

Dear Alumni of the Law School:

We are sometimes led to believe that relations between the academic community and the outside community—as well as between the young and the older generations—have deteriorated so that communication is no longer possible. In my opinion this was not true with lawyers, the Law School, and law students in the year 1970. The past year brought increasing interest of the alumni in the Law School, and the growing support that accompanies it. There is, in fact, a new receptivity on all sides which stimulates communication to the benefit of all groups.

The Visitors Program in the Law School in March, 1970, which will be repeated in March, 1971, was a rewarding experience for those who participated. One of the highlights was the very honest and informative discussion we had with a large group of students on Saturday morning.

These visitations and other scheduled events, such as the General Practice course, the Spring Program and the Law Review reunion dinner, give us an opportunity to mingle with our fellow lawyers as well as with potential members of our profession.

During the past year, the Dean and other members of the Faculty have traveled extensively, meeting with groups of Law School Alumni, and discussing the problems and prospects of the Law School. These meetings serve to keep us abreast of developments in legal education and give us the opportunity to submit our own suggestions and reactions directly to those who administer the Law School.

The Alumni Association's Board of Directors and Board of Visitors have the responsibility of allocating the proceeds of the Law School Fund. Decisions, of course, are based on the recommendations of the Dean. As the Fund grows, this responsibility grows. Curricular innovations to meet new demands of the legal profession, faculty research which benefits both the Law School and the Bar, some increased flexibility in faculty hiring and financial assistance to gifted and hard-pressed students will provide the main uses of the Fund. Enrollment pressures make all of these more necessary each year.

Alumni can assist the Dean and the Board by providing suggested programs for consideration.

The only projects considered will be those for which legislative appropriations are not appropriate or least not now possible. As Alumni of the Law School, we can use our influence in state government and in the administration of the University to achieve increased public support of legal education, which has long been one of the least adequately financed of all the fields of higher education. Our usefulness in this undertaking is enhanced tremendously as we ourselves become fully informed about what goes on in the Law School, and as we contribute our own suggestions to those responsible for administering legal education.

It is our goal in 1971 to see to it that more and more alumni are included in the affairs of the Law School. We hope you will respond to our calls, not only to help in the Fund Drive, but also to our invitations to regional meetings and to activities at the Law School.

Sincerely yours,
John C. Tonjes, Chairman
Board of Visitors

Dear Alumni of the
Wisconsin Law School:

The Annual Report of the Law School Fund which appears in this issue of the *Gargoyle* demonstrates the benefits to the Law School that result from the heightened involvement of alumni in its affairs. Contributions to the Fund are only one manifestation of increased alumni interest, however. Participation in affairs of the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association, attendance at alumni lunches and dinners in various locations, the annual Alumni visitation at the Law School, participation as teachers in the General Practice course and other courses, and attendance at the Spring Program are also signs of increasing interest in the Law School. 1970 was a banner year in the developing cordiality between the alumni and the Law School. We hope to continue to merit and to receive your interest, concerns, participation and contributions.

Spencer L. Kimball, Dean



John Tonjes

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