Smiths' contributions are commemorated

A new distinguished professorship honoring Alene and Allan F. Smith has been established at the Law School. No faculty member yet holds the title, but an eminent legal scholar from the Law School will soon be designated the Alene and Allan F. Smith Professor of Law.

During their thirty-five years in Ann Arbor the Smiths have made countless contributions to the life of the Law School and of the University. Professor Smith was dean of the Law School during a crucial period of development from 1960-65. He so distinguished himself in that office that he then was asked to serve as vice-president for academic affairs and later as interim president of the University.

In the Law School Professor Smith is known not only as a skillful administrator but also as a supremely effective, popular, and caring educator. In recommending establishment of the new professorship, Law School Dean Terrance Sandalow described the Smiths thus: "As a revered teacher and noted scholar, as dean of the Law School, as vice-president for academic affairs, and as interim president, Smith has enriched the lives of thousands of students and has left a mark upon the University that will benefit countless others in future generations.

"Alene Smith, while she has held no formal position, has with warmth and grace made significant contributions to the life of the University. The establishment of a professorship bearing their names is a fitting means of recognizing their exceptional service to the University and the deep respect and great affection for them among alumni, students, and their faculty colleagues."

With gifts received from faculty, alumni, and friends of the School, an endowment has been established to support the new professorship. Funds were raised by a committee composed of past chairmen of the Law School Fund: Thomas Koykka, Emmett Eagan, Benjamin Quigg, Jr., John Tennant, Thomas Sunderland, Malcolm Denise, Samuel Krugliak, David Macdonald, and William Groening, Jr. The University has offered to fund a grant which will match all private gifts to this endowment up to $200,000. Any readers who wish to contribute to the endowment may do so through the Law School Fund office.

Tax specialist joins law faculty

Dennis Ross has accepted an appointment as an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School commencing with the fall semester, 1982. Mr. Ross will teach courses in taxation, trusts and estates, and business planning.

Mr. Ross received a B.A. degree with a major in English from The University of Michigan in 1974. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1978. Upon graduation he served as a law clerk to The Honorable J. Edward Lumbard of the Federal Court of Appeals in New York City. From 1979 to the present he has been an associate specializing in tax law with the New York City law firm of Davis, Polk, and Wardwell. In this capacity, he has concentrated on the structuring of domestic and foreign corporate transactions, counseling foreign corporations regarding operations in the United States, and counseling foreign individual and syndicate investors regarding U.S. tax treatment of investments in this country.

When in law school, Mr. Ross served as Articles Editor of the Law Review.

Before graduation from law school, he worked for one summer with the Chicago law firm of Mayer, Brown and Platt, and the Los Angeles law firm of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher.