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# IN BRIEF

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## Toefer Is New CWRU President

Louis Toefer is the new president of Case Western Reserve University. His appointment became effective September 13, 1971. The former Law School dean had been acting president of the university since the resignation of Dr. Robert Morse in 1970. Toefer has agreed to serve a five-year term of office.

Toefer has resigned his posts as Law School dean and professor of law. The search for a new dean has begun, and it is expected that an appointment will be made early in 1972.



The new president delivered the annual State of the University address on September 24. His remarks related to virtually every aspect of the university. He was decidedly optimistic on the matters of budget, admissions, the quality of undergraduate education, the Board of Trustees and plans for campus expansion.

"This university is smaller than last year, but leaner, tougher and better. We are growing stronger, confident that we can get the job done," Toefer said.

"The 1972-73 budget must be balanced. But, that will be the last year of our wind-down. Following that will be a one-year hold and then we will once again grow," he assured his audience.

He noted the 300 student drop in enrollment, but explained there has been a marked increase in the number of transfer students. President Toefer was mildly optimistic about the overall enrollment picture.

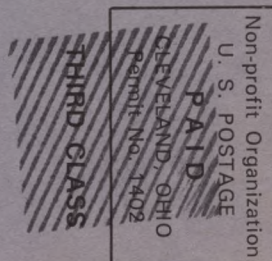
Toefer praised the leadership of Ralph Besse, new chairman of the Board of Trustees and disclosed plans for expansion of the Board to include recent graduates, more women, blacks and educators.

One of his chief concerns is academic matters. He was blunt in asserting that many undergraduates have been rejecting courses being offered by the university. "We must be more responsive to their needs and concerns," he stated. He also called for continuing reform in undergraduate education.

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## NEW APPOINTMENTS TO FACULTY

### Joanne Wharton Named Associate Dean

Do you recall your trepidation as you sat in the hallway waiting for that first fateful interview with the Law School's dean of admissions?

This summer many applicants were surprised that instead of the stern, tweedy dean they expected to find, they were interviewed by a charming and highly professional young woman.



Joanne Wharton, new associate dean, came to the Law School in June after six years as assistant dean at the Ohio State University College of Law.

Her duties at CWRU will include the areas of admissions, pre-law counselling, placement and general administration. Dean Wharton also holds faculty status and as an associate professor she will conduct a seminar course in banking law, and plans ultimately to develop a course in financial institutions.

Prior to her appointment at Ohio State, she was an assistant attorney general in the Office of the Ohio Attorney General (1963-65) where she represented divisions of the Department of Commerce and other administrative agencies. She also served three years as a trust and probate assistant at the Northern Trust Company of Chicago.

Dean Wharton received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Miami University (1956) where she was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She earned her Bachelor of Law Degree (1958), converted to Juris Doctor Degree (1967), from Ohio State University. At Ohio State she was an editor of the Law Journal, Senior Justice of the Moot Court and president of the Kappa Beta Pi Legal Sorority.

Dean Wharton says she was persuaded to come to CWRU because the position offered an excellent professional opportunity and challenge. She is convinced the Law School has entered an "era of dynamic change."

Citing specifics, Dean Wharton explained, "The new Law School building is an unbelievable facility and represents an outstanding achievement on the part of the leadership and alumni of the Law School. The curriculum is solid and we have a hard-working and very enthusiastic faculty who are sensitive to change. I sense a spirit of harmony and cooperation and a confidence among administration, faculty and students that the Law School is good and will command greater recognition in the years ahead.

Her initial ambition is to contribute to strengthening the recruitment, admission and academic programs of the Law School. She also sees a challenge for expanding the role of the Law School within the University and legal communities.

Reflecting on the current student population, Dean Wharton said, "We see more and more young people aspiring to the legal profession as a means for achieving social change. Legal education must be prepared to respond to today's students and to today's requirements for professional preparation."

In response to the inevitable question on the role of women as lawyers the new dean pointed out that, "There is simply too much need for professional services, too many problems unresolved for this country in the 1970's to fail to utilize the talents and energies of all qualified people, men and women. The legal profession cannot harbor prejudices and at the same time champion rights of others. Many more women are enrolling in our law schools and I'm encouraged to see changes in hiring practices." In response to her own appointment Dean Wharton stated, "I trust this Law School is now clearly on record that there is a place and contributions to be made by qualified women within the profession."

Dean Wharton sees a bright future for the school and anticipates a productive tenure. "I enjoy working with people who know they are winners," she said.

## Professors in Criminal and Estate Law Named

Peter S. Greenberg and John T. Gaubatz have been appointed to the Law School faculty. Greenberg is an instructor in Criminal Law and Gaubatz teaches Estate, Property and Administrative Law.

Greenberg received both his B.A. (1965) and L.L.B. (Magna Cum Laude-1968) from the University of Pennsylvania. While at school he was editor-in-chief of the Law Review. Following his graduation he served as law clerk to the Hon. Samuel J. Roberts, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. He then served a year as an associate with Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis of Philadelphia. He comes to the Law School from his post as assistant district attorney of Philadelphia. He is a member of the Pennsylvania and Federal Bars.

John Gaubatz was graduated with distinction in Physics from Colorado State University (1964). While at Colorado he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa; Sigma Pi Sigma. He received his legal education at the University of Chicago (J.D. - 1967). He distinguished himself in Moot Court and other activities at Chicago. Gaubatz holds a Army Reserve Commission and has served in Korea. His legal experience includes a tour as defense counsel in Special Courts Martial in civilian grievance hearings and work in the Denver law offices of Dawson, Nagel, Sherman and Howard.

## Benchers Installed, Andrews Award Given and Alumni Dine

This past spring saw a good deal of alumni activity in the Cleveland area. Heading the list was the meeting of the Society of Benchers on April 21. The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association was held May 6, followed on May 15 by the Annual Alumni Dinner.



At the Society of Benchers meeting five Law School alumni were installed, taking their places beside other distinguished members of that organization. Each year the Benchers recognize those individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the community and the legal profession. Installed this year were Peter Coogan '39, The Honorable John V. Corrigan '48, Philmore J. Haber '17, Charles D. Harmon '40, Paul W. Walter '32 and Ralph M. Besse as the Public Member. Mr. Besse, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Case Western Reserve University, addressed the meeting and provided a perspective on the history and future direction of higher education.



The highlight of the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association was the presentation of the Fletcher Reed Andrews Outstanding Alumni Award to Judge Oscar A. Hunsicker of the Class of 1922. Judge Hunsicker began a long and distinguished career as a public servant with a city solicitorship, followed by two years as a Cuyahoga County prosecutor. He moved next to the bench as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas where he served for 16 years. In recognition of his ability he was subsequently elected to four successive six-year terms as a member of the Court of Appeals.

The Judge has been an energetic civic leader. He was president of Cleveland's Community Chest, its campaign chairman and was the first president of the city's nationally recognized, pioneering effort—the United Fund.

He has also used his talents as a teacher and law school dean and as the head of the Ohio League of Law Schools.



Rounding out alumni activities last spring was the Annual Dinner. A bright and handsome crowd turned out for the dinner held this year at the popular "Pickle Bills" located in the Flats. The event was well-attended and younger alumni were very much in evidence.

## 1971 Admissions a Record Breaker

The Law School has experienced a spectacular 250% increase in the volume of applications in the past two years. This past year, the 1300 applications for the school's 190 places in the entering class exceeded the record-breaking 1970 total by 70%.

School officials noted that there is a nation-wide surge in law school applications and attribute it to an overall tightening job market and the continuing availability of positions for law graduates. They also feel that many reform-minded young people are beginning to realize that legal careers offer opportunities to work for constructive social progress.

The remarkable rise in applications to Case Western Reserve is credited to a vigorous recruiting program and growing excitement about the school as a result of its new facilities and expanded curriculum.

The members of the admissions committee are convinced that this year's entering class is one of the strongest in the school's history. Those candidates that were most seriously considered all had very close to a 3.0 (B) undergraduate average and scored 600 (upper 20% nationally) on the Law School Admissions Test.

Throughout the admissions process, the committee was scrupulously careful to maintain fair and objective standards. Each of the 1300 files was reviewed individually by each member, and many were discussed in committee meetings.

Complicating these exhaustive proceedings was an avalanche of calls and correspondence from understandably concerned relatives and friends of the applicants, Law School alumni and college instructors as well as the candidates themselves. The deans spent many hours this past year explaining the more selective standards to friends and alumni who were interested in the candidates. The school is grateful for the understanding displayed by most of the alumni regarding the higher standards and the committee's need to be absolutely objective in applying them.

A number of inquiries have already been received regarding 1972 admissions. All indications are that the number and quality of applications will exceed last year's record. The committee looks forward to the coming admissions year with considerable enthusiasm.

## CLASS NOTES

**Claude W. Pettit '16** dean emeritus of the College of Law at Ohio Northern University was honored at that school's centennial year commencement this spring with the "Northern Recognition Medal." More than 50 judges have studied law under this distinguished gentleman.

**Fred Weisman '48** is the new president of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association. In his inaugural remarks this past summer he vowed to continue the bar's efforts to upgrade the caliber of the judiciary and the performance of the courts. He also plans to foster a program to involve young lawyers in community affairs.



**Harold J. Fast '49** is one of two new assistant secretaries of the B. F. Goodrich Company. He has been with the company since 1952. He moves to his new position after serving as BFC's counsel for nine years.

**Robert J. Federman '56** assumed the position of associate general counsel of the Los Angeles-based Transit Casualty Company, a member of the Beneficial Insurance Group. He is also secretary of the Selective Insurance Company of Cincinnati.

**David E. Kasunic '58** has left his private practice in Cleveland to become secretary and general counsel of the McCord Corporation. Headquartered in Detroit, the corporation manufactures automotive parts and accessories.

**John R. Ferguson '63**, who after seven years with the Cleveland firm of Baker, Hostetler and Patterson, joined the Federal Trade Commission has been named assistant general counsel of the FTC.

**Captain Ronald J. Rakowsky '69** is serving with the United States Air Force at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida as an assistant staff judge advocate. He was recently sworn into the Florida bar.

**Roger M. Nelson '50** a twenty-one-year veteran at The Shelby Mutual Insurance Company, Shelby, Ohio has been elected vice-president and general counsel of the company. He was formerly general counsel.

**Lyman H. Treadway, III '59** has been elected to the board of directors of the Union Financial Corporation, Cleveland-based savings and loan holding company. He is chairman and chief executive officer of both the First National Bank of Ashland, Ohio and the First Citizens Bank of Greencastle, Indiana. He is also a director and a member of the executive committee of the Union Commerce Bank of Cleveland and a director of the Meriman Construction Company.



Treadway



Klein

**James M. Klein '69** has been appointed assistant professor of law and co-director of the University of Toledo College of Law's expanded law and poverty clinical program. He has been admitted to practice before the supreme courts of Ohio and California.

## A Letter from Jerusalem

Dear Class of 1921:

Heartiest greetings on the occasion of the jubilee anniversary reunion of our class.

As you remember, most of our class was away in 1918, trying "to make the world safe for democracy." But the spirit of those days was somehow kept up by some of our boys who, among other things, used to whistle, "K-K-K-Katy" etc. all the way down to the streetcar(!).

During the dearth of students, the professors took the hurdle and admitted women to their domain for the first time—with what misgivings, we shall never know. However, I do know that I treasure the friendly letter our late Dean Dunmore wrote on his return from his visit in Palestine.

During this past half-century, we have met different nuances of law and justice. In 1923, the British Mandatory Government saw no injustice in the chaining of an unfortunate slave to guard his masters at the embassy of an oil-rich middle-east country. In 1936, the English city-engineer in Haifa had never heard of an apartment-hotel. Therefore, he made it "illegal" for us "natives" to build more than two apartments on every floor of a building being constructed on a *one-acre* plot (five dunams). In 1946, we paid for our Jerusalem land, first in the Land Registry, then again to the squatters on the land and a third time to the Lifta Arabs for the fruit of the trees we had hired them to plant and to tend for us.

But a woman like Henrietta Szold, frail and over seventy, in pursuance of her sense of justice, took the Law into her own hands, not only to get tens of thousands of children "illegally" out of the clutches of the Nazis; but she saw to it that they were brought up as law-abiding, happy citizens. Besides, she organized the wonderful Hadassah Hospital with its medical, dental, nursing schools, etc. for the benefit of Jew and Non-Jew. Now even emergency *civilian* cases from *enemy* countries across the borders, are tenderly cared for and saved. Does anyone ever hear of such "justice tempered with mercy" in the laws of war?

Nor do we stop to think that the laws of Moses, written thousands of years ago in the language that is written and spoken today, are still basically applicable throughout the world.

Now let me suggest that our next class reunion take place in reunited Jerusalem, where Jews, Christians and Moslems live in peace since the Six-Day War in 1967. With Bible as a guide-book, you and your dear ones may be thrilled to live again world history through Biblical, Greek, Roman and more modern times.

Needless to say, we shall be delighted to welcome you.

Best wishes for good health, lots of joy, and, as we say here—Shalom! (peace)!

Your fellow 1921-er,  
Hannah Mirsky Bension