

This picture of the Gargoyle says it all about the winter of 1978-79. After three months of snowfall after snowfall, and 53 consecutive days below freezing, an eerie quiet descended on the Law School, as if the very innards were chilled at the core.

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### *Wisconsin Idea Revisited*

The Wisconsin Idea is alive and well and growing at the Law School. It has been expanded to include the boundaries of the United States and beyond, boundaries across the oceans and the seas — encompassing the world.

The historic mission of the Law School is three-pronged: 1) teaching and training of lawyers; 2) research; 3) public service. The last issue (Winter, 1978, Vol. 10, No. 2) was devoted to the teaching

functions and we hope conveyed the impression that the Faculty takes its teaching and its burden of administrative duties very seriously indeed. Another issue soon will be devoted to research. The service to the public which is catalogued here is in addition to all that.

It is more than public service, of course. Faculty involvement in some of the great problems of the

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world freshens the law school's educational atmosphere. The projects cover the vast spectrum of law and society — from Professor June Weisberger's Chairmanship of the Commission to screen candidates for the newly-established federal judgeship in the Western District of Wisconsin, to Gordon Baldwin's efforts to bring about firm international agreements for dealing with terrorists.

Of course, what follows is not all inclusive. It is a sampling of many activities which keep Faculty members busy night and day, weekends and evenings.

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### ACCESS TO JUSTICE — WORLD-WIDE

An all-encompassing world encircling study of Access to Justice has involved three Wisconsin Law School Professors: David Trubek, Marc Galanter and Joel Handler.

The Project is directed by a Stanford Professor, Mauro Capelletti, and is financed by the Ford Foundation and the Italian National Research Council and is located at the Florence Center for Comparative Judicial Studies. There is in progress a 5-year research project conducted in more than 30 countries by about 100 scholars, which include anthropologists, sociologists and economists as well as lawyers.

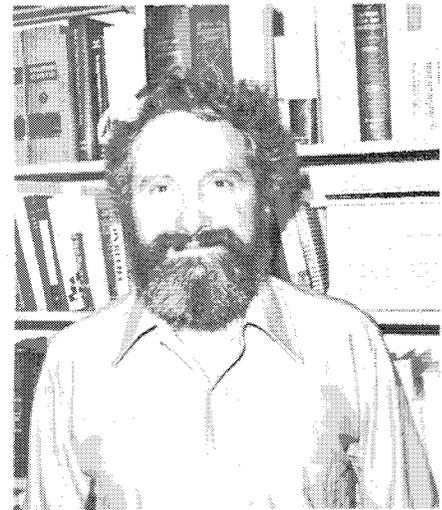
There will be 4 published volumes containing the findings of the vast project, one of which has already appeared. The contributions of the three Wisconsin professors will appear in Volume III. Professor Handler will write about public interest law; Professor Galanter will describe attempts to restore the village tribunals in India; Professor Trubek will contribute a study of "public advocacy", an analysis of the problem of providing adequate representation of unorganized groups of consumers.

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Two other participants in these studies are well known to the Law School. Professor Lawrence Friedman of Stanford was a UW Law School Faculty member from 1961-68. Professor Joel Grossman is currently a member of the Department of Political Science on the Madison campus.

In its wide-ranging study, the *Access to Justice* project seeks practical solutions to the problems which deny access to hundreds of millions of people — solutions such as mediation and conciliation of disputes, reforming the general litigation procedures, lowering the costs of dispute settlement through litigation.

The basis of the proposals is found in the responses to a detailed questionnaire, from Western and Eastern Europe, USSR, Latin America, Australia, Canada, China, Indonesia, Israel, Japan and the U.S.A. — 23 countries in all.



Professor Handler



Professor Feinsinger

*Emeritus Professor Nathan Feinsinger* was honored on October 31, 1978, at the annual meeting of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution. Meeting in Detroit, the Society also honored Prime Minister Begin of Israel, President Sadat of Egypt, the late Senator Hubert Humphrey, and President Carter.