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quired student-teacher ratio to 20-1; budgeted competitive salaries; established, and funded through gifts, endowed professorships and scholarships.

Many of the foregoing accomplishments were made possible by the very efficient fund raising activities of the dean.

Under the dean's administration and largely through his direction, we saw the erection of the famous Sarita Kenedy East Law Library with a volume growth from 90,000 in 1978 to 250,000 in 1989.

The former library building was converted into lush faculty offices, and additional class and seminar rooms.

To my friend and hunting companion, thank you for eleven golden years of progress—may this heal the heartaches that accompany deanship.

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On May 1, 1955, Jim Castleberry and I began our first day of teaching at St. Mary's University School of Law. Both of us were experiencing our first day as law professors. We faced the future with anticipation and, on my part, with some anxiety. Dean Ernest Raba had hired us at the time and I am sure he had no misgivings as to his choice of Professor Castleberry. He came to the law school with outstanding credentials. During World War II and the Korean Conflict he served as a senior pilot and instructor in instrument flying. He also was an instructor in military law at the United States Air Force Candidate School. He received his law degree, with honors, from St. Mary's University in 1952. Professor Castleberry served as Assistant Attorney General of Texas until 1955.

In my thirty-four years of association with Professor Castleberry I observed him setting at least two goals for himself: (1) teaching excellence and (2) high law student standards. In the first category, he immediately dedicated himself to the study of law. He demanded

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much of himself in preparing for each class. He became recognized as an authority on oil and gas law and water law. He is one of the co-authors of a seven-volume treatise, *Water and Water Rights*. He has lectured at state and national institutes on mortgages and real property. In recognition of his achievements, he was elected as the 36th President of the International Legal Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi.

Professor Castleberry not only has a depth of knowledge of the subject matter, but also possesses the ability to impart that knowledge to the students. He loves the law and enjoys teaching it.

As for his second goal of high student standards, let it be said to his credit that he has never lost sight of the law school's obligation to the public. He believes strongly that the client is entitled to a competent lawyer and that this can only be accomplished by placing great expectations upon the law student. Professor Castleberry has an aversion to mediocrity. While he is demanding of himself, he likewise is demanding of the student and takes pride in the fact that St. Mary's is a highly regarded law school.

It was inevitable upon the retirement of Dean Raba that Dean James Castleberry was chosen to succeed him. He seemed to have been made for the job. The law school continued to grow in stature during his tenure. He worked tirelessly in enhancing the image of the law school. He was outstanding in his efforts to keep in close contact with the law alumni over the state and in making frequent trips to personally meet with them.

Dean Castleberry was and is now truly devoted to the betterment of the law school. His association with the law school both as a professor and as dean has been a long-standing love affair. He is now retired as dean but may his continued association with the law school be long and fruitful.

It is most fitting that this issue of the Law Journal be dedicated to Dean Castleberry. No one could deserve it more.