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READ NAMED HASTINGS DEAN, BOARD TO ANNOUNCE MONDAY

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Franklin Thompson Read, Associate Dean of the University of Florida College of Law, will join Hastings next year as Dean, the Law News learned yesterday.

The Board of Directors chose Read, 49, over Jack Friedenthal of Stanford University for the Dean position. The decision ended months of speculation over who would fill the Dean position, which acting Dean Daniel J. Lathrope has held for the last year. The choice is considered critical to the future of Hastings.

Without identifying the appointment, Board of Directors Chairman Harold Dobbs told the Law News yesterday that the Board would hold a press conference on Monday to announce the appointment of the new dean. Board member Ralph Santiago Abascal, chairman of the Board's Dean Selection Committee, and Bob Irwin, Director of Community Relations for Hastings, will make the announcement.

While the Board chose Read in a special closed session of its April 8 meeting, news regarding this selection did not become available until late Friday. Faculty members were not informed about the Board's decision until around noon on Friday, when members of the faculty Executive Committee learned of the selection, sources speculated to the Law News.

Sources said that although both Friedenthal and Read received enough faculty votes to give them tenure, the faculty expressed a

preference for Friedenthal. The sources said the faculty perceived Friedenthal primarily as a scholar having limited experience in law school administration, whereas Read was perceived as a seasoned administrator lacking the national academic reputation of Friedenthal. A national authority in civil procedure, Friedenthal co-authored a widely used casebook and also penned a hornbook on the subject with Hastings Academic Dean Mary Kay Kane.

Students who interviewed the candidates expressed differing opinions. Many noted that Friedenthal seemed cerebral but outspoken in his criticism of some Board actions. In particular, Friedenthal stated flatly that he would not accept the post of Dean without full financial control of the College. Currently, the Dean shares that power with the Chief Financial Officer.

Students said Read, in contrast, appeared more outgoing and concerned with improving Hastings' reputation through development and increased communications with students.

Read became Dean of the University of Florida law school in 1981. Read served as Dean of Indiana University Law School from 1979 to 1981, and as Dean of the University of Tulsa Law School from 1974 to 1979. Read also held teaching posts at Tulsa, Indiana, and Duke University Law School, where he served as assistant dean.

Read earned a J.D. from Duke in 1963, and has been admitted to the bar in Minnesota, Missouri, New York, and Oklahoma. He worked as an attorney in private practice between 1964 and 1968

before joining academia in 1970.

Read distinguished himself at Florida by spearheading a highly successful fundraising drive which culminated in the construction of a new law school building costing over \$1.5 million.

Last fall, the Board placed national advertisements soliciting applications for the Dean position. After narrowing the field to Friedenthal and Read, students, faculty, and Board members scrutinized both candidates during week-long campus visits.

College By-laws require that the Dean be a tenured member of the faculty; tenure approval requires an affirmative vote by two thirds of faculty members. The faculty readily gave its approval to both candidates at a recent meeting, and submitted both names to the Board, stipulating a preference for Friedenthal.

Upon submission of the candidates by the faculty, the Board interviewed each for over an hour during a special closed meeting on April 8, before its regular Board meeting. According to Dobbs, the Board selected Read during a second closed session held after the Board meeting, and directed Dobbs to offer the position formally to Read. Dobbs then enlisted Board members Abascal and James Mahoney to assist in concluding negotiations with Read last week.

Although Dobbs would not disclose the identity of the new Dean, he expressed satisfaction with the choice. It was an "excellent choice" by the Board, Dobbs said, noting that the candidate was of "the highest quality and ability." Dobbs also predicted that the new Dean will be "extremely accessible" to students and faculty. ■

A BASTARD'S TALE

BOARD NAMED HASTINGS PLAN BOARD TO ANNOUNCE MONDAY

The Hastings Board of Health has announced that it will meet on Monday, the 10th inst., at 8 o'clock in the evening, in the Hastings Town Hall, to discuss the proposed plan for the establishment of a board of health for the Hastings district. The plan, which was submitted to the Board of Health on the 2nd inst., provides for the appointment of a board of health consisting of seven members, three of whom shall be appointed by the Hastings Municipal Council, and four by the Hastings Urban Sanitary Authority. The board shall have the honor of the appointment of a medical officer of health, and shall be empowered to make and alter bye-laws for the regulation of the district, and to take such other measures as may be necessary for the promotion of the health of the district. The Hastings Municipal Council has already agreed to the plan, and the Hastings Urban Sanitary Authority has also agreed to it, and it is expected that the Hastings Board of Health will be established on Monday next.

The Hastings Board of Health will be the first board of health to be established in the Hastings district, and it is expected that it will be a success. The Hastings Municipal Council and the Hastings Urban Sanitary Authority have both shown their interest in the health of the district, and it is hoped that the Hastings Board of Health will be able to do much to improve the health of the district.