A Student Legacy

Since the organization of the New Jersey Law School in 1908, over eight thousand men and women have been graduated from Rutgers Law School and its predecessor institutions. Many of the alumni achieved success at the bar or upon the bench—not only of this state, but of other states and of the United States as well. Some attained political office. Others put the legal education which they received to good use in the world of commerce and industry. Still others made their mark as educators.

Mario H. Volpe, Class of '33, is a representative alumnus. Mr. Volpe was General Counsel to the United States Atomic Energy Commission. Prior to holding that post he served as a member of the State Assembly, a judge of the district court, and prosecutor of Mercer County.

Not all our graduates have pursued a legal career. Oswald G. Nelson, Class of '30—and better known as Ozzie Nelson, achieved his fame first as a bandleader and later as a radio and TV comedy star.

The late A. Harry Moore, Class of '24, was probably the best known graduate of this school. Governor Moore was well along in his political career when he attended the New Jersey School of Law, but we still take pride in this man who three times was Governor of this state, and who sat as a member of the United States Senate.

These three are typical of the many men and women who have been graduated from this school, and who have in the past and are continuing to establish a reputation for Rutgers Law School of which we can be proud. Perhaps some of us will be atypical.
Class History

SIXTY-ONE Bachelor of Laws degrees were conferred upon the graduating class of 1955. Of this number, thirteen concluded their studies in January. These graduates were the remains of a freshman class consisting of one hundred ten enrollees; sixty-four by day, forty-six at night. The “mental note” was lowest in the day school as forty-three students from this group crossed the “finish line.”

Contrary to popular belief, law students DO have time for activities not related to their law books. During our years of study Stu Cowan, Florence (see Brown) Ellis, Jack Laxner, Mario Martinis, Al Mastrobattista, Al Nimensky, Harold Packer, Sid Reiss, and Sel Schechter got married. Monroe Markovitz tied the knot following January conclusion of studies, as did Al Katzman.

Stu Cowan had the added burden of “sweating out” exams for graduation in addition to the arrival of his first heir. Florence Ellis took a second spring vacation to greet her first offspring. Al Nimensky and Sel Schechter were still biting their fingernails at graduation time, in anticipation of their coming ordeal in August.

Although the class was composed mainly of characters, some were outstanding from the others. Ruth Sabel was circuit secretary of the American Law Students’ Association. Marty Arlook went to Bermuda on Harold Packer’s honeymoon, Curt Mezann’s wife was a med student at a Philadelphia Medical school while he studied here in Newark. Ruth Russell made a summer trip to Japan. Walt Steinman was a Bloomfield Councilman (but wouldn’t fix tickets) as well as a student. Al Katzman passed the Washington Bar before graduating. Harold Ashby worked for the Bureau of Internal Revenue by day and learned the legal loopholes at night. Dick Thiele clerked for Judge Clapp, farmer dean of our school.

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Twelve members of the class were staff members of Law Review. Law Imfeld was Editor-in-chief until January, at which time Jim Clayton took over. Other members were: Mort Deits, Gene Tighe, Warren Collin, Al Katzman, Marty Arlook, Harold Ashby, Jack Giordano, Curt Mezann, Al Nimensky and Dick Thiele, Jim Clayton, Curt Mezann and Harold Packer did Law Review proud by being the winning team in the school’s 1954 Appellate Moot Court Competition.

During our years of study, there were some significant happenings worth noting. Dean Tanks became head of the school and thereafter it became standard to express our years of devotion to law school study by meaning, “I’ve been here longer than the dean.”

The wheels of reality went into motion with the commencement of the drive for funds for the new law center.

Many faculty changes took place. The students tearfully said goodbye to professor Fulda. Gerald Moran arrived and his Administrative Law course soon became a legend (as well as required). Professor Tyre broke all precedent by taking THREE blisses at the chivy, while Professor Rubin confided in his creditors rights class and finally told them “what that means.”

In retrospect, our class consisted of hard workers and good sports. Marty Arlook could always be counted on to circulate a new joke throughout the entire student body within twenty-four hours. Ruth Russell had her invariable “just one question.” Mort Deits could always be depended on to stretch the expiration of a canned fire for fifteen minutes regardless of its printed duration.

Its over now and we are again embarking on something new, just as we did our first day of law school. If the class retains its combination of hard work and good humor it will again prove itself a success.
"You can't sue in trover..."

Martin Maxwell Arlook
A.B. Chicago
Delta Sigma Phi; Loy; Student Council; J. J. President; Franklin Class; Most Court Board; Law Review

John Arrigo
B.S. City College of New York
Phi Alpha Delta; Treasurer Senior Class; Boxing

Harold James Ashby
B.S. Rutgers
Phi Alpha Delta; Student Council; Law Review; Vice-President; 2nd yr; Evening Class; President; 3rd yr; Evening Class; President; 6th yr; Evening Class; Final Most Court Competition

Edward A. Applegate
Seton Hall

James H. Clayton
B.B.A. Urbana
Phi Delta Phi; Final Most Court Competition; Associate Editor and Editor-in-Chief, Law Review

Warren Thomas Collins
B.S. Purdue
Phi Alpha Delta; Coordinating Editor Law Review; Student Council

Stuart Marshall Cowan
B.S. Pennsylvania
Delta Sigma Phi; Loy; Legacy

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A.B. New York

Morton Dratz
B.S. Pennsylvania
Phi Delta Phi; President Junior Class; Treasurer Student Council; Editor Law Review; Freshman Advisory Committee; Criminal Trial Most Court; Anthony Engelbrecht Award; Lawson Co-op Publishing Co; Price—Contracts

Florence Elins
B.S. Temple

Assumpit lies!"
"You can't assign to a man..."
ERNEST LEBOWITZ  
A.B. Rutgers  
Delta Sigma Phi, Inc.; Intramural Basketball; Legal Aid Society

JOEL A. LEEYER  
A.B. Rutgers  
Delta Sigma Phi, Inc.; Trial Team; Mont Court

MARIO MARTINS  
New York  
Phi Delta Phi

ALBERT MASTROBATTISTA  
A.B. Drew  
Commence Club; Legacy Staff

FRANK R. MCCABRONE, JR.  
A.B. Rutgers  
King's Bench

H. CURTIS MEANOR  
A.B. Rutgers  
Delta Sigma Phi, Inc.; Law Review; Mont Court Team

"I'll put you into bankruptcy . . .

EMMANUEL J. LOMATO  
Mont Court

THOMAS M. MAHER  
A.B. Rutgers  
Phi Alpha Delta

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Delta Sigma Phi, Inc.; Student Council, Secretary, Vice President; Legacy; Trial Team; Mont Court

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Delta Sigma Phi, Inc.; Treasurer Freshman Class; Legal Aid Board Associate

JOHN MONTIS  
A.B. Rutgers  
King's Bench

ALLEN H. NIMENSKY  
B.E. Pennsylvania  
Delta Sigma Phi, Inc.; Law Review; Anthony Engelschmidt Prize; Alfred E. Driscoll Prize; Morris Graner Prize; Freshman Advisor Board

and you know what that means."
"I'll go into bankruptcy..."
EUGENE TIGHE
A.B. Rutgers
P 1 Delta Phi; Managing Editor, Law Review; Toast Master

JOSEPH JOHN VANĚČEK
A.B. Rutgers
Delta Sigma Phi; Law; Treasurer Senior Class

ALBERT G. WRIGHT, JR.
A.B. Rutgers
Phi Delta Phi

... and so I went

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B.S. Rutgers

WILLIAM JOSEPH KISH
B.S. Rider
Student Council; Vice Pres. Freshman Class; Secretary Sophomore Class

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WALTER R. GAHRIGAN
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LOUIS P. PEPIN
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