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TO SPEAK AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY — Dr. Jerome Hall, I.U. Distinguished Service Professor in the Graduate School of Law, will be the guest lecturer next week at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Hall is one of the directors of the American Society for Legal History, which is currently trying to preserve historic legal records of the United States.

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Dr. Hall to lecture at Hopkins

Dr. Jerome Hall, Distinguished Service Professor of Law, will go to Maryland next week to lecture at Johns Hopkins University. He will also participate in a meeting in Boston for the officers of the American Society for Legal History, of which he is a director.

Dr. Hall is a man of ideas — ideas about his university, his country, and his profession.

In commenting upon I.U., he criticized the school's policy of "pigeon-holing" students into different departments and schools.

"There's one bad feature in University life today. Excessive departmentalization and narrow specialization have resulted in some most unfortunate consequences. People cannot see all the wider relations of the work that they are doing. We're like the little story of the men who were standing so close to the elephant, the only thing each of them could see was a leg, or a trunk, or the tail. No one realized

there was a whole elephant before them," he said.

Dr. Hall also expressed concern for his country. As a director of the American Society for Legal History, he fears the current lack of concern that exists in the recording of this country's historic legal proceedings.

"The United States is very careless when it comes to recording her legal background," he said. "This could be very regrettable, indeed, since American democracy is based on a process of law."

While in Boston, the society will discuss ways to promote interest in the conservation of America's legal history.

Dr. Hall then commented on the law profession itself. He believes that law, like all other fields of study, is being segregated from the larger realm of common learning. Over the years, legal philosophy and political theory have become widely separated areas of thought. Dr. Hall argues

that they are, in reality, all part of one large field. He is currently working to bring together the two bodies of thought which "the specialists have split asunder." This will be the main theme of his presentation at Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Hall attended the University of Chicago, Columbia University, and Harvard University. He has been at I.U. for the past 26 years.