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Dean William Harvey of the I.U. School of Law said Friday he is leaving the country for about a year, but he denied rumors that he is resigning his present post.

Harvey said he has asked the I.U. Board of Trustees to approve his request for a leave of absence. He said he plans to use the time teaching in Africa.

Concerning the resignation rumors, Harvey said, "I used to think that a ship in the U.S. Navy was one of the greatest rumor mills ever, but my stay here has made me conclude otherwise. I have no thought of resigning at this time."

If the Trustees approve his leave of absence, Harvey plans to leave this August for Nairobi, Kenya.

While in Nairobi Harvey will serve as a visiting professor and will teach a course in legal philosophy. He said most of the legal faculty at the Nairobi law school are young, and that he should be able to contribute his experience to them.

"My first reaction to being invited was that I didn't think I should be away from I.U. for so long. But my wife said she would like to return to Africa so I looked into the matter," Harvey said. He will stay in Nairobi until next March.

Harvey said he has been involved in the development of law schools in Africa since the 1950's. He served as dean and professor of law at the University of Ghana between 1962 and 1964.

Harvey said his invitation came through the U.S. State Department and the campus International Center. His salary will be provided by the Fulbright Program and the International Legal Center.

Harvey said faculty members from American law schools first traveled to the emerging African nations in the '50s and '60s to assist the understaffed faculties of the young schools. He pointed out fewer American law professors go to Africa today because there are more native professors.



DR. WILLIAM HARVEY

... for only a year.