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EDITORIAL

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The Student Body

Enrollment in the Law School for 1956-57 shows a marked increase over the number enrolled last year with a total of 215 students this year compared with 182 in 1955-56. Class distribution is as follows: first year, 118; second year, 53; third year, 41; graduate students, 1; unclassified students, 2. For the third successive year a large first year class has entered. This trend toward higher enrollment is in keeping with earlier predictions regarding the expected growth in the size of college and university student bodies throughout the nation. Within the University the Law School’s percentage of increased registration this year was the largest of any of the academic divisions. The student body is, however, smaller in size than the peak post-war group of 362, constituting the student body of 1947-48.

The problem of numbers adds greatly to the difficulty in arranging the teaching program, especially in the initial year. For the past two sessions, it was possible to divide the first year classes into two sections for more effective teaching with smaller groups. The demands on the faculty under their combined responsibility for research and teaching made it advisable to discontinue temporarily the plan of sectionalization. As the size of the student body is not expected to decrease, added faculty appointments will be required if the benefits of the smaller sections in the first year are to be again instituted.

Veterans in large numbers continue to enter the Law School. Of the first year class of 118, some 53 have already had their military service. Included in the first year class are 67 (56%) students who had earned a college degree prior to entering the Law School. All other first year students had at least three years of college work passed with the required prelegal averages as exacted by current admission standards.

Degrees — Placements

During 1955-56 the degree of Bachelor of Laws was conferred on 38 candidates. The Master of Laws degree was conferred on

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one candidate. In the current year there are 41 LL.B. candidates, of whom 10 are scheduled to receive their degrees at the mid-year commencement exercises announced for January 29, 1957. The additional 31 seniors are expected to receive their degrees at the June or August commencements.

Demands for the services of recent law graduates indicate that numerous professional opportunities are constantly opening up for legally trained personnel. The dean and faculty devote some considerable time and attention to the placement of law graduates in law offices and in other legal positions as these opportunities present themselves. Military service claims a goodly percentage of each graduating class with the result that the Law School has not found it possible to suggest available qualified graduates for a number of the openings for which recommendations have been requested. Wherever possible, the Law School endeavors to follow through by assisting in the placement of those graduates who are returning from their military service. Excellent opportunities for highly qualified personnel continue to exist and the situation creates a rather bright outlook for the able young law graduate.

Summer Session

The Law School has maintained a summer session continuously since the end of World War II. It had been expected that the demand for summer work on the part of law students would decrease as the program of legal education approached normalcy. This result has, however, not followed the anticipated pattern. The maturity of the Law School student body and the uncertainty of plans due to impending military service have combined to require many students to utilize the summer period as a means of shortening the total calendar time necessary for the completion of the law course. Law School summer session enrollment has, therefore, shown an increase and requires that the program be continued in the immediately ensuing years to avoid serious inconvenience to the student group. In 1956, 84 students, or almost one-half of the student body, were enrolled for summer work. It will probably be necessary to reinstate additional summer courses if this high percentage of summer enrollment occurs again in 1957.
The numerous friends of Professor Henry George McMahon will be pleased to know that he has been able to resume his teaching responsibilities this fall following an illness which occurred last May. He will also continue to serve as the general coordinator for the proposed revision of the Louisiana Code of Practice, which now is nearing completion. The work of the Law School in the field of Louisiana Practice and Procedure as developed by Mr. McMahon in his distinguished teaching and research has constituted a major contribution to understanding and development in this area, which is of such vital importance to the practitioner and to the courts. Students and faculty alike join in extending best wishes to Mr. McMahon as he regains his health and continues with his important work.

With three members of the faculty returning from 1955-56 leaves of absence the Law School's teaching group is again at its full strength.

Professor Wex S. Malone served as Visiting Professor at Stanford University during the academic year 1955-56 and also taught at the University of Texas during the 1956 summer term. He has returned this fall and is again offering the courses in Torts, Workmen's Compensation, and Relational Interests. He is also currently serving as one of the advisors on the Second Restatement of the Law of Torts of the American Law Institute. This is an important project representing the joint effort of scholars of distinction in the field of Torts.

Professor Joseph Dainow, during the second semester of 1955-56, was Visiting Professor of Law at Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago where he offered courses in Conflict of Laws, International Law, and Comparative Law. He returned to the Law School for the summer session 1956 and has this fall resumed the teaching of his regular courses. In addition to his research and writing, Mr. Dainow is currently serving as Chairman of the Association of American Law Schools' Committee on Foreign Exchanges of Law Teachers and Students. In that capacity, he has been an active participant in the efforts of various groups working toward furthering a wider interest in subjects of current importance in significant areas of international and comparative law. He has recently partici-
parted in several institutes and other programs directed toward these ends.

George W. Pugh, formerly Assistant Professor of Law, has returned from a two-year leave of absence and has been reappointed with the rank of Associate Professor of Law. From 1954-56 he served as Judicial Administrator for the Supreme Court of Louisiana and for the Louisiana Judicial Council. His work, under the immediate direction of Chief Justice John B. Fournet, resulted in the organization of the first statewide central administrative office devoted to the task of improving Louisiana's system of judicial administration. Under his leadership considerable progress was made in the collection of essential statistical data concerning the flow of judicial business and significant measures were inaugurated to bring about desired improvements in a number of areas. Mr. Pugh is serving as the Faculty Editor of the Louisiana Law Review. He will, in addition, offer courses in Evidence and Federal Procedure and will continue to act as a consultant to the Judicial Council.

Visiting Lecturers

Dr. José R. Chiriboga of Ecuador, former Ambassador from his country to the United States, is serving as Distinguished Visiting Lecturer in the Law School for the major portion of the fall semester. He is visiting in the United States under the joint invitation of the Law School and the State Department. Prior to entering diplomatic work, Dr. Chiriboga was a member of the faculty of the Universidad Central of Ecuador. He has served as a member of the Cultural House in Ecuador, as a member of the Institute of Comparative Law, and, immediately prior to his designation as Ambassador, served for four years as Mayor of the City of Quito. He brings to his lectures a broad sociological background with a detailed and intimate knowledge of the legal, cultural, and economic aspects of Inter-American affairs of current importance to North Americans. Dr. Chiriboga is a participating lecturer in the fall semester in a number of Law School courses. He will also lecture on Latin-American Governments and International Politics before advanced students in the Government Department. He is also delivering a series of five lectures on "Legal and Economic Relations of the Americas — Importance in the World Today." The lecture series include a treatment of: The Organization of American
States; Inter-American International Law; Consolidation of the Americas; Problems and Progress in Latin America; Territorial Sea and Continental Shelf; Navigation and Natural Resources; Civil, Political and Social Life in Latin America. The Law School is fortunate in having a visitor of such distinction who can contribute in such marked degree to the necessary exchange of legal thought and ideas among the peoples of all the Americas. During his American sojourn, Dr. Chiriboga will also lecture at the Tulane University Law School and at the University of Texas.

Dr. Isaak Kisch, Professor of Law of the Municipal University of Amsterdam, has accepted an appointment as Visiting Professor of Law for the spring semester of the current year. As Head of the Department of Foreign and Comparative Law at his University, Dr. Kisch has had a broad scholarly experience in the teaching of civil and comparative law. While at the Law School he will lecture in various courses and will present a comparative treatment of selected private law institutions under Anglo-American and Continental law. Dr. Kisch will be at the Law School under the terms of a Fulbright appointment.

Mineral Law Institute

The Fifth Annual Institute will be held at the Law School on Friday and Saturday, February 15 and 16, 1957. The program will be under the direction of Professor Harriet S. Daggett and will feature current discussions of important problems in the Louisiana law of oil and gas.

Alumni Activities

At the annual alumni meeting held in connection with the Homecoming Day activities of October 29, 1956, Mr. Oliver P. Stockwell of the Lake Charles Bar was elected to the presidency of the Law School Alumni Association to succeed Mr. H. H. Richardson whose term had expired. Other officers elected were: Mr. Clyde W. Thurmon of the Shreveport Bar, Mr. Oliver P. Carriere of the New Orleans Bar, and Mr. Ronald Lee Davis of the Monroe Bar.

The Alumni Association last June formally presented to the Law School a handsome oil portrait of the School's senior faculty
member, Professor Harriet S. Daggett. The presentation ceremonies held in the Law Building attracted a large number of the alumni. Participants in the program included: Mr. H. H. Richardson, the then President of the Law Alumni Association, Hon. John B. Fournet, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, President Troy H. Middleton, Mrs. Jules F. Landry of the Baton Rouge Bar, Mr. Theo F. Cangelosi of the Baton Rouge Bar, and Dean Paul M. Hebert of the LSU Law School.

50th Anniversary Celebration

The 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Law School will be commemorated on November 16, 1956, with an appropriate program. The speakers will include Professor Maurice T. Van Hecke, President of the Association of American Law Schools, Mr. John G. Hervey, Adviser to the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, Professor Hessel E. Yntema of the University of Michigan, and Dean Eugene V. Rostow of the Yale Law School.

Culminating the celebration will be an evening assembly at which honorary degrees will be conferred on Chief Justice John B. Fournet of the Louisiana Supreme Court, and on President John H. Tucker, jr., of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

This significant occasion will provide an excellent opportunity for a comprehensive reassessment of the current responsibilities of legal education at this time. Out of the discussions it is hoped that the Law School's opportunities for future progress can be more clearly delineated and understood. The Law Faculty is hopeful that a large number of the alumni will find it possible to participate in this occasion which will mark an important milestone in the history of the Law School.

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