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The dedication of a new law school building is always an occasion for celebration. In the case of a young law school like the Northern Illinois University College of Law, it is a rite of passage and a time for taking stock.

New facilities in Swen Parson Hall were dedicated in ceremonies held from March 17-19, 1983. United States Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun delivered the principal address at dedication ceremonies; Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Howard C. Ryan also addressed the assemblage. Coming within a year of the full approval of the College of Law by the American Bar Association, the ceremonies celebrated academic achievement as well as architectural design.

The dedication program had academic components as well as ceremony. In one symposium leading members of the bar and of the academy considered the impact on the legal profession of the new Model Rules of Professional Conduct, which were then under consideration by the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. In a second symposium, whose proceedings are published in this issue of the Northern Illinois University Law Review, a particularly distinguished group of academic lawyers who have worked in Agriculture Law, convened to consider recent developments in that field.

As we perceive great progress in the development of our law school, we hope that the readers of our Law Review will discern similar progress in its development.

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