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REPORT OF BILL OF RIGHTS COMMITTEE

The sole project undertaken by the Bill of Rights Committee was an attempt to promote Law Day on May 1, 1962. A form letter was circulated to all county bar associations requesting that some recognition be given to Law Day.

Governor Gage proclaimed May 1, 1962 as Law Day by official proclamation. It is believed that other municipalities of the State gave recognition to Law Day by proclamation. Whether other ceremonies were undertaken by local Bar Associations is unknown.

Respectfully submitted.
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COLLEGE OF LAW

DEAN'S ANNUAL REPORTS – 1961-1962

INTRODUCTION

The College of Law continued its main functions of training students for professional responsibility as attorneys and public servants and of serving the State as the center of legal research and continuing legal education. There were few changes; the school proceeded smoothly after the substantial changes in faculty and curriculum of last year.

The College was inspected by a representative of the American Bar Association, and its major activities can best be summarized as reflected in the report of the evaluator. The curriculum was found to be a "sound program," "well adapted to assure the graduates of this law school will have had the type of training necessary to equip them to solve the problems which they are likely to face at the outset of their legal careers." The regular courses were supplemented by lectures on legal and medico-legal topics and by the participation of eminent state and federal judges in the Moot Court program. The faculty's productivity in research and writing was called "impressive," justified by the many writings, articles, reports and speeches made during the year. The faculty's "excellent record of service" to the State and the profession was evidenced by its Continuing Legal Education Institute on Corporations, held for the lawyers of the state at Casper by committee assignments in the Association of American Law Schools, the Conference of Western Law Schools, the American Bar Association, the Wyoming State Bar, the Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee, the Wyoming Statute Revision Commission, and by reports to the State, the Bar, and even the State of Alaska, recommending needed improvement in the law and in the administration of justice. The final conclusion of the report, that the College "is in a very real sense an excellent small law school serving a very useful purpose," also contains

suggestions for future improvement and growth, which are being studied and will be put into effect as soon as the need arises and resources are available.

STUDENTS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The College of Law graduated eleven new lawyers in the class of 1962. Two of these went to other states and nine were candidates for admission to the Bar in Wyoming. Three first year law students received the pre-legal degree of Bachelor of Science in Law. The College had 59 regular students, and part-time students and students from other colleges raised the total to 69 persons who received instruction in law classes.

Student activities included the publication of Volume 16 of the Wyoming Law Journal, which contained numerous articles by professors, members of the Bar, and students, on topics of interest to the legal profession, and the proceedings of the annual meeting of the State Bar. Senior students received intensive training in the actual practice of law, handling office problems in the course in Legal Skills and Problems, presenting and defending mock lawsuits from actual cases in Judge Vernon Bentley's Moot Court, and participating in arguments before appellate courts on which sat Mr. Justice Leonard V. B. Sutton of the Supreme Court of Colorado, Mr. Justice Glenn Parker of the Wyoming Supreme Court, and Circuit Judge John C. Pickett of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Representatives of the student body attended the regional meeting of the American Law Students Association and the annual meeting at San Francisco held in conjunction with the American Bar Association. The Potter Law Club was active, not only as a social organization, but also in rewriting the code for the Honor System and in bringing speakers of renown before the student body. Lectures appearing under their auspices or those of the College of Law were Dr. W. N. Karn, Jr., Director of the Wyoming State Hospital, Mr. Justice Glenn Parker, Mr. Ellis Champlin of the West Publishing Company, and attorneys Gordon Davis, Esq., of Laramie and Jerald Hand, Esq., of Casper.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

The faculty continued its interest and activity in the field of legal research and writing and in professional activities. Four members of the staff attended the annual meeting of the Wyoming State Bar at Casper. Dean Frank J. Trelease and Professor Roy Stoddard, Jr. attended the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools at Chicago and the Conference of Western Law Schools at Tuscon, Arizona, Dean Trelease went to San Francisco to attend the American Bar Association. The Wyoming Law Journal carried articles by Professor E. George Rudolph on the Wyoming Business Corporation Act, Professor Harold S. Bloomenthal on taxation of mineral interests, and Professor Joseph R. Geraud on Wyoming's mental health laws. Dean Trelease published an article

on water law and economics in the *Journal of Farm Economics*, Professor Bloomenthal wrote a chapter for the "American Law of Mining" on the taxation of mineral interests. He submitted a report on the Atomic Energy Commission's raw materials program to the American Bar Association's Mineral and Natural Resources Law Section, and Dean Trelease submitted a report to the Water Law Committee of that Section. Professor Geraud wrote the 1961 Supplement to the Oil and Gas title of "The American Law of Property" and continued as Reporter of recent cases to the Oil and Gas Reporter. Librarian George E. Trowsdale received his A.B. degree from the University of Wyoming, a life certificate as Certified Librarian, and became a charter member of the American Association of Law Libraries. Over 1000 books were added to the library, bringing the total up to 28,360. Dean Trelease received the degree of Doctor of the Science of Jurisprudence from the University of Wisconsin and taught the course in Natural Resources Law at the University of Washington's summer school in Seattle.

SERVICES TO THE STATE AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION

This year the College of Law held the annual Institute in its Continuing Legal Education series at Casper. The College brought speakers from San Francisco, Denver and Salt Lake City to present an Institute on Corporation Law and Practice. Professors Rudolph and Bloomenthal not only planned and made arrangements for the Institute, but also spoke on aspects of corporation law. Professor Geraud spoke on state leasing laws for oil and gas at the annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute at Albuquerque. Professor Stoddard spoke on methods of teaching the Uniform Commercial Code at the Conference of Western Law Schools at Tucson.

In many other ways members of the staff of the College served the legal profession. Dean Trelease was invited by the State of Alaska to travel extensively through that state surveying its need for water law, and submitted to the Legislature a proposed comprehensive Water Code covering all aspects of the appropriation, use, quality, conservation, disposal and control of water in Alaska, and administrative and institutional arrangements needed for such control. Professor John O. Rames taught the course in School Law in the summer session and continued to serve on the Wyoming Statutes Revision Commission and the Laramie Zoning Adjustment Board. He served as chief author and editor of the Law School News. Professor Bloomenthal spoke to the Wyoming Judicial Conference on appeals from administrative agencies. Dean Trelease continued as Chairman of the Wyoming Supreme Court's Rules Advisory Committee. Professor Stoddard completed his study of Workmen's Compensation for the Wyoming Legislative Research Commission, and worked with the Wyoming State Bar's Special Committee on Uniform Jury Instructions.

OPERATION FOR 1962-63

During the next year there will be several faculty changes. Dean Trelease will be on leave during the academic year to serve as visiting

professor at the University of Chicago School of Law, where he will teach Torts and Water Law. Professor Bloomenthal will visit Duke University to teach there during the second semester. Mr. Trowsdale has resigned as law librarian and will become College Librarian at Loyola College, Montreal, Canada. Professor Stoddard resigned to return to the practice of law in Iowa.

Professor Rudolph will serve as Associate Dean during the year. Three visiting professors will round out the faculty. Dellas W. Lee, LL.B., University of British Columbia, LL.M., University of Illinois, has done graduate study on the Uniform Commercial Code and will teach the course in Commercial Law, among others. Mr. J. Wotten Pearce, B.S. and LL.B., Georgetown University, who practiced in Virginia and served with the Securities & Exchange Commission, will teach Corporations and Procedure. Mr. George W. Hopper, A.B., Sewanee College, LL.B., University of Wyoming, who has been with the Securities & Exchange Commission in Denver, will take over Mr. Bloomenthal's courses in Contracts and Advanced Corporations in the spring semester. Mrs. Catherine M. Mealey, B.A., M.A., J.D. from State University of Iowa, M.L.L., University of Washington, joins the faculty as Assistant Professor and Law Librarian. She will direct the Legal Research and Writing courses.

REPORT OF NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

September 8, 1962

The Necrology Committee of the Wyoming State Bar Association regrets to report that seven respected members of the Wyoming State Bar have passed on to a higher jurisdiction.

Frank A. Barrett, Harold H. Healy, Noel Morgan, Walter A. Muir, Tom Rickard, Keith Thomson and R. Dwight Wallace cannot be present in person at this meeting, but they will be long remembered by those present here, either as close friends, respected acquaintances or worthy opponents.

FRANK A. BARRETT

Frank A. Barrett was born on a small farm in what is now part of the City of Omaha, Nebraska, on November 19, 1892. He was one of eight children of Patrick and Elizabeth Cullen Barrett, who moved westward to Nebraska from Pennsylvania. Both of the parents of Frank A. Barrett were school teachers. He received his degree of bachelor of arts and bachelor of law from Creighton University in 1916. Immediately thereafter (due to the outbreak of World War I) he abandoned his plans to set up a law practice and entered the now disbanded balloon corps of the United States Air Force, serving his country in that capacity for 17 months. Married in 1919 to his childhood sweetheart by Father Flanagan, the