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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 stu­
dents last night in the Moot
Court Room in an effort "to dispel
myths, rumors, and misconcep­
tions" that have been going
around the school lately.

Studies and changes are being
planned in the faculty, curriculum,
student admissions, academic reg­
ulations, and academic eligi­
ability.

One of the most striking changes
will be seen in admissions. Pre­
viously nonselective in its admis­
sions, 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 opportu­
nity." 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 require­
ments. Under the present eligi­
bility rules a student may con­
tinue after a first-year grade aver­
age 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 stu­
dent could graduate without ever
reaching the usual satisfactory
level of a 2.0. Dean Harvey plans
to recommend a higher eligi­

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

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

The primary change in the cur­
riculum 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 pure­
ly 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 rel­
ate to the changing society and
the shrinking world."