

EDITORS NOTE

I must confess, I have an obsession. When I was young I remember reading an article in *Boy's Life* on how to carve your own "cigar store Indian". My recollection is that you began by selecting and cutting an appropriate white cedar tree about 20 inches in diameter. Such trees were few and far between near my Southside Milwaukee home, and I doubt that I could have gotten permission to chop one down anyway. That desire has thus gone unfulfilled.

Sometime in the last few years, however, I began to notice a certain similarity between the brownstone gargoyle that decorates the front door of the Law Building and my old cigar store Indian. The gargoyle, you may know, once graced the roofline of the old Law Building, and fell to the ground without breaking when that building was wrecked. Since fate had been so kind to this grotesque piece of rock, it deserved enshrinement at our door, and lead to its becoming the mascot for the Law School and the Alumni Association. As time passed it received repeated coats of paint from engineers celebrating St. Pat's day, and in damp weather, like now, it often grows a complete head of moss.

Now as I pass Brownie (as I affectionately call him), I dream of having a replica in my own home. Can I make a clay mold and cast a plaster copy? What about mass producing copies in matte brown plastic so that other alumni can share the joy of owning their

own gargoyle? Think of the variations: a two-foot high, 30 pound paperweight; an umbrella stand; a piggy bank to save for that trip to Europe; a cookie jar with a lift-off head; or, perhaps my favorite, a night light which would encourage children to stay sleeping! This could be the commercial venture that secures the future of the Law School. Stay tuned for further developments.

In the last issue our mystery picture showed three faces, the back of two heads and one shoulder. The owners of the faces were almost unanimously identified: seated at the left is Frank Boyle, standing in the center is Ken Hill, and seated at the right is Jon Wilcox. The time seems to have been the summer of 1965, with the students preparing for the summer problems course. This feature continues to receive favorable reaction. One correspondent identified this picture with the Class of 1965 because only members of that class would "... button the third button on a button-down shirt and be seen in public with another law student who had a crewcut." Fred Hollenbeck thought that he was the back of one of the heads and commented, "I am surprised that anyone could have caught me in the Library at any time during my Law School career." The picture on this issue's back cover is probably from 1957-63. It is in the library of the old building and the statute book on the shelf is dated 1957.

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ON THE COVER: One of the earliest views of the UW Law School, taken near the end of construction about 1894. The original Law building is in the left foreground. Immediately behind it is South Hall. North Hall, the oldest building on campus sits, nearly obscured by trees, across Bascom Hill, while at the top of the hill is Bascom Hall with the wooden dome which burned and was not rebuilt. Notice that Lincoln had not yet arrived to take his seat in front of Bascom Hall.