

## Academic Programming and Law Students to Benefit From New Law College Association's Annual Fund

Several years ago the Law College Association was organized to create a stronger bridge between the law school and its alumni and friends in the Bar. No state uni-

versity law school can exist in isolation from the practicing profession.

The Association, under the leadership first of Ralph Bilby of

Tucson and now of Bob Fannin of Phoenix, is in the process of developing a strong group of dedicated friends of the College of Law.

Every law school on the move generates financial needs that exceed its legislative appropriations. Financial aid for needy students is a principal one but other needs such as money to beef up the advocacy program, to develop special library collections, to develop new teaching materials required for new types of courses and to sponsor research of importance to the Bar and the community are vital to the creation of an outstanding law school. The Law College Association has begun to fill these vital needs. Membership dues have made a big difference in the Law College. Now we need to broaden the membership and to improve the participation of the Bar in this important effort. To do this the Association has inaugurated the Annual Fund. All alumni and friends and every member of the State Bar are being asked to give thoughtful consideration to the stake they have in quality legal education and to increase their contributions whenever possible.

There is a great need for library improvements. Scholarships and loans for deserving students are needed, as well as sponsored research. And there are a hundred smaller projects which need your support.

Those who contribute \$50 or more gain in two ways — helping the College and renewing their membership in the Law College Association. Those who contribute \$100 or more also gain membership in the Association's Century Club.

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## New Students' Academic Quality Improves Annually

By now everyone knows of the fantastic numbers of young people who apply for admission to law school. The following table shows how steeply the number of applications has risen at the U. of A.:

Applications	1969	1970	1971	1972
Received:	733	1206	1858	2175

As a result of these pressures, the total number of students rose to 510 in 1971, far too large for our present inadequate building. We are now forced to reduce the student body by admitting fewer first-year students. This year our first-year class numbered 128 and we have a total population of 470. All this in a building designed for no more than 400 students!

However, there are dividends for us in the increase in applications. The academic quality of our entering students improves dramatically each year. Four years ago, the mean grade-point average of our entering class was a B-. This year it is closer to a B+. The mean LSAT score of this year's class is 598, which puts our average first-year student at the 77th percentile nationwide. These are bright, well-prepared men and women who come to law school these days and surely this will be

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## First Issue

*This is the first Dean's Report to the Bench and Bar of Arizona and to the alumni and friends of the College of Law. We hope by this method to keep you better informed about developments at the school because we recognize your stake in quality legal education.*

## Administrative Changes Made

As the law school has grown in size and complexity, it has become necessary to increase its administrative staff. In 1971, the position of Associate Dean was created and Arthur W. Andrews, one of our resident tax specialists, was named to the office. Dan O'Connell, who served with great effectiveness as Assistant Dean, decided this fall to return to full-time teaching and his place was taken by John M. Greacen, a member of the class of 1968 and a new Assistant Professor of Law on the faculty.

## Clinical Studies Programs Provide Law Students With Practical Experience

Law school curricula, despite some innovations, are not too different from those most of us remember from our student days. Every law faculty of any consequence attempts as best it can to create new courses that reflect emerging areas of the law. As a result, more elective courses are offered and the rich variety of offerings reflects the ever increasing complexity of the law. Many of these new courses are small group seminars which require students to do much more research and writing. Each student at the U. of A. is required to take at least one seminar and, in addition, to produce a substantial research paper as a condition of graduation.

The core of the curriculum remains the "bread and butter" courses and it is not possible for a student to qualify for graduation without a solid grounding in the fundamentals.

Anyone who is interested in examining the curriculum is welcome to write for a copy of our current catalog.

The newest innovation in legal

education lies in the creation of clinical studies. These are attempts to introduce our students, under supervision and in controlled conditions, to the real-life lawyering operations of practitioners. For in the Clinical Practice course students are assigned to do trial work in various public and private law offices. Some prosecute cases for the County Attorney, others defend misdemeanor cases in City Court and Justice Court. Others serve in law firms willing to help us give them instruction in civil litigation. Third-year students are now authorized to appear in court under Supreme Court Rule 28(e) and our experience with this program so far has been quite good. Conferences with the State Bar Board of Governors and with judges and lawyers who see the students in court indicate general agreement that this kind of instructional activity, carefully controlled, has great potential for improving the ability of young lawyers to move more easily and effectively into law practice upon graduation.

## To Everything There is a Season . . .

. . . and this is the season for excellence.

The University of Arizona College of Law has achieved longevity and maturity. It has achieved size — among the largest in the West. It has achieved academic reputation with graduates who are proof of its soundness.

Three seasons are passed . . . and now it is the season for achieving unsurpassed academic excellence.

College of Law program maintenance has been adequately provided for by Arizona Legislative appropriation. This funding has made our College good. However, only you can make it truly excellent.

Your yearly gift to the College of Law Annual Fund, through the Law College Association, can help provide loans and scholarships for deserving students, update resource material for the Law Library, sponsor research in urban, professional, and many other areas, improve moot-court programs and help with other needs.

As the College benefits from your gift, you will benefit through enhanced academic reputation and increasingly well-trained colleagues at the Bar.

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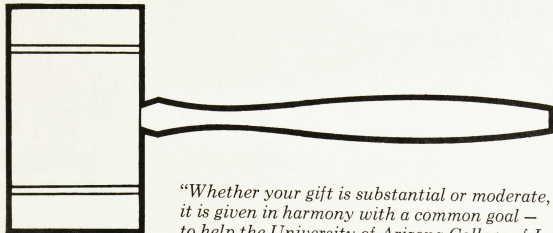
Periodic Dean's Reports are provided members, keeping you informed of College programs and progress. The Law Library and other resource facilities are made available for your use. And annual social functions for members are being planned to bring you together.

Century Club members will receive a handsome plaque, indicating your pride in and support for the University of Arizona College of Law.

Your name does belong on the Century Club Honor Roll. However, you may choose to contribute less at this time. Please remember, your gift of any size IS important — to the College and to you. This is the season for excellence . . . this is the season for your participation.

Your check may be made payable to Law College Association and returned in the envelope provided.





*"Whether your gift is substantial or moderate, it is given in harmony with a common goal — to help the University of Arizona College of Law pursue its goal of academic excellence."*

## College of Law Board of Visitors Contributes to Academic Growth

We have just concluded the second annual visit of the Board of Visitors of the Law College Association. The Board is composed of lawyers and judges from around the State who come to the law school for a day and a half to learn more about what's going on in legal education these days and to give us the benefit of their observations and recommendations about ways to improve the law school. They meet with faculty members and students, visit classes, and participate in seminars on such topics as curriculum, admissions and student activities. The visit is characterized by a healthy exchange of views and will surely pay dividends in the long-range development of the law school.

Members of the Board are invited by the officers of the Law College Association and the Dean of the law school. They serve staggered terms of three years. Earl Carroll of Phoenix is the Chairman and the current members are:

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## more about New Students

reflected in their competence as future practitioners. This past July, 88 graduates of the U. of A. took the bar exam for the first time. Their 95% success ratio was one of the highest in history.

## more about Annual Fund

Alumni may return to the campus for reunions, fund-raising dinners, or occasional visits, but often their closest contact with their alma mater is the plea for money that comes in the mail.

No matter how much more they receive from tuition or from government, America's colleges and universities will not have enough unfettered money to do all the things they want to. Contributions are still the best means of giving them a chance to experiment, to perform with extraordinary quality, and to attract new kinds of students.

The UA College of Law needs your help.



## Professor Barnes Leaves Distinguished Career, Faculty Gains Gus Eckhardt

The faculty now consists of 23 full-time professors of law, including three deans and a librarian. In addition, we have a Clinical Instructor and a Teaching Associate who supervise our clinical activities.

In February 1972, Professor W. Speight Barnes, who is well-known to a great many Arizona lawyers, retired from active teaching after thirty-four and a half years of distinguished service to the University of Arizona. He was a tower of strength and wisdom in matters of law school policy, and his counsel will be missed.

In the past few years we have been able to bring to the law school several distinguished visiting professors from other law schools. These have included: Paul G. Kauper, a great constitutional law scholar at the University of Michigan; Professor Robert Hamilton, a corporate specialist from the University of Texas; Robert L. Stern, former Solicitor General of the U.S. who taught appellate advocacy and Professor Gus Eckhardt, an estate planning expert from the University of Wisconsin. We are greatly fortunate in having persuaded Mr. Eckhardt to return to Arizona this fall to become a

permanent member of our faculty.

The quality of a law faculty is evidenced not only by the kind of teaching it does but by the kinds of professional contributions its members make to the law and to the community. It would be impossible to list all these contributions here but the following will indicate their range. Members of our faculty recently have:

Conducted a landmark study on the legal implications of weather modification (rainmaking);

Prepared annual digests of the opinions of the Ethics Committee of the Arizona State Bar;

Spent a year at Stanford studying and writing about the interface of law and computer science;

Designed and supervised a research study of psychiatric justice in Arizona which won the American Psychiatric Association's 1972 national award for contributions to forensic psychiatry;

Provided the staff work for the State Bar Committee's Criminal Rules Revision Project for the Arizona Supreme Court;

Written an article on the implications for Arizona of the Model Probate Code;

Edited a multi-volume work on water law.

## Library Stack Space Needs are Critical

The heart of any law school is its library. Over the past few years, the U. of A. has been engaged in a forced draft effort to improve its collection and the effort is now beginning to bear fruit. Our holdings now exceed 110,000 volumes, including a growing collection of Mexican and Latin American materials. We are critically short of stack space and have been forced to put some 6,000 less used volumes in dead storage. The library staff now includes an assistant librarian for technical services, a reference librarian and a foreign law librarian, as well as technical staff members. The services of the library are available to the Bench and Bar so long as space is available.

Quantity of library volumes is important to a degree because quantity reflects variety and provides availability of multiple copies.

Perhaps more important to a good law library is the quality or depth of resource material. Although our 110,000 volumes reflect favorably upon quantity and quality, there is a continuing need for updating and replacing.