Hail! Hail! Hail!

Three veteran faculty members retired this academic year — Professors John Jackson, '59, Beverly Pooley and Theodore J. St. Antoine, '54 — after a total of nearly 100 years of noted legal scholarship and of service and inspiration to the Law School. They will be missed.

We wish them well.

The World View —

After more than 30 years on the Law School faculty, Hessel E. Yntema Professor of Law John H. Jackson, '59, has been given emeritus status and moved to Washington, D.C., to teach at Georgetown University Law Center. A giant among world trade scholars, Jackson has been a prolific writer of articles and books like The World Trading System: Law and Policy of International Economic Relations (1997), Restructuring the GATT System, The World Trading System (1989) and World Trade and the Law of GATT (1969). Colleagues and friends honored him in a celebration in February. Here, he displays one of the Law School gifts to him at the celebration. “From an early stage, his advice and counsel became much sought after by practitioners and policy makers alike,” said Professor José Alvarez. “Even now, thirty years after his first book on the GATT, John Jackson continues to dominate the field he virtually singlehandedly created. There is no legal specialty that I can think of that is dominated by a single scholar in the same way.” Jackson thanked his wife, Joan, and noted of his Law School career: “One of the great principles of international trade is reciprocity — and I’ve gained at least as much as I’ve given.” A graduate of Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Jackson joined the Law School faculty in 1966, served in Washington, D.C., as General Counsel of the U.S. Office of the Special Trade Representative, and served in 1988-89 as the University of Michigan’s Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, with responsibility for international studies.
The Master Arbitrator —

James E. and Sarah A. Degan Professor of Law Theodore J. St. Antoine, '54, shown here with his wife, Lloyd, combines "topflight academic work and topflight public service," Professor Deborah C. Malamud noted during a retirement celebration for St. Antoine in March. Many people know of his work with ABA labor committees and the National Academy of Arbitrators, but fewer know that he represented the UAW during negotiation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, she said. His strength has been that he "consistently has eschewed the role of the ideological purist." St. Antoine is a graduate of Fordham College and spent a year as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of London. He joined the Law School faculty in 1965, served as Dean from 1971-78, twice headed the search committee for a new Dean, and now chairs the University’s search committee for a General Counsel. Clarence Darrow Distinguished University Professor of Law Yale Kamisar, who also joined the Law School faculty in 1965, described St. Antoine as an effective mix of the idealism of Don Quixote and the practical savvy of Sancho Panza: he has shown the mark of the great lawyer, "finding ways to transform the great goals of society into tangible accomplishments." Said Dean Jeffrey S. Lehman, '81: "As the history of the Law School is written, your name will appear on many pages in many capacities." St. Antoine expressed appreciation to his wife, and thanked his colleagues for "three decades of a wonderful association with all of you."

The Teacher's Teacher —

"He ended his career as a spectacular teacher, just as he began it," Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Christina B. Whitman, '74, at far right, said of Professor of Law Beverley J. Pooley at his retirement celebration in April. Pooley, who holds two degrees from Cambridge University and three from the University of Michigan, came to the Law School in 1962 after teaching at the University of Ghana. As Director of the Law Library, he oversaw fundraising and development of the Law School's world-renowned 77,000 sq. ft., $9.5 million underground Alan and Allene Smith Library Addition. Under Pooley's directorship, library holdings burgeoned from about 338,000 volumes to more than 600,000 volumes (and more than 820,000 today). Pooley also has been a mainstay of the University's Gilbert and Sullivan Society and is known to many theater goers who never knew him as a teacher. But to those who did, like former Associate Dean Kent Syverud, '81, now Dean of Vanderbilt University Law School, who returned to Ann Arbor for Pooley's retirement celebration, "he certainly appeared to have fun" as he taught. Here, Pooley, with his wife Pat, co-founder of the restaurant The Moveable Feast in Ann Arbor, holds the framed portrait of three cartoons from the Law School's stained glass windows that he received. The illustrations depict cartoonized versions of malicious mischief, mayhem and contracts. "It has been an extraordinary event to be on this faculty," Pooley said.