

I am certain that faithful readers of the Gargoyle are also faithful readers of Ann Landers. Then you will all have seen her column in the October 3rd issue of our local paper. Ann reprinted Sue Katcher's article from the Spring 1991 Gargoyle entitled: Taxes, Ann Landers, and the Law. Sue described how Prof. Chuck Irish and three of his students had helped a family who had failed to file tax returns for a number of years. Ann congratulated the University, Irish and the students.

It is good, occasionally, to receive some praise. Wearing my other hat, as placement director, praise is a scarce commodity this fall. Like most other law schools, our on-campus interviewing is down significantly this fall. As this avenue for job-hunting narrows, concern rises for third year students less than nine months from graduation. Emphasis now must be on confidence-building and creativity in the job search. Our efforts are nicely complemented by activities of the State Bar of Wisconsin. They have a mentoring program, tag-along with a lawyer, student membership encouraging networking, and both live and video-taped career option advice.

I can share the frustration of our students. The same market conditions that make it difficult for them have caused an unusual turnover not only in law school placement offices but also in law firm recruiting coordinators. Old working relationships have been wiped away and on-campus recruiting arrangements made last spring by one person are often interpreted by a new coordinator.

Of course this all takes place while the seasons change around the School. Many of you will remember how fall and spring weather poses problems for our buildings HVAC system. In mid-October we had 77 on one day and one-half inch of snow the next. Rooms are too cold one day and too hot the next.

It was also interesting to be here during the recent Supreme Court confirmation hearings. As I walked past the Student Lounge during the hearings my mind went back about twenty years. I remember so vividly that same Lounge packed with serious and intent students absorbed by televised speeches of President Nixon. And as you walked around the halls, snatches of conversation revealed not only the level of involvement in national events but also the diversity of student expression on these important issues. Plus que change, plus que mem choise.

Judge Tom Barland ('56) wrote to identify the mystery picture in the last issue. Tom remembered that he was the chairman of the Board of Directors and was chairing the meeting pictured. He spotted Dean George Bunn, Barbara Crabb, Irv Charne and Walter Raushenbush around the table. Also there, at the rear of the picture, was Dale Sorden.

The mystery picture here is a little different. How many of you recognize this ballplayer as a classmate or even as a fellow alum? Here is a hint: baseball is only a sideline for this mid-60's graduate.

