Warren, Brennan, Fortas, Weintraub, Hughes to Participate at Dedication Of $2.5-Million Rutgers Law Center

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A two-day program distinguished both in tone and in participants will mark the dedication tomorrow of Ackerson Hall, a $2.5-million glass and concrete structure that houses the Rutgers University School of Law and attendant activities.

Three Justices of the United States Supreme Court, the Governor of New Jersey, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, noted legal academicians and practitioners from throughout the country and the fountainhead of the University administration will take part in two seminars and a dinner today and a seminar, a luncheon and the dedication ceremony tomorrow.

Chief Justice of the United States Earl Warren will be the main speaker at the dedication ceremonies, which will be held in a green and white striped tent erected on a parking area just east of Ackerson Hall. Preceding the address, University President Mason W. Gross will confer an honorary doctor of laws on the Chief Justice.

The ceremonies will begin at 3:30 p.m. with an academic procession from the law school into the 900-seat tent. All the speakers from the two-day program, the law school faculty and delegates from law schools all over the country will form the procession.

The three-story building will be presented by Gov. Richard J. Hughes '31. It will be accepted for the University by Charles H. Brower, president of the Board of Governors. Prof. David Haber, chairman of the faculty dedication committee, will accept for the faculty and William S. Greenberg '61, president of the Student Bar Association, will accept for the student body. C. Willard Heckel '46, dean of the law school, will preside.

The dedication exercises will be preceded by a 1 p.m. luncheon in the grand ballroom of the Robert Treat Hotel at which Gov. Hughes and Joseph Weintraub, chief justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, will speak. Greetings will be extended by Hugh J. Addonizio, mayor of Newark; Herman W. Kapp, president of the Alumni Association of Rutgers Law School; and Dean Heckel. Malcolm D. Talbott, University vice president in charge of the Newark campus and a professor of law, will preside.

Today's events will be capped by a cocktail party at the Robert Treat Hotel, followed by a banquet in the grand ballroom. After dinner an address will be delivered by Justice William J. Brennan Jr. The former member of the Supreme Court of New Jersey will be introduced by President Gross.

Preceding the main address, Dean Heckel and former deans of Rutgers Law School Alfred C. Clapp and Lebanon K. Tunks will speak briefly. Justice John J. Francis of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, chairman of the alumni dedication committee, will be toastmaster.

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Beautiful, Yet Functional

Realization of Ackerson Hall Took 15 Years

The story behind Ackerson Hall is a tale of planning, vision, and perseverance. Ackerson Hall is a symbol of Rutgers University's commitment to providing a world-class educational environment for its students. Beginning with the concept in 1935, the building was finally completed in 1950, a testament to the university's dedication to excellence in education.

The hall is named after Dorothy Ackerson, a distinguished member of the Rutgers University faculty who devoted her life to education and the betterment of the university. Ackerson Hall's design reflects a blend of functionality and aesthetics, with a focus on creating a space that is both beautiful and conducive to learning.

The hall's interior is a testament to its architectural grandeur. The central atrium, with its soaring ceilings and large windows, provides a sense of openness and connectivity. The classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art technology, ensuring that students are prepared for the challenges of the modern world.

In conclusion, Ackerson Hall stands as a beacon of educational excellence, a symbol of the university's commitment to providing its students with the best possible learning environment. It is a place where minds are challenged, ideas are cultivated, and students are prepared to make a difference in the world.
Ackerson Hall Contains Multi-Functional Classrooms

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building which tells firemen exactly where a fire might be.

On the grounds of Ackerson Hall a well has been drilled on the north end of the building to supply the water needed for air conditioning and landscaping. An electrical distribution vault at the south of the building will serve the entire campus. There are also a few tunnels under Pine Street through which electrical, water and sewage lines connect to other parts of the campus.

The new law school building was originally slated to be built on the site of a University parking lot at the corner of Washington and James Streets. However, when the bids came in, it was found that the building would cost more than the $1.5 million available. Thus ground breaking had to sit until the 1959 bond issue for college construction was approved.

Students, faculty, alumni and University administrators all worked in support of the bond issue, which received voter approval by a wide margin. From the funds raised by bonds, $1 million was added to the money available for law school construction. However, by this time the University had decided it would build a centralized campus on land acquired through the Federal Urban Renewal program, which process added a few more years’ delay before construction could start.

During this time the $1,078,000 in private funds that had been raised by 1956 sat in the bank, drawing interest and probably just about keeping pace with rising costs. In addition to the proceeds from gifts and the bond issue, a $205,000 appropriation bill was granted through the New Jersey Legislature by alumni who were legislators.

A total of $2,555,000 was spent for the construction and equipping of Ackerson Hall. None of the approximately $43,000 unexpended will be diverted to other projects but will be used for improving the law school facilities, according to Malcolm D. Talbott, University vice president in charge of the Newark campus and professor of law. He added that similar treatment will be given to the many donations received after notice of the dedication went out.

Talbott noted that a large amount of the private funds received came from the business community as well as the legal community. He said banks, family foundations and alumni were significant sources of gifts.

The largest single gift was from the Davella Mills Foundation, he said. In addition, the Alumni Association presented $100,000 it had raised to be used for the student-alumni lounge.

Little plaques have been placed in a number of rooms either to honor donors or as memorials. The front entrance will be known as the Joseph B. Bradley Entrance in honor of the first member of the United States Supreme Court from New Jersey. All donors are listed on a large plaque on the first floor.

Talbott, formerly associate dean of the law school, and Prof. Vincent E. Fiordalisi were members of the building committee throughout the decade and a half of it took to achieve Ackerson Hall’s existence. As chairman of the committee, Fiordalisi had to deal with the six prime contractors, the many sub-contractors and the suppliers of the furnishings and equipment.

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