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## NEWS OF THE LAW SCHOOL

In the November, 1936, number of this Review, attention was called to the fact that the admission requirements had been raised this year. (1 Mo. L. Rev. 339). A student is now ineligible to admission to the Law School unless his prelegal work has been "passed with a scholastic average at least equal to the average required for graduation in the institution attended." Before this year, any student presenting the requisite number of hours of prelegal work was eligible for admission regardless of the quality of the work done. A number of students who were otherwise eligible were

excluded in September under the operation of this new rule. The wisdom of the new rule has already been justified by the results that have followed from its enforcement. Failures in the first year class in the mid-year examinations were considerably fewer than in previous years, and still fewer than there would have been this year had those been admitted whom the rule excluded. This result reflects a better record and more satisfactory accomplishment for the freshman class.

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This Review, which enters upon the second year of its existence with this number, has again been cited by the Supreme Court of this state in the case of *McKeighan v. Kline's Inc.*, 98 S. W. (2d) 555. The subscription list continues to grow, and the Law Faculty and students of the Law School are grateful for the cordial reception accorded it by the lawyers of Missouri and its many readers outside of the state. Articles dealing with the local law have appeared from time to time, while several numbers have carried articles of a more general nature. The latter type of article serves a double purpose: it not only covers fields of the law of interest to all lawyers, whether local or not, but, in addition, it gives us a broader subscription list and a somewhat wider appeal, and carries the prestige of the Law School and its official publication beyond the state. The American Society of International Law, for example, ordered and distributed to various parts of the world 800 reprints of Mr. Hudson's article that appeared in the November, 1936, number; while Mr. Fathchild's two articles have been reprinted in the United States Trade Mark Bulletin which has a circulation in this country and abroad of some 5000. Both types of articles are usually carried in the better state law school reviews.

Students have contributed a wealth of case notes and comments. Emphasis in this section of the Review is placed upon Missouri cases. However, opportunities are not overlooked to note up cases from other jurisdictions which present novel points of law or which show new application of established principles, that would be of interest to the practicing profession in this or any state. When a case from another jurisdiction is the subject of a note or comment, the state of the Missouri law is always discussed; while if the point has not arisen in this state, this fact is noted. Students take a deep interest in this work; and their contributions are proving to be among the most helpful and appreciated that appear in the Review.

Messrs. Atkinson, Latty, McCleary, and Masterson attended the meetings of the Association of American Law Schools held at Chicago in December. Mr. Atkinson was appointed a member of the Nominating Committee, and he presided at the Round Table on Legal Methods and Objectives.

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The American Law Institute Publishers have published Mr. McCleary's Missouri annotations to the first two volumes that have appeared of the Restatement of the Law of Torts prepared by the American Law Institute. Mr. McCleary has devoted a large part of his time to the preparation of these annotations during the past five years. He is continuing the preparation of the annotations to the new chapters as they appear from time to time. The Restatement of this branch of the law aided by the annotations is an invaluable contribution to the lawyer and the student of Missouri law.

Mr. Latty has accepted an invitation to teach next summer in the Washington University Law School.

Mr. Leflar, professor of law at Arkansas, but who is a visiting professor with us this year, was appointed by the Governor of his state several years ago Secretary of the Arkansas Bar Committee on Criminal Law Reform. As Secretary of this committee, he drafted much of the initiated act for criminal law reform in Arkansas, which was sponsored by the committee. This Act was adopted at the November election by the voters of Arkansas by a four to one majority. It effects far-reaching improvements in procedure in criminal trials. Mr. Leflar is teaching the courses this year in Criminal Law, Conflict of Laws, Evidence, and first year Real Property.

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Dean McBaine, now a member of the Law Faculty of the School of Jurisprudence of the University of California, was a welcomed visitor to the campus in January. He gave a splendid address to the Law School while here. He was a member of the law faculty from 1910 till 1928, and was its Dean from 1919 till 1928.

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Two important meetings have taken place at Tate Hall during this academic year.

There was an unprecedentedly large attendance at the annual meeting of the Law Alumni Association which was held this year in November.

Roscoe Harper, of Tulsa, Okla., presided. The following officers were elected for the present year: Mr. W. Wallace Fry, Mexico, President; Judge Sam Wilcox, St. Joseph, First Vice-President; Mr. Paul G. Ochterbech, St. Louis, Second Vice-President; Mr. L. L. Knipmeyer, Kansas City, third Vice-President; and Mr. James A. Finch, Cape Girardeau, Secretary.

By a unanimous vote, General John T. Barker was made an honorary member of the Association, as a mark of appreciation of his deep interest in the University and the Law School.

Judge Laurance Hyde was elected as the representative of the Law School to the General University Alumni Association.

On the same day, the Law School Foundation held its semi-annual meeting. Mr. Nelson, its president, presided. Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were read and accepted. It was voted to give a dinner in the early spring to the student members of the Editorial Board of the Law Review at which time gold keys will be presented to the new members that were added to the Board this year. The trustees will be present, and some 100 other individuals will be invited to represent other foundations on the campus and other divisions of the University. This is the third such dinner that has been given for this purpose.

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All former students of the Law School are reminded that the time for the annual spring banquet is rapidly approaching. The date will be announced soon in a personal letter to the alumni, and a copy of the program will be enclosed. This day belongs primarily to the students, and all former students and friends of the school are cordially invited to be here. This year is the tenth anniversary of the class of 1927, and most of its members are expected to be present. Come and bring some one with you.