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Attorney Jean Capers Law Day Speaker

Twenty-Five Seniors Scheduled To Graduate June 1, 1969



SENIOR CLASS—1968-1969—1st row: l-r: R. Lewis Ray, Alfred Lile, Henry Gamble, Patricia King, M. H. Dudley, Jr., Timothy Crawford. 2nd row: James McNeil, Joseph Arrington, Archie Felton, James Smith. Back row: Vincent Maltese, Dean D. G. Sampson, Millard Blake. Absent: Phillip Auerbach, Charles Barber, Oner Brewer, Woodrow Brown, Anderson Council, James Mack, Freddie Polhill, William Williams, Glennie Matthewson, Ronald Pitts, Jack Kazanchy, William Holliday.

MAY 1, LAW DAY U.S.A.

"Justice and Equality Depend Upon Law—And You!"

By Alfred Lile

This theme for the annual observance of Law Day U. S. A. on Thursday May 1, will be incorporated in the many Law Day programs held this year.

To be sure, the theme was selected for its timeliness. In a period of public disorders and rising crime, strained race relations and social unrest, we are reminded that equal justice and equal opportunity involve both law and the attitudes of individual citizens. The theme recognizes that while standards of justice are formulated in laws, the achievement of equality of opportunity depends in sub-

stantial measure upon the willingness of the individual to accept that concept and to help apply it in his daily life.

Additionally, the theme "Justice and Equality Depend Upon Law and you," affirms that enduring advances in social justice must come about through lawful channels and that public acceptance of the needs of justice will speed such gains. In a word the theme goes directly to the basic aims of our Law Day U.S.A. program.

Tentatively, the Chairman of Law Day, Gerald Roper, announced North Carolina College Law Day Program:

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The largest senior class in the history of the Law School is scheduled to graduate June 1, 1969. This class is unique in that, this is the first class to receive the coveted J. D. (Juris Doctor) degree. Most of the Seniors will receive the Juris Doctor degree with the exception of approximately four students who will receive the LL.B. The reason for this unfortunate situation is: When the Board of Trustees approved the Law School's request for a change from the obsolete LL.B. to the J.D. it was stipulated that the J.D. degree was to be awarded only to those persons who had undergraduate degrees upon entrance in Law School. Those students who came to Law School on the combined degree program were caught in this ruling.

This year's law school graduating class is representative of the ethnic makeup of this country and the geographical makeup. On behalf of the staff of **The Barrister** we wish each senior success in his or her future endeavors.

Final Examinations Slated To Begin May 19, 1969

Final exams for the Second semester are scheduled to begin, May 19, 1969. These exams to many students are the only exam they will have taken all year, and will be the seniors' last exam that they will take at this Law School. Dean Sampson has stated that there will be more time in between exams than was previously given. The usual four hours given for each exam will still be in effect as has been in the past. The editor and his staff wish each student success on his or her exam and may the "god of knowledge" rain his

Cleveland Attorney Law Day Speaker

By James McNeil

The speaker for Law Day this year is a prominent Cleveland, Ohio Attorney, Mrs. Jean Capers.

Mrs. Capers, was born in



Attorney Capers

Georgetown, Kentucky. She received her elementary and secondary education in the Cleveland Public School system. Upon graduation from high school at the age of sixteen, she was awarded an academic scholarship to Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. After the successful completion of high school, she taught in the Cleveland Public School system for five years having been appointed the first Negro high school Physical Education teacher in the system. During the four years she attended Cleveland-Marshall Law School at night, she worked for the U. S. Treasury Department. In 1945, she graduated with the J. D. degree and passed the Ohio Bar shortly

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blessings upon each and everyone.

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Editor's Notes PLACEMENT

By James McNeil

As the beginning of the fall term of ones' Senior year in law school begins, one look forward to January the beginning of the second semester and last semester. Also, hopefully to a deluge of recruiters and interviewers waving large offers in front of your nose and hoping that that large law firm out of New York, Los Angeles, Chicago or Washington, D. C. would interview you for one of those \$15,000 or \$18,000 a year jobs. One can always look forward to the U.S. Government with its fringe benefits and mediocre salaries coming to visit your law school and offering you a GS-7, GS-9 or GS-11 (if you are in the top 10% of your class, member of Law Review, Newspaper, President of SBA, Champion moot court teamer, or straight A student!)

So this I would say is the typical law student's thoughts and hopes but not so at NCC School of Law. To my knowledge we have had only six (6) interviewers to visit the school for the entire school year, and most of the students have not even heard such a regretful phrase as "we are sorry to inform you, but we have 400 applications from last year, but we will keep your application on file . . .", from most of these "prospective employers."

As I sat here and listened to twenty-four seniors talk about their future plans, only two have secured definite employment for next year, I thought what a disgrace and a blow to the ego of most these students.

The next obvious question is WHY? This is the most difficult question to answer, because of many circumstances that are unknown, nevertheless, I will attempt to give some reasons and answers.

The Undergraduate school's Placement Bureau has about 300 prospective employers interviewing and literally "chasing students down" for employment. he reasons are obvious, that is, since this is a predominately black school and today the emphasis is on "getting some black students to work with my company" attitude is prevailing, then this explains this deluge of prospective employers to the Undergraduate.

Another reason the prospective employer is well informed that there is a North Carolina College at Durham that is predominately black with 3,000 black students. How does he, the employer, know of this black school? He obtains this info through the publicity effort of the Placement Office, in other words the program is sold.

Well then, why in this day and age of social unrest and the Supreme Court decisions pertaining to the retention of lawyers for the indigent and the great emphasis on the individual rights broaden and the need for black lawyers exceeding the quantity available, has not our law students been under a deluge of offers from D.A. offices, governmental agencies, law firms seeking black lawyers?

Maybe one should look to the President of these United States, Mr. Nixon. Howard University Law students sent Mr. Nixon a telegram informing him that there had been no governmental agencies visiting their law school recruiting. This story was picked up by the Washington Post and the Post stated that "Mr. Nixon's administration had not hired or recruited any black

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VISITING PROFESSOR TO LEAVE

By Joseph Arrington

For the past two years the students have been studying an esoteric course, called Trust. The Professor has been a visiting Instructor from the University of North Carolina School of Law, Mr. Melvin Poland. Mr. Poland is a native Kansan, who received the B.S. from Kansas State University, LL.B., Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, LL.M., University of Mich-

igan School of Law. He will be leaving this law school and also UNC to accept a position as Professor of Law at University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana. I am sure I speak on behalf of all the students, and faculty, when I say "we salute Mr. Poland on a job well done," and may success follow him in any future endeavors.

Again thanks to a "swell fellow."

SENIOR PROFILES

By James Harris

The N.C.C. School of Law will have 25 graduates this year. The following is a brief resume of each graduate and his future plans.

Joseph Arrington, Morehouse College, 1958; B.S., (Biology). Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia. Future plans: attending Graduate School at University of Pittsburgh.

Philip Auerbach, Rutgers University, B.A. (Political Science). Hometown: Millville, N. J. Future plans: practice law.

Charles Barber, North Carolina College, B.A. (Political Science). Hometown: Gastonia, N. C. Future plans: practice law in North Carolina or work in some related area.

Millard A. Blake, West Virginia State College, B.A. (Economics). Hometown: Atlantic City, N. J. Future plans: undecided.

Oner Brewer, Virginia State, A.B. (History). Hometown: The World. Future plans: practice law—entrepreneur.

Woodrow Brown, North Carolina College, B.S. (Biology). Hometown: Durham, N. C. Future plans: practice law.

Anderson Council, B.A. (History). Hometown: Durham, N. C. Future plans: practice law in Houston, Texas.

Timothy Anthony Crawford, Johnson C. Smith University, B.A. (Political Science). Hometown: Washington, D. C. Future plans: to work as a corporate lawyer to travel throughout the Caribbean during the summer months.

M. H. Dudley, North Carolina College, B.S.C. (Bus. Admin.). Hometown: Dublin, Georgia. Future plans: enter practice in my hometown.

Archie Felton, North Carolina College, B.A. (History). Hometown: Hertford, N. C. Future

plans: take the Virginia Bar, and practice in Newport News, Virginia.

Henry Donnell Gamble, North Carolina College, B.S.C. (Accounting). Hometown: Durham, N. C. Future plans: employed by Ernst and Ernst of New York as a Tax Accountant, and plan to take the North Carolina Bar.

Patricia Elaine King, Johnson C. Smith University, B.S. (Biology). Hometown: Chester, S. C. Future plans: private practice, then Ambassador, and retire at age 35.

Alfred T. Lile, Chicago Teachers College, Chicago City College, Bethany Seminary, Howard University Seminary. Hometown: Chicago, Ill. Future plans: In order to advance the concept of "a more perfect form of justice," he has purposed to work in Mississippi where he hopes to clarify and promote the idea of a Christian lawyer working to provide a forum between blacks and whites concerning problems relating to Race, Christianity, and Law.

James McNeil, North Carolina College, B.S. (Biology). Hometown: Durham, N. C. Future plans: employment in Washington, D. C. with the Federal Power Commission and practice in the near future.

James A. Mack, North Carolina College, Hometown: Manhattan, New York. Future plans: to practice law in Southern Cal. or Nevada.

Vincent Paul Maltese, Salem College, West Virginia, B.A. (Political Science) Hometown: South Plainfield, N. J. Future plans: either practice in N. J. or teach for a few years.

Freddie Polhill, Shaw University, B.A. (Political Science and Sociology). Hometown: Orange, New Jersey. Future plans: taking the New Jersey Bar, then a vacation for a month.

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MR. U.C. C. OR MR. SALES

By Timothy Crawford

Some students refer to him as Mr. U. C. C. and others Mr. Sales. From this we abstract, the study of Sales through the U.C.C. This person is none other than Professor Robert J. Nordstrom, a visiting Professor at Duke University Law School and North Carolina College Law School. He graduated and received an A.B., Summa cum laude from Western Michigan University and received his Law degree (J.D.) from University of Michigan School of law. He was named the outstanding young man in 1958 in his hometown, Columbus, Ohio. He is the author of several books among them are the **Introduction to the Study of Law; Sales and Sales Financing, 1966**; also, Co-Author of **Materials on Sales and**

Sales Financing and the Case-book presently used in the course, Sales. His use and interpretation of the Code is considered to be the most effective approach. Classroom discussions and lectures are so stimulating and interesting that attendance is usually 100%.

Professor Nordstrom is highly respected by his students not only for his intellectual ability for also for his interest and concern for the students. He has stated that he enjoys teaching here at North Carolina College and would consider becoming a permanent faculty member. He would definitely be an asset to our growing law school.

The students of the Sales class hail Professor Nordstrom for a job well done and for his ability to relate to the students.

SPORTS CORNER

A Look At This Year's Sports Activities Of The Law School

By Freddie Polhill

A look At This Year's Sports Activities of The Law School

The Law School ends its Intramural sports activities for this school year.

In the fall, we came up with an undefeated season in Flag Football and winning the Intramural Championship. The Team was outstanding and had an array of outstanding talent, many were placed on the All-Intramural Team. Those making this team were: Ronald Pitts, Kenneth Cooksey, Richard "Pete the Greek" Peterson, Woodrow Brown, Freddie Polhill, Timothy Crawford and Dinald Pitts. Congratulations to these guys and the whole team. Also, "Coach of the Year," Robbin E. L. Washington, Jr.

Intramural Basketball season was short and not so inspiring for the lawyers. Only one game was played and another forfeited. We were eliminated very quickly!

In Softball, the team is a little stiff, but should improve over the season, however, we lost the first game because of the number of unearned runs that were given up by our team. I'm sure during the remaining part of the season this will be remedied.

Thanks is given to Prof. B. H. Payne who gave us moral support and the welcoming "Free Beer" and to all the other

members of the law school who ably supported us.

Congratulations and thanks again to the football team and lets continue the good work next year. Lots of luck to the Senior members who will not return due to graduation and may success follow you!

-Senior Profiles-

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R. Lewis Ray, Winston-Salem State College, B.S. (Education). Hometown: Winston-Salem, N. C. Future plans: private practice and development of current Real Estate Company and Income Tax Service.

William R. Williams, Fisk University, B.A. (Bus. Admin.). Hometown: Raeford, N. C. Future plans: attending Graduate School of Business Administration at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill leading toward a Masters degree in Business Administration.

Glennie Matthewson, North Carolina College, B.S. (Business Administration). Hometown: Tarboro, N. C. Future plans: practice law.

Ronald Pitts, Bluefield State College, Bluefield, W. Va., B.A. (Political Science). He hails from Wheeling, W. Va. Future plans: Practice Law in Wheeling, W. Va.

James W. Smith, B.S.C. (Accounting). He hails from Louis-

SENIOR BANQUET SLATED MAY 31

By George Manning

The annual Senior Banquet is slated Saturday, May 31, 1969. This is an annual affair sponsored by the Faculty of the Law School, which consists of a banquet and awards program.

The awards to be given are: **American Jurisprudence Prizes**, joint gifts of The Bancroft-Whitney Company and The Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Company, consisting of specially bound titles from American Jurisprudence are given to the students receiving the highest grade in the various subjects.

The United States Law Week Award, is given annually to the graduating student in law who has made the most satisfactory scholastic progress in his senior year. This award is a year's complimentary subscription to **Law Week**.

The West Publishing Company Prize, of selected volumes of the Hornbook Series for the freshman, junior, and senior law student who achieves the highest scholastic average in his respective class. **Corpus Juris Secundum** awards of selected volumes will be made on the same basis.

The Prentice-Hall Award is made to the leading student in class. This award consists of three loose-leaf volumes of **Federal Taxation** relating to annotations, code provisions and regulations, plus regularly weekly supplements for one year after graduation.

The Faculty Award, a prize of a selected book is awarded by the Faculty to the senior graduating with the highest cumulative average.

Junior Bar Examination Held April 15

By John Banks

The Second Annual Junior Bar Examination was given, April 15, 1969. There were 31 students participating in this year's examination given by the Academic Committee of the SBA. All the law students were eligible to compete, except those who were in their first semester of legal study.

Students were required to answer only questions involving courses completed through the previous semester. Freshmen were required to answer 6 questions, Juniors 16, and Seniors 19, in addition, there were two bonus or optional questions for Juniors and Seniors involving International Law and Future Interest. The highest possible score for Seniors was 1000 points; for Juniors 700 points and Freshmen 300 points.

The purposes and advantages of the Junior Bar Examination are to give a general review of

courses previously studied; to acquaint students with techniques and procedures in taking a State Bar Examination; to sharpen the mental processes of legal reasoning; and to promote a more competitive and academic atmosphere in the law school.

Overall the examination was a successful adventure of the Academic Committee of the SBA. Some of the reactions heard were "a good mental exercise," "great," "just like the real thing" and many other such favorable remarks. However, the main dark spot of the examination was the lack of student participation. With the passage of time and the enlightenment of students as to the advantages of the exam, it is hoped that this situation will be remedied.

In the coming years, it is hoped that the magnitude of this annual event will increase and be truly indicative of the competitive and scholastic spirit the North Carolina College School of Law.

Congratulations to Ronald Pitts for passing West Virginia Bar and Elvis Lewis on passing the Virginia Bar.

William H. Holliday, B.A. (History) North Carolina College, Hometown: Greenville, N. C. Future plans: private practice in hometown.

Jack Kazanchy, B.A. Hometown: New Jersey. Future plans: Practice in N. J.

Law Journal To Be Dedicated On May 1, 1969

By Vincent Maltese

The North Carolina College Law Journal is due off the press in late April and is to be dedicated May 1, 1969, at the Law Day Ceremonies.

Volume 1969—Spring Edition, contains five feature articles and seven student Notes and Comments. The feature articles come from noted members of the teaching profession, bench and bar, among them being, Professor LeMarquis DeJarmon, Professor Michael R. Weaver, Attorney William A. Marsh, Jr., and Judge James H. Pou Bailey. Student Notes and Comments were written by Joseph Chea Sampson, Diego L. Villarreal, Millard A. Blake, Jr., Vincent P. Maltese, Marvin House, R. Lewis Ray, Philip Auerbach.

The Law Journal, which is the Law School's first national publication, contains approximately 120 pages with ten advertisements. The Board of Editors would like to sincerely thank North Carolina College President, Dr. Albert N. Whiting, Dr. Leonard Robinson, Vice-President, the law school Alumni, and our friends, who have supported our efforts in order to make this publication a reality.

Plans are for the publication of three editions per year by 1971. This year's edition is dedicated to Professor LeMarquis DeJarmon, because of his outstanding and sincere professional dedication to the law and for what it stands.

—Law Day—

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May 1, 1969

- 10:00—Law Day speaker— Education Building Auditorium
Attorney, Jean Capers
Cleveland, Ohio
- 12:30—Law Day Luncheon
Downtown Motel,
"Sprucewood Pine
Room"
- 3:00—Moot Court Trials—
Education Bldg. Auditorium
- 8:00—Semi-formal Social—
Downtown Motel

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- 2:00—Annual Law School
picnic

—Placement—

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lawyers from Howard University School of Law, Texas Southern University, or Southern University. So the great reaction from our students were "what about NCC Law school" or "They don't know we exist."

So through the grapevine, Mr. Nixon got the message and sent a letter requesting that all seniors send resumes to his office. Well that was January, now it is May and not one student in 25 has received a reply favorable or unfavorable.

As to the student's comments that "they don't know we exist" this is one of the answers to our poor recruitment record. They don't know we exist. With reading about other law schools over the country, one thing that is done is to sell the law students to the future employers, is by sending out brochures, and newspapers.

To the people that continually sit idly by and scream, "but we don't have any money," should remember that one of the very important function of the law school is to provide opportunities for legal internship and employment as attorneys for its students and this goal should not be any lesser or greater than the goal of providing the student an opportunity to attain a legal education.

My proposal to remedy this situation is six fold:

(1) Creation of a Placement Committee which would be chaired by Professor DeJarmon, and assisting him should be four representatives of the various law classes.

(2) The Student Bar Association make a substantial financial donation to the law to provide secretarial assistance for this committee and also along with the Committee assist in the printing of a recruitment brochure to be distributed to law firms, state and governmental agencies and corporations employing attorneys.

(3) The law school administration develop methods to assist law students in preparing full, complete and significant resumes. The administration make all available records at the law school available to the interviewing employer.

(4) The Placement Committee coordinate fully with the local Bar Association and State Bar Association to make information known about the stu-

J.D. Juris Doctor To Be Conferred

By Timothy Crawford

After two years of Research and debate, North Carolina College School of Law will finally confer the popular degree of J. D. to this year's graduating class instead of the now obsolete degree of LL.B. The requirements are essentially the same as those for an LL.B. except that a student must possess a Bachelor's degree upon entrance in Law School. The reason for such a change is the idea that after spending three years of post-graduate study one should receive something other than another Bachelor's degree. It has been said that the conferral of the J.D. Degree would heighten "The image of the law school" and would upgrade the whole profession in the eyes of the public.

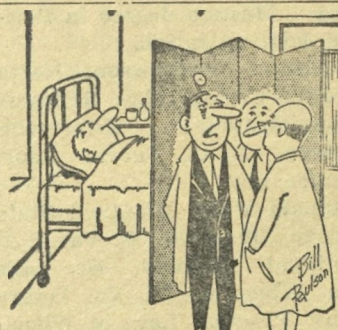
The LL.B. degree is an anachronism. It goes back to the time when students entered law schools without prior college work. North Carolina College along with many other schools are cognizant of the fact that the LL.B. being essentially a bachelor's degree did not sufficiently recognize the law student's equal years of preparation as that of a doctor or dentist who obtained professional doctorates.

The award of the J.D. will reveal the true aspect of studying at a fine law school as ours and add to the dignity of the law graduate.

dent's ability to perform.

(5) Make use of available comfortable facilities for interviewers such as the undergraduate school Placement Bureau facilities.

(6) Formal schedules and interview information should be supplied prospective employers prior to their arrivals at the law school.



"I'd call it 'income tax-itus.' Every year about this time he gets sick—and so do I!"

—Cleveland Attorney—

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thereafter.

Attorney Capers ran for City Council in 1949 and won, being the first Negro woman to have been elected to a City Council in a large urban community and served two five year terms.

In 1961, she was appointed an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio and in 1963, she was appointed as a Special Counsel in this office. She has also served as an Assistant Public Prosecutor, Law Department, City of Cleveland.

In 1964, following the death of a young minister under the wheels of a bull dozer while trying to prevent the building of a de facto segregated elementary school, Mrs. Capers began thinking of how the power of the vote could be dynamically demonstrated, in contrast to demonstrations and sit-ins. Thereafter, the thinking crystallized on the project of drafting a Negro for Mayor, whereby, she organized a small group of persons whom she interested in the idea. After careful planning and thought she drew the petition which was the beginning of the election of a Negro Mayor in Cleveland.

Mrs. Capers is a member of many civic, educational and cultural organizations and of the Cleveland Cuyahoga and National Bar Associations. She is married to Clifford E. Capers.

In addition to being a member of the Ohio Bar, she is admitted to practice before the Federal District Courts of Ohio, the U. S. Tax Court and the U. S. Supreme Court.

LAW DAY PROGRAM TO BE DEDICATED TO FORMER STUDENT

This year's Law Day program is to be dedicated to a former student, David O. Williams, who was killed in a car accident in Virginia, while returning to Law School. David, a native Philadelphian, was active in the law school and art editor, of the Law School newspaper. Mrs. Mae Williams, mother of David, will be here for the Law school dedication ceremonies honoring her son. The Law Day Committee will, with the support of the student body, pay Mrs. Williams' expenses in getting her here for the ceremonies.