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BOB RODES

AWARDED CHAIR

At the President's Dinner on May 23, it was formally announced that long-time NDLS prof Bob Rodes would occupy the Paul J. Schierl-Fort Howard Corporation Chair. Commented Dean Patty O'Hara: "I am sure that [everyone] will join me in congratulating Bob and Jeanne on this well-deserved recognition of his many rich contributions as a teacher, scholar, and colleague over the years. We look forward to his continued service in this new capacity."

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JACOBS AND ROUGEAU

HONORED

Two members of the Law School faculty received distinguished awards over the last few weeks. At the President's Dinner, Father Malloy bestowed on Roger Jacobs a "Special Presidential Award." The award honors Roger's fifteen years of outstanding service to the law school and to the University.

Vince Rougeau garnered two wonderful awards: He was named Teacher of the Year by the graduating class and received the Bill McLean Award from the SBA. Congratulations to both Roger and Vince. We're proud of you!

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LISA PATTERSON, CSO DIRECTOR, RESIGNS

Lisa Patterson, director of Career Services at NDLS, has announced her resignation. Ms. Patterson has accepted a position as associate dean for career services at the School of Law, SUNY Buffalo.

Dean O'Hara, commenting on the resignation, said: "We will miss Lisa a great deal. She has made significant contributions to the Career Services Office, from her early days as a student assistant through two years as associate director and, most recently, two years as director. She has overseen a substantial increase in our on-campus interviews, implemented a very efficient web-based system for scheduling those interviews, and created a significant number of innovative programs for and communications with students. In addition, she has worked diligently to coordinate the activities of her office with those of Admissions and of Law School Relations."

"Outside the Law School," the dean continued, "Lisa has played an increasingly prominent role in her professional organization, the National Association for Law Placement. All of this has come without her losing touch with the public-service dimensions of the mission of the Law School—as anyone knows who has purchased daffodils for cancer research, joined her at a table in support of the Homeless Center, or hammered nails with her during Christmas in April, to mention but three of her activities. In short, as one of our own graduates, Lisa has exemplified what it means to be a "Notre Dame lawyer."

Thanks, Lisa, for all you have done for NDLS; congratulations on your new challenge; and best wishes to you and Dave.

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NDLS GRAD APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO OAS

Ronalth Ochaeta, NDLS LL.M. '94, has been appointed by Guatemalan President Alfonso Portillo as the country's ambassador to the Organization of American States. Formerly director of the Office of Human Rights for the Archdiocese of Guatemala, Mr. Ochaeta most recently authored a report for the archdiocese titled, "Recovery of Historical Memory," which documented atrocities committed during Guatemala's bitter civil war.

In 1998, Mr. Ochaeta received the inaugural Rev. William M. Lewers, C.S.C., Alumni Award for Distinguished Service in Civil and Human Rights. The award recognized Mr. Ochaeta's work protecting Guatemala's most vulnerable people.

His efforts have occasionally attracted death threats but have also earned him an international reputation for courage and integrity. In 1998, Time magazine listed him among its "Global 100" young leaders of the future.

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DAN DILLON APPOINTED TO BENCH

Daniel T. Dillon III, NDLS '73 and a partner at Nowlan and Mouat, in Janesville, Wisconsin, has been appointed by Wisconsin governor Tommy Thompson to a judgeship in Rock County. Said Dan: "I appreciate that the governor had the confidence to appoint me. I have been practicing law for twenty-eight years and want to use that to benefit [the county]."

In addition to his law degree, Judge Dillon earned undergraduate and master's degrees at Notre Dame. Congratulations, Judge!

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NDLS TO HOST

RECEPTIONS AT

ABA MEETINGS

In connection with this summer's meetings of the American Bar Association, the Law School will host two separate receptions--one in New York City and the other in London. The New York bash will happen on July 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., at Mickey Mantle's Restaurant, 42 Central Park South. Our own London Law Centre, at One Suffolk Street, will provide the site of the second reception, on July 18, from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.

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NEWS FROM THE

LAW LIBRARY

Carmela Kinslow has been promoted to Associate Librarian.

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At the President's Award and Service Recognition Dinner, Ken Kinslow was honored for fifteen years of service to the University.

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NEWS FROM THE

FACULTY

Joe Bauer has been appointed a member of the advisory board of the American Antitrust Institute

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Tom Broden has now been at the University for fifty years. Thanks, Tom, for your countless contributions to our communities--both Notre Dame and South Bend.

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Barbara Fick was named a member of the editorial advisory board of the University of Pennsylvania's Journal of Labor and Employment Law.

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Jimmy Gurulé was appointed to the ABA Commission on Opportunities of Minorities in the Profession.

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Former NDLS prof Douglas Kniec, a noted scholar in constitutional and moral law, gave the commencement address at the University of Portland on May 7. Doug reminded the 7,500 in attendance that "all life is gift, and there are no exchanges."

At the commencement ceremony, Doug received an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters. Doug now holds the Caruso Family Chair in Law at Pepperdine University. Congratulations, Doug!

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At the President's Dinner on May 23, Dave Link was promoted to dean emeritus.

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At the President's Dinner on May 23, Bill McLean was honored for his twenty-five-year association with the Law School.

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Lucy Payne will serve as the faculty member in residence at the London Law Centre during our spring 2001 semester.

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Father John Pearson published, in a recent issue of the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy, a tribute entitled *Tom Shaffer: He Believes What He Teaches and Lives What He Believes*. (Last month's Update erroneously listed Tom as the author!)

The faculty elected Father Pearson as its alternate representative to the AALS.

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The faculty elected Jack Pratt to represent it to the AALS.

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John Robinson has been elected to the Promotions Committee.

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Vince Rougeau was featured in an article entitled *The New Guard*, in the Spring 2000 issue of Notre Dame Magazine.

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Tom Shaffer published, in a recent issue of the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy, a piece entitled *Nuclear Weapons, Lethal Injection, and American Catholics: Faith Confronting American Civil Religion*.

Tom Shaffer led a discussion of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, on May 13, at the South Bend Public Library.

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Jay Tidmarsh has been elected to represent the Law School in the Academic Council. Jay replaces Tex Dutilleul, who served in that capacity for virtually all of the last quarter-century and who declined to seek re-election.

Jay will spend the fall semester teaching at the University of Michigan Law School.

On March 17, Jay presented a lecture entitled "Determining the Quantum of Compensation in American Constitutional Litigation," at the Conference on Human Rights Remedies, in London. Notre Dame's Center for Civil and Human Rights, the Notre Dame Law Centre, the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, and Redress co-sponsored the event.

Jay published *A Dialogic Defense of Alden*, in The Notre Dame Law Review.

On May 19, as a guest on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition," Jay discussed the government's liability for the recent fires at Los Alamos.

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Father Reggie Whitt will be on leave during the coming academic year, turning his dissertation into a book.

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NEWS FROM THE STAFF

At the President's Award and Service Recognition Dinner, Marlou Hall, longtime secretary in the Law School and currently right-hand woman to Carol Mooney in the Provost's Office, was honored for twenty years of service to the University.

At the same dinner, Anne Hamilton and Rebecca Carlton were honored for fifteen years of service to the University.

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Lisa Patterson has been appointed chair of the Student and Associate Counseling Committee of the National Association for Law Placement. Her term will run through the year 2001.

At the National Association for Law Placement conference in Boston, on March 13, Lisa delivered a talk entitled, "Pitching the Positives: Why Students Should Consider Working for Small Law Firms."

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Cass A. Pieronek, uncle of Cathy Pieronek, passed away on May 18 in South Bend. Originally from Grosse Pointe, Michigan, he lived in South Bend at the time of his death. Funeral services took place on May 22 at Our Lady of the Sea Parish, Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

The Pieronek family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Pieronek Family Scholarship Fund at the University of Notre Dame. Please keep Mr. Pieronek, Cathy and the whole family in your thoughts and prayers.

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NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI

Joseph A. Cari, Jr., NDLS '78, has been appointed National Finance Chairman for the Democratic National Committee for the 2000 elections.

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Arthur M. Diamond, NDLS '47, died April 15. A native of South Bend, he practiced law here fifty-two years, the last seventeen with his son, Eric, NDLS '83. In 1970, the elder Diamond became president of Toastmasters International. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Diamond family.

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Kari Gallagher, NDLS '93 and an associate at Baker & Daniels' South Bend office, taught a section of Deposition Techniques as an adjunct during the spring semester.

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Timothy P. Galvin, NDLS '62, and W. Patrick Downes, NDLS '72, have become partners at the Indianapolis-based firm of Locke Reynolds. They did their undergraduate work at Notre Dame, as did two other lawyers who joined Locke Reynolds, Patrick Galvin and Jeffrey Monberg. All four, who formerly worked with Galvin, Galvin & Leeney, will practice in the Northwest Indiana office that will be called Locke Reynolds Galvin. Robert Anderson, NDLS '90, has joined them in the Northwest Indiana office.

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Paul Guerre, NDLS '91 and a partner at Warner, Norcross & Judd, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, taught Business Planning as an adjunct during the spring semester.

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John T. Harty, NDLS '67 and president of Harty & Harty, in Boise, Idaho, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The "aggressive" treatment plan calls for both chemotherapy and radiation at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, followed by surgery. Please keep John and his family in your thoughts and prayers. (His e-mail address: bigfoodman@aol.com).

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Don Lee, NDLS '85, died of a brain tumor on May 15. His wife, Lisa, was with him at his death, and his two sisters and his parents had spent time with him and his family the previous week. Two children, Jessica and Luke, also survive him.

Don did his undergraduate work too at Notre Dame. After working at Hunton & Williams and at Mays and Valentine, he turned his attention to appellate work in connection with death-penalty cases. He was co-founder of the firm of Macauley, Lee & Powell.

His funeral took place on May 19 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, in Ashland, Virginia. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Our thoughts and prayers are with him, his family and his friends.

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John Lancaster, NDLS '74 and executive director of the President's Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities, spoke May 20 at the Injured Workers International Network Conference 2000, held in Buffalo, New York.

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In February, Todd Miller, NDLS '97, began work at Mayer, Brown & Platt, in Chicago. Todd's wife, Kathryn, will become assistant professor at National Lewis University in June.

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Alex Nakis and his wife Adriana, both NDLS '99, have launched a Web coupon site. Begun as a sideline, the venture has now become a major business operation (The address: www.useacoupon.com).

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Sheila M. O'Grady, NDLS '93, has become the new first deputy commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development in Chicago. Sheila did her undergraduate work at St. Mary's College and earned a master's degree in geography at the London School of Economics.

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Paul Peralta, NDLS '86 and a partner at Baker and Daniels in South Bend, taught Business Torts as an adjunct during the spring semester.

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John Rosenthal, NDLS '99, has had several significant events occur in the past few months. First, he and Carmena Bynum welcomed the birth of their first son, Alexandre Xavier Rosenthal, on February 4. Mother and son are both doing well. Second, John, with the help of Rob Alter, NDLS '99, is publishing his second article in The Notre Dame Law Review's Federal Practice & Procedure Issue. Third, an interview John did with the ABA's Student Lawyer, regarding his first article on drug-treatment courts, was included in the May 2000 issue of the Student Lawyer in a piece written by Barry Katz on holistic lawyering. This first article was recently cited in *Terry v. Superior Court*, 86 Cal. Rptr. 2d 653 (1999).

John will leave Morrison & Foerster in July to start a one-year clerkship with Judge R. Enslen, Chief Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

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Frederic X. Shadley, NDLS '81, has become a partner at Ulmer & Berne's Cincinnati office. He brings his long

experience as a litigator to areas such as product-liability, construction, environmental, professional-liability, contracts, and intellectual-property law. Frederic did his undergraduate work too at Notre Dame.

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Harvey A. Weaver, Jr., passed away in early May, his wish to visit Australia still unfulfilled. His son, Heath Weaver, NDLS '98 and an associate at Cincinnati's Dinsmore & Shohl, will take his dad's ashes to the Outback of Australia and scatter them there.

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Judge Ann Claire Williams, NDLS '75, presented the main address and received an honorary degree (LL.D.) at commencement ceremonies held May 21 at William Mitchell College of Law. Ann delivered a passionate plea for attorneys to be concerned about their communities and to work for justice. Also on the platform was NDLS alum and William Mitchell trustee Brian Short, NDLS '75.

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MISCELLANY

Early this month, an Italian law professor, Alberto Donati, visited NDLS. Here to make use of our library, Prof. Donati, of the University of Perugia, specializes in the philosophy of law; his current research centers on theoretical aspects of equity in the Anglo-American tradition.

The Law School Reunion Dinner will take place on Friday, June 9, at 7:00 P.M., in the Faculty Dining Room of the South Dining Hall.

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In the Law School Library on May 24, Patty O'Hara hosted the annual Faculty Dinner. She used the occasion to review the achievements, honors and other significant happenings of the 1999-2000 academic year.

Twelve students from Goshen College visited NDLS on May 10. These students comprised part of a short course on the law, taught by Ohio State law prof Tim Jost. Dwight King gave the group a superb and extensive tour. Later Tom Shaffer spoke to the students for about ninety minutes and, Tom reports, also "got them out of the parking lot."
