Recognition

The 1961 Class of Rutgers University School of Law pays tribute to Professor Arthur Lenhoff for his achievements and contributions to the field of law and legal education.

Professor Lenhoff received his Ph.D. in 1906 from the University of Vienna, Austria. While in Austria between 1915 and 1938 he practiced law in Vienna; served as a Judge of the Austrian Court for Constitutional Matters; helped draft a codification of an Austrian Labor Code; taught at the University of Vienna; served as a professor of the Law School for Women in Vienna. In 1939 he came to the United States and took a position as Assistant Professor of Law and Librarian at the University of Buffalo, where he was made Professor of Law in 1944. In 1944 he was admitted to the practice of law in New York. Subsequently he returned to Europe as guest lecturer at the University of Vienna, Law School of University Lund (Sweden) and Cologne. He later held the position of Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Nebraska, Rutgers University and the University of Hamburg. Presently he is a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Buffalo.

But to the Seniors of Rutgers Law School there is deeper meaning behind the black type of a list of the formal steps of this anteello legal scholar in his climb up the ladder of legal education. The Seniors knew the man who had developed from these experiences and responsibilities—a man rich with love of the law as well as knowledge of it. For they were privileged to have him as a Professor in their first year.

On the bookshelves of the 1961 graduates will stand a black casebook emblazoned with gold letter—Comments, Cases and Materials on Legislation by Arthur Lenhoff. On the pages within will be notations gleaned from class lectures and discussions. Although this book is a material tribute to Professor Lenhoff, the thoughts inspired by it and its author constitute a personal tribute to him.

Ever-present in the memories of the Seniors is the thought of the gray-haired, bespectacled, elderly professor who stimulated an understanding of jurisprudence, the plain meaning rule and retroactivity of statutes. This learning was fostered by the booming, resonating words—"Ignoramus! I give you the biggest "No!" I ever gave anyone!" when a student had confidently replied to a question in what he thought were clear, precise terms. It was increased by the forceful admonitions enunciated in an Austrian accent—"Think like a lawyer!... Thinking is not forbidden!"

As recent as February 10, 1961 in a letter to the Seniors he emphasized that the years in law school should be devoted by the law student to acquiring that particular theoretical ability of reasoning which is characterized as "legal thinking." Professor Lenhoff helped the graduates acquire this ability which they will carry with them throughout their lives in the practice of law.

DR. MASON W. GROSS
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When Mason W. Gross was inaugurated as President of Rutgers University on May 6, 1959, this year's graduates were freshmen. In his inaugural address President Gross outlined the important goals of the University, which must be met within the next two decades. The Class of 1961 has seen many steps taken to fulfill these goals.

To help meet society's problems caused by rapidly increased urbanization, Rutgers has established an Institute of Urban Studies based on the lessons learned in the very successful Rutgers University Cooperative Extension Service for Agriculture.

The passage of the 1939 College Bond Issue has provided more than twenty-nine million dollars. This mony is being used for construction at Rutgers campuses throughout the State, and will make a new law center for Rutgers a reality. This new construction is necessary to meet the increased enrollment foreseen by President Gross in his inaugural address.

President Gross is very interested in studies of non-Western cultures. The University has continually added courses in its various liberal arts colleges in this area, and a number of Rutgers faculty members have assisted governments in Asia and Africa. From the School of Law, Professors Knowlton and Moran are consultants to the Burmese Government.

President Mason W. Gross has created a new image of Rutgers University as a fine state university that accepts its partnership with the State in its educational enterprises and yet firmly believing that a high standard of excellence must be maintained in the academic life of the University.
Possibly you have had occasion to reflect upon what may seem a most marvelous mystery — that somehow or other a social organization exists which affords each of us the opportunity of an honorable place in life doing work of usefulness and even of high distinction for our fellow citizens and ourselves. Barren the effect of catastrophe, you may especially have wondered what makes it work so remarkably well in the absence of any highly visible form of national or world planning or regimentation.

May I suggest to you that one of the important factors in the preservation of this mystery is the hardly visible everyday effect of the exercise of the public profession of the law, of which you are a part, in the administration of justice. Through this activity our social order not only adjusts disputes but establishes goals of behavior to which most of our citizens almost automatically strive. Moreover, it is through this work that these goals can be progressively elevated toward the best that man can conceive.

You, therefore, are entitled to consider yourselves as persons trained and functioning in the direction of keeping established and continuously thrusting toward the optimum possible ordering of the society which I have mentioned. You will now be taking an increasingly active part in this fundamentally educative job by which we are enabled to achieve group and individual purposes and values. There may well be equally high callings, but you should be assured that there is none higher. We wish you the utmost respect and confidence in yourselves and in your dignified assumption of the responsibilities of your profession in a sober and enlightened way.

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