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**H**ARDLY a day goes by that some Oklahoma attorney doesn't reach for a copy of one of the student publications from the University of Oklahoma. But he doesn't reach for it out of idle curiosity or to catch up on activities of his alma mater; he turns to the *Oklahoma Law Review* as an important ready reference, full of articles, notes and comments on points of law and matters currently affecting the legal profession.

This year the *Oklahoma Law Review*, one of 90 such publications in the United States, celebrates its 15th anniversary with the satisfaction of a growing prestige among attorneys in the Southwest. Its circulation is small but select (about 1,300), and its comments on points of law are frequently cited in courts ranging from the New Jersey Superior Court to the Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Federal Circuit Courts. Quotations from the *Review* appear in texts and treatises, and the Oklahoma publication is particularly respected for articles in the field of oil and gas.

Besides the *Review's* service function as a research tool for attorneys, the journal also serves as an important teaching function within the O.U. College of Law. By pro-

viding an opportunity for legal research, the *Review* supplies law students with experience that is difficult to acquire outside a law office. But not just any law student can work on the *Law Review*, for the publication is a sort of honor society as well.

In order to be an associate on the *Law Review* staff, a first-year law student must have better than a B-minus average. The first year is a form of apprenticeship spent in the more menial editorial tasks—checking footnotes, reading galley proofs, etc. Second and third year students with the same average may become candidates and are required to submit notes for publication as well as aiding with the associates' tasks. When a candidate has two notes acceptable for publication, he becomes an editor, entitled to vote and to hold office. Candidates and editors may enroll in Law Review (Legal Research) and receive one hour academic credit for writing two acceptable notes. There are now 55 persons on the staff from a total law enrolment of 350.

Although the major portion of the work on the *Law Review* is done by the student staff, a board of faculty advisers supervises the procedure. They are professors Joseph F. Rarick, general chairman; Elbridge D.

Phelps, financial adviser, Leo H. Whinery, advertising adviser, and Maurice H. Merrill, adviser on soliciting articles, editing or determining what will be published formally. In addition there is a full-time editorial adviser, Mrs. Barbara Churchill, who does most of the actual editorial work on the lead articles and provides advice and continuity in the editing of student notes from semester to semester.

The *Law Review* boasts a long list of scholarly articles by eminent men including contributions from Mr. Justice William O. Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court; A. P. Murrah, chief judge of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals; Jed Johnson of the U.S. Customs Court; Federal District Judges Edgar S. Vaught and Eugene Rice; James A. Pike, Bishop of California, Protestant Episcopal Church; Wilber G. Katz, former dean of the Law School, University of Chicago; Marcus Barth, professor of theology, University of Chicago; Jacques Ellul, professor of law, University of Bordeaux, France; Winfred Overholser, superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Department of Health Education and Welfare and editor-in-chief of *Quarterly Re-*

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view of *Psychiatry and Neurology*, and Allison Reppy, New York Law dean.

Because of its increasing value to lawyers since its founding in 1948, the *Law Review* receives avid support from the Oklahoma Bar Association and from individual law firms. One of the larger state firms buys each of its attorneys an annual subscription to the publication.

As evidence of the success of the training function of the *Law Review*, the University can point to the professional accomplishments of its staff members of the past 15 years. Many outstanding attorneys, government officials and business leaders once had their names on the *Review's* mast. That they may be found in all parts of the country is most clearly shown by the whereabouts of the journal's editors-in-chief:

Volume 1—1948—Rufus Y. Bandy Jr., legal department, Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, and James Clay Hancock, captain in the Air Force, Alaskan Air Command.

Volume 2—1949—Dudley C. Phillips, general attorney, Sinclair Pipe Line Company, Independence, Kansas, and Robert M. Hart, legal department, Shell Oil Company, New York City.

Volume 3—1950—George S. Wolbert Jr., legal department, Shell Oil Company, New York City, and Dan B. Buzzard, private practice, Clovis, New Mexico.

Volume 4—1951—U. Grant Keener Jr., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Esther L. Smith, member Smith, Smith and Tharp, Clovis, New Mexico, and James G. Williams Jr.,



The University of Oklahoma student staff of the 1953 *Law Review* included (left to right) Fred R. Harris, managing editor; William D. Curlee, editor-in-chief, and Orpha Merrill, case editor; top row: Deane E. McCormick, article and book review editor, and John L. Smith, note editor.

legal department, Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville.

Volume 5—1952—James G. Williams Jr.; Sam F. Whitlock Jr., member Bailey and Whitlock, Norman, and Robert B. Looper, deceased.

Volume 6—1953—Harry M. McMillan, Bristow city attorney and member Arthurs, Blackstock and McMillan; Gene H. Sharp, member Vance, Hobble, Nordling and Sharp, Liberal, Kansas, and member Lane and Sharp, Beaver, and William D. Curlee, member Lytle, Soule and Emery, Oklahoma City.

Volume 7—1954—Deane E. McCor-

mick, justice department, Washington, D. C., and Robert D. Allen, State Insurance Board, Oklahoma City.

Volume 8—1955—David L. Fist, member Rosenstein, Mesirow and Fist, Tulsa, and Harold G. Lowery, member Wright and Lowery, Woodward.

Volume 9—1956—Donald D. Winn, Oceanside, California, and Donald L. Wilson, member Brooks, Tarlton and Wilson, Fort Worth, Texas.

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Volume 11—1958—C. Larry McLane, member Mosteller, Fellers, Andrews, Snider and Baggett, Oklahoma City, and David Swank, Stillwater assistant city attorney and member Swank and Swank.

Volume 12—1959—Daniel G. Gibbens, assistant dean, O.U. College of Law, and Albert R. Matthews, member Bonds and Matthews, Muskogee.

Volume 13—1960—John M. Burzio, member Fuller, Smith, Mosburg and Davis, and Alfred P. Murrah Jr., member Rainey, Flynn and Welch, both Oklahoma City.

Volume 14—1961—Charles L. Fagin, lieutenant in the Air Force, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, and W. Robert Wilson, Amerada Oil Company, Tulsa.

Volume 15—1962—William L. Leonard, lieutenant in the Army, Charlottesville, Virginia, and Milton D. Andrews, senior, O.U. College of Law.

Volume 16—1963—Thomas P. Hester, senior, O.U. College of Law.



The 1956 *Law Review* staff in their student days are (left to right) standing William C. Paul, article and book review editor; Henry Taliaferro, managing editor; Lee West, case editor; Reford Bond, note editor; seated, Jean Johnson Fisk, editorial assistant, Donald Winn, editor-in-chief.