

DEAN'S REPORT

REPORT OF THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1959-1960

The President
University of the Philippines
Diliman, Quezon City

Sir:

The undersigned has to submit the following report on the operation and activities of the College of Law during the academic year 1959-1960:

I

STUDENTS

A. *Enrollment:*

1. *Undergraduate department:*

The enrollment of the College during the academic year subject of this report shows a further decrease in enrollment, a trend already noted in last year's report. A comparison of the enrollment figures for the academic years 1958-1959 and 1959-1960, is set forth below:

	<i>First Semester</i>		<i>Second Semester</i>	
	<i>1958-1959</i>	<i>1959-1960</i>	<i>1958-1959</i>	<i>1959-1960</i>
First year	214	196	164	136
Second year	148	136	143	115
Third year	176	133	163	130
Fourth year	129	162	133	159
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Women students	136	129	120	107
Summer Classes	136	119		

2. Graduate department:

a. Manila Classes:

The graduate department of the College opened during the first semester of the academic year 1959-1960, with an initial enrollment of 3 students. This number increased to 5 during the second semester.

b. Davao Classes:

The College of Law was one of the units which participated in the 1960 Summer Regional Program of the University.

The courses, namely, Trusts and World Organization, were offered and personally handled by the undersigned in Davao City. In both these courses 21 students registered.

The receptiveness of the profession to the program, at least, in Mindanao, is attested by the fact that a formal request for the offer of similar courses in Cagayan de Oro City has already been made with the undersigned.

3. Pre-Bar Review Courses:

The continuing decrease in enrollment in the regular Pre-Bar Review Course, which, last year dropped to as low as 51, and which threatened the continuance of the course itself, has at last been arrested—so at least it is hoped. This year, enrollment went up to 115, notwithstanding the fact that classes were held in Diliman. This happy reversal of the decreasing trend in enrollment in this course may be attributed to the addition of two new members in the review staff, namely, Judge Carmelino Alvendia and Commissioner Gaudencio Garcia, both formerly of the regular faculty of the College.

For a better appreciation of this favorable result, the enrollment figures for the last three years are set forth below:

1958	1959	1960
82	51	115

B. Scholarship:

1. Comparative scholarship and delinquency figures:

	First Semester		Second Semester	
	1958-1959	1959-1960	1958-1959	1959-1960
University Scholars	3	1	2	1
College Scholars	7	8	4	15
Students dismissed	48	49	43	45

2. *Law Golden Jubilee Scholarships:*

Beginning with the second semester of the academic year 1959-1960, the U.P. Law Alumni Association through individual donors, initiated a program to grant scholarships to deserving and needy students, in the form of financial aid in amounts sufficient to cover full tuition fees for one semester during the first year of its offer, and for two semesters, during succeeding years. To qualify for these scholarships, a student must be in good standing, must have an average of at least "2" for all the law subjects taken during the preceding semester and must be "in financial need". Applicants whose financial needs are greatest are given preference to those better situated financially, although with better academic records.

The first donors of the scholarships were Regent Gonzalo W. Gonzalez, who financed two scholarships, and Dean Deogracias T. Reyes, who financed a third. The scholarships donated by the former were named "Yale-Club-Law Golden Jubilee Scholarships", and the one by the latter, simply as "D. T. Reyes Scholarship". The first recipients were Magdangal B. Elma, Samilo N. Barlongay and Elizabeth R. Tan.

Since then other alumni have indicated their desire to donate funds for additional scholarships. Among these are:

1. Minister Emilio Abello
2. Secretary Pablo Lorenzo
3. Senator Ambrosio Padilla
4. Atty. Carmen Planas
5. Mr. Emerito Ramos
6. Justice Alex B. Reyes
7. Atty. Pablo Roman

C. *Graduates:*

The College graduated 121 with the degree of bachelor of laws, and 25 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Jurisprudence, during the University's 46th Commencement Exercises. Of the candidates for LL.B. only one, Mr. Rogelio A. Vinluan, graduated cum laude. None of the candidates for B.S.J. won any honors.

D. *Law Summer Classes (1959 Summer Term):*

1. *Undergraduate courses:*

During the 1960 summer term, a total of eight undergraduate courses were offered, which were handled by the faculty members named below, as follows:

Civil Law 2	Prof. Bienvenido C. Ambion
Commercial Law 2	Prof. Angel C. Cruz
Commercial Law 4	Prof. Jose C. Laureta
Conflict of Laws	Prof. Bienvenido C. Ambion
Labor and Tenancy Law	Prof. Perfecto V. Fernandez
Land Titles and Deeds	Prof. Francisco Ventura
Political Law 2	Prof. Troadio T. Quiazon Jr.
Procedure 2	Prof. Carlos A. Barrios

2. Graduate courses:

a. Manila:

Only one graduate course, namely, Contemporary Legal Problems, was offered, which was handled also by Prof. Bienvenido C. Ambion.

b. Davao:

As already mentioned earlier (see p. 994, *supra*) two graduate courses were offered by the undersigned in Davao last summer term as part of the University's newly inaugurated Summer Regional Program.

E. 1960 Pre-Bar Review Courses:

This year's annual Pre-Bar Review course started on April 21 and will end July 24, to be resumed and finally completed with the pre-week sessions. The review courses this year are being handled by the following:

Judge Carmelino Alvendia	Commercial Law
Prof. Crispin Baizas	Civil Law
Prof. Antonio Barredo	Remedial Law
Commissioner Gaudencio Garcia .	Political Law
	International Law
Judge Arsenio Solidum	Criminal Law
Prof. Francisco Ventura	Legal Ethics and Practical Exercises
	Land Registration and Mortgages

F. Bar Examination Results of 1958:

As in the bar examination of 1957, the certified candidates of the College failed to register a 100% passing percentage. However, taking into account the quality of the bar examinations being given lately, the performance of the group which took the 1958 bar examinations may be rightfully rated as an achievement for two reasons:

Firstly: 85 of the 95 certified candidates passed, or a record of failures of only 10 candidates compared to 31 in the case of the group which took the 1957 examinations. This gave the College a passing percentage of 90%, which is unquestionably a marked improvement over the 73.6% obtained in 1957.

Secondly, whereas only 3 places of the first ten were garnered by the 1957 group, the 1958 group took a total of 6 places, as follows:

1. Lorenzo G. Timbol	88.75%	(2nd place)
2. Amado A. Bulaong	88.45%	(3rd place)
3. Romulo M. Villa	88.05%	(5th place)
4. Ismael C. Khan	87.95%	(6th place)
5. Nelly A. Favis	87.5%	(7th place)
6. Efren Gutierrez	87.4%	(8th place)

G. *Counselling service:*

As has always been the case, the task of counselling the students, not only on their academic problems, but on all matters regarding which they desired assistance, was discharged by the Dean and Secretary of the College.

II

FACULTY

A. *Changes:*

(1) *Resignations:*

On March 31, 1960 Mr. Augusto E. Villarín resigned both as Instructor and Secretary of the College.

(2) *New appointments:*

(a) Mr. Jose C. Laureta, was appointed Instructor and Secretary of the College, vice Mr. Augusto E. Villarín effective April 1, 1960, and

(b) Mr. Perfecto V. Fernandez, as Lecturer with a salary of ₱7.00 per lecture hour, and ₱40.00 for each final examination, effective upon entrance to duty which was April 21, 1960.

B. *Research:*

The problem of lack of adequate time due to heavy academic load requirements continues to hamper more productive research on the part of the faculty notwithstanding constant encouragement from the undersigned. Thus, of the research projects reported as still in progress in last year's report, only one has been completed so far, namely, the revision and expansion work done by Prof. Irene R. Cortes on a previous text on local government and administrative law. Also, the materials for a textbook on Philippine Insurance Law prepared by Profs. Jose C. Campos, Jr. and Maria Clara A. Lopez-Campos, has finally been completed and is now ready for printing.

Those still pending completion are the following:

- (1) Prof. Juan F. Rivera—work on legal history materials.
- (2) Prof. Sulpicio Guevara—work on materials for a book on Insurance Law.
- (3) Prof. Bienvenido C. Ambion—work on extra-contractual obligations.
- (4) Prof. Ramon C. Aquino—work on systematic and orderly statement of the decisional rules concerning provisions of the Revised Penal Code, including comments and historical notes on provisions.

It may be stated in this connection that by memorandum to the faculty dated January 19, 1959, the undersigned urged compliance "with then Dean Sinco's memorandum of August 30, 1954 that the faculty produce textbooks. This is especially relevant in those cases where course outlines have already been prepared and are being used."

III

CURRICULUM

A. *Changes:*

No major changes were effected on the newly revised law curriculum which was put into effect only during the academic year 1958-1959. However, the following minor revisions were thought important:

(1) *Increase in the number of units of Legal and Judicial Ethics from 1 to 2*, it being the experience of the faculty that the number of hours corresponding to 1 unit is very inadequate, in view of the volume of the necessary materials for the course.

(2) *Shift of positions of Legal and Judicial Ethics, Welfare Legislation and Business Association in the curriculum in the following manner:*

Legal and Judicial Ethics to the fourth year, second semester, in place of Business Association;

Business Associations to the fourth year, first semester, in place of Welfare Legislation; and

Welfare Legislation to the third year, second semester.

Due to the nature of the course content of Legal and Judicial Ethics, and the fact that the course involves many questions of procedure, it was thought best that it be given during the 2nd semester of the senior year, after the students will have finished the basic courses in procedure. Furthermore, being a bar subject, it would be most practical to have it taught in the 4th year.

Welfare Legislation was transferred to the third year, second semester, so that it may follow immediately after Labor and Tenancy Laws to which it is closely related.

(3) *Increase in number of units of Civil Law 6 (Extra-Contractual Obligations and Damages)*, from only 2 units to 3 units, in view of the expansion and broadening of its scope under the revised curriculum.

All the foregoing changes were approved by the University Council on April 11, 1960.

B. *Scholarship rules:*

As in the past, the College has always observed and implemented its own special rules of scholarship, as well as those of the University.

IV

EXTENSION AND RESOURCE WORK

A. *Assistance to Congress:*

Upon the request of Congressman Faustino Dugenio of the Committee on Revision of Laws of the House of Representatives, extensive comments on the proposed Code of Crimes were prepared by Professors Bienvenido C. Ambion and Ramon C. Aquino, and submitted to that Committee. The undersigned also appeared before the Committee of Congressman Nicanor Yñiguez to give his views on the bill proposing to revise our Naturalization Law.

B. *Other Extra-Curricular Activities:*

1. During the year the following activities were had:

Opening Convocation	June 13, 1959
General Elections	June 24, 1959
Law Student Government Organization Meeting ...	June 27, 1959
Order of the Purple Feather Organization Meeting ..	June 18, 1959
Freshman Debut	July 26, 1959
Sophomore Pow-wow	Aug. 22, 1959
Law Symposium	Oct. 3, 1959
Special Convocation (awarding of U.P. Law Alumni Scholarship	Nov. 24, 1959
Annual Law Debate (Diliman Team, winner)	Nov. 25, 1959
Junior Shindig	Dec. 21, 1959
Law Oratorical Contest (Asuncion T. Yatco, winner)	Mar. 18, 1960
Alumni Reunion and Graduation Program	April 16, 1960

2. Law "Christmas Package Drive"

Deserving of special mention is the "Christmas Package Drive" sponsored by the Law Student Government from November 23 to December 23, 1959. This project is easily the most significant single extra curricular activity undertaken last year. The drive was made a competition among the different classes, including the Law Evening Department which was considered as a single unit.

The project was carried out in the following manner:

a) Faculty and students contributed old clothings, shoes, and other wearing apparel, foodstuffs, and other miscellaneous items, each of which were assigned points.

b) The points given for every item donated were credited to the class to which the student belonged and the number of points so credited were indicated daily in a chart posted in a conspicuous place, and finally totalled at the end of the drive.

The drive resulted in the collection of foodstuffs amounting to 9 cavans of rice, 11 cases of milk, 86 boxes and bags of sugar, a case of soap, etc., and more than 600 pieces of used clothes.

Miss Marina G. Dayrit, the Law Librarian with the assistance of the Presidents of the different classes acted as custodian of the donated items. These were later on distributed to deserving and needy laborers thru the University Health Service.

The drive was capped with a Christmas Program held on December 23, 1959, at which the awards were distributed.

The Sophomore Class Organization won the first prize for garnering the highest number of points. The Law Evening Department was the highest donor of foodstuffs.

3. *Periodic convocations*, at which alumni and visitors who have distinguished themselves in various fields are invited to speak, have by now become firmly established as part of the regular school year activities of the College. Last year's share of such speakers are the following:

Judge Cecilia Muñoz-Palma	June 26, 1959
Mr. George Bilainkin	July 8, 1959
Congressman Leonardo B. Perez	July 25, 1959
Senator Emmanuel Pelaez	Aug. 18, 1959
Prof. Stefan A. Riesenfeld	Aug. 26, 1959
Dr. Jacob Schenkman	Sept. 10, 1959
Congressman Sergio Osmeña, Jr.	Sept. 19, 1959
Commissioner Gaudencio Garcia	Dec. 5, 1959
Mayor Arsenio H. Lacson	Dec. 19, 1959

Senator Mariano Jesus Cuenco	Jan. 30, 1960
Prof. Myres McDougal	Feb. 19, 1960
Senator Ferdinand Marcos	Feb. 27, 1960
Mr. Glenn R. Winters	Mar. 21, 1960

4. *Publications:*

a. *Philippine Law Journal:*

The further decrease in enrollment, which necessarily resulted in a corresponding decrease in the income derived from student subscriptions prevented a return to a six-issue journal. Last year, as before, Volume XXXIV, which corresponds to 1959 came out in five issues, namely, the January, March, July, September and November, 1959 issues. Also because of the increased cost of printing, each issue had to be limited to only 120-130 pages, excepting the January and March issues which are devoted to the annual surveys of the Philippine Supreme Court decisions. For the same reason, the Leading Articles, Notes and Comments, Opinions of the Secretary of Justice, and Book Reviews were the only features retained in the last volume of the *Journal*. Again, this year the January 1960 and March 1960 issues (which are devoted to the survey of all 1959 Supreme Court decisions) way ahead of the bar examinations, thereby making recent doctrinal holdings readily available to bar candidates, especially, those of the College. These survey issues have always been well received by the members of the bar as shown by the increasing number of individual orders received for these issues.

The *Philippine Law Journal* had for its contributors largely faculty members, alumni and students. It continues to be the laboratory paper of our students in legal writing courses. As such it sponsors every year a legal essay writing contest. However, no entry was submitted last year. Although the ever increasing price of publication has compelled the *Journal* to reduce its number of issues and number of pages, yet its number of subscribers and exchanges continues to increase if slowly. In addition to student subscribers, we have 85 local subscribers, 27 foreign subscribers, 98 foreign exchanges, 13 local exchanges and 6 gift subscriptions. To show the extent of distribution of the *Journal* outside the Philippines we cite the following countries appearing on the mailing list of the *Journal* to which copies are sent to subscribers and exchanges: United States of America (to which 115 copies per issue are sent), Canada, England, Japan, Puerto Rico, West Germany, Mexico, Switzerland, Netherlands, Australia, Belgium, Spain, India, China, Union of South Africa, Argentina, Yugoslavia, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, and Malaya. A campaign has been waged for increased sub-

scription among U.P. College of Law alumni from whom a more enthusiastic response is expected in view of the coming U. P. Law Golden Jubilee celebrations.

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b. *The Law Register:*

The Law Register just completed its fifth year of publication. In accordance with its publication commitment, the Register was issued eight times during the academic year 1959-1960. As in the past all issues were on time.

As the companion publication of the Philippine Law Journal the Register has been kept as the news organ of the College of Law. Emphasis was also placed on the student's outlook regarding his relation to the College of Law and its faculty. But certain issues of the Register carried short essays touching on law and government.

c. *The Order of the Purple Feather:*

The honor society of the College of Law, the Order of the Purple Feather, had for its principal activity the annual symposium held on Saturday, October 3, 1959. With Mr. Justice Jesus G. Bar-

rera as guest speaker, the symposium-open forum dealt on the subject "U.S.-P.I. Military Bases Agreement." The Order also sponsored two convocations: one during the first semester on July 8, 1959 with Mr. George Bilainkin as speaker, and the other during the second semester, on January 30, 1960, with Senator Mariano Jesus Cuenco, as speaker.

d. *The Law Library:*

1) *Growth of the Collection*

During the year, 1,182 volumes were added to the book collection, bringing the present accession record of the Law Library to 16,616. As a result of the individual requests for donations from alumni-authors in preparation for the Golden Jubilee celebration, the Library received 184 gifts from 43 donors. To the pamphlet file were added 39 titles, 12 of which were donations. This rise in the number of donations is also reflected in the acquisition of serials. This year's gifts (serials) totalled 177 titles, as compared with last year's 143.

In connection with the updating of the collection of legal periodicals, a major problem pointed out in the 1959 annual report, the undersigned wishes to report that eleven titles have been completed during the year under review, with a total acquisition of 199 volumes (1,303 issues). An additional 28 titles of periodicals, however, remain to be completed.

The breakdown of the growth of the collection follows:

Books	1,182
Purchase	874
Gifts	184
Binding	124
Serials	4,682
Subscription	3,075
Exchange	798
Gifts	809
Newly acquired titles	(35)
Pamphlets	39
Purchase	27
Gifts	21
TOTAL ACQUISITIONS	5,903

2) *Services*

Statistics on the use of library materials for this year reached a total of 123,884 volumes, thus improving on the preceding year's tally by 52,618 volumes. It is particularly significant and heartening to note that the number of books (unassigned readings) circu-

lated to students and members of the faculty rose by 350% over last year's report. Likewise the use of periodicals and newspapers more than doubled. This is no doubt a direct result of the installation of the open-shelf reading room for current journals and books for home reading.

Similar increases also took place in the use of the reserve collection, as may be seen from the following data:

Filipiniana	19,589
Reference	5,382
Reserve	6,827
Circulation	4,296
Periodicals	14,784
Newspapers	13,006
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TOTAL	123,884

In addition, 741 reference questions were answered, 412 alumni and non-students were served, 327 student research projects were worked on in the library, using library materials, and 8 volumes were borrowed on inter-library loan.

3) *Classification of the Collection*

Nearly all the American and English law books were classified according to the Los Angeles Country Law Library Scheme by three professional members of the Library Staff. This includes relabeling of the books and erasing and retyping of call numbers on catalog cards and book cards. A total of 7,033 volumes have been classified and relabelled during the year.

4) *Binding*

A total of 209 volumes of periodicals and 181 books were sent out for binding.

5) *Improvement of Library Quarters*

The Law Library secured new furniture consisting of 8 round tables, 3 rectangular tables, 18 individual study tables, 102 chairs, 17 counter height double shelves, 16 high shelves, and 5 low shelves and 11 Venetian blinds. The Law Student Government also donated around ₱200.00 for the framing of prints, flower pots, flower vases and others.

V

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

During the academic year under review, certain improvements in the Law building were effected. Among these are:

1. The installation in February, 1960, of iron grills on the approaches to the stairs leading to the upper floors of the building which, incidentally, are the only ones being used by the College, the ground floor having been assigned to the College of Nursing. These iron grills have made possible a more effective control of access to these floors, thereby lessening the danger of theft of equipment by outsiders, especially during vacations, whose entry into the building would otherwise be difficult to control.

2. The improvement of the built-in cabinets in the office of the Secretary of the College which are being used mainly for the keeping of the records of students. These cabinets have been widened, provided with sliding doors and revarnished.

3. The College also received as gifts three oil paintings from the Alumni Association. These paintings are the works of Ben Alano, an alumnus of the School of Fine Arts, who also painted the portraits of Supreme Court Justices which, now hang in the Law Library.

These three paintings are done in the conservative style and are typically Philippine characters—a "sabuñgero" with his cock and an old woman deftly embroidering. The third one is a fishing village scene.

These paintings now brighten the once bare walls of the Office of the Dean.

VI

PREPARATION FOR THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

A. The General Theme:

The College will observe its Golden Jubilee on January 11, 1961. Preparations to ensure that the Jubilee shall be fittingly observed have been underway since last year.

The Golden Jubilee celebration are scheduled to commence on Law Day this year which is September 19.

"National Progress Through Law" has been adopted as the theme of the Golden Jubilee.

1. Committee in Charge of Planning and Carrying out Program:

A U.P. Law Golden Jubilee Committee (hereafter referred to as the "Committee") has been organized to plan and carry out a program of activities that shall be nation-wide in scope and shall review and stress the role of the College of Law in the task of nation-building.

Regent Gonzalo W. Gonzalez (Class '46) and former Minister Emilio Abello (Class '29), presently, Vice President of the Philippine-American Life Insurance Co. are co-Chairmen of the Committee. Its headquarters are located at the law offices of Regent Gonzalez at the Seventh Floor of the Shurdut Building, Intramuros, Manila.

Several meetings to plan for the Golden Jubilee have already been held with a number of U. P. Law alumni individually alternating as hosts of meetings.

2. Organizations Assisting the Committee

Cooperating with the above Committee are the officers of the U.P. Law Alumni Association, led by its president, Dean Deogracias T. Reyes (Class '29).

Another U.P. law alumni group which has been very active in leading assistance to the Committee is the U.P. WILOCI. Its president Mrs. Amor Melencio-Herrera (Class '47), is the Secretary-General of the Committee.

3. Other Committees Organized:

Other committees organized to help plan and carry out the activities to be undertaken during the Jubilee celebration are the following:

Arches, Posters and Decorations Committee: Pedro Syquia, Chairman

Awards: Emilio Abello

Alumni Hall: Daniel Romualdez

Auditing Committee: Arturo S. Monson, Chairman

Coordinating Committee to work with Overall Co-Chairman: Corazon Juliano Agrava, Froilan M. Bacungan, Amor Melencio Herrera, Rafael Salas, Wenceslao Trinidad, Jr. Ernesto Duran

Donation, Prizes, Souvenirs Committee: Carolina Basa Salazar, Chairman; Santiago Dumlao, Member

Festival and Booths Committee: Luis Gonzaga, Chairman

Finance Committee: Emerito Ramos, Chairman; Aurelio Montinola, Roberto Benedicto Pablo Roman, Pacita de los Reyes Philips, Salvador Laurel and Pablo Lorenzo, Members

Games and Sports Committee: Ramon Nalasco, Chairman, Arsenio Solidum, Jose Campos and Natividad Castro, Members

Golden Jubilee Souvenir: Director Committee; Troadio Quiazon, Chairman; Yoli Quisumbing Javellana, Member

Legal Education Committee: Vicente Abad Santos, Chairman

Motorcade Committee: Geminiano Yabut, Chairman; Conrado Ayuyao, Jr., Member

Participation Committee: Jesus Barrera, Chairman; Class representatives members

Program Committee: Francisco "Soc" Rodrigo, Chairman; Jose Africa, Co-Chairman; Ignacio Debuque, Aguedo Agbayani and Catalino Macaraig, Members

Radio Program Committee: Fidel Sicam, Chairman

Special Commemorative Stamps and Cancellors' Committee: Domocao Alonto, Chairman

Social Committee: Gene Banzon Jose, Chairman

Visiting Lectures, Committee: Filino Neri, Chairman

Board of Judges, Legal Authorship Contests; Cesar Bengzon

George A. Malcolm Committee: Alex Reyes

Golden Jubilee Issue, Law Journal: Bienvenido Ambion

Hospitality Committee: Cicero Calderon, Corazon Juliano Agrava Co-Chairman

B. *Observance of Golden Jubilee to be Nation-Wide*

1. *Organization Intended to Participate:*

The Committee decided that the observance of the Golden Jubilee shall not be limited to Manila but shall be nation-wide in scope.

For this purpose, the Committee plans to enlist the cooperation of the provincial and city chapters of the U.P. Alumni Association that have begun to grow in number in recent years. Other groups whose cooperation will be enlisted are the local chapters of the Bar Association, Rotary and Lion's Clubs and the Jaycees. These groups will be invited to devote one of their meetings from September 19, 1960 to January 11, 1961 as their respective participation in the Golden Jubilee. Already, letters inviting these organization to do so have been mailed.

2. *Participation Committee:*

A 46-man participation committee headed by Supreme Court Justice Jesus Barrera and composed of representatives of the classes of the College from 1913 to 1959 has been organized to contact all the alumni and to insure their fullest participation in the four-month celebration of the Golden Jubilee.

3. *Hospitality Committee Formed:*

For the convenience of alumni coming to Manila especially to participate in the celebrations, a hospitality committee, with Judge Corazon J. Agrava as chairman, and Dr. Cicero Calderon as member,

is now busy canvassing U.P. alumni who would wish to play hosts to out-of-town alumni. The hospitality committee is also looking into the possibility of using the U.P. dormitories for accommodation purposes.

For the purpose of publicising the Jubilee special beautifully designed stickers are presently being sold.

4. *Dean Malcolm Coming for the Golden Jubilee*

George A. Malcolm, first dean of the College, and former justice of the Supreme Court, has accepted an invitation from the undersigned to participate in the Jubilee celebrations.

A George Malcolm Committee has been organized to make Dean Malcolm's visit to the Philippines as fruitful and as pleasant as possible. This committee is composed of Justice Alex Reyes as Chairman with the following as members; Judge Corazon J. Agrava, Mrs. Amor M. Herrera, former Justice Jose Yulo, Dr. Emilio Javier, Prof. Enrique Fernando and Judge Victoriano Yamson.

C. *Financing:*

1. *Benefit Show Planned*

Among the means being considered for the purpose of raising the amount necessary to defray the expenses for the Jubilee is sponsorship by the U.P. Law Alumni Golden Jubilee Committee of one of the shows scheduled at the Araneta Coliseum as a benefit show.

2. *Contributions*

Contributions from alumni will also be sought.

D. *Activities:*

1. *Two Big Social Affairs being Planned:*

A committee headed by Mrs. Gene Banzon-Jose (Class '39) will take charge of at least two big affairs, namely, a grand dinner dance to be held on the opening day of the Jubilee on September 19, 1960, and the banquet to be held on the closing day which will be on January 11, 1961.

2. *Conference on Legal Education Planned:*

It is intended that a major aspect of the observance of the Golden Jubilee shall be intellectual in nature. A conference on legal education is being planned.

Some of the speakers who have been invited to participate in the conference on Legal Education have already indicated their acceptance to speak.

Among these are Justice George Malcolm, President Vicente G. Sinco and Atty. Jose W. Diokno.

3. Possibility of Legal Luminary from Abroad to Lecture Here Explored.

The possibility of having a legal luminary of the United States, Spain, England, or other countries to come to the Philippines to give a series of lectures on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee is being explored.

Heading the committee in charge of the above project is former Ambassador Felino T. Neri.

What is envisioned is a program similar, for instance, to that arranged by the SEATO which enabled Ernesto Lindley, Newsweek editor, to come and lecture in the Philippines and in other Southeast Asian countries. Instead of the SEATO the sponsor may be one of the numerous foundations abroad.

If pushed through, the lecture series will be open not only to U.P. law students or alumni but to students and alumni of other law schools in the country.

4. To Sponsor Legal Authorship Contests among Students and Alumni.

It is hoped that the observance of the Jubilee would be marked by definite contributions on the part of the U.P. law alumni towards the enrichment of Philippine Legal Literature.

With the above in mind, the Committee has approved the holding of two contests, one for students, and another for the alumni. In which prizes of ₱500 and ₱300 shall be awarded to the best and second best legal essays that shall be submitted, respectively.

With respect to the latter, all U.P. Law alumni will be invited to participate in a legal article writing contest in which the prizes of ₱3,000, ₱2,000 and ₱1,000 shall be awarded to the first, second and third prize winning articles respectively.

Senator Ambrosio Padilla and Dean Jovito Salonga are co-chairman of the Committee in charge of the above contests whose first responsibility is to draft the rules that shall guide the essay and article writing competitions.

5. Publication of the Golden Jubilee Issue of Journal.

The Philippine Law Journal will come out with a special Golden Jubilee Issue.

This has been decided upon by the undersigned who agreed to the suggestion of the Committee to take advantage of the Jubilee

as an occasion to increase the readership and subscriptions to the Journal among the alumni, who in turn shall be urged to contribute regularly articles for publication in its pages.

A special editorial board for the Golden Jubilee issue has been organized. Among the articles proposed for inclusion in the Golden Jubilee issue of the Journal are: a history of the College of Law, appraisal of its role in the University and in the nation, writing up about its outstanding alumni and deans, and a special article on the theme of the Golden Jubilee.

6. Radio Broadcasts to be Aired

A regular radio program is being planned for broadcast during the Jubilee. There will be two formats for this radio program. One will include an interview of a successful U.P. law alumnus. Another will be a U.P. law alumni forum of the week. In this forum, a panel of two will ask questions from U.P. law alumni in the discussion of the important issues of topics of the day.

7. Sports activities to feature Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

Sports will form an important part of the Jubilee celebration. Among the sports scheduled for the Golden Jubilee will be a golf tournament. The tentative dates for this tournament are September 18, October 16, November 13, and December 18 of this year. The general championship tournament will be held on January 16, 1961.

The tournament will be held at the U.P. golf links. Arrangements are being made to have the green fee of ₱4.00 waived for participants of the tournament.

Professor Jose C. Campos, Jr. is in charge of the Golden Jubilee golf tournament.

The proposed games during the tournament are as follows: inter-class tournament with each class represented by a team of four players; father and son or daughter combination; husband and wife combination; and individual high-pointer winners. Seven trophies for this tournament are being solicited.

In addition to golf, basketball games shall also feature the Golden Jubilee celebration with Atty. Bien Ocampo of Class '52 in charge.

E. Projects:

1. Construction of Alumni Hall.

A very important feature of the celebration will be the construction of a U.P. Law Alumni Hall. It is planned that the building will be two stories and is estimated to cost ₱500,000. For the pur-

pose of raising the necessary amount, the members of the Executive Committee recently paid a visit to congressional leaders who promised support for the project. With this promise it is hoped that the cornerstone could be laid during the first day of the celebration on September 19, 1960.

When completed the building will be named "George Malcolm Hall", in honor of the College's first Dean.

2. Fifteen Outstanding Law Alumni to Receive Awards.

The Committee also approved a proposal to award plaques of recognition to the 15 most outstanding U.P. Law Alumni, living or dead, who have been served the nation.

For the purpose of these awards, it was decided that a U.P. law alumnus should be one who has graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Laws from the U.P. College of Law. A holder of a Master of Laws degree from the U.P. College of Law who did not also obtain his Bachelor of Laws degree there is not qualified for the awards. Likewise, a holder of Doctor of Laws degree, honoris causa, who did not obtain from the College of Law his Bachelor of Law degree, is not also qualified for the awards.

In the selection of the 15 most outstanding alumni, it was decided that the law alumni who have served the nation should be taken to mean alumni who have contributed towards national progress not only in law as a practitioner or as an educator but also in the government service and in other areas having to do with general welfare.

It was also decided that the choice of the 15 outstanding alumni will be limited to graduates of the College for the first 25 years. This means that only those who graduated from 1913 to 1937 or a total of 957 will be considered for the awards.

A screening committee has been formed composed of former Executive Secretary Emilio Abello as Chairman, and Dean Deogracias T. Reyes and Dean Vicente Abad Santo as member. This committee shall submit to a Committee of Five a smaller list from the 957 alumni from which list the later committee will make final choices.

The members of the Committee that will make the final choices will not be alumni of the College but alumni from the other colleges of the university who are not at present connected with it.

The plaques of recognition shall be awarded in the name of the U.P. Alumni Association and each award will contain individual citations.

Also upon the suggestion of Judge Arsenio Solidum it was decided to grant awards to the former Deans of the College.

3. *Directory of all U.P. Law Alumni To be Published.*

A very important project being undertaken in connection with the U.P. Law Golden Jubilee is the preparation of a directory of all U.P. College of Law alumni from its founding to the present.

An earnest attempt will be made to reach all these law graduates so that they may be included in a comprehensive directory which can be used by all U.P. Law alumni as a source of information about what has happened to their friends since their college days.

Prof. Troadio Quiazon, Jr. (Class '47) and Mrs. Yoli Q. Javelana (Class '51) are co-chairman of the Committee in charge of the preparation of the U.P. Law Alumni Directory.

4. *Commemorative Stamps to be Issued in connection with Jubilee.*

If plans do not miscarry, a special commemorative stamps will be issued by the Bureau of Posts on the occasion of the U.P. Law Golden Jubilee.

Senator Domocao Alonto is chairman of the committee in charge of the commemorative stamps.

VII

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COLLEGE RELATED TO U.P. MAJOR FUNCTIONS

A. In Extension of Knowledge

Thru research work of the faculty in the various fields of law; convocations where outstanding men and women of the community speak on issues of the day and subjects of general interest; and symposia where the various phases of the law are scholarly dealt with; the College contributes to the University's goals in extending knowledge.

B. Improvement of Instruction

In the past year, as it has always been, the Dean and faculty were constantly engaged in a concerted effort to devise ways and means of improving instruction. For instance, some changes in the newly revised law curriculum have already been effected. (See p. 998, *supra*), in an effort to keep the College's and the University's standard of instruction at par with the best in the world.

C. *Extent of Non-Teaching Services to the University and the Community.*

As in the past year, the College has contributed in a small way to the Legislature's efforts at legal reform thru written comments submitted to its committees, particularly, the Committee on Revision of Laws of the House of Representatives.

Also, through the College's legal publications, the University and the Community have been afforded the benefit of the views of the faculty, students, and alumni especially on problematical areas of the law, especially those having socio-legal significance.

VIII

PROBLEMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) The Hannah report, for the reasons stated therein, emphasizes the immediate need for a selective improvement of academic salaries. Such need is especially pressing in the College of Law where compensation being received by the staff is so unrealistic, i.e., not commensurate with the nature of their work, their stature in the community, training, qualifications and accomplishments. The fact is that they receive much less than others with similar or lesser standing, such that there have resulted a lowering of morale, impairment of efficiency, and in many cases, even separation from the service at a time when their training and proficiency would prove most invaluable to the College and the University.

It is therefore recommended that salary increases for the teaching staff be made and that present salary scales be readjusted to make them more realistic.

(2) Since, as aforementioned, the present heavy regular academic load of 15 units a semester works against the College's and the University's program of prolific and progressive research work, and consequently, impedes the extension of knowledge, it is recommended that the regular semestral academic load of our faculty members be reduced to 10 units only.

(3) The Law Librarian reports that the present book fund of ₱15,000.00 allotted for the College is inadequate, and that to accelerate the acquisition of additional volumes in order to satisfy the minimum standard set by the American Association of Law Schools this fund be increase to ₱20,000.00. The undersigned endorses this recommendation which is the only solution to a long felt need.

In the matter of expanding quarters and improving furniture and equipment, it is further recommended that:

a) The proposed renovation of the east and west porches of the Law Library by the installation of glass windows be pushed through as early as possible in order to enable the use of the areas for the installation of additional shelves:

b) The make-shift shelves in the stockroom be replaced with standard wooden shelves, for effecting which it would be necessary to appropriate the amount of at least ₱12,000.00; and

c) That a regular sum of around ₱1,200.00 a year be allotted to the College of Law in order to take care of the binding of its periodicals and books.

d) The Law Library be provided with an additional typewriter to enable its staff to cope with the increasing volume of their typing work incident to library work.

IX

FUTURE PLANS OR PROGRAM

Once more, the undersigned must report, that up to such time as we shall have seen the results of the innovations recently introduced in the College and which we are presently being carried out, we have still desisted from formulating any new program in the meantime. As ever, of course, the College shall maintain a receptive attitude to any change or improvements that may be demanded by the circumstances.

Very truly yours,

VICENTE ABAD SANTOS
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July 11, 1960