Agenda to Proposal of Reopening U.D. Law School

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Reopening U.D. Law School

The University of Dayton's Law School graduated its last class in 1935.
But as the Reverend Charles Lees, UD's Vice President for Academic Affairs,
points out, conditions have changed considerably since then. "When UD closed its School of Law," he said, "it was a small college with few facilities in
an era when the demand for lawyers was quite limited. The University is now
a well-populated school, with some outstanding facilities. in an era where
the number of lawyers will be doubled by 1985."

He further cited the following statistics:
-- In the last 10 years enrollment in law schools has doubled.

-- During the same period the number of women law students grew from
  approximately 1,500 to nearly 9,000.

-- In the last 10 years evening enrollment has grown nearly 60% - from
  12,000 to 19,000.

-- In 1971 there was a 45% gain over the previous year increase in the
  number of students taking law school admission tests. (A 30% increase was
  expected for 1972.

Reopening of the law school is considered as an ideal means of furthering
University purposes as expressed in its Constitution and Statement of Purposes,

"... emphasis on those values which culminate in the highest
development of the human person."

"... recognition of the need to promote individual fulfillment
through self-transcending service."

"... initiating and conducting special activities to meet the
changing needs of society...

"... priority to studies which deal with problems of a funda-
mentally human and Christian concern."

"... support, with means appropriate to its purposes, the legitimate
goals and aspirations of the civic community...

"... encourage men of vision who can and will participate effectively
in the quest for a more perfect human society."

Father Roesch has stated that "Our interest is not merely in providing,
under private auspices, opportunities for the acquisition of legal expertise,
worthy though this goal may be. Rather, we see herein an exceptional
opportunity to promote Christian justice, social as well as individual and
thus to help humanize society."

Based upon well informed estimates, critically examined by knowledgeable
authorities, reopening the law school will require approximately $1.0 for
non-recoverable start-up costs during the early years. Thereafter, it will
be self-supporting with the exception of funds for student aid that
characterizes all of higher education.