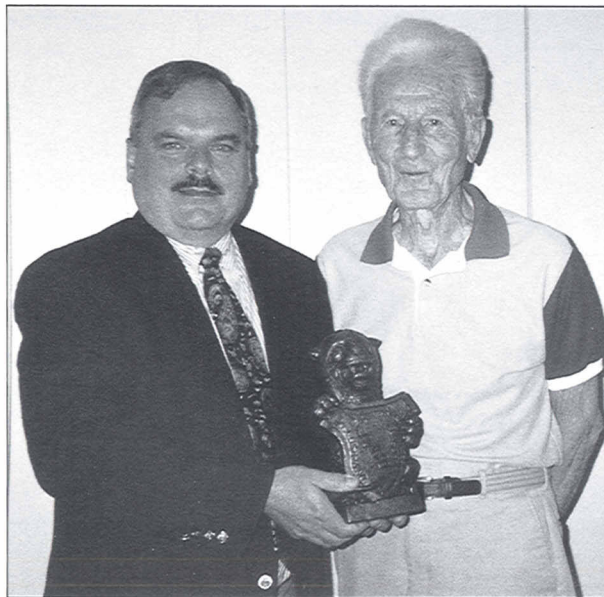


This reminds me of writing notes in Christmas cards: all those good friends and family that you meant to visit, call or write during the year! We hope you have noticed that there has been a gap in publishing the *Gargoyle*. About a year has elapsed since the last issue. With the end of construction, the big dedication party, and the necessity of paying the last bills, we were caught a little short. As things return to normal, we plan to publish another issue during 1998 and two or more every year thereafter.

The dedication was a huge success. More than 600 people — faculty, students, staff, alumni, dignitaries, university administrators and others — participated. The hit of the evening was the grand piano and dessert bar in the Grand Reading Room of the Law Library. Personally, I think it should have stayed there, but our librarians insisted that we clean it all out before classes resumed on Monday morning.

Our Board of Visitors conducted a “mini-visit” in conjunction with the Dedication and returned this April for a full scale review of the School. I would like to thank all the Visitors who took time out from their busy schedules to help us with this review. I would particularly like to thank the Chair of the Visitors, Jim Roethe ('67), whose schedule may have been a little busier than average: Jim is the General Counsel of Bank of America. You may have heard a small story recently



*Reisner and Prof. John Conway*

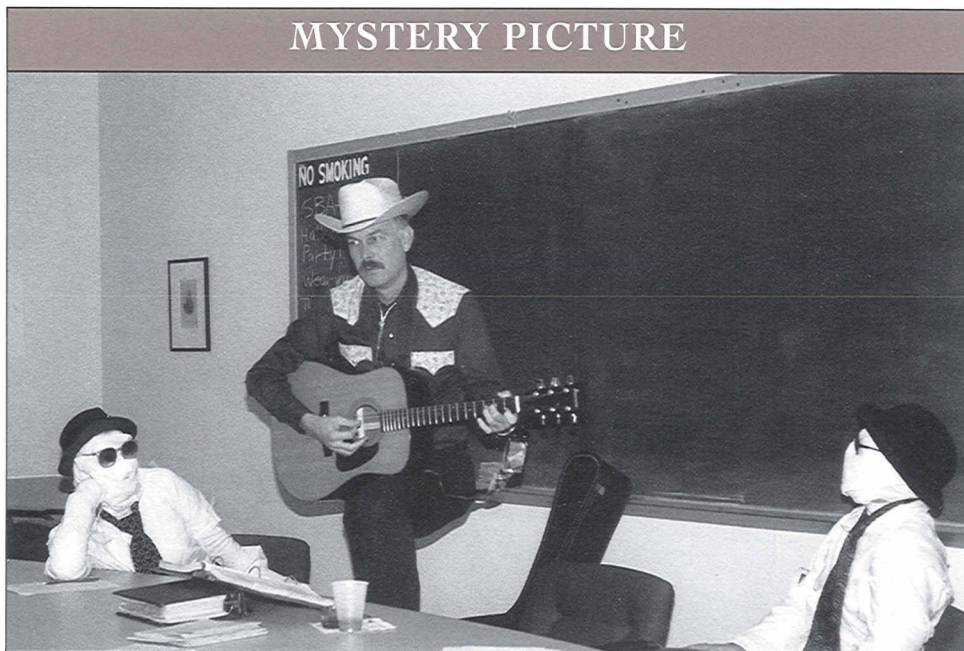
about his bank and another merging. Just a little business deal — a few billion dollars!

We also recently hosted five classes holding their reunions. While they did not get a chance to see a Big Ten football game (a staple at “normal” reunions), they did get to see the Spring Intersquad game, and the

Badgers won. This was my own Class’s twenty-fifth reunion and I congratulate the Class of 1972 for completing its Class Gift: more than \$100,000 to the Building Fund, enough to get one of our computer labs named in the honor of the Class of 1972.

I also want to report that I recently had lunch with one of my professors, John Conway. When I began Law School, in the fall of 1969, the Law School had just initiated the “small section” program — a group of about 25 students who could become friends and support each other during the following three years. From what second and third year students told us, Conway’s Civil Procedure students would need a lot of support because Prof. Conway regularly “failed half of his class.” Another goal of the small-section program was to provide an early, intensive writing project that would be reviewed by your professor.

## MYSTERY PICTURE



With the comments of the senior students in mind, I fearfully approached John's office sometime that fall. I still remember how patiently and kindly John corrected my work (and taught me to spell judgment correctly!). I left with a new perspective on Prof. Conway and, while a senior, had the great good fortune to serve as a research assistant under John.

All that is mere prologue to my report on our lunch. John and his wife, Audrey, live in a retirement community in California. John met me at the door, introduced me to his

wife and then escorted me to lunch. During lunch, and for an hour beyond, John proved that his 80-year-old brain is just as sharp as ever. He asked questions about faculty, staff and alumni and took me back almost 30 years.

You may have seen the announcement, in this issue, of the Law School's website ([www.law.wisc.edu](http://www.law.wisc.edu)). We have also tried a list-server for the delivery of email to some 1300 alumni who had email addresses attached to their State Bar of Wisconsin files. Our goal was to send quick messages to our alumni about new faculty, lec-

tures or distinguished visitors. As with many types of new technology, our first effort went wrong. If you are one of the people who got hundreds of unwanted messages, most of it replies that should have gone only to me, I apologize once again. We have corrected that problem and are working on an improved system.

This issue's mystery picture was taken in the Law building and the guy with the guitar and cowboy outfit is none other than the 1997 Teacher of the Year, John Kidwell. The question is: who are those two others in the picture and WHY??

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