

Editor's Note

Recently the Class of 1986 walked across the stage in the Field House, shook hands with the Dean and the Chancellor and began their legal careers. There were certainly many stories of sacrifice, hard work and ultimate triumph, but few will approach that of Patrick Kwanashie. Patrick, you see, walked across the stage with the help of his faithful guide dog. He is not our first blind graduate. In fact, Patrick shared an office in the Law School with two other blind students (and another guide dog), both of whom graduated ahead of Patrick. Shortly after arriving here to study law, a coup toppled the government in his home country, Nigeria. The new government placed tight controls on travel and the transfer of funds out of the country. Patrick now faced the additional disability of having no money and, because he was not a citizen, not being eligible for any normal loan money.

One thing Patrick did have were friends. Quietly they began to help him in his quest for a law degree. One special friend was Dan Peterson, one of our part-time law students. Patrick became another part-time occupation of Dan's, in addition to a full time job on campus. Dan and many other students conducted fund raisers, arranged for volunteers to read casebooks, found housing for Patrick and his dog, and helped in many other less obvious ways. Dan met with the Alumni Association Board of Directors at most of their meetings for two years, keeping them aware of Patrick and preparing for the day when student-raised funds would run out. Finally, WLAA stepped in with funds from an account earmarked for assistance to foreign students.

Patrick graduated with the other members of his entering class. To keep up, he attended two summer sessions in addition to six regular semesters. Shortly before graduation, Patrick learned that he had not only been accepted into an LL.M. program at Yale Law School, but had also been awarded a fellowship

which should pay all his expenses there. He will begin studying international law at Yale this fall.

Those of us who knew and worked with Patrick would never expect him to seek publicity for his accomplishments. Nor would his special friends expect public thanks for their efforts. Nevertheless, it was a proud moment for many in the Law School family when Patrick Kwanashie became an alumnus.

For those of you who follow such things, the Law School Duck once again hatched her brood in our Courtyard. And, once again, yours truly, in my capacity as Building Manager, had the responsibility of gathering up the ducklings, chasing the mother into the air, then reuniting the family outside the courtyard on Bascom Hill. My belief that the same duck returns year after year has been strengthened by the fact that the mother takes the whole operation quite calmly. My own two "ducklings," aged 3 and 5, were interested observers for the first

time. The operation later became a "book" and a "show-and-tell" to Ms. Keith's kindergarten class at Crestwood School.

Volume 16, number 4, has only recently gone out, but several of our readers have already identified the "mystery picture." The group included, left to right, Theodore Toebaas ('52), his father Oscar Toebaas ('12), and Dean Oliver Rundell. The person shaking Dean Rundell's hand has been tentatively identified as Sam Morris ('52). The occasion was, as we expected, bar admission. While others are sure to write with their guesses, thanks for assistance in the identification to: Norm Anderson, Thomas Anich, John Best, Phil Habermann, Maurice Pasch and Walter Raushenbush.

In this issue, the "mystery" picture dates from about 1970-75, and shows a group of students at the SBA Bookmart. From the sign over the door and the clothing, my guess is that this was during fall registration. Who is shown?





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