

Almost all of the applicants have some of these questions among the many they bring in, and many of the same questions when they leave:

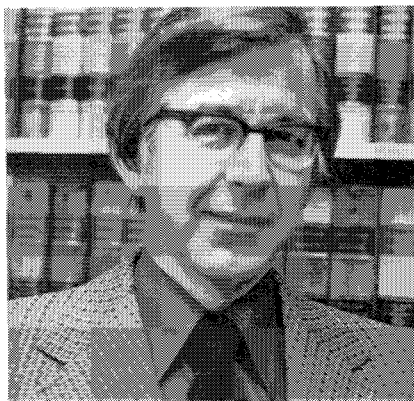
1. What are the good law schools? (There is no current, objective rating).
2. There is a rumor that Harvard is not a good law school. (Nonsense).
3. Which law school is best in criminal law, environmental law or labor law? (This requires additional information, which we try to get).
4. Is Wisconsin going to lose its accreditation? (No).
5. Are there special quotas for women? (No).
6. Are financial aids available? (Yes, but financial aid is about 80% in the form of long-term loans).
7. Will I surely get a job when I finish? (Impossible to tell about the job market today, much less four years or more hence).
8. What are the minimum grade point averages and LSAT scores? (Most law schools, including Wisconsin, don't set minimums. Selections are made from the total applications).
9. What kind of recommendations are needed? (Depends on the law school. The Handbook provides information about each).
10. What other qualifications are needed? A master's degree? (After screening all applications by the LSAT and undergraduate grade-point averages, many other qualifications, such as graduate work, volunteer work, and military service experience are noted. For this law school, residence in Wisconsin provides a great advantage.

Residence in the state is probably an advantage at all state university law schools).

11. What undergraduate courses are required? (There are none, but potential applicants who are freshmen and sophomores are urged to listen and watch carefully for changes).
12. Where should I go to college? Is it an advantage to graduate at U.W.-Madison? (We give no advice on this. Residence in Wisconsin counts a great deal, but many residents go out-of-state to college. More than 1/2 of those in the first year class in 1974-75 are from the University of Wisconsin system. About 1/3 are graduates of the University of Wisconsin-Madison).

College freshmen, in choosing their undergraduate courses, often come for advice. "Would geology or oceanography provide the most helpful insights to understanding and effective use and development of the legal system?" (The undergraduate bulletin, Guidelines, states that the study of science will accomplish the above purpose for prospective law students. But, the student wants to know, which science?)

A very young undergraduate came in in despair. He had just discovered, he said, that one had to be a "brain" to get into law school. "If you aren't a lawyer," he groaned, "What do you do?"



Prof. MacDonald

MACDONALD HEADS DNR INVESTIGATION

In June 1974 Governor Patrick J. Lucy appointed Professor James B. MacDonald as Special Counsel to investigate charges which had been raised against the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in a series of articles in the *Milwaukee Sentinel*. On his staff of eight, Professor MacDonald included one law professor, John E. Conway, and two third year law students, Patricia S. Record and Gerard Bertrand. Prior to entering law school Patricia Record served two years in a staff position with Claire Dedrick the recently appointed head of the Resources Agency of the State of California. Gerard Bertrand, who has a Ph.D. in Marine Ecology, has served on the staff of President's Council on Environmental Quality and in an advisory capacity to the Corps of Engineers. Two recent graduates of the Wisconsin Law School, Robert J. Smith and J. Michael Riley were also members of the staff.

Eight investigative reports were published by Professor MacDonald between September 15 and December 31, 1974. They dealt with the Coleman Lake Club, the Flambeau Road, the "Big Block" in the Flambeau River State Forest, Port Industries (Lake Superior shoreline), the J. C. Campbell Dump, the White River, the Red Cedar Trail and the Wausau Dump. The final summary report was issued in January of this year. It found the Department deficient in enforcement, internal and external communication, the use and interpretation of law, and the gathering and use of information.

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THE GARGOYLE



Dear Law School graduates,

It has been a pleasant year at the Law School. This can be said despite the budget, crowding in the classroom, anticipated staff shortages, and other problems too numerous to mention. The winter has been mild. The students seem to be diligent, but relaxed and pleasant. Occasionally one hears a belly laugh in the corridors. THIS WEDNESDAY has drawn interested audiences for lectures, concerts and movies. STAR TREK and MICKEY MOUSE pack them in in the student lounge every afternoon. A lot of students are earning good grades.

It would be a good year to come to the Spring Program on March 20. Moot Court arguments, reunion luncheons, honors convocation in the afternoon and the gala dinner and dance at the Hilton.

Won't you join us?

*Cordially,
All of us at the Law School*

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