

Teamwork has paved way for spectacular achievement

The following is an excerpt from Dean Vause's retirement announcement to Stetson faculty, administrators and staff on April 23, 2003.

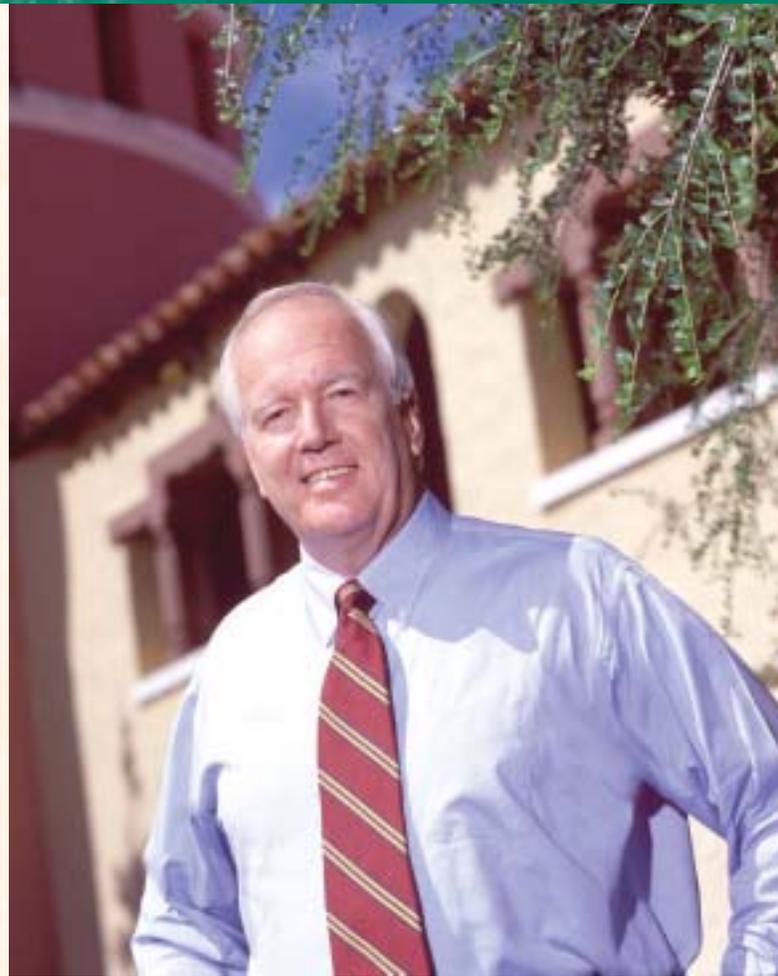
The 28 years that I have spent as an administrator and professor at Stetson University College of Law have been the most personally and professionally rewarding of my life, and I hope that my contributions during those years have had a positive impact on this great institution, its students and graduates. The past four years that I have served as University Vice President and Dean of the College of Law have been especially exciting because they have been characterized by rapid growth in programs, quality and enthusiasm for excellence.

The year 2002-2003 at Stetson College of Law was characterized by the theme of "forward momentum." There are many, many positive developments at the law school that excite the mind and hold great promise for spectacular achievement. The Cornerstone Campaign, for example, is our new fund-raising campaign that focuses on student scholarships, academic excellence and support for new academic programs.

The Gulfport campus has experienced one of the most productive building periods in our history, dramatically upgrading the quality and depth of facilities for student life and academic growth.

The new part-time J.D. program, which began in Fall 2002, has made a legal education more accessible to residents of the greater Tampa Bay area than ever before.

Through an unprecedented level of cooperation with the courts, the bar association, the community and local government, Stetson has launched a new Law Center in downtown Tampa that will give our students



wider access to new courses and expanded clinical legal education, and at the same time draw together the leadership of the Bay Area legal profession on the new Tampa campus.

This momentum is continuous and ongoing, and I am confident that these and other major projects in process will open up new opportunities.

Thank you all for your support of my administration, and for the many personal and professional contributions you have made to the progress of Stetson University College of Law. Best wishes for your personal success, and God bless the Stetson Law School Community.

Cordially yours,

Gary Vause

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University Vice President and Dean, 1999-2003