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ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

STUDENT NEWSLETTER


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The Law School Newsletter is a publication of the new Senate and will eventually come out at regular intervals. Every issue will contain a calendar of events for two weeks. It is the hope of this Committee that the Newsletter will also consist of an editorial, special sections for law school organizations, articles by faculty and students, and noteworthy news items about this law school and possibly special programs at other law schools. This Newsletter is for you, the law students of St. Mary's, and suggestions will be welcomed. Please submit your ideas and/or articles to Terry Vogel through the Senate office. Thank you and bear with us while we get our feet off the ground.

Newsletter Committee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
(September 11 - September 24)

- September 11 - Law Wives Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Law Library; "Husband and Wife Law Teams"
- September 12 - Criminal Law Association Weekly Session (CLAWS); Speaker: John Quinlan

- September 13 - Legal Research Board General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., small seminar room in library
- September 19 - Law Wives Bake Sale, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Classroom Building
Criminal Law Association Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.; Speaker: William Sessions, U.S. Attorney
Criminal Law Association General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Classroom Building; Film: "Interrogation, Arrest, and Warnings"
- September 21 - Phi Delta Phi Party at Ferdie's Barbecue, 7:00 p.m.; entertainment by Mike Hawthorne

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Delta Theta Phi - Please turn in membership dues to Wayne Hampton or John Wood.
- Phi Alpha Delta - Anyone who has not picked up his books from the book exchange, please do so.

ATTENTION SENIORS

Students wishing to use the services of Dean Foster's office in their job seeking should leave six copies of their resume with him by October 1. They should attach a short statement describing what they are looking for: geographical area, type of practice, size of firm, etc. With this information Dean Foster can review incoming inquiries with specific students in mind. Further, he will have resumes to send when requested by the students.

Students who desire permanent placement with larger, big city law firms must contact them as soon as possible. These firms interview in September and October and make their decisions before Christmas.

The same imperative goes for students who seek a briefing attorney position with any of the Federal District Courts.

Information on preparing resumes and sample resumes are available in a large, black binder marked "Placement Booklet" in the SBA office.

LEGAL RESEARCH BOARD

St. Mary's Legal Research Board will hold a general meeting on September 13, 1973, at 7:30 p.m. Students who have satisfactorily completed legal research and writing are eligible for membership. Applications will be available at the meeting, and can be picked up in advance at the Barrister's Club office. See Judy Brown, Tom Willess, Bill Delano or Skip Good for further information.

A vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Legal Research Board exists for the position of Publicity Director. Application must be turned in by September 10, 1973, and interviews will be held on September 11, 1973 at 7:30 p.m. in the Barrister's Club office. See Bulletin Board for further information.

LAW JOURNAL MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Membership on the Law Journal is ordinarily predicated upon a requirement that a student rank in the top 20% of his class after completion of 24 hours. As an exception to this, however, the journal has a policy of admitting students to membership each semester who do not rank in the top 20%. A maximum of 5 members are selected from among the applicants based upon a shown desire to participate in Journal work and demonstrated proficiency in research and writing. Students interested in writing for the Journal who do not otherwise qualify are encouraged to apply for membership under this policy. Interviews have been completed for the fall, but notices will be posted in January to advise of the interview schedule for the spring issue.

HONOR COURT ELECTION

The main feature of this issue of the Newsletter is a survey of the candidates for the Honor Court. The election will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 12th and 13th. The pressures of printing herefore, one's decision should not be based exclusively on this list. Each candidate listed has written a few words on his concept of the office and/or his qualifications.

DAVID B. ARMBRUST, Judge-at-large

"I would like to play an active role in the formulation of the Honor Court. Its structure and effectiveness during the first term will serve as a model for future years. The members of the Court must exercise their judgments wisely and objectively using only the highest degree of care, and I feel that I can meet such a standard."

WAYNE HAMPTON

"I feel very strongly in an honor code and a competent body to effectuate such a code. For an honor code to work, it takes the cooperation of the entire student body and the ability on the part of the members of the Honor Court to be available and willing to work on any problems arising under the code. I have both the time and the desire to help make an honor code an effective institution at St. Mary's."

CHRIS HEINRICHS, Mid-year judge

"My concept of the office is that those chosen should realistically attempt to deal with each individual as fairly and impartially as possible, and to try to instill a spirit of freedom with honesty among the students. Anything less would merely be feeding a travesty."

JEFF IRVIN, Judge-at-large

"Assuming that the legal profession needs improvement, it seems to me that the place to start is with the law school. A workable honor code will improve the law school. I'd like to contribute."

ALLAN R. LAZOR, Freshman judge

"The office of Honor Court Justice is a necessarily painful task that require one to keep in balance the uncompromised standards of the legal profession and the future of those persons called before the court. As in all instances of the administration of Justice, it is an absolute requirement that persons be treated fairly, with impartiality, and an interest that both the ends of the individual and the society that we will be called on to serve as lawyers will be served."

FRANK B. MURCHISON, Judge-at-large

"Our Code enters a crucial phase this semester. We must have a strong Code to effect the purpose of its creation, yet it must be reasonably construed to reflect the students that it serves -- especially where the Code calls for discretion (e.g. § 3.02). Please contact me to personally discuss the Code at any time."

CRAIG W. PENROD

"After studying the provisions of the Honor Code, I came to the conclusion that it is merely a guideline for the Honor Court to follow in building a fair and reasonable standard of student behavior. The vagueness of the Code places full responsibility upon the Court in determining concrete criteria for the student to follow. I would very much like to participate in the formulation of a responsible policy."

MARTIN E. RICHTER, Freshman Judge

"Upon filing my application to St. Mary's, I stated my desire was to become a public servant working for ALL people. There is no better time to begin serving the people than right now.

I am currently on the Board of Directors of the International Trade Association of Dallas and Chief Editor of this organization's publications."

CHARLES A. SCHMIDT, Freshman Judge

"Beginning this term, students have the privilege of administering their own Honor Code. Especially for Freshmen who may be new to honor systems, familiarization is important (for instance, failure to report violations is a violation itself) - I will have copies (Section C) and will be prepared to answer your questions regarding the Code and its application."

WILLIAM W. SOMMERS, Freshman Judge

"I believe that an effective honor system at a University is a privilege. At my undergraduate college, I served as the President of the student judicial system. Before this I served as a member of the Honor Court. To have an effective honor system, I believe that the honor system must be totally integrated, and I would work toward this end."

GEORGE TAYLOR, Senior Judge

"The new Honor Code, while written well, contains some broad clauses which need to be interpreted. This is the purpose of the Honor Court. I feel someone accused of cheating or other offense under the new code is in serious danger concerning his career. He must be able to face a fair and impartial trier of all the evidence."

CRAIG W. UHRAN, Senior Judge

"Having decided that fifty words are not enough to adequately address the issues posited, either singly or in combination, I respectfully request that you defer judgment on my candidacy until you have received a personal letter and hopefully a telephone call wherein these subjects may be explored in greater depth."

PETER VOGEL, Judge-at-large

"The legal educational process includes not only classwork, independent research, but also development of the highest moral standards. As an Honor Court Justice I feel I could assist in the interpretation of the new honor code to help make the honor code what it should be, a learning mechanism for students. The honesty and integrity of our future profession depends upon honest and truthful scholarship."

PHYLLIS GAINER, Senior Judge

"Under the new Student Honor Code, St. Mary's students have the opportunity to establish fair and reasonable standards to assure that those graduating from this school will be a credit to the legal profession. But because of the possible severe consequences for violation of the Code, it is imperative that those acts which are prohibited be clearly set out."

RICK KAHN, Freshman Judge

"What is the honor code? Why are we bound by it? What authority does the honor court possess? These are questions which must concern all of us. Generally, the judgments of the honor court are without appeal, final; their sanctions may range from official reprimand to expulsion. An action as innocent as not reporting an 'apparent' violation can subject one to the will of the five judges. I, therefore, urge you to vote for those who appreciate the position to which they aspire and who comprehend the serious repercussion their acts will have on the career and future of their fellow students."

GEORGE ANN MILLER, Mid-Year Judge

"The student Honor Court offers us a unique opportunity. The success of this court depends on the attitudes of its members during the formative stage. I hope to see the court develop into an effective non-partisan organization which will insure each student an equal chance for success. While competition may be necessary, no one should be allowed an unfair advantage."

LARRY HYSINGER, Freshman Judge

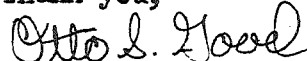
Students:

Following the approval of a draft by the Faculty Council during the "Spring" semester, the Student Senate adopted the Honor Code by unanimous vote on July 19, 1973. Though it has been criticized by some, the Honor Code accomplishes two important purposes. Firstly it brings St. Mary's School of Law in line with many of the other major law schools in the country, and secondly it gives students the responsibility of controlling the behavior of their peers in relation to academic matters.

The Code itself relies on an Honor Court consisting of five individuals representative of the three classes for enforcement of any breach. Moreover, in some cases, it vests in this body a great amount of discretion as to what is an infraction of the Honor Code.

Therefore, this first Honor Court to be elected on September 12th and 13th will in all probability set the precedent to be followed in future years by future courts. I would encourage all students to take this election seriously and select students who will reflect the attitudes of the entire student body. Talk to these candidates, evaluate them, and make an educated decision on election day.

Thank you,



Otto S. Good
SBA President