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THE DEAN'S LETTER

WITH THE OPENING of the current semester, the School of Law occupied its new home, Garey Hall. And what a thoroughly satisfying home for a law school it is!

The building is named for the late Eugene Garey, Esquire, eminent member of the New York Bar and generous benefactor of Villanova. It stands, a solitary ornament, several hundred yards north of the other University buildings on an elevation from which it presents its imposing south wing to the campus. Its graceful lines and generous dimensions will be imposing still, many years from now, when it will be oddly apt to say that Garey Hall is modern.

The new building is three stories high and has two-story wings projecting forward on each side. The facade, of cut fieldstone and Indiana limestone, and the pitched slate roofs would appear traditional except for the long ranks of aluminum-mullioned windows. The main entrance, facing west across a large lawn, is flanked with life-sized statues of St. Thomas More and St. Ives, the patron saint of lawyers. These are the work of the contemporary sculptor, Edward Fenno Hoffman. Inside, the entrance hall, as well as all the main corridors, has walls of soft gray tile and floors of green terrazzo. These halls will keep their beauty for generations without further cost; their beauty is economy.

The heart of the law school is its library, which occupies the entire north wing of Garey Hall together with offices in the center. The reading room is on the main floor and seats 150. Owing to its northern exposure and its almost continuous windows, the library can make full use of natural light, but recessed fluorescent lights, shielded by translucent glass, can almost duplicate the glareless northern daylight at night and on dark days. Users of the library are provided with comfortable walnut armchairs and spacious tables of gray formica. The high ceiling is covered with acoustic tile. The books which are in frequent demand are arranged in bookcases along the walls and in free-standing cases which divide the reading room into small areas suggesting quiet and privacy. Beneath the reading room are two levels of well-lit stacks, providing a total space for 150,000 volumes. The receiving room, the cataloguing room, and the librarian's office are immediately adjacent to the library wing in the center of the build-

ing. All this assures convenience and comfort to the users, so that they may work efficiently.

The ground floor of Garey Hall is devoted to the extracurricular activities and to the argumentative group study which can teach even more than the classroom, which justifies the resident law school. The facilities include the headquarters of the Student Bar Association, two smoking rooms with canteen services, a typing room, and ten private rooms for the law clubs into which the student body has divided itself. These clubrooms are calculated to invite the students to test their views against the opinions of their fellows, with resort to the standard texts as argument settlers. The living room of the law school, a commodious, tastefully furnished student lounge, is also on the ground floor, as well as smaller lounges for the faculty and the clerical staff. Social functions in the lounge, and the other activities on this floor, orient the student's whole time during the three years he spends in law school to the profession he will later serve.

There are two large classrooms and the moot court room in the south wing. The classrooms seat 160 and 100 respectively, and the moot court room seats 84 when arranged as a classroom. The court room is panelled in walnut and equipped with a large and handsome walnut bench, a jury box, a bar, and counsel tables. Though it must serve a dual purpose, it is an imposing courtroom indeed. All the rooms have ranks of long tables and well-spaced, sturdy chairs so as to insure comfort. The two larger rooms are tiered to provide a desirable visual contact with the instructor for all the students.

The main floor of the building above the ground floor houses the remainder of the school activities. The dean's office and the administrative offices are on the main floor in the very center of the building. Their generous dimensions, the beautiful panelling in the dean's office, the solid, handsome furniture insure dignity and quiet and at the same time promote the conduct of the law school's business and the necessary accessibility of the dean and his staff to the students, whom the school exists to serve.

The top floor, in the central part of Garey Hall, is devoted to offices for the faculty and for the Villanova Law Review. The faculty offices are large, airy rooms, each providing one wall of windows and one wall of bookshelves. The furnishings satisfy both an exacting taste and every functional need, including frequent student conferences. The law review suite contains a private office for the editors and a large workroom provided with a complete search library, so that the values peculiarly available through a law review may be efficiently reached.

Steel and stone, walnut and terrazzo cannot make a law school, but they help in countless unspoken or even unrecognized ways. In Garey Hall, the School of Law has a home which is both handsome and efficient. The services and activities it houses will contribute greatly to the profession and the part the building itself plays will not be inconsiderable.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 25, 26 and 27, 1957, were days that will live long in the memory of Villanovans. They were the days devoted to the dedication of Garey Hall.

Long ago Saint Augustine wrote, "Peace is the tranquility of order." Believing the search for peace is the aspiration uppermost in man's current aspirations, we used as the theme for the dedicatory exercises, "Law as the foundation of an ordered peace."

The dedication week end opened with a most impressive Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia. The Most Reverend John Francis O'Hara, C.S.C., Archbishop of Philadelphia, presided. The preacher was the Most Reverend Bishop Fulton J. Sheen who, in memorable and ringing words, reminded us that the law we teach must always be based upon the natural moral law.

A new setting of the Ordinary of the Mass by Franklin C. Del Camp, O.S.A., "Missa Prima, in honorem Sancti Ivo," had its first performance, having been specially composed for this memorable occasion.

Three stimulating symposia dealing with International Peace, Industrial Peace and Interracial Peace attracted interested audiences to Garey Hall on Thursday and Friday. Speaking at the symposia were: The Right Reverend Monsignor Bela Varga, Former Speaker of the Parliament of Hungary, The Honorable Bernard M. Shanley, Secretary to President Eisenhower, Professor William Gorham Rice, University of Wisconsin, Professor Kenneth S. Carlston, University of Illinois, Mr. Lee W. Minton, Vice-President, AFL-CIO, Godfrey P. Schmidt, Esq. of the New York Bar, Dean Reynolds C. Seitz, Marquette University, Dean Ralph E. Kharas, Syracuse University, Professor Shelden D. Elliott, Director of the Institute of Judicial Administration, New York University, Justice Harold A. Stevens, Supreme Court of New York, Father William J. Kenealy, S.J., Loyola University (New Orleans), Professor Karl N. Llewellyn, University of Chicago and Dr. Charles B. Nutting, Director of the Buhl Foundation and former Vice-Chancellor, University of Pittsburgh.

On Thursday night, "open house" at Garey Hall attracted hundreds of Villanova's friends led by the evening's most distinguished

guest, the Honorable Charles Alvin Jones, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Friday night, at the Hotel Warwick, the University was host at dinner to the faculty, students, and a distinguished company of judges, lawyers and representatives of many law schools. Judge Thomas J. Clary presided and the principal speakers were Dr. John G. Hervey, Adviser to the Council of the Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association and Chief Justice Jones of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Among many others who spoke graciously by way of greeting were the Honorable Thomas D. McBride, Attorney General of the Commonwealth, Arthur Littleton, Esq., President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Vincent P. McDevitt, Esq., for the American Bar Association and Judge Vincent A. Carroll, for our Board of Consultants.

At the memorable convocation on Saturday morning, the Very Reverend Father Donnellon, our president, conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, upon the Honorable Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States, the Honorable Charles Alvin Jones, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Milton I. Hauser, Esq., of the New York Bar, much beloved partner of the late Mr. Garey. The gracious Chief Justice spoke inspiringly of the dedication of the School of Law as a manifestation of our highest aspirations for the individual, our nation and the world. You may read his address in this issue of the Review.

As the culmination of a wonderful week end, the Very Reverend Father Greenlee, Prior-Provincial, together with Chief Justice Warren, placed the cornerstone and then Father Provincial, robed in cope and preceded by the crucifer, blessed the interior of Garey Hall.

And now, we—faculty, students and alumni—dedicate ourselves to the development of a “sensitiveness to justice” and to the glory of Villanova.

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