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PLEA FROM THE STUDENTS

Dear Law School Alumnus:

This is a plea bargain. The plea is from UW law students for you to join us in urging Governor Lucey to support the additional Law School funding recommended by the Board of Regents in its biennial budget request. The bargain is better legal education for us and better lawyers for Wisconsin.

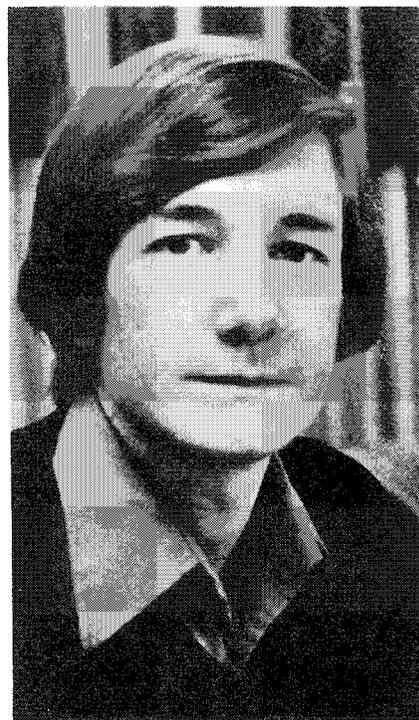
The Regent proposal sent to the Governor calls for a \$217,000 annual increase in the Law School budget to provide advanced training opportunities in selected subject areas so that law students may begin to specialize. Possible areas of specialization are criminal law, taxation and business law, estate planning, labor law and litigation. The money will also be used to reduce the high student-faculty ratio so that there can be more individual and small-group training of law students, particularly in legal practice skills including legal writing, trial preparation and advocacy and law office techniques of client interviewing and counseling.

The purpose of all this is to produce more than textbook attorneys. In recent years, because of insufficient funding to meet the demands of increased enrollments, the Law School has been unable to provide students with adequate skills training and supervised clinical experience. This is especially serious in Wisconsin where, under the diploma privilege, law students are admitted to the Bar and represent themselves to prospective clients as qualified attorneys immediately upon graduation.

We turn to you as a group of people who share our concern for improved legal education in Wisconsin. Please join us in expressing that concern to Governor Lucey by writing a letter today asking him to support the Regent-requested funds for the Law School.

Sincerely,

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Homecoming



Season's Greetings
