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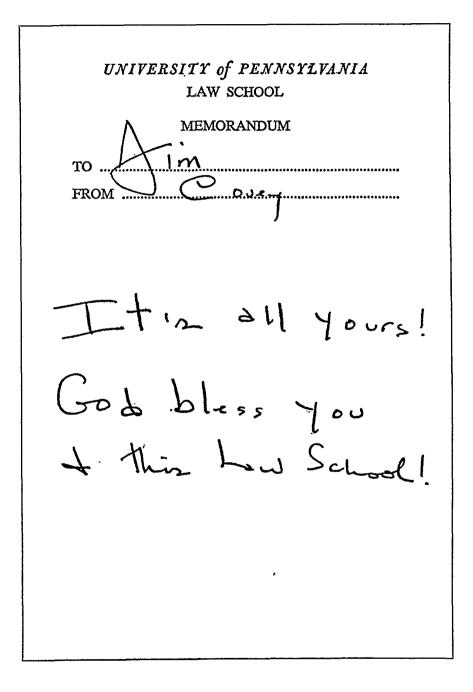
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The editors of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review take pleasure in dedicating this issue to Covey T. Oliver, Ferdinand Wakeman Hubbell Professor of Law, and former Acting Dean of this law school. In twenty years of teaching international law and related subjects at Penn, Professor Oliver thoroughly instructed his students in the law of nations. He communicated to the students of this American law school a sensitivity to the needs and desires of all peoples of the world-a perspective that will serve them well in an era in which cooperation and understanding are of paramount importance. Although Professor Oliver has had a distinguished career as a teacher, scholar, and diplomat, he has never allowed those accomplishments to set him apart from the law school community. His friendly smile and good-natured sense of humor have endeared him to all of us. In whatever role he chooses for the future, we know that Professor Oliver will continue to serve the world community with the scholarly intellect, the unceasing dedication, and the gracious personality that have characterized his years at the law school.

In honor of his retirement from the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, several of his colleagues have provided the following commentaries on various facets of his diverse career. The Law Review's tribute to Professor Oliver concludes with two essays written at the request of the editors. The first essay is entitled Treaty-Based Federalism, A.D. 1979, by Professor Eric Stein of the University of Michigan Law School. The last word, fittingly, belongs to Professor Oliver. In a short piece entitled Legal Relations Among Legal Systems: Games, Pains, and Some Pending Problems, he offers a reflective look at a distinguished career in international law.



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Dear Covey:

As the new semester begins, I write on behalf of myself and all of our colleagues to tell you how grateful we are for the extraordinary service you rendered the Law School last Fall and how much we miss your happy presence in our halls.

You gave us an example of loyalty and devotion to the Law School that has rarely been equalled. You enriched our sense of the important contribution that wise, good-humored administration can make to the communal life of an institution. And you brought us through a sensitive period of transition with a grace that we shall long appreciate.

I hope that you and Barbara enjoy your new adventures in Houston and that you will always regard Pennsylvania as the principal of your several homes. We want to see you often. Whatever may have been true for another illustrious son of the South, I state unequivocally that at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, the Olivers can always come home again.

Cordially,

Jim

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