Law professor aided desegregation case

The four-day strike by teachers in the St. Louis public schools was more than a passing interest for D. Bruce La Pierre, professor of law.

The walkout meant not only a delay in the normal opening of class for many of the city's 54,000 students, but also another postponement in full implementation in the area's voluntary desegregation plan—a plan in which La Pierre played a crucial role.

La Pierre, a member of the University's faculty since 1976, was named "special master" in the case last October by U.S. District Judge William J. Hungate. Hungate and others in the case agree that La Pierre's self-described "hounding" of others in the case agree that La Pierre's involvement grew out of the role played by former WU School of Law dean, Edward T. "Tad" Foote. Foote served as chairman of the Desegregation and Monitoring Advisory Committee before leaving St. Louis to become president of the University of Miami in Florida. 

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Lewin endowment to finance art exhibitions

The first major art exhibition endowment in the history of WU’s Gallery of Art in Steinberg Hall has been made by 1932 alumnus Tobias Lewin, according to Gerald D. Bolas, gallery director. The gift enables the gallery to finance a major exhibition, publication and lecture annually, Bolas said. The amount was not disclosed. Lewin established the endowment in memory of his late wife, Hortense Cohen Lewin, who attended the University in the 1930s. Mrs. Lewin died in January 1983.

“The Hortense Lewin Art Fund represents a milestone in the history of the University art museum,” Bolas said. “This endowment enables us to present major exhibitions and guarantees funding for future projects. We are especially proud that this gift represents alumni support of our programs.”

The first exhibition funded through the Hortense Lewin Art Fund is “The Picturesque: British Influences on American Landscape Painting,” Feb. 17-April 8, 1984. The exhibit will include rare and important works by such artists as Benjamin West, Thomas Cole, J.W.M. Turner and Thomas Gainsborough, and masterpieces from the University collection by Frederick Church and Sanford Gifford, Bolas said. The exhibition will be accompanied by an illustrated catalog, lecture and tours made possible by the Lewin endowment.

Lewin said, “This gift reflects my wife’s feelings about the importance of nurturing the visual arts in St. Louis and our commitment to the importance of Washington University in promoting the humanities in our area.

“I believe the fund will be an asset to the gallery, to the University, to its students, and to the community. It will benefit such areas as the School of Fine Arts, the School of Architecture and the humanities departments of the College of Arts and Sciences.”

Mrs. Lewin attended WU from 1933 to 1939, both in the College of Arts and Sciences and in the School of Fine Arts. She was one of the fashion design students who helped develop the junior miss style of clothing. She worked as a dress designer with the Mary Muffett Company in St. Louis from 1939 to 1949 and was one of the first students from the School of Fine Arts to be employed in the St. Louis garment industry. She married Lewin in 1947.

Lewin practiced law from 1932 until he joined the Navy during World War II. After the war, he organized the Tobey Color Card Company and remained its president until his retirement in 1975.

In 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Lewin established the Lewin Visiting Professor in the Humanities at WU. The professorship has been held by Sir John Plumb of Christ’s College, Cambridge University, England; Lawrence Stone, Princeton University; Quentin Skinner, Cambridge University; and Carlos Fuentes, Mexican novelist, essayist, critic and diplomat.

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Groundbreaking ceremonies slated for Oct. 7 for business school complex

Friday, Oct. 7, will mark one of the most significant dates in the 66-year history of the School of Business and Public Administration as groundbreaking activities for a new teaching center take place. The activities begin at 8 a.m. with a talk by Charles P. Knight in Graham Chapel.

Knight, chairman and chief executive officer of Emerson Electric Co. and WU trustee, chaired the 27-member Business Task Force which was instrumental in developing plans for the $13 million building. His talk will be “The Business Task Force — Catalyst for the Future.”

At 9 a.m., a groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the building site on the former baseball field west of Prince Hall. An outline of the base area of the building and the new structure will be marked in lime. When completed in fall 1985, it will be one of the largest academic buildings on the Hilltop Campus.

In addition to classrooms, faculty offices and administrative space, the building will have a library, computer center, placement center, large auditorium, executive education center, extensive space for students and space for receptions.

Opening remarks at the groundbreaking will be made by Chancellor William H. Danforth, followed by W.I. Hadley Griffin, chairman of the board of Brown Group Inc. and chairman of the WU Board of Trustees, and George H. Cappo, president of Capitol Coal & Coke Co. and general chairman of the Alliance for Washington University.

Next, Robert L. Virgil, dean of the business school, will speak, followed by J. George Robinson, WU professor of marketing. Concluding remarks will be made by two business school seniors: Richard S. Ritholz and graduate student Fred C. Dyer III.

The groundbreaking activities are open to the public.

Fredrickson named Lindburg Professor

John Murray Fredrickson has been named the second Lindburg Professor of Otolaryngology at WU’s School of Medicine. Fredrickson heads the Department of Otolaryngology at the medical school. Announcement of his appointment as Lindburg Professor was made by Chancellor William H. Danforth.

In 1966, the late Arthur R. Lindburg, president of Lindburg Enterprises, established the endowed professorship in otolaryngology in appreciation of the dedicated care he received from the Department of Otolaryngology. The first Lindburg Professorship was held by the late Joseph H. Ogura, former director of the otolaryngology department.

Before joining the faculty of the School of Medicine, Fredrickson was professor of otolaryngology at the University of Toronto and director of its clinical sciences division. Fredrickson, internationally recognized for his vestibular research, developed an implantable middle ear hearing aid in 1973 and a voice box for laryngeal cancer patients in 1981.

At Washington University Medical Center, Fredrickson is otolaryngologist-in-chief at Barnes Hospital and Children’s Hospital, and a consultant at Jewish Hospital of St. Louis.

Lown to speak on physician’s role in confronting the threat of nuclear war

The president of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War will deliver the first Edward Massie Lecture in Cardiovascular Disease Oct. 4 at WU’s School of Medicine. The Massie lecture will be held annually.

Bernard Lown will discuss “The Role of the Physician in Confronting the Threat of Nuclear War.” His talk will begin at 4 p.m. in Carl V. Moore Auditorium, 660 S. Euclid Ave. The lecture is sponsored by the Division of Cardiology to honor Edward Massie, WU professor emeritus of clinical medicine.

Lown is professor of cardiology and director of the Cardiovascular Research Laboratory at Harvard University School of Public Health. He is a physician at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, and a consultant in cardiology at Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Beth Israel Hospital and Newton-Wellesley Hospital. He has been a faculty member at Harvard since 1955, when he was named an assistant in medicine.

He is founder and first president of Physicians for Social Responsibility, created in 1960. He has been president of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War since 1985, and he chaired international congresses of the organization in 1981 and 1982. Lown has given a number of lectures on nuclear war and on his specialty, sudden cardiac death.
Raymond E. Arvidson, associate professor, and Ghislaine Crozaz, professor, both of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, gave seminars on Oct. 1. During the St. Louis Space Education Symposium held at St. Louis Community College–Forest Park, Arvidson spoke on "Planetary Perspectives Applied to the Earth Sciences," and Crozaz spoke on "A Meteoric Expedition to Antarctica."

Patricia R. Bruce, a graduate student in the Department of Psychology, received the 1983 Award in Outstanding Research from the Division on Adult Development and Aging of the American Psychological Association. Her paper, presented at the association’s annual meeting in August in Anaheim, Calif., was titled "Adult Age Differences in Spatial Memory." Other members of the psychology department who presented papers at the meeting included James F. Herman, assistant professor of psychology; Michael J. Strube, assistant professor of psychology; Martha Strube, professor of psychology; and James Berry, a graduate student.

Mary Jean Cowell, associate professor of dance in the Performing Arts Area, has been invited to teach at her company class for the Mid America Dance Company (MAD/CO). Founded in 1976, MAD/CO is based in St. Louis and tours the Midwest.

Jonathan I. Katz, associate professor of physics, has been appointed to represent the NASA Advisory Council. The council, which meets several times a year to advise the NASA administration on matters of space and aeronautics policy, is composed of scientists, industrial leaders and other distinguished individuals.

Organizations that promote racial understanding in Kansas City, and was named president of the Kansas City Mental Health Association in 1982. From 1965 to 1969, he was police commissioner of Kansas City, Mo., and from 1969 to 1974 he was a police officer in the city who believed it could attract this fall, with black students moving from the city to county districts.

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This year’s travel lecture series begins Oct. 7 with "The Three Rivieras," a filmed excursion of travelers Frank Carney’s tour of the Italian, French and Spanish Rivieras. All of the lectures are at 6:30 p.m. in Graham Chapel.

Seven other travel lectures will be presented throughout the year. They are: "Egypt: Gift of the Nile," on Nov. 4; "The Mighty Mississippi," on Dec. 2; "China," on Jan. 6; "Denmark, The Fairytale Land," on Feb. 5; "Head for the Hills," on March 3; "Glory of the Alps," on April 6; and "Superior-Land of the Woodland Drummer," on May 4. Limited tickets are available at $13.50 per person, $24.50 for two. Limited tickets are available for $13.50 at the door. For information, call 889-5122.

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Thursday, Oct. 6
1:10 p.m. Department of Biology Colloquium, "Genes, Environment, and Evolution," S. D. Leach, University of California, Santa Cruz. 456 McDonnell Medical Sciences Bldg., 4565 McKinley.

Friday, Oct. 7

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3:30 p.m. Department of Psychology Colloquium, "The Role of Emotion in Learning and Memory," J. S. McGaugh, University of California, Irvine. 4565 McKinley.

Saturday, Oct. 8

Sunday, Oct. 9
6:30 p.m. Department of Biology Colloquium, "The Role of Human Proteins in Tumorigenesis," T. D. Pollard, University of California, San Francisco. 4565 McKinley.

Saturday, Oct. 15
2 p.m. McDonnell Laboratory for Psychiatric Research Seminar, "Molecular Genetics of the Bithorax Complex in Drosophilia," W. E. R. Bender, Department of Biological Chemistry, Harvard Medical School. 72 Rockst.

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Sunday, Oct. 16
7:30 p.m. Department of Music Wind Ensemble and Chamber Winds Concert. Graham Chapel.

Monday, Oct. 17

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Tuesday, Oct. 18

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Monday, Oct. 24

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Thursday, Oct. 27

Friday, Oct. 28

Saturday, Oct. 29

Sunday, Oct. 30
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Saturday, Nov. 5