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# Dean's Message

The 1984-85 academic year can aptly be called a year of transition. The chief characteristics of the year certainly fit Webster's definition of transition as being "a passage

from one state, stage, place or subject to another." The remodeling of the Law Building required us all to make many passages from one place to another, more specifically from the Law Building to Memorial Hall to the Student Building and back again several times a day.

The physical exercise we were forced to engage in (generally while carrying law books and materials) would have been applauded by those who designed the Student Building where we held our classes. Originally a gymnasium, the Student Building provided us with the distinction of being the only law school in the country with a swimming pool in its classroom building. The pool provided a useful outlet for the frustrations the students felt with their physical surroundings—classrooms that were generally either overheated or overcooled, depending on the state of the building's somewhat temperamental "climate control" system, and oversized air conditioners that muffled the speech of even the most stentorian of our faculty. Some aspects of life in the Student Building, however, may have contributed to study.



Certainly the periodic visits by bats to their former home in the third floor gave those students whose lockers were located there an added incentive to be punctual about class attendance.

The one transition we all greeted with great delight was the move into the new library addition in January. Neither words nor photographs can well describe what it is like. The word "wonderful" probably comes close. It is a spectacularly beautiful and functional facility that daily reminds us of what is in store when we make our final transition back into the building.

Another transition, of course, has been taking place in the leadership of the Law School. I have enjoyed immensely many aspects of the role of acting dean, particularly the opportunities it provided me to meet alumni and friends of the School whose support this year has been a source of genuine gratification for all of us. In addition, the warm support of my colleagues and of students has made many of the otherwise onerous tasks of the deanship not only tolerable but in many instances quite pleasant.

This year of transition has given me, as it would any dean, many insights into the strengths and weaknesses of the School which are rarely apparent even to those most closely involved with its ongoing activities. I am pleased to report to you that the School's many strengths far outweigh its weaknesses. I think this is demonstrated by the fact that we have come through the dislocations of this year with only minor cuts and bruises. The fact that we were able to attract several fine dean candidates and, of course, most important, secure for the deanship one of the nation's leading legal educators is testament to the deserved reputation of the School as one of the strongest in the country. None of this would have been possible without the generous support of the University whose commitment to the Law School in the past few years will enable us to continue to build upon our tradition of excellence.

I leave the acting deanship confident that much will be accomplished in future years under the able leadership of Dean Arnold. I encourage you to give your support to him as you have to me, and I thank you again for that support this past year.

Maurice J. Holland,  
Acting Dean



An interior shot of the new library