Dedication Edward S. Graves

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Edward Graves was an established professorial figure at our law school when I first arrived on the campus. At our first meeting in the law school, he was accompanied by his huge, menacing German shepherd dog, Otto. They were, indeed, a fearsome pair. But I soon learned that Edward was as gentle as Otto seemed to be ferocious. In my early days at the law school, Otto frequently accompanied Edward to school. While students were careful not to invade Otto’s turf, Edward, like the Pied Piper, always had a group of adoring students in tow. As time went on, Otto seemed to lose interest in law school and his attendance became sporadic but Edward never lost his attraction for our law school throughout his illustrious teaching career with us.

Edward is a man with boundless energy and a bubbling enthusiasm for anything which interests him, and his interests are wide ranging. Given the chance, he would instruct in yoga as knowledgeably as he did in law. His zest as a teacher was infectious. Any course Edward taught had a unique “Gravesian” quality which drew students like a magnet because his classes always were vibrant, informative and fun. Few are the teachers who are as affectionately remembered by former students as is Edward Graves. All of us, faculty and students alike are the better for our association with him. Because of his retirement, we have lost him as a teacher, but we are fortunate to have him as a friend.