Reunions Bring Hundreds Of Alumni Back to Law School

Hundreds of graduates celebrated their law school reunions on September 3-4, 2004 in Madison. Nine classes in all, ranging from the class of 1954 — celebrating its fifty-year reunion — to the class of 1999 — celebrating its five-year reunion — joined with friends and faculty at the all-class cocktail reception in the Law School Atrium. Individual class dinners provided time for classmates to visit with one another and with faculty members. Dean Davis stopped in at many of the dinners to thank alumni for their continued support and involvement with the Law School.

The first day began with a free CLE Ethics Program taught by Ralph Cagle, clinical professor and director of the Lawyering Skills Program who is a frequent national speaker and trainer on negotiation, mediation, and the professional responsibilities of lawyers.

On Saturday morning, alumni attended a pre-game tailgate brunch outdoors on Boerner Plaza. Many went on to watch the UW Badgers 34-6 victory over the University of Central Florida Saturday at the remodeled Camp Randall Stadium, while others enjoyed the lovely Madison weather at the Memorial Union Terrace or took a nostalgic walk down State Street.

All in all, it was a very special weekend for the Law School and for the many alumni who returned to campus.


Pulitzer Prize Winning Author Roger Wilkins To Speak

This year’s Robert W. Kastenmeier lecture, on Friday, October 29, will focus on the fortieth anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, in which Bob Kastenmeier played a major role.

The lecture will feature Roger Wilkins, currently the Clarence J. Robinson Professor of History and American Culture at George Mason University. Wilkins, a journalist and historian, was a member of the editorial page staff at the Washington Post, where he shared in winning a Pulitzer Prize for Watergate coverage. Wilkins was also an associate editor at the Washington Star and a columnist and member of the editorial board at the New York Times. His writings include the books Jefferson’s Pillow: The Founding Fathers and the Dilemma of Black Patriotism, and his acclaimed autobiography, A Man’s Life. He is the past chairman of the Pulitzer Prize Board. Professor Frank Tuerkheimer will discuss Kastenmeier’s role in the legislation and its amendments.

The Kastenmeier Lecture is supported by the fund established to honor Robert W. Kastenmeier, an outstanding graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School who served with great distinction in the United States Congress from 1958–1990. If you would like to attend, please call (608) 262-3833 by October 25 for details. The Kastenmeier Lecture begins at 4:00 p.m. on October 29 in the Law School, and seats are limited.