Dear Graduates and Friends:

The Law School continues to flourish, as it has in the past, as part of one of the most distinguished universities in the world. Its preeminence in teaching and professional training, in research and clinical activities, has had a long tradition. You are part of this tradition. The many graduates and friends who have helped us have participated in an important endeavor. The School is fortunate that it has always been able to call on you to an extent which is unique.

The 1978 Fund Drive raised half a million dollars in unrestricted expendable funds. This is approximately the same amount as was donated in 1977. In addition, we received significant restricted contributions. This support encourages and enables the School to perform its many tasks. Nevertheless, I hope the 1979 Fund Drive will do better. Not only did the Fund not keep up with inflation, but we failed to come close to coping with extraordinary cost rises in such areas as library acquisitions. In addition, I am concerned about our long-term ability not only to maintain but to strengthen and increase what I think is the most productive law faculty in the country. We must also continue to attract one of the finest groups of students.

We are extremely grateful to all who have helped us to meet the challenge. This year, I urge you to increase your contribution. I believe that the Law School renders an important service to the legal profession. This tradition can be maintained only through greater participation of our graduates and friends.

Sincerely,

Gerhard Casper
Dean
The Law School