

## STUDENTS

### Class of 1972

Two hundred eighty-five new students registered in the Law School on September 10. Selected from over 1400 applicants, the Class of 1972 is composed of graduates of 83 different colleges. Although by far the largest group (133) earned their undergraduate degrees at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the colleges represented by the rest are located all over the United States and include small colleges and large universities, both public and private. Twelve members of the Class are graduates of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and 22 students attended the state Universities at Eau Claire, Oshkosh, River Falls, Stevens Point, Superior and Whitewater. Private colleges in Wisconsin, including Marquette University (8), produced 31 members of the Class of 1972.

About  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the members of the Class of 1972 are Wisconsin residents. Despite the rise in tuition, twenty-four other states have sent students to the Law School, the largest groups being from Illinois (19), New York (15), and Michigan (9).

Law students continue to prepare for Law School with backgrounds in the social sciences more often than in anything else.

Sixty-four of the new first year students had undergraduate majors in government and political science; fifty-two majored in history, 45 in economics. Thirty-five entered the Law School from undergraduate work in accounting and business. Other majors include philosophy, psychology, English, science, mathematics, and foreign languages.

The Class of 1972 is as well—or better—qualified than any class in recent memory. The average student had an undergraduate grade-point average of 2.92. The average

score on the Law School Admission Test is 591.

Included in the Class of '72 is a group of 10 students, members of the special Legal Educational Opportunities Program. All are black, and receive special financial assistance from private sources.

Also included in the Class of '72 are 22 women. A marked increase in women law students is a striking recent phenomenon.

Twenty-six of the students admitted have not yet completed the work for their Bachelor's degrees.

In addition to the 285 first year students, 6 transfers from other Law Schools were accepted with advanced standing.



## Student Bar Has Another Busy Year

During 1969-70, law students will join Faculty members as members of important Law School Committees, such as Admissions, Tenure, Financial Aids, Curriculum, as well as the Committee on Student Problems. All policy decisions are made by the Faculty, acting as a whole. The Law School Committees, henceforth with student as well as Faculty participation, make recommendations to the Faculty. This agreed-upon change in the Committee structure has been a recent goal of the Student Bar Association.

All full-time law students are members of the Association, which provides numerous and diverse activities for the student body and the benefit of the Law School.

With its income derived from a fully-stocked, low-profit book store and the daily sale of coffee in the Law School Commons, the Association is completely self-supporting. Some of its resources are used to support the legal Education Opportunities Program. It makes substan-

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The current president of the Student Bar Association is Miss Patricia Nelson, a third year student from Arlington Heights, Illinois. She is shown here with Jim Miles, the former President, and Richard Shapiro, currently Editor-in-chief of the *Wisconsin Law Review*.