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Harvey tells of future changes

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Some significant changes are in the offing for the I.U. School of Law, said William B. Harvey, Dean of the School of Law, in the first "State of the Law School" address in the school's history.

Dean Harvey spoke to law students last night in the Moot Court Room in an effort "to dispel myths, rumors, and misconceptions" that have been going around the school lately.

Studies and changes are being planned in the faculty, curriculum, student admissions, academic regulations, and academic eligibility.

One of the most striking changes will be seen in admissions. Previously nonselective in its admissions, the School of Law, because of its rapidly increasing size — which has doubled in the last five years — will accept only top students. To the School of Law, said Dean Harvey, this is "not only a necessity but an opportunity." It will reduce waste and at the same time should improve the level of legal services available to the community.

A second important change will be seen in the academic requirements. Under the present eligibility rules a student may continue after a first-year grade average as low as 1.4. The law student is required to maintain only a 1.6 grade average to stay in school, and it is conceivable that a student could graduate without ever reaching the usual satisfactory level of a 2.0. Dean Harvey plans to recommend a higher eligibility

requirement to remain in good standing and a 2.0 grade average minimum requirement for graduation.

Faculty changes have already been made with the recent addition of two new professors and three more will be joining the faculty this summer and next fall.

The primary change in the curriculum is in the direction of small group instruction. Most of the cur-

riculum changes will affect first-year students.

The proposed changes are all subject to debate and approval of the faculty, he said, and are purely tentative right now. They have been made, said Dean Harvey "with great aspirations and great ambitions for the development of sound legal education." The new programs will be planned "to relate to the changing society and the shrinking world."