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LAW SCHOOL NEWS

Dr. Henry Ussing of the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, gave two lectures on "Scandinavian Law of Torts" to the law students on May 16, 1952. Dr. Ussing has lectured for thirty-eight years in his university. Last year he lectured at the University of Paris, where he was awarded the Doctor of Laws, *Honoris Causa*. He is a writer of several law textbooks and has served on several committees dealing with International Law, Comparative Law, and on Uniform Laws. On May 17, Dr. Ussing gave a talk at the meeting of the Grand Forks County Bar Association on the subject of "Uniform Legislation and Laws among Scandinavian Countries."

The North Dakota Chapter of The Order of The Coif held its twenty-eighth annual dinner program on April 24, 1952. The Chapter elected Attorney Charles L. Foster of Bismarck as an honorary member. The students-elect were: Truxton K. Ford of Grand Forks, LaVern C. Neff of McClusky, Paul K. Pancratz of Fargo and Jerome W. Shermoen of Dilworth, Minnesota.

On Honors Day, May 1, 1952, Executive Director Ronald N. Davies presented the North Dakota Bar Association Legal Research Awards to the following students: Daniel Chapman of Grand Forks; LaVern C. Neff of McClusky; Russell G. Nerison of Welford, N. D.; Herman J. Elsen of Grand Forks; Frederick R. Hodosh of Grand Forks; Joseph T. Noah of Crookston, Minnesota; James R. Pratt of Grand Forks; Francis J. Smith of Bismarck; John T. Anderson of Grand Forks; Paul K. Pancratz of Fargo; and Daniel Twichell of Fargo. These awards are given the students for their contribution of legal writing in form of case-notes, case comments and book reviews which are published in the NORTH DAKOTA LAW REVIEW. But for the work of these students, the NORTH DAKOTA LAW REVIEW would not be published. At this Honors Day program, the Past President of the North Dakota Bar Association, Mack V. Traynor of Devils Lake was the speaker.

On February 4, 1952, the following students were awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws: Warren C. Brandes of Lamoure, N. D.; Albert R. Hausauer of Jamestown; Eugene K. Landenberger of Underwood; John F. LaQua of Hankinson; Patrick Law of Grand Forks; Patrick I. Murray of East Grand Forks;



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Leo J. O'Leary of Polson, Montana; and Kenneth W. Peterson of Elgin, N. D.

On June 10, 1952, the following students were candidates for the degree of Juris Doctor: Daniel James Chapman of Grand Forks; Herman J. Elsen of Grand Forks; Richard L. Healy of Hankinson; Frederick R. Hodosh of Grand Forks; Young Wook Lee of Korea; LaVern C. Neff of McClusky; Joseph T. Noah of Crookston, Minnesota; Paul K. Pancratz of Fargo; James R. Pratt of Grand Forks; Jerome W. Shermmoen of Dilworth, Minnesota; and Francis J. Smith of Bismarck, N. D. Those receiving the Juris Doctor degree have previously earned an acceptable college degree, have maintained a high scholastic average and have shown their proficiency in Legal Writing.

The law students, whose names are listed below, completed their requirements for the Bachelor of Laws degree, and received the diploma at the June Commencement: Harold L. Anderson of Bismarck; John T. Anderson of Grand Forks; Albert F. Arnason of Grand Forks; Bruce B. Bair, Jr., of Flaxton, N. D.; Ralph W. Bekken of Grand Forks; Asmundur S. Benson of Upham, N. D.; Lyle L. Bullinger of Gardena, N. D.; Douglas L. Bureau of Grand Forks; Robert J. Cavanaugh of Grand Forks; Truxton K. Ford of Grand Forks; Harris P. Kenner of Leeds, N. D.; Gerald W. Krengel of Wahpeton, N. D.; Mitchell H. Mahoney of Columbus, N. D.; Russell G. Nerison of Wolford, N. D.; Comart M. Peterson of Tolley, N. D.; Bernard J. Reeck of Courtenay, N. D.; B. Thomas Rodgers of Grand Forks; Richard P. Schwartz of Hebron, N. D.; John G. Shaft of Grand Forks; Bernard C. Tighe of Fargo, N. D.; Daniel Twichell of Mapleton, N. D.; Conrad J. Ziegler of Karlsruhe, N. D.

Mr. Durward Balch, a 1932 law graduate, formerly of Dickinson, N. D., and now Vice President of Personnel Administration with General Mills of Minneapolis, was the 1952 Commencement speaker.

Professor Keith W. Blinn was appointed Professor of Law in 1946. During the academic year 1950-51, he did graduate work in the Yale Law School. He returned to the University of North Dakota School of Law for the Summer Session of 1951. He has now resigned and has accepted a position on the legal staff of the Continental Oil Company at its executive offices in Houston, Texas. Professor Blinn made a real contribution to this state as a law teacher and the reporter of the "Blinn Report."

To fill the vacancy left by Professor Blinn's resignation, Mr. Paul C. Matthews has been appointed Professor of Law. Mr. Matthews, upon graduation from the University of Chicago Law School, practiced law for 18 years in Chicago. He then entered the teaching profession and taught law for several years in De Paul University College of Law. He was a member of the University of Montana Law Faculty at the time of his appointment to teach law in the University of North Dakota. He was selected because of his experience as a lawyer and his success and professional interest in law teaching.

O. H. THORMODSGARD, *Dean*

PHI ALPHA DELTA NEWS

In keeping with the precedent set many years ago, Corliss Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta sponsored its annual mock trial. Herman Elsen, defendant, was acquitted on a charge of assault and battery upon the person of Vincent LaQua. Members of the fraternity who served as counsel were LaVern Neff, Richard Picken, Michael McIntee, Frederick Hodosh, William Porter, and James Taylor. This yearly event not only provides valuable experience for those participating, but also is enjoyed by the entire law school. A mixed jury was chosen from the department of sociology.

The chapter also enjoyed its usual smokers, dances, and parties. A most successful event was the spring initiation followed by a banquet and dance at the V.F.W. Clubrooms for all the members and their guests. The main speaker was Lloyd Tinnes, City Editor of the Grand Forks Herald.

Members initiated in the fall and spring ceremonies were James A. Dahl, David E. Garcia, James J. Granner, A. Roger Kringlie, Maurice G. LaGrave, Vincent A. LaQua, Michael R. McIntee, Robert L. Monroe, William J. Murray, Alfred C. Schultz, Harold W. Anderson, and VeLoyce G. Winslow.

Corliss Chapter was also very successful on the political front. In the fall election, Harris Kenner was elected king, Richard Picken queen, and Joseph Elliot chancellor of the law school. For the coming year, James Williams was elected president, and Ray Walton treasurer of the North Dakota Junior Bar Association.

The new officers of the local chapter are Michael McIntee,

justice; James Williams, vice-justice; James Granner, clerk; Maurice LaGrave, treasurer, and James Taylor, marshal.

The Golden Anniversary Convention of Phi Alpha Delta is being held August 28, 29, 30 at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Members of the local chapter chosen to attend are William Porter and Ray Walton.

The Phi Alpha Delta Legal Writing Award given to the student who in the judgment of the law faculty produces the best piece of legal writing published in the NORTH DAKOTA LAW REVIEW during the academic year, went to William E. Porter.

MICHAEL R. MCINTEE, JUSTICE

PHI DELTA PHI NEWS

With the appearance of Mr. George P. Hoke, our province president, as guest speaker at our annual banquet, Bruce Inn has just completed a most successful year of fraternal activity. This year began with a dinner given for freshman students which enabled the members of the Inn to become acquainted with the incoming students.

Many of the regular meetings of the Inn were held at the Golden Hour Cafe. The Chapter was fortunate in obtaining many outstanding speakers for these meetings chiefly from the ranks of the law school faculty and the Bar Association. In our annual spring elections, Everett J. Hammarstrom was chosen master; Frederick Martin, exchequer; Frank Kosanda, clerk, and Allan Buchanan, historian. The Phi Delta Phi freshman scholarship award, which is annually given to the freshman law student with the highest scholastic average, went to James Carrigan for the year ending in 1951. The Phi Delta Phi achievement award, which is presented to the man who has done the most for Bruce Inn in the past year, went to Bruce Bair for the school year ending in 1952. Russell G. Nerison was chosen as the Bruce Inn man of the year and his achievement record was forwarded to the National Headquarters to be entered in competition with candidates of other Inns for selection of the Phi Delta Phi man of the year for the academic year ending 1952.

The annual spring initiation and banquet held on May 9, 1952, was an outstanding success. Mr. C. C. Wattam of Fargo, N. D., was chosen as this year's honorary initiate because of his notable

services throughout the years to the State Bar Association and the legal profession. Prior committments rendered Mr. WATTAM unable to attend the ceremony but arrangements are being made to initiate him this fall. In addition to Mr. HOKE, the main speaker, Dean THORMODSGARD and other faculty members made congratulatory remarks to the new initiates. The following men were initiated: Edward Bosch, Harold Bullis, Mel Christopher, Robert Fair, Robert Lundberg, James Hanson, Robert Hansen, Christopher Sylvester, Charles Shure, Mitchell Mahoney, Henry Mahlman, and Douglas McClellan.

EVERETT J. HAMMARSTROM, *Magister*