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Response Needed from Alumni

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Contributions to Law Fund up

Preliminary reports from the Law School Fund indicate that 517 donors contributed \$69,444.79 during 1974.

Those totals compare to 574 donors and \$67,345.44 in 1973.

A major contribution to the Law School Fund this year was a \$5,000 grant from the Edward C. and Hazel L. Stephenson Foundation of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mi. This grant is to be used for scholarship assistance for deserving law students for the 1974-75 academic year.

Hopson named associate dean of faculties

Dan Hopson, Jr., professor of law, is now associate dean of faculties for the Bloomington campus of IU. He is continuing to teach family law halftime. Hopson says that he hopes to "keep in touch with and maintain the perspective of a faculty member." He adds, "After my tour of duty over here is finished, I expect to move back into fulltime faculty."

A native of Kansas, Hopson joined the IU faculty in 1967. He had been on the University of Kansas law faculty since 1955, and had been assistant dean of the Law School there from 1957-1961.

He is a specialist in family law and juvenile matters. He holds the AB and LLB degrees from the University of Kansas and the LLM from Yale University.

Responses needed from Alumni

On the last page of this issue you will find a brief questionnaire. Please take a few minutes to complete and return it to the Alumni Office. Such a questionnaire is not a usual feature of the *Bill of Particulars* so a few words of explanation are in order.

During the past several years the Law School, the Alumni Office and the officers and directors of the Alumni Association have been working together to strengthen the relationship between the School and its graduates. Most of our efforts have gone into increasing the flow of information about the School to those who have been here in past years. With the cooperation of alumni,

representatives of the Law School have spoken at numerous regional meetings. Furthermore, the *Bill of Particulars* now goes to every person with a Bloomington law degree even though he or she may not be a dues paying member of the Alumni Association. We want everyone to know about the School. Hopefully, this will eventually help increase our membership in the Law School Alumni Association which right now is at a disappointing low 36 percent.

A second category of activities seek to bring together graduates in groups where they can talk with each other, with students and with faculty members. The annual Alumni Banquet at the fall meeting of the Indiana State Bar Association has in three years become a tradition and for the past two years has been sold out. The Graduation Dinner on the Friday of Commencement Weekend, honoring members of the graduating class, is similarly successful. Last spring the attendance at this meeting was augmented by the presence of members of the Class of 1949 and spouse. With Bob Gates and Bob Lucas as co-chairman, the Class of 1949 organized its own 25th reunion and chose Commencement Weekend as the time to return to Bloomington. The event was so successful that we decided to ask the Class of 1950 whether it wants to try the same thing this way (The answer is yes). We also contacted several other Law School classes in the hope that they would be interested in reunions on a more modest scale. The Class of 1959 visited the Law School on Homecoming Weekend and the Classes of 1964 and 1969 also came to Bloomington on football weekend. Each of these three classes attended a brunch at the Law School, had a chance to meet a few old and new faculty members, went to a football game and attended a post-game reception. I think these events were successful and we are thinking about future class reunions.

Other projects are under consideration. The Alumni Association is looking for ways in which it can better serve its members. Several people attending the Class of 1959 reunion indicated an interest in an Alumni directory. Certainly such a directory would help members of this Association located both inside and outside the State of Indiana. A majority of our graduates live in metropolitan areas, and the usual law directories do not provide an easy way to locate graduates of this School. It is possible that an Alumni Association might underwrite the publication and distribution of such

a directory if the interest of such a project is great enough.

In addition to providing former students with information about the Law School as it is today, bringing students, lawyers and faculty members together in congenial settings and providing services to its graduate body, the Alumni Association is thinking of asking its members to help law students in the currently highly competitive job market. Students generally are able to get reliable placement information concerning job opportunities and the structure of the job market in Indiana. But the information available on the out-of-state market (approximately 1/3 of our graduates reside out of state) is quite sketchy. It would be very helpful if we had placement councils or placement advisors in some of the popular and competitive geographic areas throughout the United States.

We are not thinking of asking graduates to provide jobs for students. What we have in mind is using graduates to inform job hunters about the opportunities in particular areas. The Washington area with its numerous government opportunities is one place where graduates could be very helpful if they acted as counselors to our second and third-year students. In areas where Indiana is not a well known institution it would be very helpful if a job hunter could tell prospective employers "If you want to know more about my Law School call so and so. He graduated from there five years ago and is practicing here and should be able to give you a good line on the institution".

The items above do not exhaust the list of opportunities for service by the Law School to its graduates and for cooperation between the School and its graduates. They merely are meant to be illustrative of a potential wide range of the Alumni Association activities. It does not make sense, however, to embark upon an ambitious program until we have some sense of how the graduates of the School feel about these projects. Hence the questionnaire to solicit your views on the appropriateness and desirability of continuing and expanding certain activities. Your opinions will be most helpful to the officers and directors of the Alumni Association as they chart its future activities. I hope you will take the very few minutes necessary to fill out and return the questionnaire.

Sincerely,
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