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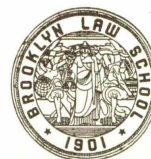
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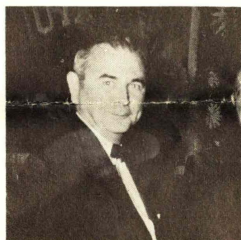
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE BRENNAN ADDRESSES ASSEMBLED STUDENTS

By FRED DEMAREST

On September 25, 1957, the faculty and student body of Brooklyn Law School were privileged to hear an address delivered in the auditorium by Associate Justice William J. Brennan Jr. of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Former New York State Supreme Court Judge Charles C. Lockwood and Judge Leonard P. Moore of the United States Court of Appeals, members of the Board of Trustees of the Law School, shared the stage with Dean Prince and Assistant to the Dean Gilbride.

Justice Brennan's address was divided into two main topics. First, he noted the great differences which had taken place in the general field of American law in the course of the past generation. The great improvement in plant, facilities, and courses offered pointed up the contrast between then and now. Today's lawyer, he said, must specialize in order to give to clients the type of legal service that they require in today's complex business and social organization. As a result, courses that would have been unknown to the law student of a few decades ago are now standard. Among them we find tax law, labor law, and administrative law.



MR. JUSTICE BRENNAN

The major portion of Justice Brennan's talk was on a facet of the law that has undergone no change—the lawyer's eternal preoccupation with the preservation of liberty. Justice Brennan said:

"Our profession is assigned the noble role of guarding human rights and liberty in our society. We do not work with the implements of the mechanic, the formulas of the scientist, or the tools of the artist. Our daily lives are given to the protection and assertion of rights under law of individual human beings to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We deal with the whole pattern of human relationship under a government concerned with the things that may be as important to him as either—his life, his liberty, his rights.

"When today's sometimes terrifying crisis lead us to question whether the general security permits vindication of individual rights, or, put another way, whether our tradition that maximum general security results that derives its just powers from the consent of the governed. We have our place in the matter of the service to the individual, among the men of the church, and the physicians who will be concerned with his spiritual welfare and his physical well-being. And we may be

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DEAN PRINCE WELCOMES FRESHMEN AT ORIENTATION

By EDWARD FLEISCHER

On Monday and Tuesday evenings, September 23 and 24, the annual freshman orientation was held in the law school auditorium.

On the first evening Dean Jerome Prince welcomed the students of both the day and evening divisions who are embarking on their law school careers. He stressed particularly the necessity of generating a hunger for knowledge while studying law. The successful law student, he pointed out, is an enthusiastic student, whose enthusiasm will permit him to carry himself through those areas of his legal education which are not as appealing as others.

Dean Prince also discussed the significance of good grades, which can lead to membership on the Law Review, the Moot Court Team, and to attractive positions after graduation. He emphasized the importance of creating the best possible school record.

Impressed upon the students was the fact that the law field is one which is conducive to much original thought. The lawyer functions as a creative artist, first picking out the pivotal issue in a given situation, and then developing a theory and conclusion. Although many theories have never been brought to the fore, a great number of them have influenced numerous court decisions, even to the extent of making new law.

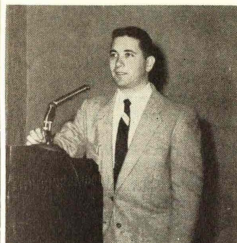
Dean Prince suggested that the students imagine themselves as a part of a great evolutionary scheme, coming into contact with the great names of the past and present which are associated with the legal profession.

Professor Gerard Gilbride, Assistant to the Dean, continued the program Tuesday evening. He discussed with the students an actual contracts case which they had been asked to read, and explained to them the method of handling and briefing a case. He emphasized the fact that the best way for one to develop his reasoning ability is to brief his cases, and that the ability to reason soundly is a lawyer's most vital skill. Professor Gilbride also talked about the various purposes of treatises, textbooks, and case citations. He urged the students to avail themselves of the extra-curricular opportunities which the school presents, such as quiz classes, meetings, and lectures.

At the close of the lecture, Edwin Lasner, president of the Student Bar Association, discussed the activities offered by the association, among them the intra-school moot court program, and the exam sessions to be conducted by law review men. He also acquainted the freshmen with the American Law School Association publication, The Student Lawyer Journal, a source of information on those phases of the law not part of the school curriculum.

LASNER LEADS NEW OFFICERS OF STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

By IRA BLOCK



EDWIN LASNER

The Student Bar Association has recently announced the election of Mr. Edwin J. Lasner as President for the present academic year of 1957-58. The other officers elected to serve for this period are: Frederick G. Demarest, First Vice-President; Robert W. Tauber, Treasurer; Lila Friedman, Recording Secretary; Vivian J. Rousoo, Corresponding Secretary; Robert B. Schwartz, Chairman, Student Aid Fund.

Mr. Lasner, a resident of Mt. Vernon, was elected second vice-president of the S. B. A. in his first semester of his freshman year, appointed in that semester chairman of the social committee of the SBA, then appointed ALSA representative, and later elected class president. While chairman of the social committee Mr. Lasner put over a very successful "Spring Formal" and instituted the Salk Polio Vaccine program for the students of Brooklyn Law School. This program received special commendation from those who took part. He is a member of Iota Theta Law Fraternity.

In Mt. Vernon, Mr. Lasner is equally active in community affairs. He was Deputy Chief of the Radiological Division of the Civilian Defense program for Mt. Vernon. He is also a registered Democrat and an active member of that party.

He is a graduate of Adelphi College, Garden City, N. Y. in the Class of 1956. Mr. Lasner received an A. B. degree from that institution. He was a member of Phi Lambda Rho Fraternity.

In an interview with this reporter, Mr. Lasner revealed that he is planning to institute a program to integrate all the organizations in BLS, as well as the alumni, into a calendar committee. It is hoped thereby to coordinate the functions of the various organizations for greater participation and success.

Mr. Frederick G. Demarest, a New York City resident, has been elected to the post of First Vice-President of the SBA. He was an active member of the council during his first term. Mr. Demarest is a graduate of Rutgers University where, in 1951, he received a B. A. degree. He expects to finish his course of study in BLS in June, 1958.

Mr. Demarest is chairman of the Social Committee of the SBA for this year and will head the "Legal Film Program."

Miss Lila Friedman, of Brooklyn, has been elected to the scribe position, better known as Recording Secretary. This task is known to all as the "work" job of any organization and especially so in this council which believes in "doing" rather than "talking." Miss Friedman was elected to the post of class secretary in her first year in BLS.

Miss Friedman graduated Brooklyn College in June, 1955, with a B. A. degree in Political Science.

Miss Vivian J. Rousoo of Cambria Heights, Queens, is another member of the staff side who will help dress up the meetings this year in her position as corresponding secretary. In her post as class president in the year 1956-57, Miss Rousoo was to the council a practical person who acted as both a mediator and instigator of new and workable ideas.

Miss Rousoo expects to leave the hallowed halls of Brooklyn Law School in June, 1958.

The money man of the council this year is Robert W. Tauber of Brooklyn. He has been a member of the Student Bar Association for two years. His B. B. A. from C. C. N. Y. (1952) helps bring to the post of this year's treasurer a well qualified and capable officer. His qualification to handle the books for the SBA is seen

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JUSTICE MCGIVERN ADDRESSES OCTOBER GRADUATES

Hon. LEONARD P. MOORE

HON. LEONARD P. MOORE, a trustee of Brooklyn Law School, was appointed on September 9, 1957 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The President's appointment is an interim appointment. Judge Moore served as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York from June of 1953 until his appointment to the bench.

New Editorial Staff Named For Brooklyn Law Review

Professor Milton G. Gershenson, Faculty Advisor, has announced the new editorial staff of the Brooklyn Law Review. The staff includes:

Editor-in-Chief Joseph S. Berger
Associate Editor Irwin Fendel
Decisions Editors Stephen R. Lang
Martin J. Semel
Book Review Editor John Pace

New members whose academic records entitled them to an appointment to the Law Review Staff are: Sept. 1956 class, Herbert J. Adlerberg, Arnold Chekow, Gerald Director, Lydia Essrog, Harold Freund, Samuel Friedman, Melvyn H. Greenberg, Barbara Izett, Frederick D. Kranz, Barton Nachamie and Edward Sparer. January 1957 class: Sheldon P. Barr, Anthony G. Gross, Melvin Katz, Zachary Levy, Martin Newberger, Charles Snow and Saul Weiss.

The forthcoming issue of the Review will make its appearance in December. A preview of its contents will be reported in the next issue of the Justinian.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Hon. Leonard P. Moore, Judge, United States Court of Appeals, and upon Hon. Henry L. Ughetta, Justice, Appellate Division, Supreme Court, State of New York, at the commencement exercises of Brooklyn Law School held at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, in the Auditorium of the Brooklyn Law School Building, 375 Pearl Street, Brooklyn. Hon. Owen McGivern, Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, delivered the principal address of the evening. Arnold Cohen, 5201 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, addressed the assembly as a representative of the class.

Justice Ughetta, vice-president of the Board of Trustees of the Law School presided. Former Supreme Court Justice Charles C. Lockwood, president of the Board of Trustees of the Law School, conferred the honorary degree upon Justice Ughetta and Hon. George J. Beldock, vice-president of the Board of Trustees and Associate Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York conferred the honorary degree upon Judge Moore.

Fifty-nine Bachelor of Laws degrees were conferred. Dean Jerome Prince presented the candidates for degrees.

Rev. Benjamin Bentley, of the Salvation Army, offered the invocation and the benediction.

Prizes which were awarded at the exercises and the recipients thereof are: First Scholarship Prize, Sidney Lichter, 143-50 Hoover Avenue, Jamaica; Second Scholarship Prize, Arnold Henry Sundel, 1916 Avenue K, Brooklyn; Dean Carswell Prize in Pleading and Practice, Leonard Selwyn Margolis, 3548 Tryon Avenue, Bronx; and Iota Theta Prize in Wills, Sidney Paul Hackell, 441 West Beech, Long Beach. Also, Mr. Cohen received the Dean Prince Prize in Evidence.

Interested Freshman students who have had some experience in writing, and who would like to join the staff of the Justinian, are invited to introduce themselves to the Editors any Wednesday morning after classes. The Editorial office is presently occupying quarters with the Student Bar Association on the main floor.

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JUSTICE BRENNAN

The enthusiastic ovation given Associate Justice Brennan of the United States Supreme Court on Wednesday, September 25 by the student body was not just an appreciation for his finding the time to address us despite an arduous schedule, but was a resounding vote of confidence in the Supreme Court itself. His comments concerning the great responsibility of lawyers as pathfinders of the nation's destiny in the domestic and international forests of controversy that surround us, his picturization of the boundless opportunities there are for civic and self-improvement in the years ahead, his reminder that government by law is the gyroscope of a society of free men impressed us all with the latent power of the tools we are now forging. Justice Brennan's appearance at the beginning of the new scholastic year is certain to inspire Brooklyn Law School students to renewed zeal and perseverance in the year of studies that lie ahead.

We hope that Justice Brennan will soon again be able to grace us by a visit—perhaps at a future commencement, as Justice Lockwood suggested.

TO THE FRESHMAN

WELCOME! In beginning your studies here you certainly have not lacked for advice or inspiration. The former has been supplied by the Dean who has drawn from his experience with thousands of students in indicating how success may best be guaranteed. Your privilege in listening to the words of Justice Brennan should enable you to see what lies beyond the routine of studies, and how important are the tasks you are now assuming. If one more last word of advice is in order, we may repeat what one of the professors told us on the very first day at law school: "Keep up with the material; don't let it get ahead of you."

WELL DONE

All in a position to form an opinion agree that Harris Schoenfeld performed an outstanding job as Editor of the *Justinian* last year. Harris was conspicuous for his modesty, neglecting even to write a short *zale* editorial as graduation approached. So now, we would like to set aside this little space as a token of thanks for the work he did for the law school, and to wish him Godspeed as he embarks on his legal career.

CAMPUS POLITICIANS

Undoubtedly many of us have an innate suspicion of the bland smile and ingratiating handshake of the campus politician. But it is given to a few to know the other side of the coin, the numberless tasks to be done, the hurry-up arrangements to be made, the relegating of personal desires to second or third place. On top of all this is the necessity for an almost limitless patience—after all, all hands must be kept happy else nothing will be accomplished.

The officers of the Student Bar Association have been in a whirl of purposeful activity since classes have reconvened. A word of praise is due them for their unselfish efforts in behalf of the school and its students. We wish them well.

FACULTY PROFILE: Professor Arthur Block

To Professor Arthur Block the motto "The True Administration of Justice is the Firmest Pillar of Good Government," chiseled in stone above the portals of the Supreme Court building in Foley Square, represents the living heart of our democracy. The promotion of this ideal must be characteristic of every lawyer to be worthy of his profession. And interference with or apathy for the true administration of justice sponsors a creeping anarchy and eventual destruction of the American tradition.

Professor Block's interest in good government is no mere academic holding. He is President of the New York Civic League, Inc., which has as its primary purpose the encouragement and maintenance of good government. As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Juvenile Guidance Center Inc., a private group devoted to the supplying of psychiatric and psychological services to youngsters who can't afford such care, he exemplifies an awareness of the responsibility all lawyers should have in the area of community self-help. The professor emphasizes that the truly dedicated lawyer, loyal to the heritage of his calling, cannot avoid expending his energies in the labor of civic improvement. If he has the proper ideals to begin with, active participation in community improvement is a necessary consequence.

Professor Block was born in Brooklyn in 1905, attended the public schools there, and graduated from De Witt Clinton High School in January of 1923, when he delivered the valedictory address for his class. He matriculated at City College, graduating in 1926 with a bachelor's degree in Social Science. In September 1926, he began his association with Brooklyn Law School, and on graduation was once more chosen to be valedictorian. While he was a student, the present building housing the law school was dedicated during the tenure of Dean Richardson. At those memorable exercises, Professor Block had the distinction of sharing the rostrum with Owen D. Young, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Lawrence University, and Roscoe Pound, then Dean of Harvard Law School. Once again, he was selected as the representative of the student body to deliver their sentiments.

During the entire period that Professor Block was a law student, he was also a teacher. He taught history at De Witt Clinton High School and English at James Madison, and as if this wasn't quite enough he conducted tutoring classes in high school subjects in his "spare" time. Perhaps this unusual background has contributed to the air of urbanity that pervades the classes he presides over. The professor has taught many courses including Property, Pleading and Practice, Equity, Labor Law, Negotiable Instruments, and Sales. They all have had one thing in common according to the students who have been enrolled in them: a sense of relaxation juxtaposed with a mental alertness which has made the absorption of difficult concepts relatively easy—a combination of factors seldom found in Academe.

On graduation the professor was invited to join the faculty of the school. In accepting he provided himself with the opportunity to study for his doctorate in jurisprudence which he achieved a year later. At the same time he took a position as research assistant in the legal department of the now defunct Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. Here practical problems in the domain of contracts, franchises, and real property were his daily chore. This legal experience was just the complement needed to obtain the clear perspective of the law that a young teacher must have.

For eight years, beginning in 1930, Professor Block was associated with the firm of Baar, Bennett and Fullen. The eminence of the firm is reflected in the positions later attained by its members. Emil N. Baar received an appointment to the Supreme Court bench in Kings County from Gov. Dewey; John J. Bennett was successively Attorney General of the State of New York, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, Chief Justice of the Court of Special Sessions in New York County, and Chairman of the City Planning Commission; while William G. Fullen became

Chairman of the first City Transit Commission. During this period the professor was engaged in trial and appellate causes in almost all the state and federal courts. The opportunity was also provided to introduce two lawyers, who later became jurists, to the exacting duties of a clerkship in a busy law office. — John E. Cone who is presently a Justice of the Supreme Court in Kings County, and Vincent Damiani who sits on the Municipal Court Bench, also in Brooklyn.

In 1937 Professor Block was appointed a full professor of law and from 1939 through 1942 he devoted himself exclusively to teaching at Brooklyn Law School. When Sol A. Rosenblatt, the well-known society lawyer entered the Air Force in 1942, the professor took over his practice. At the end of the war he opened his own office, and wishes there were about thirty hours in a day ever since.

Both Louis Bender and Moses L. Kove, with whom Professor Block is associated in his law practice, were former assistant United States Attorneys. His other associate, a former student, Robert Rosenthal, was the first American airman to crash-land in Russia in World War II. While the professor proudly holds himself forth as a general practitioner, the major part of his activity is concerned with commercial litigation, income tax fraud cases, and any matter that calls for trial or appellate representation.

Though he has written articles for various legal publications, the professor has shied away from authoring anything longer. "Would that my enemy would write a book" is a classic admonition that deters him from doing so. He smilingly reminds one that his former students occasionally recall things that he said in class which, if published, might prove embarrassing.

Chasing after his three boys, Donald 16, Robert 13, and Herbert 10, usually provides all the exercise a law professor needs. However, a round of golf or a couple of hours horseback riding is welcomed as being much less hectic. Sometimes amateur dramatics provides the necessary change of pace. In the last annual play produced by the Brooklyn Bar Association, Professor Block took the part of Judge Samuel S. Liebowitz, and starred as a thespian and vocalist.

Professor Block is on the panel of the American Arbitration Association. As such he is concerned with legal controversies affecting many industrial organizations including the Aluminum Company of America, Crucible Steel Corporation, Radio Station WNEW and other nationally known organizations. He is also an arbitrator for the New York State Mediation Board, and during the war was a public panel member of the National War Labor Board for the New York area. Professor Block is also a Special Referee appointed by the Presiding Justice of the Municipal Court for the adjudication of controversies in its Small Claims Court.



PROF. ARTHUR BLOCK

His experience and training have convinced our teacher that there is definitely no short cut to the study of the law. Daily assignments are but the minimum that a law student must do to become educated in the principles of the law. He must read extensively both within and outside the law to become a better lawyer and a better citizen. If a student adheres to this program, and has courage and fortitude, there will be no limit to his possible attainments.

In emphasizing the lawyer's duty to speak up for good government, the professor cites the need for court modernization, the lawyer's responsibility for the selection and election of the most qualified members of his profession to the Bench, and the duty every attorney has to represent clients, regardless of their background or unpopularity.

His activities prove that he has himself scrupulously adhered to these principles. Even in promoting a losing cause, a lawyer can achieve a victory, important to the well-being of the community. For example, in the recent primary campaign for Brooklyn Borough President, Professor Block, as Chairman of the Law Committee for one of the candidates, unsuccessfully fought a proceeding right up to the Court of Appeals seeking to compel the use of voting machines in the primary as well as in the regular elections. He believes that the public interest stirred up in this action will eventually result in the use of voting machines in primaries as a matter of course.

The importance that the Professor attaches to religious influence in shaping the destiny of any man is reflected in the fact that he holds the office of Trustee of the Beth Elohim, one of Brooklyn's better known temples of worship.

As we conclude this vignette of Professor Block we are certain that the example that he has given in our chosen vocation will tend to redirect all students toward the noblest objectives of a sacred profession.

Prince, Flouton and Thornton, Attend Judicial Conference

Dean Jerome Prince, Prof. Allen B. Flouton, and Prof. Peter Thornton represented Brooklyn Law School at the Judicial Conference of the Second Circuit held at the Statler Hotel, Hartford, Connecticut, on September 29 and 30. The Judicial Conference is an organization which has for its purpose clarification of the law in the Second Federal Circuit. Among the principal speakers were Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Earl Warren; Associate Justices of the United States Supreme Court, William J. Brennan, Jr. and John M. Harlan; and Sir Patrick Devlin, who presided over the recent murder trial in England, of Dr. Adams.

NEWS FROM FRATERNITIES

BETA LAMBDA SIGMA

Beta Lambda Sigma, as you enter the lobby, is located behind the first door on the left.

A relatively new addition among the other fraternities, founded in 1947, Beta Lambda Sigma is, however, a pioneer among them. Indeed, it was the first Fraternity at Brooklyn Law School to function on a completely non-sectarian basis. It was the first one to ignore differences between colors and religions. Beta Lambda Sigma has established a reputation for its charitable work in the various hospitals in the borough of Brooklyn. Each year, at Christmas time, the members visit a different hospital and distribute toys to the children. The fraternity has also established a prize, known as the Dean's Prize, which is given to the member of the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in Evidence.

To keep abreast with changes in thinking, Beta Lambda Sigma has recently rewritten its constitution, and business meetings are conducted in what is to be considered a realistic or modern way. The fraternity has also adopted a new outlook as to its relationship with its alumni. It has been decided to expand the social opportunities for meetings. There will be, as in the past, the annual Spring Dinner for members and alumni. A fall cocktail party for members and alumni is also being planned.

The current officers, elected for a year under the new terms of the constitution, are, Lenny Greenberg, Chancellor; Lenny Lerer, Vice Chancellor; Herman Libowsky, Secretary; Gerry Miller, Treasurer; Gil Sobeur, Judge Advocate; Hank Roth, Pledge-master.

DELTA THETA PHI

During the past summer, Delta Theta Phi held a cocktail party at the Waldorf-Astoria to celebrate the honorary membership bestowed on United States Attorney Paul Williams.

The fraternity opened the fall semester by holding a smoker for the incoming freshman on Oct. 8th. This was the first of the many functions to be held by Delta Theta Phi during the school year. This year's activities will be highlighted by the annual Christmas Dance.

Newly elected officers of the fraternity are, G. Saberno, Dean; M. Abbate, Vice-Dean; F. D'Elia, Tribune; and C. Rodus, Exchequer.

IOTA THETA

Iota Theta Law Fraternity was organized and founded at Brooklyn Law School in 1915. Since then Iota Theta has grown along with the school, so that today the fraternity is the largest and one of the oldest in the school. Iota Theta, which is non-sectarian, fosters legal inspiration along with the garnering of friendships among those of the legal profession.

This past summer the fraternity established a scholarship award at the law school. This award, which is known as the Daniel Still Memorial Award, will be given each year to a student in need of financial help who shows excellence in scholarship. Danny Still, after whom the award is named, was a member of the fraternity who passed away suddenly while an undergraduate. He was an active and interested member of the fraternity. The award was created as a fine tribute and memorial to a man who did much to further the fraternity and the school.

Among the membership are many members of the faculty. These faculty members are: Professors Robert Sugarman, Bernard Rubinstein, Peter Thornton, Morris Forkosh, Milton

Gershenson, Joseph Crea, and Leo Glasser. The undergraduate membership at the present time stands at about 100, and the Graduate Division numbers over 1,000 alumni, representative of the chapters in the metropolitan law schools, as well as Brooklyn Law School.

The Affairs Committee has announced its social calendar for the school year. The first event of the year was the annual Get Together Smoker which was held on October 3. A theatre party is planned to be held in late November. The highlight of the fall semester is the Induction Dinner which is tentatively planned for December 17. In order to properly usher in the new year, a fraternity New Years Party is planned. The spring semester calls for the annual boat ride and other outings. The culmination of the social year will be the Spring Dinner Dance, which is usually held in May at an outstanding New York Hotel or supper club. The fraternity looks forward to a successful and profitable year for all its members.

PHI DELTA PHI

The newly elected officers of the fraternity are:

Magister Thomas A. Sylvester
Exchequer John Daverin
Clerk John B. Franklin
Historian John J. Sheehan

The closing of the 1956 academic year was highlighted by a cocktail party held at the Park Lane Hotel on the afternoon of June 16 to honor the International President of Phi Delta Phi, Dr. John G. Hervey. Doctor Hervey received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws the following night at the commencement exercises of Brooklyn Law School in recognition of his contribution to the cause of sound legal education. To quote the citation accompanying the conferring of the degree: "Indeed, it has been said of him, and justly so, that he has done more than any other man in the past ten years to raise the standards of legal education in this country."

Attending the cocktail party were Dean Prince and Professors Wrigley, Maloney, Sugarman, Gilbride, Gershenson, Forkosh, Thornton, Rubenstein and Hermann, as well as most of the members of the fraternity itself.

The attention of incoming students is respectfully called to the noble traditions of Phi Delta Phi, first among legal fraternities in many important respects. Any student interested in pledging should see any member or one of the officers listed above.

MOOT COURT TRYOUTS REACH SEMI-FINAL ROUND

During the past few months about fifty candidates have competed for the honor of representing Brooklyn Law School on the Moot Court Team. Three students will represent our school in the annual National competition, to be held in November. Two will present the oral argument, and the third student will serve as an alternate. The purpose of the National Moot Court competition is to give students the opportunity to acquire appellate court experience, and to deal with actual problems of a practicing lawyer.

The following candidates have been successful in the preliminary rounds of the competition: David R. Carlin, Lydia Essrog, Patrick Gleason, Harold M. Hecht, Henry Kalow, Arthur J. Kremer, Stephen R. Lang, Murray L. Lewis, Robert R. McMillan, Arthur H. Miller, Floranna S. Miller, Stephen Steinbrecker, and Michael J. Yorke.

NEW DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Prof. Donald F. Sealy, Director of the Graduate School, has informed the *Justinian* of certain changes in the requirements for post-graduate degrees.

All candidates for the Master of Laws degree hereafter must satisfy the following requirements: The candidate must complete, with satisfactory grades, a minimum of 24 semester hours of graduate work which must include, among other courses, International Law, Jurisprudence, Legal History, and Roman Law; The candidate must also attend one or more seminars, at the discretion of the faculty, for which appropriate credit will apply toward the required 24 semester hours; In addition, the candidate must write a satisfactory thesis upon a subject approved by the Committee on Graduate Study, and pass an oral examination conducted by the Committee.

The Law School has announced that those students who began their course in September of this year, and all entering students hereafter, will be required to complete a total of 80 semester hours of credit for the Bachelor of Laws Degree. This is an increase of four semester hours. Torts will be increased from its present 4-point value to 6 semester hours and the additional 2 credits will consist of an elective, details of which will be announced at a later time.

John A. Eubank

John Augustine Eubank, a former Professor of Aeronautical Law at Brooklyn Law School, died last June 18, at the age of 65 from a heart attack.

Professor Eubank was born in Baltimore, Maryland on February 9, 1892. A graduate of the class of 1911 at Brooklyn Law School, he was a member of its executive committee from its inception.

In 1938 he became a member of the faculty at Brooklyn Law School and remained there till 1945. A noted authority in the field of aeronautical law, for over a quarter of a century, he was the author of a three volume work, *Aeronautical Jurisprudence*, and was the editor of the magazine *Aeronautical Law Symposium*.

He served as chairman of the Committee on Aeronautical Law of the Federal Bar Association of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, and was a former governor of the Aircraft Industries Association, of the National Association, the Soaring Society of America, and the Institute of Aeronautical Services of the United States.

His memberships included the Aeronautical Law Committee of the New York State Bar Association, the New York County Lawyers Association, the International Communication and Transportation Committee of the American Bar Association, and the American Society for International Law.

For his outstanding work in the field of aeronautical law he received the Aeronautical Progress Award.

Surviving him are his wife, Mildred Eubank, a daughter, Mrs. Corinne Audrey Slaton, his two sisters, Alice Eubank, and Mrs. Peter Smith.

Mayor Wagner and Dr. Hervey Honored at June Commencement



From Left to Right: THE MAYOR, JUSTICE LOCKWOOD, DR. HERVEY

JUNE COMMENCEMENT

By AL KAUFMAN

The 230 members of Brooklyn Law School's Class of June, 1957, were graduated at The Brooklyn Academy of Music, on Monday evening, June 17, 1957. One hundred and ninety-seven graduates received Bachelor of Laws degrees, 29 received the Degree of Master of Laws, and four had conferred on them the degree of Doctor of Juridical Science. Arnold Fieldman, David Horowitz, David Schaff and Lewis Wolf received their Bachelor of Laws degrees *cum laude*. Robert Gallati and Prof. Samuel Hoffman received their Doctorates *summa cum laude*. Mr. Gallati is the Commanding Officer and Dean of the New York City Police Academy.

The graduates were addressed by Hon. Robert F. Wagner, Mayor of the City of New York, and Dr. John G. Hervey, the American Bar Association adviser on legal education. The degrees were then conferred by Hon. Charles C. Lockwood, former Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and President of the school's Board of Trustees.

Mayor Wagner and Dr. Hervey were awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. The award to Mayor Wagner was made by Hon. George Beldock, Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, and Vice-President of the school's Board of Trustees. Dr. Hervey's degree was conferred by Hon. Leonard P. Moore, then United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, presently Judge of the Federal Court of Appeals, and a member of the school's Board of Trustees.

Hon. Webster J. Oliver, Chief Judge of the United States Customs Court, graduate of the Law School, spoke to the class, which included his son, of what they might experience in the days to come.

THE CITATIONS

The citations accompanying the degrees presented to Mayor Wagner and Doctor Hervey read as follows:

ROBERT F. WAGNER, native of this city, lawyer, student and practitioner of the art of government. He was educated at Yale University, taking the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws, and at Harvard University where he attended the School of Business Administration. After having served with distinction in World War II, and at the age of twenty-seven, he began his long and noteworthy career in the public service in the legislative halls of the State's Assembly. Thereafter

he successively held appointive office as Tax Commissioner, Commissioner of Housing and Buildings, and Chairman of the City Planning Commission; elective office as Borough President of Manhattan, and now serves as Mayor of this metropolis. He has brought to the office of Mayor the benefits of great natural abilities, seasoned by a lifetime of devoted public service, and has filled this position of high public trust with full understanding of the responsibilities of public office. He has dedicated himself to building better government, to making this city a better place in which to live, play, and work. His record of achievement has won for him the admiration, affection, and confidence of his fellow citizens.

JOHN G. HERVEY, lawyer, author, educator, outstanding authority in the field of legal education. Born in Texas, and now a resident of Oklahoma, he holds his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degrees from the University of Oklahoma and his degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania. Upon the completion of his graduate studies, he entered upon a distinguished career in legal education, serving successively as assistant professor of international law at the University of Pennsylvania; as professor of law and dean at the Temple University Law School; as dean of the School of Law of Oklahoma University; and since 1948, as adviser to the Section of Legal Education of the American Bar Association. In his work with the American Bar Association, he has visited or inspected virtually every law school in the United States, and, by his recommendations and through his addresses and his writings, has made lasting contributions to the cause of sound legal education. Indeed, it has been said of him, and justly so, that he has done more than any other man in the past ten years to raise the standards of legal education in this country.

But he is also a versatile man. He is the author of numerous books; the editor of the *Annual Review of Legal Education* in the United States; editor of the *Oklahoma Bar Association Journal*; civilian member of the Board of Review of the Army Judge Advocate General's School at Charlottesville, Virginia; currently president of the Phi Delta Phi international legal fraternity; and has at one time served as Utility Consultant to the Governor of Pennsylvania and as Adviser to the Pennsylvania Senate Committee on the Revision of Public Service Company Laws.

Justice Brennan

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from maximum protection of individual rights can stand the test of today's assaults, we should take comfort from the knowledge that the guarantees of individual freedoms embedded in our constitution and bill of rights have weathered every strain of dismal foreboding in the past. None can gainsay the existence today of real perils to our freedoms but our history has been a progression of facing down like perils and surviving as even a freer people until today we are the symbol to the entire world of the true essence of freedom. We owe an incalculable debt to those who enshrined this concept in a written constitution embodying a specific bill of rights as an impenetrable barrier against excesses of governmental power."

Justice Brennan noted that the lawyer, on account of his training, is best equipped to further the ideals of liberty, but that their furtherance demands a great degree of dedication. The reward is great, however. To the lawyer fighting for the promotion of these high ideals comes a satisfaction, rarely paralleled in human experience.

At the conclusion of his address, the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court received an ovation from his audience.

Justice Brennan had been in New York to receive an honorary membership in Iota Theta legal fraternity which was conferred on him as part of the Edwin Welling Cady Award the night previous at a dinner given in his honor at the Hotel Statler in Manhattan.

Professor Rubenstein was in charge of arrangements for Justice Brennan's visit to Brooklyn Law School.

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further from his present employment. He works for Joseph Lipshic Associates, a public accounting firm in New York City.

Mr. Tauber anticipates graduation in June, 1959.

Mr. Robert B. Schwartz of New York City, will head the Student Bar Association "Student Aid Fund." Mr. Schwartz has the analytical mind needed for this position of trust and responsibility furthered by a background in science (B.A. from C.C.N.Y. in 1956). He was elected treasurer of his class in his first semester and has been of great assistance to the council officers since that time.

Mr. Schwartz is married to a girl named Sandra who five months ago presented him with a tax deduction named Scott Arthur Schwartz. He is presently employed by the legal firm of Goldman & Goldman of New York City who specialize in trial work.

Mr. Schwartz expects to graduate in June, 1958.

LOST LAMB

The impact of Professor Thornton's initial lecture in Equity was somewhat dulled by the following digression. The professor was in the midst of his sketch of the field to be covered when the door of the classroom opened, and an uncertain-looking student self-consciously approached the professor's desk. Professor Thornton continued to develop his theme, while the student waited to be recognized. Finally the professor looked down and interjected softly: "Yes?" The unnamed stray's query was brief: "Is this Physics 404?" A too appreciative audience, we hazard, has made the professor wonder just how much of that lecture did get across.

American Law Student Association Holds Annual Meeting

By Carl Nathanson

Each year students representing a majority of the law schools in the United States assemble to attend a meeting of the American Law School Association. This year the meeting was held in New York City at the Belmont-Plaza Hotel during the week of July 11, and New York University served as host school. An unusually pleasant aspect of this year's meeting was the fact that many of the delegates attended foreign law schools.

The meeting was called to order by the Association's president, John C. McNulty, of the University of Minnesota. One of the highlights of the first day's activities was the reception given the many delegates by the American Bar Association. However not all the time of the delegates was spent in the meeting halls at the Belmont-Plaza, for there were many instructive tours to be taken. One such interesting visit was to the United Nations. Another memorable visit was to the New York Stock Exchange where a warm welcome was given to delegates by Mr. G. Keith Funston, President of the Exchange. Needless to say the trip proved to be both interesting and enjoyable.

An interesting and informative segment of the meeting was devoted to the presentation of two feature length movies. The films were shown in connection with a discussion by Student Bar Workshop about the use of audiovisual material in law schools. The first of the two films was entitled "Twelve Angry Men," a dramatic story about what transpires in the jury room after the conclusion of a murder trial. The other film "Medical



Seated Left to Right: GIL ROSSMAN, ED LASNER, VIVIAN ROUSSO, FRED DEMAREST, ROBERT TAUBER, at House of Delegates Meeting at Convention

Witness" was in the nature of a documentary and had as its theme the correct way to present important medical testimony.

Brooklyn Law School was represented at the convention by the following students: Ed Lasner, President of the Student Bar Association; Gil Rossman, Chairman of the Ethical Practices Committee, who was also awarded a plaque for being the outstanding chairman at the convention; Vivian Rouso, Corresponding Secretary of the SBA; Fred Demarest, 1st Vice-President of SBA; and Robert Tauber, Treasurer, SBA.

The American Law Student Association performs many valuable serv-

ices, including the publishing of a monthly journal which contains information concerning job opportunities in the legal field, together with other helpful material aimed to aid law students.

The meeting was formally adjourned on Tuesday, July 15, and the general consensus of the delegates was that the meeting had been a great success, where a very worthwhile exchange of views has taken place. It is the hope of the ALSA that all law students will take cognizance of the important job the association is performing, and that each and everyone will take advantage of the benefits offered.

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