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EDITORIAL

RESPONSE

We at the Colonial Lawyer have been very much surprised at the very quick and very strong support that we have received from our readers both in the well wishing and in the form of contributions toward the commencement of the paper. Since we have had so much support, we at the paper feel that we have an even larger responsibility than we had originally felt and will make every effort to prove that your support will not be groundless.

NOISE

We are advised that the new library will be ready for occupancy in the near future. At that time (whenever it may be) the contents of our present subterranean bookmobile will be moved to their new home, and that will be a great relief to students, staff, and faculty alike.

There is, however, one feature of our present library which we sincerely hope will not be transferred to the new building—the noise.

It is no secret that the present reading rooms have been used more for discussions of sports, politics, and sex than for the study of law. Day and night, the library resounds with conversation pitched at a level more suitable to a student lounge or a high school lunchroom than to a law library. It appears that the act of entering the door of the reading room automatically divests many of our budding attorneys of every last vestige of courtesy, taste, maturity, judgment, and consideration for others. The urge to gray borth witticisms, gossip, and golden oratory overwhelms otherwise sensible individuals, to the detriment of education and the disgust of the serious student and the casual visitor.

To date, the library staff has made no attempt to keep the library quiet—and perhaps rightly so. Theoretically, at least, the law student should have reached a level of maturity and discretion such that he no longer needs to be policed like an elementary-school dropout. In view of the age and educational level of our student body, some degree of consideration and courtesy can justifiably be expected. So far it has not been forthcoming, to our general discredit.

The acoustics in the main reading room of the new library are excellent. If the bad habits acquired in the old library are transplanted, disturbance and distraction will be greatly multiplied, and we—and our law school—will be the poorer for it.

CUTS

The Colonial Lawyer would like to bring up something that is very noticeable at this time of year when we have back-to-back vacations. This law school requires that the professors turn in a list of students who were not in class on the last day before vacation and the first day back. Also, if a student cuts more than three times a semester, he is eligible for probation.

It would seem that this is a rule that does not fit into the atmosphere of a graduate school. Many students have been out of undergraduate school for a number of years, and still others have gone to schools where there was no requirement to attend all classes. There seems to be the feeling that we are still too young mentally to realize the loss that we can suffer from missing too many classes or even one class at vacation time.

It would seem that when the school accepts us they have made an effort to weed out those who are here just for the sport. Graduate students are basically at law school for one purpose, and that is the further their future. We who are law students know that we have a bar exam to face and that the information that we are given in many cases will be used daily in our profession.

Therefore, we recommend that instead of making the student attend classes, give them the choice, as is done at many other universities. If the student is too immature to realize that he is only hurting himself, let him leave via his poor marks and give the rest of us who want to get an education the more undivided attention of our professors.

SAM T. BEALE

The Colonial Lawyer deeply regrets the resignation of Sam T. Beale from his position as Co-editor. With the support of Gus Smith, SRA President, Sam was instrumental in the initial formation and organization of the paper. Because of Sam's increasing duties as President of Phi Delta Phi and the Bar Exam he felt that he could not devote enough time to do the paper justice.