

## Editor's Note

Were you here for the Spring Program? No? Too bad, we had a record turnout for a series of enjoyable events. The highlight of the weekend may have been the reception for the Class of 1966 hosted by class member Tommy Thompson, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, at the Executive Mansion. Almost 100 classmates, spouses and guests turned out for this special treat. With a four-year term for Governor, next year's reunion classes will not be able to take advantage of their own governor but we hope they will have as much fun in their own ways.

Speaking of the Spring Program, Tony Varda ('76) made a major admission at the Saturday luncheon. Speaking for his 15th Reunion Class, Tony admitted that he and Grant Callow ('75) were responsible for the labeling of "Reality Checkpoint." The two decided that the School needed a little institutionalized humor, and the most famous location in the building was born late one night. Tony, incidentally, had carefully concluded that all relevant statutes of limitation had expired before making his revelation.

At the Luncheon, Kirby Bouthilet ('73) became the 47th president of the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association and its first female chief. Kirby has been active in WLAA since shortly after graduation, serving on the Board of Visitors, as chairman of the Visitors and on the Association's Board of Directors. She practices law in Green Bay while raising her family and looks forward to continuing the momentum created by Joel Haber and Jeff Bartell.

If the Spring Program is past, it must be about the end of the semester. Exams are under way as I write these lines, and before you read them, graduation will also have taken place. The Class of 1991 enters a market very different from any in the past decade. This morning's *Wall Street Journal* noted another New York City firm abruptly withdrawing offers to new graduates and cancelling this summer's clerking program. The number of graduates reporting placements is down about 10%, and the number of employers with reservations for fall on-campus interviews is down about 15%. At a meeting of senior law placement professionals in Ohio recently, we agreed that, in the long run, this situation is not all bad. The legal marketplace should emerge from these bad times with better business management practices and law students will be forced to do more self-assessment

that should lead to greater job satisfaction. These "improvements," however, are cold comfort to the new grad who is admitted to practice with no place to go.

There is one job opening here in Madison: UW President Kenneth Shaw has announced that he will step down this summer to become Chancellor of Syracuse University. President Shaw has quietly guided UW through tight times and has achieved significant improvements for the system. His successor will have Shaw's successes to build on and even greater challenges in a world of diminishing resources.

As Dean Bernstine completes his first year, we complete our first cycle of alumni events designed to introduce him to our 9,000 alumni. Last month we toured northern Wisconsin. Blair Kauffman, Director of the Law Library, joined the tour and took advantage of this forum to tell gathered alumni about the outreach services provided by the Library. Our one disappointment was a late spring snowstorm that prevented us from visiting Wisconsin's Concrete Park, near Phillips—well worth the trip by itself!

Finally, in late April, after a lapse of some thirty years, an old tradition was revived here—the UW-Marquette Faculty Dinner. Meeting in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, on neutral territory, the faculties of the state's two law schools met for informal conversation. No bloodshed occurred and most of us were surprised at how many friends we shared and how many projects the two Schools share as matters of interest. We promised that the next similar event will not wait until 2021.



Mystery Picture

The Mystery Picture from Vol. 21, No. 3 is a mystery no more. You may recall that it showed Prof. Sam Mermin congratulating three students. After receiving identifications for some or all of the students from Jane Williams ('76), Darcy Veach ('78) and Bruce Greenlee ('80), who incidentally agreed on only one name, I happened to run into Barbara Hermanson ('79) at a dinner in Wausau, Wisconsin. Since she had not been identified by anyone as being in the picture I was taken aback when she thanked me for "putting her picture in the *Gargoyle*." Assuming that "first person" identifications are probably the most reliable, I initially agreed with Barb on the other two persons in the picture even though she could recall only their first names. When I checked against the photos on the permanent records, however, I found that even Barb could make a mistake. The other woman in the picture is Sarah Reinhard now of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Scott Pernitz who has traveled all the way to uptown Madison. All three are members of the Class of 1979 and were being congratulated for winning the Appellate Advocacy competition.

For this issue's Mystery Picture I have chosen a meeting of the Board of Directors and Board of Visitors of the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association, probably from the mid-1970's, and taken in the Law School's faculty lounge. Several participants are familiar and several others should be easily recognizable to friends, but can anyone identify everyone?