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Officers of the St. Mary's Barrister Club for the spring semester: (seated) Ervin Appfel, Frank Rodgers, Jack Pasqual; (standing) Tony Armendariz, Louis Alvarez, Jack Kallison, Morris Collins and John Bamberg.

EIGHT PASS BAR EXAMINATIONS

Eight St. Mary's Law students successfully passed the State Bar Examinations which were given in October, 1955. They are: Victor Negron, James Nitschke, Lawrence Lang, Winfried Stortz, E. G. Sewell, Marshall Truex, William Smith and Leo Dougherty.

Prayers are requested for the speedy recovery of Professor Orville C. Walker, who recently underwent a serious surgery operation.

Craver, Hale in Moot Court Contest

Ted Craver and Jim Hale will represent the St. Mary's School of Law in the annual state bar moot court competition during the state bar convention in Houston, Texas.

Ted and J. C. Reagan represented the school last year in Dallas. They beat Texas University Law School in the preliminary but lost to Southern Methodist in the finals.

Professor Clifford Davis is coach of the St. Mary's team this year.

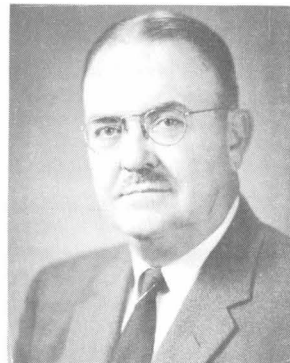
Armendariz, Monesson Attend A.L.S.A. Conference

The Annual Circuit Conference of the A.L.S.A. will be held in New Orleans, April 6-8. Tony Armendariz and Ron Monesson, A.L.S.A. representatives will attend the meeting.

All of the eighteen accredited law schools in the south and southwest will send representatives to this meeting. Its purpose is to bring together school delegates to discuss mutual problems and accomplishments with respect to fostering the aims of the A.L.S.A.

Norvell in Race for Supreme Court

Judge James R. Norvell, Associate Justice of the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals of San Antonio, Texas, will make the race for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas if Judge Will Wilson runs for the post of Attorney General. Judge Norvell will run for Judge Wilson's place. It looks like the School of Law's Judge Norvell will sit on the high bench. Judge Norvell has long been a devoted supporter of the School of Law. He has been on the law school faculty for sixteen years, and is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.



Judge James R. Norvell.

Barrister Club Elects Officers

The Barrister Club held elections on March 2, and Frank Rodgers, a senior, dean's list student, was elected president for the spring semester by an overwhelming vote.

Retiring, veteran politician, Fred Boykin, made a dramatic plea to the student body in support of his candidate, his old friend and colleague, Homer Penn. However, Don Politico was unable to rally a majority in the presidential or vice-presidential race.

Jack Pasqual, high-man in his class, and energetic worker for the Barrister Club, moved up from the secretary's office, which he held last semester, to the position of vice-president. He has a clear field for next year if he chooses to remain in politics.

After a minor political faux pas had been smoothed over, and the various factions of the voting assembly reconciled, Ervin Appfel was elected secretary over stiff opposition from the ladies.

Jack Kallison, financier pleni-potentiary, lost the vote for treasurer to the people's choice candidate, Morris Collins, the only freshman able to break the fraternity bloc. Kallison was elected historian.

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A.L.S.A. Life Insurance Plan

The American Law Student Association is offering a \$5,000 life insurance policy to law students at a very low rate of \$25 per year. Any full time law student who is a member of a student group affiliated with the A.L.S.A. (Barrister Club), is eligible.

The insurance is term life and contains a double indemnity provision. The low cost continues beyond graduation until the student is established in his law practice. The policy can then be converted into permanent insurance any time during the eight year term of the policy.

No medical examination is required if the applicant is in good health. The policy also continues in force if the beneficiary enters military service, or leaves school temporarily or permanently.

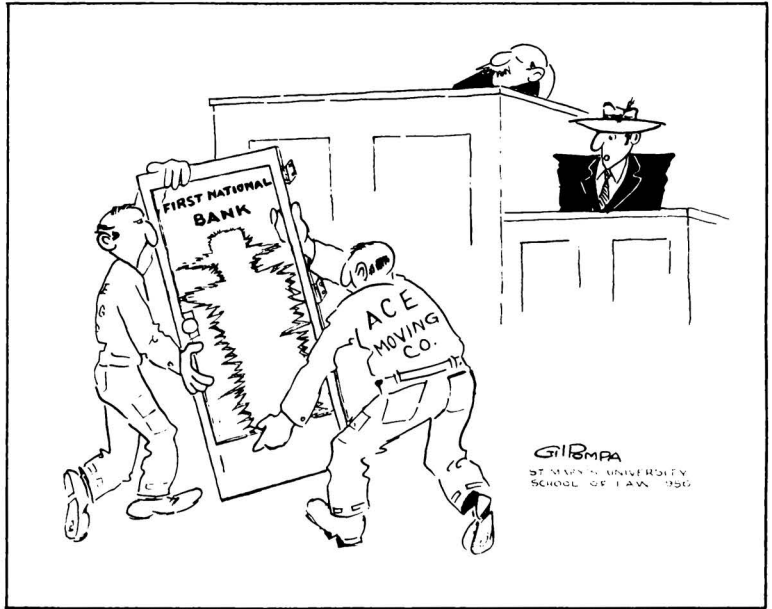
Application forms can be secured from the A.L.S.A. representatives, Tony Armendariz and Ron Monesson.

Hardened criminal: "Hey, kid, whatcha think yer gonna do with that B-B gun?"

Juvenile Delinquent: "I'm gonna start a protection racket in San Antonio."

ENROLLMENT and School Average

Enrollment for the 1956 spring semester stands at 178, an increase of sixteen students over last year's figures. The school average is 73.6%.



Library Acquires New Treaty Series

Six volumes comprising U. S. Treaties and Other International Agreements have been added to the Hobart Huson Law Library.

Published by the Government Printing Office in 1952, the series includes all treaties and international acts to which the United States has been a party from the

period of January 27, 1950, to March 1, 1952. Prior to publication of this set, all such treaties and agreements were included in the U.S. Statutes At Large. The Act of September, 1950, however, authorized the Secretary of State to compile, edit, and index a separate publication.

FRATERNITIES

Delta Theta Phi

The Bickett Senate of the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity came to the campus in April 1950, through the guidance of the first moderator Professor Warren P. McKenney. Mr. McKenney is now dean of the Santa Clara School of Law in California.

The activities of the senate throughout the fall semester were many and varied. The Tribune, John Padilla, attended the national convention in Washington, and reported on the policies of the national senate at the first luncheon held in September. One of the primary objectives of the organization, John pointed out, was to acquaint the law student with the practical aspect of the profession through the means of capable speakers on different phases of the law.

The first speaker of the semes-

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Phi Delta Phi

Phi Delta Phi is more than the usual concept of a legal fraternity; the golden key, the inscribed certificate, and the singular honors that obtain with membership. There remains, deeply ingrained within this revered organization, a pulsating ideal - tradition, a living determination to promote a higher standard of professional ethics and culture. In juxtaposition to ideal is its dedicated execution. Phi Delta Phi promotes this end by molding a united association of brothers who, in law school days and long beyond, draw inspiration from the fraternity's standards of excellence, and strength from the fraternal bonds of friendship.

Tarlton Inn, the local member association of Phi Delta Phi, in keeping with the traditions, has sparked a highly active program that ranges from short informal

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Open Letter To St. Mary's University Law School Alumni

Re: Fund raising campaign under the sponsorship of the Law Group of the Ex-Students Association

Dear Alumnus,

The School of Law is well known in the San Antonio area and in South Texas. In the other parts of the state it is only partially known. Our alumni have made envious records for themselves. Our standards have been kept high.

We can continue to operate as we are solely on tuition income but are we to be satisfied by dwelling on the plateau on which we now find ourselves? I think the answer of every graduate of this school of law to that question is no! To give your law school its deserved prestige across the state, she must have supplemental income in the amount of \$30,000 annually. It goes without saying, that your degree would correspondingly become more valuable. Out of this \$30,000, we expect the alumni to set the example through their loyalty and generosity by pledging the sum of \$10,000 annually. Later in the year we will attempt to raise the balance of the \$20,000 from the lawyers of South Texas.

What will we do with the \$10,000 from the alumni? The sum of \$8,000 would go to the support of the law library; \$2,000 would be utilized to pay the salary of a visiting professor of national prominence during each summer session. We have never been able to afford visiting professors. It is quite essential to our reputation that we engage at least one of these professors each summer. We have been unable to afford a visiting professor under our tuition budget alone.

The over-all programing calls for a new combination office building and law school at 112 College Street; the establishment of an Oil and Gas Chair through endowments from the petroleum industry; the establishment of a Labor Law Chair.

In the past the School of Law has researched the Medical Examiners Act for the Texas Society of Pathologists, and it has devoted several years to research on "Jury Trials in Texas," by Judge Jack Pope. We perform these services under severe financial handicaps. It is essential that the School of Law undertake timely and definite research projects as a service to the bench and bar and to the public.

Law schools are expected to arrange and sponsor law institutes. We have sponsored and co-sponsored several, always with a lack of funds. Law institutes on a large state wide scale for the lawyers of the entire state, staffed with nationally prominent speakers, are a must for the greater school of law which we contemplate.

We intend to go to the alumni on an annual pledge basis. We have sampled groups of our alumni, explained the program to them, and we are happy to state that each alumnus has been most enthusiastic and happy about the fund raising idea. Within the next thirty days, you will receive a follow-up letter, and you will be contacted personally, whenever possible, to hear the St. Mary's Law School story.

The grant by the Ford Foundation is restricted in its use because the interest from the grant can be used only to pay academic professors. The Law School, therefore, will receive no benefit from this grant. We mention this to clarify any misinformation that you might have concerning this matter.

Your School of Law was established in September of 1934. In 1959, we will celebrate our Silver Jubilee. Don't you think that we ought to break out of our shell completely by that time and start strutting around.

Sincerely yours,



Ernest A. Raba, Dean
St. Mary's University School of Law

DEAN'S LIST

At the end of each semester, those students who have completed two full semesters of law work, and whose cumulative average places them in the upper ten per cent of the total student body, are placed

DAY DIVISION	Avg.	Hours
Johnston, Stuart	90.1%	57.5
Craver, Theodore F.	86.2	75.5
Rodgers, Frank C.	85.7	58
Penn, Homer	85.4	70.5
Pasqual, John C.	83.9	51
Guerra, H.P., III	82.2	63.5
Thompson, Mrs. Dora	81.9	50
Padilla, John R.	80.4	81
Marshall, John	80.1	24

upon the Dean's Honor List, as students of academic distinction, and their names are recorded as a matter of permanent record. Only those students carrying a normal load or more are eligible.

EVENING DIVISION	Avg.	Hours
Hale, James R.	88.3%	47.5
Reed, George	80.2	30
Christensen, Carl J.	79.2	27
Grove, Lee	78.8	31
Korp, Henry	78.4	44
Guenther, Charles	78.3	45.5
Gallucci, Arthur	76.6	30.5
Paco, Josue	75.9	47

Barrister Club Active

During the past several months the Barrister Club, headed by Stuart Johnston, has been active in providing the law school with much needed social life.

In November, the Barristers danced to the music of Karl Farmer at the Olmos Club. A hunting rifle was given away at this dance as the prize of a successful raffle sponsored by the Club. The proceeds enabled the Club to put on more functions.

In December, the annual Christmas party was held at the student lounge. At this party the Barristers were honored by the presence of Father Buehler, the president of the University. The traditional gifts to the faculty were passed out accompanied by the reading of humorous verses in reference to each professor.

The Barristers held an informal get acquainted party at the River Haus in February. A juke box provided the music for dancing, and refreshments were served.

BARRISTER CLUB ELECTS

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With Willie Salyer, parliamentarian and Supreme Court of the Barrister Club, studying for the bar exams, the election meeting struggled through minor procedural mishaps without his electrifying rulings. However, Ron Monesson volunteered his talents to help keep order until John Bamberg was elected parliamentarian (he identified Robert's Rules) and Louie Alvarez was elected sergeant-at-arms.

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DELTA THETA PHI

ter was Ralph Langley, vice-president of the Texas Bar Association. He spoke on "The Plaintiff's Side of the Case," with all its ramifications. Judge Joe F. Brown of the Criminal District Court spoke on the essential elements of an indictment. Several other prominent attorneys and judges are scheduled to speak to the fraternity during the spring semester.

The social life of Delta Theta included a fall rush party at the historical Fiesta House on the banks of the San Antonio River. Barbeque, broiled and basted by the skilled chef, Bill Salyer, was the featured entre. The members and alumni turned out for the barbeque and the initiation dinner dance at Club Shadowland.

The wives' party at the River Haus concluded the fall festivities in December. The wives and girl friends brought covered dishes and everyone enjoyed the informal get-together.

The officers of the fraternity for the year 1955-56 are: Fred Boykin, Dean; Jim Bargfried, Vice Dean; Louis Alvarez, Tribune; Stuart Johnston, Exchequer; Loyd Oubre, Clerk of the Rolls; Tony Armendariz, Master of the Ritual; and Julius Grossenbacher, Bailiff. The officers and members of the Bickett Senate are planning a rush party for the spring semester to introduce the new students to the ideals and aims of Delta Theta.

PHI DELTA PHI

meetings to elaborate dinner engagements. Since the beginning of the fall semester, at least one

Tom C. Robertson Elected to Executive Council

Tom C. Robertson, School of Law '49, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Ex-Students Association at the annual meeting

of the Association on Jan. 18, at the Pearl Corral. Mrs. Ray Leeman is other School of Law Representative. Tom will play a



Tom C. Robertson

major role in the forthcoming fund raising campaign sponsored by the Law Group of the Ex-Students Association.

Dora Thompson Initiated

The Beta Lambda chapter of Kappa Beta Pi legal sorority, held an initiation meeting on March 1. Dora Thompson, second-year law student, was initiated.

luncheon meeting has been arranged monthly. It is here that current policies are discussed, both social and academic.

In December, the Tarlton Inn was successful in initiating fourteen new members and it extended two honorary memberships to Professors Orville Walker and Archie Brown. The new members are: Jose Cumpian, Arthur Gallucci, Ron Monesson, Homer Penn, Jack Pasqual, Ervin Appfel, Joe Medina, George Donnell, Howard Hunt, Jack Kallison, James Dodd, Win Stortz, Jack Efron and Andrew Seaman.

A rush party was held at Cones Barn in November. Amid the rustic atmosphere and western artifacts the members and rushees enjoyed western barbeque. In December the formal initiation was held at Fort Sam Houston Officer's Club. Guest speaker was Judge Raymond Gerhard who spoke on ethical standards of the legal profession.

In March an election of officers was held. They are: Homer Penn, Magistrar; Henry Korp, Clerk; Jack Pasqual, Exchequer and Jose Cumpian, Historian. The new officers are energetically working on the varied projects planned for the spring semester.