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The Law School

Although the situation of the University has not been such as to make possible a much needed increase in faculty personnel, the curriculum for 1935-1936 has been considerably enriched by the addition of several courses undertaken by the present members. Professor Frey offers a course in Labor Law; Professors Bohlen and Philbrick combine to give one bearing the name Quasi Contracts, although it includes a number of topics not usu-

ally included under that heading. Several seminars are scheduled: one in Criminal Law by Professor Mikell; in Comparative Criminal Procedure by Professor Keedy; in the Comparative Law of Wills by Assistant Professor Register; in Conflict of Laws by Professor Goodrich. It is hoped that these additional courses, in which the elections for any one will be fewer in numbers than for the standard courses of the second and third years, will enable students who wish it to work in smaller groups and to do some independent work.

The Gowen Fellows elected from the class of 1935 are Chauncey M. Depuy, Bernard Eskin, Louis J. Goffman and Louis B. Schwartz. Mr. Depuy is at present on leave of absence because of illness; Mr. Eskin is working in the field of Labor Law; Mr. Goffman in the Conflict of Laws; Mr. Schwartz in problems involved in business reorganization, in which study he is assisting Mr. Finletter in preparing a book on that interesting but difficult subject.

A new requirement for students this year is that of preparation of a thesis or paper upon a selected legal topic. Assignments are made to second year men, completion of the work to be made by the third year. It was felt that, aside from those on the staff of the REVIEW, not enough was given the students in the way of independent investigation. The study of cases, the attendance upon class exercises, the reading of references, and review are important and necessary, but in all of this the path is pretty well marked out for the student by others. Independent research by the student and the preparation of a paper following such research should aid in rounding out his work in the law. In this project the law school is grateful for the assistance of a group of its younger graduates in and about Philadelphia who have suggested topics for research and have volunteered to keep in touch with students in the course of their work.

Professor John Dickinson, for the last two years Assistant Secretary of Commerce, is now Assistant Attorney General. He continues his connection with the school, however, and gives the courses in Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and Public Utilities. Professor Frey's new book, *Cases and Statutes on the Law of Business Associations*, is off the press and in use this year. The new edition of Professor Mikell's book, *Cases on Criminal Procedure*, is now in page proof. In Conflict of Laws, this year's class is using, in mimeographed form, material by Cheatham, Dowling and Goodrich bearing the name "Interstate Transactions." Professors Brown and Reeve are engaged in work upon the Pennsylvania annotations to Property and Trusts, respectively, which are to accompany the American Law Institute's *Restatement* in these subjects.

Amongst other University projects approved under the National Youth Administration the Biddle Law Library now has three under way: (1) revision of the catalogue of Federal and State statutes; (2) listing of strictly legal material within defined classifications now located in the general University Library and departmental libraries as supplementary data for the Biddle Law Library catalogue; (3) listing of duplicate material for exchange purposes. These projects together with the regular library student staff will employ twelve law students on part time.

In numbers the school is slightly smaller than last year. The decrease comes in the first year class, and for the most part in that portion of the

class which comes to the law school from the undergraduate schools of the University of Pennsylvania. The tables are as follows:

Class Enrollment

	1933-34	1934-35	1935-36
First Year	185	172	144
Second Year	125	130	122
Third Year	98	102	118
Graduates, unclassified and hearers	9	19	13
	<hr/> 417	<hr/> 423	<hr/> 397

Class Admitted in 1935 According to Colleges

University of Pennsylvania :	Georgetown	1	Swarthmore	1
College	16	1	Temple	7
Wharton	15	4	University of Florida	1
Miscellaneous	3	2	University of Pittsburgh	2
	— 34	1	University of Urbino,	
Other Institutions :	Juniata	3	Italy	1
Albright	1	6	Ursinus	3
Allegheny	1	1	Villanova	6
American University	1	1	Wabash	1
Amherst	1	2	Washington and Jeffer-	
Bethany	1	2	son	3
Bucknell	3	9	Wesleyan	3
Catholic University of	Princeton	17	William and Mary	1
America	1	1	Williams	3
Colgate	1	2	Wooster	1
Connecticut State	1	1	Yale	6
Dickinson	4	1		
Drexel	1	1		
	St. Joseph's	1		
	St. Thomas	1		
			Total	<hr/> 145

From University of Pennsylvania	1933-34	1934-35	1935-36
	28+%	34+%	24+%
From Other Colleges	71+%	65+%	75+%

Geographical Distribution

Philadelphia	41+%	47+%	36+%
Pennsylvania (outside Philadelphia)	46+%	40+%	47+%
Other States and Foreign Countries	12+%	11+%	16+%

Herbert F. Goodrich.