

CLASS OF 1982 ADMITTED

As classes resumed in September, 287 new freshman entered the University of Wisconsin Law School. These individuals were selected from more than 1,400 applicants. The number of applications declined by approximately 14% from the previous year. This apparently reflects a national trend towards fewer applications to law schools. While median and average LSAT scores and undergraduate grade points both declined slightly from the recent peak figures encountered last year, the high academic credentials of entering classes over the past several years remains essentially unchanged.

The number of women in the first year class has risen to 43%, the highest figure in recent history. Overall, women now make up almost 40% of the enrollment. 232 of these new students report Wisconsin as their homes with the remaining 55 divided among 23 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The largest number come from Illinois (11). Further reflecting the variety of backgrounds is the fact that these students represent 93 undergraduate schools. The average age of the entering students is 25.41 years. This statistic is reflected in the fact that 67 students have done at least some graduate study including five who have Ph.D. degrees.

On a national level some law school officials are beginning to voice concern over the apparent decline and interest in legal education. While it is true that fewer applications are being received at the University of Wisconsin Law School, the time appears distant when an insufficient number of qualified individuals cannot be chosen to fill an entering class.

Joan Rundle Named New Assistant Dean

Joan Bright Rundle, a 1977 graduate of the UW Law School, has been named as a new Assistant Dean for Student and Academic Affairs. Ms. Rundle received her undergraduate degree at UW in 1973. She had been a staff attorney with the Nursing Home Ombudsman program in the office of Governor Schreiber. Her main responsibility in the new position is to administer the financial aids program formerly directed by Ruth Doyle. In addition she will be responsible for interpretation of Law School rules, as they affect students, and for pre-law advising.

Ms. Rundle, the mother of three sons, worked throughout her years in Law School. As a result she feels that she will be able to understand the kind of stresses that law students face, and will be better able to help students with their problems. She intends to hold evening office hours during exam periods to provide counseling.



Dean Rundle



ALUMNI TAKE THE BENCH

Among recent judicial appointments by President Jimmy Carter were two U.W. Law School alumni.

Barbara Crabb (1962) was named U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin. Ms. Crabb had been serving as U.S. Magistrate for the Western District and had previously clerked for Judge James Doyle who will now share the bench with Ms. Crabb. She has also been active in the U.W. Law Alumni Association, including a recent term as chairman of its Board of Visitors.

Appointed as an Associate Judge in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia was Truman A. Morrison, III (1970). Mr. Morrison served as law clerk for Chief Judge John W. Reynolds of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin after graduation. He then began work as a public defender for the District of Columbia and was serving as chief of its Trial Division when appointed by the President.