

Notes on Alums

Who's Oldest of Them All?

Frank W. Kuehl (LL.B. '23) closed the letter he wrote **Dean Cliff Thompson** in late January 1985 with the question, "Am I your oldest grad?" If Frank—aged 90 when he wrote Dean Thompson—wasn't our oldest Law Alum at that point, he was, at least, the oldest the Law School was aware of at the time. But close on Frank's heels for the most senior status was his classmate, **Christian H. Bonnin** (LL.B. '23), who wrote Dean Thompson at almost the same time, announcing his age as 89. These two elders both live in the East these days, Frank Kuehl at 3717 Igomar Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015, and Christian Bonnin at 47 North Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, N.J. 07042. Frank spent much of his professional life as a lawyer in various federal agencies, while Christian retired as Associate General Counsel for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (for which he had worked more than a quarter of a century).

How about it? Who was our oldest law graduate in January 1985? Was it Frank Kuehl, then 90? We'd like to hear from others of our more senior graduates, whether they claim the record for age or not.

OOPS!

When listing U.W. Law graduates engaged in law teaching in the GARGOYLE for Fall 1984, we failed to include **Sidney Haring** (J.D. '72; Ph.D. '76), now an Associate Professor in the CUNY Law School at Queens College, Flushing, N.Y. 11367. One of the "founding" professors of this new law school, his name wasn't on the print-out of our graduates in law teaching which had been supplied us by the Association of American Law Schools (though the AALS had listed him, large as life, in the then current Directory of Law Teachers). Sorry about this, Sid.

Other Alumni News

Frederick J. Hertz (J.D. '43) has just marked his tenth year as a judge on the Bankruptcy Bench. Prior to his service there, he practiced law in Chicago for thirty years. Mr. Hertz indicates that he is anxious to hear some news of his classmates. Phone him at (312)565-1970 or write him at 155 N. Harbor Drive, Chicago, IL 60601.

Gerald Kahn (LL.B. '50) of Milwaukee's Godfrey and Kahn, S.C., has announced that his firm will merge with Eagan and Laird, S.C., of Green Bay.

Roy M. Mersky (J.D. '52), Professor of Law and Director of Research at the Law School of the University of Texas, has been appointed to an endowed professorship there named in the memory of Elton M. Hyder, Jr. and Martha Rowan Hyder.

Melvin Wiviott (LL.B. '53) is Professor at the Air Force Institute of Technology, Air University, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433, teaching Government Contract Law.

The Honorable William F. Eich, Jr., (J.D. '63)—his judicial capacities well established by his service in the Circuit Court for Dane County—was recently named by Wisconsin Governor Anthony Earl to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals for the Fourth District.

Dan Rinzel (J.D. '68) is the new Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

Fran Ulmer (J.D. '72) is currently Mayor of Juneau, Alaska, chairs the Organization of Women Mayors, and is a committee member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

George A. Northrup (J.D. '73), victorious in the 1985 Spring elections, became a judge on the Circuit Court for Dane County, Wisconsin.

Michael N. Nowakowski (J.D. '74), victorious in the same elections, likewise landed a judgeship on the Dane County Circuit Court.

Lawrence R. Hitt II (J.D. '75), partner in Heyl, Bostrom, Haring and Hitt at Denver, was appointed in Fall 1984 to the National Big Brothers Board of Directors in Philadelphia, the first Denverite to serve on the national board in the 38-year history of the Big Brother organization.

Ann Walsh Bradley (J.D. '76) was appointed by Governor Anthony Earl in Spring 1985 to the Circuit Court for Marathon County, Wisconsin.

Susan R. Steingass (J.D. '76) is a tough one to label. Until recently, a partner in the Madison firm of Stafford, Rosenbaum, Rieser and Hansen, she was appointed in Spring 1985 by Wisconsin Governor Anthony Earl to the Circuit Court for Dane County. The Law School had been courting her vigorously before that time, trying to persuade her to consider an appointment to the Faculty. Susan—who in the past has given the Law School a hand in teaching Civil Procedure I and II (and in Fall 1984 taught Evidence)—says not to count her out for part-time law teaching now that she's a judge. So, as before, she seems ready to crowd a great deal into any particular day of her life.

Jaroslawa Zelinsky Johnson (J.D. '77) became a partner in Reuben & Proctor at Chicago in October 1984.

Paulette B. Siebers (J.D. '78) was recently appointed by Governor Earl to the seat on the Dane County Circuit Court that will be vacated by Judge **Bill Eich** (J.D. '63) when he moves to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals for the Fourth District.

Barbara A. Nieder, Thomas M. Pyper and Ted Waskowski, all of the class of 1980, have become partners in the Madison law firm of Stafford, Rosenbaum, Rieser and Hansen.

Carmen Alvarez (J.D. '80)—now Carmen Sciackitano since her marriage in December 1984—is an attorney with United Airlines in Chicago these days, specializing in employment litigation.

Cecile Rizzardi Faller (J.D. '82), formerly associated with the law firm of Dorothy Nelson Topel, S.C., in Marinette, Wisconsin, reports that she has recently joined the Recka and Joannes Law Firm in Green Bay, specializing in business

law, and partnerships and corporations through patent, trademark, copyright and bankruptcy law.

Faculty Briefs

Peter Carstensen has been named an editor of a part of a new series of microfilms produced by University Publications of America. The series will contain briefs and arguments in major cases in selected topic areas; Peter will head that which is to be entitled "Briefs and Arguments of Major Cases from U.S. Courts of Appeals, U.S. District Courts and State Supreme Courts: Antitrust."

Ken Davis is presently working on two articles, one of which deals with the economic aspects of various securities fraud remedies; the second is a survey of the law on corporate social responsibility and management's discretion to pursue and expand resources on goals other than shareholder gain. Of the latter, Ken hopes to make it a part of a long term project on the application of recent theories of managerial behavior toward certain traditional tenets of corporate law.

Howard Erlanger and Margo Melli will complete this summer a study funded by the National Science Foundation on the process of divorce in Dane County. The two indicate that they have found that very few cases go to trial, and that extralegal factors in the negotiations process

are critical in determining outcomes. It also seems that satisfaction with outcome may be more dependent on attitudes towards divorce and the negotiations process than on the financial settlement received.

Marc Galanter has just released a book entitled *Competing Equalities—Law and the Backward Classes in India*, published by Oxford University Press in India. The American edition was handled by the University of California Press. The volume involved over 25 years of research by Marc, who is termed by the Indian Press as "a pioneer indologist on legal studies," and a "leading American scholar on Indian law." Just recently, Marc also participated in a colloquium at the University of Texas dedicated to "The Bhopal Tragedy: Legal and Social Issues."

As an authority on policing, **Herman Goldstein** attended and addressed an Executive Session on Community Policing, held in March at Harvard University.

Orrin Helstad reports that he is in the process of updating the roughly 1500 pages of text material used in the General Practice course.

Steve Herzberg and Joseph Thome are working to help organize a trip for lawyers, law school deans, members of the Supreme Court and "other legal figures" to Nicaragua. The trip is coordinated through W.C.C.N., the Wisconsin Coordinating Committee on Nicaragua, which has organized similar trips for doctors, state officials and farmers in the interest of promoting better relations between the United States and Nicaragua.

Charles Irish—something of a one-man band these days—has just finished a report on the proposed tax treaty between Nepal and India for the Government of Nepal. Recently, he took on an "of counsel" position in the Madison law firm of Stafford, Rosenbaum, Rieser and Hansen. And this Summer, after he completes the teaching of a course on U.S. law affecting international transactions at Giessen, West Germany, with UW Law Professors Church and Zile (see p.X), Chuck will head to Taipei, Taiwan, in August to instruct a class on tax reform in newly emerging industrialized countries.

John Kidwell is currently a member of the Legislative Council's Committee on