

## News Flashes (Relatively Speaking)

*As this issue of the Gargoyle was going to press (and one must remember that alumni/ae magazines have a stately if not stale production schedule), there were two newsflashes to share with you.*

*I. By a margin of 309 to 302, the student body supported the proposed tuition increase which would be returned entirely to the Law School for its library's needs, as described by Dean Cliff Thompson in the preceding Gargoyle. There had been considerable publicity and many meetings last fall on this topic, which resulted in a 65% voter turnout. After the referendum, the Student Bar Council passed a resolution in support by a 14 to 2 vote. These developments were surprising to many, and should be helpful in gaining the support of the legislature, which will act upon the proposal during the current legislative session.*

*II. The Society of American Law Teachers announced that its national award for 1988 would go to the University of Wisconsin Law School. The following newspaper story appeared in Madison and in many other places nationally:*

### Wisconsin Law School Honored

"The Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) is recognizing the UW Law School with its annual award because its 'minority faculty recruitment efforts go beyond tokenism,' said Charles Lawrence, the society's president and Stanford University law professor.

"Of the 45 UW law faculty, seven are members of minority groups, including Blacks, American Indians and Hispanics.

"Recent additions to the law school faculty include Richard Delgado, who is Mexican-American; Rennard Strickland, a Native American; and Linda Greene and Patricia Williams, who are both Black.

"The Wisconsin experience is nationally significant because it demonstrates the potential for racial and cultural diversity currently lacking at most other law schools in the country,' said Lawrence. 'SALT would like to express its support for a model of hiring which goes beyond tokenism.'

"UW Law Professor Frank Remington, past chair of the recruiting committee, said the recent hiring of four minority professors reflects not only faculty efforts, but the university administration's genuine commitment to affirmative action.

"UW-Madison Chancellor Donna Shalala has set a goal of hiring at least 70 minority faculty members by 1991 under the Madison Plan.

"Another reason Remington cited for the successful recruitment effort is the UW Law School's commitment to a research, teaching and public service program especially tailored to minority concerns.

"The wisdom, years ago, to hire Jim Jones [a Black law professor] who has been for many of us, the model and the conscience of this faculty, is another significant reason,' he said. 'He served as a continuing reminder of what we ought to do and of how much there is to be gained by those who have the courage to make an all-out effort.'

"The awards banquet will be held on Jan. 7, in New Orleans."

*The four newly-hired persons are all established scholars with outstanding national reputations. A profile of Professor Delgado appeared in the last Gargoyle, and profiles of the others will appear in the Gargoyle after they join us this fall.*