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As the *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy* celebrates its thirtieth anniversary, it is most fitting that we dedicate this issue to Daniel L. Ritchie, Chancellor, University of Denver. Chancellor Ritchie has been a strong proponent, an influential and persuasive advocate, and a clear and forceful voice for internationalization at the University of Denver. He has been an inspiration to all of us in the University Community.

After his inauguration as the sixteenth Chancellor of the University, Dan Ritchie appointed a task force to undertake a thorough review of international activities at the University. He took the task force report seriously and began what became truly a transformation of the University's international programs. In the University's new strategic plan, Study Abroad and International Human Rights Advocacy figured prominently. The new Cherrington Global Scholars initiative, which will provide opportunities for every junior at the University to be able to study abroad at no additional cost, is a tribute to his leadership. Similarly, the newly established International Human Rights Advocacy Center in the Office of Internationalization owes its existence to his vision. Dan Ritchie's international interests have frequently taken him abroad where he has taken the time to meet DU alumni and friends. Last year he was named an Honorary Professor at Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, India.

Before moving to Colorado, Dan Ritchie had a distinguished career for eight years with Westinghouse Broadcasting and twenty-two years in various executive positions with MCA, Inc. He began his involvement with the University as a Trustee in 1983, and became Chancellor in 1989. He serves as Chancellor without pay and has given the University most of his spacious Grand River Ranch, which has netted more than \$50 million for various University projects. "The ranch has held a very special place in my heart for the last two decades. I love this land, but I love the University of Denver more," he said in 1998.

Under Chancellor Ritchie's leadership, the University concluded this year the largest fundraising campaign in its history, topping the \$200 million goal by nearly \$74 million. The campus' skyline and culture are changing with a \$350 million construction and renovation program. A new state-of-the-art Law School building is rising on the main campus, and should be ready by next June.

Named Citizen of the West in 1998, the Chancellor is very active in

several business and civic associations, including serving as President of the Independent Higher Education of Colorado Fund.

The International Legal Studies Program and the *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy* are indeed privileged to have Daniel L. Ritchie as our Chancellor.