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LAW SCHOOL NEWS

The average law school enrollment for the ten year period, 1930—40, was 69 law students. During the same period the average number of law graduates each year was 18, the maximum was 21 and the minimum was 15. Immediately after World War II, the enrollment in all law schools, including the University of North Dakota School of Law had an unprecedented increase. The enrollment since 1946 is tabulated as follows:

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Graduates
1946-1947	95	19	22	21
1947-1948	94	43	27	27
1948-1949	92	44	51	51
1949-1950	74	64	40	36
1950-1951	36	45	55	—

The first year enrollment is back to normal. The decrease in first year students is due to two factors; namely, the major portion of World War II veterans have completed their education and the pre-law requirements of three years of college work became effective at the beginning of the present school year.

The above statistics also give proof that less than half of the first year students who enroll in the School of Law complete their legal education. Many of them are eliminated, several realize that they do not have the interest or aptitude to study law and withdraw from the law school and re-enroll in another division of the University to complete their college education or other professional courses.

The council of the Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the American Bar Association has recommended that all pre-law students should complete three years of acceptable college work. The House of Delegates, before it approves this recommendation, is awaiting the approval of this proposed standard by the Association of American Law Schools. At its meeting in Chicago on December 28, 29, and 30 the Association of American Law Schools will vote on the following amendment: "Requirements, A member school and a school to be acceptable for membership shall: Beginning in

the fall of 1952, require at least three years of acceptable college work for the admission of students, except that a school which requires four years of acceptable years of full time or an equivalent of part-time work for the first professional degree in law may admit a student who has successfully completed two years of acceptable college work." This law school was aware of the trends in legal education and adopted an equivalent standard in 1947, which became effective on September 1, 1950.

Professor Keith W. Blinn was awarded the Sterling Fellowship in Law by Yale University. He was granted a leave of absence for 1950-51 so he could accept the Fellowship and do graduate work in the Yale Law School. Courses regularly taught by Mr. Blinn were assigned as follows: Mr. Charles L. Crum was appointed for one year to teach Code Pleading and Administrative Law for the first semester and Evidence and Taxation the second semester. The courses in Agency and Criminal Law will be taught respectively by Mr. Robert B. Griffith and Mr. Henry G. Ruemmele.

During the summer, the third tier of stacks was erected in the Law School Library. There is now space available for 40,000 law books. The stacks are so constructed that a fourth tier may be installed when needed. As one of the smaller law schools, the law library has an excellent selection of text books, encyclopedias, digests, codes, and the reports of all the states and territories, either in entirety or up to the beginning of the National Reporter System. The Law School subscribes to over one-hundred law journals, reviews, and legal periodicals. The faculty and students have direct access to the library. Judges, lawyers, and the public are invited to avail themselves of this library only as a reference library.

Corliss Chapter of the P. A. D. under the guidance of Weston Christopherson and Bruce Inn of the P. D. P. under the leadership of Norton Hatlie have held regular program meetings every other week. Moot cases are held, briefs on appeals are prepared, and papers on legal problems are presented at their regular and special meetings. The legal fraternity students are securing worthwhile training, which will be of value to them when they become active in local and state bar.

activities. President John Traynor of the Junior Bar will report on the activities of the University Junior Bar.

Executive Director Ronald N. Davies presented a talk on "Local, State and National Bar Activities" to the class on Judicial Administration. County Judge E. C. Lebacken delivered a lecture on "The Administration of Decedents Estates" to the students in Wills and Administration.

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JUNIOR BAR ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Junior Bar Association was revived at the University of North Dakota Law School in March, 1950. The association was first introduced in 1934 and the group was very active until 1941 when the war caused it to dissolve. The present organization is affiliated with the American Law Student Association which is composed of more than half of the law schools of the nation approved by the American Bar Association. The American Law Student Association is officially sponsored by the American Bar Association.

The association at the University is an integrated bar, composed of all of the law students. Associate Professor Robert Ford is the faculty advisor for the group. The first activity of the organization was a banquet in the University Commons honoring the Attorney General of North Dakota, Mr. Wallace Warner, who is a graduate of the Law School. Law students, the faculty, and President West attended this function which was conducted by Paul Asheim, King of the Law School and acting president of the Junior Bar Association. At a later meeting of the association election of officers for the coming year was held. Those elected were: Jack Traynor, Devils Lake, president; Daniel Chapman, Grand Forks, vice-president; Bernard Reeck, Courtenay, secretary; and Richard Healy, Hankinson, treasurer. The association gave a gold watch to Professor Keith Blinn of the Law School, who was going to Yale on a fellowship.

The Junior Bar Association has attempted to develop a program during the present year to benefit the members of the organization. Letters were sent to all of the lawyers in North

Dakota in an effort to start a student placement bureau. The responses were favorable and at the present time a young, but efficient placement bureau is operating under the direction of Myron Atkinson of Bismarck. In addition to the student placement service, the Junior Bar Association is endeavoring to secure speakers for the law students on pertinent subjects. On November 27, 1950, the association presented Mr. J. B. Sefert, Minneapolis, who is an internal revenue agent. Mr. Sefert spoke concerning the work and qualifications of the internal revenue agent. Dave Kessler of Grand Forks is in charge of this phase of the association's work. In the Junior Bar Association the students of the law school have found a convenient tool for activities which envelop the whole law school. It is the hope of the officers of the association that the programs already started will develop satisfactorily and that others will be discovered which will serve the needs of the law school student body.

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