The importance of the LSU Law Center’s mission of producing the state’s most outstanding lawyers is beyond dispute. But Steve Perry, Chief of Staff of the Governor’s Office, has challenged the Law Center to assume leadership roles in two new missions as well: namely, securing LSU A&M’s flagship status in the state and beyond, and transforming the state’s economy.

In his April 27, 2001 remarks to the Law Center’s National Alumni Board, Perry declared that LSU not only must regain the excellence tarnished by a quarter-century of distressed budgets, but that it should position itself to challenge the University of North Carolina over the next five years as the Southeast’s premier public university. Perry made these statements at the Law Center’s Board meeting following its passage of a resolution commending him for his commitment to improving higher education in Louisiana.

“The Law Center plays a phenomenally important role in this flagship vision,” Perry advised. “We can never pretend to have a front-rank Southern flagship institution without a preeminent law school.”

Perry noted that dramatic progress was “absolutely” within the Law Center’s grasp because legal education “is an area in which we quickly can have a powerful impact. It does not have the huge capital costs of engineering or basic sciences. With [the state’s] basic resource investment and with the caliber of the people we now have, with the Law Center’s Alumni Board, with changes in fund raising and reach...”
The dual LSU P AUL M. H EBERT LAW CENTER NEWSLETTER

Degree Program Approved

Law Center's J.D./B.C.L. Joint Degree Program Approved

The State Board of Regents formally approved the Law Center's joint degree program in May 2001. With the prior approvals of the LSU Board of Supervisors and of the American Bar Association in hand, the Law Center will institute the program effective Fall 2001 for all students presently in the Law Center and those to be admitted in the future.

The joint degree program is the only one of its kind in the United States and, with the bi-jural Civil and Common Law program of McGill Law School (Montreal, Canada), one of only two such joint degree programs in the world. Under the program, all Law Center students will receive both the Juris Doctor (J.D.) and the Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) degrees in recognition of a seven-semester curriculum divided among a first year of mixed Civil and Common Law courses and a succeeding program of study in which courses must be selected from a menu of Advanced Civil and Common Law, Global Law and Legal Theory, and Public Law options.

James Gordley, Professor of Law, University of California at Berkeley and an internationally distin- guished student of comparative law, was asked by the Regents to serve as its outside reviewer of the joint degree program. He conclud- ed that the program afforded a “unique opportunity.”

“LSU has the resources in place to train its students in both common law and civil law without facing the problems other programs are encountering,” Gordley reasoned. “Students so trained will have an advantage both in finding jobs and in practicing law as the world becomes more global. The extra credential (the B.C.L. degree) is important because it tells the world what the student has in fact been trained to do. Those at the LSU Law Center who designed this program deserve the congratulations and support of the Board of Regents.”

Next November, the Law Center will celebrate the inauguration of the program by organizing a Canadian/LSU Law Center Bi-Juralism Conference. The dual degree programs of LSU and McGill will be jointly assessed by invited conference from Canada and from Louisiana. Canadian partici- pants will include members of Canada’s Supreme Court and Bi-Jural Commission, the deans of the Ottawa, Toronto, McGill, and Montreal law faculties, and distin- guished comparativists of these and other faculties in Canada and abroad. Louisiana participants will include members of the LSU law faculty, members of the state and federal judiciary, and representa- tives of the Louisiana Law Institute and Bar.

Early planning has also begun for a similar conference involving rep- resentatives of Central and South American law schools, judiciaries, and bars. This conference, which will occur in 2002, will be jointly sponsored by the LSU Law Center and the Inter-American Bar Association.

Law Center Welcomes New Faculty

Michael McAuley
Clarence W. Edwards Associate Professor
B.A. 1974, University of London, King’s College, B.C.L. 1977, McGill University, D.E.A., 1979, Université de Paris 2

Prior to joining the LSU Law Center faculty in 2001, McAuley was a senior trusts attorney at Appleby, Spurling and Kempe in Bermuda (1998-2001) and practiced in Montreal and London (1979-1998). McAuley is a member of the Bar of Quebec, Canadian Bar Association, and International Bar Association where he is currently vice-chair of its Discrimination & Gender Equality Committee. He has lectured in legal history, property and trusts at a number of Canadian universities, is an academician of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law, and is a member of many other professional organizations.

Law Center Reforms Legal Writing Program

“They don’t know how to write,” is perhaps the most frequent complaint made by lawyers about graduating law students. The Law Center has taken vigorous steps to meet this criticism and, in the process, to bring excellence to a Legal Writing Program that has been severely underfund- ed and understaffed for decades.

Just three years ago, three legal writing associates struggled to offer one- point credit courses in each of the first-year semesters to more than 300 students, and an appellate advocacy program, assisted by adjunct instruc- tors, to a first-semester, second-year class of another 200 students. The effort was a legal writing program in name only because the three instructors could not possibly provide a student group this large with the intensive, individual attention needed to develop the students’ writing, research, and advocacy skills. The instructors, who lacked faculty rank and were among the poorest paid in American law schools, were scat- tered throughout the Law Center’s 1936 building, in cramped and unatrac- tive quarters. Not surprisingly, this state of affairs met with the disappoint- ment and anger of the students, who felt acutely disadvantaged by their sub-par training.

It’s a different picture today, and will be even brighter tomorrow. Next fall, five writing instructors under the direction of a full-time Legal Writing Director (who will also have a Legal Writing section) will be teaching approximately 240 first year students. With less than 40 students per instructor, the program will feature the intensive one-on-one exchange and editing of student work that are staples of the nation’s best programs. The program, moreover, will be offered entirely in the students’ first year, in one two-credit course per semester. Appellate Advocacy will no longer be offered as a competition, but rather taught as a course in persuasive writing. A unified syllabus and problem-set will be used in all Legal Writing sections.

Legal writing instructors will become full-time faculty (non-tenure track), and, depending upon experience, will be titled as Assistant, Associate, or Full Professors of Professional Practice. They will qualify for multiyear contracts after an initial trial year, and will earn salaries comparable to those of peer institutions. The Program’s Interim Director will be Associate Professor of Professional Practice Grace Barry. She will have recourse to a three-person Faculty Advisory Group, Professors Corbett, Munchinson, and Church. In those aspects of the program bearing upon issues of Legal Bibliography and Information Technology, she will collab- orate with Professor Herbert Chik, who joined the faculty as Law Library Director in May 2001. The Law Center’s ongoing renovation project will provide the Legal Writing staff with a suite of six attractive offices and a conference room.

Future Law Center graduates may yet mangle a sentence or two. But theirs will be a Legal Writing Program that will engender pride in the entire Law Center community—students, faculty, and alumni—while equipping them with a powerful set of professional skills to commence law practice.
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pril 3, 2001 marked the groundbreaking
ceremony for the $11.6 million state-fund-
ed renovation of the Law Center’s 1936 and
1969 buildings. After decades of neglect and
deterioration, the Law Center building exter-
iors will be restored and its interiors trans-
formed into first-class facilities. Slated for
completion in 2002, the renovation will create
an environment that will greatly enhance stu-
dent life.

Representatives from the Governor’s Office,
the LSU System, the Law Center Alumni
Board, the Student Bar Association, Group
Contractors, Inc., Gill Industries, Ltd., Meleton-
Bacque’ Group, faculty, staff, and students
were welcomed by Chancellor John Costonis
and thanked for participating in the important
celebration.

Charles S. Weems, president of the Board of
Supervisors and 1968 Law grad, addressed the
guests. He stated, “I am pleased to be present
at the rebirth of the Law Center. The buildings
need renovation, time has taken its toll.
Chancellor John Costonis has revitalized the
culture of this law school. He has built sup-
port in the legal community; he has earned
the support of the professors, he has the sup-
port of Governor Foster. We are poised to see
the Law School rise.”

Phase 1 of the renovation is currently under-
way with exterior building cleaning and
repair, gutting the auditorium in the Old Law
Building, and construction in the 1969 build-
ing of an administration suite on the fourth
floor and an escalator from the ground floor
to the Daggett Courtyard.

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To learn about naming opportunities for the
Law Center Renovation Campaign, contact
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Law Center Groundbreaking Ceremony, left to right: Glenn Morris, Scott Simonsaux, Bob Hairford (SBA President),
Jordano, and Mark Drennen.

Discarded law auditorium chairs, it’s begun!

Renovation of the future administrative suite.
2001 Commencement Speaker
Honorable Catherine D. “Kitty” Kimball

Ladies and gentlemen, this is your future. You are destined and you will be the next generation of judges, legislators, governors; the next leaders of our state and our nation.

So stated the Honorable Catherine D. “Kitty” Kimball, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana and 1970 graduate of the LSU Law Center in her address to the Law School’s 228 candidates for the Juris Doctor degree at their commencement ceremony on May 24, 2001.

Chancellor John J. Costonis presided and Perry Segura, past chairman, LSU Board of Supervisors, conferred degrees.

Law Students Take Firsts in Moot Court Competitions

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he LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center held the Robert Lee Tullis Moot Court Finals on February 22, 2001. The competition, named in honor of the late Dean Emeritus of the Law School, provides advanced development of appellate advocacy skills for third-year students who excel in Appellate Advocacy. The semifinalists for the 2001 competition were Appellant, Brian C. Shartle & Philip R. Sims and Appellee S. Dale Cronin & Sacha A. M. Amant. The winners were S. Dale Cronin and Sacha A. M. Amant. This year’s judges were Honorable Luther F. Cole, Associate Justice (retired), Supreme Court of Louisiana; Honorable Melvin A. Shortess, Chief Judge (retired), Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal; and Honorable Robert D. Downing, Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal. The problem this year was written by Professor Randall Trahan and concerned reasons for disinheritment of a forced heir.

Following the competition, a reception was held at the LSU Faculty Club to honor the year’s participants and all previous Tullis winners. Mr. Victor Sachse III (’55) wrote the brief and Freeman and Raglin, Raglin, and Strahan wrote the oral presentation. Fifteen teams from 12 law schools participated in the competition. Awards were granted for the best overall competitors, the best brief, and the best orator. Dayne Freeman placed fifth in the best orator competition. Todd A. Rossi and Mark A. Marionneau coached the team.

The Law Center’s National Moot Court Team also took first place, winning best brief overall at regionals. Coached by Professor John Devlin, the 2000-2001 team consisted of Scott Hawkins, Charlie Chauvin, and Maleshia Brown.

The LSU Law Center’s Environmental Moot Court Team advanced to the quarter finals of the competition in White Plains, New York in February 2001. The team, consisting of Louise Morrison, Wes Raborn, and Kristi Husher, advanced after the initial round involving more than 50 teams. Charles Ellis served as the team’s coach. The judges selected the LSU law team’s brief as the Outstanding Appellant’s Brief. The Pace Environmental Law Review will publish the brief in an upcoming issue.

The Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition was represented well by LSU law for the 2001 competition. LSU members included Greg Bordelon, Peter Desouime, Kim Ramsey, and Keith Grant. The team prepared both respondents and applicants memorials and held oral pleadings at the Eastern District Courthouse in New Orleans. The problem concerned such international law issues as law of the sea, use of force, and sovereign boundary delimitations.

Hargrave Honored at Louisiana Law Review Banquet


Hargrave was the guest of honor. Amy Lewis Champagne, Louisiana Law Review Associate, was presented with the Vinson & Elkins 2000-2001 award for the best student article. Her paper will appear in a future issue of the Louisiana Law Review. Membership certificates were presented to William Raley Alford III, Allison Louise Duncan, William Reed Huguet, Marianne Alford, III, Allison Louise Duncan, Maleshia Brown. The Baton Rouge law firm Hargrave was the guest of honor.
On the Move

Exciting New Roles

The LSU Law Center was awarded the “Key” of the 13th Circuit for the American Bar Association—Law Student Division in March at the spring conference in San Antonio, Texas. Bob Hairford, SBA president, Greg Bordelon, ABA representative, and Chuck Casimano, candidate-liaison positions represented the Law Center. Greg Bordelon was presented with the Bronze Key for LSU Law’s increased membership in the ABA-LSD (up 45 percent from last year’s numbers) as well as LSU Law’s commitment to continued involvement in the ABA through the Law Student Division. Bordelon was also presented with an individual award for his commitment to further integrate LSU law students into the ABA-LSD. LSU Law has not previously won a key and was one of four out of a total of 13 schools to receive it.

ABI awards

Medal of Excellence to Law Center Senior

Chancellor Costonis presents the American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence to Law Center Senior Kenneth L. Roche, III. Roche received the annual award from the ABI, a national organization of bankruptcy professionals, in recognition of his top score in Professor Jason Kilborn’s Bankruptcy course in Fall 2000. Roche was chosen from among all students enrolled in bankruptcy-related courses at the Law Center offered during academic year 2000–2001. The Law Center congratulates Roche for his outstanding performance!

Chancellor Emeritus Hawkland Awarded Honorary Degree

Chancellor Emeritus and Boyd Professor of Law William Hawkland was the recent recipient of an honorary Doctor of Laws by the University of Minnesota. The honorary degree recognizes individuals who have achieved acknowledged eminence in cultural affairs, in public service, or in a field of knowledge and scholarship. Hawkland came to the LSU Law Center as chancellor in 1979 and resigned as chancellor in 1989. He received his B.S. and his J.D. from the University of Minnesota.

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The LSU Law Center looks forward to the upcoming site visit as an opportunity to reflect on its vision, its strengths and weaknesses, and the steps it must take to achieve its vision in view of both. The vehicle for this exercise is an institutional Self-Study, required of all law schools as a component of the accreditation process. A retreat is envisaged next winter in which the Law Center faculty, students, LSU System officials, and members of the bench and bar will participate in the self-study’s formulation.

The 2002 Site Inspection Team Chair will be Rick Matasar, whose current deanship at the New York Law School was preceded by deanships at the University of Florida and Chicago-ITT/Kent Law Schools. Other team members will be named shortly. Dean Matasar’s selection was welcomed by Chancellor Costonis, who described him as “one of the most innovative and thoughtful legal educators in America today.”

In a preparatory visit to the Law Center in May 2001, Matasar previewed the Law Center’s library, physical plant, and finances, the three areas that were the trouble spots for the 1994 team. At a faculty dinner during this visit, he stated that while he obviously could not speak for his eventual Site Team, his impression from this preview is that the LSU Law Center “is one of perhaps five out six law schools in the nation today that not only can progress quickly from Point A to Point B, but from Point A to Point D.”

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Chancellor’s Council Dinner at Hemingbough

Hemingbough’s Hemstead Hall provided a spectacular atmosphere for the Chancellor’s Council Black Tie Dinner held April 20, 2001 at Hemingbough in St. Francisville. The dinner honored all members of the year 2000 Chancellor’s Council, a group of alumni and friends who contribute $1,000 or more annually in unrestricted funds to the Law Center. Chancellor John Costonis, his wife Susan, Alumni Board President John deGravelles and wife, Jan, and Cliffe F. Laborde, President of the Chancellor’s Council and wife, Margaret, greeted guests on the terrace outside Hemstead Hall.

Kelley Smith Toney and the Campanile Quartet provided classical and modern instrumental music. The 150 guests enjoyed each others’ company, an elegant dinner, and shared their enthusiasm for the LSU Law Center.

Chancellor Costonis greeted the guests, thanked them for their generous support, and welcomed them to this celebratory event. In his remarks to the guests, Laborde acknowledged the donors to the nine professorships established in the year 2000-2001: The James Carville Professorship, Holt B. Harrison Professorship, Frank L. Maraist/LADC Professorship, C.E. Laborde Professorship, Sam D’Amico Professorship, Ernest and Iris Eldred Professorship, Harvey Peltier Professorship, Louis B. Porcino Professorship, and the G. Frank and Winston Purvis Professorship.

Receptions and Events >>>>>

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Perdido Alumni Reception

More than 100 LSU Law Center alumni and their families and friends gathered at a special reception at the Baton Rouge Bar Association Conference held at Perdido Beach, Alabama in April. The event was co-sponsored by Sweeney and Miller Law Firm of Baton Rouge and the LSU Law Center. The event provided a great opportunity to relax after a day of continuing education courses and to catch up on Law Center activities. <<<

Sandestin, Florida—Louisiana State Bar Association

The annual LSU Law Center Alumni Party at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort was held in June in conjunction with the Louisiana State Bar Convention. The sounds of the beach and the Harmon Drew Super Group attracted over 500 LSU law alumni. Many alumni contributed their time and effort to make the party a success. West Group sponsored a limbo contest and a hula hoop contest. The Grand Prize was a Palm Pilot won by Brad Schlotterer from Lemle & Kelleher in New Orleans. A special thanks to West Group for generously sponsoring the event. <<<

Baton Rouge Bar Association Officers Sworn In

In January, the following LSU Law Center graduates were sworn in as officers of the Baton Rouge Bar Association:

- Wade Shows (’75) president
- Leo Hamilton (’77) president-elect
- David A. Hamilton (’74) secretary
- Mathile Abramson (’88) treasurer
- Amy E. Counce (’81) past president

Directors at Large
- Greg Bodin (’88)
- Michael Ferachi (’89)
- Jay Jalenak (’90)

The Young Lawyers Section is chaired by Joe Mengis (’92). He is assisted by Melissa Cresson (’96), secretary-treasurer. The 2001 Council includes A. Edward Hardin, Jr. (’97), Kelsey Kornick, (’97), and Lisa Prater, (’97). YLS past-chair is Keeley Scott (’95). Deborah Gibbs, chair, Family Law section, Jeff Wittenbrink (’87), chair-elect, and Lorraine Andreassen McCormick (’93), secretary-treasurer. <<<

John Breaux Named Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

Senator John Breaux, LSU Law Class of 1967, native of Crowley, Louisiana, and a leader in national politics, has been named the LSU Law Center’s Distinguished Alumnus of the Year for 2000. Breaux will be recognized at the LSU Law Center’s Distinguished Alumni Breakfast to be held November 10, 2001.

Senator Breaux was elected to the House of Representatives in 1972 at the age of 28. At the time of his election, he was the youngest member in the U.S. Congress. Senator Breaux represented the 7th District of Louisiana for 14 years before being elected to fill Senator Russell Long’s seat in 1986. Senator Breaux is widely recognized as a leader in the Senate. In 1993, his Democratic colleagues elected him to serve as Chief Deputy Whip, a position he has held for three congressional terms and will continue to hold through the 107th Congress.

A senior member of the Finance Committee, Senator Breaux serves as the ranking Democrat of the Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy. He serves on two other Finance subcommittees: Health Care, and Taxation and IRS Oversight. Senator Breaux is the ranking Democrat on the Special Committee on Aging. He has used this position to highlight the importance of protecting and strengthening Social Security, Medicare, and other programs that are essential to the health and well-being of older Americans.

As a member of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, Senator Breaux has taken a leadership role on a wide variety of issues, including telecommunications, consumer protection, fisheries, shipping, tourism, and aviation. He is now the ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space. The Senator also serves on four additional subcommittees: Aviation, Communication, Oceans and Fisheries, and Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine.

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A Tradition Begins... Class Reunions

The LSU Law Center has begun a reunion program to reconnect with and create a sense of community among its alumni. We encourage you to join us at your reunion. We will communicate with you throughout the year regarding your reunion activities.


Class Reunions
1951 LSU Faculty Club
1961 Home of Ben R. Miller, Sr.
1976 Baton Rouge City Club
1981 De La Ronde Hall
1991 TBA

> The Class of 1971 will hold its 30th reunion September 14, 2001. The class will meet at the Baton Rouge Country Club the evening of September 14 and a brunch will be held on Saturday, September 15, at Winston Rice and Barbara Gay's Plantation (St. Louis Plantation).

Check the LSU Law website for details! www.law.lsu.edu

Reunions >>>>

Standing left to right: Mary Banister (widow of D. Ross Banister), Virginia deGravelles, Mina Armentor, Minos Armentor, Catherine Martin (widow of Julian “Big Skipper” Martin), Sarah Bolton, George Bolton, Richard A. Kent, Jr. Seated are Ursula Kent and Charles deGravelles at the 1936 reunion.

The LSU Law Center Class of 1936 held its 65th reunion April 21 at the home of Guynette Garliny. Participating in the celebration were, left to right: Richard Kent, Jr., Minos Armentor, Chancellor Gustonis, Charles deGravelles, John deGravelles, and George Bolton.
Jane H. Barney ('93)—named partner in the litigation practice group of the Baton Rouge office of Phelps Dunbar LLP.

Jose Canseco ('84)—currently MD Technologies’ chief executive officer. The company is a high-tech Baton Rouge company that develops practice management software for physicians. The product Med Topia Mobile is a device, similar to a palm pilot, which will allow a doctor to access patients’ medical history, order tests, assemble bills and forward them to the insurance company as well as sending prescriptions to the pharmacy with the tap of the screen.

David Clark ('95)—accepted a one-year teaching position as an interim professor at University of Florida’s Law School. This honor is only offered currently with the tap of the screen.

Kevin C. Currey ('94)—was certified as a tax law specialist and estate planning and administration certified as a tax law specialist and grants awards to outstanding scholars to participate in university lectures, advanced research, and other educational activities in foreign countries. During the fall semester of 2001, deGravelles will teach courses in International Maritime Law and the American Judicial System.

Judge Robert Downing ('75)—elected to the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal. Previously, Downing served as judge with the 19th Judicial District Court.

Robert J. David, Jr ('92)—named a shareholder at O'Beirne, Bernard, Torian, Diaz, McNamara & Abell. He represents employers in labor and employment law matters.

John W deGravelles ('74)—named a Fulbright Scholar and awarded the prestigious Fulbright scholarship to teach law courses at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki School of Law in Thessaloniki, Greece. The Fulbright Scholars Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs and grants awards to outstanding scholars to participate in university lectures, advanced research, and other educational activities in foreign countries. During the fall semester of 2001, deGravelles will teach courses in International Maritime Law and the American Judicial System.

Alicia Hoover-Richards ('94)—appointed as the chair for the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association Medical Malpractice Section for 2000-2001. Hoover—Richards also was appointed to the Louisiana State Bar Association Interprofessional Committee consisting of physicians and attorneys.

Jay Jalenak ('90)—recipient of the fifth Judge Keogh Memorial Award given in honor of the late Judge Keogh. Recipients are chosen by the Young Lawyers Section Council based on the charitable and pro bono activities of the nominee and the nominee’s involvement with the association.

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Class Notes >>>>

In Memoriam

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A Final Salute to Two LSU Law Grads and Army Colonels

—taken from the Morning Advocate April 25, 2001 and April 29, 2001

U.S. District Judge Lansing L. Mitchell ('37), often known to his colleagues as ‘The Colonel,’ died Tuesday, April 24, 2001. Mitchell was appointed to the federal bench by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966 after a career as an admiralty lawyer. He also worked as an FBI special agent, served in World War II in the Army and retired from the Army reserve with the rank of colonel.

Carlos Spaht ('31), the senior member of the Baton Rouge Law Firm Kantrow, Spaht, Weaver & Blitzer died Sunday, April 29, 2001 at the age of 94. Spaht practiced law for more than 70 years. He began practicing in 1931 and continued until 1941 when he was called into active Army service. He rose to the rank of colonel in World War II and was sent to Asia. When he returned from the war, Governor Jimmie Davis appointed him state district judge in Baton Rouge in 1946. He was elected to the post without opposition in 1948. Spaht unsuccessfully ran for Governor in 1952. When the election was over, John McKethen, the winner, named him his executive counsel. Spaht went on to serve on the LSU Board of Supervisors and the State Ethics Board.

October 5, 2001 to Honor the Classes of

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## Upcoming Events

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One of these areas is post-secondary education. It's our belief that post-secondary education drives the economy. If you look at every progressive society, every diverse economy, and every rich cultural and artistic environment, each has one common denominator: a powerful post-secondary education system.

Over the last 15-20 years, the funding of Louisiana's universities, including our graduate and professional schools, has declined precipitously causing a brain drain in the state, hindering the flow of intellectual capital into Louisiana, and damaging the reputation and performance of our economy.

The world that we live in is radically different than it was 30 years ago. The tone for Louisiana that we can assume, for example, was shaped by the aftermath of the Industrial Revolution, the advent of the oil and gas industry, and the development of modernized agriculture. But the 21st century offers a different universe: it's a knowledge-driven economy. The university is the one place where knowledge is manufactured, discovered, disseminated, taught, and applied. The university and the health of universities will determine whether or not Louisiana is going to be competitive in the 21st century.

Louisiana has found itself in a position where LSU's position as the state's flagship university is in peril. LSU has got to be a major regional and national flagship university if Louisiana is going to be successful as a society, as an economy, and as a culture.

How do you determine whether a university is successful? Obviously, funding is a driving tool as it provides the resources to attempt to achieve excellence. But the truth is, as you look across the programs that universities offer in quality of faculties and quality of leadership, dramatic changes need to be made. We began looking five years ago, and changes began to take place in leadership of many of the universities and systems in Louisiana. We believe that LSU right now has the finest leadership in its history in the persons of its president and its A&M, its Agricultural Center, and its Law Center chancellor.

In trying to determine what level of excellence LSU is going to achieve, we know that we cannot truly be a preeminent Southern university without a preeminent Law Center. To that end, and in the face of tight state budgets, we made commitments to the Law Center and to Chancellor Costonis to do some things that hadn't been done in years. And, we are about to ratchet this support up even another notch this year.

We believe that within five to seven years LSU can draw equal to or better than North Carolina at Chapel Hill. That is our goal.

The Law Center plays a phenomenally important role in this flagships vision. We can never pretend to have a front-rank Southern flagship institution without a preeminent law school. And that means on a level with the University of North Carolina Law School.

Can we get there? The answer is absolutely. We can get there because the law is an area in which we quickly can have a powerful impact. Legal education does not have the huge capital cost of engineering and basic sciences.

With basic resource investment and with the collaboration of people we have now, with the Law Center's Alumni Law Center, its Alumni Board, with changes in the rules and raising and reaching out to the private sector and the alumni and graduates, the vision of what this Law Center can be is greater than anyone dreamed of even five years ago.

Something radically different is happening in Louisiana with our university investment. And it is directly related to what we need from the Law Center in this new 21st century world, which will be driven by knowledge and discovery and science. We are making a $25 million initiative this year, the largest of its kind in the history of the United States in the technology-driven digital sciences field, to redefine Louisiana's economy as an information economy. This investment will be followed next year by a similar investment for biological and biomedical sciences.

We know that much as the energy and agriculture industries and manufactures dominated the 20th century, the 21st century is going to be dominated by digital science, technology, and the biological and biomedical sciences.

Louisiana's premier Law Center and what we hope to be one of the premier law centers in the United States must have driving power in intellectual property. It must also have driving power in health and medical sciences law. We expect this of the Law Center. We agreed three years ago with the Board of Regents and other stakeholders that we would put incremental investments in the Law Center as we ratchet up student body quality and admission standards, restrict admissions, invest in faculty and infrastructure and in retention of our star faculty, and recruit a great national faculty.

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As the most important health care provider and research entity in the state, the LSU Health Sciences Center enjoys a commanding role in managing health care. In concert with this new role, the Law Center must both develop a premier law and medical law program and coordinate this program with emerging programs at the Health Sciences Center.

LSU will be the driving force in health care and research, including such areas as gene therapy and cutting edge molecular biology. If we are going to be that type of preeminent research institution, our Law Center must be there with it. It must be at the forefront in health law, medical law, areas of ethics, and in our digital sciences initiatives. It must be there in intellectual property-related fields.

Louisiana is in a unique position right now with the emerging markets in Central and South America. New Orleans, Houston, and Miami are going to compete for dominance over these markets. Schools in Central and South America are profound. If we are going to be a center of international commerce, we have to be an internationally distinguished center in the study of civil law systems. We look to the Law Center to fulfill this role.

In addition to exercising leadership in international law and civil law, intellectual property, and health sciences law, the Law Center must provide other services to the state. The Louisiana Law Institute is, of course, a tremendous service. Within the next ten years, we will need a recompilation of our statutes. A Constitutional Convention is likely within five years. The Law Center's guidance and involvement is indispensable for the success of these efforts.

As we sought to identify areas in which we can truly be outstanding, the one element that stood out to me most was that we can achieve national excellence in law. And so we made a commitment. When Chancellor Costonis came down and was going through all of his interviews with alumni and other community and government leaders, he asked some very pointed questions. Were we willing, he asked, to commit to the financial and legislative support required to make the Law Center a source of pride for all Louisianans? I will tell you that in those interviews we made that commitment, and I think we have delivered on it.

Today, the Law Center is ready to explode. And, we have tremendously high expectations of the Law Center. We honestly believe that if we can just have patience and stay the course, this will be the Law Center that we envisioned. This university will achieve the excellence and provide the boost to the state's economy that we demand from them.

We have and will continue to extend support to the Law Center. There is nowhere in the United States where a state has prospects and its flagship universities lack. So our commitments to the Law Center and other LSU units are going to be enduring. We are going to ensure that they endure, and we are looking forward to new programs and new plans coming out of the Law Center.

Really what we seek is no less than a change in the culture of the LSU Law Center. The Law Center cannot effect these changes by itself. We will assist the Law Center by increasing its resources and reinforcing its vision of a new strategic mission. And I think we have done that. But we will need to continue to do it. And we are going to be here to support you in the future.

Stephen Perry, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor

Edited Remarks to the LSU Law Center National Alumni Board
April 27, 2001

On the Move
The LSU Law Center: Its Role in Louisiana Higher Education and in the Transformation of Louisiana’s Economy

The Foster Administration has committed to supporting exciting developments at the Law Center and in Louisiana higher education generally.

Part of this task has been redefining what Louisiana can be. We know that Louisiana for many years has accepted being mediocre. But, we believe that we have the potential to be tremendously better at a wide range of areas frankly than we have been.
LSU Law Center alumni are invited to become members of the nation’s highest court.

The 2001 LSU Law Center group admission to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States will be held Tuesday, November 13, 2001.

Space is limited to 50 participants and applicants must have been members of their state bar for at least three years to be eligible for admission.

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