Reminder: Class Reunions Are Oct. 19-20

This fall the Law School will welcome back its classes whose graduation years end in -7 and -2 for Class Reunion Weekend on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20. Now is the time to make plans to reconnect with your Law School classmates in Madison.
The weekend will include an all-class reception, a dinner gathering for each class group, a free CLE Ethics Program taught by Professor Ralph Cagle, football, and tailgating. The Badgers will play the Northern Illinois Huskies on Saturday.
Non-football fans are encouraged to join sports aficionados at the pre-game tailgate.
To register or to learn more details about the weekend, see the reunions Web site: www.law.wisc.edu/alumnireunion/index.htm, or call Lynn Thompson, 608-262-4915.

Former Law Library Director Maurice Leon Dies at 95

Maurice D. Leon ’48, Director of the UW Law Library from 1969 to 1982, died in March 2007 at the age of 95.
As a young man, Leon had dreamed of becoming an artist. He attended art school in Milwaukee, but the Depression of the 1930s forced him to change his plans: he took a job as Government Documents Librarian at the UW Law School.
After serving in World War II, Leon returned to the Law School to earn his law degree. Upon graduation, he became the Law Library’s Foreign Documents Librarian. He then served as Social Studies Librarian at Memorial Library, and returned to the Law Library in 1956 as Associate Librarian.
In his years as Director, Leon led the Law Library into the era of technology. It was a source of pride to him that the UW Law Library was one of the first law libraries in the country to offer computer-assisted legal research services. Another source of pride was the Law Library's unique criminal justice collection, which he described as one of the best in the country.
Upon retiring in 1982, Leon returned to his first love — art, taking university classes and creating numerous works, some of which are on display in the Law Library conference room as a tribute to him. Leon enjoyed 25 years of active retirement.

Remembering Law Teachers Hetherington, Long, Volz

In recent months the Gargoyle has received word of the deaths of three faculty members who taught at the Law School in earlier decades.

Marlin M. Volz ’40 taught at the Law School from 1946 to 1950, when he was chosen, at age 32, to be Dean of the University of Kansas City School of Law, one of the nation’s youngest law school deans. In 1958 he became Dean of the University of Louisville School of Law, and retired in 1987. His area of focus was labor law, and he had a 40-year career as a labor arbitrator. He was the first Chair of the Louisville Human Relations Commission and was a noted author of legal practice materials.

J. Richard Long ’49 practiced in Beloit from 1949 to 1980, and then served as a circuit court judge in Rock County until his retirement in 1995. He was Co-Director of the General Practice Course, and taught a popular intensive course in trial advocacy through the Law School’s Continuing Education (CLEW) office in the 1970s. Dean David Schulz, director of CLEW, recalls, “Judge Long was the sole instructor and prepared an extensive set of materials that he used to introduce lawyers to his proven methods of civil trial preparation and litigation. Over 600 lawyers participated. He had to discontinue the course when he was elected to the bench.”

John A.C. Hetherington taught at the Law School from 1962 to 1971. A native of St. Catharines, Ontario, he came to Wisconsin after a successful career as a Wall Street lawyer; his specialty was business law. Hetherington won several awards for teaching excellence. After leaving Madison, he continued his teaching career at the University of Virginia.