DEAN'S DESK
Thursday, March 8, 1973

My short trip to visit with and teach our London students was pleasant and successful. The group there is busy, productive and energetic; the faculty is pleased with them; and the place is, as I found it to be last year, a solid and concerned community of teachers and learners. Library facilities continue to present some inconvenience, but they have improved in the last year; our premises are modest and crowded, but superbly located and somehow cozy; there were no power cuts this year, but our students were, of course, caught in the middle of last week's transport strike. Father Lewers on this side, and Professor Booker in London, are preparing to accept a new group in September. Professor Booker will continue to be London director for 1973-74.

Associate Dean Link and our administrator, Miss Hopkins, working with Mrs. June McCauslin in the University financial aid office, have negotiated a new loan program for our students which will decrease interest rates and increase pay-back flexibility...Applications as of February 15 are at 1,134 (vs. 1,252 last year), and inquiries at 5,300 (vs. 7,124). Our committee has accepted 49 students for next year (vs. 55 at this time last year). We aim at an entering class of 140...Kris Riemersma, widow of Lance, '69L, writes from Anaheim, where she is in the Casa Rehabilitation Hospital (3435 W. Ball Road, 92804); Lance's classmates have established a scholarship fund here, in his memory...Mike ('73L) and Mary Joan ('75L) Duggan were in a serious auto accident last week; both are recuperating...Official University enrollment figures show the Law School at 462 students...President Chauncey Veatch of the first-year class, and his classmates, who now manage our Hoyas Forum program, are planning two films--"Law and Order," an innovative documentary on police work, and "Attica," on the prison disorder, and a panel show on the Equal Rights Amendment.

Merle Wilberding, '69L, Cincinnati; Joe Murray, '72L, Philadelphia; Hank Ciocca, '71L, Atlanta; John Van de North, '70L, St. Paul; and Gary Gottschlich, '69L, Dayton, are all recruiting good law students for us...The Lawyer plans to publish this year Dean O'Meara's lectures on introduction to law; these will be made available to members of the Notre Dame Law Association and to all of our students...Registration for classes in our on-campus summer school will be open through tomorrow; eight courses will be offered here next summer, involving Professors Murdock, Broderick, Campfield, and Rice...Registration for the summer program in London is also proceeding, under Professor Thornton's direction; he, Professor Booker, Professor Rodes, two English professors, and I will be on that faculty; Associate Dean Link will act as dean of the law school in my absence next summer...Bill Zloch and Mike Munholland, both '74L, have established a series of football-film parties, "The Law School Flicks," using historical Notre Dame team films...Ralph Pelaia, '73L, will clerk next year for Judge Peter T. Fay, in the federal district court in Florida...Our students are invited to a presentation on lie-detector evidence, sponsored by the St. Joseph County Bar Association, March 22 at 7 p.m., in the St. Joseph County Circuit Court courtroom...Surveys of entering college freshmen indicate increasing interest in law and medicine and decreasing interest in engineering, science, and education...I will be in New York today and tomorrow, participating in a Practicing Law Institute seminar on post-mortem estate planning--and in Atlanta on March 22 and 23 for the same reason.
Professor Murdock will speak on law and mental retardation in an in-training conference on the subject, March 30, in Indianapolis...Professor Moo is a member of the new Law School Liaison Committee of the Indiana State Bar Association...Professor Caffield will speak on April 5 to the Probate and Real Property Section of the St. Joseph County Bar Association ("Pitfalls and Problems Associated with the Use of Standard Clauses")...Judge Norman Kopec, Chief Judge of the St. Joseph Superior Court, has been appointed a lecturer on our faculty for 1973-74.

Visitors include nine local lawyers: William E. Voor, Jr., '57L, St. Joseph County Prosecutor, and his Chief Deputy, Kenneth P. Fedder; Frank J. Petsch; David L. Matth '52L; John Lorber; Robert J. Konopa, '67L; James E. Burke; F. Gerard Feeney, '47L; and George S. Stratigos, '47L, all in Professor Broderick's Advanced Trial Seminar.


Congratulations to John Lancaster, '74L, and Rickie Enz, '73L, who were married February 23...To Valerie Gaus, '74L, and Keith Kanouse, '74L, who plan to be married June 2...To (Rev.) Mike McCafferty, C.S.C., '73L, who was ordained a deacon last Saturday...To John Freeman, '70L, who has been appointed to the Law Faculty at the University of South Carolina; he will be joining Tom Ward, '68L, who started teaching there two years ago...To Lester Goo, '72L, who has been admitted to the Bar in Iowa...To Tim McCarthy, '71L, and Kathy Zeichman, '73L, who plan to be married on May 12.

The Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors of our National Center for Law and the Handicapped, met here on February 10th and 11th, spurred by Marcia Burgdorf, '72L, the Center's project attorney and our eight student interns. Professor Murdock, Larry Kane, '57L, and Dr. Harvey Bender, Notre Dame biologist, are members of the Board. The Center is now involved in litigation and legislation on right to education and treatment for the retarded, handicapped and mentally ill in eleven states. The Advisory Committee draws on six national organizations; the Board (and the Center's sponsor) comes from the A.B.A., the National Association of Retarded Children, the Council of the Retarded of St. Joseph County, and our school. Dr. Joseph Kunz, whose wife Barbara, is our placement director, is the Center's executive director.

We will be on vacation next week, which means that St. Patrick's Day in Hoyne may be quieter than has sometimes been the case. Thanks, though, to his continuing protection, we expect to be free of snakes.

John Gaither, '74L, a Notre Dame graduate from Evansville, Indiana, is the new editor of The Notre Dame Lawyer; he has appointed, so far, five other editors--Bill Baughman (St. Vincent's, Pa.), executive editor; John Burns (Ball State, Ind.), executive editor; Paul Jones (Notre Dame, New York), special projects; Chuck Christion (Wisconsin State, Pa.), managing editor; and Bob Palmer, (Colgate and Boston U., Illinois), administrative editor...Mike Munholland and Chris Kule, both '74L, will represent us in the regional and national competitions in the Client-Counseling Competition sponsored by the American Bar Association. This is our second year in that new program; Profes Rodes and Moo manage it for us...Judge Robert A. Grant, '30L, senior judge in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, donated a large collection of recent volumes in the two federal-reporter series to our library--a particularly thoughtful and valuable addition as we look forward to new library facilities and a substantially increased collection of research materials for our students.

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