MR. SHAPIRO delivers his remarks:

Good morning. It is an honor to be here today, representing the student body here at Maurer. As a graduating 3L, I’ve spent the last 3 years of my life in this building; learning how to think critically and analyze problems in a way I would have never been able to before. So much so, that my parents learned the hard way that you should never try and debate a law student.

It isn’t clear to everyone at first, but remarkable things happen in this building. This building has changed my, and countless other’s lives, forever, and will always hold a special place in our memories of law school. It comes as no surprise that we would honor such an extraordinary place with the name of one of our most distinguished alumni – Mr. Lowell Baier.
MR. SHAPIRO continues:

With today’s incredibly competitive legal environment, the educational experience students receive must continue to evolve. Through the generosity of Mr. Baier, and the amazing faculty and staff we have here at Maurer, students will have the opportunity to continue their rigorous education in our honorable field.

On Dec. 5, 1842, IU’s first law Professor, David McDonald, gave the first lecture to the class of the new Law Department. McDonald told of the importance of law and the responsibility of those who administer it: "If you glow with honorable emulation; [and] you desire to be distinguished among your fellow citizens —[the law] is a field worthy of your labor—a field, in which you may, at once, gratify a laudable ambition and promote the best interests of society."
MR. SHAPIRO continues:

Maurer has provided us an opportunity to satisfy our desire to be the greatest men and women in our field; allowing us to serve society in the best possible way. It is a great pleasure to know that, from now on, those challenges and ambitions will be pursued through Baier Hall.

(At the conclusion of his remarks, MR. SHAPIRO is seated; PRESIDENT McROBBIE goes back to the lectern.)