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*"Exceptionally strong academic credentials were presented by students admitted this year."*

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Each fall, when the new class has been admitted, the Office of Admissions analyzes the records of entering students and prepares a statistical profile of the class. Although the men and women who comprise the first-year class are far more than the numbers appearing on a profile, it is, nonetheless, true that the data provide an interesting description of a law school class.

The volume of applications continued to increase this year, reaching a total of 1,499. This number represents an increase of slightly more than 12% over last year. The excellent facilities of the new Law Center make it likely that we will continue to see steadily rising numbers of applications. The School of Law enrolled 316 students in the first-year class, 40% of those in the evening division. More than 95% of the students are Maryland residents; this may be a reflection of economic conditions which make attendance at a state university even more desirable than in past years. Women make up 42% of the class and minority students comprise 9.2%; slightly more than one-quarter (27.5%) of the class is married.

Exceptionally strong academic credentials were presented by students admitted this year. Median grade point averages of 3.12 in the day and 3.02 in the evening division combined with median LSAT scores of 604 in the day and 583 in the evening division.

Sixty major fields of undergraduate study are represented. The greatest number of students (54)

majored in Political Science, followed by English and History (27 each) and Psychology (23). Other undergraduate fields of study pursued by members of the class range along such diverse lines as anthropology, business, geology, government and urban studies.

Members of the class attended 66 different undergraduate schools. Of the 198 students attending 18 Maryland schools, the greatest number (59) graduated from the University of Maryland at College Park, followed by the University of Baltimore (31), Towson State University (22), and the University of Maryland at Baltimore County (15). A total of 118 students attended 48 different schools outside of Maryland; among those represented are the University of Virginia, the University of Pennsylvania, Duke University, Dartmouth College, the University of North Carolina, and Washington and Lee University.

Geographically, 17 Maryland counties are represented by residents in the class. The greatest number of students came from Baltimore County (105), followed by Baltimore City (66), Montgomery (36), Prince Georges (30) and Anne Arundel (21). Non-resident members of the class came to us from Connecticut, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Vermont.

The median age of students in the day division is 23 and in the evening division 29. A substantial number of those admitted in both programs have worked in a variety

of fields, pursued graduate degrees or devoted time to civic and volunteer activities. The strong scholastic abilities, diverse interests and experiences represented lead us to believe that members of the Fall 1982 entering class have much to offer to the law school and to the larger community. We welcome them to the School of Law and look forward to working with them.

