During the trying period of transition from small college to State University, Mason Gross has faithfully served the Rutgers Family as Provost (since 1949) and Vice-President-Provost (since 1956). The rapid expansion of services is due largely to his leadership.

Following secondary schooling at Hartford, Conn. High School and the Taft School, Dr. Gross earned his A.B. and M.A. at Cambridge, subsequently attained his Ph.D. at Harvard. His professional career commenced at Harvard and Columbia.

During his wartime service in the Army Air Forces, Dr. Gross made a tour as combat intelligence officer in the Italian Theater. He then joined Rutgers as a professor in the Philosophy Department and as an Assistant Dean.

Concurrently with his heavy responsibility for the administration of the State University, Dr. Gross has continued his classroom teaching. He is a forceful spokesman of Rutgers' requirements and often appears before Civic and Governmental groups throughout the State.

Dr. Gross has actively participated in the civic life of New Jersey and serves as a member, trustee, and officer of many vital organizations including the New Jersey State Mediation Board, the Governor's Civil Defense Advisory Committee and the Middlesex General Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Gross reside in Rumson with their four children.

Those about to take their first degrees in law from the School may, it would seem, not only take some satisfaction in the growth of their intellectual powers over the years since their first enrollment, but may also take some pride in the gradually increasing demonstration of concern which they have given by their conduct for the affairs of the School. In this connection, perhaps the best example is the growth of the Student Bar Association in responsibility, as evidenced by its attention to such matters as the Honor System and curricular proposals. The result has been to improve the vital tone of interest and scholarship at the School through the realization that the School is a community in which the concern of everyone is highly significant and in which the lack of concern on the part of any substantial group exerts a strong brake upon both aspirations and the attempt to realize them.

Pride, too, can be taken in the circumstance that this behavior presages a like feeling of responsibility in the profession. It seems most unlikely that any interest be represented, including the public and the profession itself, by any of these graduates will have just cause to complain of carelessness, incompetency, or indifference. In a way, this increasing confidence that we may here in ourselves seem to have been reflected by the people of the State, whose University this is, through a favorable vote which this year enabled us to finance improved physical facilities for the University and the beginning of new buildings for the Law Center. This also, it might be added, was a matter in which the members of the student part of the law community did much to help the voters realize the issues behind the public question of authorizing the Bond issue which was on the November ballot, thus furnishing additional evidence of what seems to me to be the conspicuous development in quality on the part of the men and women who have been members of the tuition-paying sector of our School.

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