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### LEWISTON-AUBURN FUND RAISING LUNCHEON



Harold Redding '18 (standing, second from left) was honored at a fund raising luncheon. Among those attending were (seated) John B. Wlodkowski '64, L. Kinvin Wroth, (standing L. to R.) Charles R. Priest '74, Redding, Samuel Michael '55 and Robert Checkoway '76.

#### AT OUR ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET



David S. Silsby '58 (center) presents his paintings of our various Law School buildings to Acting Dean L. Kinvin Wroth as President John B. Wlodkowski '64 looks on.



John presents former Dean Bert S. Prunty with a leather attache case as an expression of gratitude.



### SETTING OUR SIGHTS

The annual meeting and banquet have come and gone, and a new team of officers takes over where Ward Graffam, '67, left off. Ward's term will be remembered, among other things, for the initiation of the Newsletter, establishment of an Alumni scholarship and a distinguished senior award, and appearances at the legislative hearings, Ward made his presence felt by dedicated service over several years in promoting the interests of the Law School and the Alumni Association, and all of us extend thanks to him for a job well done.

Now is the time to set our sights on several goals for the ensuing year. First, there is the all important Fund Drive. Through our contributions, we not only support important programs and provide vital resources to our Alma Mater but also demonstrate to the public the need for and our appreciation of its assistance to legal education, and our willingness to share that responsibility. I predict that the Alumni will set a new record for annual contributions this year. My optimism is founded on the acceptance by energetic Bob Checkoway, '76, Lewiston, of the responsibility of spearheading the fund drive as Chairman. coupled with the strong response we are

receiving throughout Maine as we plan a series of alumni gatherings in the next few months.

Another project underway is the revision of our antiquated by-laws. Recognizing that the increase in size and scope of the association warrants a larger, more representative, governing body, I have appointed a committee to review this matter, chaired by Margaret Kravchuk, '76, Bangor. Part of its charge will be to determine the usefulness of Association dues and the advisability of establishing a one-year term for Association officers.

I think we all understand that the key to the success of our Association is involvement on the part of each alumnus and alumna. To realize our potential, we are attempting to contact as many of you as possible, either personally or by mail. We shall be looking for your responses.

An organization cannot function well without a motivated group. This we have in the persons of Joe Troiano, '73, Vice President, who served so admirably as Treasurer and provided us with a profitable tax seminar last fall; and Charlie Priest, '74, Treasurer, and Rebecca Farnum, '77, Secretary, who both demonstrated their enthusiastic support of the Association as class reps. Also, keeping our communications network alive from the Law School, we are fortunate to have Sharon Prunty, Administrative Assistant to the Dean. With their support and yours, I am confident that our objectives will be attained.

John B. Wlodkowski, '64 President

### DEAN'S COLUMN

I am pleased to be able to report that the Law School has so far endured administrative change and Proposition 13 fever without apparent harm.

Bert Prunty's departure from the deanship was a loss which we have all felt. Thanks, however, to the admirable cooperation and spirit of Faculty, students, staff, and University administration, I have been able to keep the wheels turning.

The search for a permanent successor to Bert is delayed pending the search for a new President and Provost for the University of Southern Maine. We will advise the Alumni Association when our search commences and will actively seek alumni participation in the process.

The Law School's familiar programs--Clinic, Moot Court, Law Review--continue to win us honors. I especially wish to call to your attention three newer undertakings: Our Continuing Legal Education, Marine Law, and Canadian programs. These three efforts joined forces in a highly successful Marine Law CLE Conference conducted jointly with Dalhousie Law School as reported more fully elsewhere in this issue. All three programs are of independent stature, however.

We hope that our CLE program will continue to merit the praise that our first efforts have received as we move into an era of increasing specialization and public concern for professional competence. We have recently created a Marine Law Institute jointly with USM's Center for Research and Advanced Study. The Institute with Edward F. Bradley, an Assistant Attorney General attached to the Maine Department of Marine Resources, as Acting Director will seek outside funds to support research and teaching in areas of marine law directly affecting the Gulf of Maine region. The Canadian program has at its heart our relationship with the Dalhousie Faculty of Law in Halifax, which involves student and Faculty exchanges, joint conferences, and joint research and publication efforts. From this base we hope to develop a program of contacts with law schools and the legal profession throughout Atlantic Canada and Quebec which will provide for our students and the state much needed expertise for political and economic dealings with our closest international neighbor.

I find particularly gratifying the strong showing which individual Alumni and alumnae are making on a variety of fronts. The personal success that so many of you are now enjoying in both the public and the private sectors brings honor to the school as well as to yourselves. With over 700 of you now out in the world, you are ready to be a real force in Maine both in the profession and in the community at large. Closer to home, the Law School is the stronger for the presence on our part-time Faculty this year of several able alumni.

The new spirit of the Alumni Association is also truly heartening to me. This year has seen a number of exciting initiatives that bode well for an ever higher level of alumni interest in and support for the Law School: Joe Trojano's tremendously successful tax seminar and the first-ever 10th class reunion on Alumni Day in September; a gift to the School from the 1978 Fund Drive sufficient to provide two scholarships and a number of other necessaries as well; the regional alumni luncheons, which have given me the pleasure of seeing so many familiar faces in different settings; the Portland benefit performance of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," which demonstrated that fundraising can be not only painless but fun. I look forward to the first of a series of banner years for you and us.

For the Law School needs now more than ever a strong and loyal Alumni Association, and you need our strength as well. It's not just a question of pocketbook support, although with Proposition 13 abroad in the land, we will certainly need your help if the Law School is to maintain its high quality and competitive edge.

Really more important to all of us is meeting the steady bombardment which our entire profession--practitioners, judges, and educators alike--increasingly endures at the hands of the public. Much of the criticism is merited. We need to work together to strengthen and order the organization of the legal profession and the role of legal education in it. But there is another level of criticism--spawned by those uninformed about the real and necessary role of the lawyer in society and the role of the Law School as an essential resource--which must be met head on. I hope that each of you by your daily example and by your express words will help us to remind the Legislature and the public at large of the essential contribution that this Law School and you its graduates make to the welfare of the people of Maine.

Acting Dean L. Kinvin Wroth

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING, SEMINAR, DINNER

The annual Law School Alumni Day, held on September 30, 1978, was the most elaborate in the Alumni Association's history. In addition to the usual business meeting and alumni dinner, the day was marked by an outstanding seminar on current tax law developments and the 10th Reunion of the Class of 1968.

At the business meeting, those present elected new officers, created a by-laws study committee, and presented sum of \$2600 from the 1978 Annual Alumni Fund Drive to Acting Dean L. Kinvin Wroth for the use of the Law School. (See related stories elsewhere in this issue.)

The seminar, organized by Joseph A. Troiano, '73, drew more than 50 participants, including both alumni and non-alumni. Panelists in addition to Troiano, were Robert Kruger, Tax partner in charge, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.; Jerome F. Goldberg, Esq., Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson; Alan D. Gibbons, C.P.A. Tax Specialist, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell

& Co.; Thomas J. Van Meer, Esq., Verrill & Dana and Paul J. Hirsch '68, Internal Revenue Service. Proceeds went to the 1978 Alumni Fund Drive.

The Tenth Reunion for 1968 was the first such event to be held as a (semi-)official part of the Alumni Day proceedings. A clear majority of the 25 members of the class returned to be entertained at a reception in the Spring Street home of Professor David D. Gregory, organizer of the reunion, and to be honored at the Alumni Dinner. A "full" account appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Annual Alumni Dinner, held at the Sheraton Inn, South Portland, was attended by 47 graduates. honored at the occasion in addition to the 10th Reunion class, were former Dean Bert S. Prunty, who was presented a leather attache case by outgoing Association President, Ward I. Graffam, '67, and Graffam himself, who was presented with an Alumni Chair in recognition of his 9 years of service to the Association. Incoming President John B. Wlodkowski, '64, who made the presentation to Graffam, also presented to Dean Wroth four more watercolor portraits of the former homes of the Law School by David S. Silsby, '58.

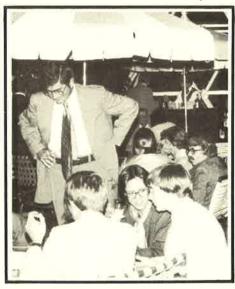


Ward I. Graffam, '67, former President of our Association (left) receives an Alumni Chair at the annual banquet.

# Some Scenes from the 1978 Alumni Banquet...



A familiar gathering around the pool...



finds Mal Zarr looking for a seat...



and Ray McGuire talking with (Becky Farnum?)...



while Dave Silsby and his wife Ellie chat with Kinvin Wroth

# SILSBY PICTURES TO HANG IN LAW SCHOOL

Five magnificent watercolor portraits of the several buildings in which the Law School has been housed in its long history have been given to the School by the artist, David S. Silsby, '58.

The pictures depict the two locations where the old University of Maine College of Law was housed in Bangor between 1898 and 1920; the Park Street quarters of Portland University from 1950 to 1961; the building at 68 High Street, Portland, where the University of Maine School of Law was housed from its rebirth in 1962 until 1972; and the present building at 246 Deering Avenue, Portland. To complete the record, Silsby is presently doing research for a picture of the Exchange Street site of the Peabody Law School, predecessor of Portland University.

Silsby's pictures have been handsomely reframed with funds from the 1978 Alumni Fund Drive. Four of the pictures will hang in the Law School lobby and one will be placed in the Dean's office.

### DEAN AWARDS TWO ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

Acting Dean L. Kinvin Wroth has announced that Alumni Scholarships of \$1000 each have been awarded to Kathleen Barry of the Class of 1980 and David B. Neumeyer of the Class of 1979. The scholarships, made possible by the generosity of alumni who contributed to the 1978 Annual Fund Drive, are for the academic year 1978-1979. The awards recognize both the academic merit and the professional promise of the recipients, as well as their financial need.

Ms. Barry, a graduate of Middlebury College and former Woodrow Wilson Fellow in the Yale Graduate School, is a Dean's List student who ranked eleventh in her class at the end of the first year. She has been active on the staff of the Maine Law Review and is a first-year writing instructor.

Mr. Neumeyer graduated from Brown and was a paralegal for Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc., and a VISTA volunteer before coming to Law School. Ranked sixth in his class at the end of his second year, he has been on the Dean's List. Neumeyer has been active in the Law School community, most notably as President of the International Law Society, which has sponsored a series of speakers in the field and a home-and-home exchange of visits with its counterpart organization at Dalhousie Law School, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

## ALUMNI/AE NOTES

STEPHEN HAYES, '77, HEADS YOUNG LAWYER'S DIVISION

Stephen Hayes, '77 a partner in the Augusta firm Southard, Hunt, Hebert, and Hayes, has recently been named Membership Chairperson for the American Bar Association, Young Lawyer's Division in the State of Maine. To help implement many of the national programs sponsored by the Young Lawyer's Division of the American Bar Association, Hayes has begun the organization of the Maine State Bar Association, Young Lawyer's Section. Initially, the Young Lawyer's Section of the Maine Bar Association will concentrate on providing professional services to new practitioners and to the general public. A membership drive to contact lawyers under 35 is being arranged. For interested lawyers, Hayes can be reached in Augusta at 623-4766.

CLASS OF 1968 HOLDS 10th

(Ed. Note: The Class of 1968 held the first organized class reunion in Law School history on September 30, 1978, in conjunction with the Annual Alumni Association meeting and dinner. The following report was found stuffed in a potted plant at David Gregory's house the next morning.)

Graduating from Law School was something like being born again. We didn't expect it ... It was a considerable relief ... and for most of us, it was the end of schooling, of being students - something we had done for years.

"Onward and Upward!", said my first employer...So, there I went!

Ten years later, on September 30, I once again marveled at Wayne Crandall. He was impressing us all with his wit and wisdom, when in came Jonathan Luce - and neatly deflated Crandy with three quick needles! What memories that demonstration brought back!

That was an unexpected part of our "reunion," a sudden realization that there was not very much we could put over on each other, because we had already been exposed; we had seen each other at our worst: unprepared, or disabled by professorial ridicule. And so it was that, after some preliminary sniffing and testing, we were able to have a very good time with each other on the occasion of our tenth reunion.

We started collecting mid-afternoon at David and Susan Gregory's small but adequate residence, (it is magnificent!) and every few minutes, the front door would open wide and admit another of our cast of characters to the growing pack. Everyone was familiar; looked the same, smelled the same, and was instantly accepted. Thank you, David and Susan, for making us all feel very welcome.

David Morse was there first. He was intensely interested in the Gregorys' furnishings; one would say, almost excited by their very presence. He felt them, smelt them, talked about them, talked to them, and once again we were impressed by his considerable knowledge in yet another field of expertise that we were only dimly aware of, like the comings and goings of NYSE et al.

This reporter arrived thereafter, "shortly," and was eventually intimidated into donning trousers of proper length, by those husbands who were not sure of their women. Dick Hill and Joe DeBonis also came over from our State of Vermont to bring the same quality to the reunion that we had brought to our studies, and the school's reputation. But Denny Williams came the farthest to the gathering, all the way from Atlanta (to shame those of you who didn't come)!

I was talking with Duncan McEachern about why he had forsaken New Hampshire to practice in Kittery, when that impressive representative of the Eastern Establishment, Roland "Cozy" Cole, made his entrance, bringing conversation to a halt. Automatically, we looked for the larger-thanlife shadow of Cozy's troopleader, Basil Kellis, but he remained a memory, albeit good-sized!

Pat Maloney and Bill Julavits were just as cheerful as ever, and I saw Clint Stuntebeck actually laugh several times! Joe Ezhaya was married! I enjoyed every minute learning what Joe had been up to in Waterville practice and politics, and how he had been stalked and captured by his delightful wife!

And we thoroughly enjoyed seeing Dean (Mr. Justice) Godfrey again and learning of his progress, and "reversals," at the Bench. Most of us had very funny things to say as we drank more and more, but we all laughed hardest at recollections of the incredible things we had said and done while students together. We were certainly nicer to each other than

we had been before, and genuinely delighted to be in each other's company. From time to time, we found ourselves just looking at each other, and thinking about those days gone by. Some faces were missing: Stu Snyder, Pete Weatherbee, Mike Sheehan, John Maley, Dan Mooers, Paula Sawyer, Basil Kellis, Jim Dunleavy, and Stearns Bryant; but you could almost swear that they were there. Ray Shevenell was there!

We talked about our wives a lot; working, while we studied; cooking, while we studied; bearing children, while we studied, sick, while we studied; sleeping - while we studied! They had a lot of adventures to recall and years of news to catch up on too. And from time to time, we found ourselves just looking at them!

Ward Graffam led us to dinner in South Portland, where we met other graduates, faculty and deans of earlier and later vintage years. The dinner itself was of questionable vintage, although clearly of considerable age by the time we consumed it. The dinner speakers took ages, but we had all consumed various and sufficient vintages by then to not care! I was roused from deep slumber, occasioned by a noted speaker's sonorous drone, and asked to say or do something appropriate, and so I simply exposed myself.

Paul Hirsh escorted several of us back to Gregory's where we discovered that we had not drunk nearly enough, and proceeded to play some inspired pool on a magnificent table found a level or two below were we had earlier gathered.

Those of us who were able to find our way upstairs thereafter, engaged in quiet conversation with David and Susan until we fell asleep.

It was the end of our tenth birthday, and it was a grand party!

David Smith, '68

HAROLD REDDING, '18, HONORED

Harold Redding, '18, who was honored by Lewiston-Auburn area Alumni in December, is truly "a gentlemen of the old school." Redding, like many other World War I era students, left the University of Maine College of Law at Bangor to join the Army before graduation. He finished his legal training, according to a method then common, as a law clerk in the office of a practicing lawyer-George C. Webber of Lewiston. Reflecting on his legal training, Harold observes that law office study prior to practice was a "wonderful idea," due to the experience he gained in such practical aspects of law as case investigation and dealing with the public.

After two final years of law office study, Redding passed the Maine Bar in 1923 and started practice on his own. He found practice just starting out "quite satisfactory - even the first week." Most of his early clients, though, were those who "couldn't afford the bigger lawyers." He developed a substantial criminal practice, and became Androscoggin County Attorney in 1930 - prosecuting a number of liquor cases before the repeal of Prohibition. Also as a prosecutor, he was called on to argue before the Law Court while William Pattengall was Chief Justice.

Redding has recently written that
"we are proud of our School of Law. The
former Deans and Professors ... developed
it to its high standing and ... transferred that something to the graduated
lawyers." Still active in Lewiston at
85 (although limiting his practice to
office work), Harold Redding is
certainly one of those to whom the Law
School transferred "that something."
"I have enjoyed my 55 years in the
practice of law," he says, "and hope to be
in action occasionally a few more of the
years to come."

# NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The Law Alumni Association elected new officers at the annual meeting held at the Law School on September 30, 1978. Elected were John Wlodkowski, '64, President; Joseph Troiano, '73, Vice President; Charles R. Priest, '74, Treasurer; and Rebecca Farnum, '77, Secretary. A new and welcome addition to our list of officers is a Fund Drive Chairman, who this year is Robert Checkoway, '76.

Two officers are returning to serve us again. President John Wlodkowski has previously served as Vice President and Treasurer during the past four years. John graduated from Alliance College in 1960. Since graduating from the Law School in 1964, he has worked as an Assistant Attorney General, with a private law firm, with Depositor's Trust Company and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. Presently he is Chief Counsel, Maine Department of Transportation. As in the past, John's enthusiasm, energy, and leadership will make the next two years eventful for the Alumni Association.

Vice President Joseph A. Troiano previously served as Treasurer. He resides in Portland with his wife and two daughters and is employed by the international accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., as a Senior Tax Specialist. Joe graduated from the University of Maine in 1970 with highest distinction in history and political science. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. After graduation from the Law School in 1973, Joe was admitted to the Maine and Massachusetts Bars. In 1976, he received an L.L.M. in taxation from Boston University School of Law.

Charles Priest is a new addition to our list of officers. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1967. From 1967-1971, he served as an ASW Officer on USS Moale and as a naval advisor to the Vietnamese Navy in Fleet type command. Since graduating from the Law School in 1974

Charlie has served as the Assistant
Director of Legislative Research in Augusta.
He is an associate member of the National
Conference of Commissioners on Uniform
State Laws; and a member of the Legal
Services Section, National Conference of
State Legislatures. The Law School is
also welcoming Charlie as a Lecturer this
semester. He will be teaching Legislation
to second and third-year students.

Rebecca Farnum, our new secretary, graduated from Colby College in 1973. After her Law School graduation in 1977, she has worked for the accounting firm of Ernst & Ernst. She is presently employed by the Maine Department of Transportation.

Robert Checkoway is the first separately named Fund Drive Chirman in the Association's history. Bob is married to Cushing Pagon, '77. He is a graduate of Brown University (1973). Upon his graduation from Law School in 1976 he clerked for a year with Chief Judge James S. Holden of the United States District Court for the District of Vermont, and he is now an Associate with the Lewiston law firm of Skelton, Taintor, and Abbott.

# PORTLAND ALUMS ATTEND THEATER BENEFIT

Approximately 125 Portland area alumni, Faculty members, spouses, and friends attended a benefit performance of Tennessee Williams' gripping play, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," as presented by the Portland Stage Company at its Temple Street theater on February 6, 1979.

The play was followed by a champagne reception in the theater lobby at which those present were able to meet members of the cast.

Lynn Ballou, '76, arranged the event for the Alumni Association's 1979 Fund Drive. Proceeds are still being processed and will be turned over to Robert Checkoway, '76, Fund Drive Chairman.

### 1979 FUND DRIVE APPROACHES

The Alumni Association's Third Annual Fund Drive will be under way very soon. For the first time, Association dues will not be assessed, and we will rely entirely on your generous contributions to support the operating expenses of the Association (such as this Newsletter, the Alumni Directory, hospitality functions, etc.) in addition to the goals of the Fund Drive. You will receive a mailing in the spring, and perhaps a phone call from your Class Agent. We promise that Fund Drive solicitations will be limited to these two contacts--and your early response to our plea by mail will immunize you from further contact by your Agent.

This year, one of the aims of the Association is to stress the importance of all aspects of alumni support--not just finances. The Association's membership of 700 is growing at better than 10% per year, and our graduates are having a dramatic affect in the private and public sector in Maine--and beyond. Part of the role of the 1979 Fund Drive will be to re-emphasize the closeness of the school's alumni as the Association's membership grows, and to gain your personal commitment to the Law School's advancement.

A series of regional alumni gatherings have been designed to bring those alumni who are not ordinarily around the campus up to date on developments at the school. These fuctions have so far been held in Lewiston-Auburn and Augusta. Another is planned for Bangor and still others are possible. In Portland, a special fundraising performance of Portland Stage Company's production of Cat on a Hot Tin Roof was held on February 6 a model which other areas would do well to follow. Through such activities, we hope to bring all our alumni into closer contact with each other, and with the school.

Of course, financial support is the Fund Drive's central purpose. The school operated without a formal alumni contribution program for the first 15 years after its refounding in 1961. But now the alumni have increased in numbers and maturity to the point that we can make a significant financial contribution. This contribution will allow the Law School to operate at the level of quality that today's Faculty and students warrant and that scarce public funds cannot reach.

The first Fund Drive in 1976-77 raised \$2,065 for the school, and the 1977-78 Fund Drive raised \$4,048. We have as yet set no monetary goal for the 1978-79 Drive, but of course we need a substantial increase in contributions to keep pace with rising costsand rising quality--on campus. Just as important as an increase in the net amount of our donations, though, will be an increase in the number of contributors, since each reflects a developing alumni commitment to the school.

Robert Checkoway, '76 Alumni Fund Chairman

# LEWISTON-AUBURN AREA LUNCHEON WELL ATTENDED

In the first of a series of regional gatherings, alumni of the Lewiston-Auburn area attended a luncheon on December 14, 1978, at the No Tomatoes Restaurant in Auburn.

Twenty of the twenty-six alumni in the Twin Cities region were present to honor Harold Redding, '18, who has been practicing law in Androscoggin County for 55 years. Redding spoke briefly of his years at the old Law School in Bangor and at the bar, then yielded the floor to Acting Dean L. Kinvin Wroth, who gave an account of the current situation at the Law School. Robert Checkoway, '76, Alumni Fund Drive Chairman for 1979, presided.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE SOUGHT FOR HASLER FUND

Acting Dean L. Kinvin Wroth has announced that an appeal for contributions to the Pierce B. and Arlana K. Hasler Memorial Fund will be conducted this spring.

The Fund was created in 1971 in memory of one of the Law School's outstanding young teachers and his wife, who in that year were tragically killed in an Alaskan airplane crash. Initial contributions by family and friends of the pair and subsequent donations by alumni have brought the principal of the fund to about \$7,500. The goal of the present appeal is to increase the principal to about \$20,000, which will permit a full tuition scholarship to be given annually from the income.

This spring's appeal is a one-time solicitation which is not intended to conflict with or replace the annual general Alumni Fund Drive. Chairman of the Hasler appeal is Robert A. Laskoff, '71. He intends to canvass all persons who were students and Faculty before and during Hasler's years at the Law School. Contributions from later graduates will of course be welcome and may be sent to the Dean.

### GOVERNOR SPEAKS AT AUGUSTA AREA LUNCHEON

Governor Joseph E. Brennan, '63, addressed a group of more than twenty alumni from the Augusta area at Hazel Green's Restaurant there on January 31, 1979, at the second in a series of regional luncheons.

Brennan introduced Arthur A.
Stilphen, '72, his newly appointed
Commissioner of Public Safety, then
called upon alumni to participate more
actively in public life, particularly

through service in the Legislature. The Governor spoke warmly on his own days as a student and Law library worker and complimented the school on its present stature and excellence.

Also speaking were Acting Dean L. Kinvin Wroth and 1979 Alumni Fund Drive Chairman, Robert Checkoway, '76.

### ALUMNI JOIN PART-TIME FACULTY

A number of alumni are serving as Lecturers on the Law School Faculty this year, teaching courses on a part-time basis in their areas of specialization. David B. Hawkes, '69, of the Portland office of Peat, Marwick & Mitchell, taught Legal Accounting during the fall semester, as he has many times in the past. Also teaching in the fall were Ward I. Graffam, '67, Counsel for Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, who taught Insurance, and Bryan Dench, '75, of the Lewiston firm of Skelton, Taintor, and Abbott, who taught Business Planning.

This spring, Charles A. Priest, '74, Assistant Director of the State Office of Legislative Research, is teaching the course in Legislation, and Edward F. Bradley, a former member of the class of '70 and now an Assistant Attorney General attached to the Maine Department of Marine Resources and Acting Director of the Law School's Marine Law Institute, is teaching a new course in Ocean and Coastal Law.

Former full time Faculty member Gerald F. Petruccelli, now a partner in the firm of Preti, Flaherty, and Beliveau, has also served as a Lecturer this year, teaching The Legal Process in the fall and Constitutional Law I in the spring.

# BY-LAWS REVISION COMMITTEE

At the annual meeting of the Alumni Association, discussion focused on the substantial growth in the association in recent years, caused by the increased size of Law School graduating classes. It was generally agreed that by-laws revision was necessary in view of the fact that there are now over 700 alumni, many of whom reside outside of the State of Maine.

To assist the association in the revision of its by-laws, three attorneys in the Bangor area have been appointed by the President to draft proposals for consideration. They are: Margaret Kravchuk, '76, Paul Chaiken, '74, and Jean Deighan, '76.

Most important is the need to consider expanding the present executive board of four officers in order to provide greater representation and encourage more involvement of our members. A larger board will permit better geographical representation and a more orderly division of tasks such as fundraising and editing the Newsletter.

Another noteworthy suggestion that has been made is reduction of the present two-year term of office to one year. Several officers, past and present, have indicated that a shorter term would encourage more of our talented alumni to participate in the running of the Association. At the same time, it would lessen the total time commitment on the part of the officers. There has been a tradition within the Association that an individual would serve an apprenticeship as secretary or treasurer, then vicepresident, before being elected president. As a result, several loyal alumni have served as officers over a six or eight vear period.

The Committee has been asked to complete proposals by March 15. If any

one has any suggestions, particularly on how the officers could better reflect the number and geographical spread of our alumni, it is requested that they be forwarded to the chairperson, Margaret Kravchuck, 34 Jefferson Street, Bangor, Maine 04401.

# PROPOSED MAINE PROBATE CODE COMPLETED

The proposed Maine Probate Code, a massive piece of legislation on which three Law School Faculty members have been working as consultants since 1973, is currently pending before the Maine Legislature.

Presented to the Legislature by the Maine Probate Law Revision Commission last fall, the Code is now in the hands of the Judiciary Committee, which plans a series of hearings on the bill during the first part of the present legislative session.

Former Dean Edward S. Godfrey was the Commission's first consultant, serving in that role from the project's inception until his appointment to the Supreme Judicial Court in 1976. At that point, Professor Merle W. Loper took up the reins and saw the drafting of the Code, commentary and a 700-page explanatory report through to completion. Acting Dean L. Kinvin Wroth served as consultant on procedure and jurisdiction, preparing a set of proposed Rules of Probate Procedure which accompany the report.

The proposed Maine Code is based on the Uniform Probate Code, adapted to prior Maine practice and Maine conditions. If enacted at the present session, the Code will become effective January 1, 1981.

### STAX STUF

Since the last <u>Newsletter</u>, a number of exciting things have happened in the Law Library. We now have a permanent bookkeeper on board, Sandra Hartford. Sandra also handles all interlibrary loan transactions. Among her many activities, Sandra is on the Cumberland County Civic Center Board of Trustees.

Penny A. Hazelton, formerly Associate Law Librarian, was promoted to Law Librarian July 1, 1978. Donald L. Garbrecht, for health reasons, resigned his duties as Law Librarian and has been promoted to Director of Special Collections. In October, Suzanne Pelletier became the Library Assistant in our cataloging department. We are very lucky to have Suzanne, because she has had three years of experience in the cataloging department of the USM Library.

Law Library hours are as follows:

1/18/79-1/27/79 - 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
1/28/79-3/22/79 - 7:30 a.m.-midnight
3/23/79 - 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
3/24/79-3/25/79 - CLOSED
3/26/79-3/29/79 - 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
3/30/79 - 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
3/31/79-5/24/79 - 7:30 a.m.-midnight

Summer hours will be announced later.

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### LAW SCHOOL CLE PROGRAMS

The University of Maine School of Law and the Dalhousie Faculty of Law jointly sponsored a three-day Continuing Legal Education Conference on Marine Law in November, 1978. Scholars, lawyers, and government personnel from both the U.S. and Canada attended. The conference was judged a success by those present. Discussion was often lively due in large part to the focus on current boundary, fisheries, and energy problems which confront the two nations and their respective citizenry in the Northwest Atlantic region.

A further round of CLE programs is planned for the spring of 1979. Now in the works are short courses in Welfare Law, Environmental Law, and Employment Discrimination and Conferences dealing with Corporations issues and Growth (Land Use) policy issues. Specific dates are not yet firm, but will be announced shortly.

Materials from some of the past CLE programs the Law School has sponsored are still available:

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# UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOOL OF LAW MOOT COURT BOARD

During the fall, the Law School's Moot Court teams have continued to perform well in inter-law school competitions.

On November 1 and 2, the National Moot Court Team participated in the Northeastern Regionals of the National Moot Court Competition, held in Boston. The Maine team, composed of third-year students Lisa Remal, Dan Barrett, and Janmarie Toker, drew a bye for the first round of arguments in the Regional Competition. In the second round, Maine defeated New England College of The Maine team subsequently lost to Boston University in the third round of arguments which determined one of the two National semi-finalists from the Northeastern Regionals. Boston College joined Boston University as the second semi-finalists, and both schools went to the National Moot Court Competition finals.

On November 10 and 12, the University of Maine School of Law hosted the Canadian-American Moot Court Competition, in which the University of Maine, Dalhousie University, and the University of New Brunswick argued against each other for the second straight year. The winner this year - as last year - was the University of Maine. John Woodman, William Keefe, Glen Robinson, and Charles Bering, the four members of Maine's team, not only took first place overall, but also won the award for best briefs. In addition, John Woodman was declared best oralist for the competition. The Team, all third-year students, deserves congratulations for its fine performance.

We hope that the spring semester Moot Court competitions--Tax, Patent, and International--will continue this successful trend.

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The Maine Law Review will soon publish the first issue of Volume 30. (1977-1978). The entire issue will survey developments in Maine law during the tenure of Chief Justice Armand A. Dufresne, Jr.

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(Ed. Note: We are eager to print current news of individual alumni/ae. Please send items for inclusion in the next NEWSLETTER to Editor, Alumni Newsletter, University of Maine School of Law, 246 Deering Avenue, Portland, Maine 04102.)

President Carter, on October 12, 1978, announced the appointment of Richard Fay, '64, to the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation for a term expiring February 19, 1981.

Fay, a member of the Washington law firm of Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay, specializes in income security problems under ERISA as well as federal taxation problems arising out of employee retirement. A former legislative counsel to Maine Senator Muskie and to Senator Gaylord Nelson, Fay was Assistant Dean at the Law School in 1966-1967.

#### ALUMNI IN GOVERNMENT

Although the roster changes swiftly, the number of University of Maine Law School Alumni in government or related public employment is growing rapidly. Over 10 percent of Maine Law graduates hold full-time public positions at this writing. For the most part, these graduates are in Northern New England, although our list of federal employees includes a number of Washington lawyers in the Justice Department and various administrative agencies, including the NRC, IRS, SEC, VA, FCC. Another apparent generalization from our rolls is that most alumni in government are--like their counterparts in the private sector, legal or otherwise-predominantly recent graduates. (Judges, however, constitute a notable exception. Most of our alumni on the bench are graduates of fifteen years or more.)

Recent elections in Maine brought several alumni into the political spotlight. Charlie Cragin, '70, was disappointed in the Republican gubernatorial primary but Joe Brennan, '63, passed Phil Merril, '74, in the Democratic primary and went on to the Governor's office, as Jim Longley, '54, returned to work in the business community. Joe is the third consecutive Maine Law graduate to serve as Maine's governor.

Because of space limitations, in this issue of the Newsletter we will only be reporting on those graduates who are in service with the "Executive" part of State Government and those in service with the Federal Government. Our next issue will report on those graduates in service with State Attorneys Generals' Offices, State Courts, Local Prosecution Offices and Local Government.

The following list is accurate only within the limits of our present records. We apologize for all errors of omission or commission, and we would certainly appreciate any additions or corrections, which we will publish in the next issue. (Address your correspondence to the Alumni Office at the Law School.) Of course, many graduates who have served in public positions in the past are not shown here, so this list only partially reflects the extent to which Maine Law Alumni have devoted some portion of their careers to public service.

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