Twenty-Three Years

It was the summer of 1952 when I had the delightful pleasure of meeting Anne McKay Duncan, who has just been appointed Head Librarian and Assistant Professor for the Law School. We were at the time moving into our present quarters and Mrs. Duncan went about the task of recruiting faculty and students to take up residence in the law library and filing law books and materials. It was also about that time that I had the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Duncan, who was quite adept and superbly knowledgeable in establishing and operating libraries. With our staff and faculty consisting of six instructors, four of whom were full-time, our Dean and one Secretary and a student body of fifteen students, it was a case of instant respect and affection for our new librarian. As the days and months rolled on and turned into years it became manifest even to the least sensitive of us that Mrs. Duncan was more than a professional librarian and professor of law. As the student body increased in size, I felt it my duty to try to understand how our library was efficiently operated for many, many years, and the annual book and material budget ranging between two and three thousand dollars. (This was the largest allocation of new titles and continuations.) One recollects with pride that our library acquisitions were repeatedly supplemented by gifts from other institutions and individuals who became aware of our needs often through the efforts of Mrs. Duncan.

Legal Bibliography, Legal Research, Analyzing, and Written Compositions constituted her principal teaching assignments. Over the years, our students have been very fortunate in having been provided with expert guidance and training in the art of finding the Law. Manifestations of their studies culminated in Mrs. Duncan's numerous publications. The faculty over the years have been very fortunate in having been immensely from her ability in assisting them in locating and "digging out" precedents and principles of law. Inasmuch as Mrs. Duncan's many contributions to the Tar Heel State, it was not until we turned into years it became manifest even to the least sensitive of us that Mrs. Duncan was more than a professional librarian and professor of law. The student body increased in size, I felt it my duty to try to understand how our library was efficiently operated for many, many years, and the annual book and material budget ranging between two and three thousand dollars.

SBA President

Expresses Thanks

Anyone familiar with the NCCU Law School over the past years will, upon entering its portals passing into the foyer, immediately notice that someone is missing. That familiar smile that memorized you at a glance and without moments notice, was missing. That you forgot all foolishness and start acting like aspiring attorneys.

Everyone during his/her three year tenure at the law school became very familiar with our librarian, Mrs. Anne McKay Duncan, who fought to protect whatever interest or right we possessed in this law school. The Student Bar Association will be forever in her debt, for it was she who provided the guidance for the transition from one administration to the other without any difficulty.

Flowery words will never be able to describe what she has meant to each of us, for she signed many things to each (Continued on Page Two)

Anne McKay Duncan: We Salute You

Dear Students:

My leaving the Law School after almost a quarter of a century's service was one of the most difficult decisions with which I have ever been confronted. It involved multiple factors, long and intensive deliberation, careful assessment of values. The final determination was based primarily on reasons too personal to discuss. Please try to understand,

It was my expressed wish that my resignation be announced prior to December 31st. I feared that the news would cause such an unprepared reaction in the reading room, corridors and in the reading room, corridors and on the porch that the reverberations would be too disruptive for me to bear since they would have disturbed the tranquility I sought to impose in those areas. To avoid the sounds of exasperant jubilation, I elected to make a quiet exit.

In utmost sincerity, I thank you, the present student body as well as the former ones, for the splendid co-operation, assistance, respect, encouragement, support and inspiration you offered, thereby contributing substantially to the success and enjoyment of my work. As the comedian Jack Gleason used to say: "You are a good group!"

My association with you enriched my life immeasurably. Our relationship provided countless opportunities to gain insight into your study habits and needs, your seriousness of purpose, your ambition to succeed, your dedication to the legal profession, your willingness to sacrifice in order to achieve your respective goals. I was aware of your struggles to overcome problems, educational, physical, financial, and emotional. These experiences which began in September of 1952 are indelibly imprinted in my happy memories of you and the Law School and will always remain one of my treasured possessions.

If I have been instrumental in enhancing your learning techniques and procedures, will I feel grateful for the opportunity of working with you, individually and collectively, success, (Continued on Page Two)
Environmental Law Contest Announced

The Association of Trial Lawyers of America has announced the subject of its 6th annual Environmental Law Essay Contest in "Energy Alternatives and the Law." The contest is open to all law students.

Attorney Norman J. Landau of New York City, contest chairman, said, "The current urgency of these issues has led to environmental abuses and investigation of the environmental costs of pursuing alternate forms of energy is needed." Entry forms will pick a winner who will receive $100. All winning essays will then be sent to ATLA for judging by a panel of law professors who will select three finalists.

The first place winner will receive $500 each and will be flown to ATLA's Environmental annual convention in Durham, Ga., to deliver their essays before ATLA's Environmental Law Section.

The contest deadline is April 15, 1976.

Applications should be addressed to Ms. Barbara A. Stein, Contest Coordinator, ATLA, P.O. Box 201, NC, Cambride, Mass. 02138.

Legal Education

The legal education program is being administered for a third consecutive year at Hillsdale College in Michigan under the supervision of history teacher Mr. Mignon Schoorler. The program has been successful each of the three years. The courses offered by the legal education program for the second semester at Hillsdale High School are: Criminal Law, Family Law, and Torts.

The program at Hillsdale is coordinated by a full-time assistant director of the legal education committee, Bill Redd.

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Now that we have left us it is our hope that you will find the years ahead even more beautiful than the ones past. On behalf of the alumni, may we take this opportunity to wish you continued happiness, by James Smith

Alumni Association President

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We will continue to exert maximum efforts toward building a better North Carolina Central University School of Law. Use diligently and respectfully its library, and especially its library, which I feel are especially close attachment.

Help expand its book collection and fund for your study and research as well as for the generations of students who will follow you.

My expectations for your accomplishments are high. Do not let me down.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Duncan

ABA Ethics Committee

The American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility is recommending language changes in ethical rules which would permit bona fide consumers' organizations to publish, in addition to general biographical information, charges for an initial consultation fee and information on the area of law practice. The Committee deferred action on the question of retaining by individual lawyers, which had included in its discussion draft regulated to the bar law December.

The Committee's recommendation is spelled out in its report released to the 350

members of the ABA's policy-making House of Delegates last month.