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THE DEAN'S LETTER

WITH THIS FIRST ISSUE of Volume 2, the Villanova Law Review begins publication upon a quarterly basis. This calls for congratulations to a dedicated and hard-working editorial staff. The editorial staff for Volume 1 founded well. Not only did they do their immediate editorial job with distinction—they also gave patient and capable training to their successors. We at the School of Law are in their debt.

We began our new academic year with a student body of one hundred and thirty-four students; seventy-three in the first year class; thirty-eight in the second year class and twenty-three in the third year. This represents an increase in enrollment of thirteen per cent over last year. This is more significant than might be supposed because while we show an increase in enrollment, we have pushed our admission standards to a somewhat higher level. Thirty-seven colleges and universities are represented in the student body.

Every member of our faculty continues with us this year. This is the finest and most happy news I could possibly report.

The genius of Dr. Pulling continues to manifest itself in the amazing and gratifying growth of the Law Library. Our holdings now number 48,000 volumes. To our many friends who have made this possible through their generous gifts, we are grateful.

The various programs and activities which I reported in my initial Letter (Volume 1, Number 1) are being strengthened during the present academic year. The Law Clubs continue to be the center of much that is both pleasant and profitable in student life. The Forum program will bring more distinguished members of the profession to speak to us this year. The Ethics Round Table will be expanded and strengthened in the light of our initial experience last year. The Research Service for Practicing Members of the Bar of Delaware County, whereby, under a cooperative program, practitioners submit to the School "live" problems for research by students, drew high praise from many of the practicing lawyers who participated. We plan to continue the program. Our moot court program has been an ambitious one and the results of our participation in the National Moot Court Competition sponsored by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York have been rewarding. The Villanova Student Bar Association has managed student self-government in exemplary fashion

and, on performance to date, has fully justified the faculty's faith in the venture. During March of this year our Student Bar Association will be host to the Student Bar Conference of the Third and Eleventh Judicial Circuits. While speaking of the affairs of the students, I am happy to pay tribute again to the Villanova Committee on Preceptors headed by Judge Theodore L. Reimel (Villanova '24) which has done valuable work in obtaining preceptors for our Pennsylvania students. In Delaware County, similar good offices are being performed by Thomas J. Reilly, Esquire, a member of the Board of Consultors to the School of Law.

The Institute of Church and State begins its formal program this year with a conference on February 21 and 22. The first topic will be "The Juridical Status of Churches."

If you have been recently in the vicinity of Spring Mill and County Line Roads, you have seen Garey Hall revealing itself as a beautiful addition to the Villanova campus. In a subsequent issue of the Villanova Law Review, I shall dedicate an entire letter to a description of the facilities of our new home. For the present let me tell you that we hope to move into Garey Hall during the Christmas recess. The dedication has been set for April 25, 26, and 27, 1957, and you will be advised in a subsequent letter concerning the inspiring events planned for those three days.

We are now a School of Law with alumni. They are a devoted group. Already, there has been organized the Villanova Law Association within the framework of the General Alumni Association of the University. The officers of the Law Association are: Joseph R. Glancey, Villanova '50, President; Donald Barry Gibbons, Villanova '52, Vice-President; Regina M. Ward, Rosemont '53, Secretary; and Neale F. Hooley, Saint Francis '53, Treasurer. The Alumni will lunch informally at Kugler's, Philadelphia, on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Friends of the Law School are invited to join them on these occasions.

The above should indicate my genuine pleasure with the activities of the School of Law over the past year. But I should like to express not only pleasure, but profound gratitude to Father Donnellon and the University Administration for generous support and encouragement at every turn and my appreciation for the devoted interest of our Board of Consultors of which the Honorable Vincent A. Carroll serves as Chairman.

All of us—faculty and students—see greater things ahead.

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