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DEAN GIVES BLESSING

It is a distinct pleasure to offer this word of welcome to AMICUS CURIAE - - the establishment of which marks a significantly progressive step in the life and affairs of the Law School. This publication can become an important addition to those student activities which, because of the nature, responsibilities, and interests of the legal profession, I call "cocurricular".

We should envisage a law school periodical of this type as offering, in the first instance, a means of intra - mural communication. It should serve the useful purpose of providing an effective medium for inter-change of legal ideas, for reporting news of the School, its students and its faculty, and news items of general professional interest. In the latter connection, the opportunities afforded such a law school publication here in the Nation's Capital have particular meaning. AMICUS CURIAE can be seen now, therefore, as another contribution to vitality within the School.

The modest format adopted should not be taken as an indication of, or limitation upon, the true objectives in this undertaking. In order to lessen editorial effort and publication expense at the outset, this initial approach is considered wise. It would be a mistake, in my opinion, to take off running. Rather, AMICUS CURIAE should first learn to walk. As it gathers strength, however, we should have in mind its rapid development into a full - fledged vehicle that can play its part in carrying the entire Law School body, students, faculty, and alumni, on to new heights of loyalty and responsibility. Its potentialities in this larger sense can be realized through intelligent effort, cooperation, enthusiasm, and adherence to sound policies.

The Student Bar Association, its officers and those responsible for launching this project, deserve great credit for the service rendered the School. For them I bespeak enthusiastic support.

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P. Hulme

[Photo of Dean]
The Spring Dance of the Student Bar Association will be held Friday, March 14, from 10:00 to 1:00 A.M. at the National Press Club, 14th and F Streets, N.W., according to Bob Lyle, Chairman of the arrangements committee. Featured entertainment will be a skit during intermission presented by professors of the Law School affording sharp and refreshing contrast to their more familiar role in the classroom.

Negotiations also are under way for a component of the G. W. Glee Club to furnish additional entertainment.

Dress is optional, and tickets at $3.00 per couple are available from many members of the Law School Student body. Lyle urges that tickets be obtained now rather than at the door.

Arrangements for group parties in tables for eight can be made by contacting chairman Lyle in advance for reservations. The dance is open to all law students and alumni and their friends. P.S. It's B.Y.O.L.

Law students discussed job opportunities with law forum speakers at the 2nd University Career Conference Wednesday evening.

Keynote speakers were Selective Service Director General Lewis B. Hershey, and Robert H. Jackson, Assoc. Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Law Forum, one of 16 career discussion groups, featured talks by James K. Knudsen, Interstate Commerce Commissioner, Gerhardt P. Van Arkel, counsel for the Senate District Committee, and Jennings Bailey, Jr., of Bailey, Stephens, and Huettg.

Commissioner Knudsen discussed employment by the government on the basis of apprenticeship, security and service. Mr. Knudsen said government positions offer a period of practical training for young lawyers before entering private practice, but added that they must be alert to restrictions on practice before the agencies they once served. Government positions hold wide fields of operation for the lawyer involving many requiring great discretion where, as commissioners and administrators, lawyers act as "junior judges". Many legal positions in government have not been fully covered by Civil Service and for this See "CAREER" page 4
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reason there is not the security often assumed.

Mr. Van Arkel discussed requirements for legal work in the Labor field and legislative problems. The field of labor law has shown tremendous growth in recent years as a result of the many regulatory acts.

Certain political and social convictions are necessary in this field, Mr. Van Arkel believes. "Labor lawyers should believe in trade unionism,"and as the field is not too remunerative, the lawyer should feel a drive to aid in the solution of the many difficult problems arising between labor and management.

Mr. Bailey said an interest in scientific subjects and imagination are necessary for a successful patent law career.

Financially, patent attorneys have earnings equal to those of lawyers in other branches though they are not among the few top earners, the return being better in private practice than in government positions.

SBA BULLETIN

John Obarsky announces that there will be a tour to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on Friday, Feb. 29, students interested should meet at the law school at 1:15 P.M. on that date. Future plans include tours to The Library Of Congress, and the Supreme Court.

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This first issue of AMICUS CURIAE is only a beginning. What the future can bring no one can foresee. However, one thing is certain--there is no reason why the law school cannot have a newspaper comparing favorably with the publication of a similar paper in any other law school in America.

EDITOR