MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR GEORGE H. YOUNG

George H. Young, Professor of Law, died on September 13, 1981, at the age of 65. He is survived by his wife Lillian.

He was born at Elkhorn, Wisconsin, on December 3, 1915, the son of Dr. J. Howard Young and Winnifred Young. He received his B.A. degree with honors from the University of Wisconsin in 1938 and earned his law degree in 1941 from the University of Wisconsin Law School. As a law student, George Young served as executive editor of the Wisconsin Law Review and was elected to the Order of Coif, an honorary law society. He was also a member of Phi Eta Sigma, honorary scholastic society, and Phi Delta Phi, professional law fraternity.

For ten years he was with the distinguished Madison law firm of Stroud, Stebbins, Wingert and Young. He joined the faculty as an associate professor in 1950 and became a full professor of law in 1953. Five years later the University Regents named him Dean of the Law School, in which position he served until 1968, when he returned to teaching.

In his law studies, research, and teaching, George Young specialized in corporation law. During his early years on the faculty, he also taught evidence and played a leading part in the inauguration of studies in the field of law and crime detection and on the problem of whether the courts should admit evidence based on modern scientific methods of crime detection.

George Young made great contributions to the Law School as dean and as a teaching member of the faculty. He had a remarkable ability to appear tough and yet be compassionate, a characteristic that endeared him to the student body; to be serious and tense and yet display a relaxed humor that endeared him to alumni and friends of the school who returned for various functions; to appear unconcerned while in fact being courageously persistent in the



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pursuit of a common sense resolution of the tough issues that confronted him, which made his work invaluable at times of great tension such as during the student disorders of the 1960s; to have his own views about legal education, but be supportive of a law faculty whose views were very diverse, a characteristic that made the Wisconsin Law School a pleasant and comfortable place for all.

As dean, the common question he asked of individual faculty members was, "What can I do to help you achieve your goal?" His approach as dean was to build a strong faculty and then to give that faculty the support needed to achieve its teaching, research, and public service goals. During his administration, the student body and faculty doubled in size.

George Young served the Law School during the early part of the most troubled decade in the University's history. He maintained a strong faculty and the strong support of the student body at a time when academic institutions and their faculties and student bodies were often alienated, one from the other.

Although devoted to the Law School, he did not neglect the University, the community, or the profession for which he was trained. He made major contributions to law reform, serving on the committee that produced a major reform of the criminal code and on the committee that rewrote the corporation code. He authored the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law.

He was a member of the Judicial Commission of Wisconsin representing the State Bar for two years and at the time of his death was a member of the Professional Responsibility Committee of District 9 of the State Bar.

He frequently acted as an arbitrator for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Office and served as referee for the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Interested in sports, he was a golfer and for many years owned horses which were entered in harness racing events throughout the Midwest. He was the University of Wisconsin Faculty Representative to the Big Ten Intercollegiate Conference from 1951 to 1959 and served for many years on the

Athletic Board of the University of Wisconsin, retiring last year from that board. He was chairman of the powerful National Collegiate Athletic Association Committee on Infractions for 19½ years and displayed that rare gift of being able to impose severe punishment on offending colleges and universities in a manner perceived by the offending school to be very fair and understanding.

George Young was fond of his students. For over twenty years, he led the graduating-law-student cane-parade at the homecoming football game.

VISITORS DINNER HONORS LOCAL PRACTITIONERS

Seventy-three Madison area practitioners were honored during the annual Board of Visitors Dinner on Sunday, October 15, 1981. The Dinner is held in conjunction with the inspection of the Law School and its programs conducted each year by the Visitors. Dean Orrin Helstad addressed the audience on the use of practitioners in law school teaching. While their value in substantive instruction seems obvious, he noted, they have an equal value in exposing their students to the non-academic world of lawyers. Dean Helstad congratulated these seventy-three individuals for their concern for this Law School and the sacrifice of time and money they made in teaching. The value of the time they contributed, using the most conservative estimates, runs into the millions of dollars.

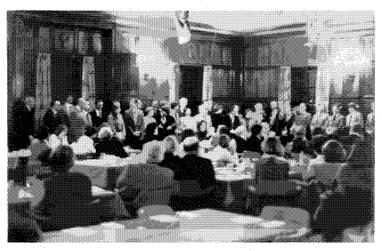
The list of those individuals honored follows:

Alumni and faculty still vividly remember his extraordinary wit and virtuosity as toastmaster at a decade of potentially dull law school dinners. Every dignitary he introduced felt a bit flattered, but also deftly needled. George's brief reports on the state of the school were wry, often hilarious, yet always made telling points about the school's progress and its needs.

He will be remembered with affection by lawyers throughout the state. Their feeling for him is reflected in this tribute from the Dane County Bar Newsletter: "The world of scholars, students and barristers mourns the passing of a good guy like George Young."

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