

the Uniform Trade Secrets Law; he is also working independently on an article which will address the question of why it has been so difficult to create legal doctrine to deal with computer software.

Anita Morse is currently working on several articles which concern themselves with such topics as "Proposed Amendments to the ABA Standards for the Approval of Law Schools," and the legal issues surrounding the importation and migration of labor. She is also the editor of a forthcoming volume on law library reference for non-law librarians.

Walter Raushenbush and James MacDonald have just published their volume *Wisconsin Real Estate Law*, with the Extension Law Department. The co-authors are also involved with the C.L.E Real Estate Update, a program at which they will offer lectures to lawyers and real estate brokers in March and April in Appleton, Madison and Milwaukee. Mr. Raushenbush is in the process of revising his 1974 book, *Wisconsin Construction Lien Law*, and the 1974 edition of his volume *Real Estate Transactions: Cases and Materials*.

In May, **Gerald Thain** will address the National Society of Public Accountants annual convention in Chicago on issues of occupational licensing.

June Weisberger plans to attend the Third Oxford University Symposium on Comparative Industrial Relations from August 4-17. This summer she and Howie Erlanger will complete an article that discusses the new Marital Property Act from the point of view of the estate planner.

Wisconsin Law Alumni Association

Board of Visitors Report

The Board of Visitors of the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association was created in 1957 "... for the purpose of assisting in the development of a close and helpful relationship between the Law School and the University of Wisconsin Law Alumni on all matters of mutual interest including Law School facilities, curriculum, placement, admission and public relations of the School and the Bar." The Board of Visitors continues a tradition started in 1969 to assume an active and visible role in the Law School by participating in law school visitations.

This year's annual visitation was held on Monday, October 29, 1984. On the evening prior to the visitation, October 28, the Board of Visitors sponsored a dinner meeting at the Inntowner Motel. Faculty members, law school administrative staff, members of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association and the Board of Visitors attended the dinner. The dinner gave everyone the opportunity to become better acquainted and to increase areas of communication between the alumni and the staff. The Board of Visitors appreciated the excellent faculty participation and the Board hopes to continue this event during future visitation sessions. The dinner was followed by three brief, informative presentations by faculty members. Summaries of the faculty reports are as follows:

1. Advances in Technology are Expected to Have A Significant Impact on the Law Library (Anita Morse)

Ms. Morse reported that the Library faces a great deal of change in the next decade due to advances in technology.

The American Bar Association is considering new accreditation standards permitting a refocus of law school libraries from book form materials to automated legal information systems. The proposed standards delete any reference to specific, countable volumes and, instead, refer to a core collection "reasonably necessary to the school's program." These changes will radically affect access to law school materials and librarian responsibility for instruction. Automated information systems will:

- 1) require the integration of the law librarian into law school programs;
- 2) pose both a challenge to defining the law school program and a threat to a reliance on using number of volumes to justify financial support. It will mean large initial investments, although it may produce long term savings; and,
- 3) offer the law school improved access but decrease public access to legal information. Westlaw and Lexis are privately owned and law school libraries have restricted use contracts. Increased substitution will mean decreased public access.

The ABA proposal encourages an increase in technology and high volume legal service, but it may create unequal library service based on ability to access. The ABA will be discussing these changes in January and February and a vote is expected in August.

2. The U.W. Law School Continues it's Important Research Role and Alumni are Thanked for Continued Support (Marc Galanter)

Even though the time allotted for the presentation did not allow Professor Galanter to identify and define the extensive research projects at the Law School, he addressed generally the important role of research for the efficient and effective design and operation of the institutions over which the profession presides, including those institutions which deliver justice to the public. An example of this research cited by Professor Galanter, was the recent UW Law School Study which attempted to dispel the notion that Americans are faced with a great litigation menace. Professor Galanter pointed out that the University of Wisconsin is one of the few law schools that has embraced its responsibility to be a center for systematic learning about the legal process. The UW Law School has recently received national recognition for its research but he noted that this work has been a tradition at the law school for over a quarter of a century. On behalf of the research community, Professor Galanter thanked the Alumni for its continuing support and hoped the Alumni would find it gratifying that the research it helped make possible has been so well received.

3. A Faculty Committee is Reviewing the Clinical Program (June Weisberger)

Professor Weisberger reported on the Ad Hoc Clinical Programs Review Committee which she presently chairs. (Other committee members are Professors Ted Finman and Walter Raushenbush). A Clinical Program is a faculty supervised student law practice in which the needs of the client determine to a significant degree the student's activities. At the present time there are 6 clinical programs: (1) LAIP (Legal Assistance to Institutionalized Persons); (2) LDP (Legal Defense Program); (3) CPR (Center for Public Representation); (4) the Judicial Internship Program; (5) the Public Intervenor Clinical Program and (6) the Labor Law Clinical Program. The last review of the program took place in 1977 and the current Ad Hoc Committee is reviewing the appropriateness of the 1977 Faculty legislation governing the clinical programs. Other issues being addressed by the Committee include job security arrangements for full time clinical teaching staff and the continuing concern that academic credits be given to students only for significant educational experiences. After reviewing these issues, the Committee plans to report its recommendations back to the faculty this year.

Classroom Observations

The Board was Again Impressed with the Excellent Teaching and Classroom Presentations

On the morning of the visit the Board of Visitors and members of the Board of Directors divided into groups to observe 10 first year courses and 14 second and third year courses. The Board of Visitors was again impressed with the high quality of teaching and classroom presentations from both the new faculty and the experienced staff. The Board was also pleased with the excellent student response and participation.

The Board of Visitors especially wanted to note that the Board is impressed with the apparent high faculty morale even in the face of low faculty salaries. This is clearly a credit to the excellent faculty, to the law school administrative staff and to the new Dean, Cliff Thompson. All of the staff is to be commended for these efforts.

The Board Met with Chancellor Shain to Discuss Law School Faculty Salaries

The most important portion of this year's Visitation was the Visitor's meeting with Chancellor Irving Shain to discuss the growing disparity that is developing between salary levels of the law school faculty at Wisconsin and other major law

schools. In the last few years the U.W. law school faculty salaries have moved from a traditional 50th position to 92nd among 170 law schools. Our school is on the bottom of the Big 10 and at the bottom of our peer group of law schools for annual faculty salaries. The Board expressed concerns over our ability to retain the current excellent staff and to hire new staff in the future. The Board also thanked the Chancellor for his recent efforts in substantially assisting the law school. The board of Visitors asked what the Alumni could do to assist in obtaining higher salaries. Among other suggestions made by the Chancellor, the Chancellor urged alumni to talk with their legislators to seek more support for sufficient funding.

Note: In addition, the Board of Visitors urges all Alumni to give generously to the current Law School Fund Raising Campaigns—through your efforts, to date we have been able to fund four professorships which will help supplement law school faculty salaries.

Student and Faculty Open Forum

Another important part of the Visitation was the discussion the Board had with students and faculty during the Monday Noon luncheon. Although the number of students attending was small, the discussions were interesting and dealt with a number of important issues.

1. Both Basic Writing Skills and Advanced Legal Writing Issues were Discussed By The Board

A concern was raised on two levels centering around the issue of legal writing. *First*, there is an increasing concern about the level of basic English, grammar and writing skills exhibited by new students being admitted to the law school. The Board does not believe it is the duty of the law school to teach these basic skills. The Law School uses the assistance of the general University program in this area to assist students and the Board encourages the continued use of these U.W. programs. The Board was informed by the Law School Administration that a portion of the L.S.A.T. now tests basic writing skills but that this section of the test is not used as a determining factor for law school admission. The Board was divided on the issue of whether to recommend that the writing sample portion of the L.S.A.T. be used for an admission standard, but recommended that the faculty study the issue further. The Board did agree that at a minimum the writing sample portion of the L.S.A.T. continue to be used to identify students with writing problems.

Second, there was a concern raised that

some students who want advanced legal writing opportunities do not have sufficient opportunity due to staff limitations. It was pointed out that legal writing opportunities are presently available especially in small sections and in the clinical program. The Board recommends that the faculty determine whether more advanced legal writing opportunities are necessary and/or feasible. Further the Board invites Professor Kidwell to discuss these legal writing issues with the Board at a future meeting.

2. The Purchase of Additional Computers and the Westlaw Services is Suggested

1) Faculty Computers

There was a concern expressed about the need of the entire law school, staff and students, to have the opportunity to make better use of the significant advances in technology. A faculty committee is urging all faculty to obtain and use computers for research and teaching. The Board suggests that the faculty decide whether to place faculty computers on a high priority list for designation of financial contributions by law firms.

2) Westlaw Service for Students

Although the law school has made significant strides in recent years in offering the Lexis service to students, the Board is concerned about the fact that Westlaw is not available to law students at this time. The Board believes that it is important to offer both services in order to adequately prepare students to keep up with modern legal technology.

3. The Alumni are Urged to Include Minority Attorneys in Future Hiring Plans

The Board also discussed an issue raised by several minority students that it appeared that law firms were not making sufficient efforts to recruit minority candidates. The Board of Visitors therefore wants to take this opportunity to remind Alumni of the excellent minority recruitment and educational programs at the U.W. and we urge each of you to take advantage of these programs by including the hiring of minority lawyers in your future recruitment plans.

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