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## LAW DAY -- MAY 6

### BARRISTERS' BALL CHIEF ATTRACTION

Formal wear will be polished up, books will be temporarily abandoned, and the law school student body will assume a festive atmosphere Friday night as the first annual Barristers' Ball kicks off Law Day. Under the direction of Steve Harris, the committee has completed preparations in the Virginia Room of the Lodge for the Friday night event which is to commence at 9:00 P.M. Harris stated that, although he had estimated 125 replies would be received by the May 4 deadline, less than 100 had been received. S.B.A. President D.W. O'Bryan told reporters that it was essential to reach the 125 mark if at all possible. "We have figured expenses close to that figure and need these replies to break even," he added.

Barristers' Ball is only one event in an action-packed week-end, which includes a space law convention, the alumni meeting, and a luncheon with Senator Sam Irwin, North Carolina Democrat, as honored guest.

The convention, one of the first of its kind anywhere, is slated for Friday afternoon. Sponsored by the Federal Bar Association and the Inter-American Bar Association, it will deal with many of the intricacies of space law and will concern some of the future problems in the legal field.

The Alumni Association convenes on Saturday morning and will be headed by Marvin H. Murchison, Alumni President. The luncheon, to be held at the Lodge is open to alumni and all third-year men. Irwin, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and a former jus-

tice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, will speak to the assembly.

However, the Ball remains as the feature event of Law Day. Music is to be furnished by Meyer Davis' Orchestra and bars are open. Harris stated earlier that it is imperative to make a final estimate of the number to attend 24 hours in advance and urged all those planning to attend to notify him as soon as possible.

Tickets, which include bar privileges, are \$10.00.

### 3 WILL RUN FOR PREXY

Three second-year men have cast their bids to fill the shoes of Wayne O'Bryan as S.B.A. President. At a meeting of the executive council last week, the group nominated Alvin Marks, Walter Smith, and Donald Witty as candidates for the executive slot in the election to be held May 9.

As a part of somewhat more extensive campaign than in past years, each candidate presented his platform and qualifications to the two legal fraternities in brief, outline speeches.

Along with these men, the council submitted to the student assembly the names of candidates for vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and council members. President O'Bryan has placed a completed list of all nominees on each bulletin for student scrutiny. He also stated that he hoped for a record turnout for the polls. Hours for the election are from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and any member if the S.B.A. may vote during these hours in Mrs. Ware's office. In the event that no one candidate receives a majority of the first vote, a runoff between the top two candidates will be scheduled.

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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-devel-

oped 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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# THE HOT CORNER

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It's all over but the shouting in the law school softball league and the King's Bench is on top of the heap. The Bench bombed the Beagles 12-2 this week to edge them out as the top law school squad. Howard's Heroes, long on talk, but short on bat, finished third, setting the world of softball prognostication back 10 years.

The whole sad story started some weeks ago when Joe Howard chose a team of all-stars- billed as the finest aggregation of ballplayers ever assembled in law school history...to say nothing of the American and National Leagues.. and entered them in independent competition aptly titled "Howard's Heroes." Unfortunately, there were those overlooked in the Howard draft who possessed some degree of skill themselves and the result was the addition of two teams to the law school list. The first to sign was a motley crew of players assembled by an equally motley manager, William "Skipper" Shannon, who labelled them the "King's Bench," at least the latter part of which was true. The second club of rejects was less imaginative though more famous, piloted by Casey Cleveland and called the "Beagles."

As time-worn adage runs, however the game is never over until the last man is out, and, by that time, the bench was leading the league. With but one game remaining, the Bench is leading the league, as yet undefeated by any law school squad.

The real trouble started when the Heroes were required to put their bats where their mouths were against the lowly Beagles. These worthies, paced by fleet Don Witty, the law school's fastest human, and ageless Bill Kline, the law school's oldest human, took a quick advantage which they never relinquished. Manager Cleveland was elated. The big prob-

lem with the Heroes was their hitting. With the exception of hard-hitting Curran Clem, most versatile utility man since Bert Campeneris played 9 positions for the Athletics, the Heroes went for the long ball and consistently dumped high cans of corn into the hot little hands of Kline and Witty. Result: Beagles, 13 - 3.

The Heroes troubles were just beginning, however. Next came the Bench and, though the upstate returns have not yet arrived, it looked like 22 - 10. Everybody on the Bench pounded the pellet, especially big Gus Smith, former Beagle quarterback who decided to play softball for more money. Smith got four hits including two home runs, while honest John Flanagan and Bob Scott (the Bench's answer to Mike Epstein) contributed their boiling bats to the effort. According to Shannon, all the Hero runs came from sloppy fielding, not weaknesses in Wayne Spencer, raw-boned rookie from Iron Claw, North Carolina. Spencer pitched fine ball.

The stage was then set for the Beagle-Bench game. The result was 13-10 for the Bench. "Our victory was a team effort," said an ecstatic Shannon. "So was our loss," added Cleveland. "I can only attribute our loss to the fact that the Bench as a team, got more runs than we as a team did."

Thus humbled, the Beagles again took on the Heroes and soon regained their confidence. Going into the final inning, however, the teams were deadlocked 2-2. The Hero hurler, Kent Milliken walked the first hitter and Howard brought in reliefer Crash Harding. The Beagles got four runs. Much credit for their victory goes to Cleveland who failed to show up and thus contributed immeasurably to his team's quality.

This left the Beagles with a single chance to even the score with the Bench and they blew it. Smith waltzed one out of the ball orchard, Spencer twirled his usual fine game, and it was all over....12 - 2.

Now the Bench cannot possibly drop the law school crown, though the lowly Heroes actually can redeem themselves by knocking the Bench out of independent league championship.

So it goes, but the Heroes need not take it so hard....even the Dodgers are in the second division.