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THE LAW BUILDING

The newest and perhaps the most beautiful building on the campus is the New Notre Dame Law School. Standing, as it does, at the very entrance to the University, a little apart from the campus proper, one is able to consider it alone and appreciate the perfection of detail and symmetry of the building as a whole. Constructed of buff brick and limestone in the mode of the collegiate Gothic, blending and yet standing out from the other buildings on the campus, it is a thing of beauty and obviously will serve many generations of Notre Dame men aspiring to the Bar.

The principal entrance faces on Notre Dame Avenue and is through an open portico into the main corridor. Opening off this corridor are the five large classrooms and the three smaller rooms to be used for seminar purposes. Also on the main floor is the courtroom, which is to be furnished in the most approved fashion for judiciaries.

Even more impressive than the courtroom, however, is the large library on the second floor. Two stories in height with a double row of stone pillars supporting the arched ceiling, the impression of this room is one almost of vastness. To harmonize with their surroundings the massive bookcases are of dark oak so arranged as to provide study nooks for individuals or small groups of students. The sound absorbing material with which the ceiling is paneled and the floor is covered, the lighting, both natural and artificial, all bespeak a careful planning calculated to furnish the greatest convenience and resulting inducement to study.

In addition to the library, the offices of the dean and the other members of the faculty, of the librarian and of the dean's secretary are on the second floor. Adjoining the librarian's office are the stack rooms, sufficient to contain thirty-five thousand volumes.



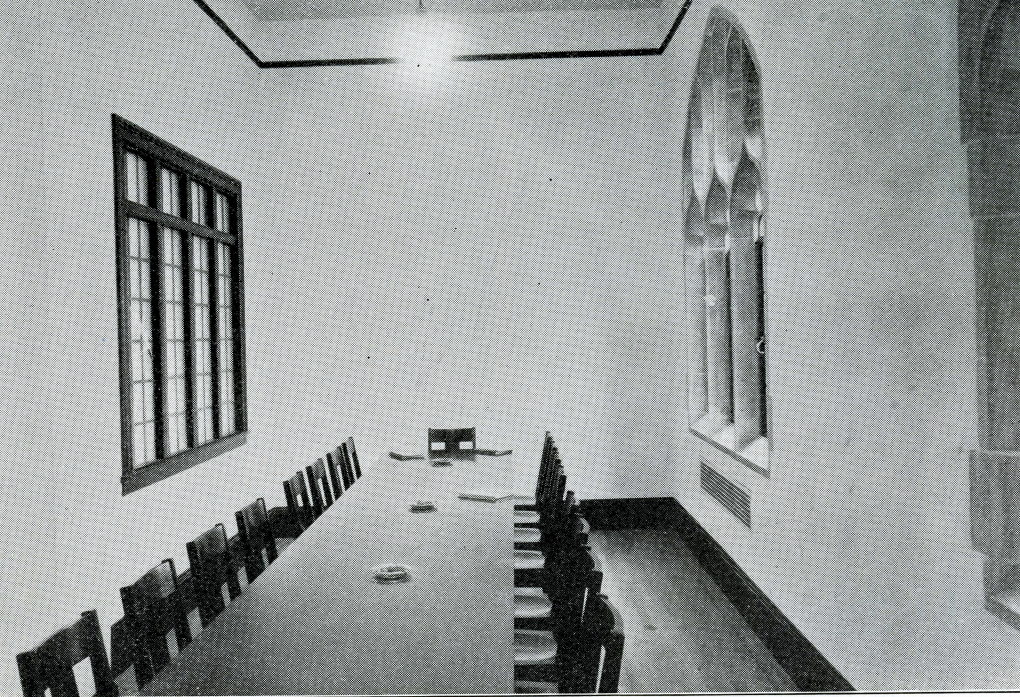
LIBRARIAN'S OFFICE

Situated just above the offices of the faculty are those of the Notre Dame Lawyer and the Law Club. Up until this time these two organizations did not have a suitable office but now they are provided with ample space for their activities.

The basement story of the building is occupied principally by an auditorium seating over five hundred persons. Besides this assembly hall, the basement contains the washrooms, a large smoking room for the use of the students between classes, and the locker room. Other rooms in the basement house the pumps and apparatus necessary for the thermostatically controlled heating and ventilating system.

Surely there are other law schools in the country that are larger than that of Notre Dame, but it is doubtful whether there are any that are better equipped. Everything that could add to the convenience or comfort of the students has been provided by unstinting hands. We, the students of the Law School, should feel greatly indebted to the University for this magnificent monument to our chosen profession.

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SEMINAR ROOM