Summer remodeling nearly completed

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Repairs in the Notre Dame law building and remodeling of law student facilities will cost between twenty and thirty thousand dollars upon completion according to Assistant Dean Leslie Foschio. The dean explained that he and Dean Thomas Shaffer were able to negotiate the necessary funds from the University's capital improvement budget and that repair work was begun early this summer.

Although most of the major work has been completed, many of the new furnishings planned for the law school have been delayed in delivery. They are expected to arrive early this semester, Foschio said.

Repairs included repainting of classrooms and hallways and recarpeting of rooms 101 and 102. A new three-tier seating stage was included in 102. Classroom ventilation systems were checked and put into working order. Windows in the classrooms were repaired and louvered doors were added to provide for more convenient ventilation. Electric outlets were also added in each of the classrooms for better use of audio-visual aids. All of the classroom chairs and tables were repaired and refinished.

Other remodeling included rearranging of old facilities to provide for new study areas. New shelving has been ordered with plans to remove books from the center of room 302 in order that it can be carpeted and furnished as a study and seminar room. Books will then be shelved along the south hallways on the second floor of the building. To handle other overflow of books from the library, the auditorium stage has been enclosed and will be used as a book storage area.

The old student lounge will also be lined with bookshelves and will be refurbished as a seminar and study facility.

Room 303 which was previously used as a storage room for the library will also be remodeled. The room now contains a complete set of the proceedings of the United States Civil Rights Commission. More shelves, carpeting, and a long conference table will be added to create the Theodore M. Hesburgh Civil Rights Reading Room in honor of the Notre Dame president and chairman of the Civil Rights Commission. Dean Foschio stated that there will be limited student access to the reading room. The facility will be used mainly for seminars, special research and faculty conferences.

All of the student lockers have been relocated in the old coffee canteen. Facilities for student lunches and snacks are located adjacent to the old auditorium. New tables and chairs will be added to the canteen to make for a more pleasant lunchtime environment.

The Student Bar Association at the request of its officers has moved its offices to smaller quarters in the old book exchange. The book exchange was moved to a room adjacent to the women's lounge. Moot Court, the Legislative Bureau and Dooley's Dictum now share quarters in the old SBA office.

A new and larger student lounge has been located in the old auditorium. Remodeling of the lounge is under the supervision of the SBA. Much of the old furniture has been retained and plans include the addition of more lamps and tables.

Other improvements include a planned new exhaust fan system for the library which is to be installed in the near future. New water fountains were added on the third floor and in the school basement area and new bulletin boards have been provided in the basement hallway and in the student canteen.

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Publish or Perish?

Bob Lueck

The start of the '71-'72 school year promises to be more than just the start of an ordinary year at the Notre Dame Law School. Never before in its 100 year plus history has there been so many changes as there has been in the past few months. Almost as if it has happened over night, the school has changed its atmosphere, operations, appearance, and educational policies so much so that even second and third students were somewhat amazed at the rapid rate of change.

While the overwhelming majority of the changes made have benefited the law school immensely, they have not come about without a heavy price. As the Dean's recent letter to law alumni indicates, the scholarship deficit has reached nearly $600,000. There is no doubt about it. We are faced with a dollar crunch which has limited the various programs the law school would like to fund.

Three student organizations in particular — the Legislative Bureau, Dooley's Dictum, and the Legal Aid and Defender Association — were unable to receive budgetary funds from the law school and so must turn to outside sources to continue their operations. The Legislative Bureau and the LADA are operations, though, which are capable of attracting grants and gifts for their various projects.

The same does not hold true for Dooley’s Dictum however. To put it bluntly, the Dictum needs to raise several hundred dollars, preferably through subscriptions and a few small gifts, in order to continue publication. We have successfully managed to reduce the printing costs per issue from $200 down to approximately $130 per issue. If Dooley’s Dictum was able to attain a paid subscription list of 600, that would be sufficient to finance 20 four page issues over the academic year without having to charge students for the paper. Unless we can manage to attain a break-even subscription level, we may not be able to publish the ten issues this semester. Therefore, we are asking students to give us any ideas they may have about raising our subscription level from the present 125 to approximately 600. If we can achieve that, the future of Dooley's Dictum will be assured.

Cass County gets LEAA justice grant

The Cass County Board of Commissioners has received a $19,000 grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. The grant will be used for the administration of criminal justice in the southwestern Michigan county.

The grant will be used primarily to pay for overhead costs, office help, etc., along with some compensation for law students who work year round in the Cass County program. Compensation will not be made to students working in the program during the school year.

While the grant itself is administered by the County Commissioners, the student legal assistance will come from the law school's Legal Aid and Defender Association’s (LADA) Cass County program. This program is one of ten different programs administered by the LADA.

Approximately 25 second year law students are expected to participate in the Cass County program. They will be working on both civil and criminal cases throughout the school year.

The LEAA grant was obtained through the joint efforts of Bob Craig, an attorney in Cassopolis, and Ed Schmidt, the LADA student director of the Cass County program.

During the past summer months, six law students were employed in Cass County. Two students worked as assistant prosecutors, three students worked in criminal defense and civil litigation, and one student concentrated on civil cases.

The Cass County program has been given an office to use in the county courthouse. The grant funds will expire in June, 1972.

A forthcoming issue of the Michigan State Bar Journal will feature the program in one of its articles.

Hopkins named law school administrator

Among the several changes which have occurred in the law school over the summer is a major change in the way the law school is administered internally.

Shortly after taking office in June, Dean Shaffer appointed Miss Marianne Hopkins to be the Law School Administrator. Miss Hopkins had been employed at the law school as admissions director and administrative assistant to Dean Lawless since January, 1970.

Miss Hopkins will be in charge of all staff personnel except the faculty, deans and the library staff. She will have responsibility for the budget, admissions, registration and other services for the faculty and students.

While the title of the position is new, most of the duties are not. Miss Hopkins has been accumulating her various duties over the past several months and thus there was very little new work to be learned.

"Everything has gone pretty well so far," Miss Hopkins commented, "not too many things are going wrong now."

The job is still developing, she noted, and the major problem as of the moment is the size of the student body. "It can be difficult," she said, "to get things to work out right."

Miss Hopkins has plenty of experience for her job. After her graduation from St. Mary's College in 1967, she worked for the associate dean at the Washington College of Law at American University. She was called back to St. Mary's in August, 1968, by Sister Immaculata to help handle expanded student services at that school. After finishing her work there Miss Hopkins was then hired by the law school.
‘Housekeeping’ rules to be made and enforced

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Dean Foschio pointed out that he and Dean Shaffer had gone through great effort to induce the University and its Facilities Office to make the improvements in the law school’s physical plant. The assistant dean expressed his pleasure at the fine cooperation he received from John Moorem, Assistant Director of Facilities and Walter Jaworski, Director of Maintenance.

Another major change at the law school this semester includes a tougher stance toward “housekeeping” regulations. The new rules promulgated at registration forbid food and drinks above the basement area. Smoking will not be permitted in classrooms or in the library reading room and stack area. Smoking is allowed in the lounges and hallways and in reading room 302. New benches and ash trays have been purchased to be placed in the hallway landings.

Posters or signs will not be allowed anywhere in the first floor area. A large bulletin board is available for general student use in the canteen.

Exceptions will be made in such cases as SBA elections upon approval of either of the deans or Miss Marianne Hopkins, the law school administrator.

Dean Foschio stated that since the classrooms have been arranged for optimum teaching conditions, none of the chairs or tables should be moved. In addition, seating charts will be used for the benefit of new professors.

The assistant dean said that he is considering the use of warnings, fines, and other penalties to enforce the “housekeeping” rules. “We are very serious about these regulations,” Foschio stated. “Much work, money and attention has been given to create a pleasant people-centered environment, to enhance conditions for learning, and to promote an enjoyable experience at law school. It is very important to keep the building clean and in good order.”

Foschio added that he would be pleased to receive comments from students about the building improvements. He will also accept recommendations for additional work in the future.

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Hoynes Code compiled during summer

A code of faculty resolutions and administrative regulations, the first of its kind at this law school, has been compiled during the past summer by Dean Thomas Shaffer and second-year student James Farrell, Jr.

The codification of faculty resolutions and administrative regulations has been entitled The Hoynes Code in honor of Colonel William James Hoynes, first dean of the Notre Dame Law School.

The volume of regulations states as its purpose the ready access and convenient updating of official law school policy to those responsible for legal education at the University of Notre Dame. The need for such a code was originally suggested by Prof. Edward Murphy during his term as Acting Dean.

Materials for the Hoynes Code were taken from the regulations of the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools, administrative regulations promulgated by the law school dean, law faculty minutes, Student Bar Association resolutions, and the resolutions and regulations of other university administrative bodies which are applicable to the law school.

The code was prepared in five looseleaf bound copies. Two of the copies are on reserve in the law library. Other copies are located in the Dean’s Office and in the offices of Assistant Dean Leslie Foschio and Law School Administrator Marianne Hopkins.

The Hoynes Code was originally compiled as of August 1, 1971 and has been in effect since that time. Plans have been made to update the dean's copy on a monthly basis. The other copies will be updated at least twice annually.

Compiler Farrell states that the code is presently available for the use of students, faculty and staff whenever questions arise concerning any official aspect of the law school.

The Hoynes Code includes a sectional breakdown of articles relating to topics on faculty and administration, committees, degree requirements, courses, examinations, academic performance, financial aid, and readmission procedures.

Football, golf on LSAA agenda

By PAT HERALD
Dictum Sports Editor

Hello again, sports fans! This is the old Kommissioner returning to the typewriter for another season. For those of you who are new to the Kommer and the law school, I welcome you on behalf of the Law School Athletic Association (LSA.A.).

To our newcomers, by way of introduction, our Kommer attempts to keep members of the law school community and jurisprudential sports enthusiasts throughout the country informed of the feats and athletic prowess of Notre Dame’s law “jocks.” We also carry the latest wire service reports and the LSA.A. team rankings taken from a nationwide poll of law school coaches and sportswriters.

With the sounds of the Fighting Irish marching band in the background, all should be immediately reminded that another intramural football season will soon be underway. This season we are hoping for another fine competitive law school league and with much of the talent from last year’s league returning (including yours truly) we should see exactly that.

The LSA.A. six-man season will open the week of Sept. 20. Team rosters must be on file in the Kommissioner’s office by Sept. 15. Rosters will be limited to twelve men per team. Each team should designate a captain before the Sept. 15 deadline. The captain will be the liaison between league officials and the players, and he will be responsible for filing the team roster along with the team’s $10.00 entry fee. Those free agents expressing interest in playing although they are unassociated with the rosters filed will become part of an expansion draft to take place Sept. 16.

FROM THE KOMMISSIONER’S DESK:

Miss Carmen Piasecki, second-year female golf whiz, has added two more impressive titles to her long list of laurels on the links by capturing the South Bend Municipal Women’s Golf Championship and the Indiana State Women’s Golf crown.

Back by popular demand and endorsed by such golfing greats as our hometown favorite, Arnold Palmer, the LSA.A. Open Golf Tournament is tentatively set for Sunday, Sept. 26. More details will be forthcoming.

Any news or contact with the Kommissioner’s office should be directed to the Dictum’s new location at the corner of Lawyer Blvd. and John St. (formerly the old SBA office).

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