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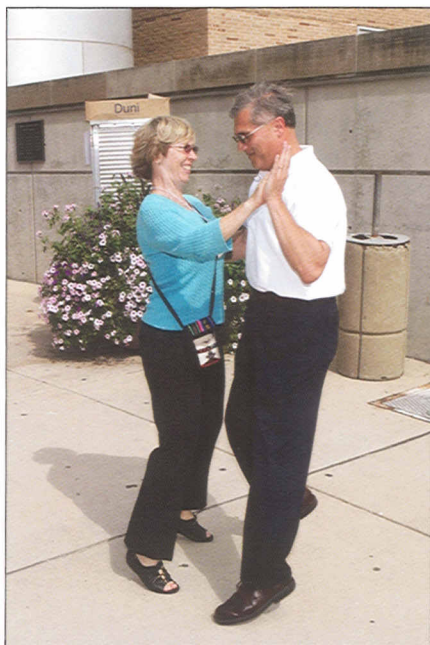
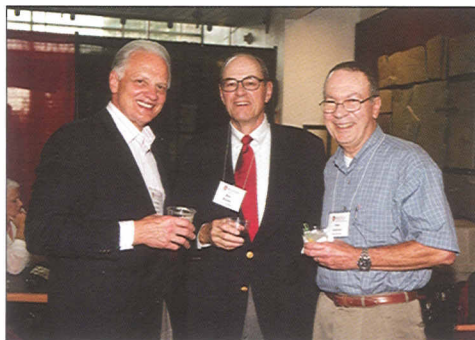
Alumni Reunion Weekend 2006

On the warm and sunny weekend of September 15-16, 2006, the Law School hosted class reunions for all classes celebrating five or 10 years from their graduation year. An enthusiastic turnout of graduates from the classes of 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2001 converged for a weekend of socializing, networking, reminiscing, tailgating, and more.

Friday featured an all-class reception followed by individual class dinners, while Saturday included a tailgate party at noon, before the UW Badgers played San Diego State (score: Wisconsin 14, San Diego 0).

In fall 2007, graduating classes ending in -7 and -2 will take their turn: this year's reunions are set for October 19 and 20.

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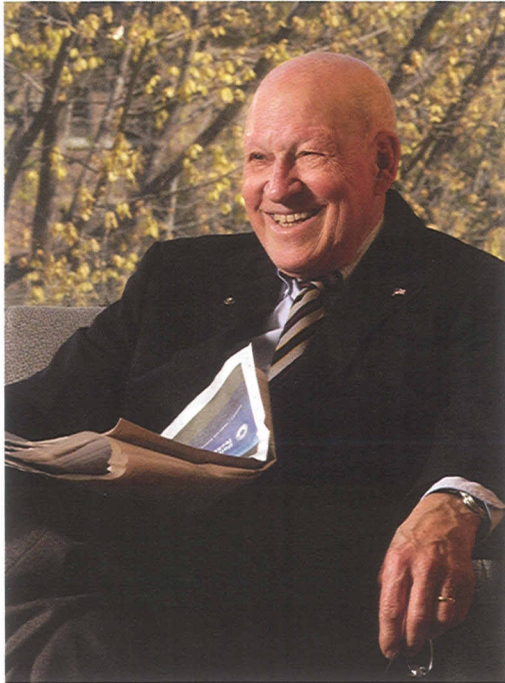


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Law School Saddened by Death of Professor Gordon Baldwin

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The Law School community was deeply saddened this fall by the death of longtime faculty member Gordon Brewster Baldwin, Evjue Bascom Emeritus Professor of Law. Baldwin died in his sleep in Italy on October 15, 2006, after an evening attending the opera with his wife, Helen.

A nationally known authority on constitutional law and foreign relations law, Baldwin came to teach at the Law School in 1957. Throughout his distinguished career, he wrote on a broad range of legal topics, and after taking emeritus status, continued to work as a legal professional, arguing cases at all court levels.

Baldwin contributed his time in service from the local to the federal level; and shared his legal and political expertise with radio and

television audiences as a frequent guest commentator. The major Madison and Milwaukee newspapers published articles on him in the days following the announcement of his death.

(In the last issue of the *Gargoyle*, Baldwin reminisced on how he came to Wisconsin to teach in the “How I Got Here” feature. See <http://www.law.wisc.edu/webshare/02vW/v32n1.pdf#page=22>.)

As soon as the news of Baldwin’s death reached the Law School, e-mails voicing sorrow at his loss started to appear on the faculty and staff e-mail list-serve. Space considerations preclude sharing all 50 messages here, but one has been chosen to share with *Gargoyle* readers, at right.

A gathering in appreciation of Baldwin’s life was held at the Law School on November 10. Faculty colleagues, former students, and members of all branches of Wisconsin government joined Baldwin’s family and friends to share memories. One sentence was repeated frequently: “We will miss him.”

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Gifts in memory of Gordon Baldwin may be made to the UW Law School or to the Madison Rotary Foundation. Gifts to the Law School should be sent to UW Law School, 975 Bascom Mall, Madison WI 53706 (attn: Jini Rabas). Gifts to Rotary should be sent to Madison Rotary Foundation, 22 North Carroll Street, Madison, WI 53703. For either organization, please indicate that the gift is for the “Gordon Baldwin Memorial.”

Remembering Gordon

When I came to the law school in 1971 Gordon already seemed senior. Perhaps it was the sport jacket at a time when people wore bell-bottoms and overalls, or the pipe, or the affectionate antiquarian scholarly interests (biographies, the Federalist Papers, quoting exact page cites from Supreme Court cases). But one could also sense a youthful joyous spirit, and he grew less senior over time.

He was known as the Law School’s only Republican and a conservative (by today’s standards I guess he would be no farther right than the center). For this he took guff but never responded in kind. He often amazed me with the cheerful, patient, nondogmatic way he expressed his views. I always thought of him as the paradigm of the criticism that liberals love humanity while conservatives love individual people.

I, too, so often felt affirmed and valued. On my retirement poster, he wrote, “what a wonderful colleague.” So few people in life give us that sense of unconditional acceptance; it is the way of a generous heart. Buddhists speak of luminous beings who help us to see the good in ourselves. Maybe Gordon was too down-to-earth to be a luminous being, but he obviously was a source of warmth and light. No wonder we will miss him.

— Bill Clune,
Professor Emeritus