

EDITOR'S NOTE

Not often can honest-to-goodness, bring-a-smile-to-your-face humor be found tucked away in the recesses of musty, old law books. This seemed especially true during those first, dreary months of law school, as I struggled through offers and acceptances and wondered whether my own purpose was being frustrated. It was during this struggle that I "met" Brainerd Currie, who wrote so irreverently of a cow who had sacrificed her reputation of chastity for the advancement of the common law:

For the students of law must still atone
For the shame of Rose of Aberlone.

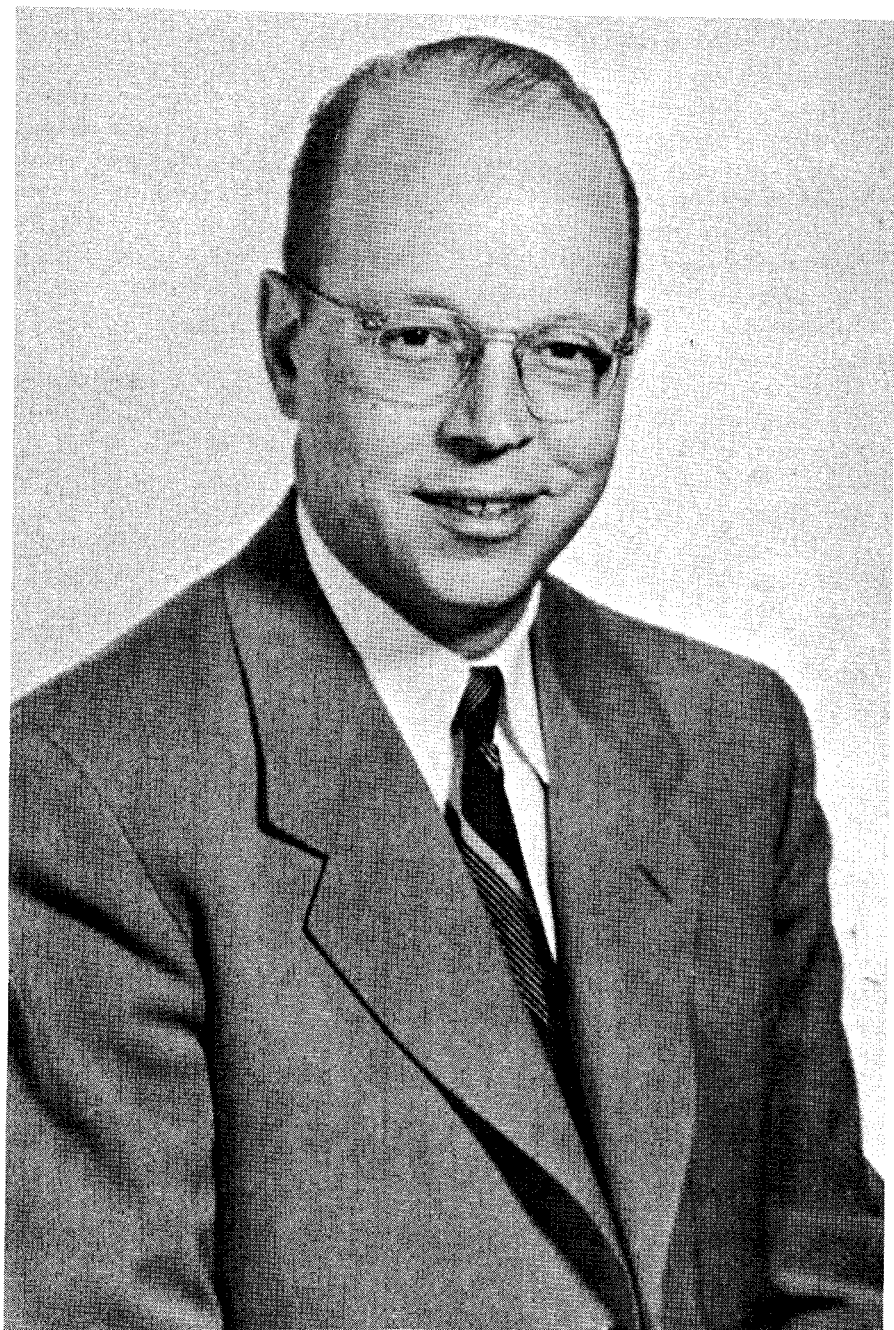
I later learned that the poet who had made light of my freshman atonement was a graduate of the Mercer Law School.

It has been two years since I first read those lines, and 40 years since Currie left Mercer. It is appropriate and indeed long overdue for the *Mercer Law Review* to honor this great scholar.

How to assemble a literary tribute befitting a person whom I had never met avoided me a long time. Fortunately, I received invaluable assistance from Currie's colleagues, teachers, students and friends, who have shared with us their memories of this brilliant man, or have contributed scholarly articles to his memory. Special thanks must be extended to Professor Robert T. Brousseau, who helped me and my classmates appreciate Brainerd Currie and his legacy of legal scholarship and who was an enthusiastic advisor for this memorial edition.

I hope the following pages will enable our readers to gain, as I did, an insight to and an appreciation of this son of Mercer University.

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BRAINERD CURRIE

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In his honor and in his memory this edition is dedicated.

