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STAR STATE REPORT

Bloomington, Ind — Moral responsibility by the entire nation is necessary to create a true "rule of just law," the dean-elect of the Indiana University School of Law said here last night.

Prof. William B. Harvey, University of Michigan instructor who will become head of the I. U. School of Law Aug. 1, told a Law Day awards dinner audience that laws today deny "fundamental deficiencies of human existence to the majority of the people of the Republic of South Africa."

HE CONTINUED, "In our own country, much state law, if unaffected by the noble demands of the Constitution, would do the same."

"I therefore fear," he said, "that praise of the 'rule of law' may lead us to accept the mere status of a rule of law as sufficient . . . If we do, necessary and desirable moral criticism of law will in some measure be stilled."

Harry Pratter, professor of law, received the Gavel Award as the faculty member who made the greatest contribution to the School of Law in the last school year. He has been on the faculty since 1950.

TRACY E. LITTLE of Bedford won the Student Bar Association's President's Award as outstanding senior con-

tributor to the association and the Law School.

William D. Bontrager of Elkhart received the Law Wives scholarship improvement award, and Tom Huston of Logansport was given the Phi Delta Phi award as outstanding senior.

Don L. Jackson of Lafayette, a student at the Indianapolis Division of the Law School, received the Law Wives Award for the best research paper written by a senior.