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In several significant respects, Volume 76 marks the end of an era for the West Virginia Law Review. This issue will be the last to be compiled in the old law building. The new facilities are characterized by expansive, individual editorial offices, located adjacent to a large conference room. More importantly, however, this issue marks the last year that Professor J. Timothy Philipps will serve as faculty advisor. During his tenure as advisor, the Law Review has grown in size and quality, and his guidance will be missed.

We believe that Volume 76 has embarked on a course of action decidedly different from the traditional functions of the Law Review. Although our foremost goal has remained constant—the publication of a high quality periodical—we have attempted to become more active in the legislative process and to provide a forum for discussion of the issues confronting the legal system.

In January, 1974, as a follow-up to Professor Philipps's criticism in issue number one of the West Virginia tax appeals procedure, the Law Review drafted a proposed West Virginia Tax Appeals Procedure Act. This legislation was introduced in the 1974 Regular Session of the State Legislature. To further promote our participation in the legislative process, distribution of the Law Review to State legislators was initiated with Volume 76.

On February 11, 1974, the Law Review presented "The New Values of Coal," an attempt to analyze the opportunities afforded West Virginia by the energy shortage. Several hundred students attended the program and listened to four speakers—Mr. C. Howard Hardesty, Jr., Mr. Sheldon P. Wimpfen, Mr. Ronald G. Pearson, and Dr. William H. Miernyk—whose remarks were reproduced in issue number three. Although many frustrations and unexpected difficulties have arisen in connection with the Law Review this year, our brief association with the four speakers made organization of the program a pleasure. They were knowledgeable, highly cooperative, and reliable. The Law Review is grateful to them for donating their services.

Volume 76 is also the first issue of the Law Review to be published by use of phototypesetting and offset printing. While this method was chosen to increase our publication speed, it is not without drawbacks. After an exceedingly long delay in obtaining a printing contract, publication has proceeded at an uncertain

pace. Therefore, please notify us of any deficiencies you discern in the quality of the Law Review, whether in content or readability.

The Law Review is again indebted to Mr. Paul Stevenson and the graphic arts section of the University Publications Office for design of our title page. Mr. Stevenson was also responsible for the design of our cover.

The new editor-in-chief of the Law Review is Charles J. Kaiser, Jr., of Wheeling.

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