

Tech Law Society

Chapter Approved

The Texas Tech University School of Law this week was notified of approval for a chapter of the Order of the Coif, the only national legal honor society in the United States.

The Texas Tech law school becomes the 56th of the nation's 175 law schools to be approved for a chapter and the third in Texas, according to law professor J. Hadley Edgar, under whose direction the petition for membership was prepared. The other two Texas law schools which are members are the University of Texas Law School at Austin and the Southern Methodist University School of Law at Dallas.

The top 10 per cent of the graduating class of the Texas Tech School of Law who meet certain other scholastic standards which are to be set up by the law school will be eligible for membership.

"We plan to organize our chapter in time to elect members from this year's graduating class," Edgar said.

The English Order of the Coif was the most ancient and one of the most honored institutions of the common law, Edgar said. It is thought to have antedated the Norman Conquest.

The order takes its name from the word used to designate the cap which all members were required to wear.