Editorial

Before another year has elapsed, legal research, which is now being carried on at the New York University, is expected to produce definite practical suggestions for legislative change.

According to Dean Sommer of the School of Law of the New York University, the first changes will probably relate to existing rules of the law of property in land and to the law of evidence.

Other parts of Dean Sommer's annual report are interesting to observe here. The requirements of two years of college work for admission to the School of Law has been in effect sufficiently long at the New York University to warrant passing judgment thereon. Their records show that the effect of this pre-legal demand has been very marked. The percentage of students retarded in regular progress, and of students dropped for failure to maintain satisfactory scholarship, has been reduced.

A year or so back the American Bar Association criticized many law schools throughout the United States, because their programs did not include, or if they did at all in only a minor way, studies of our Constitution. To meet that criticism the New York University rearranged their program in order to provide the required course in Constitutional Law.

It is interesting to note that Chicago-Kent College of Law preceded the New York University in this regard, having long before required all their students to study the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Illinois.

Phi Delta Phi Retains Scholarship Cup

Our Registrar very recently completed the calculation and tabulation of the grades obtained by the members of the different fraternities during the first semester of the 1928-29 term. Once again Phi Delta Phi heads the list with an average of 1.671.

The ranking of the eight fraternities represented at Chicago-Kent College of Law and their averages follows:

Phi Delta Phi ..................... 1.671
Delta Theta Phi ................... 1.555
Alpha Sigma Iota .................. 1.511
Sigma Delta Kappa ............... 1.391
Phi Alpha Delta ................... 1.372
Nu Beta Epsilon ................... 1.326
Kappa Beta Pi ..................... 1.248
Delta Chi ........................ 1.196

It is interesting to note the trend among the fraternities in scholarship. Not very long ago, there was an occasional average better than 2.0, while in recent semesters the averages on a whole have declined. A few of the groups have made noticeable advancements. Their improvements, however, have not been of a magnitude to compensate for the general decline of the averages.

The object in mind at the time that the scholarship cup was presented for competition among the fraternities was to stimulate spirit and promote high scholarship. It is hoped that the scholarship averages for the current semester will prove that the purpose of giving the scholarship cup is being accomplished and that the trend of scholarship is decidedly upward.

News of the Alumni

We will appreciate receiving news items about the many alumni of Chicago-Kent College of Law and its merged institutions for publication in future issues of The Review.