As Rutgers, The State University, enters its One Hundred and Ninety Eighth year, the Administration and the Board of Governors are faced with the task of providing adequate facilities for the increasing number of qualified students who want to attend the State University, while at the same time maintaining a high level of education and research. Under the leadership of Mason W. Gross, the solution to these problems is rapidly becoming a reality. This year ground was cleared in Newark for the construction of the new School of Law and College of Arts and Sciences. Also, facilities on the New Brunswick campus are being expanded with a view towards future needs.

Following secondary schooling in Hartford, Connecticut, Dr. Gross earned his A.B. and M.A. degree at Cambridge University. Thereafter he attained his Doctorate at Harvard. During World War II Dr. Gross served in the Army Air Force as a combat intelligence officer in the Italian theater. After discharge from the Army he joined the Rutgers faculty as a Professor in the Department of Philosophy.

Dr. Gross has actively participated in New Jersey civic affairs. He has served as an active member, trustee, and officer of numerous organizations, including the New Jersey State Mediation Board, The Governor’s Civil Defense Advisory Committee, and the Middlesex General Hospital. President Mason W. Gross, through dynamic and imaginative leadership, has created an image of Rutgers as a high-quality institution accepting its partnership with the State in the never-ending enterprise of maintaining the high standard of excellence required to produce the leaders and statesmen of tomorrow.

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C. WILLARD HECKEL

*Dean*

Dean C. Willard Heckel in his first year as Dean has done much to make Rutgers an institution of which both faculty and students can be justifiably proud. Although a substantial portion of his time and energy has been devoted to administrative duties, the Dean has maintained a full teaching schedule and has continued to place himself at the disposal of all who may wish his counsel and advice. His affability and keen interest in individual problems are attributes uncommon among those who bear such burdens and pressures as Dean Heckel does in running the Law School.

Dean Heckel has been particularly well prepared for his career as a legal academician, having been a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Dartmouth College in 1929, a recipient of a master's degree from Columbia University, and a 1940 graduate of the University of Newark Law School (now Rutgers School of Law). He joined the Law School faculty in 1947, and has served as Assistant Dean from 1951 to 1959 and Associate Dean from 1959 to 1962. Upon Dean Lehan K. Tunks' departure, Dean Heckel was named Acting Dean and finally appointed to the top position in June, 1963.

Students in his Constitutional Law and Municipal Corporations classes will remember their introduction to such elusive concepts as "black action," the "Plimsoll line," Harriet Frothingham's dilemma and the "New Boonton." But Dean Heckel's searching analysis and skillful handling of difficult legal problems have had the most profound and enduring effect on his students.