GMU FOUNDATION TO ACQUIRE LAW SCHOOL PROPERTY

The George Mason University Foundation, Inc., a non-profit corporation designed to serve the needs of the University, has committed itself to the acquisition of the 11-acre site occupied by the International School of Law in Arlington, according to the Rector of George Mason University's Board of Visitors John T. Hazel, Jr., and ISL Dean Ralph Norvell.

The undertaking of the Foundation is, Hazel says, a sound investment with exceptional educational possibilities. It is also a tangible indication of the dedication of GMU to the merger of ISL as the law school of George Mason. According to Norvell, it is definitive as to the unqualified commitment of the ISL Board of Directors to merge with GMU.

A merger of the schools can not occur, however, unless the Council of Higher Education for Virginia (CHEV) concurs that the merger is feasible. Senate Joint Resolution #74 requires CHEV to conduct a feasibility study of the need for a public law school in Northern Virginia as a part of GMU. Both GMU and ISL are actively

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engaged in extending every assistance to the staff of the Council to help it complete its study by its projected date of October 1978.

The International School of Law will continue to occupy its present site, and the University may use the facilities for some of its classes. If the merger of ISL and GMU does not occur, the law school will have the right to reacquire the site.