Commencement ceremonies for the Class of 1973 will include 202 law degrees; Father Hesburgh will preside; the commencement speaker will be Dr. Malcomb C. Moos, President of the University of Minnesota. Judge Frank M. Johnson, courageous federal district judge from Alabama, will be among those receiving honorary degrees; the ceremonies will be a 2 p.m., next Sunday, May 20, in the A.C.C. Law diplomas will be distributed at 10:30 a.m., that day, in Stephan Center; a reception will follow at about 12:30 p.m.

Judge Yukio Ota, who is a guest in our school this year from the district court in Tokyo, talked to our faculty and students on April 26 on the litigation process in Japanese courts. Assistant Dean Foschio will be on the faculty of a regional training conference for court specialists, tomorrow and Wednesday at Indiana University; he will discuss the law-engineering analysis of delay in court systems. Mary Holinka is the new president of our Law Wives; Tancy Jahn is vice-president, Cathy Owens is secretary, and Amy Veatch is treasurer. Four second-year law students from the Catholic University of America will join our London group next year; we expect a total group of 28 to go over in September; our faculty in that program has been expanded to nine teachers and the curriculum is significantly broader for next year--many of these changes resulting from detailed study and suggestions from our 1972-73 group.

Our upper-division program (after the first year) has been substantially elective since 1968 and fully elective since 1971. Many of us on the faculty are concerned that a fully-elective system, while it provides maximum freedom for teachers and students, does not contain sufficient direction in terms of programs of development for each of our growing young lawyers. The Curriculum Committee (Professors Thornton and Rodes and two student members) has made significant changes toward a clearer program for 1973-74; the faculty recently indicated interest in exploring once again the wisdom of a fully-elective curriculum. I have--to deal with all of these issues--established a new study committee on the upper-division program. The committee will conduct a broad inquiry into programs at other law schools and other types of professional education; Committee members are Professors Rodes, Beytagh, and Moo; John Burgess, '68L, South Bend; and Marcia Gauguan, '75L; I will chair the Committee.

The officers and directors of the Notre Dame Law Association will meet on campus May 25; Mrs. Barbara Kunz, NDLA executive secretary, is in charge of arrangements, under the general direction of our NDLA president, Martin Torborg, '34L, Fort Wayne; the Board will elect new officers and elect and re-elect one third of its membership at the meeting. Professor Beytagh will represent us at the annual meeting of the Bar Association of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, tomorrow and Wednesday in Chicago. John Zipprich, '72L, is leaving his firm in Houston for three months of active Army duty. Associate Dean Link participated in the International Business Conference on campus May 4...Congratulations to two little girls, new daughters of Tom and Patty McCarthy, '74L, and Mary and Tom Holinka, '74L.

Our Admissions Committee reports 184 net admissions as of April 30, from 1,367 applications and 7,429 inquiries; this level is about ten per cent below last year on applications and somewhat higher on net admissions. We aim at an entering class of 140. At this point last year we had admitted 25 Notre Dame seniors; we have 35 so far this year...The faculty and spouses will meet May 17, at 7 p.m., at Little Flower Church for mass and dinner. Dennis Owens, acting as ambassador plenipotentiary to the ticket office,
reports the following on football tickets for law students next fall: "Tickets will be distributed to law students in the same method (I.B.M. cards, etc.) as last year. Two differences: (1) Those who want season tickets will be charged through student accounts (not upon pickup of the tickets); four games, $12 per student and $12 per spouse. Same location of seats as 1972. (2) The Air Force game has been moved to Thanksgiving Day and costs extra. We will hand in our old season tickets and pay for the A.F. game the week before. Same seats; cost: $3 per." Thanks Dennis.

Tom Curtin, '68L, Boonton, N.J., is one of six new directors of the Notre Dame Alumni Association...Margaret Olsen, '74L, is the new president of our Women's Rights Association; she is a St. Mary's grad from Joliet; Valerie Gaus (soon to be Kanouse), '74L, is vice-president and Michele Salem, '75L, is secretary-treasurer. Valerie is a SUNY-Buffalo grad from Buffalo; Michele is from Nutley, N.J., and graduated from Seton Hall...Professor Barrett is now out of the hospital, where he spent more than two weeks undergoing tests and treatment; Professor Thornton is recuperating at home and even visiting his office for short periods of time; all signs, in both cases, are good...Recent visitors include Al Lyoshir, '53L, Tom Singer, both of the South Bend Bar, in Professor Broderick's advanced trial seminar...Professor Richard Morton, formerly of the School of Law, University of Georgia, visited and lectured at our London Centre in April.

Deepest sympathy to the family of the Honorable F. Kenneth Dempsey, retired Chief Judge of the Superior Court of St. Joseph County, a pioneer legal reformer in Indiana, and a long-time member of our Practice Court bench; Judge Dempsey died Friday, April 2.

"Your Legal Rights," an explanation of legal rights for clients in legal services programs, prepared and revised and translated from time to time by our students, under the supervision of Professor Kellenberg, is now distributed, in English and Spanish, by the national O.E.O. legal services office...Our N.C.L.H. interns, their supervising attorney, Marcia Burgodorf, '72L, their director, Dr. Joseph Kunz, Professors Bender and Murdock and I all participated in the Conference on the Mentally Retarded Citizen and the Law, May 3-5 at Ohio State University; Lawrence A. Kane, Jr., '57L, was conference chairman. I represented us at the christening of a splendid new ocean tanker, named "Notre Dame Victory,: April 28 in Chester, while I was there to talk to Notre Dame clubs in Pennsylvania...I gave the Law Day address in South Bend May 1, am speaking today in Ottawa to the estate planning council, and will participate in the C.L.E.P.R. conference on clinical legal education, June 6-9 in Bucks County, Pa...Jerry McGlynn, '75L, has been honored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Louis, Mo., with the "Man of the Year Award."

Steve Josias, '73L, developed at the beginning of this semester a new program under which those of our students who wish to do so can spend several days observing and learning in area law offices; he and Assistant Dean Foschio implemented the program, and all reports, as its first semester closes, are encouraging; Ed Gray, '58L, and his firm, Bob Michaud, '51L, and the legal staff at Bendix Corporation, Bob Stephan of the South Bend Bar, Jim Roemer, '55L, South Bend attorney, and Tom Singer and Al Lyoshir of the South Bend Bar, all acted as host lawyers for the program...Our remodelled building has taken rapid shape over the last few weeks, and all indications are that we will be in fine new quarters in the fall for the beginning of classes in August. When final credits are written for this happy project, Father Wilson, Dean Link, Miss Hopkins, our noble librarians, and many other people will have to be specially honored. At this time in the year, though, I feel keenly grateful to our students, especially the Class of 1973, who will, I hope, visit us often in our new-old place, for the patience, encouragement, and support they have shown during this inconvenient year with us...Unhappily tomorrow, I will lose the very competent services of my secretary, Eileen Arentowicz, whose husband, Chuck is a '73 MBA grad. They will be returning to New Jersey. All of us here at the law school wish them every happiness.

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