

Alumni Honor Hoyt, Beuscher

Ralph Hoyt, Class of 1912 and Professor Jacob Beuscher, Class of 1930, were honored by the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association with Faculty-Alumni awards at the Alumni Reunion luncheon, held in connection with the Spring Program on May 1.

Mr. Paul Meissner, Class of 1953, made the presentation to Mr. Hoyt, who is entering his 60th year of practice as a member of the firm of Shea, Hoyt, Greene, Randall & Meissner, in Milwaukee. A member of Phi Beta Kappa and Coif, Mr. Hoyt has, with the exception of a couple of years service with the Wisconsin Railroad Commission, been engaged in general practice all his life. He has been acclaimed as a "modest and humble man," a famous trial lawyer, often complimented from the bench for his competence and skill. Younger lawyers who have worked with him consider him the "greatest teacher," and many of his clients have been lawyers.

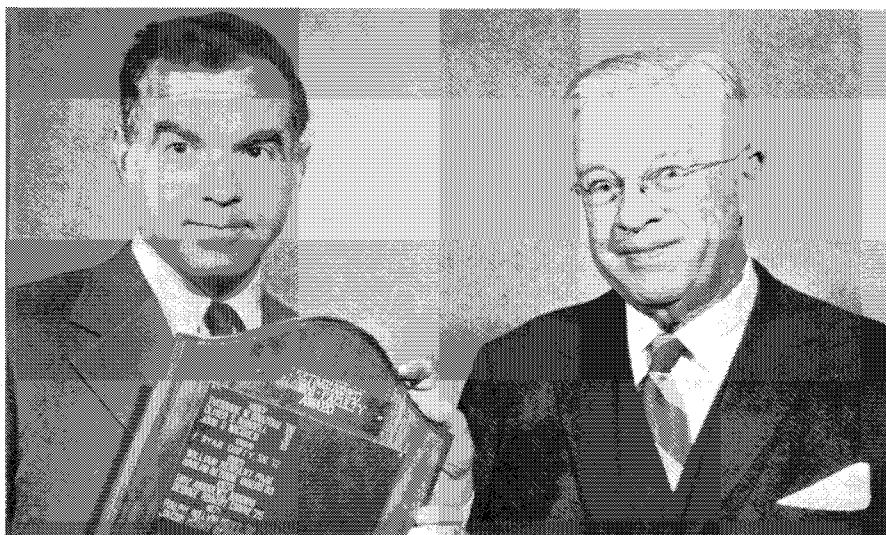
Mr. Hoyt's contributions to the advancement of the Bar have been numerous and influential. In 1936, he conducted an American Bar Association study on the then newly-developing administrative law. His study and comments are still cited in interpreting the comprehensive Administrative Procedure Act which was adopted in 1941. His skill and experience contributed to the broad court reorganization act of the 1950's. His whole career, stated Mr. Meissner in his tribute, is in "the best tradition of the Bar." Mr. Hoyt's son is now one of his partners, and his grandson is enrolled in the Law School.

Prof. George H. Young, former Dean of the Law School, and longtime friend of Jake Beuscher, presented the award to Rosa, Jake's wife. Mrs. Beuscher's response follows:

I believe that it is a great honor at all times for an individual to receive the faculty-alumni award of this Law School. But I feel that it is



George Young, Rosa Beuscher



Paul Meissner, Ralph Hoyt

a very special honor when one who has passed on from our midst—in this case, 4 years ago this coming July 12th—is remembered with such love and respect by his fellow men and women.

As Jake's friends you may be interested in some of the actions taken after his sudden death. First of all, you and many others like you sent in gifts of money for a scholarship to honor his memory. Gus Eckhardt tells me that the Beuscher Scholarship Fund now amounts to a little over \$12,100 dollars. In Jake's behalf I want to thank every contributor.

In 1969 the Wisconsin Law Review published a symposium of articles by some students and fellow workers of Jake that pointed up his many interests. These articles

brought together ideas and law-in-action research, begun or inspired by Jake—in planning, land acquisition and land use, beneficial use of water in a riparian jurisdiction, etc.

The University of Wisconsin Archives under the direction of Mr. Boell assembled Jake's papers. They run over 100 archive boxes with an excellent table of contents, are full of ideas not yet carried out, and are being used and I am sure will continue to be used. For instance, the Village of Shorewood Hills is becoming increasingly sensitive to its metropolitan obligations. In September 1956 Mayor Nestingen established a Madison Metropolitan Development Committee. Jake worked very hard as chairman of the Governmental and Administrative Problems Committee to develop a plan.

At that time neither the city nor the Village of Shorewood Hills were ready for a metropolitan arrangement. Today the climate is a better one, and these ideas and plans are readily accessible in the University Archives.

The Law School has also had a short, excellent "idea" biography prepared by Fran Thomas, a young Ph.D. in English, who worked for Jake for several years. When printed, many of his land use and environmental legal tool suggestions will be made available.

So, thanks to the Law School and Jake's friends, there is still an inheritance of ideas as well as the affection and love in our hearts.

We had a lovely visit with Jake's 94 year old Mother this past Sunday. The honor you are bestowing on her son today warms her heart. For her and the rest of Jake's family I accept this honor in behalf of Jake Beuscher.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - VISITORS MEET MAY 1

As they customarily do, the Board of Directors and the Board of Visitors met jointly on May 1, 1971, in connection with the Law School's annual Spring Program. The Alumni Reunion luncheon, moot court arguments, an awards convocation and the annual spring dinner dance completed the day's festivities. President Patrick Cotter, Milwaukee, presided.

A proposal to reorganize the Law School Fund to integrate the fund raising activities more closely with the work of the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association was considered and approved. Under the reorganization, members of the Board of Directors of WLAA will become members of the National Committee of the Law School Fund. The President of WLAA will act also as National Chairman of the Fund drive. Additional members of the National Committee will be appointed for specific regions, annually from the reunion classes and for other purposes as needed.

The Board approved allocations from the Law School Fund and from the WLAA as recommended by

the Dean. Funds were appropriated for regular scholarships, for the Legal Education Opportunities Program, for continued support of the *Gargoyle*, some student activities, such as the moot court competition and the *Student Bar Journal*.

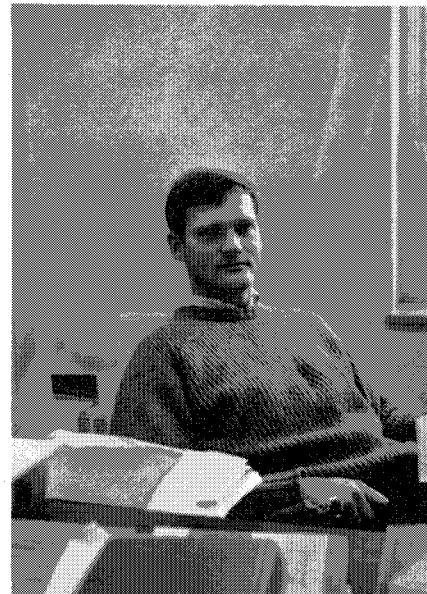
After hearing the Dean's report to the Alumni (printed in full on page 2), which was presented at the Alumni Luncheon, the joint boards re-convened and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association supports the position that the size of the Law School must necessarily be limited to approximately its 1970-71 level in the interests of quality professional education until adequate study has been made of the need for expansion and alternative ways to expand legal education facilities in the state, and until adequate financing is assured if the ultimate decision is to expand in Madison.

Resolved, that the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association supports the position of the Dean that the Law School is now relatively under-financed, and respectfully urges the Chancellor of the Madison Campus, and through him all other appropriate persons and bodies, to provide adequate financial support for the Law School at the earliest date that it can practically be accomplished.

Resolved, that the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association communicate to the Chancellor of the Madison campus its wish to have one or more members of its Board of Visitors involved in discussions of the future of the Law School and legal education in this state.

President Cotter was reelected for another year. Glen Campbell, Janesville, and Prof. Walter Raushenbush were reelected Vice-president and Secretary-treasurer, respectively. Irvin Charne, Milwaukee, was elected to succeed John Tonjes, Fond du Lac, as Chairman of the Board of Visitors. Justice Nathan Heffernan was elected Vice-chairman.



W. Lawrence Church

OUTSTANDING TEACHER— LARRY CHURCH; KATZ HONORED TOO

The Spring dinner, May 1, was the occasion for presentation of awards by the Student Bar Association to two outstanding teachers. Professor W. Lawrence Church, Class of 1963, was chosen outstanding teacher, and recently retired Wilber Katz was presented with a special citation by the students.



Wilber G. Katz