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MOUNT CARROLL, ILL. 61053

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To Shimer Faculty and Staff for 1966-1967:

Denis Cowan has agreed to serve as Acting Dean of Faculty for next year, and this appointment has been made, effective today. He will have all the authority and responsibility of the Dean of Faculty, as well as the opportunity to weld the faculty into a more cohesive group toward the establishment of our common educational goals. This is at present a one-year commitment on his part. Like a number of members of the faculty with whom I have talked, I have felt and continue to feel that we should seek an outside replacement for Bob Blackburn. Since Bob and his family moved to Ann Arbor earlier this week, communications relative to faculty matters should be sent directly to Denis from now on. Public announcement that Denis is going to assume this new position will be made next week.

We will have an exciting group of new faculty this year: Nancy and Alan Dowty are on their way from Israel and are expected here sometime next week; the Magills' furniture is in their new home (the former Blackburn residence), but they will not arrive until later; Robert Hall, our new Chaplain, and his family will occupy the "Farm" (where Stafford Davis lived last year) this fall; Philip Marcus and his bride, I understand, have already secured living quarters in town and will be here later this month; Joseph Heplar is replacing Alexandra Culbertson in the south apartment in Ashby House. The Roders, I believe, have arrived in this country from Germany, but have not reached Mount Carroll yet; Mrs. Jean Schmeling and Miss Donna Davis, our new intern, are both busy elsewhere this summer but plan to be here bright and early for our faculty conference; John Bellairs has been added to the staff in the Humanities and will serve as Resident Head of McKee; William Krejci is a new addition to the Natural Sciences staff. He is a physicist who is returning to the academic world from industry; our new student counselor will be Leland Becker who will also serve as Resident Head of Dezendorf Hall.

After a very hot late June and early July, the weather has been almost ideal here in Mount Carroll. The campus still looks lovely, but we do need rain badly now. If we get a couple of good soakings between now and the opening of the College, it will be a very beautiful place to which to return.

We have made the usual number of changes during the summer, which include leveling a playing field on our newly acquired addition east of the campus. This will be known as Shroyer Field and should be ready for full use by spring. There hasn't been time to get it seeded for use this fall.

We have put in a new walk over to Dearborn. Time, the weather, and labor permitting, we will put in a new walk across the center of the campus, replacing the old east-west driveway which has been eliminated. We now approach the Hathaway-Bennett turn-around by a new drive in from Jackson Street. A number of