

## Editor's Note

In the last issue we carried Prof. Walter Raushenbush's recollection on Richard Effland, who passed away last December. That caused Durke Thompson ('67) to write with his personal thoughts on Prof. Effland:

"When I was a student at the UW Law School, I faced the prospect of laboring through a dry topic known as 'Trusts and Estates.' I soon learned that I was a delighted beneficiary of the wit and wisdom of Prof. Effland. He made the hours spent on the course a joy, filling the time with pearls of wisdom built around the very human nature of the subject that he taught.

"I remember vividly on one particular day in class, we were examining a Wisconsin probate statute. After a thorough review, Prof. Effland noted his dismay at the legislature refusing to change the language of statute. To emphasize his point, he indicated that he would provide a stimulant to the legislature to act. He said it was his design to leave a significant bequest in his Will to the University of Wisconsin if it would overturn or change the particular offending statutory provisions!"

We will never know if Prof. Effland

would have followed through since the Probate Code was rewritten by the legislature in the early 1970's. The new Code was based on the Uniform Probate Code, drafted, in part, by Prof. Effland.

It has been a busy spring for alumni activities. Alumni receptions in Minneapolis, New York and Washington, DC; three Appreciation Dinners around Wisconsin; and the 46th Annual Spring Program filled our calendars. The receptions were done with the great assistance of these alumni: John E. Thomas ('68), Minneapolis; Edward L. Levine ('52), New York; and Daniel E. Goelzer ('73), Washington, DC.

At the Spring Program, Jeffrey B. Bartell, Madison, became the 46th President of the Association (or 45th if Patrick Cotter's two terms, 1958 and 1971, are counted together). The 47th President will be our first woman president, Kirby O. Bouthilet, Green Bay. Also, special thanks to the Class of 1949, and to Bob Landry and Irv Charne of that Class, for their spirited attendance. The Class is soliciting gifts for a "49er Fund" to memorialize their 40th reunion.

At the Benchers Dinner, four retiring faculty members were honored. Stuart

Gullickson, who is finishing his service to the University as Vice-Chancellor for Legal Affairs; G. William Foster, who is in the middle of his "phased" retirement; James MacDonald, who will continue to teach half-time for the next several years; and Orrin L. Helstad, who has one year left directing the General Practice Course before closing his books.

I write this as the first day of exams has begun. After one-half inch of snow last Saturday (5/6/89), it has warmed enough for the University to shut off the hot water heat and begin running cold water for air conditioning. Within two hours of the changeover, one room of students taking exams were screaming about the cold. My blood always ran cold during exams.

No one has provided any names to go with the last mystery picture. It showed a large group of students at an Honors Convocation in the late 1970's. I recognize several faces, but I'll never tell.

In this issue, the mystery picture shows Prof. Abner Brodie in either Room 250 or 260. Again, I recognize several members of the Class of 1971. Who are all those handsome young people?

