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## FIRST LAW COLLEGE HOODING

On June 7, 1973, the University of Tennessee College of Law held its first hooding ceremony in connection with the regular University spring commencement. This was an additional ceremony with the spring graduates also participating in the University commencement ceremonies the following day, where degrees were conferred by President Boling. The Law College hooding ceremony was an event participated in by faculty, graduates and families of the graduates. An academic procession from the College of Law building across Cumberland Avenue into the University Center Auditorium was held in full academic regalia. Dean Penegar introduced the speaker for the graduates, the Honorable L. Clure Morton, Judge in the United States District Court, Middle District of Tennessee. Following the address, Dean Penegar, Assistant Dean Pierce and Professor Overton presented academic hoods to the Juris Doctorate candidates. Dean Penegar then made personal comments to the graduates. The ceremony was followed by a reception for graduates and guests on the terrace of the University Center.

The occasion was well received by students, faculty and families. It is expected that such events will be a regular feature of future June and possibly December graduations. The hooding ceremony presents an opportunity for the law graduates to receive separate recognition within the professional community and also to receive regular graduation commencement recognition through the University ceremonies.

In his address to the graduates, Judge Morton exhorted his listeners to be intellectually honest. He pointed out that the temptations are strong, especially in the practice of law, to engage in "the intellectual lie in dealing with others." Employing several illustrations of the difference between intellectual honesty and dishonesty, Judge Morton concluded that being intellectually honest as an attorney would not be easy; in fact it would be very difficult. "But the constant observance of it will make it habit. With this habit you will be saved experiencing



The academic procession for the Spring Hooding Ceremony was led by Dean Kenneth L. Penegar and Judge L. Clure Morton, followed by the College of Law faculty and the spring graduates.



Judge L. Clure Morton, United States District Court, Middle District, Tennessee, addressed the graduates on the theme of "Intellectual Honesty." Judge Morton is a 1936 graduate of The University of Tennessee College of Law.

many difficulties and embarrassments. You will earn respect. Although I cannot predict financial success, those persons with whom I am acquainted who apparently practice this proposal seem to have prospered."

## NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN

With the doubling of the size of the student body in less than three years and a similar increase in the faculty and staff of the College of Law, the need for more specialized administrative leadership became apparent in the academic year just concluded. On the recommendation of the Dean and faculty, the University authorized the creation of a major new post in the College. The position of Associate Dean will have primary responsibility for supervision of student academic records, coordinating advice to law students, supervision of registration and scheduling, and general supervision of the physical plant of the College.

Mr. Fredrich Thomforde, who joined the faculty as an associate professor in the fall of 1972, has been named to the new post effective September first of 1973. Professor Thomforde will continue to teach on a reduced load basis in the areas of his primary interest—corporations, administrative law and securities regulation.

With the new staff position Dean Penegar will be able to spend more time on

development of academic programs and meet more frequently with students, faculty, alumni, and bar groups. This additional assistance will also permit the Dean to engage in regular classroom teaching, which he regards as vital to himself and beneficial to the life of the school.

With the addition of this new post the administrative staff of the College will consist of Dean, Associate Dean (Thomforde), Assistant Dean for admissions and financial aid (Carl Pierce), Assistant Dean for placement and Continuing Legal Education programs (now vacant upon William Brown's recent decision to enter private practice), the Director of the Clinic (Charles Miller) and Assistant Director of the Clinic (Fred LeClercq), and the Law Librarian (Richard Surles). This structure is similar to those of other law schools of comparable size around the country. A full enrollment of about 690 to 700 students is expected in the fall together with a staff of 30 full-time faculty and six staff attorneys in the Clinic.



Associate Dean Fredrich Thomforde

## LAW DAY 1973

On May 4, 1973, the College of Law observed the annual Law Day event. This event is always highlighted by appellate argument contests, this year heard by Judge Robert L. Taylor of the United States District Court in Knoxville, Judge Charles G. Neese of the United States District Court in Greeneville, Tennessee, and Judge James Turk, recently appointed to the United States District Court in Virginia. The students winning the Law Day Appellate Argument final round were William S. Waters and Frank Pinchak. Awards are annually presented at Law Day, including the Knoxville Bar Association Auxiliary Award to the first year student with the highest average, this year's recipient being Robert Phillip Murrian. The C.M. Preston Memorial Wills Awards sponsored by the Hamilton National Bank resulted in awards being given to Kenneth L. Martens, Homer A. Bray and Jack H. Putnam, Jr. for first, second and third place will drafting awards. Various publishing company awards were presented to those students who excelled in specific subject areas.

Awards were presented to the student in each of the three classes who achieved the highest scholastic average in his class; these awards were given to Robert Phillip Murrian for the first year, William Charles Myers, Jr. for the second year, and James Curwood Witt, Jr. for the third year. James Curwood Witt, Jr. was also recognized as the student with the highest three year overall average. Lester Thomas Austin was recognized by the publishers of *United States Law Week* as the senior making the most progress dur-

ing his final year of law studies. Perhaps the student award carrying the most distinction is that of Outstanding Graduate for the Year, and this year's recipient was L. Caesar Stair III. Mr. Stair had an excellent academic average during his law school career, and was editor-in-chief of the *Tennessee Law Review*.

During the banquet program on the evening of May 4, the members of Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity presented a special appreciation award to Professor Thomas G. Roady. Professor Roady also received the Outstanding Professor Award as selected by the graduating seniors. Speaking to those attending the banquet was University of Tennessee Law College Alumnus Honorable Frank W. Wilson, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Noting that present and future generations of lawyers face the prospects of a rapidly changing society, Judge Wilson discussed the Law Day 1973 theme "Help Your Courts Assure Justice." In his remarks he stated that the legal profession must bear in mind certain basic propositions as it faces current and future challenges. Specifically he noted that the law must provide stability while at the same time making provision for change. Caution was advised against the dangers of over-proliferation of the law. Judge Wilson summarized his own remarks in his final statement when he said, ". . . I would remind you that it is preeminently up to your profession and my profession—the profession of the law—to set decent folk an example for all time."

Plans are already being made by the Student Bar Association Law Day Com-

mittee for next year's observance. It is hoped that this observance will be as successful as those of recent years. Efforts are being made to plan an observance stretching over several days and involving Continuing Legal Education opportunities for alumni as well as for students.

## NEW FACES ON THE FACULTY AND STAFF

There have been several additions to the College of Law Clinic and the teaching faculty in the summer of 1973. Following is a brief resume on each addition. As will become evident from these resumes, there is a wide range of background and experience represented by these new individuals.

**KATHLEEN F. CARROLL**, a graduate in August of 1972 of the UT College of Law, has joined the Legal Clinic staff as a staff attorney. Her B.S. degree is from the University of Tennessee, with a major in journalism. While a student at the College of Law she served as a student attorney in the Legal Clinic. She is serving as a staff attorney in the civil division.

**GRAYFRED B. GRAY** has already joined the College of Law faculty with teaching responsibilities in the area of legislation, and research and service responsibilities to state and local governmental agencies. He formerly was Assistant Director of Forensic Services in the Children and Youth Services Section of the Tennessee Department of Mental Health. From 1972 Mr. Gray served as Executive Director of the Tennessee Law Revision Commission and prior to that he was a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellow in Nashville for two years. Also, Mr. Gray served as clerk to Judge Harry Phillips of the United States Court of Appeals in Nashville. His J.D. degree is from Vanderbilt University in 1968 where he was in Order of the Coif and a participant in the International Moot Court Competition. His undergraduate degree is from Washington & Lee University where he graduated in 1961 *summa cum laude*. Mr. Gray has served as consultant for various community and civic organizations in Tennessee.

**JAMES TERRY HARPER**, a graduate in March of 1969 of the UT College of Law, has joined the Legal Clinic staff as a staff attorney in the criminal division. His B.S. is from the University of Tennessee, with a major in Business Administration. He has served in both the Examinations and New Trials Division of the United States Army Judiciary since his graduation.

JEAN VANDERGRIF HUMPHREY, a graduate in 1969 of the UT College of Law, has joined the Legal Clinic staff as a staff attorney. Since graduation she has served as a research assistant in the Legal Clinic and was subsequently in private practice in Knoxville.

DAVID MICHAEL KIRSTEIN has already joined the Legal Clinic as a staff attorney in the civil division. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia College of Law and a graduate of the University of Connecticut for his undergraduate degree in economics. At Connecticut he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He has served as a staff attorney to the Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley in Virginia from 1971 to 1972 and as a staff attorney to the Legal Aid Society of Louisville, Kentucky, from 1972 to 1973. Mr. Kirstein is a member of the Virginia and Kentucky Bars and has been active in major litigation in the indigent and welfare rights fields.

WILLIAM L. WATERS, a 1973 graduate of the UT College of Law, has joined the Legal Clinic staff as a staff attorney. His B.S. degree is from the University of Tennessee. While a student at the College of Law, he served as Legal Assistant to the Chief Counsel of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and later as a Legal Consultant for Oak Ridge National Laboratories.

## ALUMNI PUBLICATIONS

William M. Stephens, who received his J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1950, and who is now Associate Director of University Publications and Printing, University of Miami, has recently published two children's books. The books, "Come With Me To the Edge of the Sea" and "Flamingo: Bird of Flame" have been named outstanding by the National Science Teachers Association and by the Children's Book Council. Stephens has written many books and articles about science and the environment for adults as well as for children. He is currently a candidate for the Master of Laws degree in Ocean Law at the University of Miami's School of Law.

## FORMER DEAN DECEASED

Dr. H. B. Witham, former Dean of the University of Tennessee Law College, died in Martinsville, Indiana, in the spring. He was 78 years of age. Dean Witham left the University of Tennessee in 1944 to become Dean of the Indiana University Evening Branch in Indianapolis.

## PROFESSOR ROADY MOVES TO ILLINOIS

At the end of the spring quarter, 1973, Professor Tom G. Roady, who had been on the faculty of the University of Tennessee College of Law since 1968, and prior to that from 1949-51, resigned to move back to his home state of Illinois. There he joined in the first year efforts at a new law college at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Professor Roady is now Assistant Dean at SIU and will be participating in the efforts to start a first year class in the fall of 1973. Mr. Roady was a popular teacher while at the University of Tennessee and is remembered by alumni throughout the state.

Prior to his leaving, a commemorative luncheon was held by the College of Law faculty as well as by the students. Also, Professor Roady was the recipient of the Outstanding Professor award given by the graduating seniors at Law Day of 1973.

## VISITING PROFESSOR



Visiting with the College of Law as a professor of legal accounting for the summer quarter of 1973 is Jerome Shuman of Washington, D.C. Professor Shuman received his undergraduate degree from Howard University in 1960, his LL.B., *cum laude*, in 1963 from Howard University Law School and the LL.M. from Yale in 1964. Presently Mr. Shuman is director of the Office of Equal Opportunity in the United States Department of Agriculture. He is on leave as Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington. Professor Shuman is a member of the Federal Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar, and has been admitted to practice before various United States courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States.

## ALUMNI ADVISORY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED

During the academic year just concluded, a new group was formed which promises to keep law alumni better informed about developments in the College and to a greater extent involved in discussions about directions of legal education. Dean Penegar, recognizing the deep loyalty of many alumni and believing in the importance of alumni support for the future of the College, asked twenty widely known and actively interested alumni from all around the state to join with him in this endeavor.

One meeting was held in the fall and it is hoped that, beginning in the coming

year, meetings can take place several times each year. Through these meetings, alumni at large will be represented in discussions of common interest to the whole of our over 2400 living alumni, and hopefully both the alumni and law faculty will become better informed of the other's perspectives and concerns.

Mr. Frank Crawford of Memphis has been asked to serve as chairman of the Council during the upcoming year 1973-74. Others who have been asked and indicated a willingness to serve are the following:

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| Mr. Jere Albright<br>Merchants State Bank Bldg.<br>Humboldt, Tennessee                         | Mr. Edward Duke<br>Pythian Building<br>Jackson, Tennessee                                   | Mr. Ray Moseley<br>Suite 100<br>Hogshead Building<br>Chattanooga, Tennessee               |
| Mr. Charles Anderson<br>U.S. Court House<br>Nashville, Tennessee                               | Mr. M. W. Egerton<br>Suite 312<br>Park National Bank Bldg.<br>Knoxville, Tennessee          | Mr. David Pack<br>114 State Office Building<br>Nashville, Tennessee                       |
| Mr. R.A. Ashley<br>322 Church Avenue<br>Dyersburg, Tennessee                                   | Mr. Bruce E. Foster<br>Suite 1001<br>Valley Fidelity Bank Bldg.<br>Knoxville, Tennessee     | Mr. Francis Stewart<br>14th Floor<br>Third National Bank Building<br>Nashville, Tennessee |
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| Mr. Leon Burns, Jr.<br>282 East 9th Street<br>Cookeville, Tennessee                            | Mr. Lowry Kline<br>Volunteer Building<br>Chattanooga, Tennessee                             | Mr. Jack Whitson<br>Suite 201<br>Merchants Bank Building<br>Cleveland, Tennessee          |
| Mr. Frank Crawford<br>Suite 2518<br>100 N. Main Building<br>Memphis, Tennessee                 | Mr. Carl H. Langschmidt<br>Suite 1910<br>First National Bank Building<br>Memphis, Tennessee | Mr. Robert Worthington<br>703 Gay Street<br>Knoxville, Tennessee                          |
| Mr. Jack Draper<br>Suite 1212<br>Hamilton National Bank Bldg.<br>Knoxville, Tennessee          | Ms. Virginia Moore<br>201 Jere Whitson Bldg.<br>Cookeville, Tennessee                       |   |

All alumni will be receiving communications on behalf of the Council from time to time in the future.



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## ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Legal Clinic of the UT College of Law and the twenty-fifth year of its direction by Professor Charles Miller. A series of events in celebration of the occasion is being planned for November 15-17, 1973. Additional information concerning the program will be publicized as soon as plans are finalized.

## ALUMNI BRIEFS

Robert M. Summitt ('49) is now judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Tennessee in Chattanooga.

Charles C. McNabb, Jr. ('50) has retired after 33 years of federal service with the Atomic Energy Commission and after 10 years of service as Assistant to the Chief Counsel for the Atomic Energy Commission's Oak Ridge Operations. McNabb had been with the legal staff of AEC since the agency was established in 1947.

David J. Batdorf ('54) was recently appointed Chief Counsel for the Secretary of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Carl H. Langschmidt, Jr. ('54) is a member of a new firm resulting from the combination of two existing firms in Memphis. The new firm operates under the firm name of Boone, Wellford, Clark, Langschmidt & Pemberton.

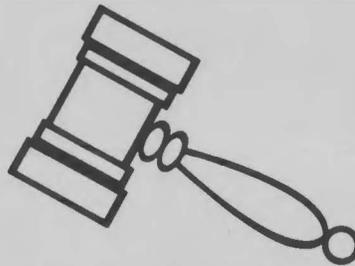
Thomas Ross Dyer ('66) practicing in Memphis, Tennessee, was recently elected moving Vice-President from West Tennessee to the Young Lawyers Conference of the Tennessee Bar Association.

Fred J. Lewis ('68) has resigned his position of staff attorney in the College of Law Legal Clinic to become associated with the Memphis firm of Weintraub, Dehart & Kalmans.

## CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

On Friday, August 24, 1973, the College of Law hosted and co-sponsored with the Knoxville Bar Association a seminar on the new bankruptcy rules scheduled to go into effect in October, 1973. This event had the largest pre-registration of any CLE program of the school in recent times.

Final plans are being made for the next CLE program. The impending program will again be a joint effort of the UT College of Law and the Knoxville Bar Association. This program will be on the subject of estate planning and will be held in November of this year.



William H. Russell ('68) has resigned as Tennessee Assistant Commissioner of Conservation to return to law practice in Loudon.

Michael J. Blachman ('69) is now associated with the Portsmouth, Va. firm of Bangel, Bangel & Bangel after having served as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney for the city of Portsmouth.

John R. Cope ('69) is a stock broker with Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith in Knoxville.

William H. Brown ('72) in July resigned from the UT College of Law staff where he had been an Assistant Dean, to enter the private practice of law in Jackson.

## TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

At the Tennessee Bar Association Annual Convention in Memphis in early June the College of Law and the General Alumni Association of UT sponsored a cocktail hour prior to the concluding convention banquet. Earlier that day UT law alumni attended a breakfast which is now an annual event. This informal meeting provided alumni an opportunity to hear Dean Penegar highlight the past year's developments and outline plans for the upcoming year. Dean Penegar's talk included information about the various additions to the faculty for 1973-74. An opportunity was provided to alumni to ask questions concerning the state of the law school. The alumni breakfast was chaired by Frank Crawford, '50, who is serving this year as the chairman of the newly created Alumni Advisory Council of the Law College.

Ronald C. Hedges ('72) has opened a new law office for general practice in Knoxville.

Don A. Layton ('72) has opened a general law office in Oak Ridge.

Martin J. Schulman ('72) has announced the opening of an office for the general practice of law in Chattanooga.

Ronald Lee ('67) formerly corporate attorney with Nuclear Fuel Services of Rockville, Maryland, is joining the faculty of Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in September.