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With the Student Bar elections approaching in early May, the student body turns its thoughts to the future and rightly so. However, we cannot truly analyse the future without reference to the past, and we cannot consider the past without first including the current school term. One cannot speak about the S.B.A.'s accomplishments during the 1966-1967 school year without mentioning the name of Wayne O'Bryan, because his effort, more than any other single factor, provided the impetus for advancement.

The strides which the S.B.A. has made this year hardly need enumeration. Each has left its mark as a guideline for the future. A brief reflection concerning the development of any one of these accomplishments reveals that Wayne O'Bryan has always been present: at the conception, the organization, and the effectuation of the project, though he often modestly gave credit to others when plaudits ensued.

One of his most successful endeavors was the recently-completed "Practical Law Forum," a series of speeches by prominent attorneys concerning the more practical aspects of the law. O'Bryan conceived this idea and worked closely with Committee Chairman Steve Bosin to its conclusion. Heavily attended, and extensively praised by those in attendance, this program will doubtless be continued.

Another innovation which O'Bryan fathered this year was the student lounge, often used, but just as often overlooked as a gift from some watchful benefactor far away, who makes a business of providing facilities for deprived law students. The fact is that O'Bryan spent much time and effort in obtaining the room, decorating it, and providing refreshments at a modest price.

The legal aid program is still another of his projects. Though it came into being at an earlier date, this very valuable project had faltered in less able hands. Only this year, when Wayne supported it and helped to implement it, has the program begun to reach its potential. Other O'Bryan-deve-

loped projects include the placement manual, the increased Law Day celebration, and the COLONIAL LAWYER, the first fully-student-operated newspaper in the history of the S.B.A.

In complimenting Wayne for his success we must not, of course, forget that each of them required the efforts of many people. None of these is a one-man job, however, without the presence of one individual, co-ordinating, advising, pressing, and cajoling, all of these efforts might well have ended in failure. Wayne O'Bryan was that one man, and few people could have done the job better.

What talent, what particular attribute, does he possess which has made him so able? There are far too many to single out one for mention. He does have, however, that unusual combination of persistence, enabling him to keep the project going, and genuine amiability, allowing him to direct people without alienating them. The possession of both these characteristics has contributed heavily to his great success.

Analysis of success, however, is not the purpose of this editorial. For whatever reason he possesses it, Wayne O'Bryan is blessed with great leadership ability and has generously given of it to foster a better Student Bar Association, hence, making each man's stay in law school a little bit more pleasant. This is not meant in support of any candidate, but simply to remind all those members of the S.B.A. to commend this man for the excellent work which he has done while president of the organization, and partially to express the personal feeling of the COLONIAL LAWYER and its superior, the Publications and Publicity Committee. If future S.B.A. officers succeed in their task half so well as Wayne O'Bryan has succeeded in his, they will have every reason to be proud.

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