

## Editor's Note

This morning the spring semester began, and it really does seem like spring. After a cold start to winter, we have been experiencing March weather throughout December and January. Our only complaint has been a lack of snow and abundance of ice. With a warm, dry winter what will next summer be like?

In the last issue you read about how our Law School interacts with the international community. While we mentioned some individual faculty interests, Prof. Joseph Thome correctly reminded me that we failed to mention Law School efforts in Latin America. Prof. Thome's reaction is understandable since he has been working on Latin American legal issues since he arrived here in 1965! During that time he has done research, consulted and worked in the field throughout the area and on issues ranging from land reform to water rights. He also served as an advisor to a number of graduate students who now hold important positions in government, business and international organizations.

Dean Thompson has been busy traveling to a number of alumni activities during this semester break. At the Association of American Law School's meeting in New Orleans, some of the more than 100 alumni and former teachers at this School gathered for breakfast. We now boast of alumni in at least 80 other law schools. The Dean then made a swing through California, with stops in San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco, and another in Phoenix, Arizona. This week we will have one of our largest out-of-state gatherings with a cocktail party in Chicago. I suspect that our WLAA President, Joel Haber, must twist a few arms, but a good share of our 500+ alums in Illinois are likely to attend. Later in the spring we hope to visit Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York and Washington, each an area with a concentration of UW Law alumni.

Another popular series of alumni events continues in-state. Last fall we held Appreciation Dinners in Kohler and Milwaukee. This spring we will travel to Green Bay, Appleton and Oconomowoc. At each event, the local bar is invited to help us honor a number of lawyers, alumni and non-alumni, who have helped us with alumni work or teaching

at the Law School, often in the General Practice Course. The response to these dinners has been most encouraging. The non-alumni who attend are often as enthusiastic as any of our own Badgers, particularly in praise of the General Practice Course. Orrin Helstad, the current GPC Director, Stu Gullickson, credited with inventing the current form of the course, and other faculty join with the Dean in these events. We have been particularly pleased that WLAA President Joel Haber has traveled from Chicago to attend virtually every dinner held during his term.

While I am on the subject, before Joel's term ends in April, I would like to publicly thank him for the effort he put into the presidency of the Law Alumni Association. Joel went beyond attending meetings and events, he created ideas and stirred us into action. On behalf of the 8700+ Wisconsin Law grads everywhere, thanks, Joel, for a job unusually well done.

Joel will turn over the reins of the Association to President-elect Jeffrey B. Bartell at the 46th Annual Spring Program in April. Several classes have begun making plans for reunions at the Spring Program. If your class is having a re-

union, give me a call to start plans or to learn what may already be underway.

The mystery picture of Vol. 19, No. 2, was identified by at least one reluctant alum. Mark A. Pennow ('80), of Green Bay, Wisconsin, wrote that, "... either they propped up the cadaver of Alfred Hitchcock in the hallway ... or else I am sitting in line waiting to sign up for an interview." He also notes that he has since lost 30 pounds and bought a new pair of tennis shoes since graduating.

The mystery picture from Vol. 19, No. 3, has not been out long enough for everyone to have a chance, but early reports identify the Aluminum Bullet (aka Terry Mead, '81), Maureen Komisar ('79), and John Beaudine ('81) selling tickets to the Registration Week picnic. Incidentally, the Law School joins the rest of the University by next fall in Touch-Tone Registration, ending the tradition of walking from one end of campus to the other to sign up for classes and pay fees. Looks like we will need some other excuse for a party now.

This mystery picture is a treat for 22 graduates who had their picture taken in the late 1970's at an awards convocation. At least I think they are graduates. You can never tell about those honor students!



Mystery Picture