Greetings and happy summer! Your colleagues back in Hoynes are either busy or dispersed or both. Prof. Murphy and Assoc. Dean Link, along with several of your schoolmates, are in Tokyo. Profs. Beytagh, Booker, and Dutile are in London. Profs. Rice, Broderick, Kellenberg, Rodes, McIntire, and Campfield are teaching in our summer school (which enrolled 60 of us and 15 visitors), and Profs. Foschio and Bauer and I, and two visiting teachers, are in the midst of the Notre Dame C.L.E.O. institute. (Dean Link taught in C.L.E.O. until he left town July 2.)

We have good news on the faculty. You know about Profs. Seckinger and Laing; I am pleased to add that Prof. Charles F. Crutchfield is leaving the directorship of the legal services program in South Bend to join us as a full-time teacher. Prof. Murdock will also be back; Prof. Moo will be teaching a reduced load. (We had wondered whether Prof. Moo's health would permit his teaching as much next year as he did this year. Careful conversations with him and his doctors, and with students who are here this summer, along with clearly good news about his progress in recent months and his continued progress this summer, convinced us that he could teach a reduced load next year.)

Drs. Myron Sokolowski and Melvin Silver, of the Miles Laboratories legal department, taught patent, copyright, and trademark law in the semester just past. They have agreed to offer the same course again in the fall semester. They will follow this course with a spring-semester advanced seminar in intellectual property (a problem-oriented seminar in patent-copyright-trademark law, with an emphasis on practical problems in licensing, antitrust, and trademark litigation). The fall course will be a pre-requisite for the spring seminar. Early indications are that several students are interested in the fall course; we need a clearer reading on that interest before we make final plans. I would appreciate a note from anyone who plans to take the course. If an insufficient number express interest, we will have to cancel the course....My legal counseling class has been moved to the fall semester; Prof. Murdock will teach environmental law in the fall, and his business associations section will be limited to 60 students....Prof. McIntire will be on leave next year....Enrollments in International Law and Comparative Law are disappointingly small but we will have these anyway. I urge students to consider their importance in the law practice of the future, and to consider as well that Prof. Laing is a seasoned expert in both fields.

Attrition after the spring examinations: One student failed out of the graduating class and seven out of the Class of 1976. The Class of 1975 lost no one (and, as a matter of fact, had only one grade of F.) Five third-year and 15 first-year students received one F or more....Two members of the first-year class (of seven who applied) were re-admitted....The entering class will be somewhat larger than we expected, due to enormous pressure on admissions—probably between 150 and 160. We have had 7,840 inquiries, and 1,717 applications for that class, as of May 31. The mean G.P.A. of those accepted is above 3.5, the mean L.S.A.T. score about 630.
Despite the debate, public and otherwise, over requiring courses after the first year, I have decided for the present to desist and to content myself with advising employers about the core-course system. The following legend will appear on law transcripts for members of the Class of 1975 and subsequent classes: "Required courses: Students in the J.D. degree program are required to take 32 hours or more of first-year courses. Courses after the first year are elective, but the Law Faculty feels that the following courses are sufficiently important to a career as a lawyer that they should be taken regardless of a student's interests: Business Associations, Commercial Transactions, Constitutional Law, Evidence, Federal Taxation, Jurisprudence, Practice Court, and Property Settlement. Students who fail to take these courses do so against faculty advice." Except for the last sentence, this language appears at p. 20 of the Law School Bulletin, 1973-75, and represents a system which was adopted by the Law Faculty in March, 1971.

Thomas A. Keegan, a lawyer in Rockford, Ill., gave us a full set of the American Law Reports (all three series), which is being shipped to the London center. Terry McGann, '76L, is a summer intern in the Interstate Commerce Commission.... Andy DeAguero, '74L, has joined South Bend legal services as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow.... Three members of the Class of 1974 graduated summa cum laude--Patricia O'Hara, San Francisco; John Gaither, Chicago; and Gregory Jahn, Denver; seven graduated magna cum laude, and 19 with cum laude degrees. Pat received the Hoyanes Prize (for the top student), and John received the Farabaugh award.... Our London crowd visited the Criminal Court of Appeal in London on May 14 and the Old Bailey on May 9.... Prof. Barrett will teach next year at the Delaware Law School.... Bob Long, '76L, was in hospital at the Mayo Clinic, for surgery.

You will be hearing from Miss Hopkins in August on final, adjusted, readjusted shifting fall class schedules.... Richard Wilbur, '62L, has been appointed a judge in the Tax Court (where Ceil Januszkiewicz, '74L, will be clerking this year), and Bob Blakey, '60L, a full professor at the Cornell Law School.

Book report: The April Lawyer carries five lead articles--on securities regulation, federal taxation, "no-fault" insurance, future interests, and appellate practice--and seven student notes. The article authors include Charles Sacher, '64, the President of the American Trial Lawyers Ass'n, and members of the Bar from New York (4), and Illinois (2)." "A Comparison of the alternatives for planning the estate of an owner of a close corporation," by John Oster, '73L, Sturgis, is in the Jan-Feb Taxation for Lawyers.... Prof. McIntire's "Urban Reconstruction Could be as Close as the Statehouse," is in the May 1974 ABA Journal.... Prof. Dutille's review of Frankel's Criminal Sentences will be in an upcoming number of The Jurist.... The June Lawyer is a symposium on the comparative law of constitutional courts. Much of it is due to efforts by Prof. Donald Kammers of the Dept. of Government; he also wrote the foreword. The issue has five student essays (not part of the symposium) and a review by Mr. McNeill of our London faculty.

The faculty will meet all day Thursday, August 22, on campus. Orientation for the first-year class, supervised by your President, Chauncey Veatch, will be Aug. 23-24. Registration for the second- and third-year classes will be Friday, August 23; first classes will be Monday, August 26.... The Thanksgiving vacation as it appears in the Bulletin is in error. That break will begin after classes on November 26 and ends on December 1.

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