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## S. C. First In Bar Results

### Frosh Enter Spring Term

Twenty-six new members joined the freshman class this semester, as the School of Law inaugurated an unprecedented program of freshman mid-year admissions.

The twenty-six represent the rear-guard of a seven year assault of veterans on the portals of this and other colleges and universities. They are the successful ones of some fifty applicants, the remainder lacking the necessary scholastic requirements. Of the twenty-six, two are women, one of whom is a professional psychiatrist. It is rumored in some circles that she may find here a fertile field in which to exercise her calling. A twenty-seventh admittee has since been called into active service with the armed forces.

Entry of freshmen at this time has necessitated a complete revamping of first year programs for those entering. They will take two traditionally first year courses, agency and real property, and two traditionally second year courses, legislation and persons. In addition, they will take a combined legal method and legal bibliography course. The maximum load which may be carried is limited to ten units.

Miss Morrill, registrar, announces that the purpose of the program is to permit veterans to take advantage of educational benefits under directives which require uninterrupted continuance of education. The Veteran's Authority has ruled that since some graduate schools permit enrollment in the spring semester, all students graduating in February must immediately enroll in graduate courses or be deemed to have interrupted their education. Since the program is aimed at benefiting veterans in this category, it is limited to veterans who have or shall have obtained their bachelor's degrees by February, 1951.

Miss Morrill further announces that an additional program is being planned for the next summer session which will

### Hale Court Semi-Finals To Begin

The Executive Board of the Hale Court competition announced the eight semi-finalists surviving the preliminary round. The second year students will compete in four oral arguments to be held in the last week of March and the first week in April. Prior to the oral presentations the eight will submit their appellate briefs for the consideration of the Court. The semi-finalists include: Don Mitchell, Fred Nicolas, Kenneth Lewis, Al Fulkerson, Scott McCormac, Robert Miles, Jerome Pastor and Gene Glushon. These eight survived the preliminary round in which thirty competed.

Sitting on the bench were Professors Orin B. Evans and Moffatt Hancock, as associate justices. Presiding Justice for the first round was Emmett Wilson, Associate Justice, Second District, District Court of Appeals. Presiding Justices for the individual arguments included: Jess E. Stevens of the Appellate Department of the Superior Court, Los Angeles County; and W. Turney Fox, Allen W. Ashburn, Thomas J. Cunningham, Clarence M. Hanson, Roy L. Herndon, and Philip H. Richards, all of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County.

In addition to the above named justices, each member of the University of Southern California School of Law assisted the Hale Court Board in the judging, researching and grading of the appellate briefs, particularly Mr. Harold

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also permit beginning students to enter. She emphasized, however, that it will not be limited to veterans, and that veterans who graduate in June will not be considered as having interrupted their education if they wait until September to enroll.

### Troy Grads Tops In October Test

The results of the California Bar Examination of October, 1950, are something that the faculty, students and alumni of U.S.C. can point to with pride. By now it is common knowledge that the U.S.C. graduates led the State by edging out their two chief rivals in the North, Boalt Hall and Stanford. What is not so well known is that this class is the first to finish the three year course of study under the guidance of Dean Sheldon Elliott who became Dean of the University of Southern California Law School in 1947.

#### Figures Given

The results as published by the Bar Examiners show that of the 101 U.S.C. graduates taking the bar examination for the first time, 86.1 per cent passed. Following behind U.S.C. were Stanford with 84.9 per cent, and the School of Law at Berkeley (Boalt Hall) with 73.9 per cent.

There has been considerable comment upon the abilities of the post-war graduates taking the California Bar, and how they compare with the overall average including students of the pre-war era, and further, as to the comparison of 'Approved' schools to 'Non-Approved' schools in California.

Statistics recently compiled by the California Bar Examiners show the comparative results beginning with the examinations of February, 1934, through the past examination of October, 1950.

During that period of 16 years an average of 42.5 per cent were successful each time. Of those students taking the Bar examination for the first time, 50.45 per cent passed the examination.

#### Approved Schools Lead

Upon a further breakdown of the statistics it is observed that the graduates of the California Law Schools approved by the American Bar Association were considerably more astute than those graduating from non-approved California Schools. The 'Approved' Schools passed an average of 77.25 per cent for the

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