Message from the Acting Dean

To: The Students of Rutgers Law School
From: The Office of the Dean

The building of a human institution, such as a law school, challenges the best we have in us. The faculty and the students here at Rutgers have suffered long under the most adverse physical conditions and yet we, together, have created a law school of which we can be justifiably proud. We are at last last on the doorstep of a new building, and we have something worth putting in it.

You, the students, have demonstrated admirable esprit de corps through the activities of the Student Bar Association. These have been many times when we have threatened to work together some basic policy decision that affected the welfare of the school. Your perspective was important in fostering the soundness of the Board of Governors' decision. Through the support of the Association, much has been added to the cultural and intellectual life of the school. This has involved a great deal of effort by many people, but it is an effort for the good of a high order.

To those of you who are graduating, I extend the warm congratulations and best wishes of all of us. As alumni you will have the opportunity of being of great service to the school, and of returning to serve it. We will always be concerned about you and your professional future.

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WILLIAM H. MESSER
Acting Dean

This year, as Rutgers, The State University, is functioning in its 197th year, the University administration and Board of Governors are concerned with two major problems. The first is the task of finding places for the record numbers of students who want to attend the State University. The second is ensuring the quality of the education and research. The solution to these problems, during this crucial period in the University's history, is due largely to the leadership of Mason W. Gross.

Following secondary schooling at Hartford, Connecticut High School and the Taft School, Dr. Gross earned his A.B. and M.A. degrees at Cambridge; he 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 served as a combat intelligence officer in the Italian theater. Upon his discharge from the Army, he joined the Rutgers faculty as a Professor in the Department of Philosophy and as Assistant Dean.

Dr. Gross has actively participated in the civic life of New Jersey and has served as an active 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.

President Mason W. Gross has created an image of Rutgers University as a fine state university that accepts its partnership with the State in its educational enterprises, firmly believing that a high standard of excellence must be maintained in the academic life of the University.