

In addition to the scholarship fund the Schultz family endowed, they generously supported the Wolf Law Building project by naming a classroom. Please stop by "The Wildcatters' Room" (room 300) and read the personal history plaque.

The plaque reads:

Wildcatters' Lecture Room

John H. Schultz and his wife, Cynthia H. Schultz, have ties to the University of Colorado extending over half a century. John graduated Arts & Sciences, 1951 and Colorado Law, 1953. Cynthia served the university in various capacities, notably as Administrative Assistant to four separate Chancellors. Together they have established the annual John and Cynthia Schultz Gift Scholarships for Natural Resources as well as endowing the John and Cynthia Schultz Law Scholarship Fund. As contributors to the construction of this lecture room they have chosen to designate it as "The Wildcatters' Lecture Room."

The term "wildcat" describes a well drilled in an area not previously proven to be productive of oil and gas and requires risk well beyond that of a developmental well. The entrepreneurs who assumed that risk in the Rocky Mountain Region drove the engine of much of the economic activity that occurred there during the latter half of the 20th century, reawakening a regional industry that had lain nearly dormant for decades. John, in his private practice as an oil and gas lawyer, was privileged to represent many of those who took a lead role in the area's development as a significant oil and gas producing region.

As more wildcat wells are drilled and areas are proven productive or nonproductive, the fewer such wells will be drilled. The true wildcatter, as such, is receding more and more into the remarkable history of the oil and gas industry which is constantly evolving as is the practice of law within that industry. But the spirit that drove the wildcatter will always be a part of it and this lecture room will stand as a reminder of Colorado's history and as an inspiration to those who study here.