American Bar Association—
60th and Woodlawn

Previous issues of the Record have kept Law School alumni informed of the progress of the new American Bar Center, national headquarters for administration and research of the American Bar Association. The Center, which is being erected between Woodlawn Avenue and University Avenue on the south side of the Midway, will be dedicated on Thursday, August 19, during the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the Association.

At noon on the day of the dedication, the Law School will hold an Alumni Luncheon in the Quadrangle between the Law School Building and Beecher Hall, the Law School Dormitory. The Chief Justice of the United States, the President of the American Bar Association, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, and others occupying principal roles in the dedication ceremonies will be guests of the School at this affair. Alumni of the School, together with their wives, are cordially invited to attend.

In addition to the Alumni Luncheon, the Law School will be host on Saturday, August 14, at a luncheon and reception for members of the Conference of Chief Justices, and for the Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. On Sunday, August 15, the School has planned a reception and dinner for members of the faculties of other law schools who are in attendance at the ABA meeting.

During the entire period of the Annual Meeting a special exhibit will be displayed in the Law Building. The exhibit will consist of three parts: First, a collection of pictures shown through the courtesy of the Art Institute of Chicago. This exhibit will contain works by Toulouse-Lautrec, Daumier, Rowlandson, Forain, and several others; the subject matter of all works shown will be of special interest to lawyers.

Second, there will be on exhibition a collection of legal documents and rare law books. The exhibit will begin with early Egyptian and Sumerian “documents” and will draw extensively on the University’s collection of the papers of the Bacon family, probably the most complete collection of its kind in the United States. There will also be a selection of rare law books, drawn from the Rare Book Library of the University and from the private collection of Louis H. Silver, JD’28. Several legal documents and letters in the handwriting of Abraham Lincoln will also be on exhibition.

Finally, members of the staffs of the Law School’s Ford Foundation-endowed research projects in Law and the Behavioral Sciences, especially the Jury Project and the Arbitration Project, will be on hand to explain their procedure and objectives and, through the use of audio-visual equipment, to present examples of the progress of these projects.

Moot Court Competition

The Moot Court competition has become an integral part of the first-year program in the Law School. During the past academic year the program was administered by a student committee, headed by Gregory Beggs, chairman, and Mrs. Eva Content, secretary, and assisted by the Bigelow Fellows. As the concluding assignment of the First-Year Tutorial course, each student was assigned a case and required to file a written brief and to present oral argument. Members of the Bar of Chicago and members of the Faculty of the School served as judges. The Moot Court Committee also sponsored the lectures on the “Art of Argument,” delivered by the Honorable Walter V. Schaefer and Mr. James Dooley, which were published in the previous issue of the Law School Record. The Moot Court Team upheld the high standard of past representatives of the School by placing fourth in the national competition and winning the prize awarded to the best brief submitted in the nation-wide contest. Messrs. Marvin Stender, Harold Ward, and Paul Wenger made up the Law School team.