Conferences and Lectures,
Past and Future

"The Good Samaritan and the Bad: The Law and Morality of Volunteering in Situations of Emergency and Peril, or of Failing To Do So" was the subject of a Law School Conference in April. At the opening session, Charles O. Gregory, Professor of Law at the University of Virginia, discussed the Anglo-American law on the subject, and André Tunc, Professor of Law, University of Paris, compared the law of France and other Continental jurisdictions. Norval Morris, Julius Kreger Professor of Law and Criminology at The University of Chicago Law School, and Louis Waller, Sir Leo Cussen Professor of Law, Monash University, Victoria, Australia, commented upon these papers. At the luncheon session. Alan Barth, Editorial Writer of The Washington Post, spoke on the subject of "The Vanishing Samaritan."

Herbert Fingarette, Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara, explored the ethical questions underlying the "obligation" to intercede, and Joseph Gusfield, Professor and Chairman, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois, considered the general problem from the point of view of the modern sociologist to open the afternoon session. Following Mr. Gusfield, Lawrence Zelic Freedman, M.D., Foundations' Fund Research Professor of Psychiatry at The University of Chicago, spoke on "No Response to the Cry for Help." "The Perspective of the Police" was the title of the paper delivered by Herman Goldstein, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin and former Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Police of Chicago. Hans Zeisel, Professor of Law and Sociology, The University of Chicago, discussed the methodology of investigating the problems in this field, and reported on the results of a survey of public attitudes on the Good Samaritan problem which he had directed in West Germany, Austria and the
United States. Anthony W. Honore, Fellow of New College, Oxford, opened the evening session with an address on “Law, Morals and Rescue.” The Conference concluded with a round-table discussion involving all twelve speakers and chaired by Professor Harry Kalven, Jr., of the Law School.

Later in the Spring Quarter, the School sponsored a Conference on Problems of Urban Renewal. The opening address, “Blitz and the Blight—Post War Law and Practice in Britain” was delivered by Desmond Heap, Comptroller and City Solicitor, the City of London. A major innovation, and a successful one, was the presentation of three papers by students in the Law School. John C. Cratsley and George A. Ranney collaborated on “Private Actions by Tenants to Facilitate Rehabilitation of Urban Housing,” while David C. Long spoke on “Protection of Interests of Site Families in Urban Renewal,” and Robert C. Funk on “Changing Concepts of Urban Renewal.” The Conference concluded with a round-ta-
ble discussion involving the five speakers mentioned, and Joseph Epstein, of the Urban Redevelopment Agency, North Little Rock, Arkansas, Nancy E. LeBlanc, Deputy Director, Legal Services Unit, Mobilization for Youth, Inc., New York; David E. Pinsky, Housing and Home Finance Agency, Washington; Bernard Weissbourd, JD'48, President, Metropolitan Structures, Inc., Chicago; Julian Levi, JD'33, Professor of Urban Studies, The University of Chicago, and Edward C. Banfield, Professor of Government, Harvard University. Both the Conference and the round table were chaired by Allison Durham, Professor of Law, The University of Chicago Law School.

Two major events in the 1965-66 program of the Law School will have taken place by the time this issue of the Record reaches its readers. The Eighteenth Annual Federal Tax Conference will be held in the Auditorium of the Prudential Building on October 27, 28 and 29. The Conference Program, which is too long to be set forth here, has again been planned for lawyers, accountants and business executives interested in problems of federal taxation and possessing substantial background in the field. Last year, the Conference attracted more than 500 participants from twenty-three states; it is anticipated that the attendance this year will be comparable. The Conference is planned by a seventeen-man committee of lawyers and accountants, on which the School is represented by Professor Walter J. Blum and Assistant Dean James M. Ratcliffe.

At the opening of each academic year, the Faculty of the School holds a welcoming dinner, followed by a lecture by a distinguished judge or practitioner, for its entering students. The members of the Law School Visiting Committee and the officers and directors of the Law Alumni Association, are honored guests. This year, the Lecturer was the Honorable Charles D. Breitel, Justice of the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court, who spoke on “The Many Faces of Law.”

On November 12 and 13, the School will sponsor a Conference which will represent a unique departure from those held in the past. “The Conference on Consumer Credit and the Poor” was conceived and organized by students of the Law School. Students initially suggested the topic, planned the program, have managed arrangements for the Conference, will provide the papers for the workshop sessions and the briefs for the moot court session, and will preside over all six meetings involved. The two-day gathering provides for public addresses on the morning of November 12 and the afternoon and evening of November 13. The afternoon of November 12 and the morning of November 13 will be devoted to workshops. Papers which will provide the basis for workshop discussion, all being prepared by students, will be distributed to participants in advance of the Conference. On the evening of November 12, there will
be a moot court presentation in which the legal issues involved will be selected from problems in the consumer credit field. Students preparing papers for the workshops are Ralph C. Brendes, Peter H. Darrow, Robert C. Funk, Roger P. Levin, and William A. London. The general Student Planning Committee for the Conference is composed of John C. Cratsley, Barbara J. Hillman, and Lawrence H. Schwartz.

Tentatively scheduled for mid-Winter, 1966, is a Conference on the Arts and the Law. The Tenth Ernst Freund Lecture will be given in the Spring Quarter by the Honorable Carl McGowan, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and member of the Law School Visiting Committee. Also in the Spring Quarter, Milton Friedman, Paul Snowden Russell Distinguished Service Professor of Economics at The University of Chicago, will deliver the Henry Simons Lecture.