The graduating class of 1961 has experienced a remarkable turning point in the development of the Law School. Their class is the last that will have experienced a year of legal education in our old Law School quarters. Your class began its third year with the exciting dedication ceremonies for our new building. The high quality of the seminars devoted to the future of legal education brought innovative viewpoints from legal scholars, judges and members of the legal profession throughout the country.

During your period here at the School, you have witnessed the crystallization of the basic character of this institution. Continuing to offer the solid core of traditional law school courses such as Contracts, Property and Torts, great emphasis has been placed on experimentation. Such courses as Law and World Order and The Employment Relation in the first year, and the addition of such courses as Civil Rights, Civil Liberties, and Problems of the Urban Poor along with the rich assortment of interdisciplinary seminars, such as Law and Psychiatry, Law and Economics and Law and the Related Disciplines have involved law school students in the current great issues of our society.

We are exceedingly proud of the quality of our student body and we are confident that you go forth well trained and highly motivated to play your role in the legal profession. As students many of you have shown your appreciation of the service aspect of our profession by becoming involved in aiding the reorganization of the pool which in the Civil Rights battles in the South or in the neighborhood legal clinic and the Legal Aid offices in the North. The quality of the Rutgers Law Review continues to improve and it has become one of the fine legal journals coming from seats of higher education. A welcome addition has been The Transcript which is an organ for student opinion as well as a needed means of communication to the student body. The success of the moot court and, in teaching the final exams of the national competition was highly gratifying to all of us. I would like like to pay tribute to the student bar Association which has shown this year outstanding leadership in the School not only in rendering valuable service at the Dedication but in helping administration and faculty in formulating sound policies for the School.

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