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IN THE PREFACE to the first issue of the AKRON LAW REVIEW, I observed "that the law review that serves as an instrument of American legal education also serves as a hallmark of the institution that sponsors it." In reviewing the six full years of publication of the AKRON LAW REVIEW, I conclude that the student editors and the staff have met this challenge well, by publishing a journal of high literary quality, timely in content, and balanced in the selection of materials.

I am therefore pleased to observe that the AKRON LAW REVIEW, beginning with this issue, will be published three times per year. Hopefully, in the next year or certainly not later than the next biennium, the AKRON LAW REVIEW will be published on a quarterly basis.

As this issue is being published, the students, faculty and administration are planning the formal dedication of the C. Blake McDowell Law Center, the new structure into which the School of Law was moved on June 15, 1973. The Law Center was named in honor of C. Blake McDowell, Esquire, of BROUSE & MCDOWELL CO., L.P.A., distinguished lawyer, civic leader and benefactor.

The modern, 50,000-square-foot structure of floating design is the fifth location, but the first permanent home of the law program in Akron, now in its 53rd year of existence. Begun in 1921 as the Akron Law School, the institution, like the early precursor of its type—the Litchfield Law School—was established independent of university connection, under the auspices of leading Akron judges and lawyers. But in 1959, the school was merged with The University of Akron, in the tradition of the “academic professional law” schools that have virtually replaced the Litchfield model.

The story of law at The University of Akron has been one of growth, virtually six-fold in the category of students, full-time faculty, and library holdings. More importantly, the quality of the School has grown apace. Contributing to our growth has been the student efforts in publishing this law review. Therefore, I extend to the present board of editors and staff members on behalf of the past boards of editors and staff members, the felicitations and gratitude of the faculty of the School of Law.

In concluding, I observe that the dedication of the C. Blake McDowell Law Center will occur on Sunday, November 18, 1973, at 3:00 p.m. Members of the bench and bar and friends of the University and the School of Law are extended a cordial invitation to celebrate this signal event with us. The principal speaker on this occasion will be Chesterfield Smith, Esquire, 97th president of the American Bar Association and statesman in the work of America’s oldest, largest, and most distinguished bar association.

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