty guessed wrong on the projected number of applications that would be received this year (for reasons Professor Randall enumerated); perhaps the requirements for acceptance were too low; and (b) the Law School Administration allows far too late a deadline (July 1) for termination of applications.

Also, this is our first experience with the Harvard-type problem, and hopefully, we can learn from our mistakes.

**Randall:** A good Student-Faculty ratio in the Southeast is 20:1. Here, it's almost twice that. Every year we accept people who qualify under existing standards, but whose chances of success are not good. These people are advised, even told, not to come, but still they do. Whereas formerly we were admitting people with a 50 per cent chance of graduating, I

daresay some students now have only a 45 per cent chance of making it through three years.

**Felix:** As I see it, this building will be inadequate again next year. We need about 12-13 new faculty members. The question is: Can the State afford it?

**Gavel Raps:** There has been a considerable gnashing of teeth among many students over the Curriculum and Registration problems. What can be done about these problems in the future?

**Felix:** In the past, a lack of planning and timing has been evident, with seemingly no end to the numbers of the entering class. So many first-year students have made scheduling an art as well as a job. Even so, despite last-minute changes, the Curriculum this year offers better choices than were offered last year. I feel a possible solution would be a formal registration in November.

**Randall:** Another idea is to handle both Curriculum and Scheduling together, rather than separately as we do now.

**Gavel Raps:** Finally, what are your collective thoughts on students who hold down outside jobs? Is this a part-time law school?

**Krahmer:** I feel students who must work to support their families should be allowed to do so. The Faculty recognizes that law schools are attracting more married students than ever before.

However, I hold no quarter for students who don't absolutely need jobs, but rather choose to go uptown and search titles for \$1.75 per hour, and then boast of the meaningful legal experience they derive therefrom.

**Wedlock:** I agree. There is a prevailing attitude here that a student can hold down a time-consuming job, attend some classes, and still get by. It simply can't be done.

**Randall:** It tends to affect scheduling also. Students are loathe to take "non-Bar Review" courses they can supposedly do without in the afternoon simply because they'd rather work. Law School should be a full-time experience, but late afternoon classes here are not well-attended.

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