

Editor's Note

Mrs. Patricia Ruth of St. Petersburg, Florida, wrote recently to note that her son, Robert T. Ruth, graduated from the Law School this spring, 30 years after her husband, Robert J. Ruth. She suggested a Gargoyle article about fathers and sons who are alumni. I agree, but suggested that we have to add father-daughter, mother-daughter, and a whole spectrum of multi-generational alumni. If you are part of one of these stories, drop me a line. Pictures would be appreciated and I'll even offer a prize to the longest line and most unusual combination. Here is your chance at immortality!

For only the second time in its history, we are running a full color section. The first time was in Vol. 16, No. 1, in 1985, when we included a center spread photo of the Curry mural in the Old Reading Room, the only room, according to our current architects, that should not be changed in the upcoming building project.

Now we use color once again to show you what the architects have in mind for our School. I hope you are as impressed and excited as we are. In fact, unless you are, it is unlikely that these drawings will ever be converted to brick and steel. We will need your help in meeting the private funding requirement set for us by the State Building Commission. The project is estimated at \$14.5 million, we will be required to raise \$5 million and must have \$3 million pledged or in hand before construction can begin.

A number of you have already come forth or been contacted concerning contributions to the building fund. The past sev-

eral issues of this magazine have carried marvelous stories about a series of leadership gifts, a series that we hope will continue perhaps throughout the construction phase. Give me a call if you would like more information or if you think you have a lead on another prospect.

Another academic year has concluded. Another class faces the prospect of an uncertain employment market. This is the first class, however, that entered law school after the precipitous decline in legal hiring that occurred during the summer of 1989. Most hiring professionals now think that we will never return to the boom times of the mid-1980s, and, as time goes on, more and more entering students will have different expectations than the Classes of the 1980s. As I write, about 60 percent of the Class of 1993 has reported their employment status and two-thirds of those are employed in law-related positions. This is off about 5 per-

cent from what we would have seen five years ago. While certainly not horrible, there are signs that it will be a long, hot summer for a number of well-qualified graduates.

Remember the mystery picture in the last issue? It showed Prof. Sam Mermin with a group of students from one of his Appellate Advocacy classes. Stephen Chandler ('78), New Berlin, Wisconsin, writes that he was the second from the right in the photo, taken in the spring of 1978. The others, left to right were: Prof. Mermin, Robert Smith, Krista Ralston, Jane Mueller-Peterson, Susan Schauf, Chandler and Thomas White. They represent the two finalist teams in the class that year.

How about this mystery? The photo was taken in the student lounge, post-1963. It looks like it could be a meeting or perhaps a study group. Seven faces should be recognizable. Let me know if you can help.



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