

Editor's Note

Recently the Association of American Law Schools created a section devoted to alumni affairs and fund raising. The purpose of this section is to promote the exchange of information, reducing the need to "recreate the wheel." Most law schools, however, have had a method for sharing information through the exchange of alumni magazines.

Through such an exchange, I recently saw an article in the Nebraska Transcript, from the University of Nebraska Law School, dealing with a "war" between lawyers and engineers at that school in 1927. Of course, the legends of fights between these two groups on our own campus are numerous. In the 1968 Wisconsin Law Review devoted to the Centennial of the School, it was said, "Since the School of Engineering was then [1912] located opposite from the School of Law on Bascom Hill, this somehow provoked a rivalry—nay, a hostility—which ultimately led to such violence that the university authorities and Madison police cooperated in creating a ban on the engineers' annual St. Patrick's parade." One rumor alleged that some law students once bought a freight car load of eggs, which they left sitting for some weeks, to use as ammunition at one of the parades.

Well, we were not alone. At Nebraska, the troubles in 1927 began when some-

one tampered with a dirigible the engineers had constructed. Revenge began with an assault on the law building by 100 engineers, which the dean put down. Not content, the engineers conducted a night-time raid on two legal fraternity houses, taking several hostages who were tossed into a cesspool. The engineers "... went to the PAD house with quite a number of eggs and ruined ... all the furniture on the first floor. The PAD's did not throw any eggs, but tried to retaliate with the water hose!"

Somehow weather always seems to work its way into this column. Perhaps it is because each Gargoyle issue is labeled with a different season, this one being "Summer 1987." What happened to winter? A cold snap in November and a little early snow proved to be the extent of the winter in Madison. Yesterday (April 20th), despite open windows, it was 85 in my office and the same outside. By the time you read this, it could be 115 (or, it could be 55, knowing Madison weather).

This is also the season of the great Law School Duck watch. So far, our duck has not been seen nesting in the courtyard or on one of our roofs. Has nature gone so crazy that our duck could actually be somewhere around the lake?

Something to watch for: Do you feel those old Law School ties? If not, soon

you will be able to, literally. The Wisconsin Law Alumni Association has ordered custom-made ties in both men's and women's styles which feature the Gargoyle symbol. As soon as they are produced, we will give you information on how you can order your tie.

The mystery picture in the last issue sparked a lively pair of letters. The first came from Fred Hollenbeck ('67) who identified one of the four persons pictured as Circuit Judge Charles Heath ('67). Fred said that Judge Heath was, "... working a crossword puzzle," and that, "His scholarship has improved dramatically from those days of crossword puzzles and coffee, as his 52% rate of affirmance shows." Judge Heath responds, "What's so wrong with 52%? Actually, Mr. Hollenbeck is upset because his picture never appeared in the Gargoyle. I don't know how it could. He rarely showed up in the building." If I were Mr. Hollenbeck, I would rarely show up in the Circuit Court for Marinette County, where Judge Heath presides.

The picture in this issue is a "give-away." In honor of graduation, this photo shows Dean Orrin Helstad calling members of the Class of 1977 to receive their degrees. Who are these distinguished alums?



Mystery Photo