EDITORIAL

"Vivat, Crescat, Floreat."

("May it live. May it grow. May it flourish.")

Fordham Law School has a first rate faculty, student body, library and system of moot courts and solicitors' seminars. It needs its own building which will furnish it with more commodious quarters including larger space for its continually expanding library, as well as student lounges, a moot court room and more adequate funds to maintain the social, intellectual and spiritual contacts between Fordham men in the School and its graduates in the legal profession.

The task is ours, the time is now. We invite your suggestions and cooperation.

WELCOME, 1951

Ladies and gentlemen of 1951, we salute you. With the Bar Examination behind you and your whole professional career ahead, you find old warriors among us, embattled and unfading, underscoring "the recrudescence of the spiritual."

We are arrayed in the lists which you yourselves have now entered to martial music, with standards high and spears in rest. You are our reinforcement, our hope, the answer to our prayers.

Ever remember that "the highest attribute of the mind of man is its ability to possess itself of tranquility in the hour of danger." And never hesitate to invoke, as did Antigone 2400 years ago, "the unwritten and unswerving law of Heaven". May you be worthy of Fordham.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON


COMMENCEMENT

On June 13, 1951, at the Commencement Exercises on the Campus, 156 students were graduated from the law school.

Class prizes were awarded to: Morning division: Brian M. O'Brian; Afternoon division: James H. Luther; Evening division: Francis L. Linton.

The Chapin Prize for the highest scholastic standing of the entire graduating class for the entire law school curriculum went to James H. Luther.

Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., president of the University, in the Commencement address told the 3,000 relatives and friends crowding the gymnasium that the current crisis, subjectively, is one of insecurity, and objectively, "an attack on the very nature of man".

"The seriousness of the crisis is not solely that communism has declared war on our values. It is also that our own people have lost faith in them". He cited as examples the "sordid partnership between crime and politics, the misuse of government influence, the betrayal of basic loyalties by statesmen, by scientists, by the universities and by ordinary citizens". Father McGinley urged the graduates to dedicate themselves with "mental courage" to the active "development of the whole man".

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PRACTICE COURT COMPETITIONS

The Intermural Competitions in the appellate section of the Practice Court of Fordham Law School for the 1951 Spring semester were the most successful in many years. The following Judges acted as the presiding Judges of the upper class arguments: Vincent L. Leibell, '08; John W. Clancy, '12; Thomas L. J. Corcoran, '32; Thomas E. Rohan, '29; Benedict D. Dineen, '12; Charles E. Murphy, '25 and Michael F. Walsh, '16.

Also acting as presiding Judges were Professor Emeritus Lloyd M. Howell and Dean Ignatius M. Wilkinson.

In addition to the Intermural Competitions the Law School entered teams in the Inter-Law School Competition sponsored by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and in the Four-School Competition among the Law Schools of Catholic University, Virginia, Yale and Fordham.

FACULTY

In June, 1951, Professors George W. Bacon, Edward Q. Carr and Eugene J. Keefe each finished twenty-five years of teaching on the law faculty.

Professor Bacon is now Editor of the Martindale-Hubbell Law Digests; and he continues as Faculty Supervisor of the Appellate Section of the Fordham Practice Court. The Trial Court Division is supervised by Mr. Bernard J. O'Connell, and the Office Practice Division by Mr. Leonard F. Manning.

INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE

Former Police Commissioner Thomas F. Murphy, Law '30, now writes “U. S. D. J.” after his name, by appointment of President Harry S. Truman, who is himself a Fordham LL.D.

Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, Law '24, has honored his Alma Mater by appointment of Fire Commissioner George Monaghan, Law '27, to the office of Police Commissioner, in place of Judge Thomas F. Murphy, resigned.

The Fordham Law Alumni on May 16, 1951 presented a gavel to Magistrate Louis Pagnucco, Law '32.

Arthur Fribourg, Law '48 (a member of the “Perpetual Motion Committee” of the Fordham Law Alumni) is now Attorney Advisor of N.P.A. at Washington, D. C.

On July 11, 1951, the Court of Appeals affirmed the determination of the Appellate Division, First Department, upholding Mr. Justice Benvenenga in validating the proceedings of Dean Wilkinson's State Crime Commission. (Matter of DiBrizzi.) Judge Benvenenga held that “Clearly, organized crime is a matter affecting the public peace, public safety and public justice. The relationship of organized crime to government is a matter which concerns the Governor, and which it is his duty to examine either personally or by Commission”.

Please send us additional news and notes. Happy Summer Holiday.

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