From the Dean . . .

A look at the past often helps to illuminate the present. I have recently been looking at some historical facts, to compare today's Michigan Law School with the same school of the past, and I pass the results on to you in the hope that they will be of interest.

Enrollment over the years has had its ups and downs. It was 750 in the year 1911–12, 865 in 1931–32, and 955 in 1961–62. Non-resident enrollment has been fairly constant, ranging from 50 per cent to 60 per cent, and this year it was 56 per cent. We still accept all qualified applicants in the Law School. The professorial staff has grown from 17 in 1911–12 to 37 full-time resident professors in 1961–62. The growth reflects not only a substantial increase in the number of courses in the curriculum, but increased responsibilities which have been assumed by the institution. Research activities and service to the organized bar have been greatly expanded.

The library, one of the truly great collections in the United States, has grown from 31,000 volumes in 1911–12 to more than 305,000 in 1961–62. Periodicals have increased from 24 fifty years ago to the remarkable number of 4,080 serials received today. Annual acquisitions run to almost 8,000 volumes, and the task of organizing the library, finding space for the books, and providing services which will make this resource available to its maximum potential is one which calls for substantial effort. Professor Hobart Coffey, Law Librarian since 1926, has been responsible for this growth.

Despite growth and change, the Law School remains a continuing institution which carries forward the strength of the past. It is noteworthy, for example, that Professor emeritus Ralph W. Aigler was a teacher of every class which held a reunion this spring. He joined the faculty in 1910 and served until 1954. Professor emeritus John Waite served from 1912 to 1951, and Professor emeritus Burke Shartel from 1920 to 1959. The late Edgar Durfee taught from 1911 to 1951, and Grover Grismore from 1914 to 1951. These names, which are familiar to all who have worked in legal education, provide inspiration to the members of the present faculty to continue their efforts in training the best lawyers in the country.

Alumni Gather at State Bar Meetings

Law School alumni have held special meetings in connection with several recent bar association or other gatherings.

On May 23, alumni in the Washington, D.C. area met at the time of the annual meeting of the American Law Institute. Dean Allan F. Smith and Associate Dean Charles W. Joiner spoke briefly. On June 8, a Law School luncheon was held during the Iowa Bar Association meeting, with Dean Joiner as speaker.

Illinois alumni gathered for luncheon in Chicago during their state bar meeting, with Dean Smith as the guest speaker. Texans met during their state convention, July 5, in San Antonio. A guest from the Law School was Prof. J. R. Pearce.

Michigan Law School graduates did well on the California bar examination last fall—all of the 10 graduates who took the examination passed. Michigan and Yale were the only "100 per cent schools" on this examination.

In the New York bar examinations, seven out of eight Michigan graduates passed.

Professors Blume, James Begin Retirement

Two long-time members of the Law School faculty retired from active teaching in June. They are William W. Blume and Laylin K. James.

Professor Blume, a native of West Virginia, was educated in Texas and Tennessee, receiving his B.A. degree from Texas Christian University, studying in the Law Department of Cumberland University, and earning the LL.B. degree from The University of Michigan. In 1928, he received the degree of Doctor of Juridical Science, also from The University of Michigan.

A faculty member of the Comparative Law School of China, in Shanghai, Professor Blume also served as dean of this school from 1921 to 1924. In 1927, he joined the Michigan Law School faculty, and in 1936 was named to a full professorship. He has written extensively, particularly in the field of legal history. One of his most recent articles is "Legislation on the American Frontier," dealing with laws of the Northwest Territory, Michigan Territory, and Indiana Territory, published in the Michigan Law Review this spring.

Professor James is a native of Ohio, and earned both the A.B. and J.D. degrees from The University of Michigan. He taught at the University of Pittsburg Law School prior to joining the Michigan law faculty in 1929. In recent years, he has headed the Law School placement service, assisting graduates in finding positions. He is an authority on corporation law and is the author of Cases and Materials on the Law of Business Associations.

Visiting Faculty Will Include Alwyn Freeman

Four visiting appointments to the Michigan law faculty for the 1962–63 year have been announced by Dean Allen F. Smith.

During the second semester, Alwyn V. Freeman, now the U.S. representative on the International Atomic Energy Agency of the United Nations, will serve as visiting lecturer in law. His appointment has been made possible by the Law School Fund. Mr. Freeman is a native of Detroit and earned the A.B. degree at The University of Michigan. He graduated from the Harvard Law School and is a diplomate of the Universitaire Hautes Etudes Internationales.

Mr. Freeman has served as legal counsel to the State of State and as a consultant to the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He has served on numerous international commissions and conferences, as a member of the United States delegation to the U.N. General Assembly, and as director of research of the Hague Academy of International Law.

Also named to the visiting faculty for the coming year were Kenneth Wang, serving throughout the academic year; and Geoffrey C. Hazard, Jr., and Robert Liberman, both of whom will teach during the spring semester.

Mr. Wang is a native of China and a naturalized citizen of the United States. He has been on the law faculty of St. John's University since 1952. At Michigan, he will assist in teaching a course in comparative law and the seminar on Soviet Civil Law. He will also work in collaboration with Dr. Hsiab of the Library of Congress in preparation of a book on the law of Communist China, which the Law School expects to publish.

Mr. Hazard will come to Michigan from the University of California Law School, at Berkeley, where he has taught for the past four years. Mr. Liberman, who received an LL.M. from Michigan in 1956, is currently on the faculty of the Boston University School of Law.