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FOREWORD

On Saturday, December 4, 1965, the University of Kentucky College of Law Building was dedicated. This occasion was not only a memorable event in the history of the College of Law, but was also one of the very special events held in observance of the University of Kentucky's Centennial Year commemorating the chartering of the University in 1865. The event brought together many alumni, students, faculty, and friends of the College of Law, who joined with the official delegates from other law schools to participate in the day's activities. The following pages record the main part of this occasion.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE COLLEGE OF LAW BUILDING

The new College of Law Building at the University of Kentucky was completed August 10, 1965, having been constructed in thirteen months by Foster and Creighton Company of Nashville, Tennessee, at an approximate cost of 1,450,000 dollars (including furniture, equipment, and site development). Lawrence D. Cammack of Lexington, Kentucky was the architect, and the consulting architects were Smith, Smith, Haines, Lundberg and Waehler of New York. Jack Schafer of Cincinnati, Ohio was the interior consultant.

The L-shaped floor plan provides a compact interior, gives a functional definition to the instructional and research spaces, and allows convenient access to the court room, library, faculty offices, and classrooms. The library and faculty offices are in the west wing, together with offices for the Kentucky Law Journal, the Research Institute, the Moot Court Board, the legal aid program, and the Student Bar Association. In the south wing are the court room, five classrooms, four seminar and conference rooms, the student and faculty lounges, the administrative offices, and the student coffee and locker rooms.
The building contains 67,000 square feet of interior floor space in three full floors and a mechanical equipment penthouse. The Alvin E. Evans Law Library contains 85,000 volumes and has stacks in place for 150,000 volumes, with expansion capacity to 175,000. There are reading and research spaces in the library for 275 students, including thirty-eight private carrels and thirty-five table carrels. The three large classrooms are equipped for installation of closed-circuit television, and seat 130, one hundred, and seventy-five students respectively. The court room is arranged to serve as a trial court, appellate court, or small auditorium. There are 216 theater seats in the court room and eighty walnut arm chairs for court participants who sit inside the railing, which symbolizes membership at the bar. The judge's chambers, the jury room, and the robing corridor are separate parts of the court room suite.

The contemporary design of the building reflects the forward-looking character of legal education, while the exterior walls of rose brick (made at Stanton, Kentucky) and white Vermont marble (quarried at Proctor, Vermont) acknowledge the tradition and dignity of the law. The colors and materials for the exterior also were selected to give a pleasing relationship to Memorial Hall—the Georgian chapel which stands immediately to the north. The portico at the main entrance faces into the central campus because of the law school's close relation to all parts of the University, and the landscaping of the site was planned to enhance the green space setting for the College of Law building and Memorial Hall.

DEDICATION EVENTS

8:30 A.M. Registration, College of Law Foyer
9:30 A.M. Symposium, College of Law Court Room
12:00 Noon Luncheon, Student Center Ballroom
2:15 P.M. Academic Procession, College of Law to Memorial Hall
2:30 P.M. Convocation, Memorial Hall
4:00 P.M. Laying of the Cornerstone, College of Law Portico
4:15 P.M. Naming of the Alvin E. Evans Library, College of Law Foyer
4:30 P.M. Reception, College of Law Lounge

SYMPOSIUM
9:30 A.M., College of Law Court Room

Presiding: Professor John Batt, University of Kentucky


Panel: Justice Walter V. Schaefer, Illinois Supreme Court
Dean Edward L. Barrett, Jr., University of California
Richard H. Kuh, Esq., New York City
Professor Gerhard O. W. Mueller, New York University

LUNCHEON
12:00 Noon, Student Center

Presiding: Professor Paul Oberst, Member, Board of Trustees, University of Kentucky

Greetings: Scott Baesler, President, Student Bar Association
Judge Dan M. Griffith, Jr., President, College of Law Alumni

Address: Dean Jefferson B. Fordham, University of Pennsylvania

CONVOCATION
2:30 P.M., Memorial Hall

Presiding: Dr. John W. Oswald, President, University of Kentucky
Invocation: Dr. Thomas M. Johnston, Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church

Greetings From:
The Bar: Herbert D. Sledd, President, Kentucky State Bar Association, Member, House of Delegates, American Bar Association

The Judiciary: Squire N. Williams, Judge, Court of Appeals of Kentucky

The Association of American Law Schools: Dean Vernon X. Miller, Catholic University, President of the Association

The Board of Trustees: Governor Edward T. Breathitt, Chairman

The College of Law: Dean W. L. Matthews, Jr.

Address: Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States

Awarding of Honorary Degrees

Benediction: Dr. Johnston

LAW SCHOOL DELEGATES ATTENDING

Date of Charter
1636 Harvard University .................. Professor Willburt D. Ham
1740 University of Pennsylvania ............. Dean Jefferson B. Fordham
1749 Washington and Lee

University .................. Professor Charles R. McDowell
1766 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey .......................... Dean Willard Heckel
1787 University of Pittsburgh .................. W. Rodes Clay, Esq.
1789 Georgetown University .......................... D. Paul Alagia, Esq.
1794 University of Tennessee ........................ Dean Harold C. Warner
1795 University of North Carolina ..... Professor Kenneth L. Penegar
1798 University of Louisville ............ Acting Dean James R. Merritt
1817 University of Michigan ............................ Dean Charles W. Joiner
1818 Saint Louis University .......................... Associate Dean Richard J. Childress
1819 University of Cincinnati ......................... Professor Wlbur R. Lester
1819 University of Virginia ............................ Angus W. McDonald, Esq.
1820 Indiana University ................................. Professor Kenneth B. Hughes
1821 George Washington University .................... Mrs. Charles G. Williamson, Jr.
1826 University of Maryland ........................... Professor Laurence M. Jones
1826 Western Reserve University ....................... Professor Joe H. Munster, Jr.
1831 New York University ............................... Professor Bertel M. Sparks
1833 Mercer University ................................. Professor Edgar H. Wilson
1834 Tulane University ................................. John H. Welsh, Jr., Esq.
1839 Boston University ................................. Professor Eugene Roemele
1839 University of Missouri ............................ Professor William H. Pittman
1842 Howard College .................................... George D. Dorroh, Esq.
1842 Notre Dame University ............................ The Rev. William M. Lewers, C.S.C.
1853 University of Florida ............................ A. Dana Brown, Esq.
1853 Washington University ............................ Dean Hiram H. Lesar
1859 Valparaiso University ............................. Professor Charles R. Gromley
1861 University of Colorado ........................... Homer A. Sobel, Esq.
1864 University of Denver .............................. Robert Fosdick, Esq.
1865 Cornell University ............................... Professor Frederick W. Whiteside, Jr.
1867 University of Illinois ............................. Professor Victor J. Stone
1868 University of California ........................ Dean Edward L. Barrett, Jr.
1872 University of Toledo ............................... Professor Janet L. Wallin
1872 Vanderbilt University ............................. Dean John W. Wade
1873 Ohio State University ............................. Associate Dean Albert M. Kuhrfeld
1881 University of Connecticut ......................... Dean Bert E. Hopkins
1882 University of South Dakota ....................... Harry E. McFrye, Esq.
1883 University of North Dakota ....................... Melvin E. Koons, Esq.
1883 University of Texas .............................. Dr. Herman Wing
1884 Temple University ................................. Dean Ralph Norrell, Jr.
1885 University of Arizona ............................ C. Boyd Green, Esq.
1887 Catholic University of America .................. Dean Vernon X. Miller
1888 Chicago-Kent Law School ........................ Herbert D. Sledd, Esq.
1890 University of Chicago ............................ Professor Sheldon Tefft
1893 American University ............................. Leslie C. Gay, Esq.
1915 Southern Methodist University .................... Mrs. Fred A. Dewey

Delegates-at-large: Professor Michael H. Cardozo
Professor Thomas P. Lewis