Dean's Desk
Monday, March 6, 1972

Professor Frank E. Booker, who has been away from our faculty for two years, will return to us next fall, and will be 1972-73 director of the London program. He is a veteran law teacher, with special interest in torts, evidence, trial practice, and comparative law. Dr. Leonard Leigh, on our London faculty now, and reader in law at the London School of Economics, will be associate director of the program. My ten days with our students and faculty there left me confident about the future of the program; it is a place of serious study, strong community; and discernable growth—and this, even, in the face of English power cuts and burglary. (Our brethren worked by candlelight at home and through skylights in the centre; the burglar got ten pounds, but Scotland Yard has a fingerprint.) Professors Kellenberg and Rodes, and Maureen Milan, '74L, are making initial arrangements for the 1972-73 group; Professor Booker and Father Lewers will be here in April to join in these efforts.

Thanks, for an enjoyable post card from Bali, to Mr. John Dorgan of our Advisory Council, and Mrs. Dorgan; they were on their way around the world, most of which is a long way from Chicago...John D. Kelly, Mineola, N.Y., who has chaired our New York alumni meetings in 1971 and 1972, was elected Chairman of the Insurance Section, New York State Bar Association... Cliff Fleming of the first-year class represented us in the Management Assistance to Minority Businessmen Conference, February 24 and 25 at New York University.

Get well wishes to Ed Farrell, '73L, and Valerie Gaus, '74L...Associate Dean Link spoke at the Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, February 23, on computerized legal research...Congratulations to Craig and Pam Boyd (boy).

Volume 16 of the American Journal of Jurisprudence, edited by Professors Rice and Rodes, is out; it contains 12 articles and four reviews, among them Professor Louisell's lecture here in December, 1970, and pieces by Professors Chroust and Kommers of the Notre Dame faculty and by Professors Jenkins and Bourke of the AJJ board of editors; Mike Mullane, '72L, is managing editor.

The February Notre Dame Lawyer features articles by retired Justice Clark Mr. Houser of the F.C.C.; Joe Kennedy, '69L; and Mr. Bruce Hopkins, a congressional aide. Student work covers blood transfusions, third-party recovery for professional negligence, the Railway Labor Act, and five comments in constitutional law.

Recent visitors: Prof. Richard Wasserstrom, UCLA, author of the recently published "War and Morality"...David L. Matthews, F. Gerard Feeney, George Strauss, and Frank Petsche of the South Bend Bar (to Prof. Broderick's Trial Practice Seminar).

Applications for the class entering next September are (1552 as of 2/15/72) double last year's; we will finally enroll here one student for every 25 who are applying. We have applications from every state except Tennessee and Wyoming, and from 410 colleges and universities. About 4% are from Catholic schools, 36% from publicly-supported schools, and 20% from non-Catholic private schools. We have admitted 105 students; they show a median GPA of 3.5 and median LSAT score of 620. These figures compare interestingly with current data on the danger of overcrowding in the legal profession; these are analyzed by Professor Ruud, ABA legal-education consultant, in the February 1972 American Bar Association Journal. His figures indicate that the number of new lawyers each year will have tripled between 1961 and 1974; it has already doubled since 1961; that the job market is tightening; and that educators and the profession have obvious work to do in expanding opportunities for young lawyers and broadening the availability of legal services to persons of modest income. We had a spirited student-faculty discussion of these issues, and their effect on our admissions and placement policies, on February 24.

Final total on law scholarship contributions for 1971: $93,950.18. This is double 1970, but still well under what we spent.

Our bank loan programs have all been re-negotiated over the past couple of months, principally through the tireless efforts of the Vice President and General Counsel of the University, Mr. Faccenda. We are very grateful to him; the loan terms are still not very attractive, but Mr. Faccenda managed to prevent their becoming worse, for students and for the University, in these relatively dire economic times...Administration of all law-student loan programs is now centered in the University Office of Financial Aid, under the able direction of Mrs. June McCauslin; our Miss Jeffers no longer handles loans.

Kind words on our job aspirants, from an Illinois firm: "The most highly qualified people we interviewed were those from Notre Dame. [The student] stood out in every respect over the other students we interviewed"...Prof. Rice, along with Professors Brown and Emerson of Yale, participated in a hearing of the House Internal Security Committee, on a bill to abolish the Subversive Activities Control Board...Prof. Beytagh was appointed Special Counsel to the Virgin Islands Reapportionment Commission...Prof. Moo discussed consumerism in a television interview February 25.
Richard Miller, '73L, was elected new editor-in-chief of the Notre Dame Lawyer; Rick is a St. Ambrose graduate from Davenport...Ivan E. Bodensteiner, '68L, was appointed to the Law Faculty at Valparaiso University; he has been director of the Ft. Wayne legal services program...former Dean and Mrs. Lawless announced the marriage of their son William III to Miss Bonnie Gertrude Link of Clarence, N.Y.

The Christians and Lawyers discussion February 26 was a stimulating success; we will continue the series at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 18.

The International Law Society will sponsor a forum on March 14 on "Self Determination in Rhodesia." On March 18-19, Eileen Burns and John Lancaster, both '74L, will represent our school in the Midwest regional rounds of the Jessup International Moot Court Competition.

I am enclosing to readers of this memo copies of a somber essay we are sending to students who will enter the Law School in September.

Professor Murdock is organizing a panel discussion on the subject of Financing (subtitle: "Money") to be held on Monday, March 13, 1972 from 7-9 p.m., in Room 120 of Hayes-Healy Center. Members of the panel will include Robert Cronson, senior vice-president of the Chicago Corporation, representing the investment banking community; David Spengler, Assistant Vice President of the Continental Illinois National Bank, and Roland Burris, head of the Continental's minority loan division, representing the commercial banking community; and Myron Resnick, Assistant Secretary of All-State Insurance Company, representing the insurance facet of the financing industry. Each member of the panel will first discuss the role of his institution in providing financing to business (how much, how long, what interest, what risk) and then the panel will consider a case study.

T.I.S.
Mrs. Norma Jean Fleming, '72L, has been awarded a Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship for 1972-73; she will work in the St. Joseph County Legal Services Program....A bill prepared by students in our Law and Mental Retardation Seminar, to allow Indiana to take advantage of Social Security amendments favoring the retarded, was signed into law by Gov. Whitcomb.

The first annual Civil Rights Lectures will be April 4, 5, and 6 in the Auditorium of the Center for Continuing Education. Admission to the Auditorium will be by ticket; tickets will of course be provided to our students and to other Notre Dame students.

Dr. Robert S. Redmount is with us this week. He is a Yale lawyer, a practicing psychologist, and one of the nation's most prominent experts on legal education. He and I are principal investigators in the Spencer Foundation study on law-student professionalization. His article, "A Conceptual View of the Legal Education Process," is in the current Journal of Legal Education. He spoke at the Hynes Forum last Thursday, on psychological jurisprudence.

Associate Dean Link will participate as planner, administrator, speaker and panelist in the First National Conference on Automated Law Research, Mar. 16-18 in Atlanta. The Conference is sponsored by the A.B.A. Standing Committee on Law and Technology, of which Dean Link is chairman....Jim Kearns, '74L, was interviewed on law school, and responded with common sense and eloquence, in the current (Spring 1972) Notre Dame Technical Review....George Swan, '74L, wrote a thorough piece on the multi-state bar examination, in the current Student Lawyer Journal.

George N. Tompkins, Jr., '56L, New York trial lawyer specializing in aviation cases, was here last week as a guest of Prof. Rice's torts classes....Other recent guests: Judge John Carro of the Bronx Criminal Court, who spoke on Puerto Ricans and the law....John J. Lorber, Bruce BonDurant, Kenneth Fedder, Robert Konopa, '67L, William E. Voor, and Vincent Campiti, all of the South Bend Bar, as guests in Prof. Broderick's Advanced Trial Seminar....Mr. Howard Peterson, LaGrange, Ind., who presided over the Practice Court on Mar. 18...Mr. G. Robert Blakey, '57, '60L, formerly of our Faculty, who spoke here Mar. 12; he is Chief Counsel of the Senate Sub-Committee on Criminal Law.

Prof. Beytagh presented a constitutional law class to our Law Wives Mar. 10....Asst. Dean Foschio will be a panelist on Crime and Deterrence, in the fourth national Symposium on Law Enforcement Science and Technology, May 1, in Washington; the conference is sponsored by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration....Former Dean Lawless gave us a handsome portrait of himself; it is now displayed in the hall area outside my office....Congratulations and best wishes to Jonathan and Alice Ries.

Faculty and students are invited to a series of movies on trial tactics in criminal law, on four successive Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the South Bend Public Library. The series, "The Adversaries," was produced by the Office of Continuing Education at the University of Michigan; it comes highly recommended. We will be guests of the St. Joseph County Bar Association.
Spring vacation will be Holy Week--Saturday, Mar. 25, through 8 a.m. Monday, April 3.

The Faculty will meet today (Monday) at 3:25 p.m., in Room 104....Dean Link and Mr. Cleveland will represent us April 10 at the careers seminar at Indiana University, South Bend.

Admission inquiries as of Feb. 29: 7,369 (as compared with 4,512 at this time last year)....We will have a reception following the presentation of law degrees again this year on commencement day. The diplomas, by the way, will be of law-office-wall dimensions this year (19 1/2 x 12 1/2), thanks to astute advocacy by Mario Beltramo and Jim Gorman, both '72L....Gerry Culm, '67L, is the new Illinois contributing legal editor to Trusts and Estates magazine; he is assistant trust counsel for the Continental Bank....Mary Martha McNamara and Pam Sayad, both '73L, will represent us in the national conference on law women Mar. 31-April 2 in San Francisco....Prof. Murdock and Myron Hack of the South Bend Bar spoke in a conference, "Law and Engineering: Academic and Professional Opportunities and Responsibilities," Mar. 14 on campus.

New Committees: Law Building (Assoc. Dean Link, Chairman; Mrs. Farmann, Professors Moo and McIntire); Placement (Prof. Beytagh, Chairman; Assoc. Dean Link, Prof. Dutile, and three students; Miss Jeffers ex officio).

The International Law Society sponsored a panel discussion Mar. 14 on Self Determination in Rhodesia; panelists included Prof. Osakwe, Prof. A. Peter Walshe, Department of Government and International Studies and David Ottaway of the Washington Post.

The second of our Christians and Lawyers discussions: Saturday, Mar. 18, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 104.

Professor Peter Thornton advises that 89 students, from 45 law schools, have enrolled for our 1972 London summer program.

Ed Schmidt, '72L, and members of the Bar and Bench of Cass County have filed a renewal application for funding for the Cass County Legal Aid Clinic. The program, approaching its third year, received enthusiastic support from the lawyers, judges, and county officials involved.

Al Williams '73L, was a delegate from South Bend to the National Black Political Convention in Gary last week....Ken Hamilton, '73L, has volunteered his time and expertise for four lectures to our students on real-estate transactions--on Wed. evenings; Ken is an experienced broker.

Father Hesburgh visited our London students last week; he was honored at a Lambeth Palace dinner given by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham. Father Lewers, who accompanied our president, writes that it was a dazzling social debut for a barefoot boy from Missouri.

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