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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN:

The appointment of a permanent dean for the Law School marks another important milestone in the development and growth of what is coming to be a fine, and potentially a great, small law school. I have accepted the position with profound feelings of humility, pride, gratitude and optimism.

Humility, because I recognize the awesome responsibility to you, our law students, and to generations of law students yet to come; to our graduates; to the academic community; to the people of the State of Hawaii; and to all of those who have expressed support for my leadership, to insure that the School fulfills its promise and meets its objectives of providing all the many benefits which a first-rate legal education and first-rate law school are capable of providing. You have every right to keep your expectations high, and I pledge to give every effort of which I am capable to fulfill them.

Pride, because so much has already been accomplished; because we have a fine student body which combines the best from every segment of Hawaii's marvelously diverse society; because 366 alumni have taken their place in the legal profession and are demonstrating distinction in their work in virtually every part of the profession, in both the private and public sector; because we have a hard-working faculty with strong credentials who are dedicated to providing students with the best that legal education has to offer and to providing first-rate research and service to the State;

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and because so many good people have placed their faith in my ability to keep the Law School on its fast track toward excellence.

Gratitude, because in our building program and in myriad other ways we have received enormous support from the leaders of the State in the Executive Branch, the Legislature, the Judiciary, the University, and the Bar; and because the University community, including you law students, the law faculty, the Chancellor's office, the President's office, the Board of Regents, and the Dean Search Committee have all pulled together, in the tradition of a fine university, to insure the integrity and fairness of the dean search process. While so many individuals deserve my thanks, it is not telling tales out of school to single out Interim Chancellor Marvin Anderson as one of the most prominent examples of those who have worked tirelessly and effectively to support the School in all of these areas.

Optimism, because I have sensed enormous support for the Law School among the leaders of every group whose views and actions will affect our future; because the alumni association is welding itself into a strong, cohesive, and vibrant organization whose raison d'etre is to help the Law School, its students, and its graduates; and because most of the nagging doubts about the Law School, my own included, which characterized our early years have been dissipated and replaced by hope and bright anticipation for the continued success of the School.

Where do we go from here? The obvious first step is to achieve permanent accreditation from the American Bar Association. The Inspection Team, composed of Professor Marian Gallagher, Law

Librarian now at Hastings, Attorney Richard Nahstoll of Oregon, and Professor Sam Thurman of the University of Utah School of Law, will be here from Wednesday, April 28 through the morning of Saturday, May 1st. In my opinion, all the essential criteria for permanent accreditation have now been met. If, after their visit, the Team shares that view, a recommendation for permanent accreditation should be forthcoming.

Other goals, for the short- and long-range future, include membership in the Association of American Law Schools; expanded involvement of our faculty in continuing legal education, in partnership with HICLE, through short courses, institutes, and public education programs; the development of a solid summer school program; planning for a program in Pacific Legal Studies which will enable the School to develop special prominence locally, nationally, and internationally; and more immediately, completion of our buildings and effecting a smooth and efficient move into these handsome new facilities. All of these goals, it should be stressed, must be phased in with my principal objective of strengthening our basic program and curriculum of legal education. That, to use current jargon, is the "bottom line".

Finally, I pledge to you that mine will be an open administration. No one knows better than I that problems will arise in the future. None of them, I believe, will be beyond solution if we can work together to resolve them with a spirit of aloha and if we cooperate in good faith with one another. I therefore urge all of you to bring your problems and your ideas to the administration of the Law School, and indeed to me personally, before you give them

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INTERVIEW: Larry Lawrence

Professor Larry Lawrence is visiting the UH from the University of North Carolina to which he will be returning this summer. He has taught Contracts this past semester and is handling the Commercial 2nd Year Seminar Section. Born in Cleveland, his family moved to California where he was raised and educated.

Lawrence: Went to high school in Santa Monica, went to my first two years of college at the University of California at Irvine, last two years at UCLA, then law school at Berkley. All California...

Since then, I was a teaching fellow at the University of Chicago back in 1973,...(1974-76 private practice)...then went off to teach at Missouri for two years, then North Carolina about two years- about three years, actually.

Lawletter: What brought you over here?

Lawrence: Sunshine.

Lawletter: We haven't had any.

Lawrence: I didn't know that!

Lawletter: What kind of work were you doing at North Carolina?

Lawrence: I teach in the commercial and business area- contracts, commercial paper, debtor/creditor, sales...Now I'm writing a treatise on the Uniform Commercial Code.

Lawletter: What are the biggest differences you've noticed between teaching there and teaching here?

Lawrence: The attire you wear to class...seriously. There's no difference...Needless to say, the school is more heterogeneous. But you know, to put it simply, the color of the skin does not change people. The people here are the same as they are in North Carolina... the students are.

Lawletter: Academically?

Lawrence: Academically they're the same. You have some extremely good students here, you've got the middle students, and you've some students who aren't too good, just like in North Carolina.

Lawletter: Have you adjusted your teaching methods at all?

Lawrence: I haven't changed at all, I teach exactly the same.

Lawletter: And you mentioned your book on the UCC. Why are you doing that?

Lawrence: I was offered a chance to write a treatise on the Uniform Commercial Code with William Hochland who is one of the foremost experts on it. And we already have a publisher lined up and you have a well known co-author- it's kind of hard to pass that up... There aren't any real treatises written. There are books like Anderson on the UCC which attempt to be- to cover everything- but are mainly computations of cases. They're not really treatises which this really is.

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Lawletter: Outside activities?

Lawrence: Films are my major interest, acutally. I have a large interest in films. And I'dlike to someday get involved in making films...I do scuba diving, you know, that kind of stuff. I go hiking...

The first two months I was here was the time I had allocated to having some fun. And there was enough sunshine there to accomodate me. And ever since then, I've had to work hard on my book which is due in December. And so this rain is nice for me because it doesn't even tempt me to get outside.

Lawletter: Your interest in films- is that part of your California upbringing?

Lawrence: Strangely enough, I shyed away from getting involved in entertainment law; from getting involved in that stuff at all in California. Needless to say, being in L.A. like any major city, you're exposed to a lot of films so in that sense, yes. But I never took advantage of any of the connections which one naturally gets in being in L.A. and having a father who does some entertainment law. So I don'tthink it had much to do with it. To the contrary, it really shows me...it makes me have a lot of doubts about film making because I know what Hollywood is like.

Lawletter: Do you think you'll ever go back there and practice?

Lawrence: No, I don't want to practice law. I don't particularly care for dealing with clients. You know, dealing with clients is mainly personality and mainly learning to get along with them. It has very little to do with law, in my mind.

I would like to someday, conceivably, to get involved in actually making films. I have no desire at all to get involved in the business end of it- that's just bad...The reason I stayed out of entertainment law is because the people there are so, uhh, what's the word; "self-centered" I guess the word is, and so greedy that they're not exactly people you want to deal with.

Lawletter: Sum up your semester here.

Lawrence: I really enjoyed the UH students here. I had a real good class last semester in North Carolina- Contracts- and I really regretted having to leave that class. But the regrets totally evaporated...I've really enjoyed my class this year in Contracts. It's really been great. The Seminar, other than individually, we never really have class...But the Contracts has been a really marvelous class. You know, nice people; ,people with interesting insights into things...and who tolerate me.

GOOD LUCK ON FINALS ÷ HAVE A GOOD SUMMER !

Message From the Dean (cont.)

wider currency outside our walls. I promise that we will listen carefully and respond equitably, candidly and with compassion to the extent of our ability. The future of the Law School is in our hands. With your cooperation and aloha there is no limit to how successful we can make it.

That's Law School

Congratulations to the new HUI officers: President Miriam Loui; Vice-President Harriet Joesting; Secretary Kahala Lau; Treasurer Scott Makuakane... They will be honored along with the graduating seniors at a Chinese dinner on May 14. Congratulations to Maurice Arrisgado on being elected the Filipino Law Students President. Happy Birthday to Sharon Matutino and Clarence Gunderson on the new additions to their families. Compliments to the entire first year class on doing so well on the moot court competitions, and, especially to Sue Lin Chong and Rhonda Griswold for their exemplary performances... Finally, congratulations to all you 3L's...right on!! You guys are where all the rest of us wish we were... Best wishes for much success & study hard for the bar! To the rest of you, Good Luck in Finals!!!! Give 'em hell!

SPORTS

As you probably know by now, this year's Lawletter Basketball Tourney was won by the 2L Bar Sinister team who had to tough it out against Mamalahoa in the final round. Mamalahoa soundly defeated the 3L's in the first round and Bar Sinister cake walked over the 1L's. The Bar Sinister name will be enshrined on the perpetual trophy as the winner of the 2nd annual trounament. They'll be back next year to defend their title. Put your team together now & get ready!

The spring golf tournament at Mililani had a strong turnout of duffers for a tour of the links. Top man was Gerald Takase who burned the course with a 78.

The Law School vollyball team was undefeated in regular season Lawyer League play. Unfortunately, they were defeated in the first round of the playoffs. Congratulations team on a good showing.

Coach Raymond Fukuhara fielded a highly talented softball team for the intramural league. But a weak pitching staff proved to be their downfall & the law school team went winless. We'll do better next year!!

Orientation will be held for the incoming students on Tuesday, August 17th, 9:30 am. All interested are welcome to attend.

Our apologies for the late publication of this issue- you know how seminar papers can be! The UH LAWLETTER is published monthly- usually. The views expressed are those of the individual authors and not necessarily those of the school, faculty, administration or the editors. We welcome your comments & contributions.