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UPDATE

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About this "Update"

This is the first in what I hope will be a series of newsletters through which we can remain informed about what is going on in the Law School. The success of the *Update* depends on the willingness of all of us to provide relevant items to my office. Please give Kathy Bradley a sentence or a paragraph (or more) relating to your attendance at Conventions or meetings, awards, honors, or speeches. The work of committees on which you serve, whether

University or Law School, might also provide matters of interest to your colleagues. For my part, I will try to keep you informed of items crossing my desk that might be of interest to you.

Blakey Kicks Off Faculty Colloquia

Bob Blakey kicked off a new series of Faculty colloquia on Friday, November 8. Over a box-lunch, members of the faculty discussed with Bob his upcoming

argument in the United States Supreme Court on Wednesday, November 13. The case addresses the issue of who may recover under RICO for damages resulting from securities fraud (of course, it's much more technical than this!)

AALS Section 6.17 Survives Objections

You will recall that the Faculty discussed at some length the AALS proposal specifying that even religiously-affiliated institutions could not make admissions or hiring decisions on the basis of, among other things, sexual orientation. Following our discussion, I registered with the AALS an objection on behalf of our Law School to that proposal. I circulated my objection to other deans and to members of the Law and Religion section of the AALS. Although considerable discussion resulted, only seventeen law schools ultimately objected. Accordingly, since objections from one-quarter of the AALS membership were required to prevent the proposal from becoming "law", the provision is now in effect. Nonetheless, I feel that our effort was worthwhile.

Offer extended to Jerry Bradley

The official offer of a tenured full professorship has been sent by the Provost to Professor Jerry Bradley at the University of Illinois College of Law. Jerry, his wife and his youngest child will be visiting Notre Dame on Sunday and Monday, November 10 and 11. If he accepts our offer, as I am optimistic he will, he will join the Faculty in the Fall of 1992.

Committee on Lectures Appointed

Due to the "cash-flow problem" in the White Center, it has been unable to sponsor any lectures this year. Since a decent lecture series is essential to a law school like ours, I have asked Bill McLean to make available \$10,000 for this purpose. The White Center, like in the past, will arrange for the lectures. I have asked John Robinson to chair a committee to advise him on potential lecturers. Serving on that Committee, besides John, will be Bob Blakey, Doug Kmiec, Terry Phelps and Eric Smithburn. Please provide members of the Committee with any suggestions you might have.

Colloquy for the Year 2000

As you know, the University will take a long-term look at itself through the Colloquy for the Year 2000. Several Law School Faculty will be involved in this project. Patty O'Hara will serve on the Committee of the Whole, as will Carol Mooney and SBA President Paul Drey. Patty O'Hara will also chair the Student Life Committee, on which Matt Barrett and Dan McDevitt, a law student, will serve. Carol Mooney will also serve on the Mission Committee, which Father Malloy will chair. I will serve on the Academic Life Committee. Other faculty members may be involved, but a full list has not yet been made available to me.

Shaffer to Chair Graduation Committee

As a result of Carol Mooney's appointment to two of the Colloquy

committees, in addition to her service on a large number of other University and Law School committees, Tom Shaffer will replace her as Chair of the Graduation Committee. This Committee, you will recall, will explore where and how our Commencement ceremonies should take place in May of 1992.

Ann Hamilton

Ann Hamilton and her husband have just returned from Thailand, bringing home with them a newly-adopted daughter, Ruth, age 11. Congratulations to all involved!

Judge Ann Williams

Judge Ann C. Williams, law-school class of 1975, rated highly in an evaluation recently issued by the Chicago Council of Lawyers. Excerpt: "Already a very good judge at age 41. Firm, fair, bright, hard-working. . . . Businesslike."

U.S. News and World Report Survey

We have received our first questionnaire concerning the 1992 U.S. News and World Report survey of American Law Schools. This year, the magazine will not only rate the top twenty-five law schools, as they have in the last two years, but will also place all law schools in their respective quartiles. (Let's hope that we do well in this meaningless survey.)

AALS Recruitment Conference

Several members of the Law School Appointments Committee will attend the AALS Recruitment Conference in Washington, D.C., on November 14, 15 and 16. Jack Pratt, as Vice-Chair of the Committee, has worked very hard to review the large number of resumes distributed by the AALS. Members of the Committee have every expectation of interviewing a large number of these candidates prior to the kick-off of the Penn State-Notre Dame game Saturday afternoon.

Miscellany

Frank Booker's eye is responding well to treatment. Accordingly, Frank is slated to teach a section of Torts during the Spring 1992 Semester. . . . On October 24, 25 and 26, Jack Pratt traveled to San Francisco to attend the Annual Conference of the American Association of Legal Historians. . . . On Thursday, November 14, Roger Jacobs will travel to Washington, D.C., to attend a meeting sponsored by the American Bar Association. That meeting will discuss the CEELI project, which seeks to foster relationships between law schools in Eastern Europe and the United States. It was that project that brought Dean Pullo from Gdansk, Poland, to Notre Dame. . . . Tom Shaffer will be lecturing Wednesday, November 6 and participating in a colloquium Thursday, November 7, at Widener Law School/Harrisburg; from there he travels to Washington and Lee where he will participate in the annual legal-ethics lectures on Friday; Saturday, he will be in sessions at the ethics institute in the Law School. . . . John Krupnick, a 1965 graduate of the Law School, has made a substantial contribution to our endowment. Income will be applied generally to trial-

advocacy purposes. The specific uses of the income have not yet been decided upon, but most likely among them will be the funding of the Barrett Award, and the creation of a new award named after the donor, which will also carry a monetary prize. . . . A member of our Advisory Council has given \$5000 to the Law School for the use of student organizations, specific allocation to be "at the discretion of the Dean."

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