The semester year of 1936-7 has come to a close and it is fitting and proper to pause and indulge in a retrospective mood for a moment. This, the first year of the Law School of the University of Newark, is a present realization of the dreams that inspired a group of public-minded and learned citizens to blend their efforts and create a law school in the State of New Jersey that would live up to and surpass the highest standards set forth by the Bar of this state.

In the process of becoming one unit, each school has lost a portion of its traditions, but in return the combined schools offer a much broadened curricula, including a large selection of elective subjects available to the students in Junior and Senior years in place of the necessarily limited instruction hitherto available.

New Jersey Law School was founded in 1908 and its doors were opened on October 5th of that year. The first classes were held on the fourth floor of the Prudential Insurance Company on Broad Street. As the classes grew larger, new quarters became necessary, and after a temporary selection on Market Street, a three-story site on East Park Street was chosen. In 1930, the Law School moved into the former Ballantine Brewery building and made it their permanent situs. An interesting note is that in 1927, the enrollment of the school reached the mark of 2,535 students—a mark that at that time established the New Jersey Law School as the second largest law school in the country.

The Mercer Beasley School of Law was founded in 1926. Though it was not as large, in terms of students and faculty, as the other Law School, it has left an enviable record in the educational field, and numbers among its past faculty and graduates numerous prominent members of the Bar. In 1934 its offices were located in the Industrial Office Building at Broad Street on the sixth floor. An increase in the number of students necessitated a change to 17 Academy Street where it remained until the merger was consummated.

The home of the University of Newark is now at Rector Street and it is made up of the School of Law and its graduate division, the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business Administration, and the University Division of Co-operative Services.

Shortly after the inception of the Law School of the University of Newark, it became necessary to start anew with its own officers independent of the former units which were included in the merger. The Board of Trustees, comprising Franklin Conklin, Jr., President; Arthur F. Egner, Vice-President; Milton M. Unger, Vice-President; Aaron Lasser, Secretary, and Harrison P. Lindabury, Treasurer, is composed of forward-looking, unselfish men united to further one purpose—the formation of a grade A law school.

The officers of the Administration are Dr. Frank Kingdon, President; Dr. George H. Black, Provost; Spaulding Frazer, Dean of the Law School; and Miss Ruth Johnson, Executive Secretary and Registrar of the Law School.

The Student Council, composed of representatives from each class in the Law School, controls all student activities conscientiously and capably. This year the Student Council has reorganized the Seal and Scroll, honorary activities society, and is solely responsible for its supervision.
The extra-curricular life of the student body has been enriched by contacts with such creditable student publications as the LEGACY, Senior yearbook; the OBSERVER, news weekly publication of the entire University; and the University of Newark LAW REVIEW, which is under the supervision of a member of the faculty, Arthur R. Lewis. The LAW REVIEW is the medium through which the actual problems of the practicing lawyer are presented to the students for their interpretation.

This year, the Debating Team, under the capable guidance of S. Alvin Bahr, a member of the Senior Class, engaged in many competitive matches, and bowed to none. The McClelland Law Club again featured moot trials. The Wig and Mace Club refreshed by the increase of new students to its membership again took an active participation in the legal problems. Legal fraternities still occupy a high place of honor among the students as evidenced by the number that pledge for them.

The library of the School, increased by generous gifts from trustees, now numbers more than 14,000 legal volumes on its commodious shelves, and is under the watchful care of Miss Nugent, a graduate librarian, and a competent staff. To enable our institution to achieve its desired purposes, unity of action is essential, and that unity can be found within our four walls.

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