

Law dean resigns position

Eugene Scoles, dean of the University Law School since 1968, has resigned his administrative position to return to the classroom. He will become a teacher of law in the School.

The resignation, effective July 1, 1974, is announced at this time in order to allow adequate search time for a replacement.

In announcing the resignation, University President Robert Clark expressed deep appreciation for the direction and service Dean Scoles has given the Law School.

"It is with extreme reluctance that I accept the resignation of Dean Scoles," Clark said. "The current status and national recognition of the Law School is due in no small measure to Dean Scoles' energy, enthusiasm, and dynamic leadership. While I personally subscribe to the theory of limited appointments for academic administrators as a means of continuing the vitality of an institution, when an administrator of Dean Scoles' recognized abilities acts on the theory, I am hard pressed to accept the decision."

Scoles came to the University Law School from the University of Illinois College of Law, where he had taught for 12 years and had a distinguished career. At the time he accepted the Oregon

position he was one of nine Reporters drafting a Uniform Probate Code under the joint sponsorship of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law and the American Bar Association.

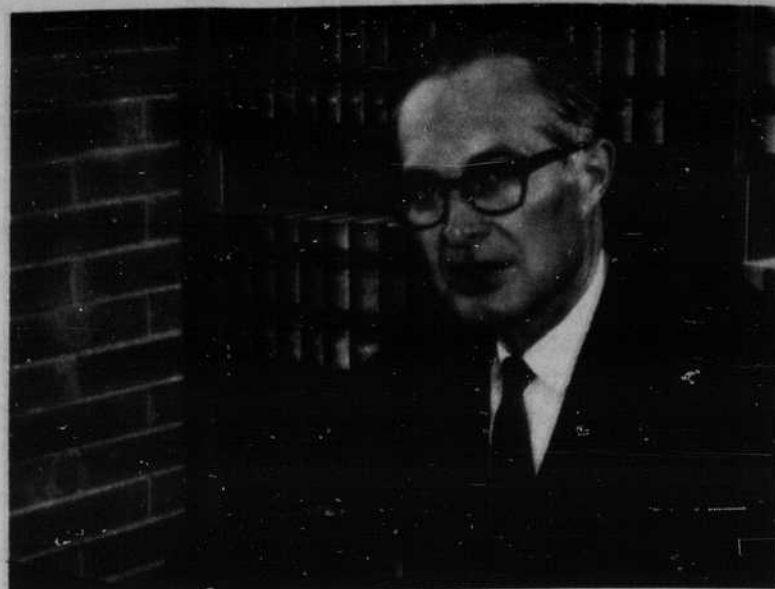
When he came to Oregon, the Law School was still housed in Fenton Hall. Construction of the new Law Center, which Scoles said "marked the beginning of a new era in legal education in the State of Oregon," started late in 1968 and was completed in 1970.

Scoles has, in his term as dean, advocated greater flexibility in curricula and increased emphasis on research and service, and has encouraged "enthusiastic teaching."

It was Scoles who instigated the formation of a Law School Board of Visitors. This 15-member board of attorneys and laymen from throughout the state serves to "promote easy communication between the teaching part of the legal profession and the rest of the profession and the public."

Under his leadership, the Law School has made strong efforts to enroll students from minority groups. The School has also employed its first woman law professor.

Vice Provost of Academic Affairs Harry Alpert said of the



Eugene Scoles
Law School Dean

resignation, "I have great respect and admiration for the vigorous leadership that Dean Scoles has shown in this period of remarkable growth and development of the Law School and Legal Center."

"I am delighted that he has decided to stay at the University of Oregon to pursue his outstanding career as a professor of law and scholar in many legal areas."

Scoles is a graduate of the University of Iowa in 1943, where he also received a doctor of

jurisprudence degree in 1945. He received a master of laws degree from Harvard University in 1949 and a doctor of juristic science from Columbia University in 1955.

Before teaching at Illinois, he taught at the University of Florida College of Law from 1949 to 1956.

His special fields of interest in the law include conflict of laws, decedents' estates and trusts, future interests, estate planning, legal profession, and legal method.

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Constitutional amendment proposed

A petition to place a constitutional amendment, which would increase the number of Incidental Fees Committee (IFC) members, on the ballot for the general elections is being circulated now by Fred Loveys, ASUO vice-president.

Signatures of 1,500 students are needed to put the amendment on the ballot for the April 23 and 24 elections.

The amendment would change the committee membership from five to ten elected students. There would be nine voting members and the committee chairman would have voting rights only in case of a tie vote during a regular meeting of the IFC.

The amendment further states that a majority of seven out of the nine voting members is required to override a veto of the ASUO president relating to incidental fees.

Election procedures are clarified in the amendment, which states that one election will be held in the spring each year. The ASUO president, vice-president, class officers, delegates to IUS and delegates to OSPIRG will be elected in that election.

'Mock Law Office' to be an innovative classroom

As a result of a \$3500 gift from Louis Brown, a University of Southern California law professor, the University Law School will hold dedication ceremonies next fall for one of the most innovative classrooms in the nation.

Establishment of a Mock Law Office will give law students a chance to practice interviewing and counseling techniques in a simulated attorney's office. The only other such "office" currently operating in the country was started by Brown at USC.

Brown, one of the originators of the "preventive law" concept, has visited the University Law School to talk to students and faculty twice, once in 1970 and again in 1971. It was during the 1971 visit that Brown offered to finance the establishment of a Mock Law Office at the University Law School.

Arrangements for the "office" are being made by Dominick Vetri, University Law School associate professor. While doing research Vetri became familiar with Brown's concepts of "preventive law" and during Brown's first visit to the Law School they formed a friendship that has continued through correspondence and occasional meetings.

According to Vetri, video taping equipment will be pur-

chased as well as office furniture.

Vetri said the video-taping will allow students to "step aside and see themselves" as they practice working with "clients" in the Mock Law Office.

Local lawyers will be invited to use the "office" for actual interviews with clients to demonstrate interviewing and counseling skills needed when taking depositions.

The Mock Law Office which will be located on the ground level of the Law School, will be dedicated to "Brown's approach of 'preventive law'", said Vetri.

Brown looks at "preventive law" as being foresight on the part of lawyers, when first dealing with their clients, to make sure that their clients' matters are handled in such a way as to prevent legal complications later on. The significance of this approach is seen in the fact that most cases never reach the courts but are handled in the lawyer's office, said Vetri.

Brown, who has published a number of works on law and who originated the National Mock Law Office Competition for law students, will come to the University campus for the fall dedication. Currently he is working with other USC faculty to acquaint law students there with the concepts and importance of "preventive law."

Licensing practices report released by research center

A report on city business licensing practices in Oregon has been released by the Bureau of Governmental Research and Service at the University.

The study, "Municipal Business License Fees and Taxes in Oregon," is designed to help cities evaluate their licensing programs and is part of the Urban Service Program sponsored by the Bureau in cooperation with the League of Oregon Cities.

The report examines the uses of business licensing as a source of revenue and as a means of regulation, as well as reviewing the legal basis for municipal business licensing in Oregon. It provides general background information on licensing and suggests criteria which cities may use to evaluate their own programs, whether their concern is with present rate structures, administrative provisions, or scope of business regulation.

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