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ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Mr. Ernest W. Goodrich, President of the William and Mary Law School Association, wishes to express his deep appreciation to each of the law alumni who responded so quickly to his personal appeal to join the Association. Thirty-one new members have joined the Association and six members have paid their 1960 dues in advance. The fund to defray the expenses for the directory has also increased substantially. The President would like to answer each of the letters received personally but finds it necessary to thank the alumni and Board by this News Letter for their loyalty and enthusiasm. With such support a great future lies ahead for the Law School of the College of William and Mary.

Two alumni and one professor of the Law School participated in a panel discussion of the proposed State sales tax at the annual dinner meeting of the James City County Chamber of Commerce at the Williamsburg Lodge on November 20th. Judge Donald R. Taylor (B.C.L. 1948), and Delegate Russell M. Carneal supported the affirmative. Granville R. Patrick (B.C.L. 1959), and Professor Joseph M. Cormack composed the negative team.

Florian J. Bartosic (B.C.L. 1956), now House Counsel for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and lecturer in Labor Law at Catholic University, published an article on the constitutional opinions of Mr. Justice Harlan, the Elder, in 46 Kentucky Law Journal (Vol. 46, No. 3). Mr. A. J. Keefe, Washington, D. C., Editor-in-Charge of the American Bar Association, lavishly praises his efforts in the November, 1959 A. B. A. Journal at p. 1217. Excerpts from Mr. Keefe's review follow:

"Thus while I have enjoyed in this issue the articles by the three political scientists, the piece that pleased me most is the one by Professor Florian Bartosic . . . Reading Bartosic's article you are impressed by many things. First, at Bartosic's industry and skill. The lad has read 1,100 opinions that Harlan wrote and summarizes the few I know well accurately and interestingly . . . There is little danger that law students of today will be graduated in ignorance of these great Harlan dissents as were those of my generation. . ."

FIFTH ANNUAL TIDEWATER TAX CONFERENCE

The Tax Conference, annually sponsored by the Law School, was held at Phi Beta Kappa Hall on the campus at Williamsburg on December 12, 1959, with 166 in attendance. The program was well rendered and well received and the Law School wishes to express its appreciation to all who by participation and attendance contributed to its success.

VISITING SPEAKERS

On Friday, November 20, 1959, Mr. Richard Stakem, Chief of the Audit Division of the Internal Revenue Service's office at Richmond, addressed a class session of students of the Law School, during which he described the method of settling tax cases by means of the Informal Conference.

On Friday, January 8, 1960, Mr. Morton B. Stewart, Manager, Tax Department of Reynolds Metals Company, Richmond, addressed a class of the tax students of the Law School during which he described the organization, operation and management of the company's tax department, with especial reference to means of complying with Federal, State and local tax laws.

A group of speakers from the brokerage firm of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, sponsored by the Student Bar Association, gave talks on Tuesday, December 8, 1959. Included in the talks were discussion of estate planning and research of a prospective stock.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Dean D. W. Woodbridge was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association held on December 1st. He summarized some of the decisions of general interest that were handed down by the Supreme Court of Appeals at its September term.

Professor Atkeson's recent activities include: As Vice President of the Tax Institute, participated in a Board meeting at Washington on December 2, 1959; at the request of Chairman Mills of the Ways and Means Committee, testified before his Committee on the revision of the tax laws in Washington on December 8, 1959; and as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, participated in a meeting of the Committee in Washington on December 10 and 11, 1959; addressed the Newport News Rotary Club on January 12, 1960, on the proposed new rules relating to expense account deductions.

On January 20, 1960, Professor Cormack addressed the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg on the subject of Latin America, based upon his observations during travel in all the countries except Venezuela.

Professor Joseph Curtis' coverage of Taxation for the Annual Survey of Virginia Law appears in the November issue of the Virginia Law Review.

A Library Committee, Mr. Atkeson, Mr. Cormack, and Mr. Phelps, Chairman, has been appointed by President Chandler to advise with Mrs. Anna B. Johnson, Acting Law Librarian, to develop plans for the improvement of the library. The purchase of all important law reviews is underway, and it is hoped, if funds can be found, to acquire all the state statutes. A plan for the survey of new books to be purchased has been adopted. New stand-up desks have been designed for use in the stack area.

Mr. Curtis has accepted an appointment to serve on the Committee on Taxation of the Virginia State Bar Association and attended the January meeting of the Committee in Charlottesville.

Professor James P. Whyte, along with other faculty members from the College of William and Mary, Rutgers, Yale and personnel of the Brookings Institute, participated in the Republic Steel Corporation's Clinic on American Political Organization, held on the campus of the College of William and Mary, December 7-11, 1959. Professor Whyte's topic was, "The Relations of Government to Individuals"

and was given as part of a round table also covering the relations of government to business and municipalities. Professor William F. Swindler served as organizer and coordinator of the clinic.

Professors Whyte and Swindler also served as faculty representatives to the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools held in St. Louis, Missouri, December 28-30, 1959. Mr. Whyte's report of the convention indicates that programs of continuing legal education will be given strong emphasis by the Association as well as by the American Bar Association during the coming year.

Upon his return from St. Louis, Professor Whyte addressed the Women's Club of Toano, Virginia, on the topic, "How Much Freedom Do We have", explaining some of the basic concepts of freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

Edward R. Baird, Esquire, President of the Virginia State Bar, has taken steps to formulate a program designed to stimulate the interest of better qualified students in law as a career. Representatives of the four Virginia law schools recently met in Richmond with Mr. Baird, and pledged the cooperation of their respective schools toward furtherance of this objective. Mr. Curtis, as pre-legal advisor at this School, attended for the Marshall-Wythe School of Law. The plan proposed by Mr. Baird anticipates the joint efforts of the law schools and the Virginia State Bar.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

John R. Moore and Neil W. Schilke, both second-year students, represented the Marshall-Wythe School of Law in the Regional Rounds of the National Moot Court Competition held in Richmond, November 20-21, 1959. The principal issue concerned the right of a social worker to inspect the premises, without a warrant and on hearsay information, of a mother, allegedly a dope addict, to determine whether the mother's minor, illegitimate daughter should be taken from her. By virtue of a bye, the Marshall-Wythe team advanced to the quarter-finals. Duke was here declared the winner by two-thirds of a point, and went on to win the Regional Meet.

The Phi Alpha Delta initiation-installation banquet was held on December 11, at the Williamsburg Lodge. An unusually large number of alumni were present. The dining room and tables were decorated in the Christmas motif by the Law Wives Club. Professor James P. Whyte served as toastmaster and following the dinner introduced the initiates and officers-elect. Those initiated were: William Wray, John Court, Overton Durrett, Jack Goodman, Roger Johnson, Daniel Livermore, Ackley Melson, and Hal Ward. The speaker for the occasion was Mr. Frederick T. Stant, Jr., of the Norfolk Bar. He pointed out some of the pitfalls that those beginning the practice of law will encounter and made an eloquent plea for legislative reform in certain areas. Following the banquet, a dance sponsored by the Law Wives Club, the Student Bar, and the Fraternity, was enjoyed by all.

The new officers for P.A.D. are as follows: Justice, Harmon D. Maxson, Vice-Justice, Peter G. Decker, Clerk, Tom Terry, Treasurer, Tom Wharton, Marshal, Neil W. Schilke.

The following William and Mary Law School graduates and students passed the December Bar Examination: Dr. Theodore Bliss of Norfolk; Bernard Goldstein of Galax; Roger Johnson of Williamsburg; Brian B. Kent of Norfolk; Harmon D. Maxson of Williamsburg; and, William A. Wray of Staunton. Dr. Bliss is one of the very few members of the Virginia State Bar who is also a practicing doctor of medicine. He plans on specializing in medico-legal matters.

The Fourth Circuit Convention of the American Law Student Association will be held in Williamsburg at the Williamsburg Motor House on March 11 and 12, 1960. Delegates from Duke University, University of Maryland, North Carolina College, University of North Carolina, University of Richmond, South Carolina State College, University of South Carolina, University of Virginia, Wake Forest College, Washington and Lee University, West Virginia University, and the College of William and Mary are expected to be in attendance.

Plans are being made for the convention by the local committee with Jack I. Goodman as Chairman.

The principal speaker for this occasion will be the Honorable Mr. Robert Kramer, Assistant United States Attorney General in Charge of the Office of Legal Counsel.

Neil W. Schilke, second year law student at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, in his capacity as Vice-President of the American Law Student Association for the Fourth Circuit will be the presiding officer.

The George Wythe Chapter is now planning to participate actively in the District Conclave of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity to be held in Richmond at the Hotel John Marshall on March 4 and 5 and to sponsor an alumni chapter in the Norfolk area.

The Law Wives Club has elected new officers for the current academic year. They are: Chairwoman: Mrs. Granville R. Patrick, Secretary, Mrs. Jack I. Goodman, and Treasurer, Mrs. John M. Court. Various projects are underway for this Club, the most recent being the serving of coffee to law students during the examination period.