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The Law School Moves to Lincoln Square

August 7th began a new era in the life of Fordham Law School. This was M-Day or Moving Day when the Law School left its present quarters at 302 Broadway for the Lincoln Square Campus. Since Francis Cardinal Spellman unveiled the cornerstone of the new law school and library on May 3, 1960, a great new building has come into being and will be ready for the law students when they return in the fall.

The $3,000,000 school is the first phase of the future two-block, seven and a half acre Fordham Mid-Town Campus which is expected to be completed by 1965 at a cost of $25,000,000. The new law school is immediately adjacent to the Lincoln Center of Performing Arts and will, in years to come, have such new neighbors as the Metropolitan Opera, New York Philharmonic Society, Juilliard School of Music and the Repertory Theatre. These buildings are all components of what is hailed as the world’s most important cultural and educational center.

The new school will present a facade of more than 50% glass, with aluminum framed windows set with alternating mullions. The building will be set back from the sidewalk and will be bordered by landscaped aprons. It will be air-conditioned and will have fluorescent lighting throughout. To add that quiet touch, acoustical tile will be used in most public areas.

Along the main corridor of the first floor will be the offices of the Dean, Assistant Dean, Registrar and the Law Alumni Placement Office. The new spacious lounges will set a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere for broader discussions among the students and faculty. Immediately off the main lobby and opposite the main entrance is the entrance to the new law library, the most important feature of the new school buildings. The new law library, because of its five stack levels, will permit our present collection to be expanded from 70,000 to 200,000 volumes. The main reading room seats approximately two hundred and forty students.

The second floor is primarily devoted to classrooms and seminar rooms. There are also offices for the Law Review Staff, and Student Bar Association along the inside of the main corridor. The west side of the second floor will be used for eleven faculty offices. A moot court room, with its judge’s chambers and jury room, will be on the third floor.

Although the school will be ready for the Fall Semester, the formal dedication of the Law School will not be held until sometime in November. In order to give our Alumni a preview, the university officials, Dean Mulligan and our Alumni President, Caesar Pitassy, are presently making plans for the holding of an “Open House”, probably on the first Saturday in October. Formal invitations will be sent out to all Alumni when the plans have been completed.

LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

This year, the Law School in cooperation with the American Bar Association and the Northwestern University Traffic Institute, sponsored the Fifth Annual Regional Traffic Court Program. Traffic Court judges and prosecutors from fifteen states (including two participants from Hawaii) met on the campus of the university during the week of June 3rd to discuss ways to promote respect for and observance of traffic laws, to improve the efficiency of traffic courts, to reduce the traffic violations and to increase the dignity and respect for the traffic courts. The conference was called to order by Dean Mulligan; Professor John D. Calamary was in charge of arrangements.

The conference was very broad in scope and covered, among other subjects, the problems, procedures and rules of the traffic courts, corrective and educational penalization and the legal aspect of radar, intoxication and skidmark evidence. Of particular interest to the conference was the skidmark demonstration, conducted outdoors, in which a specially equipped automobile demonstrated both reaction and skidding time in stopping an automobile at various speeds.

The Law School is adding two new professors: Manuel Garcia-Mora who for the past several years has been a member of the University of Detroit Law School faculty will teach International Law and Comparative Law. This is the first time that this subject has been included in
the Law School curriculum. Garcia-Mora has written widely in the field and has his Doctorate from Yale and his Masters from Harvard Law School. The second addition is Assistant Professor Joseph M. McLaughlin, who is a graduate of Fordham College and Fordham Law School, 1959. Mr. McLaughlin has been associated with the Cahill, Gordon firm for the past two years and will teach New York Practice.

The annual dinner of the Fordham Law Review Association was held Thursday evening, June 15, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The guest speaker was Associate Justice James B. M. McNally, of the Appellate Division, First Department.

WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM CHAPTER

Westchester-Putnam Counties Chapter of the Alumni Association closed a successful year with a dinner meeting on June 15, 1961, at Birchbrook Inn in Bronxville, New York. The dinner was made the occasion to honor Fordham Law Alumni who presently grace the Bench in four of the City Courts of Westchester County; Yonkers City Judges Albert J. Fiorillo and John J. Tobin, Mount Vernon City Judge John P. Griffiths, New Rochelle City Judge Christopher J. Murphy, and Rye City Judge Richard J. Barber.

Among those present to help pay honor to the Judges were Hon. Sylvester Ryan, Chief U. S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York; Hon. Hugh S. Coyle, Justice of the Supreme Court in the Ninth Judicial District; Hon. John J. Dillon, Surrogate of Westchester County; Hon. Robert J. Trainor, District Attorney in Westchester County; Dean Mulligan of the Law School; Father Hopkins, our moderator and Caesar Pitassy, President of the Law Alumni Association.

The following officers and directors were elected for the year 1961-1962:

**Directors**

- John A. Blake, George A. Brooks, John J. Buckley,
- Hon. John J. Dillon, Herman Falk, Anthony Ferraro,
- Robert J. Meyer, John F. Reed, Jr., Terence J. Smyth,
- Joseph F. Valenti, Walter B. Solinger, 2d.

Over 100 alumni attended the dinner.

The Westchester-Putnam Chapter, under the direction of Daniel F. McMahon '48, sponsored a moot court competition in the Surrogate's Court, Westchester County on March 15, 1961. The judges were: Honorable John J. Dillon, '24, Surrogate of Westchester County, Honorable Richard H. Levet, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and Honorable Gregory F. Noonan '28, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The case argued was a labor case. The winning team was the Class of 1961 consisting of James A. McGough, Michael R. Lanzarone and Robert M. Davidson. This team went to the semi-finals in the National Moot Court Competition and submitted the best brief.

The other competing team was from the Class of 1962 consisting of Donald J. Urgo, Michael P. McCarthy and James T. Rochford. This team had won the Sutherland Cup at the Catholic University competition held in Washington.

Among those present were: Reverend Vincent C. Hopkins, S.J., Dean William Hughes Mulligan, Daniel F. McMahon, '48, Caesar L. Pitassy, '41, James R. Caruso, '29 and Frederick H. Berges, Jr., '14.

NASSAU-SUFFOLK CHAPTER

The sixth annual spring dinner meeting of the Nassau-Suffolk Counties Chapter of the Fordham Law Alumni Association, attended by 100 members and guests, was held on June 20th at the Sky Club, Roosevelt Field, Garden City.

In appreciation of his sincere interest in the Chapter's affairs and its members, the Hon. Mario Pittoni, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, was the dinner's guest of honor and subject of a surprise "adoption" proceeding.

Judge Pittoni came to the dinner completely unaware of the fact that his "alma mater", Harvard University gave its consent to permit the Fordham chapter to become his "alma pater".

The response of Dean N. Griswold of Harvard University voiced the law school's position saying, "Of course, we will not give up our tie with Judge Pittoni, because we are very proud to number him among the graduates of this School. Nevertheless, we are more than willing to share him with our friends in New York, where he holds the honored place of a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court.

By way of petition captioned "In the Matter of the Adoption of Hon. Mario Pittoni", the members of the Chapter respectfully showed that the application was based on the "good will, respect and affection" felt for Judge Pittoni who "by his gracious bearing, kindness of spirit, loftiness of ideals, high moral character and personal integrity, sympathy for the unfortunate and champion for the right, personally endeared himself to all who have come to know him".
Of course, the usual recital of “no previous application for the relief prayed for” was included and made it possible for beloved first President and now Supreme Court Judge Edward Robinson, Jr. to join in the spirit of things by signing the unofficial Order of Adoption.

Keeping a seasoned judicial eye on the proceedings was another noted guest, Hon. John Bennett, well-liked Surrogate of Nassau County, who gave the oath of office to the officers of the Chapter elected to serve for 1961-62.

Elected to hold office were George M. Burgh, as President, Walter F. Lang, Jr., as Executive Vice President, and Thomas A. Kane, Richard V. Guardino, Bernard J. Reilly and Joseph Kenny as Area Vice Presidents, and Ed Farrell as Treasurer.

Jerome A. Perles, the Chapter’s secretary for the past six years, thanked the officers and members of the Chapter for the wonderful dinner party given to him at the Sky Club last March 11th to which son Henry Andrew came down signing the unofficial

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of the Chapter elected to serve for 1961-62.

In six years of Chapter life the membership has grown to almost 500, and President George Burgh, promises a full drive during the new Chapter year to try to locate every Fordham man and woman who lives or practices in the twin suburban counties of Nassau or Suffolk.

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Plans are under way for the 1961 Annual Reception and Dinner of the New Jersey Chapter which will be held in Newark as usual at the Down Town Club. As soon as arrangements for a speaker and a date have been completed, notices will be circulated among all members of the Chapter.

In the event that there are members of the Law Alumni who reside in New Jersey who have not received notices in the past of Chapter functions, it is suggested that they forward their names to Edward V. Ryan, 1180 Raymond Boulevard, Newark 2, N. J., so that their names may be added to the permanent list.

As ever, interest in the Alumni Association and in the Chapter remains keen, and grows with the years and the activities of the association.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

It is with great pleasure that we throw out our chests and announce the establishment of the Fordham Law Alumni Association’s Scholarship Fund. At its June meeting, the Board of Directors voted the fund for one full three year scholarship.

Alumni President, Caesar L. Pitassy has appointed a committee of the board to set up rules for the administration of the scholarship grants. The group will work in conjunction with Dean Mulligan and the details of the program will appear in the next issue of the Advocate.

Law School tuition is now approximately $1100 a year, a formidable sum to students of limited means. We are in an era of scholarship competition and the only way Fordham can compete for high caliber legal students is through scholarship awards. We are indeed grateful to our dues paying alumni for it is they who have made it possible for the association to take this one giant step.

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

The monthly luncheons are now in their eighth year of operation and have become a regular activity of the Fordham Law Alumni Association. This year, Miller’s Restaurant, 144 Fulton Street, New York City, where the luncheons are held on the first Tuesday of each month, October through May, has been taxed to capacity because of the large turnout typical of the luncheons in the past years. Responsibility for the luncheon rests with the Hon. Samuel M. Gold, Justice of the Supreme Court, this year’s Chairman, William J. O’Hara, Vice Chairman and William V. Spelman assisting the Vice Chairman.

This year our guest speakers have included the Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., President of Fordham University, Louis Nizer, Esq., a famous theatrical attorney, The Hon. Peter A. Quinn, Justice of the Supreme Court, Charles A. Loretto, Justice of the Supreme Court, Owen McGivern, Justice of the Supreme Court, Bernard Botein, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, and Abraham N. Geller, Judge of the Court of General Sessions.

The luncheons provide an excellent opportunity to meet friends and classmates at a most convenient place in New York City, and if you have not been in attendance regularly we urge you to attend, if not all, at least part of the luncheons during the coming year. In the event that you have not received notices of the monthly luncheon, please send in your name and address and class to Fordham Law Alumni Association, 100 Broadway, New York 5, New York.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria was once again the scene of the Fordham Law Alumni Association Annual Luncheon on February 11, 1961. Twelve hundred Fordham men and women were present to pay honor to the law school and its achievements. It was a gala affair—the speeches were brief, the food superb and the company of the best.

Caesar L. Pitassy, President of the Alumni, welcomed the Alumni and gave a short report on the association’s program.

Thomas J. Dodd, United States Senator from Connecticut, the principal speaker, discussed the international situation. Judge Irving R. Kaufman, ’31 of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, was chairman of the luncheon.

Reverend Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., president of the University, extended the greetings of the University to the alumni and brought everyone up to date on the progress of the new law school at Lincoln Square. Father McGinley also spoke favorably on the New York State program of aid to education and the bills before the legislature at that
time for the state grant of $200 per year towards college tuition.

The Fordham Law Alumni Association Medal of Achievement was given to Henry M. Hogan, '22, Vice-President and General Counsel of General Motors Corporation.

The affair honored the golden jubilee class of 1911 and the silver jubilee class of 1936. The response for the twenty-five year men was made by Lieutenant Governor Malcolm Wilson, '36.

The vice chairmen of the luncheon were Honorable A. David Benjamin, '19, Justice of the Supreme Court, Harold O. N. Frankel, '25, John B. Loughran, '42 and Marion I. Guilfoyle, '45.

INCIDENTALLY

Louis J. Lefkowitz, '25, Attorney General of the State of New York, is the Republican candidate for Mayor of New York City. The Attorney General has been active in Fordham Law School affairs. He was the speaker in January, 1961 at the Luncheon of the Law Alumni Association as part of the New York State Bar Association's annual meeting. He has also taken part in the Traffic Court program presented by the Fordham Law School in cooperation with the American Bar Association.

Thomas A. DeBellis, '22, has been appointed Deputy Commissioner of the State Liquor Authority.

Assembly Speaker, Joseph F. Carlino, '39, has been elected Nassau County Republican leader.

The Board of Directors of the General Motors Corporation has elected Aloysius F. Power, '27, as Vice President and General Counsel.

Louis Stein, '26, President of Food Fair Stores, Inc., has been elected a Director of Botany Industries, Inc., and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

J. Berkeley Leahy, '38, was appointed by Governor Meyner to the Somerset County Court as County Judge.

Former Mayor William O'Dwyer, '23, was recently named to act as an impartial arbitrator on any disputes which may arise between restaurant management and labor at the New York 1964-1965 World's Fair.

Joseph F. Finnegan, '31, former director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, became the first full-time chairman of the State Mediation Board.

U. S. District Court Judge Irving R. Kaufman, '31, received the Harlan Fiske Stone Memorial Award at the dinner of the Association of Trial Lawyers of the City of New York.

John B. Coman, '35, has been elected Associate General Counsel of Tishman Realty and Construction Company, Inc.

Leo A. Larkin, '35, was appointed a Corporation Counsel by Mayor Wagner in a City Hall ceremony.

Charles G. Irwin, '33, has been elected to the Board of Lay Trustees of Iowa College.

Thomas F. Jones, '48, has been appointed as Chief Investigator of the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor.

John B. Fitzpatrick, '30, was elected Executive Vice-President of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

A. J. duBouchet, Jr., '40, has been transferred to the headquarters of General Motors Overseas Operations after 15 years with the Mexican subsidiary (General Motors de Mexico).

Hugh J. FitzSimons, '23, Vice President of the Title Guarantee Company, has retired after more than 56 years of association with the company and its predecessor companies.

Irving I. Rubin, '32 and Walter H. Gardner, Sr., '20, became President and First Vice-President, respectively, of the Passaic County Bar Association.

Kenneth C. Witt, '48 has been promoted to Counsel of the Clark Equipment Company.

Theodore Schlesinger, '31, is now President and Chief Executive of Allied Stores.

Julius R. Lippman, '22, has been named to an 11-man committee to preface a coordinated plan for the future use of Mitchel Field.

James E. Foley, '52, was re-elected Chairman of the New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus, at its annual meeting.

John F. Hayes, '40, has been elected Borough President of Brooklyn.

Edwin B. Dooley, '30, Congressman from New York 26th District, has been nominated for a place in the Football Hall of Fame.

Paul B. Carrol, '32, has been appointed Assistant General Solicitor of the International Paper Company.

NECROLOGICAL

THOMAS C. CUSACK, '29, died on May 1, 1961. He was a member of the firm of Cusack, Shumate & Geoghan, specializing in the trial of tort matters.

CYRIL JAMES BROWN, '16, died on December 23, 1960. He was elected Mayor of Great Neck in 1929 and served until 1937. In 1938 he was elected a Judge of the District Court of Nassau County and served in that capacity until 1953 when he was elected a Judge of the County Court of Nassau County, retiring in 1958. Judge Brown resumed private practice in Great Neck at that time.

JOSEPH S. MOORE, '30, died on January 9, 1961. He engaged in private practice, serving as Assistant District Attorney of Queens County from 1952 until 1956.

CAMPBELL PILCHER, '42, died on May 17, 1961. He was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1934. He resigned from the service in 1936 and commenced the study of law. After his admission to the Bar, he returned to the United States Navy and served until 1946, retiring as a Commander. He returned to the practice of law, specializing in patent law.
ZACHARY A. SERWER, '34, died on May 16, 1961. He engaged in public relations as consultant and at his death headed the firm of Zachary A. Serwer Associates.

THEODORE A. TETREAULT, '29, died on May 26, 1961. He was a member of the legal staff of the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor since 1957. Prior to that year he had engaged in private practice.

JOHN J. DUFF, '25, died on March 24, 1961. He was engaged in private practice, specializing in criminal law.

STEPHEN W. HANLEY, '26, died on April 22, 1961. He was a member of the firm of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Sunderland & Kiendl, specializing in real estate and land valuation matters.

FRANCIS J. McLOUGHLIN, '35, died on January 21, 1961. He was engaged in private practice and had, during World War II, served in the United States Navy, retiring as Lieutenant Commander.

WILLIAM H. AUSTIN, '11, died on November 28, 1960. He was engaged in private practice, specializing in estate and tax matters.

WILLIAM H. HAYES, '10, a member of the firm of Gasser & Hayes, died on July 10, 1961. He specialized in tax matters. He had served as a first lieutenant during World War I. Last year, Fordham University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

ALBERT A. BURDICK, '18, died on October 4, 1959. He was a member of the firm of Langbein, Burdick and Silvian who had their offices in West Palm Beach, Florida.

THOMAS F. DOYLE, '26, died on June 21, 1961. Mr. Doyle has been associated with the former County Judge Cyril Galvin in the firm of Doyle & Galvin in Jersey City. He specialized in casualty insurance trial work for the last thirty-five years.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in our association should be a must to everyone who attended the Law School. The association’s activities are known to all—the monthly luncheons, the Christmas cocktail party, the annual luncheon and the new scholarship fund.

It is hoped that every alumnus and alumni who reads this will become a member of our association which is fast becoming the most active one in this part of the country. Don’t you like to belong to the best organizations?

So that everyone can become a member and we can still meet the ever-increasing activities of your association, a schedule has been fixed at the following rates:

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In addition, sustaining memberships for all are available at the annual rate of $25.00.

To insure the continued growth of the Association and to further its increasing vitality, the Committee urges those who have not yet done so to complete and mail this application.

To do so takes but a moment. Why not do it now?

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Reverends WILLIAM F. CARR, HENRY J. SCHULTZ, and JAMES E. McNEN- 
LY—celebrated their silver jubilee of or- 
dination this June. Also reaching that 
milestone was Rev. JOHN E. CAR- 
MODY, '31.

LEO A. LARKIN (College, Law '35) 
has been appointed Corporation Counsel 
of the City of New York, a promotion 
from the position of first assistant he 
had held for seven years.

HON. MALCOLM WILSON (College, 
Law '36) received an honorary Doctor of 
Humane Letters degree from Alfred Uni-

versity at graduation ceremonies on June 
11. Mr. Wilson delivered the commence-
ment address on that occasion.

WILLIAM E. KIRWAN (College) 
was recently promoted to the rank of 
First Deputy Superintendent with the 
New York State Police.

JOHN J. McGUIRE (Law), recently 
retired from the F.B.I. in Washington, 
is now with the New York State Police, 
serving as Deputy Superintendent in 
charge of administration.

MAURICE T. BRUNNER (College) 
has been named supervising editor at 
The Lawyers Cooperative Publishing 
Company, Rochester, N.Y.

DR. RUDOLPH J. MONDELLI (Col-
lege, M.A. '38, Ph.D. '56) is co-author of 
a new Spanish text book published by 
The Ronald Press Company, N.Y. in 
April. This was his fourth book, coming 
after texts for French and Latin. Dr. 
Mondelli, a member of the Iona College 
faculty since 1946, will assume his new 
position as professor and chairman of 
the Foreign Languages department at 
Pace College in September.

RALPH A. VIGLIANTE (College, 
Law '49) has been appointed Executive 
Editor in charge of federal tax and other 
business service publications at Prentice-
Hall.

1938

RICHARD J. CREGO (College) has 
been appointed director of budgets at the 
University of Rochester. He has been 
connected with that school since 1946.

FRANCIS B. MESSMORE (College) 
has been promoted to president of Mess-
more and Damon, Inc., designers and 
builders of exhibits and displays.

1939

LT. COL. MARTIN F. SULLIVAN 
(College) of Falls Church, Va., recently 
completed a course at Fort Leavenworth, 
Kan. on the employment of nuclear 
weapons. His regular assignment is in 
the intelligence division of Army Head-
quart ers, Washington.

JOHN M. KEAVEY (College) is now 
account executive on the American Air-
lines account for the advertising agency 
of Doyle, Dane, Bernbach.

1941

LAWRENCE U. COSTIGLIO (Law), 
an attorney, has been named deputy di-
rector of the Savings Bank Association of 
the State of New York.

LEONARD I. STEIN (Law) is director 
of manufacturing for Seampuste, Inc. in 
McAlester, Okla.

LOUIS A. CIOFFIT (Law) was ap-
pointed a City Magistrate of New 
York City in April.

1942

HENRY C. LANG (Business) has 
been appointed an assistant secretary of 
Humble Oil and Refining Co. He is also 
tax manager of the Esso Standard Oil 
Co., Eastern Region of Humble, with of-
icies in New York.

1943

ALFRED A. PUGLISI (Business), 
Controller of the Olivetti Corporation of 
America, was subject of a profile in the 
Tax Letter, official publication of the 
Tax Society of New York U.

DR. THOMAS J. KING (College) 
was one of two scientists at the Institute 
for Cancer Research in Philadelphia to 
receive five-year grants totaling $209,435.

DR. JOHN WOZNIAK (Grad), pro-
fessor and chairman of the Department of 
Education at Loyola University, Chicago 
has been elected to the Board of Trustees 
of the Village of Skokie, Ill.

1944

REV. FRANCIS J. MUGAVERO 
(Grad) is the new director of Catholic 
Charities for the Diocese of Brooklyn.

REV. DONALD J. REAGAN (Col-
lege) was invested as a Very Rev. Mon-
signor on May 28 in St. Columba's Ca-
thedral, Youngstown, Ohio.

1929

DR. EDWARD F. KENNELLY (Law), 
whose career in education was capped 
by his appointment as superintendent of 
schools in Newark, N.J. eight years ago, 
has been selected to serve as an educa-
tion consultant on an advisory board to 
assist U.S. Health, Education and Wel-
fare Secretary Abraham Ribicoff.

1926

LOUIS STEIN (Law), who has been 
president of Food Fair Stores Inc. since 
1953, has been elected a director of the 
Fifth International Food Congress and 
Exhibition, scheduled for the New York 
Coliseum in September, 1962.

1924

JOHN J. "PAT" ROONEY (College), 
coach of the Fordham tennis team, has 
given an award by the Eastern Di-
vision of the U.S. Professional Lawn Ten-
nis Association for his outstanding work 
with boy tennis players.

1922

THOMAS A. DE BELLIS (Law), 
after thirty-six years of private law prac-
tice, is now deputy commissioner of the 
New York State Liquor Authority.

1931

JOSEPH F. FINNEGAN (Law), form-
er director of the Federal Mediation and 
Conciliation Service in which post he 
figured prominently in the settlement of 
many major labor disputes, has been ap-
pointed chairman of the New York State 
Board of Mediation, effective June 1.

1930

DR. RAYMOND C. STRASSBURG-
ER (College) has received a second grant 
from the National Science Foundation for 
a summer research project in psy-
chology at the University of Michigan. 
He was an NSF fellow at the same 
school in 1959. Dr. Strassburger, a for-
mer Fordham faculty member, is pre-
tently chairman of the Department of 
Psychology at St. Joseph's College for 
Women, Brooklyn.

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separation of the college student (the boarder or day-hop) from his family. But, there are certain academic disadvantages connected with being a “full-time” member of a household. Aside from obvious considerations like going to the store, presenting oneself for guests, and the like, I feel there is an underlying problem of allegiance. He can’t properly carry out the duties of both at the same time, and the problem often comes down to whether he will offend his mother or his quest for knowledge. Usually, his mother being both more tangible and more vocal, the studies will suffer.

A similar problem arises in the area of extra-curricular activities. The opposition here is more difficult to overcome since it places a rather weak motive of interest against the call of familial duty. And yet, all educators admit that extra-class socialization is an integral part of the learning process. And there is an added difficulty here. If the dayhop lives more than thirty minutes away from the campus, he is hard-pressed to attend any function which takes place in the evening. These include not only the meetings and work of the different organizations, but many educational and social events. Great as the lecturer may be, important as the meeting will be, the prospect of embarking upon some arm of this city’s transportation system at midnight or later is, to use my characteristic understatement, somewhat undesirable.

At this juncture, some efficiency expert might well ask why we need the dayhops at all. “Let them go home early,” he might say, “Fordham doesn’t need them anyway.” But, the fact is that they are Fordham, in a very real way.

From its inception, some six hundred odd years after the University of Paris, Fordham has been a metropolitan college. This, of course, is partially due to its location in the metropolis. But, her unique character comes from the students, who in large measure come from the New York area. Although they may “talk funny,” they are considerably more sophisticated and/or wordly-wise than young men from any other area of this country. They “educate” the non-New Yorkers just as much as contact with Boarders broadens their own outlook.

This “education” takes several forms. Academically, the dayhop brings a significantly more pragmatic attitude to the classroom with him. He becomes intellectually nauseous when he feels he is being “spoon-fed.” In the cafeteria, he appears as a well-informed iconoclast. Few public figures or institutions, least of all his school, escape the pricks of his criticism. Particularly suspicious of motives, the dayhop fears change in any sector of society will adversely affect his own situation. Most dayhops are conservative insofar as they are getting their education under existing conditions, and are not so sure that they will under a new regime: governmental, ecclesiastical, or scholastic.

Perhaps this fear is due to another result of the day-hop’s inability to be “on campus” a great deal: his lack of contact with the faculty. Unless he is “called in” by a particular professor, he probably never converses with one outside of class. Here again the dayhop tends to miss an important part of education at a Jesuit university. Informal contact with and advice from a faculty member is, in many cases, more beneficial than classroom exercise.

Thus far, I have done little more than catalogue the hazards and handicaps of dayhopping. They are real, and they are here to stay. But, so is the dayhop. In fact, the overriding conclusion about the dayhop is that he seems to value his education more, though it is gained under rather “catch-as-catch-can” conditions. From the positive point of view, the same conditions which constituted problems are also advantages. The proximity of the family can provide needed encouragement. The tight time schedule increases the normally low responsibility level of college students. In sum, the dayhop can get the best (and worst) of the two worlds in which he lives.

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student responsibility on a small scale. If immaturity or irresponsibility is evident in the action or writing of a student, then the logical method with which to root this out is to allow him to suffer the consequences of his momentary shortcoming, not to squelch him before his decision is made, on the pretext of benevolently saving him from himself.

Perhaps there is a tendency to place too much weight on the attendant folly or danger of questioned student actions or decisions. Remembering that balance is the crucial factor in the student’s participation in and appraisal of extra-curricular activities, faculty and administration should orient their view on the value of the system from at least an implicit faith in the competence and good will of student leaders. The fact that the larger significance of the extra-curricular world is confined by the limits of the campus should temper the impatience and anxiety of those who feel that student responsibility of any sort can only lead to dire and unfortunate consequences. Then, in the spirit if not the letter of Foucauld, we may say to those who distrust or ridicule this scheme of student activities, Sire, it is not a revolt, and by no means is it a revolution.

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