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Letter to Alumnus

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Dear Alumnus:

As a new academic year begins, we at the School of Law are anticipating another stimulating year of development. Our expected enrollment of approximately 550 students includes about 225 first year students. This group represents the most carefully selected entering class in the history of the School. With increased applications for admission, we are able to continue maximum use of our facilities while improving the quality of our student body.

We hope that greater selectivity of admission will result in a reduction of first year losses, an enrichment of the educational experience of our students, and better educated lawyers sent to the Bar.

Greeting our 550 students will be a faculty of 23, including 7 newcomers to our ranks: Professors Robert Birmingham, Byron Bronson, James Gordon, Edwin Greenebaum, Dan Hopson, Jr., Arthur Kola, and Philip Thorpe. These additions will help to compensate for the retirement of Professor Austin Clifford and the resignations of Professors Howard Mann and William Golden. Also Professor Julius Getman will be spending the year in India, teaching in the Hindu University of Benares, and Professor Jerome Hall will be on sabbatical leave during the Spring semester. Our faculty remains seriously understaffed. Again this year we will move vigorously on new appointments, particularly in the fields of business organization, procedure, taxation and constitutional law.

Intensive faculty study last year produced a number of changes in our first year curriculum. Most important of these are the introduction of a six credit course in civil procedure, a required moot court program, and small group tutorials in Property, Contracts, and Torts. During the coming year, our attention will be focused upon the remainder of our curriculum. These studies result from a recognition of the changing needs of our society, with the concomitant obligation of the School to modify old and develop new programs. Our objective is to make the School ever more responsive to the professional and social demands upon the legal profession.

Beyond the paramount need to enlarge and diversify our faculty stands the necessity further to improve our student body by attracting to the School a higher percentage of the ablest young people. This will require substantially increased resources for scholarships and loans. Planning must also begin during the year for an extension of the Law Building to provide library space, faculty offices, and Classrooms. Since the Law Library is the heart of the School for both faculty and students, its extension and enrichment also claim high priorities.

The needs of the School are great. So also are the dedication of the faculty, the cooperation and support of the University administration, and the interest and support of our alumni. I believe the future of legal education at Indiana is bright indeed.

Cordially yours.

/s/ William B. Harvey
Dean, School of Law