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When you are away from the Law School, perhaps years away, what do you remember? A few classes, a card game in the lounge, friends, faculty? Do you remember any of the many functions that take place in the building? From my own law school days, I remember standing on the front porch of the building as protestors and National Guard troops pushed each other back and forth, up and down Bascom Hill.

To give you an idea of the variety of things that have happened in and around the building recently, here are a few highlights:

In February, the Benchers Society hosted a visit to the School by British barrister and author, Sir John Mortimer. Mortimer is best known for his series of stories featuring Rumpole of the Bailey, a feature on public television for many seasons. It came as no surprise to me that Rumpole and Sir John had more than a casual resemblance. Mortimer gave a 45 minute speech on his legal experiences and his writing career, and then signed copies of his books during a reception. We are pleased that the Benchers, donors recognized for their lifetime giving record to the Law School, could bring Sir John here.

The Benchers are also financing another project that will benefit the School. Before summer, a University-based cable TV system will be brought into our building and attached to the built-in audio-visual equipment in our two largest classrooms. The cable will also be extended to the DeWitt, Ross & Stevens Student Lounge, where a TV set for students has been waiting since the building opened in 1996. While the cable will bring some entertainment and relaxation to students, we also plan to use it to broadcast news events



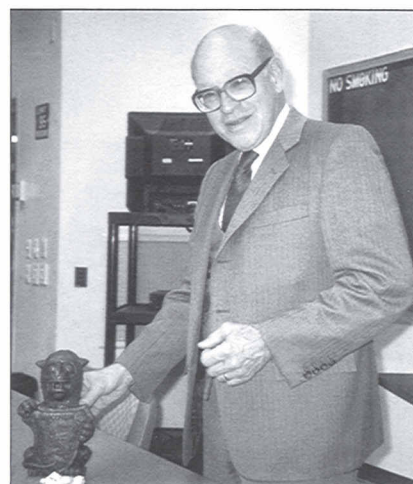
On February 15, 1999, the British barrister and author John Mortimer, creator of the "Rumpole of the Bailey" television plays, spoke to a Law School audience in Godfrey & Kahn Hall. Mortimer—who was knighted in 1998, but modestly declined to be addressed as "Sir John," spoke about growing up with his eccentric barrister father and about his courtroom experiences. He answered audience questions ranging from how judges are chosen in Britain, to which Shakespeare plays are his favorites. At a reception sponsored by the Benchers Society which followed the talk, Mr. Mortimer signed copies of some of his books, including the novel *The Sound of Trumpets*, just off the presses, and anthologies of Rumpole stories.



*Dean Davis presents gargoyle to Professor Walter Raushenbush.*

and other educational information to large groups in our classrooms.

The Wisconsin Law Alumni Association Lounge, in the building's atrium, has also been busy. Last August, Lynn Kreutzberg ('95) and Michael Combs were married in a nearby church and then brought their 200 guests to the atrium for their wedding reception! A number of Lynn's friends and classmates from School were either guests or part of the wedding party. I must say that



*Professor Gordon Baldwin with gargoyle in recognition of his retirement.*

the building served their purposes well and the live band on one of the catwalks added a very nice ambiance.

The atrium also saw the School's first Open House for prospective students this fall. Held in conjunction with the Midwest Association for Prelaw Advising meeting, the Open House drew about 70 students from undergraduate schools around Wisconsin who met here for a full day of tours, class visits, and informational programs. The Law School also

recently did its first solo off-campus recruitment event: while we regularly attend recruitment consortia around the country, these events are always done along with 100 or more other schools in some hotel ballroom. In February, a group of Law School people, including the Dean, the Assistant Dean for Admissions (Beth Kransberger), and the Chair of the Admissions Committee (Prof. Alta Charo), went up to Minneapolis and recruited prospective students from the University of Minnesota and other schools in Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin. Some 70 students attended the event and complimented us for our outreach.

Elsewhere in the building, long-time professors Gordon Baldwin and Walter Raushenbush each ended their teaching careers at our School last semester. Baldwin joined our faculty in 1957 and, with the exception of several international visits, continued to teach constitutional law, admiralty and other subjects until his retirement. Baldwin will remain active as



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he brings a stint with the Rotary, visiting clubs around the midwest, during this year. Raushenbush joined the faculty in 1958. Our pre-eminent real property teacher, in recent years, he has frequently been a guest at other schools during the spring semester. His plans include continued visiting

stints at the University of San Diego Law School.

Mystery Picture: The mystery picture in the last issue, supplied by Prof. John Kidwell, and featuring John in a cowboy outfit and guitar, together with two mummy-like on-lookers, has been identified. The two mummies were Mary Matthias and Ruth Hovey (both '88). Ruth is now with the FBI, probably specializing in undercover work with her demonstrated ability at concealment. Mary is with the Wisconsin Legislative Council. She wrote that the picture was taken in their small section class with Prof. Kidwell at Halloween, 1985. The two mummies went on to their other classes while still disguised, much to the amusement of their fellow students and even to other faculty members.

The mystery picture in this issue should be easy: I had dinner with one of the people pictured just a few weeks ago. The picture was taken on the back steps, near the courtyard walk-through, a memory since the reconstruction of the building in 1996. Who are these folks and why do we have their group photo?

## MYSTERY PICTURE



# From the Law School Career Services Office: Seeking Alumni Willing to Talk to Students

BY JANE HEYMANN

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The job market for recent law graduates and law students is stronger than it has been in years, both nationally and here at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Over 120 law firms and other legal employers interviewed our second and third year students on campus during the fall of 1998. In addition, notices of job openings for posting on our web-based Job Databank continue to come in at a brisk pace. (Both students and alumni have free access to the Job Databank via a password, and non-alumni may purchase access. We post jobs for employers at no charge; so if you need part-time, full-time, or summer help, please fax us a description of the position (Fax No. 608.265.6289) and we will post it for whatever period of time you specify.)

Our graduates continue to seek positions predominantly in the upper Midwest: about two-thirds of the 1997 graduating class obtained employment in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. The remaining third, however, went to work in 17 other states!

Because of our geographic location, it is relatively easy for a University of Wisconsin Law

School student to search for employment in Chicago, Madison, Milwaukee, or Minneapolis, or the smaller cities in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Students who are interested in leaving the upper Midwest, however, face a tougher challenge, particularly those who are not looking for positions with large national firms. For these students, the alumni network is our most valuable resource.

If you are willing to let us make your name and phone number available to students who are looking for jobs in your geographical area, please fill out the form on the reverse side of this page and return it to us. You can be of great assistance to our students by simply giving them information, by phone or email, about the legal market in your city, suggestions about which employers to approach and when, etc. If you prefer to call us rather than completing the form, you can call us directly at (608) 262-6413, fax us at (608) 265-6289, or e-mail me at [jhey-mann@facstaff.wisc.edu](mailto:jhey-mann@facstaff.wisc.edu).

Thank you for your assistance and support.

# Alumni Network

Yes! I would be happy to help University of Wisconsin Law School students/graduates in the following ways:

- Serve as an alumni contact in my geographical/practice area (e.g., discuss employment opportunities in my geographical/practice area with students who contact me by telephone or e-mail)
- Visit campus to speak at career workshops/seminars
- Conduct mock interviews for students interviewing in my city
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to be contacted at:  Home  Work

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: 19\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Area of practice \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Work address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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