The Dean's Message

Again the time of parting has come, and to you the outgoing seniors, we extend wishes for the coming years in which the successful pursuit of the law, which you have achieved, will do much for you in your everyday activity.

Some will practice; some will continue on their own organizations, using the law they have gained as further help in rising in rank in the businesses in which they are now engaged; and some will undoubtedly find places either on governmental service or in the law department of some corporation.

Each of you must bear in mind that all we have given you is the license to learn. The law is a jealous mistress and demands that each day you as an exponent of the law must keep abreast with changing times and conditions and with changing laws. This obligation I assume you are willing to undertake.

One last hurdle lies before you, and that is the successful completion of the Bar Examination for which you will sit in the middle of the summer. As I told you in prior correspondence, we know that you have been taught the law you need, and it is your own responsibility to present this to the examiners that they will know that you are able to analyze facts, isolate issues, and apply the law which you know. I am confident that you can do so.

In a sense this is the parting, but in a large sense I hope that you will continue to use the school and its facilities. I have always been ready as I have in the past, to talk with you and to help you if I can, and perhaps to iron out some of the difficulties in which you may find yourselves. We at the school like to think that while you are through with your formal education, we can still help you, and we do it not only in the sense of advising you, but also with moral support. As a part of a large enthusiastic alumni body, you in turn will enhance the evergrowing prestige of this school from which you are graduating.

GOOD LUCK;
Dean Wilson Stapleton

A Time for Parting

By Fred Pizzadlo

Well, gentle folk, we finally reach a time that once seemed so far away as to be beyond a reasonable man's expectations; the time to say goodbye. Four years of a man's life, when considered against the sixty or seventy odd years allotted to most of us, does not seem like a lot, mathematically, and, I suppose, considered in that way, it is really not. But if one thinks of the activity, scope of experiences, information received, mental discipline achieved and sacrifices made in the next preceding four year period, that span of time has to gain added significance, at least to the persons having lived through it and having grown because of it.

We have all lived through many graduation years. Grammar school, high school, college; all have had their special significance.

To most of us, the last graduation is represented by our degree from law school. This is the one that finally stamps each of us as official "professionals." Each of us has attained the step on society's ladder that everyone knows about but relatively few ever have the patience and fortitude to climb to.

Now that we are on the edge of that step, what do we see from its vantage point? How do we feel? Some will find more of the same thing they found after achieving the lower steps; a heightened sense of personal satisfaction, added confidence in the realization that they will find more and better opportunities to earn and provide for their personal and family needs and wants; less dependence on what society has taught them and more dependence on what they are now equipped to take from society; and further thought of the same vocation.

But have we not reached a step that demands more? Have we not the responsibility of equipping ourselves to make our niche in the world? In achieving this last step, we no longer feel that we are obligated to ourselves to give to society, so that it might further flourish and be able to absorb those who follow us? Is not this giving to, and not merely taking from, society that will enable us to remove the quotation marks from the word professional? Goodbye and good-will.

Trimester System Will Be Phased Out; Students Register Now for Fall Term

Students presently attending Cleveland Marshall will continue on the trimester system, Dean Stapleton announced. New students will enter on the semester system and in this way, the trimester system will be phased out.

Day students will take 14 credit hours during the fall, 13 hours during the winter, and 15 hours during the spring. Evening students will be able to accumulate 72 credit hours during the regular academic year. To meet the 84 credit hour requirement for graduation, they will be able to accumulate additional credit hours from Moot Court and Legal Aid participation. The 11 needed hours may also be acquired by summer sessions.

No final determination has been made as to how many possible hours would be attainable each summer session. If four hours could be acquired, then most students will be able to attend three summers. But, offering a possible 6 or 8 credit hours per summer session is also under consideration.

Present students will be able to register for courses during this term. A pre-registration form containing every course offered by term offered will be available to students currently enrolled, Professor Flaherty stated. Pre-registration will enable the administration to project the size of the classes in a class in and to split or cancel the class, if necessary. This advance notice should better enable us to serve the needs of the students.

Once a student establishes his schedule for the year, a change in his mind might be difficult to arrange for. And, as requests for changes must be in writing and be submitted by the 15th of September, forms will be handed out in all classes and will also be available in the office.

"Resurgence of Humanities" Triggered by World Problems

Speaking recently at a National Conference on "The humanities," Maxwell Goldberg of Penn State University made the point that the rapidly changing current national and world scenes appear to be providing the occasion for an examination of those that can be met by traditional inquisitions, legal systems, ecclesiastical or philosophical concepts, or a combination of these, many of which have served so well in the past. There was no intent to indicate that pessimism reigns, but Dr. Goldberg reflected what appeared to be a general consensus to the effect that our inquisitions have often shown signs of unusual stress.

We still pride ourselves on our efficiency and our technical productions, yet on entering LaGuardia Airport from overseas recently, I counted twenty-three evidences of poor workmanship, materials, installation or maintenance between the plane from which I had alighted and the point at which I cleared the terminal. This is the same route taken by a host of international tourists each year. Thirty years ago, well before Sputnik, the mathematician was given a very low rank in the academic order for it appeared that his contributions to man's knowledge were not advanced with certainty and that his performance from that point on would be routinely critical changed that view. Now mathematics reigns supreme along with the sciences.

In the same sense that mathematics was discounted, we have long discounted the value of the humanities in our educational system. The undergraduate curriculum has been devoted to more and more technical subjects and the liberal and vital is attested to by the stirrings within ecclesiastical bodies around the world and the renewed attack on questions of value even by those who completely reject church forms. Man's spirit is still a troubled moving thing is exhibited by the art that he creates and the music that emerges as the captive of each new generation.

It is no accident that law has been associated with the great humanitarian movements of the past. Almost every new bench mark of man's progress is identified with great legal documents. Minor laws spell out major principles and those major principles are reflections of the struggle of the human spirit for definition and expression. Law is of the human spirit and expresses itself best when it is concerned with the life of the human spirit.

Some persons think it strange that Cleveland Marshall Law School and Baldwin-Wallace College should concern themselves with common goals. On the contrary, who knows how many troubles we would be spared today if the law had not been nourished through the years by institutions having great devotion to the humanities instead of being set aside as in some institutions as a production unit of a great "factory."

The student's approach in management and technological studies enhances the knowledge of many disciplines concentrating them on a given problem or complex of problems. In the same sense, the humanities should be solved through the interdisciplinary approach utilizing the proper instruments of knowledge. He who discounts the value of religion, philosophy, poetry, law, history or any other of the liberal studies, will not be likely to satisfactorily solve his problems. In the pursuit of the value of itself, all institutions of higher learning are valid. We cannot afford to discount anything.

The young lawyer in court with the lawyer at his side may be charged with the development of or the defense of a Molotov cocktail and the action that is taken in his case may not within itself appear to be too important, but given the total picture of history the situation raises with respect to how we create and teach knowledge in law and the humanities will call for much de- 

volving from our best academic and legal minds.

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