

Class of '68 Sponsors New Lecture Hall

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The Class of '68 celebrated the 25th anniversary of its graduation by sponsoring a new lecture hall in the remodeled Law School. The organizers of the effort, Jeffrey Bartell of the Madison office of Quarles & Brady, and Frank Jesse, Jr., of Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett in Minneapolis, planned the fundraising to coincide with their class reunion held during Homecoming last fall.

"We gathered to celebrate our Law School years and take note of everything that the Law School did for us—our careers and our lives," Bartell said. "We wanted to translate those good feelings into a gift to the Law School."

Almost half of the Class came to the reunion the weekend of October 9 and 10 to see the Badgers trounce Northwestern and to hear Dean Daniel Bernstine speak

along with a handful of distinguished class members. These speakers included Congressman James Sensenbrenner, Jr., Wisconsin Minority Leader James Prosser, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice William Bablitch, and Assistant General Counsel for Mobile Oil, Kay Ellen Hayes Consolver.

"It was a happy occasion," Bartell said. "Our class is generally quite successful and I think everybody is pretty grateful to the Law School."

Bartell and Jesse were aided by members of the reunion committee consisting of Jon Axelrod, Dave Hanson, Jack Shairer, Bill Bablitch and Ray Riordan. Bartell said that they also credit Dean Bernstine and Chris Richards of the UW Foundation for the success of the class fundraising efforts.

The committee's initial contacts to classmates raised about \$100,000 before the reunion weekend and the fund has

now surpassed \$130,000. The Class is seeking a total of \$150,000 to name the lecture hall.

Bartell attributed the generosity of the Class to the circumstances of their years in law school. He said that the Class of '68 was close-knit and stuck together during the troubles on campus during the Vietnam years.

The Class was also fortunate to use facilities that were then state-of-the-art. "I think our class wants future UW Law students to study in the best facilities possible, just as we had," Bartell said.

He laughed when he said that they still thought of the current building as the "new" Law School. "Back then it was all bright and shiny and we couldn't imagine anything better, but the intervening 25 years have certainly taken their toll on the building," Bartell said.