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When Val Nolan, the able head of our dean search committee, announced that William B. Harvey had agreed to be our Dean, a sense of excitement and anticipation ran through the faculty offices. The young people—Doug Boshkoff, myself, Ed Kitch—were particularly delighted. We anticipated that Harvey's deanship would invigorate the School, help us to focus our teaching, improve our scholarship, and recruit able young colleagues. Almost everything we anticipated came true and more. It was a period of growth, change, and self-discovery for us and for the School. We added people who we knew would be fine scholars; the likes of Ed Sherman, Bill Popkin, Joe Broadley, Buzz Arnold, Maury Holland, and Dan Tarlock; innovative teachers who stirred our students, like Roger Dworkin and Pat Baude. Together with our distinguished senior colleagues, like Harry Pratter and Ralph Fuchs, we reveled in being part of a dynamic and enjoyable academic community, a place where innovation was valued and mistakes forgiven. When I visited at the University of Chicago law school in 1970, great though the school was, I was eager to return to Bloomington to help the process of change. Over the next few years, the School improved in teaching, scholarship, and reputation. None of this could have happened without Dean Harvey, who never lost the central vision of developing a community of scholars and teachers that would make an already fine school even better. The

process that he set in motion continues till this day.

On a more personal note, I found him to be a fine colleague, a devoted mentor, and a leader who encouraged me to take scholarly chances. I'm sure that all of us who were on the faculty during the days of his deanship look back fondly on those days.