

VISITORS COME

IN FALL THIS YEAR

A beautiful weekend and U.W.-Kansas game were all a part of the 1975-76 joint Law School Visitors-WLAA Board of Directors meeting on October 3 and 4.

Friday was the visiting day. Twenty representative alumni—members of the WLAA Board of Directors, Board of Visitors and other invited guests were present.

The day began with an early morning briefing by Acting Dean Helstad, who brought the visitors up-to-date on the progress being made toward meeting the criticisms leveled at the school by the Council of the ABA Section on Legal Education. This matter is dealt with more fully in Dean Helstad's report which appears elsewhere in this issue of the Gargoyle.

The visitors then spread themselves out to visit morning classes. Some attended Professor Hurst's class, for *auld lang syne*. Others sought a variety of educational experiences by visiting other faculty members—Professors Weisberger, Kidwell, Tushnet, Church, Skilton, Thome, Robertson, Melli and Jones. All were interested and enthusiastic about the performances of teachers and students. Adverse comment dealt with the large numbers of students who arrive late for class.

The open forum (formerly called a gripe session) was held in the early afternoon. The principal subject of discussion was the concern expressed by some women law students that women represented a smaller percentage of the entering class this year than last year even though the number of women applicants was slightly larger than in the previous year.

Afternoon workshops dealt with curricular developments and the progress being made toward meeting the ABA standards.

Professor Warren Lehman, Chairman of the Faculty committee on the curriculum, led the discussion of the curriculum. Visitors were interested in the clinical program and the practical courses now being developed in the law school. They expressed concern about the quality of clinical placements. Even if these programs are expanded, some visitors supported an 80 credit requirement of in-house practice and substantive law courses.

The Faculty-Visitors cocktail party and dinner provided an opportunity for friendly and informal meeting of alumni and faculty; about 80 people attended. There was no program and no speech, except for brief greetings by the Dean and the President of the Board of Visitors.



THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN A CRISIS—

PERSPECTIVE ON THE BUDGET

On Saturday morning, the WLAA Boards of Visitors and Directors met to consider a lengthy agenda. There was preliminary discussion of the search for a Dean, and a brief financial report. Some proposed re-allocation of WLAA funds were offered, and the Dean was given approval to make necessary transfers. There was also preliminary discussion of the WLAA staff, in view of Bill Lewis' decision to resign as executive director by the end of the present school year.

A preliminary report revealed that the 1975 contributions to the Alumni Fund were a little ahead of the same date in 1974.

Full reports of the visits and the meetings will be available on request to those who wish to have them.

Some of you will remember when . . .

In the early 30's, the question was not one of the size of the increases in faculty salaries. It was rather a problem of how to impose "voluntary" cuts in order to keep the institution functioning. Former Dean Lloyd Garrison reports that in the period between his acceptance of the Deanship and his arrival to assume the post in 1932, his salary was cut from \$10,000 to \$8010.

To accommodate to the declining budgets, a number of alternatives were suggested: increases in tuition, increases in teaching loads

for senior Faculty members, decrease in the number of elective courses offered, curtailment of research, vacations without pay, and others.

But salaries were the key. Dean Richards, for instance, suggested that the Faculty might consider acceptance of a plan to work every other week without pay.

Instead it was agreed to accept a waiver system based on the levels of salary. For those earning over \$7000, there was a 13% cut. Professors earning \$6000 accepted reductions to \$4930. Associate Professors were cut from \$4000 to \$3330; the Librarian from \$2750 to \$2312.

LAW SCHOOL FAIR

On Wednesday, October 22, the Madison campus was visited by a touring caravan of admissions directors from 30 law schools from all parts of the United States. Their visit to Madison was the third in a week-long tour which took them to four large University campuses—Ohio State, Michigan, Northwestern and Wisconsin.

Each visiting law school had a table in Great Hall of the Memorial Union. Between 350 and 400 potential law students from other units of the University of Wisconsin system and private Wisconsin colleges, as well as the U.W.-Mad-

ison, visited the Fair, gathering information and asking questions. Professor Walter Raushenbush delivered a brief lecture on admissions to two different groups of visiting applicants.

The whole tour was coordinated by Victor Linquist, Director of Placement Services at the Undergraduate College at Northwestern. It ended at the O'Hare Inn on Friday, October 24, with a day-long meeting of law school representatives and pre-law advisors from many midwestern colleges.

Similar tours have been held in recent years on a group of western campuses. It was generally agreed that the midwest gathering was also a success, and it will probably be repeated next year.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS: WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW

Upcoming issues of the *Wisconsin Law Review* will carry a number of articles of particular interest to the Bar of Wisconsin. 1975 No. 4 will include pieces on *The Contempt Law in Wisconsin*, and the professional responsibility involved in probate practice and fees. 1976 No. 1 will contain an article on public utility rate setting in Wisconsin.