The dust has not settled

Planning for the Law School’s new library included careful consideration of the changes it would, and should, bring about in the use of existing buildings. Since eating and socializing are not permitted in the new facility, a convenient student lounge was clearly necessary.

The faculty coffee room, 100 Legal Research, which is pictured here was ideally located between classrooms and the library, and will be converted into a student Rathskeller. Book racks, vacated on the third floor of Hutchins, will become a new faculty common room. An elaborate pulley system was required to remove shelving and debris from the area, while blocks to construct a wall around the proposed lounge were painstakingly brought in by wheelbarrow.

Faculty expect to begin using the new room by the end of the fall semester.

Bequest honors Professor Proffitt

William H. Hawley, who attended the Law School from 1963-65 has left $5,000 to be designated as the Roy F. Proffitt Fund. The bequest may be used by the School either as a source of income for purposes identified by the dean and Professor Proffitt, or for capital expenditures “whose material form shall bear the name of Roy F. Proffitt in tribute to his long service and devotion to the interests and welfare of the students of the School.”

Professor Proffitt came to the Michigan Law School in 1956. After many years of devoted service as assistant dean, Professor Proffitt turned his attention to maintaining ties with former students he had helped through Law School. Since then he has worked tirelessly, coordinating alumni activities and directing the Law School Fund.