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On the cover:

Left to right: Associate Dean David A. Dittfurth, Professor Vincent R. Johnson, The Hon. William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States, Dean Barbara B. Aldave, Professor Marsha C. Huie, and Professor Gerald S. Reamey in Innsbruck, Austria.

St. Mary's University School of Law was founded in 1927 in San Antonio, Texas, by the San Antonio Bar Association. Seven years later, the Law School was accepted as part of St. Mary's University, an independent Catholic institution founded in 1852 by four Brothers of the Society of Mary.

Known as a "lawyer's law school," St. Mary's seeks to give its students the knowledge and the attributes of mind and character essential to the effective rendition of public service in one of the learned professions. The Law School seeks to impart to its students a clear understanding of the true function and aim of the legal system—the attainment of justice.

St. Mary's Law School was approved by the American Bar Association in 1948. It was admitted to membership in the Association of American Law Schools in 1949.

Enrollment is limited to approximately 700 students.

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A Word From The Dean



Dean Barbara Bader Aldave

Virtually every day, someone I meet asks me how things are going at St. Mary's Law School. By now I have developed a standardized response: "I think that everything is going well. Of course, my judgment may not be wholly unbiased."

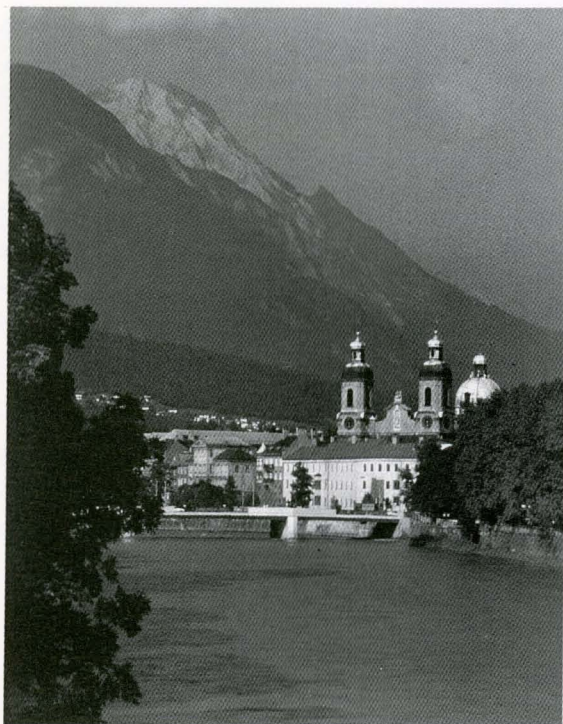
In fact, I do think that things are going well, but I am not unbiased at all. As I look back on my first two years as the Dean of the Law School, I am proud of what we have achieved. We have stepped up our efforts to attract highly-qualified students to St. Mary's, and our Law School now has a stronger and more diverse student body than ever before. We have hired several new professors, all of whom are both talented teachers and promising scholars. And, while maintaining our reputation as "a lawyer's law school," we have established a number of exciting new programs.

I am especially proud of our advances in clinical legal education. During the last two years, we have launched four clinics — one each in Juvenile Justice, Immigration Law, Capital Punishment, and Poverty Law. These clinics provide our students with an invaluable opportunity to receive hands-on, carefully supervised training from experienced practitioners. Just as importantly, they introduce our students to the rewards and satisfactions of helping the young, the poor, and the desperate. Finally, they provide a significant service to our community, and to persons in critical need of legal representation. As I view them, they are a win-win-win proposition.

I also am proud of our initiatives in international and comparative law. The St. Mary's Institute on World Legal Problems — conducted each summer in Innsbruck, Austria — has become an acknowledged leader among the many foreign programs offered by American law schools. Currently, visiting scholars from Nigeria, Russia, and Mexico are in residence on our home campus, at our Center for International Legal Studies. We recently have established a Centre for Conciliation and Arbitration, which will promote the resolution of both domestic and international disputes through means other than litigation. We have initiated cooperative programs with two law schools in Mexico, and we have sponsored several lectures, conferences, and symposia on international legal problems.

As I indicated at the outset, I do not pretend to be an unbiased source of information about St. Mary's Law School. This Annual Report is not wholly unbiased either: After all, members of the faculty and administration wrote it. Still, I invite you to read through it, and to form your own judgment about how things are going at St. Mary's. I also invite you to visit our campus when you can, and to share your thoughts with us.

St. Mary's at Innsbruck



Innsbruck, Austria

by Professor Vincent R. Johnson

By virtually any measure, the 1991 Institute on World Legal Problems at Innsbruck was the most successful of the six annual summer programs which the School of Law has conducted in Austria since 1986. The five-week session, highlighted by a two-week course taught by the Chief Justice of the United States, was attended by 70 students representing approximately 30 American law schools, as well as universities in Germany, Hungary, and Austria.

The program of studies included a selection of international and comparative law courses as rich and diverse as those offered by any of the nearly 80 foreign study programs conducted by American law schools around the globe each summer. The faculty, comprised of professors from St. Mary's and several other American and European universities, taught courses dealing with International Energy Transactions, European Economic Community (EEC) Law and Policy, Transnational Environmental Problems, International Human Rights, Law and International Terrorism, International Business Transactions, World Legal History, and Comparative Tort Law.

Chief Justice Rehnquist Teaches Course on Supreme Court

Although the late Mrs. Rehnquist was precluded by poor health from accompanying her husband to Austria, the Chief Justice made good on his long-standing promise to teach a course on The Supreme Court in United States History as part of the 1991 Institute. He was assisted by Associate Dean David Dittfurth, who served as a team-teacher for the course, lecturing on topics which provided a conceptual framework for the Chief Justice's treatment of historical subjects, and engaging with the Chief Justice in classroom colloquies designed to probe issues raised in the course.

While many appearances by members of the Supreme Court consist of only a single speech or at most a few classes, the Chief Justice presented eight full lectures during his two weeks in Innsbruck. His teaching was enthusiastically received by students, and the faculty found the Chief Justice to be an engaging conversationalist, a pleasant dinner companion, an inquisitive tourist, a devotee of fine music, and a keen intellect.

Left to right: Professor Vincent R. Johnson, Chief Justice William Rehnquist, Professor Victoria Mather, and Professor Marsha Huie in the Austrian Alps just above Innsbruck.



During his stay in Innsbruck, the Chief Justice was the guest of honor at an elegant dinner hosted by the Governor of the Tyrol and at a grand reception attended by the students in the program and distinguished members of the Innsbruck legal community. At a special faculty dinner hosted by Dean Aldave, the Chief Justice was presented with two small gifts: a sweat shirt from the University of Innsbruck and an Innsbruck baseball cap, similar to a cap (from Charleston, S.C.) which the Chief Justice wore while hiking in the mountains with members of the faculty.

Upon completion of his teaching in Innsbruck, the Chief Justice traveled to Vienna for a series of visits arranged by St. Mary's, including meetings with the Presidents and Justices of the Austrian Supreme Court and Austrian Constitutional Court, and with the United States Ambassador to Austria.

On a number of occasions in Innsbruck and Vienna, and also by subsequent letter, the Chief Justice expressed his deep appreciation for the hospitality extended to him by St. Mary's University. When he was told, prior to his departure to the United States, that St. Mary's would like to tempt him back to Innsbruck sometime in the future, he replied warmly, "That would not be difficult."

The Distinguished Lectureship at Innsbruck, held by Professor Laurence Tribe of Harvard Law School in 1990 and by the Chief Justice in 1991, will be filled by Associate Justice Antonin Scalia in 1992 and by Associate Justice John Paul Stevens in 1993.

Special Lectures & Field Trips

A number of special lectures helped to enrich the educational experience of students in the 1991 program.

Dean Edward M. Gaffney of Valparaiso University School of Law in Indiana spoke on the connection between Tudor and Stuart England and provisions in the American bill of rights. Professor Peter Kovacs of Miskolc University in Hungary lectured on human rights in Eastern Europe. Professor Frank Hopfel of the University of Innsbruck discussed the European human rights regime.

Dr. Christoph Brezinka, an Innsbruck gynecologist, spoke on population policy, family planning, and abortion law in Austria. St. Mary's Law School Adjunct Professor Wayne Fagan presented guest lectures on international business. And Professor Andras Sajo, the chief legal advisor to the President of the Hungarian Republic, presented several classes on environmental and EEC law.

Students and faculty also participated in field trips to the State House of the Tyrol province, to an Innsbruck law office, to a Notary's chambers in Kitzbuehl, and to the provincial court located in Innsbruck.

In addition to the Director and Associate Dean Dittfurth, professors from the home campus teaching in Innsbruck in 1991 included Geary Reamey (Associate Director and Co-founder of the program), Michael Ariens, Marsha Huie, and Victoria Mather. Also on the faculty were Professors Fritz Raber of the University of Innsbruck, Alan Raphael of Loyola University in Chicago, and John Dzienkowski of the University of Texas. Professor Dzienkowski held the title of Katherine A. Ryan Distinguished Visiting Professor.

The 1991 program was the second-largest conducted by St. Mary's University at Innsbruck. It was exceeded in size only by the 1990 program, which was one of the largest foreign programs on international law ever operated anywhere in the world by an American law school.

New Offerings in International Law



St. Mary's students in Saltillo, Mexico, attending a conference at the Universidad de Coahuila on Legal Aspects of the Free Trade Agreement.

During the past academic year, St. Mary's School of Law has responded to the growing interest in international business and trade, especially in the Western Hemisphere, by expanding its offerings in international law.

In addition to holding its annual summer Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck, Austria, where students were provided rich and diverse opportunities for studying comparative and international law, the Law School established some exciting new programs and began exploring others for implementation in the 1991-1992 academic year.

Joint Programs With Universities in Mexico

During the fall and spring of 1990-1991, Dean Aldave and the deans of two universities in Mexico began exploring the possibility of creating programs to increase the understanding of legal issues between the United States and Mexico.

The result? A joint program has been established with the Universidad de Monterrey for attorneys who represent clients or wish to represent clients doing business across the United States-Mexico border. The two-year program will begin in the summer of 1992, with an initial group of 15 lawyers from the United States and 15 lawyers from Mexico.

In addition, St. Mary's Law School has developed an exchange program with the Universidad Autonoma de Coahuila. In September 1991, 15 students from St. Mary's Law School attended a three-day conference at the Universidad de Coahuila on Legal Aspects of the Free Trade Agreement. One month later, 16 students from Coahuila came to St. Mary's to participate in a conference on U.S. and Mexican law and legal research. St. Mary's students reciprocated the generous hospitality extended to them in Saltillo by hosting a Texas barbeque and night on the town for the Mexican law students.

Visiting Foreign Scholars from left:
Margaret Okorodudu-Fubara (Nigeria),
Larisa Krasavchikova (Russia), Patricia
Begne (Mexico).



Centre for Conciliation and Arbitration

In the spring of 1991, St. Mary's University School of Law opened its Centre for Conciliation and Arbitration. The Centre was established to promote and facilitate commercial dispute resolution, both domestic and international, through means other than litigation.

Headed by Adjunct Professor Wayne Fagan, the Centre is instituting educational programs for law students and attorneys, identifying and collecting reference materials on the conciliation and arbitration processes, and developing working relationships with existing national and international arbitration bodies.

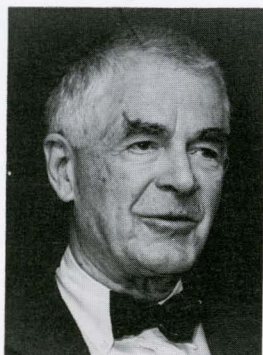
The Centre is housed in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. In the future, it will serve as a site for arbitration hearings.

Visiting Foreign Scholars

During the 1990-1991 academic year, Dr. Margaret Okorodudu-Fubara, Senior Lecturer at Obafemi Awolowo University in Ile-Ife, Nigeria, was in residence at St. Mary's Center for International Legal Studies as a Visiting Foreign Scholar. While in residence, Dr. Fubara, a Fulbright Scholar and World Bank Fellow, wrote a law-review article on environmental warfare for the *St. Mary's Law Journal*.

Dr. Fubara has extended her stay at St. Mary's into the 1991-1992 academic year in order to finish a book on environmental law in Africa. She is joined this year by two other Visiting Foreign Scholars: Lic. Patricia Begne, Professor of Law at the University of Guanajuato in Guanajuato, Mexico; and Larisa Krasavchikova, a docent of civil law at the Juridical Institute in Sverdlovsk (now Ekaterinburg) Russia.

Lectures, Symposia & Special Events



*Former Watergate Special
Prosecutor Archibald Cox.*

During the 1990-1991 academic year, St. Mary's University Law School hosted a number of lectures, symposia, and special events that attracted significant interest among faculty and students and members of the community.

Archibald Cox, Carl M. Loeb Professor of Law at Harvard University School of Law, Chairman of Common Cause, and former Watergate Special Prosecutor and U.S. Solicitor General, discussed developments in civil rights.

Philip Chase Bobbitt, Counselor on International Law in the Office of the Legal Adviser of the United States Department of State and former Associate Counsel to the President of the United States, gave a lecture on "The Power To Make War" in the spring of 1991. It was the first of a three-part lecture series.

In the fall of 1991, Professor Bobbitt addressed "The Power To Make Peace," and in the spring of 1992, he will discuss "The Power To Keep Peace." Professor Bobbitt, author of several books, holds an A.B. in Philosophy from Princeton University, a J.D. from Yale Law School, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Modern History from Oxford University.

Nina Totenberg, Legal Correspondent for National Public Radio, was the Commencement speaker for the class of 1991. She spoke about the importance of public service in the legal profession, and expressed hope that the graduates would not only "do well" but would also "do good."

During the fall of 1990, the Law School hosted a panel discussion on "Rambo" litigation and legal professionalism. The panelists included Texas Supreme Court Justice Eugene Cook; Judge Dan Downey; and Michael E. Tigar, the holder of the Joseph D. Jamail Chair at the University of Texas School of Law and an internationally renowned litigator. Professor Tigar returned to St. Mary's in the fall of 1991 to talk about "How to Get a Good Job — Really," or "Even Lawyers Can Have Fun."

Supplementing the lectures sponsored by the administration or faculty, the St. Thomas More Society, under the leadership of students Shelly Sanford and Mary Beth Welsh, arranged for nearly a dozen speakers to address students on topics ranging from the "right to die" to the practice of environmental law.

National Public Radio Correspondent Nina Totenberg, 1991 Law School Commencement speaker, with University President Rev. John J. Moder, S.M. (left) and University Trustee Al J. Notzon, III (right).



The Law School also hosted a number of conferences and symposia during the 1990-1991 academic year, including the following:

Conference on Human Rights in the Americas

In February 1991, with the assistance of a grant from the San Antonio Bar Foundation, the Law School held a two-day conference on "Human Rights in the Americas."

Speakers from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, and South America addressed such issues as "Women's Rights in the Americas," "Refugee and Asylum Policies," "The Inter-American Court: Practice and Procedure," and "Human Rights in the Americas: Emerging Problems."

The keynote speaker was The Honorable Thomas Buergenthal, Lobingier Professor of Comparative and International Law at George Washington University and President of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights.

Professor Buergenthal, an internationally renowned expert on human-rights issues, is the author of numerous books and articles concerning human rights, a judge on both the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Administrative Tribunal of the Inter-American Development Bank, and a survivor of the Holocaust. His speech, which traced developments in human rights since World War II, brought the conference to a close.

Symposium on United Nations Law and Legal Research

In February 1991, the Institute for Comparative and International Legal Research, which is part of St. Mary's Center for International Legal Studies,

sponsored its first annual program. The Institute, directed by Professors Robert L. Summers, Jr., and Linda Schlueter, organized the symposium.

The two-day symposium featured experts from the United Nations and academics with prior U.N. service who addressed a broad range of topics, including human rights, trade, transnational corporations, the environment, statehood, and conflict resolution.

In addition, prominent authors in the field of international publications and specialists from the Library of Congress and the United Nations' Dag Hammarskjold Library offered critical insights concerning legal and interdisciplinary research in United Nations documents.

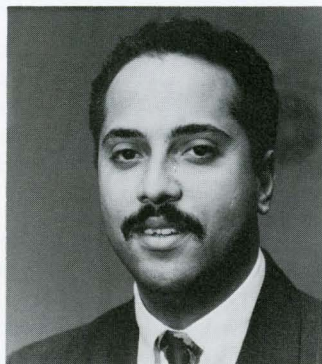
In the fall of 1991, the Institute sponsored a three-day symposium on "The United States and Mexico: Law and Legal Research."

Symposium on Legal Aspects of Doing Business with Mexico

St. Mary's Law Journal sponsored a daylong symposium in March 1991 on legal aspects of doing business with Mexico. Well-known practitioners from both sides of the border spoke at the symposium, held at the San Antonio Convention Center.

Topics included the prospective free-trade agreement between the United States and Mexico, the problems and potential benefits of maquiladoras, the role of arbitration in settling international commercial disputes, and the past and future of "Salinastroika."

Clinics & Classrooms



Poverty Law Clinic Director and Associate Professor Jon C. Dubin.

In 1990, St. Mary's University School of Law launched a clinical legal education program that is now providing a significant public service to the San Antonio community even while it gives St. Mary's students invaluable practical legal experience.

The School's strong commitment to clinical legal education is evident in its expanding list of clinical offerings, which now include clinics providing services in Juvenile Justice, Poverty Law, Capital Punishment, and Immigration. The Immigration Clinic was initiated in the 1991-1992 academic year.

Through the efforts of Associate Dean David Dittfurth and Associate Professor Jon C. Dubin, the School recently obtained a \$95,410 grant from the United States Department of Education (DOE) to fund the expansion of its Poverty Law Clinic to provide representation to homeless clients from the Salvation Army Shelter and the San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries Shelter. St. Mary's also obtained a \$71,663 IOLTA grant to continue the Clinic's other work.

Poverty Law Clinic Provides Legal Assistance to 300 Indigent Families

In just its first year of operation, the Poverty Law Clinic has provided representation to more than 300 indigent families and individuals, and has fully completed 225 civil cases.

The efforts of St. Mary's students have prevented the homelessness of several families facing eviction; provided much-needed income support for food, clothing, and health care for the disabled and elderly; protected battered women from further violence by abusive spouses; and reunited parents with children wrongfully placed in foster homes on account of their parents' poverty.

The Poverty Law Clinic has benefitted enormously from its partnership with Bexar County Legal Aid (BCLA). The use of BCLA offices to house students and the in-kind assistance from BCLA staff have made the program more efficient, and students have had the opportunity to experience the day-to-day operations of poverty law offices and the environment of the impoverished communities they serve.

Poverty Law Clinic Supervising Attorney Ana Novoa discusses a case with law students at Bexar County Legal Aid office.



Professor Dubin, a graduate of Dartmouth College and New York University School of Law, joined the faculty in the fall of 1990. During his first six months on the faculty, Professor Dubin established the clinical program in Poverty Law, produced an entire casebook on Poverty Law, and designed the Homelessness Project.

One of the early priorities of the new Homelessness Project has been to enforce the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, which gives homeless families priority in admission to government-subsidized housing. The Act was cosponsored by Representative Henry B. Gonzalez (D-TX), an alumnus of St. Mary's Law School. St. Mary's students already are pressing for enforcement of the law on behalf of several homeless families with small children.

The DOE grant for the Homelessness Project allowed the School to hire three talented and experienced individuals: Ana Maria Novoa, a graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio and an honors graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, as Supervising Attorney; Mary Mendez as Paralegal; and Patricia Reyna as Secretary. They join Professor Dubin and Supervising Attorney Sue T. Bentsch in forming the Poverty Law Clinic team. Former Clinical Programs Director Mary Anne Crosby returned to St. Mary's as a part-time Adjunct Professor to help guide the Poverty Law Clinic through its first year.

Students Defend Rights of 100 Juveniles

Last year, law students participating in the Juvenile Justice Clinic defended the constitutional and other rights of approximately 100 juveniles. Many St. Mary's students also took the extra step of assisting their clients in dealing with non-legal problems in school and at home.

Clinic Director Marsha Lynn Merrill and Ms. Jacquelyn Reibach of the San Antonio Community Law Center served as the supervising attorneys, with Professors Geary Reamey and Mary Anne Crosby generously stepping in for Professor Merrill while she was on maternity leave.

Under the supervision of these faculty members, students interviewed clients, investigated facts, analyzed and developed case strategies, negotiated with assistant district attorneys, and appeared in court on behalf of their clients. Last year, all but two cases were resolved short of trial.

Students also took on the task of decorating the Clinic's new office in the Raba Building so as to create for their child-clients an atmosphere which would help foster trust and communication.

Students Petition U.S. Supreme Court in Death-Row Cases

The Capital Punishment Clinic was founded in the fall of 1990 and is cosponsored by St. Mary's University School of Law and the Texas Resource Center, which was established in 1987 to provide representation for death-row inmates in post-conviction proceedings.

Individuals charged with capital crimes often are illiterate and mentally retarded or disabled, and many of them enter the criminal justice system too poor to afford attorneys of their own choosing. The Capital Punishment Clinic seeks to provide death-row inmates with assistance in raising meritorious constitutional claims.

During the past academic year, St. Mary's students handled 19 cases for clients at Ellis I in Huntsville, Texas, where the state's death-row population is housed. Students helped obtain stays of execution

for several inmates, including a stay in the execution of a mentally retarded, schizophrenic individual; worked on petitions for writs of certiorari; filed habeas corpus petitions with the United States Supreme Court; and undertook other legal efforts in behalf of their clients.

The students were supervised by Clinic Director Jeffrey Pokorak, an attorney with the Texas Resource Center; Professor John Schmolesky; Adjunct Professor Mark Stevens; and Supervising Attorney Phyllis Crocker. This year, besides continuing as Director of the Capital Punishment Clinic, Mr. Pokorak is serving as an Adjunct Professor at St. Mary's and teaching Criminal Procedure.

New Faces at St. Mary's

Last year, in addition to hiring Professor Dubin and the attorneys and staff who joined the Law School's clinical education program, St. Mary's acquired the services of Associate Dean Josefina Jaramillo. Dean Jaramillo now has principal administrative responsibility for the School's recruitment and admissions program.

Dean Jaramillo is a graduate of Stanford University and the University of Texas School of Law. Prior to coming to St. Mary's, she was an attorney in Los Angeles with the firms of O'Melveny and Myers and, later, Barbosa and Vera. Under her leadership, the Law School has recruited the best-qualified group of first-year students, in terms of their test scores and undergraduate grade-point averages, in the School's history.

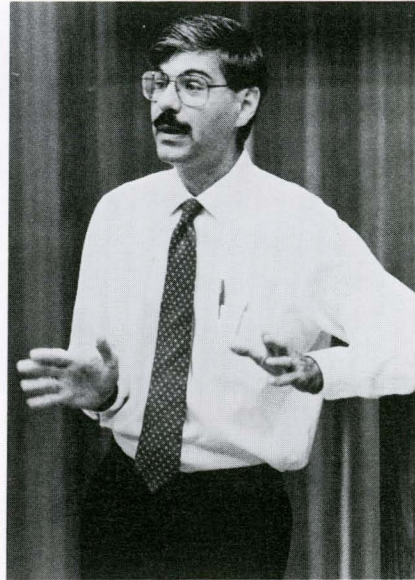
Associate Professor Jose Roberto Juarez, Jr., also a graduate of Stanford University and the University of Texas School of Law, joined the faculty in the fall of 1990. Professor Juarez was an attorney with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund before joining the faculty at St. Mary's. Professor Juarez earned rave reviews from his students in Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, and Civil Rights.

Two new faculty members who joined St. Mary's in the fall of 1991 bolstered the Law School's curriculum in environmental and labor law. They are Associate Professor Diana Borden, a graduate of



Associate Dean Josefina Jaramillo.

Associate Professor Jose Roberto Juarez, Jr. teaching Civil Procedure.



Harvard University and the University of Texas School of Law; and Associate Professor John Teeter, a graduate of the University of Illinois and Harvard University School of Law.

In addition, Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, formerly a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, joined the faculty as a Visiting Professor for the 1991-1992 academic year. Professor McDonald, a graduate of Howard University School of Law, is teaching Civil Procedure and a seminar on Race, Racism and the Law.

New Courses Added To Curriculum And Grading System Changed

During the 1990-1991 academic year, several new courses and seminars were added to the curriculum, expanding the depth and breadth of the Law School's educational offerings. The new courses included Law and Economics, The Common Market, Poverty Law, and Advanced Federal Litigation. New seminars included Public Interest Law, Legal Implications of Global Warming, Aviation Law, and International Trade.

The School also changed its grading system last year, from a 37-level number-grading system to a 10-level letter-grading system. The new grading system is being applied to the class entering in the fall of 1991 and to all classes entering thereafter.

Tradition of Scholarship Advanced By Faculty Publishing

St. Mary's law professors, continuing the School's tradition of scholarship, published numerous books and articles on subjects ranging from trial and appellate criminal procedure to probate and the administration of estates.

Among the faculty whose writings were published recently are Professors Michael S. Ariens, Robert R. Barton, Gerry W. Beyer, Mark W. Cochran, Vincent R. Johnson, Aloysius A. Leopold, Marsha L. Merrill, Allan E. Parker, Gerald S. Reamey, David A. Schlueter, Linda L. Schlueter, and John M. Schmolesky.

Student Activities



Students at St. Mary's Law School participate, individually and through organizations, in the governance of the School. Two students serve as voting members of each standing faculty committee, and the President of the Student Bar Association attends each faculty meeting and meets frequently with the Dean to discuss issues which concern the student body.

During the 1990-1991 academic year, students participated in a number of social and governance-related activities organized by student associations. Following are highlights of those activities.

Student Bar Association Launches Award-Winning Newsletter

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is the oldest student organization at the Law School and is a member of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. It serves as the students' liaison to the administration, the faculty, and outside organizations.

In addition to sponsoring numerous social events last year, the SBA helped change the hours of the Law Library to accommodate student needs, created better grievance procedures, and established special committees to study problems associated with law placement and scheduling.

The SBA also launched a student newsletter, called "The Forum," which won several national awards its first year and is expected to be financially self-sufficient in 1991-1992.

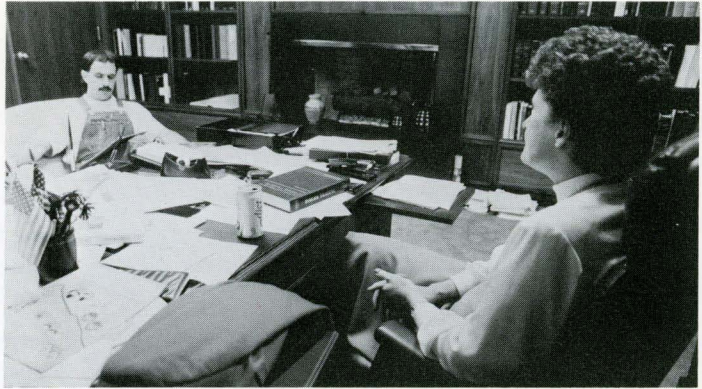
The officers of the Student Bar Association during the last academic year included Eric Ransleben, President; John Blagg, Vice-President; Steve Ramos, Secretary; and Denise Hale, Treasurer.

During the summer of 1991, current SBA President Charlie Philips successfully sponsored a resolution at the national convention of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association to prohibit students from grading the work of other students.

Minority Law Student Association Creates New Tutorial Program

The mission of the Minority Law Student Association (MLSA) is to address issues relevant to minority

1991 Student Bar Association
President Charlie Philips meets
with Dean Aldave.



law students at St. Mary's. Membership is open to all students, faculty, and staff at the School, regardless of their ethnic or racial background. During the past academic year, members of the Association participated in a number of activities, including a "fajita cook-off" and volleyball tournament.

Working in conjunction with the Law Alumni Association, the MLSA matched 20 minority law students with local attorneys in a successful "mentor" program. In the fall of 1991, the Minority Law Student Association launched a new tutorial program designed to help first-year minority students. Tutor positions are being filled by second- and third-year MLSA members.

The officers of the Minority Law Students Association last year included Sarah Hinojosa, President; David Martinez, Vice-President; Carlos Uresti, Secretary; Rey Merino, Treasurer; Anthony Matulewicz, Historian; and Mehron Azarmehr, Parliamentarian.

St. Mary's Law Journal Devotes Issue to "Legal Aspects of Doing Business with Mexico"

During the 1990-1991 academic year, the *Law Journal* published one address, 22 lead articles, a book review, five comments, four casenotes, and four discussions of recent developments in the law.

Editor-in-Chief Howard L. Speight, Research/Articles Editor Stuart W. Bowen, and Note and Comment Editor Jeffrey A. Lacy are now serving as clerks with the Texas Supreme Court.

The address published by the *Law Journal* was delivered to the faculty and student body last fall by former Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox. It focused on recent developments concerning civil rights. The articles printed in the *Journal*

covered such diverse subjects as copyright law relating to digital audio recordings, new legislation on child support for disabled adult children, organ transplants, and the pitfalls of public policy relating to arbitration agreements.

An entire issue of the *Law Journal* was devoted to "Legal Aspects of Doing Business with Mexico," the subject of a symposium held in the spring of 1991. The articles dealt with diverse legal issues related to the maquiladoras, the use of arbitration to settle disputes, and the complexity of due diligence and ethics when dealing with two business cultures.

Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court was the speaker at the annual *Law Journal* banquet in March. Chief Justice Phillips noted the great value of law journals as research sources for courts and attorneys.

Board of Advocates Hosts Regional Moot Court Competitions

The Board of Advocates (BOA) is a 15-member student board responsible for administering and directing the various advocacy and trial programs at the Law School. Under faculty supervision, the BOA administers eight competitions each year, with winners representing St. Mary's in state, regional, national, and international competitions.

During the 1990-1991 academic year, more than 500 students participated in advocacy competitions, and more than 100 attorneys and jurists served as judges.

Most of the competitions last year were sponsored by San Antonio law firms, including Groce, Locke & Hebdon (Walker Moot Court); Plunkett, Gibson & Allen, Inc. (Shannon Thurmond Giltner Novice Mock Trial); Tinsman & Houser (State

Mock Trial); Ben Davis (ATLA Mock Trial); Steve Long (Client Counseling); and Speiser, Krause, Madole & Mendelsohn, Mata (Norvell Moot Court).

Last year, the BOA hosted the Texas Pre-Law Association's Moot Court Competition, designed to give undergraduates the opportunity to participate in Moot Court activities. It also hosted the regional competition for the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition, managing the competition for all other law schools in the states of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. And it has been selected as a regional host for the National Mock Trial Competition in the spring of 1992.

At its annual banquet, the BOA gave five awards for excellence to deserving St. Mary's students. The awards and their recipients were the following:

Ernest A. Raba Writing Award
Thomas Meaney

Gertrude Jorrie Moot Court Award
David Crago

Judge Jack Miller Mock Trial Award
John Ferguson

Patricia Scott Award
Rod Regan

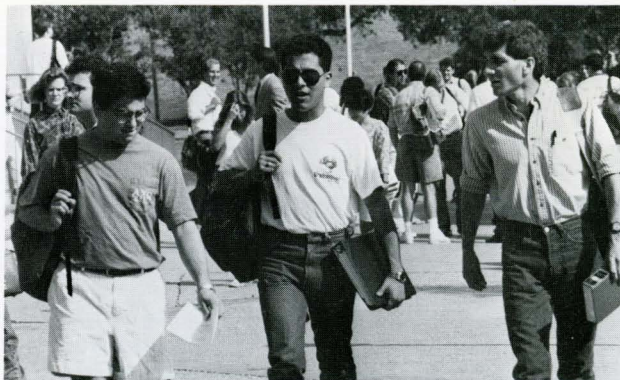
Lieke Semaan Award
Leo Barnes



Society of Legal Entrepreneurs Develops "Business Plan Package"

The Society of Legal Entrepreneurs (SOLE) was organized during the 1990-1991 academic year to provide students with information about the practice-management aspects of being a lawyer.

Last year, the society put together and made available a "Business Plan Package" to help the fledgling law graduate. The package includes information on such topics as how to build a clientele, where to get malpractice insurance, and how to organize an office.



Education Law Association Hosts First Annual Issues in Education Symposium

The Education Law Association was formally established in December 1990 to provide students with opportunities to interact with recognized leaders in education and experienced practitioners in school law.

The Association sponsored a guest lecture series that featured diverse presentations, including speeches by Jon Chubb of the Brookings Institute on "Educational Choice," and Ciro Rodriguez and other state politicians on "Educational Reform after Edgewood II."

A one-day Symposium on Issues in Education was the highlight of the Association's activities during the 1990-1991 academic year. The symposium drew approximately 75 school attorneys, school administrators, school board members, teachers, and law students to the St. Mary's campus. The evaluations were so positive that a second annual Issues in Education Symposium, cosponsored by the Region 20 Educational Service Center, will be conducted in November 1991. In addition, the successful format employed at the symposium, which featured a number of student presenters, will be emulated by the University of North Texas Educational Doctorate program this year.

Environmental Law Society Explores Possibility of Joint Program with EPA

The Environmental Law Society was organized last year and has approximately 60 members, including first- through third-year students. Principal organizers included Mehron Azarmehr, Linda Daniels, and Rusty Meurer.

The Society helped to bring an ABA Satellite Seminar on the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments

to St. Mary's, via teleconference, in February 1991. One month later, the Society assisted the Air and Waste Management Association in sponsoring another conference.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region VI in Dallas, recently expressed its interest in developing an outreach program with St. Mary's School of Law. The Environmental Law Society is exploring possible areas of collaboration with the Agency.

The Society soon may participate in a pro bono services project that is being created by the Environmental Law Section Executive Council of the State Bar of Texas in association with the Citizens' Environmental Coalition in Houston. According to present plans, students will provide legal research support for attorneys who take on pro bono representation in environmental matters.

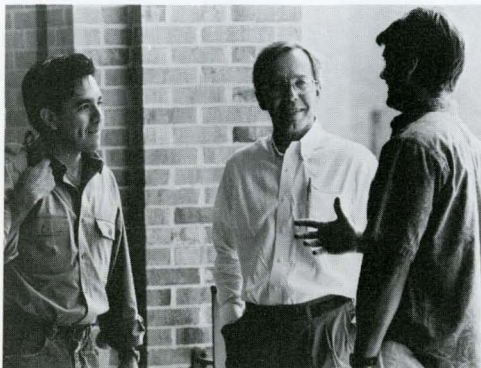
Delta Theta Phi Wins Trophy For Raising Most Money for Leukemia Society

Delta Theta Phi is an international fraternity of law students dedicated to uniting congenial students of the law. Members of the fraternity aid their companions in the study of law and sponsor social and educational programs.

Last year, the fraternity won a trophy as the school organization that raised the most money for the Leukemia Society's annual "5 Miles For Life" Walk/Run. This was the second year in a row that Delta Theta Phi earned this honor.

Officers of the fraternity included Keith Miller, Dean; Justine (Bibi) Daly, Vice-Dean; Melissa Abshier, Clerk of the Rolls; Louis Garcia, Clerk of the Exchequer; Buxton (Buck) Bailey, Bailiff; Guy Henry, Tribune; and Rey Merino, Master of the Ritual.

Just The Facts



Associate Dean David Dittfurth discusses constitutional law with students.

St. Mary's University School of Law enjoyed some significant successes in recruitment and academic achievement last year.

- The School's applicant pool increased by 20 percent, and its minority enrollment rose substantially. All associated with the School are proud that minority enrollment in the first-year class has increased from 7.5 percent in 1988 to 18.5 percent in 1991.
- The credentials of St. Mary's first-year class, as measured by median Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores and grade-point averages (GPA), have improved significantly. The median LSAT score increased from 31 in 1988 to 36 in 1991, and the median GPA increased from 2.95 in 1988 to 3.0 in 1991. The academic attrition rate declined from 6.2 percent in 1988 to 1.6 percent in 1990.
- St. Mary's University School of Law, with a success rate of 93.04 percent, ranked third among eight Texas law schools in the passage rates of graduates who took the Texas Bar Examination for the first time in July 1991.
- Students in the first-year class hailed from 82 different colleges and universities, including Harvard, West Point, Notre Dame, Purdue, Michigan State, Boston College, the University of Wisconsin, Marquette, the University of Iowa, Emory, Vanderbilt, and Tulane, in addition to the University of Texas, Texas A&M, Trinity University, and other Texas schools.
- Although many of the students entered St. Mary's directly after college, the student body includes medical doctors, scientists, securities traders, teachers, retired military men and women, musicians, artists, entrepreneurs, and other individuals who are beginning second careers.

Recruitment efforts were undertaken at St. Mary's by students, faculty and staff, with campus tours organized by Cynthia Maragoudakis, a student member of the Admissions Committee.

In addition, members of the faculty joined the Admissions staff in recruitment trips to Law School Admissions Council-sponsored forums in Boston, Chicago, and Los Angeles, and in recruitment trips throughout Texas and at selected out-of-state schools, including Notre Dame, Stanford, the University

of Michigan, Loyola University of New Orleans, George Washington University, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Arizona.

St. Mary's Offers New Opportunities For Career Planning

In response to student concerns about employment opportunities, the Law School has strengthened its student services in career planning.

St. Mary's now offers a variety of interview opportunities for employers and students. In addition to arranging regular on-campus interviews, St. Mary's will be holding a job fair at the School next spring, and is planning a satellite job fair for South Texas firms. The latter will give South Texas lawyers the opportunity to interview St. Mary's law students without traveling to San Antonio.

Job fairs are open to all employers, but are particularly targeted to small firms, government agencies, public-interest groups, and corporations.

Last year St. Mary's created a special career placement handbook, which was distributed to all second- and third-year students. It contains a directory of legal employers, with interview calendars, employment criteria, National Association of Law Placement profiles, interviewing-firm resumes, and directions for using the Westlaw database for computer-assisted job searches. It also contains articles on interviewing, and on resume- and letter-writing skills.

In addition, the Law School has created the new position of Associate Dean of Alumni Relations and Career Planning. The administration of the Law School, quite understandably, places great importance on helping the School's graduates enter into the practice of law.

St. Mary's Graduates Hold Judicial Clerkships

Twenty-nine members of St. Mary's class of 1991 are serving in judicial clerkships with various state and federal courts.

Two St. Mary's graduates, one from the class of 1990 and one from the class of 1991, currently are

clerking for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and five are clerking for the Texas Supreme Court.

Other courts on which 1991 graduates hold clerking positions include the Texas Court of Appeals (13 graduates clerking in seven districts), the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (three graduates), the Missouri Court of Appeals (one graduate), United States District Courts (three graduates), United States Bankruptcy Courts (two graduates), and United States Magistrates (two graduates).

In addition, six second- and third-year students participated in the Texas Supreme Court Internship Program during the 1990-1991 academic year.

First-Year Class: Profile and Comparison

	1988	1991
Number of Students Enrolled	213	261
Percentage of Men	55%	59%
Percentage of Women	45%	41%
Percentage Ethnic Minority	7.5%	18.5%
Median LSAT	31	36
Median GPA	2.95	3.0
Applicant Pool	1,059	1,800
Academic Attrition Rate	6.2%	1.6% (1990)

Thanks!



Former St. Mary's Law Professor Robert Hobbs with his wife, Virginia Hobbs.

Thanks to the generosity of alumni, foundations, law firms, businesses, and other friends, St. Mary's Law School received more than \$200,000 in gifts during the 1990-1991 academic year. Most of the gifts were designated for scholarships to help students in financial need or to recognize outstanding academic achievement.

New scholarship funds were established last year in honor of a former student and a former professor of St. Mary's Law School:

The Shannon Thurmond Giltner Memorial Scholarship was established by Mark Giltner following the untimely death last year of his wife, Shannon Thurmond Giltner, who was a third-year student at St. Mary's. Gifts continue to flow into this scholarship fund, which will be used to help worthy and needy second- and third-year law students.

In May 1991, former St. Mary's Law Professor Robert Hobbs established a scholarship in his name with a gift of \$50,000. Professor Hobbs taught at St. Mary's for nearly 10 years, and contributions by former students and others friends who admired and respected him are being made in his honor. Recipients of the Robert Hobbs Scholarship will be selected on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, or both, and without regard to race, creed, color, sex, or ethnic origin.

Among the larger gifts received last year was a \$10,500 grant from the Sage Foundation of Detroit, Michigan. As requested by the donor, Melissa Sage Booth, who made the gift following a visit to St. Mary's University, the funds are to be used for scholarship awards to two law students. St. Mary's Law Alumni Association also made a generous gift of \$10,000 to the Law School's General Scholarship Fund. And the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation provided a grant of \$12,000 to St. Mary's Poverty Law Clinic.

The generosity of these and many other donors helped to provide students with needed financial assistance and to advance the quality and educational services of St. Mary's University School of Law.

During the last academic year, the Financial Aid Committee selected 30 second- and third-year students, primarily on the basis of need, to receive \$107,700 in scholarship funds.

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