

MESSAGE *from the Dean*

DEAN KENNETH B. DAVIS, JR. INTRODUCES YOU
TO NEW FEATURES IN THE *GARGOYLE*

WELCOME TO THE NEW *GARGOYLE*! With this issue, we are launching a new design for our magazine, in keeping with the many exciting new initiatives and projects that are taking place at the UW Law School. From our dynamic new faculty members to our newly inaugurated and overwhelmingly successful Community Service Day to our revitalized alumni activities—we are bringing progress on many fronts, and we hope you will enjoy reading about it in these pages.

We've heard from many of you that you want to hear more about the faculty, your classmates, and the current students. Therefore, our new *Gargoyle* design also reflects a new commitment to spreading the word about the excellent people and programs here at your Law School. And it's only one part of a broader communication strategy. In the last couple of years, we have inaugurated and continually upgraded our Law School Web site (www.law.wisc.edu), and we have created several new print publications describing our course and program offerings, clinical opportunities, and student groups. These brochures also can be read in electronic form on our Web site.

From our new alumni Web pages (www.law.wisc.edu/alumni) and class reunion plans, to our committed Benchers Society, we are seeing an era of revitalized alumni activity. As I write this, we have just enjoyed an outstanding get-together with our Benchers Society, the group of the Law School's most loyal supporters. After dinner in the Quarles & Brady Reading Room of the Law Library, we were privileged to hear a terrific speech by one of Wisconsin's premier citizens, the Hon. Gaylord Nelson, who has served as our governor and U.S. senator, and received the Law School's Distinguished Service Award. (We have included the text of Gaylord Nelson's speech later in this issue.)

We still have places among the Benchers for more dedicated alumni who would like to help the Dean in funding new initiatives as well as scholarships for our many outstanding students (such as the four impressive individuals you will read about here in our new "Student Life" section of the *Gargoyle*). We would also be delighted to talk with anyone who has a special interest in helping to support the new and improved publications that we need to produce in order to keep the national legal community aware of the many accomplishments of our faculty and students.

We'd like to hear your comments on our new look, as well as on the articles you are about to read. We are committed to finding ways to get our alumni more involved in the life of the School. You'll find profiles of the two newest members of our Development and Alumni Relations Team, Tricia Wheeler and Debbie Davidson, later in this *Gargoyle*.

With the interest and support of individual alumni/alumnae, we can continue to recruit and support the students and faculty, and create and maintain the programs that make the University of Wisconsin Law School nationally pre-eminent among schools known for the highest quality of legal education. ♦



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