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EDITORIAL

THE LAW SCHOOL

The academic session 1946-1947 marks the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Louisiana State University Law School. The current year will also usher in one of the busiest periods in the Law School's history as the school experiences a part of the unprecedented demand for legal education incident to readjustment from war to peace and evidenced in law schools the nation over.

Two hundred sixty-seven students are in residence at L.S.U.

this fall, an enrollment which is approximately twice the normal pre-war annual registration. One hundred thirty-two of these students are in the first year class, ninety-two in the second year, thirty-eight in the senior group and five are unclassified. Veterans of World War II comprise eighty-seven per cent of the total enrollment.

The educational problems which the handling of such a large group entails have been met by a return to the pre-war policy of admitting first year students only in September of each year and by adoption of a new curriculum plan for the readjustment period providing for course offerings in certain group units. The summer session has been integrated with the regular teaching program so as to make possible the completion of the professional law work in twenty-nine calendar months, electives have been practically eliminated and the degree requirements increased by twelve semester hours so as to broaden the scope of subject-matter coverage with particular attention to the more rapidly developing areas of public law. These measures should add stability to the teaching program and should facilitate planning adequately for the course needs of individual students. For the first time in the school's history it has become necessary to divide the first year course offerings into sections so as to increase the opportunity for individual participation in class discussion.

Adoption of these measures was made possible by the fact that the full-time teaching faculty has returned substantially to its normal number. In February of 1946 Associate Professor J. Denson Smith resumed his teaching duties returning from a leave of absence during which he served overseas as Staff Judge Advocate of the 83rd Division. This past September Professor Henry George McMahan and Associate Professor Joseph Dainow both returned to the law faculty. Mr. McMahan had been on leave of absence for service with the Navy and for other important legal work related to the war effort. Mr. Dainow was for more than three years in charge of the research facilities in the office of the Judge Advocate General of the Army in Washington. Mr. Dainow's military assignments also included a tour of duty as a member of the legal staff at the Nürnberg trials.

The Law School and the Law Review have sustained a loss in the resignation of Professor Jefferson B. Fordham who has accepted a professorship at Vanderbilt University. Professor Fordham was a strong supporter and a frequent contributor to the Louisiana Law Review. He gave unselfishly of his time and

effort in development and guidance of student work for the Review. The best wishes of his former colleagues in the Law School go with him to his new teaching assignment.

Additional recent appointees to the law faculty include:

Robert A. Pascal, A.B., 1937, LL.B. 1939, Loyola University, M.C.L. 1940, Louisiana State University, LL.M. 1942, University of Michigan Law School, as full-time Assistant Professor of Law;

Robert W. Williams, B.A. 1939, LL.B. 1941, Louisiana State University, Special Lecturer; Alvin B. Rubin, B.S. 1941, LL.B. 1942, Louisiana State University, Special Lecturer; and Milton M. Harrison, B.A. 1935, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, LL.B. 1941, Louisiana State University, Lecturer on Legal Bibliography.

Mrs. Margaret Taylor Lane, B.A. 1939, LL.B. 1942, Louisiana State University, B.S. in Library Science 1941, Columbia University, formerly librarian at Hartford College of Law has been appointed Law Librarian and lecturer on Legal Bibliography.

Mention should be made of the resumption by the Law Review of the pre-war plan of publishing four issues in each academic session. The reduction in the size of the student body and faculty during the war made it necessary to restrict publication to two issues in each year during that period. Re-establishment of the normal publication schedule makes possible a greater area of service to the student body and to the profession through the pages of the Review.

Resumption of substantially normal operation by the Law School carries with it heavy responsibilities not only to its student body but to the profession and to the public which the legal profession serves. The Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association has recently pointed out that basic educational standards were maintained in legal education during the war despite an inevitable pressure for relaxation in standards. Louisiana through its three law schools was able to maintain continuity of legal education along with retention of reasonably high standards. During the readjustment period it is equally important that these standards be maintained and the normal responsibility imposed in this regard is made even a greater trust by virtue of the privilege accorded to veterans who will be permitted to practice upon completion of their law courses in an accredited Louisiana law school with-

out the necessity of further examination by public authority. The Law School is in a favorable position to perform a service of the highest order in this regard. The student body is exceptionally able, mature and well-prepared. The quality of legal education offered by the Law School in the ensuing period will determine the quality of a considerable segment of the future leadership at the bar of the State of Louisiana. To the challenging task of maintaining and improving the quality of legal education the Law School will devote its every effort.

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