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Just to highlight two or so things I should mention the letter which you will have received from solicitors in connection with the Endowment Fund, aimed at strengthening the financial status of the law school, and enabling planning for a strong program into the future. Read the Dean's article to relish a strong beginning on the program. And then on the fun side also, don't forget to mark the calendar and make reservations for the Relay's Weekend. To vision what is in the future come by and see what is already in place and existing, on which future building may be done, and have a mini reunion all at the same time.

I renew a request for reports on your activities or the activities of others so that The Dean's List may be a cross wiring of events among the far flung alumni we reach. Tell us what you or others may have done that might be of interest (you don't have to tell us why). We of course wish to keep you informed on your law school activities, but would also like to include alumni reports from those far away places—California, Texas, etc.

The Dean's Corner

The Opperman Computer Law Center

On Friday, April 26, 1985, the Opperman Computer Law Center will officially commence operations. The Center will be endowed by Mr. Dwight D. Opperman, President and Chief Executive Officer of West Publishing Company. Opperman is a 1951 graduate of the Drake Law School and a member of the Drake University Board of Trustees. The Center will include both the Westlaw and Lexis computer research training centers (the only ones of their kind in any law school), as well as the new AT&T Information Systems computer laboratory, making the Center one of the finest in the nation.

The Center will include nine Westlaw terminals and three printers, nine Lexis terminals and three printers, and seventeen AT&T personal computers and three printers. Students will have a unique opportunity in learning how to use both the Westlaw and Lexis services for legal research as well as the AT&T personal computers for class preparation and training for computer use in the practice of law.

Additionally, the Center will conduct Continuing Legal Education courses in the use of Westlaw, Lexis and the AT&T personal computers. Now that the Opperman Law Center has become a reality, Drake Law School has a unprecedented opportunity to forge a new path in legal education at the national level.

AT&T Information Systems Select Drake Law School to Establish Its First Computer Lab

AT&T Information Systems has selected Drake University Law School to establish its first national computer law laboratory. The AT&T Lab, a part of the Opperman Computer Law Center, will initially have seventeen AT&T PC 6300 personal computers for student and attorney education programs. In addition to offering computer courses, the lab will be used to develop software for lawyers in their daily practice of law, from office management to preparation for trial.