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The second day of the annual Kentucky Bar Association meeting provided the occasion for the Alumni Banquet and annual meeting of the College of Law Alumni Association, Inc. Over 230 registrants enjoyed renewing old acquaintances during a complimentary cocktail hour and dinner and Orin Atkins, Chairman of the Board of Ashland Oil, Inc. delivered the keynote address. During the business meeting which followed these officers were elected for the 1977-78 term: John D. McCann '68, President; Charles English '60, Vice-President; Stephen S. Frockt '66, Secretary; and John K. Hickey '48, Treasurer. Re-elected to the Board of Directors were: Norma B. Adams '53, Frank V. Benton, III '51, Thomas C. Brabant '60, Donald Combs '54, Eugene Goss '59, Frank N. King, Jr., '63, Dianne L. McKaig '54, Arloe W. Mayne '51, Frederick E. Nichols '51, Homer W. Ramsey '49, and Thomas B. Russell '70. (Officers are also members of the Board).

The Law Alumni Association has enjoyed an especially productive year under outgoing President
Norma Adams. Active membership increased from 535 to 633. The regular functions—the Homecoming cocktail party, the publication of THE REVIEW and THE REGISTER, assistance of class reunions—were all accomplished in exceptionally fine fashion. Also, the Law Alumni Association this year formally kicked off the new, recently announced College of Law annual fund-raising effort.

Just preceding the annual Alumni Association banquet, the class of 1952 held its 25th reunion. As you can see from the accompanying pictures, everyone had a gala reunion. Photos of that gathering—and of the Alumni banquet—accompany this article.
JOHN DAVID COLE '64, of the Bowling Green, Kentucky firm of Cole, Harned and Broderick was elected Chairman of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in January.

JOSEPH M. DAY '72, has been made a partner in the Louisville firm of Barnett and Alagia. He was also elected President of the Young Lawyer's section at the recent Kentucky Bar Association meeting.

JOHN S. ELDRED '69 now practices with the firm of Sachs, Greenbaum and Tayler in Washington, D.C.

JOHN B. FOWLER '74, has been admitted to practice in Tennessee and is now associated with the Knoxville firm of Ambrose, Wilson, Lockridge and Grimm.

WILLIAM R. GARMER '75, former clerk to Judge Bernard T. Moynihan '38, is now with the firm of Landrum, Patterson and Dickey in Lexington.

H. H. GEARINGER '39, practices in Chattanooga, Tennessee. His address is Suite 525, Pioneer Bank Building, Chattanooga, 37402.

H. HOBART GROOMS '26, a Federal District Judge in Birmingham, Alabama was recently awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Cumberland College of Law in Birmingham. Judge Grooms was honored “in recognition of his brilliant service to the Bench and Bar, his Christian leadership...and his deep involvement in humanitarian causes.” Judge Grooms has served as a member of the Samford University Board of Trustees for 22 years and has been Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board for 13 years.

JULIAN HERON, JR. '65 lives in Washington, D.C. and is affiliated with the law firm of Pope, Bullard and Loos.

JOE R. JOHNSON, JR. '41, is Treasurer and Assistant General Counsel for the Investors Heritage Life Insurance Company in Frankfort, Kentucky.

GENTRY E. McCAULEY, JR. '59, a partner in the Versailles, Kentucky firm of McCauley and Elam is Commonwealth's Attorney for the 14th Judicial District.

DEL O'ROARK, JR. '60 is with the Procurement Law Division at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

LEWIS G. PAISLEY '76, formerly with the Kentucky Department of Transportation, is now associated with Landrum, Patterson and Dickey in Lexington.

HARRY BOYD QUINN '76, has established a solo practice in Princeton, Kentucky. He is attorney for the city of Princeton.

JOSHUA E. SANTANA '76, has been named Senior Litigation Attorney for the newly-established Central Kentucky Legal Services, Inc. in Lexington.

HARVEY SCHNEIDER '73, is the Executive Director of Skyline Center, Inc. in Clinton, Iowa, a training/employment center for physically and mentally handicapped adults.

IN MEMORIAM...

R. C. BALLARD TRIGG '52, January 1976, Houston, Texas

Employment Outlook Improved

By all indicia, the Class of 1977 faces a greatly improved employment situation, thanks largely to a new commitment of the law school administration to expanded placement services. The first step towards that goal this year—improving communication with legal employers in order to identify all existing openings—paid healthy dividends. Both students and employers have already enthusiastically said that they are far better served by this effort alone.

According to Placement Office records, the number of openings communicated to the Office, the number of on-campus interviews, and the opportunities for alternative employment have all greatly increased this year. An interesting note, the starting salaries for new UK lawyers also saw a healthy surge. The range for those entering corporate practice, traditionally offering the highest starting salaries, was $14,000-$18,000; for those beginning practice with large law firms in metropolitan areas was $14,000-$25,000; and for smaller firms offering straight salary arrangements, $12,000-$14,000 was generally the range. Public interest practice opportunities offered starting salaries around $12,000. Beginning salaries for government attorneys stayed at last year's spread: Federal, from $14,000 to $17,000, and continued on page 7
Three visiting faculty members will join the law school for the summer session.

Professor Paul A. Wallace, Jr., Boston University School of Law, is a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School. He was an Associate with Bogle, Bogle & Gates from 1954-59, and has taught at Boston University since 1959. He has been a professor since 1962, with expertise in Criminal Law; Decedents' Estates; Legal Process; Federal Taxation; Trusts and Estates; and Torts. Professor Wallace will teach Professional Responsibility for the College of Law.

Associate Professor Robert A. Hillman of the University of Iowa College of Law, is a graduate of the University of Rochester with a J.S. from Cornell. He is a former member of the Cornell Board of Editors, Cornell Law Review. He was a Law Clerk for Judge Edward C. McLean, U.S. District Court, S.D.N.Y. in 1972, and Law Clerk for Judge Robert J. Ward, U.S. District Court, S.D.N.Y., 1972-73, and an associate with DeBevoise, Plimpton, Lyons & Gates in New York City from 1973-74. He has been an Associate Professor at the University of Iowa since 1975, teaching Clinical Teaching; Contracts; Personal Property; Real Property; and Remedies. Professor Hillman will teach Remedies for the College of Law.

Professor Frederick Davis is the Edward W. Hinton Professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. Professor Davis is a graduate of Yale University, with a J.D. from Cornell and an LL.M. (Honours) from Victoria University of Wellington. He was an Associate with Engel, Judge and Miller in New York City in 1953-54; a Lecturer at Victoria University of Wellington, 1954-55; Instructor at the University of Pennsylvania in 1955-56; an Assistant Professor at New York University in 1956-57; Associate at the University of South Dakota from 1957-62; a Professor at Emory University in 1962-65; a Professor at Tulane University in 1965-66, and Professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law since 1966. Professor Davis' areas of expertise are: Torts, Administrative Law, International Transactions, Comparative Law, Constitutional Law, International Law, Federal Jurisdiction, Corporations and Antitrust. He served on the Board of Editors of the Administrative Law Review in 1966-67, and was Chairman of the Division of State Administrative Law, Section of Administrative Law, American Bar Association from 1969-1972. Professor Davis was a Member of the Council of the Section of Administrative Law, A.B.A. from 1972-75, and has been a Director of the Center for Administrative Justice, ABA, since 1973. Professor Davis will teach Administrative Law for the College of Law this summer.

New Faculty

LINDA JEANNE (SUNNY) PELTIER will join the faculty of the University of Kentucky College of Law in the Fall Semester, 1977. Ms. Peltier has her B.A. from Bucknell University, and a J.D. from The George Washington University National Law Center, where she was Editor-in-Chief of the George Washington Law Review, and a member of Order of the Coif. She has been an Associate with Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Kampelman in Washington, D.C., and Staff Attorney with the Susquehanna Legal Services in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Ms. Peltier is currently engaged in collaboration with Professor Harold P. Green, George Washington University National Law Center, on a law review article dealing with an exotic aspect of the First Amendment and commercial speech. She will teach Commercial Law for the College of Law.

Dean Attends Conference

Dean Thomas P. Lewis was a participant in the recent Sixth Judicial Conference in Louisville, Kentucky on May 11 through 13.

The Conference considered the impact of the United States Supreme Court decisions from the October, 1976 session. Dean Lewis and fellow panel members—Professors Herman of Ohio State, Kelman of Wayne State University, and Dean Penegar of the University of Tennessee—presented case abstracts on Thursday afternoon. Dean Lewis' discussed cases involving federal jurisdiction, social legislation and labor law.
Plans for the Future

Carroll Stevens, the new Assistant to the Dean, hopes to see placement become a three year process for the UK law student. A comprehensive Placement Handbook is being compiled this summer to be available to each student upon registration. That publication, along with fall seminars on legal employment opportunities and the job search process will be designed to help the student begin thinking at an early stage about career possibilities. This effort is in response to a national trend on the part of legal employers to recruit future associates earlier than the third year of law school. Many firms now like to recruit prospective associates in the second year, and have them clerk for the firm during the summer between the second and third years. Then, when they join the firm after graduation, they are familiar with clients, procedure, and policy and quickly become productive members of the organization.

Coupled with this emphasis on beginning the placement process earlier comes a commitment to make available to the student individual counseling regarding the job search. Matching skills analysis, personality inventory, and pre-law school educational and occupational history—along with a student’s own ideas about his professional preferences—helps immeasurably in plotting an individual job search.

Beginning this fall, the Placement Office will be scheduling a formal fall interviewing season for employers wishing to recruit third-year students as associates, or second-year students as summer clerks. That season begins September 26th and closes December 7th. Employers wishing to participate should contact the Placement Office, or call Carroll Stevens at 606/258-8959.

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Kentucky state, $11,412.

Also, a strong improvement was already apparent in the percentage of seniors committed to employment at graduation time. As of June 1, nearly 80% of the graduating class had jobs, and approximately an additional 12% were in final offer stages.

A complete statistical breakdown on the placement record of the class of 1977, including ‘where they went’ will be published in the fall edition of THE REVIEW.

Two Awarded Reggie Fellowships

William L. Davis, Talladega, Alabama and Ira Dean Newman, McDowell, Kentucky, members of the class of 1977 of the University of Kentucky College of Law, have recently been named as recipients of Reggie Fellowships for community service. Davis will be employed by the Louisville Legal Aid Society, and Newman will work in the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund in Lexington. This program—sponsored by Howard University, Washington, D.C.—is funded by the Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship for lawyers who are able to devote a year to community service. Both men are graduates of Berea College, Berea, Kentucky.

William L. David, Talladega, Alabama (left) and Ira Dean Newman, McDowell, Kentucky—Reggie Fellowship winners.
Delightfully fair spring weather provided a good omen for this year's College of Law commencement weekend. Festivities began Friday evening with a cocktail party and reception hosted by the faculty for the graduating seniors at Spindletop Hall on Ironworks Pike. Saturday saw numerous parties being hosted for law graduates around town, there being the additional excuse of the running of the Kentucky Derby. On Sunday, May 8th, over 600 spouses, family members and friends jammed tiny Memorial Hall next door to the Law Building for the final Commencement exercises. Dean Lewis, acting for the faculty, conferred degrees on December, May and August graduates.

Speaking for the faculty by vote of the seniors was John Leathers, Associate Professor of Law. Ed Buechel, a native of Fort Mitchell whose undergraduate degree is from Xavier University, spoke to the assembled group on behalf of his classmates. Scott Reed '44, Chief Justice of the Commonwealth was on hand to deliver the charge to the new lawyers on behalf of the Judiciary. After the conclusion of the ceremonies, the College sponsored a reception in the Law Building for the families and friends of the Class of 1977.

This year's Commencement produced one of the largest turnouts of faculty, students and guests of recent years. Dean Lewis expressed delight at the number and added he hoped even more could be done to make the Com-
mencement ceremony a highlight of the academic year and an event to be treasured by law graduates in years to come.

Every graduating class is special in its own way to the College community. This one was no exception. In addition to being a crack bunch scholastically, they have distinguished themselves exceedingly well in the job market, as an article in the upcoming Fall edition of THE REVIEW will describe. They have given us all, as fellow alumni, reason to be proud.
Some of our Cincinnati alumni

By Betsy Browning

On the 13th floor of the Provident Tower, One East Fourth Street in Cincinnati are the offices of Kyte, Conlan, Wulsin and Vogeler. One steps off the elevator into a handsomely panelled foyer, with geometric carpeting and etchings of 18th century Cincinnati on the walls. Three University of Kentucky College of Law alumni are partners in the firm of 17 attorneys: Alan R. Vogeler, J. Leland Brewster, II, and Gary L. Herfel. The firm describes itself in recruitment as: “Our practice includes real estate, probate, taxation, estate planning, general corporate work, and litigation of all types. Although we have no formalized program for pro bono work, each of our partners and associates is encouraged to engage in charitable ventures insofar as they have interest and time.”

I talked to Mr. Vogeler about his legal career and the history of the firm. The firm began in 1946 as Conlan & Kyte, changed in 1948 to Kyte, Conlan & Heekin, added Wulsin in 1950 and evolved to Kyte Conlan, Wulsin & Vogeler in 1961. Alan Vogeler graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law with an LL.B. in 1940, and got his LL.M. from the University of Michigan in 1941, where he was a Cook Fellow in Legal Research. After the serving in the Army during World War II, Vogeler practiced in Detroit for a year, then came to Cincinnati to join what is now Taft, Stettinius & Hollister. He joined his present firm in 1956, some 21 years ago. Since then the firm has moved three times, grown and continues to grow.

Vogeler’s specialty is tax law. Since the Wulsin in the partnership is now Chairman of the Board of Baldwin Piano, the firm does all of Baldwin’s legal work, and Baldwin is their single largest client. Along with several other large corporate clients, Baldwin’s size inevitably leads to a lot of tax work. The firm also does insurance defense, handles service companies, manufacturers, and other corporate work. However, the firm is not a classical defendant’s counsel. They represent plaintiffs, and have a sizeable trial practice.

J. Leland Brewster, II is a 1950 graduate of the University of Kentucky, and a 1957 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law. Brewster came back to law school after a stint in the Army and some time with I.B.M.—a path that was far less common then than it is now. I asked him about his practice. “It’s mostly corporate work—but that really isn’t descriptive,” he said. “I do mainly acquisitions, mergers, securities and related regulatory work. Yesterday, I sat six hours in a meeting simply working out the intricate wording of a merger—how do you describe that?”

“Do you do any litigation?”

“No,” he said, “It’s not compatible. I travel often—and if there’s a venture that is pending, I have to be there. I can’t have a court obligation that fits into that schedule. If I were part of a trial team in a trial lasting 6 weeks or
more, I couldn’t fulfill my other obligations.”

“What do you look for when you recruit?” I asked. “A good mind, with a broad background,” Herfel replied. “If I have a legal problem, I’d rather have a lawyer with a good mind any day. Someone with a fine mind can dig out all the important details of a case—and that’s what wins cases.”

The personality of the trial lawyer is—as many people have observed—very special. I asked Herfel about being a trial lawyer. “Well,” he mused, “a trial lawyer is very competitive—aggressive—willing to work hard—and has to be able to keep his composure in and out of court. After all, when you’re dealing with people, there are an infinite number of variables.”

“Litigation is tough,” he added, “like a poker game. The jury can’t ask questions or take notes—you have to communicate memorably. So, in whatever case you’re handling, the ultimate result could be a court trial, and you’re always looking ahead.”

“You can’t cop out when practicing law,” Herfel added. “I don’t think there’s any such thing as a simple will or a simple divorce. The name of the game is to solve the problem, and that’s the ultimate result you’re working towards—always.”

Since Cincinnati is a large, sophisticated, industrial city, Kyt. Conlan, Wulsin & Vogeler has a varied, unique and international practice. The windows of the floor in the Provident Bank Building look out—on the one side—on crowded Fourth Street and, on the other, to a grand view of Riverfront Stadium and the incredible, fascinating river traffic,

Gary L. Herfel, ’69

reflecting a way of life. The firm should have the last word on their urbane practice. Their recruiting synopsis ends with these words:

*We believe that the size of our firm is large enough to give our associates varied experience, yet small enough so that no one is pigeonholed into any single area of practice for a long period of time . . . Our practice is general, with emphasis on business matters of considerable variety.*

I asked Brewster about today’s legal education, and if he favored more clinical experience in law school. “My practice is significantly different, as most attorneys aren’t completely involved in Securities Regulations and mergers . . . so it’s hard for me to comment. I’m basically in business more than most. However, I think law school gives students a broader perspective than my experience in the 50’s. Of course, the whole legal environment has changed—and law school has, of necessity, changed somewhat with society.”

Gary L. Herfel graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1966 with a B.S. in Architecture, and earned his J.D. from the University of Kentucky in 1969, and an L.L.M. from Harvard University in 1970. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the *Cincinnati Bar Association Journal*—a four-color, polished magazine—and supervises its publication. I asked, “Has your degree in architecture been helpful in your practice?”

“Well, in some ways,” Herfel said. “It’s a help in a real estate practice, and I have done some defense work for architects and engineers. It simply gives me another special area in my practice.”

The firm, he said, handles all kinds of cases, and has many lawyers with different specialties. “That’s the advantage of being in a firm—even in litigation,” Herfel said. “With more than one lawyer, we can discuss a complex case, and one good legal mind sharpens another.” The only area of the law the firm doesn’t handle usually is criminal cases, and even then they do some *pro bono* criminal work.

The University of Kentucky College of Law is pleased and proud to claim Alan R. Vogeler ’40, J. Leland Brewster, II ’57, and Gary L. Herfel ’69 as our sophisticated alumni.
Women Editors Head Kentucky Law Journal

From “You’ve come a long way, baby ...” to Joanie Caucus’ graduation from Berkeley, women in law school are becoming the rule rather than the exception, and more and more women are academically outstanding.

This March, four women took over key editorial positions on the venerable (10th oldest law journal in the country) KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL, published by the University of Kentucky College of Law. The women who are excelling call themselves “overachievers”, and admit that they work hard to stay in the top of their class.

Sarah Welling, of Evanston, Ill., a second-year law student who is the new editor-in-chief of the Kentucky Law Journal, says she hasn’t been treated differently because she is a woman—but adds that it hasn’t always been that way for women who enter male-dominated professions.

“That’s probably when women began to feel more accepted here.”

Barb Foster, Newberry, Mich., lead articles editor of the law journal, says she has wanted to be a lawyer since she was a freshman in high school, and never thought there would be any obstacles in her way. “So far,” she says, “I haven’t had any problems.”

“I thought,” said Janet Marcum, Covington, Ky., who is notes editor of the Journal, “that I would be treated differently since I’m a woman. I haven’t been, but,” she added, “I think I would have if I’d been in school a couple of years ago.

According to Assistant Dean Paul Van Booven, within the last few years there has been an “upsurge of women entering law school” at U.K. College of Law, as well as throughout the nation. (Including Joanie Caucus, and the
Editors of the law journal work about four or five hours a day, and receive a "modest stipend" from the University, Sarah Welling said. Each year the journal receives $25,000 funding from the College of Law, and publishes four, 250-page magazines. The journal helps to make the law more lucid and understandable, and Sarah commented—is "a terrific research tool."

It is obvious that the law journal is in good hands—whether they wear nail polish or not. It is also obvious that the law has become a much more open field for women, and that these women have brought their own special gifts to the legal profession. We congratulate the Kentucky Law Journal for having such a fine staff of persons—and look forward to the fruits of their labors.

editor of The Review.) In 1965, only 13 of the 390 students enrolled in the College of Law were women. Of the 485 students enrolled this year, 132 are women, Van Booven said.

The number of women enrolled in law school at UK has increased with each year. In 1970, 27 out of 484 students were women—by 1975, 123 of the 485 were women.

In the three law schools in Kentucky—Chase, University of Louisville, and UK College of Law—this year, 374 of the 1737 students are women.

The high profile of talented women in the activities of the law school is a sign of the times, the women say. However, this year is the first year at UK when there has been a majority of women on the Kentucky Law Journal’s editorial board. Members of the editorial board are selected by the previous editors, with faculty approval. The co-ed board for this year includes:

- Vaughan Curtis . . . Articles Editor
- Barbara Foster . . . Articles Editor
- Kevin Hable . . . Ky. Survey Editor
- Janet Marcum . . . Notes Editor
- Marianna Read . Comments Editor
- Bob Vice . . . . . . Managing Editor
- Sarah Welling . . Editor-in-Chief

(For our non-legal type readers, The Kentucky Law Journal is a compilation of lead articles written by legal scholars and attorneys from across the country, and a student section of notes and comments on current legal issues. The contents has been likened to the turgid, obscure work of medieval scholars who toiled away in damp monasteries—but, in the profession, it's the most!)

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Legal Interns

Experiential learning in the law school

The Legal Intern Program in the University of Kentucky College of Law began in the mid-1960's when Professor Mooney arranged with the Fayette County Bar Association to have students work on the civil and criminal indigent cases which the Association's Legal Aid office received and referred to volunteer lawyers. At first, no credit was available for this work, but by 1967 it was offered as a one-credit "course" under the supervision of Professor Lawson.

From this small beginning has grown the broad program that continues to expand. Currently, the law school offers three courses—each worth two credits—that attract a large number of students each year. Legal Aid, Legal Internship, and Law Clerkship attract, altogether, about 100 students each year, and any or all of these courses are taken Pass/Fail.

Legal Aid is open to everyone who has completed the first year, and is a course where the student is assigned to work for a lawyer in one of five faculty-approved offices in the Lexington area. The approved offices are: (1) the Federal Correctional Institution (prison); (2) the Fayette County Legal Aid Office (criminal defense); (3) juvenile defense work in the Legal Aid Office; (4) the Human Rights Commission; and (5) Appalachian Research and Defense Fund ("Appalred").

Legal Internship is open to everyone who has completed two-thirds of the credit hours necessary to graduate, and is a course where the student is assigned to work for a prosecutor or legal aid defense attorney in Fayette County. Once qualified as an "intern," the student may appear in court and participate in trials under the attorney's supervision. Particular assignments are made according to the attorneys' needs and student preferences by Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Larry Roberts, who also conducts a 2-hour seminar one evening per week on criminal trial practice.

Law Clerkship is open to everyone who has completed the second year, and is a course in which the student is assigned to work for a judge or magistrate, usually in Fayette or neighboring counties. A law clerk may be called upon to do legal research, draft memoranda, opinions, and jury instructions, participate in pre-trial and trial conferences, and do a variety of other tasks assigned by the judge, thereby gaining a unique view of the workings of a court and of judicial decision-making. Students may express a preference for placement with a particular judge, but placement remains in the discretion of the professor, and depends primarily on the needs of the judges involved.

Legal Aid, which has been offered each semester (3 times a year) since 1972, attracts the most students—with an average of about 25 each semester. Students enrolled in Legal Aid have worked for Tenant Services (until 1976), the Federal Public Defender's Office (Fall, 1975), the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund (since 1973), the Federal Correctional Institution (since 1974), the Fayette County Human Rights Commission (since 1975), and the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection (since 1977)—as well as in the Legal Aid office. Numerous other offices have requested that students be assigned to them for
credit, so we can conclude that their work has been successful.
Although all Legal Aid programs are busy and active, one of the heaviest case loads involves the Federal Correctional Institution Legal Aid program. We talked to E. J. Walbourn, who has been involved in the program for 2 years, and head of this division for the past year, until he graduated in May, 1977. Walbourn was a student intern his second year in law school, and paid Director of the program at the F.C.I. during his third year. (During the summer session, the intern program in the Federal Correction Institutions is funded by the Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice. During the winter, the work is funded by a grant to the College of Law from the Bureau of Prisons, specifically to provide the supervision of legal services to the two institutions.) As Director, he also made weekly trips to the F.C.I. in Ashland, Kentucky in a similar capacity.

“We provide all types of legal services,” Walbourn said. “Civil and criminal—adoption—bankruptcy—divorce—whatever is needed. Usually, we act as a referral service, and contact Legal Aid in their area for assistance in problems that can only be handled in another state. We answer when prisoners have been sued, or we help them find private counsel who will take the case on a contingency basis.”

“Most of our work,” Walbourn continued, “is post-conviction. We file for habeas corpus, motions to vacate, set aside, or correct a sentence. We also provide a shoulder to cry on, as many prisoners don’t understand the legal process or the important process of parole.”

“We even find ourselves covering a lot of fronts. Last winter, in the worst of the freezing weather, we got a call that there were 5 or 6 children of a mother and daughter who were both inmates left at home, alone, without water or electricity. We got in touch with the welfare in Tennessee, and made arrangements for the state to take the children. That’s unusual, but it does happen.”

Walbourn says the hardest lesson to learn—for all students—is to remain objective. It requires a cool head and objectivity to separate truth from fiction, and actually render a service to those prisoners who request aid.

“Ashland,” Walbourn continued, “is another story. This prison has a different criminal, ones who have longer sentences and a lot of state charges.” Walbourn himself handled all the work in Ashland, rather than delegate the authority to an intern with less experience.

Walbourn feels the program is excellent. “It’s hard, at first, to be objective,” he commented, “but then you learn that you can’t be emotionally involved. You learn how to detect a liar. It’s excellent experience for practice, as you only hear one side. The program is also a good basic course in general law. The participants draft materials—orders, motions, etc. They do mediation between the prisoners and the prison. The prison treats the interns as outside attorneys who are not on either side and only wish to smooth out differences. Many of the basic skills of lawyering are constantly involved in the F.C.I. work.”

Certainly, if UK College of Law puts every effort into turning out the finest legal training possible, the Legal Intern, Legal Aid, and Law Clerkship experience enriches those skills and makes theoretical courses far more illuminating.