

I have just returned from a trip to southern California to visit with our alumni and attend an alumni reception hosted by Peter Weil ('74) at his firm in Century City. After 17 years as Executive Director of the Alumni Association it never ceases to amaze me: no matter how far our alumni are from Madison or how long ago they graduated, their interest in the School remains high and their memories of their school days bright. And at every event we hear a few old stories worth adding to the history of the School.

In Los Angeles, Earle Lambert ('62) told us that during his years in School, Prof. Nate Feinsinger, legendary master of labor law, had a guest speaker at one of his classes. That speaker had his own reputation in the field and a record to boot. A recent biographical movie notwithstanding, Jimmy Hoffa may have been the most controversial figure to speak at our School. The problem is that we need confirmation of the story. Can anyone out there fill us in?

I wish I could list all the alumni we met while in California, but space won't permit. They included Bill Shernoff, whom you can read about in this issue concerning his gift to create the Consumer Law Project. The Dean, Chris Richards and I also spent a half-day with Victor Temkin ('60). Vic is one of the most engaging people I have met, a lawyer-businessman with a generous smile and a wealth of anecdotes that range from the southside of Milwaukee to the entertainment capital of Brazil.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about our alumni, however, is that with more than 14,000 total graduates and some 10,000 living alumni, you all seem to have common friends. This might not be remarkable if you all lived in the same community or practiced in the same courts, but you are spread out in all 50 states and many foreign countries. And you range from your early 20's to your late 90's!

When we set up an alumni activity in your area, or when the Dean calls and

asks for a few minutes of your time while he is in your area, do yourself a favor and find the time to participate. The warmth of the alumni family is enjoyable to experience.

You may remember that the Mystery Picture in the Summer issue showed several students at the counsel tables in Room 150, the moot courtroom. One of those students, Mary Jane Reynolds ('71) of Morrison & Reynolds in Washington, D.C., recognized herself and wrote as follows:

"Can that really be me? It's been a long way from then (and the kind of cases I thought I'd be handling) to my present federal energy practice. And quite a journey from the moot courtroom in Madison to the federal courts of appeal around the country, the administrative proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission here in Washington, and even the Supreme Court where my practice now takes me.

"Through all of this, I haven't done a very good job of keeping up with my law school classmates and would love to hear from them—hopefully before our twenty-fifth reunion, which can't possibly be as close as it seems!"

But Mary Jane isn't alone in identifying this photo. Jennifer Drill ('94) says that her father, Jim Drill ('61), is the man in the

suit and that he must have been here in one of his numerous stints with the General Practice Course.

Another alum, Douglas Gordon ('73) of Portland, Oregon, has yet another identification for the same picture. Doug insists that the picture wasn't taken until 1973 and that he is the fellow in the striped shirt with head thoughtfully resting on his hand. He says that Mary Jane is really Ann Brummund ('73) and that Scott Du Boff ('73) is seated between them. Does Ann or Scott have an opinion?

Although the Fall issue only recently reached you, Sheri Humphrey ('76) immediately recognized herself and Kathleen Felton ('75). Sheri also protested that she isn't old enough for this picture to have appeared TWICE as a mystery picture. No Sheri, we haven't come close to exhausting our uncaptioned picture supply. However, this shot could have appeared in an earlier Gargoyle as illustrative of the bustle in our hallways. This time everyone will know who at least two of those students are.

This issue's Mystery Picture should be fairly easy. Professor Sam Mermin is shown with a group of students in his Appellate Advocacy class. One of the students is now on our clinical faculty and the timeframe is late 1970's.



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