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BY ROBERT B. YEGGE\*

IT is with solemn sorrow and a deep feeling of personal loss that this issue of the *Denver Law Journal* is dedicated to Harold Emerson Hurst—teacher, colleague, friend—who died on December 18, 1972.

In 1956, I first met Professor Hurst as his student at the University of Denver College of Law. As my teacher in Criminal Law and Constitutional Law, I came to know of his dedication to, respect for, and professional commitment to the law.

Hurst had joined the College of Law faculty in 1947 as an Associate Professor and was advanced to Professor in 1950. He was appointed Acting Dean on May 1, 1958, and became Dean of the College in September 1961.

Dean Hurst was early committed to interdisciplinary studies after earning the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1936 and the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1938 from the University of Colorado, and the Master of Science in Government degree in 1940 from the University of Denver as an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow. During the years I knew Dean Hurst, he actively pursued his research interest and writing in the development of scientific methods of proof and the use of empirical facts in the judicial process.

In June 1965, Hurst submitted his resignation as Dean of the College, choosing to return to teaching full-time. It was my pleasant task to continue the work of a man who had guided me as a student and teacher.

Seldom does one find a colleague with the unshatterable determination of Harold Hurst. Among many other things, Professor Hurst actively contributed to the establishment and continuation of the Summer Minority Program. He was doggedly dedicated to this pioneer effort. Even in his last year when in poor health, he remained a true colleague, unwilling to shirk responsibilities, and determined to assume his full load.

To his wife, Esther, his daughters, Janet Marie and Pamela Ann, his son, Harold Frank, and his three grandchildren, this dedication is offered as a grateful remembrance of a friend.

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# HAROLD E. HURST

BY JOHN PHILLIP LINN\*

IN dedicating this issue of the *Denver Law Journal* to the memory of Harold Emerson Hurst, the students of the University of Denver College of Law express their affection and admiration for a beloved professor, who administered to the needs of the students and of the University for a quarter of a century.

The present student body and, indeed, a majority of all alumni of the College of Law, had the opportunity to come under the influence of the teachings of Professor Hurst. Over the years he taught many subjects to many students, and to each class he brought an unusual scholarship, enriched by experience and mature contemplation.

By nature, Professor Hurst was a gentle and reflective person, a man of quiet persuasion. In an unhurried, deliberate, fair-minded manner he examined and evaluated the difficult legal and social questions propounded in the classroom. His care in analyzing complex and controversial constitutional issues attracted even the attention of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Professor Hurst cared deeply for the law and for a disciplined approach to legal reasoning, research, and writing. His own incisiveness instilled students with a keen desire to be equally precise, concise, and clear in their thoughts and expressions.

During his tenure as Dean of the College of Law, Professor Hurst sought with great courage and imagination to establish a center for leadership in the law. A man of great modesty, Dean Hurst had no need for pretense or personal publicity. He distinguished himself as an administrator in the same quiet manner that he established his stature as a teacher.

Dean Hurst and his charming wife, Esther, will long be remembered as gracious representatives of the College of Law. Many demands were made of them, but they gave unstintingly of themselves to bring credit to the University of Denver.

As an administrator and mentor at the College of Law, Professor Hurst gave his whole heart and intellect. His leadership and his teachings are a rich heritage for those of us who were his students, colleagues, and friends.

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