

Farewell from the Editor



Out the Window

The *Gargoyle* is 10 years old. It seems an appropriate time for its founding editor to deliver it in good shape to new authorship and management.

In the spring of 1969, when I joined the Law School staff, it was only a gleam in Dean Spencer Kimball's eye — not yet conceived, but already named. So an opportunity was provided to start from scratch — learning the publishing trade from seeking printers' bids to selecting the subjects, to writing the copy, correcting the mailing lists and putting the magazine together.

The experience has been lots of fun. I have had chances to interview prominent alumni in their offices in New York, Chicago, Lancaster (Wis.), Milwaukee, Portage, Kenosha, Washington DC, and other places. There was a memorable lunch in the Union League Club of Chicago with Mr. William J. Hagenah [Hagenah — *An Hesperian Forever*, Vol. 5, No. 1, 1973], recently deceased, then over 90 years old. Also to be remembered are the interviews with Mr. Harlan Rogers, Portage, and Mr. Leon Foley, Milwaukee, which revealed that both of these remarkably successful lawyers

had dyslexia, an infirmity which makes reading very difficult. Among many others, there were visits to the office of the former Dean Lloyd K. Garrison on Park Avenue and to Perry Neff of the Chemical Bank, New York, which was terminated when the building was evacuated during the interview because of a bomb scare, and in Washington with Ed Garvey, Director of the National Football Players' League.

Through these ten years, the *Gargoyle* has been published at *Artercraft Press*, Waterloo, a company which publishes many magazines. Mr. Lyle Miller has been the printer in charge of every single issue. He is pleasant, accommodating and efficient. There have been three trips to Waterloo with each issue, 120 trips in all, fall, winter, spring and summer.

The activities of faculty and students have provided a new educational experience with each issue; I have discovered that writers and editors inevitably learn a lot, by listening, reading and asking questions.

Some of the statistics are a little awesome. In 10 years, the number of Wisconsin Law School alumni has increased by almost 2,600 people. The number of women among

the graduates has increased from 4 in 1969 to 81 in 1979, about one third of the year's total — 411 over the 10 year period.

The Law School is a fine place to work. In recent years particularly it has been relaxed and friendly. There is a spirit of optimism here. Life is serious business, and the responsibilities of many are heavy, but the varieties of human experience are manageable by these strong, able and conscientious young people.

Many colleagues and visitors have noted that the view from my office is one of the best on the campus, ground-level, facing Bascom Hill. The view includes as many as 20 frisbee games on a nice day; stray ducks, an occasional Canadian goose; as well as classes and gymnasts. In 1971, helmeted, armed and gas-bearing police and National Guardsmen confronted howling, rock armed students in front of my windows. Now skate boarders do tricks. During the last long winter, I actually saw people turning somersaults on skis!

A debt of gratitude is owed to all the Deans: Kimball, Bunn and especially to Dean Helstad, who, among his other talents, is a heck of a proofreader. We are indebted to the photographers, students Ed Weber, Harvey Held, David Ullrich and to Gerhard Schultz, the University photographer, who has done the job in the last few years. The secretaries over 10 years, Doris Parisi Wallsch, Ruth Ann Nelson, Grace Chen, Alice Saben, and Elaine Sweet have all been most helpful. Ms. Sweet, in particular, has lent her artistic talents to the *Gargoyle* and other projects in the Law School.

Most importantly, the readers are the key. Our audience has been large and friendly. I thank them all.

Goodbye.

R.B.D.

Dean's Annual Report

The Dean's report to the Alumni is slightly revised from the report he delivered to the annual meeting on April 21.

Last year and the year before in my annual reports to the alumni, I stressed the diversity of goals and activities which currently make up the totality of this institution we call the Law School. This year my report will be more in the traditional mold of annual "state of the school" reports, touching briefly on a number of different aspects of our operations.

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State of the Law School

The general state of the Law School can be described as healthy. This also was the conclusion of an American Bar Association Inspection Team which visited the Law School on November 2 and 3 last fall. Although the Team generally had high praise for the Law School, it nevertheless noted a number of areas of concern, most of them involving questions of the adequacy of financial support. It noted, for example, that despite some improvements in recent years, faculty salaries still lag \$4,000 to \$7,000 behind salaries at some other Big Ten law schools and some of the major eastern and western law schools with which the University of Wisconsin Law School competes for faculty. The Inspection Team also expressed the view that secretarial support for the faculty needs improvement and that the Law Library budget should be improved. The Team stressed the importance of better financial support by the alumni if the Law School is to maintain its margin of excellence in a period of increasing costs and tight University budgets.

The Inspection Team expressed concern about the extent to which our students hold part-time jobs. This also is a matter of concern to our faculty, but economic pressures make it a difficult problem to deal with. Our recent surveys show that 26% of our first-year students, 70% of our second-year students and 83% of our third-year students hold part-time jobs.

Finally, the Inspection Team expressed concern about legislative activity designed to compel the Law School to run a full-scale evening program. A bill to require an evening program was introduced in the 1977 legislature, and a similar bill has been introduced in the 1979 legislature. At the time of this writing, the State Affairs Committee of the Assembly had recommended passage of the bill. My own position on this matter is that, before adopting an evening program, we ought to weigh very carefully the need for such a program and the question whether sufficient financing will be available to maintain the quality of both an evening program and the day program.

The Students

The students continue to be an impressive group. Aside from their outstanding academic credentials, well over half of the students have had one or more years of work experience before enrolling in law school. Almost 37 percent are women and between six and seven percent are members of racial minorities.

With regard to the admissions situation, pressures of the last ten years seem to be abating somewhat. On the national level, it appears that about 10 percent fewer persons are taking the Law School Admissions Test than has been true in the past several years. Our own admissions pool is down somewhat. We have been averaging 850 Wisconsin resident applicants over the past several years; this year we were down to 780. However, the apparent academic quality of the admissions pool has not dropped at all, so we still are turning away several hundred well qualified applicants much the

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