

## Editor's Note

The recent story on Lavinia Goodell brought a flurry of letters. A number of you wrote offering further information on Lavinia, the first woman admitted to practice law by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. **Nancy Wheeler** ('77), **Nancy Barkla** ('55), **Nancy Kopp** ('84) and **Jackie Macaulay** ('83) all sent extensive historical information. Miss Goodell had an illustrious career even before her admission to the bar as an editor and a teacher. Unfortunately, just one year after finally being admitted in June 1879, Miss Goodell died at the age of 41. At the time of her death she was a member of what certainly was Wisconsin's first all-woman law firm, Goodell & King, in Janesville, Wisconsin. Angela Josephine King attended the University of Chicago Law School in 1871, studied privately in Janesville and was admitted to practice in Rock county Circuit Court in 1879. Shortly after becoming partners, the two women successfully appealed a criminal case to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Angie King continued to practice in Janesville until her death in 1913.

Volume 16, number 1 contained the first color photo in the fifteen year history of the GARGOYLE. For more than 40 years the Curry mural has dominated the library's Old Reading Room. Last summer a newspaper photographer who spent a

day here said that the mural and the gargoyle itself (the stone one, not the magazine) were the only two memorable images he could find! This photo was taken for us by Gary Schultz of the UW Photo Media Center. Gary has taken most of the pictures we have used these last 15 years, but this is his last—Gary has retired, probably to wander the country with two or three cameras hanging from his neck.

Recently Dean Thompson called for "Herbie Page" stories. A recent letter from **Jim Drill** ('61) offered a few recollections of other venerable professors.

**Lenny Dubin** ('62) and Jim took Legal Process from Prof. Sam Mermin. The course materials included writings by Carl Llewellyn.

During the final exam, Dubin asked Prof. Mermin, "What type of answer would you like?"

"Answer it as Llewellyn would," Mermin replied.

As he walked away, Drill reports that Dubin was muttering, "Who the hell is Llewellyn?"

Jim also took Bills and Notes and was surprised to find Nate Feinsinger teaching it. Jim says Nate performed very well although he may not have had any more prior knowledge of the subject than did his students. The following semester they

met again in Labor Law.

On the first day of class, Feinsinger announced, "Some of you were with me in Bills and Notes last semester. We had a good time and I enjoyed learning with you. But this course is Labor Law, and you should understand that *no one in the world knows more about labor law than I do!*"

Finally the "mystery picture" in Volume 15, Number 4 is a mystery no longer. **Henry Buslee** ('52), **Joe Shutkin** ('52) and **Richard Murphy** ('52) each provided a solution. Joe is in the middle of the group flanked on the right by **George Sestack** ('52) and **Ellen Ziemann** ('52). Dean Oliver Rundell is handing a diploma to Sestack and Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Oscar Fritz is shaking Ms. Ziemann's hand. The picture was taken in the Court chambers on or about February 2, 1952 at the swearing-in ceremony. Joe Shutkin recalls that his first "case" came before this ceremony. Joe received his first law degree from George Washington University, and an LL.M. from UW-Madison. He successfully argued that the diploma privilege required only "a law degree" from a Wisconsin Law School. Successful yes, but was it also unauthorized practice?

## Mystery Picture

Recognize anyone? Recognize yourself? Are you willing to admit it?

In recent years one of the highlights of homecoming has been a short skit by law students that interrupts Friday classes before the big game. In the interest of anonymity, we won't name those featured here, but will tell you that this photo dates from the late 1970's, sufficiently in the past for the statute to have run on this group.

