New Law Center Unveiling Due Tomorrow

--Pam Kasa

Just where the line between fact and fiction concerning the new Law Center lies may be a little clearer after tomorrow when Roy Euker and Stanley Torkelson of the architectural firm of Edward Durrell Stone present the plans and design sketches of the new building to the student body.

The sketches and plans will be on exhibit in John Carroll Auditorium from 9:00 a.m. until noon tomorrow, March 15. At twelve noon there will be an open meeting for the entire student body in John Carroll during which the architects will describe and explain the work that has been accomplished so far on the plans. Messrs. Euker and Torkelson are especially interested in eliciting opinion concerning the student facilities provided in the new building.

The basic design consists of a massive building, 11,500 square feet for student activities and student service facilities, 8,500 square feet for faculty offices, 5,000 square feet for administrative offices, 5,000 square feet for multi-purpose conference-moot court facilities and miscellaneous needs.

Classroom facilities will consist of six large classrooms of staggered amphitheatres design, four medium classrooms, and a minimum of two seminar rooms.

The library is designed to accommodate 250,000 volumes, an increase of 85% over the present collection. Over 80% will be carried on open stacks for immediate accessibility. There will be seating throughout the collection for 650 students and an additional 100 new study carrels for concentrated research and writing. A periodical room, lounge, and microfilm reading rooms will also form part of the library complex.

In the area of student facilities, a variety of lounges are provided in different parts of the building along with a luncheon room, locker space for student books and clothing, and two floors of underground parking.

The building itself will be constructed on a site 82,000 square feet in area, bounded by "G" and "I" Streets on the north

DEPARTING PROF. CITES MISSING GOALS, VALUES

--Paul G. Haskell, Professor of Law

The Student Bar Association asked Professor Haskell if he would be interested in stating his views on Georgetown and explaining the reasons for his departure from Georgetown. This statement is Professor Haskell's response to that request.

I am making this statement to answer some of the misinformation which has been disseminated recently with respect to my reasons for leaving this law school, and to suggest the importance of an active and open student-faculty-administration discussion of the state of the law school in all its aspects. An educational institution should be an open society in which the candid and uninhibited expression of views on educational and institutional and intellectual questions by students, faculty and administration should not have to be justified, but rather should be encouraged; there should be no need to remind of this obvious principle.

It has been said that I am leaving Georgetown for a higher salary; I will be receiving a higher salary at Western Reserve, but that is not why I am leaving. It has been said that I am leaving because the Dean at Western Reserve is a friend of mine; he is a friend, but that is not why I am leaving. I am leaving because this school is not a congenial academic atmosphere for me. Parenthetically, I wish to note that I have been accused of being the unacknowledged author of the recent student petition; that is absolutely false.

What is a congenial academic environment? It is where the spirit of innovation and creativity and inquiry is fostered and valued; it is where there is a sense of institutional goals and growth. In my opinion, this law school fails seriously short in these respects.

In my five years at this law school, the faculty and law school administration have never met for the purpose of discussing...
Editorial...

Over the past few weeks I have had an opportunity to speak with numerous students, faculty, and administration officials. No one who is at all concerned with the Law Center's future denies that there are serious problems in the present and for the near future. The difficulty lies not in the awareness of the inefficiencies, the lethargy, the unrest, the animosities, but in the problem of locating their sources and solutions. The descriptive words just mentioned are in little determinative assistance, however, since the essential question is, are these characteristics more prevalent than they used to be and is it likely that they will multiply in the future? One of the functions of the Weekly is the discovery of answers to this question. Yet we do not produce a daily newspaper, replete with well-paid staff and endowed with unlimited time for interviewing and composition. We are an adjunct to the Center and only one source of information. The opportunity is here for expression and presumably the administration, faculty and students will take advantage of all means of encountering each other.

Certainly the student's time is full, the pressures continuous, and the competition fierce, but an individual's habitual conduct in the law school community is surely an indication of his pattern for the future; silent dissatisfaction or muted grumbling is hardly an encouraging prospect for a future advocate of legal, political and moral issues. Only a few have had the willingness to break out of the mold of the student technician and add their imagination to the progress of the institution which is the tap root of their future.

The Administration - separated by its functions from the other segments of the law school, tied to problems of budget and physical plant, fund raising and recruitment, reputation and image, can easily lose the necessary perspective which must enlighten its decisions in these areas and others. With a status quo developing, then a jealous guarding of prerogatives, and finally what might be could have been constructive criticism from elsewhere in the community becomes a direct challenge to ability and judgment.

Finally, the Faculty - looking beyond the classroom to research and publication, outside employment and professional recognition, keeping up-to-date and out-of-the-bag - easily puts aside the primary duty of their profession - the stimulation and acceptance of creative thinking in their students. The research and outside contact are necessary if the teacher is to be properly equipped, but when he forgets those for whom he is equipping himself, then he has lost the special significance of the profession he embraces.

The problem is to break down rigid and widely accepted barriers to free exchange - barriers which make life more comfortable and less frenzied, more mechanical and less spontaneous. There are signs that some people want to cross the barriers, but there is still a great deal of sparring and an even greater degree of indifference.

It is difficult for me to understand how any effective or useful progress can occur if any segment of the community is excluded or excluded from the dialogue which will bring that progress about.

Faculty Footnotes

Fred Miller

Letters To The Editor:

Mr. Editor:

Our law school finds itself in a crisis in the opinion of many of our students. The fact that many of our top faculty are leaving has put a question into the minds of many as to whether or not the rumors we hear of many conditions in the administration of the Law Center leading to the devaluation of our degree are true. Some individual students have apparently stepped into the breach to lead student protest. We note the statement from our Student Bar Association to negate the rumors of whitewash and a "sellout" by the S.B.A. The S.B.A., we thought, had fought itself into a respected position of being the real voice of the students.

We want to know where our S.B.A. is when the Law Center and its students need it most.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have been informed that the S.B.A. will reply to this expression of concern in the next issue of the Weekly. We are also planning a full-scale article on the effective contact which has been taking place between the administration and the S.B.A. over recent months. Our policy on letters to the editor, unlike that on articles or features, is that they may be submitted anonymously. If, in the judgment of the staff, they represent legitimate reflections on the condition of the law school, regardless of their slant, they will be reprinted as space permits. We would, of course, be pleased to print the name of those who submit such material.

CANNED BRIEFS

The Law Center has regretfully accepted the resignation of Professor Joshua Okun, effective June 30, 1967, for reasons of ill health. Those of us who know Prof. Okun from Crimes, Taxation or personal contact will certainly miss his presence at the Law Center, and on behalf of the student body we want to extend our best wishes to him for the future......Pictures will be taken today (March 14) of all 1967 degree candidates in the day and night schools; The pictures will appear in the Senior Register supplement to be published by Rea Ions Fotography and the S.B.A. Hours: 10-11, 1-3, 5-5:45 in the back room of the Student Lounge.....

...REMEMBER BARRISTER'S BALL March 18th - St. Pat's Day....

St. Patrick's Day Dance - Dick Walsh urges that you get inside March 16th from 6:30 on for the dance at Darnell Hall

...Put suggestions for new Law Center in S.B.A. box-Reg. Off.
WIRETAP

Paul A. Levy

Engineer: What do you mean it’s not working? We must be patient - no need to show our hand.

Dean: When we were forced to extend the library hours to midnight due to the student petition and the S.B.A. request, you told me that you would have the library back to its old hours in a matter of months. It’s been almost a year and we still have to keep the library open until midnight. We can’t afford this extravagance. We need to conserve our funds for salaries and the New Law School.

Engineer: I tell you it’s working and it will be a mere matter of weeks before attendance will be so low that we can issue a decree saying that due to a lack of demand library hours are being cut down.

Dean: Let me have the facts - what action have you taken so far?

Engineer: Well, we keep the room temperature well over 75° and never run the air conditioning unless it’s over 95° outside, and as you know there are no windows that can be opened.

Dean: But I’ve seen students opening the fire door to let in some air.

Engineer: Just last month we put a padlock on that door and told them it was a fire hazard to keep it open.

Dean: What else has been done?

Engineer: After repeated student requests, we’ve managed to keep the old lighting system which, by the way, generates quite a bit of heat. Furthermore, when the fluorescent lights between the stacks are turned on they buzz loudly and give off ozone - insidiously effective. The most effective weapons installed, however, are the round-backed chairs. They are unbelievably uncomfortable and already four students have had to drop out of law school due to curvature of the spine.

Dean: But what about the clock you just installed? That seems like a step in the wrong direction.

Engineer: It didn’t cost much and combined with the heat and the chairs, it makes the student ever so aware of how many uncomfortable hours he has spent in the room.

Dean: What else?

Engineer: After 10:00 we turn off all the lights in the men’s washroom and that really drives them out of the building.

Dean: We must step up the effort. I suggest increasing the heat and not changing the light bulbs as they burn out - that will limit the use of the library to cold days during daylight hours. Then we can use the library as it was originally intended - as an auditorium.

Att'y Gen. Clark:

Attacks Penal Failures

Pam Kasa

The Hon. Ramsey Clark opened the Edward Douglass White Lecture Series on March 1 with his first speech after being designated Attorney General of the United States.

Speaking on Prison Reform, Mr. Clark expressed concern over the fact that correctional institutions in this country have turned more minds to criminal potential than they have rehabilitated. He stated that 4 out of 5 persons convicted of a felony in the U.S. have, at a previous time, been convicted of a misdemeanor and that 1 of every 2 persons released from prison after a felony conviction returns to prison on a conviction for a subsequent felony. Such occurrences are further emphasized when one considers the opportunities for rehabilitation that are lost to a nation that spends 60 to 90% of its reformational funds on institutions for confinement rather than on rehabilitation.

With the large majority of persons in prison eventually returning to society, Mr. Clark stressed the need for expansion of rehabilitation projects. Five states presently have halfway houses and seven states have work-release programs. With the cost of such community-service programs being less than conventional confinement and with the rehabilitation rate being twice as successful, the merits of prison reform are "only too obvious."

Tomorrow night, March 15, Prof. Samuel Dash, Director of the Institute of Criminal Law and Procedure will present the second lecture of the series as at 8:00 p.m., in John Carroll Auditorium. The subject of Prof. Dash’s lecture will be Law Reform.

S.B.A. Elections

S.B.A. Sec’y Joe McGrath announces that all candidates for office (President, V.P., Secretary, Treasurer) must declare their candidacy in the S.B.A. by March 22. The necessary material must be filed with Dave Hunt, Elections Committee Chairman. Campaigns begin on March 29. By April 7 all candidates for the office of class delegate must have completed their petitions and filed them with the Elections Committee. Voting for officers will take place on April 6; for class delegates on April 14.
J.D. Decision Near

In mid-February a poll conducted by the S.B.A. demonstrated the overwhelming student support for the granting of a J.D. degree to all graduates of the Law Center. In favor of the proposal were 489 students; opposed, 51. Students who felt that they did not have enough information to decide numbered 28; and 15 did not care one way or the other. At issue are the possibility of increased initial salaries (especially in government service), an improved position vis a vis those possessing doctorates in other fields, the more logical granting of a doctorate to those who put in time comparable to the doctorate level in other disciplines, and the increasing tendency of good law schools to accept the change (E.G.: Chicago, and recently Michigan).

An Administration source reports that the proposal has been approved and favorably recommended by the Committee on Academic Standards (Chaired by Professor O'Toole) and will be discussed and resolved in the near future by the Executive Faculty. The proposal must then be approved by the Board of Directors of the University. One of the primary difficulties at the moment is the question of whether or not the degree should be granted retroactively. Debut from the Academic Standards Committee supported prospective application.

"FITZGERALD - continued"

to very much public discussion."

Generally, he felt that there was a need for more information on the part of the students before their making sweeping assessments of the school. Then, he acknowledged that nobody really knows the facts.

In answer to questions, Father Fitzgerald admitted that he, himself, has been in a quandary for three years over the budgetary matters of the University. Asked about funds for Law Center publications, he replied that there is no need to "multiply (such media) endlessly."

Father Fitzgerald agreed that there was a continuing need for self-re-evaluation at the Law Center. But he added that he was not convinced that there is any urgent problem at the Center that the Administration cannot settle through a free dialogue with faculty and students.

N.O.V.'s Still Winless  
--G.J. Pellegrini

The Georgetown Athletic Association embarks upon its spring schedule after a successful fall program. The football season was spectacularly concluded in dramatic style as the Hot-Dogs defeated the Joy-Boys 19-18 with a storybook last minute TD to win the 1966 intramural championship. Members of the winning team received trophies from the S.B.A. in recognition of their meritorious triumph.

The fall golf tournament, held at Fort Dupont Golf Course, was won by Paul Biebel, with a low gross of 89 and C. Turner, with a low net of 73.

Presently, the basketball program is underway with teams in their fourth week of competition. The latest standings are:

Eastern Division  W L
Barristers  3 0
J.C.C.Y.O.  3 0
Fubar A.C.  1 2
The Messiahs  1 2
Off-Islanders  0 3

Western Division  W L
The Frosh  3 0
Five Card Stubs  2 1
Gordo's Gunners  1 2
Splinter Group  1 2
The N.O.V.'s  0 3

A final note: With spring training about to begin, rumor has it that the Law Center will soon announce plans for a softball tournament. Watch for it!!

DOCKETS - United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit