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Myres McDougal is primarily known as a scholar. But those who have actually worked with him are also keenly aware of his qualities as a human being and a teacher, who has continuing concern and sincere interest in his students. I recall that the entry-way to his office was constantly occupied by students anticipating and always sharing part of his otherwise too busy and hectic schedule; indeed, I have learnt a great deal from him about friendship and respect for individuals.

My experience with Professor McDougal as a scholar, involved in interdisciplinary and collaborative methods, is also memorable. For instance, my first course with him—Public Order of the World Community—was taught by an impressive list of scholars, including Harold Lasswell, Leon Lipson and McDougal. In the International Organizations Seminar, Harold Lasswell, Oscar Schachter, Egon Schwelb and McDougal marshalled their varied expertise and wit to the benefit of the seminar group—an event unparalleled in my scholastic career. A similar approach that bears his personal stamp frequently marked other courses; Law, Science and Policy; Sharable and Strategic Resources; Constitutive Process of Authoritative Decision, to mention a few.

The impact of the “New Haven School”, associated with Professors McDougal and Lasswell, is as yet unmeasured. The task of clarifying the problems of world public order and providing viable alternatives is a continuing one. Yet, within this ongoing process Professor McDougal has had distinct and unique impact, challenging, directing and shaping international legal thought.

But perhaps as important, Professor McDougal has touched the lives of so many as teacher, colleague and friend. In fact, few others in legal education anywhere have enjoyed as much affection from their students.

The comments that follow represent the feelings of those close to him; they express some of the magnitude and depth of McDougal’s intellect and personality. They speak for themselves and for all who know him. In view of Professor McDougal’s all pervasive influence, this *Journal*, as well as the entire field, owes him a great debt.

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