

## Editor's Note

Under my other hat as director of the Career Services Office my head is spinning. Since about 1981 our School, and the legal marketplace in general, has experienced an unbroken period of growth. Sure, there have been and will continue to be employers who have failed or students who searched long and hard without success, but generally the market has been as strong as any observer had seen.

In the space of a few short months, however, all indicators reversed and a tight market is upon us. Students who left for summer clerkships safe in the knowledge that, if they did a good job, a permanent offer would be forthcoming returned this fall without the expected offer. Fewer firms visited on campus and some that did canceled third-year interviews. Even some governmental employers have shown signs that fewer jobs will be available for the Class of 1991. And, if you read the statistics in the article on admissions in this issue, you will note that the Class of 1991 is our largest in years.

Of course this means that everyone, students, staff and faculty, will have to work harder so that our graduates will be gainfully employed. The Board of Visitors noted concern in their Visit here in October. Dean Bernstine reported to them that he considered placement efforts a priority and pledged to seek both physical and fiscal assistance. Employers who have interviewed here have themselves helped by payment of the newly enacted "on-campus interview fee," a change for interviews here. These fees will help acquire video and computer equipment for the placement process, purchase reference materials for alternative careers and assist in remodeling our interview rooms, reference library and staff offices.

While on the subject of remodeling, good news: At their December meeting the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin forwarded to the State Building Commission a multi-million dollar system-wide request that includes \$550,000 for architectural work on the long-awaited Law School addition. While there is still a lot of work to be done before construction equipment arrives, we have renewed hope that our serious



Mystery Picture

space shortage may soon be alleviated.

I cannot resist one short weather note: On Monday, 3 December 1990, for the first time in fifteen years at the Law School, I did not make it to work. Madison was buried by a record 17+ inches of snow with 30 mph winds. Over six inches had fallen by 6 am, and by noon classes were dismissed. But the University did not close! A few hardy souls (probably those living close to campus) were able to keep offices open. All of which reminded me of a Herbie Page story. I quote from notes left by Frank Ross, Sr. Mr. Ross graduated from Harvard Law School in 1922 and was a part-time faculty member here in the 1930's and 1940's:

Page was a stickler for attendance. One day in 1936 there was a blizzard so severe that the President of the University suspended all classes. But Page trudged down to the Law School anyway, and, after marking all the students absent, lectured to an empty hall. Later he complained to the President that no disciplinary action had been taken against the absent students. The Presi-

dent replied, not to Page's satisfaction, that the students were excused by his order.

The mystery picture in the last issue showed two male students seated alongside Brownie the Gargoyle, in front of the Law building. Many thanks to Diane Kliebard ('86), Jim Daly ('74), Dave Hancock ('74), Harvey Held ('74) and John Sagan ('83) for writing. They all agree that the person on the right is Lee Atterbury ('74), although Dave says that he looks different now. Perhaps because he just became a proud father, according to Diane. Jim was certain he recognized the jacket as the one that Lee wore every day of his time in Law School. Jim also believes that the person on the left may be Steve Felsenthal ('74). Harvey Held remembers taking the picture. He had been hired by then-editor Ruth Doyle as the *Gargoyle* photographer during his second and third years.

In this issue our mystery picture shows Prof. Sam Mermin presumably presenting awards to a group of students—for appellate advocacy? Who and when.