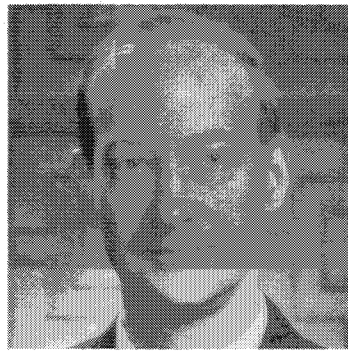


MESSAGE TO THE ALUMNI FROM PRESIDENT BARLAND



Thomas H. Barland

Except for the most recent of graduates, a visit to the Law School at Madison by an alumnus is something of a shocker. Nearly everything has changed—the building, staff, students and curriculum. It is difficult in a couple of instances to tell a professor from a student—at least as to dress. Female students are very much in evidence, especially in securing competitive positions, such as Law Review.

These changes have caused some head shaking among a number of alumni. Clearly, the changes which are occurring in the Law School will be felt soon in the make-up of the Wisconsin Bar. With a dramatic increase in the number of good female attorneys, the format and flavor of county and multi-county bar association meetings will change. Minority group lawyers and the younger lawyers will be more aggressive in presenting social issues to the courts in litigation and to the Bar in its deliberations.

What kind of a product is coming from the Law School out of all this ferment? A surprisingly good one. As a judge who is assigned to many courts in this state, I have been very favorably impressed with the intellectual sharpness, over-all ability and sense of dignity in the courtroom of our recent graduates. Comparisons between one age and another are difficult. Yet, our young attorneys seem just as good, and maybe even better, than their counterparts of ten to twenty years ago.

All this is fine and may cause one to lean back with satisfaction saying that the Law School is doing a good job and therefore needs no help. That isn't the case. The Law School is doing reasonably

well, but it has troubles and problems of a kind which require our involvement as alumni.

The Law School recognizes its educational limitations and hence it is studying curriculum changes. Some of its problems are: 1) the retirement of many of its distinguished professors who have been the foundation of its national reputation, 2) the need for better financial support, both public and private, 3) library improvements, and 4) a closer relationship to the practicing Bar of this state.

Too often the Bar tends to leave legal education up to the school in Madison. Perhaps this has been caused by the staggering size of the University system's budget or by the feeling that there are plenty of willing and able people taking an interest in the School. The truth is, the Law School has been a sort of poor relation in the securing of appropriations when compared to other graduate or professional schools.

Alumni support remains essential to the School. Considerable money is still needed for loans, scholarships, and improvements which is not available through public funding. The School needs the criticisms, reactions, and suggestions of alumni in order to improve its program. The students need the interest of the practicing Bar. Participation in the Alumni Fund Drive and in other alumni programs at the School can have an important impact on legal education in Wisconsin.

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Association

GARGOYLE GOOFS FULLSOMELY

The Gargoyle of June, 1973, referred on page 9 to "Professor Willard Hurst's fullsome tribute to Nate Feinsinger . . ."

Two readers have pointed out the misspelling and misapplication of the word.

Dictionaries vary slightly, but Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary defines the word as follows:

"fulsome . . . 1) offensive to sense, appetite, or moral or aesthetic sensibility: disgusting. 2) offensive from insincerity or baseness of motive."

Others, unabridged, contain such meanings as: obscene, wanton, lustful; nauseating, sickening; counter to the norms of propriety and social usage . . .

Merciful heavens . . .

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