

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

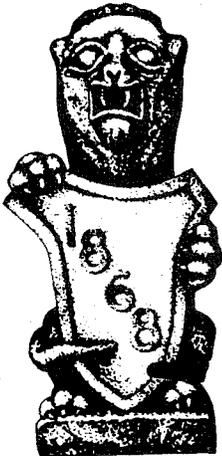
Smarting from the revelation that we were duped (see "Editors Note"), the Lighter Side retreats to the safety of statistical data. While ordinarily statistics are about as much fun as a chicken bone in the throat, these should at least interest you. While researching early graduates it occurred to me that while large graduating classes are a fairly recent phenomena, a lot of sheepskins have been passed out by this institution. A little work with a calculator confirmed this theory. In fact, the graduating class of May 1981 pushed the total number of graduates to 10,066! To illustrate the recent rapid growth in this number, it took from 1869 to 1902 to reach 1,000; to 1931 to reach 2,000; to 1941 to reach 3,000; to 1951 to reach 4,000; to 1957 to reach 5,000; to 1965 to reach 6,000; to 1970 to reach 7,000; to 1974 to reach 8,000; and

to 1978 to reach 9,000. The first class of 100 or more was in 1931. The class of 1981 totaled more than 300! The last time a class of less than 100 graduated was in 1964 and the last class of less than 200 in 1971.

The first woman Law School graduate was Elsie M. Buck in 1875. It took until 1924 and 1925, however, before there were women in two consecutive classes. The cumulative total number of women graduates reached 100 in 1952, 200 in 1973, 300 in 1975, 400 in 1977, and now stands at 868 through 1981, or 8.6% of all graduates. The last class without a female member was 1961, while 1979 marked the first class with 100 or more women graduates.

It might also interest you to know that of the more than 10,000 graduates from 1869 to 1981, approximately 75% are now living and receiving this Gargoyle.

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