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### HARRY PRATTER\*

Burnett Harvèy was a man who made a difference.

In the Bloomington Faculty Council his incisive remarks, delivered in an impressive voice, made him an important participant in that body's deliberations. When student protests hit this campus, he was seen as one who understood the nature of their disaffection and alienation—the opposition to the Vietnam War and their anti-establishment view of the University.

For the Law School he was a dedicated leader. As Dean, he encouraged and supported the faculty and imbued them with a vision of all that the School and they could be.

He taught a wide variety of subjects. Most exotic were courses that drew on his experience in Africa. His scholarly writings, always couched in a felicitous style, were most distinctive when he addressed the problems facing Ghana. His innovative casebook in contracts (co-authored with John Dawson and later with Stanley Henderson) was a rich teaching resource.

Most memorable to me was the warmth of his friendship. He and his wife Lou were gracious hosts, lively and fun to be with. A visit to their farm home in Vermont was an opportunity to enjoy the countryside and engage in good talk. Burnett was a fascinating raconteur, especially when he talked about his time in Africa and his relationship with Conor Cruise O'Brien.

In short, Burnett Harvey was a mench.