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classes, have required papers as part of their course work, giving students more opportunity for practice and feedback. One Visitor suggested that the ultimate employer had some responsibility for writing instruction.

A question was raised concerning the strength of alumni support for this Law School. There is a sense that because of our tax-supported status, many alumni do not have a deep commitment to support their school. It was urged that the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association educate our alumni to the fact that only basic needs of the school could be met by tax support, while alumni funds are

necessary to provide a measure of excellence. The value of a UW Law School degree depends on the continuing reputation of the school, and alumni therefore have a continuing interest in the school's welfare. Better methods of communicating with a new generation of graduates should be devised.

Our visit concluded with a discussion of student financial aid and the working student. While practical experience is a good reason for part-time work, the disadvantages for "part-time" students carrying full time academic loads leads us to recommend more

student financial aids. These aids should include some scholarships or awards based on superior academic performance. The ability to devote oneself to obtaining a legal education seems more important to future success than outside work experience.

After drafting this report, the Board of Visitors adjourned its 1978 meeting.

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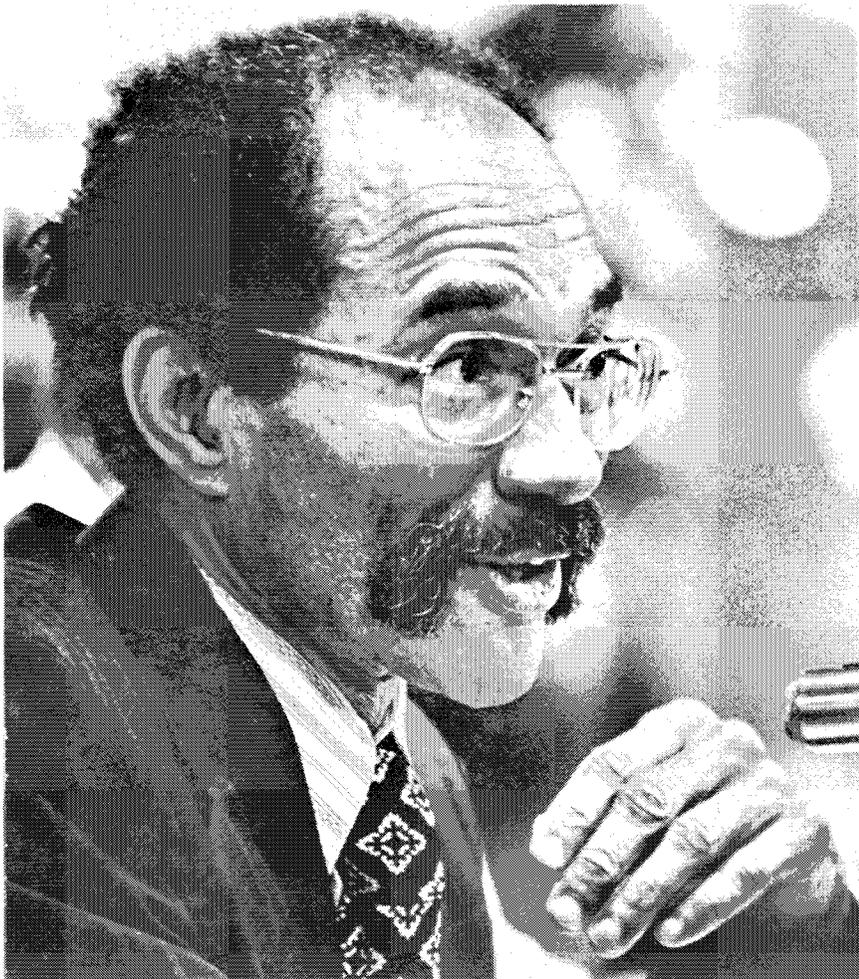
## **PLACEMENT BEGINS FOR THE CLASS OF 1979**

During the fall semester a record number of employers visited on campus to recruit students for permanent and summer positions. So far, one hundred ten employers have conducted in excess of 3,000 individual interviews, most of them during an 8-week period beginning the last week of September. The majority of these employers represented larger firms and agencies from outside of Wisconsin. If early trends continue, this class should equal or exceed last year's 95% record of employment.

Many of the employers visiting the campus are placing an increasing emphasis on recruiting second year students for summer programs. Some employers have already restricted themselves to recruiting permanent associates only from those who have clerked with that firm. This group includes not only large firms but many small, general practice firms.

Salary reports indicate that the average salary offered to the class of 1979 may increase by as much as \$1,500 from the \$16,000 figure reported last year. A few firms jumped their 1978 offers by as much as \$5,000 as competition for the most qualified graduates continued to be intense. Several students have accepted jobs with salaries in excess of \$30,000.

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