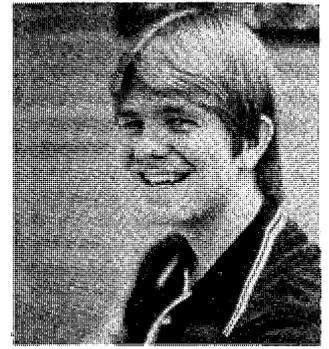

Welcome to the Clark Memo



In this first issue the reader will be acquainted with J. Reuben Clark, Jr., the man for whom the law school here at Brigham Young University was named. He was a remarkable and unique individual. Of him, Philander C. Knox (who served as U.S. Senator, Attorney General, and Secretary of State) once said, "I am but doing him justice in saying that for natural ability . . . I have not met his superior and rarely his equal." A business associate once remarked that "work is his vocation and his avocation, his pursuit and his pastime." He is an inspiration to all who would seek to follow the law. Certainly all law students can benefit from his example, which was to seek excellence and work until you achieve it.

Also featured is the Clark Memorandum, for which this publication was named. It was one of J. Reuben Clark, Jr.'s best known works, described in history books as one of the most important documents ever drafted dealing with American foreign policy.

The reader will also be introduced briefly to the history of the law school, including Chief Justice Warren E. Burger's remarks at its dedication on September 5, 1975,

concerning the "Role of Lawyers in Modern Society", containing a charge to the J. Reuben Clark Law School to turn out lawyers who "understand their mission."

Much has been written about the process of gaining a legal education. Included in this issue is an article by Rex E. Lee, Dean of the Law School, focusing on the relationship between faculty and students. We also present an abstract of Roger C. Crampton's article "The Ordinary Religion of the Law School Classroom," followed by a short commentary on the article by Stephen M. Fuller, professor at the Law School.

A special statistical feature on the three classes now attending the school is included, followed by the results of the hotly contested race staged recently in Provo by the Student Bar Association. The competitors? Doctors vs. lawyers. The race course? The streets of Provo. The objective? Catch the ambulance before the other gets to it. At stake? Professional pride. The winners? Turn to inside the back cover.

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