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THE CORNELL LAW SCHOOL

Despite the reduction in enrollment due to the war, the Law School is continuing operations. The Board of Trustees of the University has approved a Law School budget covering a fifteen-week summer session in 1942 and two terms of the same length comprising the academic year 1942-43.

Twelve first year students, twenty-one second year students, twenty-seven third year students and one special student, a total of sixty-one, registered for the summer session which began June 1st. As the enrollment for the fall and spring terms is expected to be about the same, the Law School for the coming academic year will be from one-quarter to one-third its normal size. Other law schools are predicting similar or even greater reductions.

The armed forces are rapidly absorbing not only many of the School's alumni and practically all of its recent graduates, but are also drawing heavily upon students whose law study has not yet been completed. Cornell Law School men will be found in the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard; in short, in practically every branch of the armed services.

The war has had its effect upon the faculty roster as well as upon the student body. Dean Stevens is on duty in Washington with the Office of Emergency Management. In his absence, Professor Farnham is serving as Acting Dean. Professor Washington is also part of the Emergency Management staff. Professor Morse has received a captaincy in the Army, and toward the end of July will assume charge of the libraries of the Judge Advocate General's Department. While most of his time will be spent in Washington, it is expected that he will be able to exercise general supervision over the Law School library. Professor Yorkey has returned to private practice for a time. It is hoped that a substitute will be obtained for him about the middle of the summer.

As the members of the Faculty remaining at School have undertaken
heavier teaching loads, the Law School curriculum will suffer no substantial curtailment. Some courses will be offered less frequently; a few have been dropped temporarily. The most important feature of the school, however, its program of individualized instruction, can and will be emphasized more than ever. The faculty-student ratio, on which the practicability of such a program depends and which is normally 13 to 190, will probably be about 9 to 60 for the coming academic year.

The facilities in Myron Taylor Hall made available by the contraction of the student body, will not lie idle. Classrooms A, C, and D, the Moot Court Room and the Quarterly Board room have been placed at the disposal of the Navy for the summer, and accommodations almost as large have been offered the Navy for the fall and spring terms. About 800 reserve ensigns are expected to report at Cornell about July first for various types of training, and many of their classes will be held in Myron Taylor Hall.

Twenty-five students completed the requirements for their LL.B. degrees in May. Twenty-seven members of the third year class were graduated in March, having accelerated their program by attending the 1941 Summer Session. Seven others, having been called into service with the armed forces after the middle of their last term, were granted degrees in May, despite their having missed several weeks of instruction and the final comprehensive examination. Of the March group, Stanley Melvin Brown was graduated with distinction. Of the May group, Donald Robert Harter and Jack Leonard Ratzkin received this honor.

The Carey Exhibition Prize for the best performance in the Comprehensive Examination was awarded to Donald Robert Harter.

The Boardman Scholarship for the academic year 1942-43, which is annually awarded to the student who has done the best work during his first two years, was won by Samuel Michael Schatz, of Hartford, Conn., A.B. Cornell, '41. The First and Second Fraser Scholarships for the same year were awarded respectively to Tozier Brown, of Santa Fe, New Mex., A.B. University of Denver, '36, and Douglas Stuart Moore, of Hawthorne, N. J., A.B. Cornell, '41, upon the recommendation of the third year class from a list of members submitted by the Faculty as eligible by reason of superior scholarship.