

## 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*.

## ANGIE BROOKS

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My recollections of Angie, who worked as a student library assistant from June 1951 through July 1952, are quite vivid. Because she liked people, people liked her. She impressed all of the librarians with her happy outlook, and her cheery smile. Her laughter was contagious.

Angie had an eagerness to try, and a great confidence in her ability to master any task, and I have no doubt that this spirit has contributed greatly to her success.

During her years here, she took particular delight in the Law School parties. Her pleasure in seeing members of the Faculty in their more relaxed moments was conveyed to us on the Library staff by her many amusing accounts of these affairs.

Members of the Faculty and Dean Rundell were all sincerely interested in Angie's career, and she has made frequent reference to their assistance, understanding, and cooperation in the many articles which have appeared in magazines

and newspapers as she filled positions of importance in Liberia and in the UN.

Typical of Angie was her response to a congratulatory letter which I wrote her just before my retirement as Law Librarian in August, 1969. In spite of her busy schedule, she took time to call me at my apartment in Madison to express appreciation for my letter. She expressed her gratitude for the warmth and friendliness of all of the people at the University of Wisconsin Law School and mentioned that she had received a letter from Dean Kimball. She has a feeling of real affection for the Law School at which she earned her degree, and she is now returning to society the benefits of such an education.

Excerpts from her recent speeches have filled me with renewed hope for success of the United Nations. Reviewing the work of the U.N., she has noted that it succeeded in ending seven armed conflicts since 1949 but she has stressed the fact that future success depends upon a massive effort of governments and people alike. The nuclear arms race and world poverty are two sources of danger which need our urgent attention. Angie Brooks feels that al-

though imperfect, the U.N. contains the noble purposes, principles, and machinery to strive for perfection. She feels that there are grounds for hope and not for despair.

Perhaps what the world needs today are more women who are willing to fill positions of responsibility and to work actively in solving the serious problems confronting society. Thank you, Angie, for showing us what a courageous, compassionate, and intelligent woman can do in helping to build a better world. May the U.N. gain strength and make strides towards the achievement of these goals while you serve as President of the U.N. General Assembly.

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tial contributions each year to the Law School's scholarship and loan funds. In September, 1969, the Association provided a color television set for the student commons area.

The Association's social committee sponsors beer parties, and plays an important role in planning the Spring Program. League play in volleyball, football, basketball, handball and baseball is sponsored by its Intramural Sports Program.

The *Student Bar Journal* receives support from the SBA. An active group of law students' wives is an integral part of the student organization.

The Association's speakers program brings to the campus each year distinguished members of the bench and bar to talk to the entire student body.



Miss Verna Baertschy (center) retired in August, 1969, after twenty-four years as Librarian of the Law School. She is shown here with some of her Law School Associates at a luncheon in her honor.

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