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The Report of the College of Law  
 July 1, 1955 - June 30, 1956  
 Alfred L. Gausewitz, Dean

1. SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE  
 ACADEMIC YEAR, 1955-56

(a) STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIP

The first-semester enrollment in the law school  
 dropped 4% in 1955-56 from the previous year, from 72 to 69.

Enrollment and Attrition, Year of 1955-56

Sem.	<u>Enrollment</u>		<u>Probation</u>		<u>Suspensions</u>		<u>Withdrawals in and drop-outs end of Sem. I*</u>	
	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II
1st year	32	22	12	3	1	2	11	---
2d year	21	22	4	2	0	1	4	---
3d year	16	15	0	0	0	0	0	---

\*Drop-outs at end of Semester II  
 cannot be figured until after  
 1956 fall registration.

Attrition, First-Year Classes

Most of our attrition is in the first-year class. We are for that and other reasons most concerned with our freshmen, although we also keep figures for our middle and senior laws. Since we include in the attrition tables those who fail to return the succeeding fall semester, the last class for which figures are available is the class that entered in 1954. The attrition in that class was 63%. This is 7% above the average of the preceding seven classes, a difference of only two students. But first-year attrition has fluctuated between 41% in 1947-48 and 70% in 1952-53, with similar fluctuations in the suspensions, withdrawals, and drop-out figures that go to make up the total first-year attrition. We are, therefore, able to discern no trend.

Graduating Class

The class of 1956 had 15 graduates. Their experience is shown in the following recapitulation:

Class of 1956: Recapitulation of All Three Years

Beginning students	23	
Transferred in from other law schools	6	
Returned after interruption	1	
Returned after suspension was changed to probation	1	
Net shifts in and out of the class	3	
Withdrew during semester	5	
Did not return although eligible to continue	6	
Suspended	7	
Did not graduate -- will probably shift to 1957	1	
L.L.B.'s granted (44% of candidates)	15	
	34	34

Demand for Graduates

At this date, July 30, all of the class of 1956 who are ready have found satisfactory locations or employment. One does not desire to make a decision until later, and one has not decided whether to take the bar examination or seek employment. Lawyers and other employers have been very cooperative in notifying the Dean of need. The Dean's office notifies the graduates of these opportunities, but has not set up any systematized organization or procedure beyond a file of written requests and written memoranda of oral requests. Some graduates find employment or locate without help from the Dean's office. Nevertheless, the Dean attempts to

be of service, and these efforts consume a substantial amount of time because of the personalized nature of the service, -- the desire to have the man fit the job and to make sure that a man does not refuse a job without being fully aware of its potentialities but upon such grounds as a reluctance to leave Albuquerque. We now have 147 alumni. Reports indicate that they are respected and successful.

(b) Loan Fund

During the past fiscal year the loan fund was augmented by \$2,517.00. This service has been better organized in that we drew up a set of regulations, appointed Professor Walden Administrator, and organized an administrative board of five, of whom three are faculty members and two, Mr. A. T. Seymour and Mr. Jackson Akin, are practicing attorneys.

The Hoshour Memorial Loan Fund was transformed from a loan fund to a scholarship fund, a fund to be invested and only the income used. Arrangements have been made to invest the unemployed loan funds also.

(c) Documentary film.

Professor Walden wrote and directed a successful film on a day in the law school, titled, "In Pursuit of the Law." This film was produced on television, accompanied by a script written and read by Professor Walden. This

movie, with script, was run for the prelegal students who attended our Prelaw Day Open House.

(d) Our 1956 Prelaw Day program was attended by 45 students who were considering entering the study of law. Our guests heard talks by the Dean and Dean Griswold, of the Harvard Law School, were taken on a tour of the building, were shown the documentary film produced by the College, and served refreshments in the student lounge.

(e) Our Orientation Day program, held on the morning of the first day of registration, was very successful, and the Student Bar Association is planning to make it an annual affair. The faculty is introduced, and the Student Bar Association officers informally brief the new students on what life is like in the law school.

(f) The law school continues its support and its utilization of The Legal Aid Society of Albuquerque for clinical experience. The case load of the Legal Aid office has increased to the point where an Assistant Counsel is needed. Senior students in the College serve a week each semester, a second-year student is employed for the summer months, and one student has volunteered her services for the past two summers. The Dean and Secretary are directors of the Society.

(g) The Law Alumni Association continued its support of the law school in various ways and had substantial

success in its part of the campaign to raise loan funds for the State Bar of New Mexico Law Student Loan Fund.

(h) This past year the adviser system has been strengthened and extended beyond the law school. The Dean through the cooperation of Dean Wynn, was able to interview all prelaw Arts and Sciences freshmen. He was careful not to intrude upon the Arts and Sciences advisement. The purpose was to learn how students get the idea of studying law and to interest those capable of it to continue with their plans. The Dean spoke at the Valley High Career Day.

(i) During the past year a study was made of the scholastic success of students with two, three, and four years of prelegal study. The question of requiring a four-year degree for admission to the law school is being studied.

(j) The Simms Memorial Lecture was held on April 13, 1956. Dean Erwin N. Griswold, of the Harvard Law School, was the speaker.

2. SIGNIFICANT PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM.

	<u>Project</u>	<u>Capital Needs</u>
(a)	Air conditioning	---
(b)	Lawn and landscaping	---
(c)	Library shelving	\$1,500 and \$300 annually thereafter
(d)	Lighting for bulletin boards	---

PLANS DEFERRED:

(a) Law Review. The law school believes that universal subscription by the bar is essential. The Bar Association doubts its power and the propriety of compelling subscriptions.

(b) Graduate Degree. The Curriculum Committee is not convinced that our library facilities and present and potential course offerings are yet adequate.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO STAFF

Mr. Charles Driscoll was appointed to the staff on September 1, 1955 as Visiting Associate Professor to replace Mr. Clark during Semester I, when Mr. Clark was on leave without pay. When Mr. Weihofen was invited to teach at the University of Pennsylvania the second semester, Mr. Driscoll was asked to remain to take over Mr. Weihofen's courses.

Mr. David H. Vernon was appointed to the staff on September 1, 1955 as Assistant Professor. Mr. Vernon received an A. B. (cum laude) and LL. B. from Harvard, and an LL.M. from New York University School of Law. He taught one year at the New York University School of Law and one year at the University of Houston College of Law. Mr. Vernon replaced Mr. Riggs, who was on a year's leave of absence without pay and who later resigned.

5. SEPARATIONS FROM STAFF

Mr. Edward G. Riggs requested, and was granted, a year's leave of absence during the academic year 1955-56. On October 28, 1955 he resigned.

6. PUBLICATIONS(a) Books and Monographs.

CLARK, ROBERT EMMET. Community of Property and the Family in New Mexico. Albuquerque: Division of Research, Department of Government, University of New Mexico, 1956. 51 p.

POLDERVAART, ARIE. Manual for Effective New Mexico Legal Research. Albuquerque: The University of New Mexico Press, 1955. 135 p.

(b) Articles

CLARK, ROBERT EMMET. "Another Community Property Anomaly," 11 Tax Law Review, (November 1955), p. 76.

GAUSEWITZ, ALFRED L. "Minnesota and the Uniform Rules of Evidence and Presumptions," Minnesota Law Review, Vol. 40 (March, 1956), pp. 391-411.

SEED, VERLE R. "The Implied Covenant in Oil and Gas Leases to Refrain from Depletory Acts," University of California, Los Angeles Law Review, (June 1956).

WEIHOFEN, HENRY. "Crime, Law and Psychiatry," 4 University of Kansas Law Review, 377 (1956).

WEIHOFEN, HENRY. "Procedure for Determining Defendant's Mental Condition under the American Law Institute's Model Penal Code," Temple Law Quarterly, (Spring, 1956).



(b) Articles - Continued

WEIHOFEN, HENRY. "Cross-Examining the Psychiatric Expert; A Study of Technique," (with M. S. Guttmacher) 20 Law Journal, 418 (1955).

WEIHOFEN, HENRY. "Crime, Law and Psychiatry," 25 New Mexico Quarterly 1 (1955).

(c) Reviews

GAUSEWITZ, ALFRED L. Review of E. M. Morgan, "Basic Problems of Evidence," Michigan Law Review, Vol. 53 (May 1955), pp. 1021-1026.

SEED, VERLE R. Review of Williams, Maxwell & Meyers, "Cases on Oil and Gas," University of California, Los Angeles, Law Review, (June 1956).

7. COMPLETED RESEARCH PROJECTS.  
(See also "Publications" above)

POLDERVAART, ARIE. New Mexico Justice of the Peace Practice Manual.

POLDERVAART, ARIE. General Practice Manual.

8. OUTSIDE-SPONSORED RESEARCH. None.9. OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIESCLARK, ROBERT EMMET.

Of counsel, Texas v. New Mexico and Rio Grande Arizona v. California (to which New Mexico is a party) cases pending in United States Supreme Court, in which New Mexico is represented by Fred E. Wilson, Special Assistant to the Attorney General in charge of water law problems.

9. OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - ContinuedGAUSEWITZ, ALFRED L.

Served as impartial arbitrator in labor disputes:

Arbitration Board Albuquerque Publishing Company v.  
Arbitration Board Albuquerque Typographical Union #304,  
May 13, 1955.

Local Lodge No. 794, International Association of  
Machinists v. ACF Industries, Inc., October 20, 1955.

Member, Personnel Security Board, Atomic Energy  
Commission.

Gratuitous consultations with various attorneys.

Member, Committee on Uniform Traffic Law, National  
Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Member, New Mexico Commission for Promotion of  
Uniformity of Legislation.

Lecturer, American Legion Boys' State, Roswell,  
New Mexico, June 3 and 4, 1956.

Speaker, dinner for Bar of 9th and 10th Districts,  
Tucumcari, New Mexico, May 15, 1956.

Board of Directors, Legal Aid Society of Albuquerque.

Career Counseling Broadcast, KOB, May 19, 1955.

Chairman, Woodrow Wilson Centennial Celebration in  
City of Albuquerque.

POLDERVAART, ARIE

Research study of New Mexico Employment Security  
Commission and Unemployment Compensation Act of  
New Mexico, Summer of 1955.

Editor-in-chief, 1955 Supplements to New Mexico  
Statutes Ann., 1953 Compilation.

9. OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - ContinuedROBINSON, MAGNUS E.

Speech to annual New Mexico Accounting Conference.

Speech to Beta Alpha, honorary accounting fraternity.

SEED, VERLE R.

Trustee, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation.

Represented University of New Mexico at dedication of law building, University of Illinois, April 1956.

VERNON, DAVID H.

Preparing report on the Uniform Commercial Code and the Commercial Law of New Mexico for the New Mexico Commission for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation.

WALDEN, JERROLD

Associate Counsel, Anti-trust Subcommittee, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, summer of 1955.

Assisted in appeal in The Matter of Rudolph Schware, State Supreme Court of New Mexico.

Wrote script for movie, "In Pursuit of the Law," shown over local television.

WEIHOFEN, HENRY

Isaac Ray Award of The American Psychiatric Association, 1955.

Lectures delivered at Kansas University, Ohio State University, Rutgers University, University of Maryland, Temple University, Boston College, Judge Advocate General School, United States Army.

9. OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - Continued

Weihofen, Henry, Continued

Member, Board of Directors, Bernalillo County  
Mental Health Society.

10. ACTIVITIES IN LEARNED AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

CLARK, ROBERT EMMET

Member, Association of American Law Schools Family  
Law Committee since 1950.

Member, American Bar Association Committee on  
Teaching International and Comparative Law since 1953.

GAUSEWITZ, ALFRED L.

Member, Committee on Racial Discrimination,  
Association of American Law Schools.

Member, Associate and Advisory Committee to the  
Standing Committee on Legal Aid Work for 1955-56,  
American Bar Association.

POLDERVAART, ARIE

President, UNM Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.  
Member, Committee on Committees, American Association  
of Law Libraries.

Member, State Bar Committee on Development of the  
Law School, 1955-56.

Chairman, Albuquerque Bar Association Committee  
on Continuing Legal Education, 1955-56.

Chairman, Albuquerque Lawyers' Club Committee on  
Legislation, 1955-56.

WEIHOFEN, HENRY

Committee on Law and Psychology, Association of  
American Law Schools, 1955.

Criminal Law Round Table Council, 1956.

11. IMPORTANT STUDY AND TRAVELCLARK, ROBERT EMMET

Sterling Fellow, Yale Law School, 1955-56.

ROBINSON, MAGNUS E.

Attended Graduate School, New York University,  
summer of 1955.

SEED, VERLE R.

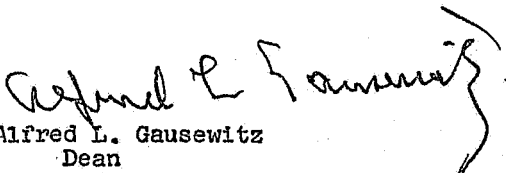
Visited law schools and courts in British Isles  
during sabbatical leave, spring and summer of 1955.

WALDEN, JERROLD

Work in revision of doctoral thesis.

12. GIFTS

A plaque was erected by the faculty associates  
of Professor Joseph W. Meek, called the Joseph W. Meek  
Memorial Plaque of Honor Graduates, on which is inscribed  
the name of the top-standing student in each graduating  
class.

  
Alfred L. Gausewitz  
Dean

July 30, 1956