DEAN'S DESK
Wednesday, February 5, 1975

The London summer program (June 30-August 8) will be at Imperial College, Univ. of London, and will provide living and study quarters near Hyde Park Corner, and the Victoria and Albert Museum, within a mile of Picadilly Circus, our year-around center, Buckingham Palace, and the British Museum. Two good law libraries will be available; we will offer eight courses (evidence, family law, administration of criminal justice, school law, land-use planning, jurisprudence, common-market law, and public international law). Faculty includes Profs. Kellenberg, Booker, and Dutile; Prof. Ian Kennedy of King's College (and our regular London faculty), Dr. Harry Rajak, and Dr. M.H. Mendelson. Drs. Rajak and Mendelson taught with us last summer....Our admissions applications are up about six per cent, inquiries up about 23%; the difference may indicate that tuition levels here have begun to discourage applications....A recent and fairly broad survey shows that only 3.9 per cent of college freshmen now say they want to be lawyers, which would faintly indicate an eventual decline in applications to law schools. This was the 1966 figure; it was 4.7 per cent in 1973. The economy, placement difficulties, etc., will probably combine with this declining interest to lower the pressure on our admissions process. We will this year consider about 2,000 applications, for an entering class of 140. (Professors Rodes and Dutile are our faculty admissions committee; Miss Hopkins administers the process.)

Our 1974-75 moot court champ is Robert Weaver; second place went to Michael Harvey; other finalists were Patrick Gibbs and Brian Short. Mr. Justice Marshall, Judge William Doyle, and Justice Mary Coleman heard final arguments last Saturday. Prof. Dutile and Patricia Leonard, '75L, were magnificent planners....Recent visitors include Barbara A. Mikulski, city councilperson from Baltimore and Chairman of the Democratic Party's Commission on Delegate Selection, here as a guest of the Center for Civil Rights....Congratulation to Jim Murphy, Marian High School, son of Prof. & Mrs. Murphy. Jim is an All-American parochial high school football player...Lou Pfeiler, '64L, is a partner in his own new law firm in Dubuque....Jack Harty, '67L, is house counsel for Lincoln Mortgage Investors, Los Angeles; he writes that classmates Dick Muench and Chris Foley, who are in practice there, are doing well, and sends this advice for us: "The lawyer's skill at learning new things is the most valuable contribution law school can make, aside from reinforcing ethical values."...Prof. Bauer, back from a week at the London Centre, reports that Prof. Booker and our students there are working hard and in good spirits; our London faculty of eight offers most of our core courses as well as specialized work in international and comparative law....Mike Guenther, '61L, sends greetings from Grand Rapids, along with these educational thoughts: "As Frank O'Malley used to say, the purpose of an education is to develop a sensitivity to the suffering of others, and the competence to do something about it. Since lawyers deal not only with problems and issues, but particularly with people, the opportunity for deliberate Christian witness is ever present. I think it is important and gratifying that you are making a conscious effort to incorporate that kind of awareness at Notre Dame."

Prof. Robert L. Mennell of Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, will be with us next year, as visiting professor of law. He is a California lawyer and Harvard law graduate, an expert in estates and trusts, community property, and legal ethics....Steve Josias, '73L, has opened his own office (with partner) in Fort Lauderdale....Thomas H. Singer of the South Bend Bar is directing the criminal practice program; that program, founded three years ago by Prof. Foschio, puts 17 students through field experience in
prosecution and criminal defense, and has a seminar component in the law school; Mr. Singer has worked in the program since its inception.

The mid-west meeting of LaRaza National Law Students Ass'n will be here this weekend; Prof. Cruz Reynoso (U. New Mex.) is our special guest; Santiago Rios, '75L, is in charge...The mid-west meeting of the Black American Law Students (and our annual B.A.L.S. reunion) will be Feb. 21-22; Ed Lark, '75L, is in charge....We will host a three-day sports and entertainment law forum Mar. 6-8 at the C.C.E. Terry Madden, Dan Novakov, and Roosevelt Thomas (all '76L) have planned the affair, along with Profs. Link, Murphy, Murdock, Campfield, Rice, and Mr. Cleveland.

Book report: Kommers, "Authority and Freedom: Some Comparative Observations," Festschrift Fur Willi Geiger (Tubingen). (Prof. Kommers is researching in our school and teaching in the Dept. of Government)...Prof. Crutchfield attended the Southern Conference on the Voting Rights Act, at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center in Atlanta, Jan. 14....Prof. Seckinger has compiled two volumes of text material for his practice-court students and is offering this semester a new seminar in effective trial advocacy...Rich Furgason, '74L, is in a seven-person firm in Aurora....Rick Moskowitz, '73L, hung out his shingle in Moline in November, succeeding in practice Don O'Shea, '65L, who was elected circuit court judge there; the Moskowitz family welcomed a new son in September; Rich says of solo practice: "quite rewarding...very general practice...made easier when there are so many Notre Dame alumni who share the same spirit"....Congratulations to Vanessa Carmen Lauro, born Jan. 17 to the Phil Lauro's, '75L....The Japanese summer program has been postponed to 1976, to allow time for the development of permanent funding; Prof. Murphy will remain as director....The Legal Aid and Defender Association, with assistance from Father Hesburgh, has established five new work-study positions for legal interns at the Indiana State Prison; Tom McGill, '75L, is in charge....Tom Policinski, '72L, received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his work as assistant staff judge advocate at Vance A.F.B., Oklahoma.

I have resigned from my job as dean here, effective next summer, in order to return to full-time Notre Dame law teaching. I will be on leave next year to write and think and do a bit of teaching at the University of Virginia.

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