Twenty-Five Seniors Scheduled To Graduate June 1, 1969

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 make-up. On behalf of the staff of The Barrister we wish each senior success in his or her future endeavors.

By James McNeil
Law Day Speaker

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

Mrs. Capers, was born in 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 1943, she graduated with the J. D. degree and passed the Ohio Bar shortly

blessings upon each and everyone.
Editor’s Notes

By James McNiel

As the beginning of the fall term of one’s 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 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 what 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 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 broadens 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” (Please turn to Page 4)

Placement

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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 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 Casebook 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.

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. He 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 general 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.
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 DeJarmion, Professor Michael R. Weaver, Attorney William A. Marsh, Jr., and Judge H. 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. Whitling, 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 DeJarmion, 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—Edu­
ducation Building Auditoriu­m
Attorney, Jean Capers
Cleveland, Ohio
12:30—Law Day Luncheon
Downtown Motel, "Sprucewood Pine Room"
3:00—Mock Court Trials—Edu­
ducation Bldg. Auditoriu­m
8:00—Semi-formal Social—
Downtown Motel
May 3, 1969
2:00—Annual Law School picnic

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 conferment 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.

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 the Special Counsel in this office. She has also served as an Assistant Pol­ icie 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 suprt of the student body, pay Mrs. Williams' expenses in getting her here for the cere­monies.

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