To the Young Lawyer

“He is a portico institution of learning, dedicated to his own glorification, endowed with majestic powers of his own imagining, and founded on the three cardinal virtues, faith, hope, and charity—faith in his own infant knowledge, hope for the obtuseness of judges and jurors, and charity for the older lawyers who have all the business; and the greatest of these is faith.”

“The young lawyer excels in logic and analysis—he deifies them both. Let us contemplate him. He may be described as the genus homo importans—deep on whose front engraven deliberation sit and public care. He is the totus—in the modern tongue, ‘the whole works.’ He is great in persona—rather than in rem or in rebus. According to experienced trial judges the young lawyer is a contradiction in terms, yet a necessary evil, whose chief function is to grow older. Like the law he is a process, not a complete product—university diplomas notwithstanding. In judicial opinion he is obiter dictum. Among lawyers he is sui generis—a sort of difference without a distinction. The jurists appear to concede that he exists by presumption of law, and the weight of authority seems to be that he thrives by presumption in fact. He can scarcely be said to come within the purview of the lady; his name loometh large on his own sign to the public. It shineth from afar—and very faintly. He is not expressly classified among the public utilities, but no doubt he has his place; the difficulty is to find it. His sphere is coextensive with that ascribed by Lord Brougham to the law of England—to get twelve men in a box—and jam down the lid!”

F. Charles Hume, Jr.

Seek and ye shall find.

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We were conceived during various times in the summer and spring and our births occurred in the fall. Our christening was at a luncheon where voices echoed, reaching out to us all. From there we went to a cozy room where we heard what was in store—and our big brothers by next afternoon told us life would be a cheer. By leaps and bounds we grew and grew and soon we became confused; when to sue, when not to sue. Through many cases we pursued, and became somewhat confused.

Autumn-time found us discussing the law at Rudy's place. We argued vigorously the fine points of every case. All these days were far from dull, and quite often we'd have some fun, as issues would shatter the hull when Remedios' class was done.

Soon after December rolled around we realized exams were drawing near. Passing seemed to be quite a goal and our hearts were filled with fear. As Christmas vacation sped quickly by we stealthily quickened our pace. We knew full well that time was drawing nigh; coming up was Legal Bib's foot race. In the course of a few weeks exams were through; much to our chagrin, errors we made were not a few. We wondered if we were still in. But at last the marks arrived one by one and a smile touched at our lips; a feeling of a job well done was a sweet balm, indeed, to sip.

With Spring's arrival came Moot Court and research day and night; the work piled up just to get our briefs right. Thirty minutes never fled so fast and our first trial soon was through. From student to lawyer in one night; it's amazing how we grew!

Real Property and fees now filled our mind and cases were briefed quite brisk. Every day became a grind and a voluntary assumption of risk. But alas the specter of finals drew near and skepticism set in, but with some experience, this time we knew we'd win.

Ever feel so tired that you didn’t feel like sleep yet so relieved that it made you want to weep? Those conflicting emotions may not sound like fun, but we can say they came from a job that was well done.

So be you senior, junior, or freshman, this story is not new . . . nor is it really old . . . it’s both, and more . . . it’s now, and yesterday, and will be tomorrow. Upon reading this some distant eve, you may well rest assured, that whatever reminiscences revived, it is not past . . . but present; it goes on . . . it is truly . . . a Legacy.
LEADERSHIP in scholastic achievement, social activities and student administration participation, equalling that of the full-time student body, characterized the Evening Division during the current school year. This was particularly enjoyable to see, in view of the well known stigma under which this group regularly struggles, i.e., lack of that ever elusive phantom, time. This year’s activities will serve to again illustrate what may be accomplished by those who have the will to do so.

One of the most significant social achievements of the Evening Division this term was the installation on campus of the national legal fraternity Phi Alpha Delta, Robert H. Jackson Chapter of that fraternity, the first “evening fraternity” at Rutgers, was organized by and particularly designed to accommodate this group. It officially arrived at Rutgers amid student arranged ceremonies well suited to receive the most distinguished dignitary.

The student council this year was presided over by an evening student, and under his able guidance the battle to implant an honor system on campus was initiated. Many hours were spent by day and evening members of the council, drafting and re-drafting the code, and at this writing, a move to temporarily install the final proposed draft next year is on its way to a referendum vote by the student body. In addition, evening representatives of the student council, in conjunction with representatives of the day school, were instrumental in arranging the law school banquet, adapting a new school ring, raising activities fees to allow for expansion of school extracurricular activities and actively participating in A. L. S. A. conventions and numerous other student administrative movements on campus.

The Law Review boasted six evening members this year and as usual a night student held the office of Coordinating Editor. Members of the group who first enter their classroom as the sun begins to slip below the horizon, also bent their shoulders to the tasks of creating this Legacy which the reader now holds in his hand.

It is particularly noticeable that these social and administrative activities were not performed at any sacrifice to scholastic achievement. Even though under school regulations this would not be allowed, the evening group has gone farther, many of the most active students being scholastic leaders. The group additionally placed several of its members in the top percentage of overall grade averages in the school.

Resting on these laurels will serve no good purpose, however, and it is with anticipation that we look forward to increasing Evening Division participation, scholastically and in school activities, in the future.