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The Report of the School of Law
July 1, 1966 - June 30, 1967
Thomas W. Christopher, Dean

I. General School Information

1. Significant Achievements

Enrollment in the fall of 1966 was 163, as compared to 144 for the previous fall, and 98 in the fall of 1964. The freshman class had 69 students, of whom 26 were from other states. Thirteen of the 69 were suspended in February or June for academic reasons. Standards for admission are being gradually raised.

The faculty continued to break records in research. In 1965-66, eight of nine had publications. This past year, eleven of eleven had publications with a total of 37 items being published, including one casebook (Christopher), four text or form books (Hart, Kanowitz), chapters in four books (Ellis, Utton, Weihofen), and 21 law review articles. In addition, several articles are awaiting publication, and several items are in the form of published papers. This is an outstanding, unbelievable record, and it demonstrates both that the school has a superior faculty and that the careful efforts of the school to encourage and support research are bearing fruit.

The program for Continuing Legal Education for the Bar was carried forward, with two institutes being held in Albuquerque -- one in the fall on the Uniform Commercial Code, and one in the spring on medico-legal problems. In addition, in line with our
objective of serving the Bar over the state, an institute on anatomy was held in Alamogordo on March 10-11, 1967. All these institutes were held in cooperation with local or state Bar associations. Professor Ingram was in charge of these activities.

The Institute of Public Law and Services was formally established on July 1, 1967, although it had been in de facto existence for more than a year. The Institute worked with the State Constitutional Revision Commission in the summer and fall of 1966, with six law professors doing research for the Commission; the school received a grant of more than $8,000 for this purpose. Mr. Raymond Sawyer was appointed director of the Institute on July 1, 1967. The purpose of the Institute is to serve state and local governmental units in various ways, and it should be an important part of the school's development.

The law students continued to participate in legal aid work with the Albuquerque Legal Aid Society. Other law schools are now making headlines over such "new" activity, but this school was doing this ten years ago and it has pioneered in law school service to the community. Mr. Frank Dewey directs this program for the school. The students also conducted a release-on-recognizance program for the indigent, to provide for release of prisoners who are not financially able to obtain bond, another area in which this law school has pioneered.
The Law Alumni Club was organized in 1965-66 and is beginning to function in normal fashion. A fund drive is now being organized. Efforts by the school to work more closely with alumni and the Bar have continued; the dean spends a fair amount of time on this effort.

A special program has been set up to encourage more Indians to study law. Under an O.E.O. grant, a group of eighteen Indian college students (11 seniors, 7 juniors) have participated in a workshop in the law school this summer, preparing them for law school. It is expected that up to eight of the seniors will enter law school this fall. Professor Fred Hart is in charge of this program. The law school plans to expand its interest in Indian problems.

The budget for 1966-67 represented an encouraging improvement over the previous year, and the Administration was generous in its efforts to meet the financial needs of the law school. It is hoped that within three or four years the budget will reach the necessary level for a quality professional school.

The Natural Resources Journal, the school's law review, is now published on a quarterly basis. Under the direction of Professor Utton, it has achieved a world-wide circulation and is increasing in reputation.
The school did only a fair job as compared to what it aspires to do in rendering service to the campus and the lay community. But what it did do was of a high order. Professor Jerome Hall gave a lecture on legal philosophy to an audience of about 100. This lecture was aimed at the person learned in philosophy, and it succeeded in this regard, as shown by the remark overheard from a law student leaving the hall: "Tomorrow the lecture will be in English." Professor Selinger conducted a panel discussion in May of a new book ("Limits of American Capitalism," by Heilbroner) which was sparcely attended, but the discussion was interesting and provocative, and we plan to continue such reviews. Several members of the law faculty served on University committees, and several made talks to lay groups.

2. Significant Needs

(A.) Continued budget increases similar to those received for the 1966-67 fiscal year are needed for several years. Among the needs are: library book budget; salaries for professionals in the library; additional research funds; additional administrative staff.

(B.) Outside funds for scholarships. The school needs a million dollar endowment for this purpose.


(D.) A more attractive fringe benefit program for faculty.
(E.) Facilities for continuing legal education, and for other non-teaching activities such as service to government and the community.

(F.) Time and luck.

3. Faculty Information

Professor Jerome Hall of the University of Indiana, a world-renown scholar in criminal law and jurisprudence, was a visiting professor in the second semester.

Professor Henry Weihofen was on sabbatical leave in the second semester.

Associate professor Alan Liker was on leave for 1966-67, visiting at UCLA. He resigned in the spring (June 30, 1967) to enter private practice.

Professor Verle R. Seed, who was the last of the original law faculty, died on May 21, 1967.

Associate professor Denny Ingram will be on leave for 1967-68, visiting at the University of Utah.

Mr. Frank Dewey joined the law faculty on September 1, 1966, as Director of Legal Services (legal aid program).

Four people joined the faculty for 1967-68. Associate professor Robert Barnett (September 1, 1967) comes from the University of Miami law faculty. Assistant professor Robert Walker (September 1, 1967) is fresh from the Harvard Law School Graduate Program.
Assistant professor Robert Desiderio (September 1, 1967) is a graduate of Boston College School of Law, and spent last year in government service. Mr. Raymond Sawyer (July 1, 1967), recently retired after a distinguished career as a government attorney, will be in charge of the Institute of Public Law and Services. The school's success in recruiting for the past two years is most encouraging, as we have obtained top choices in every case.

Eight members of the faculty attended legal meetings during the year, and several made speeches or gave papers to various groups.

The stability of the faculty over the past two years is worthy of comment. With so able a group, the school will lose a man occasionally, but so far fortune has smiled in this respect. Two factors in this stability doubtless have been the resources and climate here for research, and the feeling that the University is actively interested in having an outstanding law school.

4. Finally

It has been a reasonably good year, with much groundwork being laid for the development of a remarkable law school. The problems and risks are still substantial as the school has just begun to move toward stability and solid progress, but, with strong University support, the prospects are promising.
Part II

Composite of Information Requested on Individual Biographical Supplements

1. Advanced Study

Kanowitz, Leo

Received LL.M. degree from Columbia University, February 22, 1967.

2. Sabbaticals, Leaves of Absence, Summer Teaching Elsewhere

Weihofen, Henry

Sabbatical leave, second semester.

Liker, Alan


3. New Scholastic Honors, Fellowships, Etc.

4. Publications

Christopher, Thomas W.

A Comment on Spendthrift Trusts. 39 Univ. of Colorado Law Review 297 (1967).
A New Kind of Lawyer. 28 Alabama Lawyer 104 (1967).

Ellis, Willis H.


Fink, Myron

Hall, Jerome


Hart, Frederick M.

Supplements to Forms and Procedures under the U.C.C. and U.C.C. Reporter-Digest, both books published by Matthew Bender & Co.
Book Review, Duesenberg & King, Sales under the U.C.C., 53 A.B.A. Journal 558 (1967).

Ingram, Denny O. Jr.

Two other articles completed and accepted for publication but not yet printed.

Kanowitz, Leo


Selinger, Carl M.

A Proposed Local Government Article, with Commentaries, 98 pages. (Completed 1966; to be published shortly by the New Mexico State Constitutional Revision Commission).
"The Citizen and Taxpayer and His State University", submitted for publication in the June-July issue of the University of New Mexico Alumnus, 1967.

Sharp, Malcolm


Utton, Albert E.


Weihofen, Henry

Chapter on "Testimonial Competence and Credibility", in Personal Injury Annual, 1966, Matthew Bender & Co.
5. Other Research Projects in Progress

Ellis, Willis H.

Legal Problems of Pecos River Valley in New Mexico
(sponsored by New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute at New Mexico State University).
Chapter on "Drainage" for Vol. IV of Water and Water Rights (ed. by Robert Emmett Clark).

Fink, Myron

A list of holdings on "state constitutional revision" in Zimmerman Library and the Law Library is being prepared.

Hart, Frederick M.

Director: Criterion Study for the Law School Admission Test Council (to be completed during fall of 1967).
Project Director: Special Scholarship Program for American Indian Law Students.
Chairman: Association of American Law Schools Committee on Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy (1967-69).

Ingram, Denny O. Jr.

Research for the Constitutional Revision Commission, State of New Mexico. 151 page report resulted.
Research for National Association of Contractors Licensing Boards. This research is still in progress and anticipates a model act—99% of the work is to be done in July, 1967.

Kanowitz, Leo

Two additional articles on Sex-Based Discrimination in American Law have been accepted for publication by St. Louis U.L.J. Two others are being written.
Now working (principally during summers) on a new book for the California Continuing Education of the Bar, entitled California Community Property Practice, to be completed by September, 1968.

Selinger, Carl M.

Current research: A series of three articles on contemporary problems of the legal profession. First article deals with possibilities of division of legal education and of the legal profession. Second article considers the root of ethical problems linked with personal injury litigation. Third article discusses how a system of specialization and referral can be built in the legal profession. 100 manuscript pages completed.

Utton, Albert E.


Research in progress: "Off-shore Claims and Problems in the North Sea".

6. Activities in Learned and Professional Societies

Christopher, Thomas W.

Attended various professional meetings, including AALS, ABA, ALI.
Dewey, Frank Lenington

Attended annual meetings of: National Legal Aid and

Ellis, Willis H.

Speaker at Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute in Denver, July 15, 1967, on "Water Rights: What Are They and How They Are Created".

Trustee—Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation.

Fink, Myron


Hart, Frederick M.


Attended meeting of Law School Admission Test Council, June, 1966 and June, 1967.

Member, Committee on Research and Development of Law School Admission Test Council.

Chairman, Committee on Creditors' Rights Committee of AALS.

Ingram, Denny O. Jr.

Acquired membership in the State Bar of New Mexico.
Became member of AAUP.
Administrative participant in two Continuing Legal Education programs.
Appointed to various State Bar of New Mexico committees.
Served on various committees of State Bar of Texas.
Served as member of one subcommittee of American Bar Association.

Kanowitz, Leo


Seed, Verle R.

Attended Institute in Mineral and Public Land Law,

Selinger, Carl M.

UNM delegate, Convocation on the American University,
Los Angeles, 1966.
President, UNM Chapter, AAUP.

Utton, Albert E.

Association of American Law Schools Convention,
U.C.O.W.R., delegate from UNM.
Phi Kappa Phi, served as Vice President, 1966-67, elected President, 1967-68.

Weihofen, Henry


Member, Criminal Law Committee, Albuquerque Bar Association.

Member, Publications Committee, Albuquerque Bar Association.

7. Other Professional Activities

Christopher, Thomas W.

Several off-campus talks, including one to Alabama Bar Association.

Hall, Jerome

Public lecture at UNM on April 20, 1967.

Two lectures at University of Kentucky on April 17, 1967, one a seminar on Sociology of Law and one a lecture on Jurisprudence.

Hart, Frederick M.

Presented papers to:

Florida Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education course on U.C.C., 1966.


University of Texas Institute on U.C.C., 1966.

Ingram, Denny O. Jr.

Selected as a principal speaker at University of Texas Tax Institute, Austin, Texas, to be held in October, 1967.

Wrote monograph on New Mexico Wills and Estates, 24 pages.

Kanowitz, Leo

Appeared on two 1/2 hour television broadcasts (KNME, Albuquerque) on "Women and the Law."

Addressed conference sponsored by UWCA on "Women and the Law."

Consultant on federal contract to study relationship between state and federal administrative practices in the area of labor law.

Selinger, Carl M.

"The Citizen and Taxpayer and His State University," talk given to First Unitarian Church, Albuquerque, 1967; submitted for publication, June-July issue of the UNM Alumnus.


Consultant, Albuquerque Bar - E.O.B. Joint Committee to Review Legal Assistance (1966 to date).

Utton, Albert E.

Inter-Tribal Management School, UNM, July and August, 1966, taught course in "Contracts".

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KNME-TV, KOB-TV, "British Entry into the Common Market", May 18, 19, and 21, 1967.

Weihofen, Henry


"The Law in Relation to Medical Records", before Conference on Medical Records of Mental Retardation Institutions, Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education, Salt Lake City, Utah, Mar. 13-14, 1967.

"Mental Incompetency to Practice Pharmacy", before the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 8-10, 1967.


KNME program on Alcoholism, April 20, 1967.

Teaching Consultant, Metropolitan State Hospital,
Patton State Hospital, Mendocino State Hospital,
California, May 31-June 4, 1967.

Conference on Legal Research, Walter E. Meyer Research
Institute of Law, Washington, D. C., April 7-8, 1967.

Conference on Social Work Education, Santa Fe, New
Mexico, December 1-2, 1966.

Annual meeting, National Association for Mental Health,

Meeting of National Board, National Association for
Mental Health, Detroit, Michigan, May 6-8, 1967.

Ad Hoc Committee on Services to Prisoners with Mental
Problems, State of New Mexico.

Committee on Teaching Law to Undergraduates, Association
of American Law Schools.

Committee on Supreme Court Decisions, Association of
American Law Schools.

8. Non-Teaching University Service

Christopher, Thomas W.

Administrative Committee and Committee on Entrance and Credits.

Ellis, Willis H.

Insurance and Retirement Committee.
Law School Curriculum Committee (Chairman).

Fink, Myron

University Library Committee.

Law School Building and Library Committees.

Hart, Frederick M.

Admissions Committee of Law School (Chairman)

Curriculum Committee.

Moot Court Committee and National Moot Court Team Advisor.

Director, Special Scholarship Program in Law for American Indians.

Ingram, Denny O., Jr.

Law School Committees: Continuing Legal Education,

Curriculum, Moot Court, Honor Code, Visitors.

Kanowitz, Leo

Law Faculty secretary.

Faculty advisor on First Year Moot Court program.

Selinger, Carl M.

Faculty Policy Committee.

"Introduction to Contemporary American Thought,"

experimental freshman course for fall 1967.

Committee on the University.

Screening Committee for Academic Vice President.

Administrator, Law Seminar - General Honors Program.

Chairman of Library Committee, 1965-66.
Sharp, Malcolm

Policy Committee (substitute for Mr. Weihofen) - second semester.

Utton, Albert E.

Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee member.
Graduate Committee member.
Law School Building Committee member.
Law School Faculty Recruitment Committee, Chairman.
Law Scholarship and Loan Committee, Chairman.
"Combined Course" faculty advisor.
Editor-in-chief, Natural Resources Journal.

Weihofen, Henry

Chairman, Policy Committee, first semester.
Chairman, Presidential Selection Committee, second semester.
Member, Committee on Subjects of Human Research.

9. Public Service

Ingram, Denny O.

PTA, English Speaking Union.

Selinger, Carl M.

Coronado (University Employees) Credit Union, Vice President, 1966, Director 1965-68.
Various local television and radio programs.
Pieces in Albuquerque Journal.
Utton, Albert E.

Albuquerque Committee on Foreign Relations, Secretary-elect, 1967-68.

Coronado Monument Cultural Society, President.

Corrales Community Theater, Board of Directors.

New Mexico Committee of Lawyers for the President, State Chairman.

New Mexico Democratic Council, President.

Reapportionment Study Committee, member.

St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Vestryman and legal counsel.

Weihofen, Henry

Member, National Board of National Association for Mental Health.

Member, Board of Directors of CASA (Coordinated Action for Senior Adults).

Past President, Albuquerque Council on Alcoholism.