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QUAD BRIEFS

Postgraduate Program Aided by Humphrey Gift

The University of Michigan has received \$250,000 from George M. Humphrey, former secretary of the treasury and a U-M alumnus, to finance a graduate program in law and economic policy.

The gift was received as part of the University's \$55-Million Program, which is seeking private gifts to help provide the "margin of excellence."

Law School Dean Francis A. Allen said Humphrey's gift will be used primarily for postgraduate fellowships at the Law School. They will be awarded for study and research in the areas of governmental regulation of business enterprise. The program will be directed not only to technical legal problems but also toward "critical evaluation of the policy of the law and study of the impact of governmental regulation on various aspects of American life," Dean Allen said.

The fellowships will be of two kinds. One group, to be awarded for periods of one or two years, will be for young law school graduates who are candidates for advanced degrees. The second group will provide awards to distinguished scholars who wish to

spend a year at the Law School engaged in research.

In addition, the funds will be used to bring lecturers to the campus from the fields of law, economics, and business.

Humphrey's gift is to be expended over about five years, and it is hoped that the first fellowships can be awarded for study beginning next September, Dean Allen said.

Born in Cheboygan, Mich., in 1890, Humphrey is a 1912 graduate of the U-M Law School. He practiced law in Saginaw for seven years before moving to Cleveland, where in 1929 he became president of the M. A. Hanna Corp. He served in the cabinet of President Eisenhower as secretary of the treasury.

A grandson, George M. Humphrey III, is a senior in the Law School.

Fall I.L.S. Conference Is Successful

The Law School's International Law Society, the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, and the American Society of International Law co-sponsored a conference on November 19 on "Economic and Legal Developments in the Changing Environment of the Atlantic Area," held at the Law School.

The conference was one in a series of programs and activities conducted by the International Law Society, a student group headed by Robert J. Faux, '67 Dec., and advised by Professor Whitmore Gray. Alan J. Polansky, '67, served as the Conference Co-ordinator.

A morning and an afternoon panel examined two different aspects of the conference's theme. The first panel discussed "The Role of the International Corporation in Atlantic Relations," with Professor Alfred Conard of the Law School faculty serving as moderator.

Mr. John Andrews, Vice President of Ford Motor Company in charge of the European Automotive Group, spoke on the relationship between an American parent and its subsidiaries in Europe in view of regional marketing blocks, new corporation laws, anti-cartel legislation, and the lack of a "European" corporate form. In his opinion, the technology and automation advances in Europe are often far ahead of those in America, so far so that they have outstripped the existing corporate structure.

"What is needed is a revolution in the attitudes of European businessmen and lawyers, away from a restricted inward-looking approach to an expansive and creative one," Mr. Andrews said. "Probably only a new generation of business and financial leaders could provide this."

Professor Raymond Vernon of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration examined the international corporation from an economist's viewpoint. He pointed out the apprehension of national governments to these multi-national enterprises, because they are supposedly unresponsive to national economic goals and may bring about a withdrawal of capital and "brain drain" in favor of the parent firm.

Professor Detlev Vagts of the Harvard Law School talked about several methods of providing legal incentives to corporate investment, and the controls placed on it which often run counter to corporate planning.

Professor Eric Stein, who was instrumental in securing many of the conference speakers, served as the moderator of the afternoon panel

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which discussed "Current Negotiations for the Removal of Trade Barriers Within the Atlantic Area."

Mr. Louis Krauthoff, Chairman of the Trade Information Committee of the Executive Office of the President of the United States, after reviewing the organizational structure of trade development stated that GATT still did not have the total commitment from its members which is necessary

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Legal Aid Clinic Helps Indigents

A woman in a federally financed apartment building was told to leave because she had another child, although larger families lived in duplicate apartments.

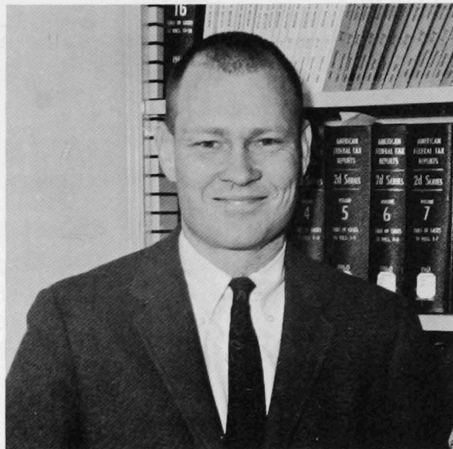
A university student went with some friends to an apartment shared by a group of girls who left their door open and had a standing invitation for visitors night and day. The student and his friends were arrested for illegal entry on the complaint of one of the girls.

Both of these people in trouble earned less than \$2,000 a year. Both needed legal aid and both turned to the Washtenaw County Legal Aid Society.

More than 900 persons have sought the help of the society, which was established less than two years ago after a Michigan Supreme Court ruling on aid to indigents. The ruling allowed law students to advise the poor and to negotiate and appear in court in civil and criminal matters under the guidance of practicing attorneys.

About 100 University of Michigan law students, juniors and seniors, are manning the Legal Aid Clinic office at 201 North Fourth Avenue in Ann Arbor. A second office will soon be opened in nearby Ypsilanti.

"Our purpose is to take anyone as a client who can't afford a lawyer," said John Waters, a senior from Birmingham, Mich., who is chairman of the student group. "Under our by-laws we consider a person's debt load and other factors, of course, but as a general rule the client must earn \$2,000 a



James J. White

year or less, plus \$500 per dependent."

About 65 per cent of the cases handled by the students are divorces and family problems. Many of the clients are women seeking restraining orders, support payments, or simply an understanding of their problem.

There have also been landlord-tenant debt cases, paternity claims, income tax evasion, negligence, and welfare cases.

Although the students represent some persons accused of major crimes before counsel is appointed, most of their criminal cases involve minor crimes.

Under the direction of the Law School and with the enthusiastic support of the Federal Prison Authority, the students have also begun a program of advising prisoners at the Federal Correctional Institution at nearby Milan, Mich. Since September, when this service began, the students have talked to more than 50 prisoners and have received letters from prisoners in institutions as far away as Texas, Georgia, and Florida. In one case, the letter writer was a condemned murderer.

However, the students are permitted to help only residents of Washtenaw county, and they are kept busy with clients referred by lawyers, courts, social workers, and other clients.

An important aspect of the clinic program, according to Waters, is that the client is generally better off after coming to them even if he does not walk away with a clear victory.

"People who would not normally have access to legal advice," he said,

"often discover that somebody cares and understands their problems. Many leave with a new respect for the law."

A good example of this new respect involved a man who was accused of selling alcohol to minors.

He was found guilty, explained John Hartranft, a senior from Dayton, Ohio, and he admitted his guilt, "but he genuinely appreciated the fact that someone stepped forward to help him."

A federal court recently accepted one of the clinic's cases in which a woman was to be evicted from a federally financed apartment building because she had another child.

"Although the rule in the lease about not having more children was intended to keep from creating crowded housing," explained Jack Zulack, a senior from Ridgewood, N.J., "it appeared also to be an attempt to regulate social relationships, especially since there were larger families in similar apartments."

Pat McCauley, a senior from St. Louis, Mo., handled the case of a student who was arrested for illegal entry into an apartment shared by a group of girls. Believing the client had no malintent and convinced that his actions were accepted procedure in that apartment, McCauley took the case to court where it was dropped before it got to the judge.

A full-time legal aid director was recently hired for the clinic, which has been granted \$116,000 in support, primarily from the Office of Economic Opportunity. Hiring of a director will ease the work load of volunteers from the Washtenaw County Bar Association who have been appearing in court for the clinic.

Administering the Student Legal Aid Society is a 19-man board including J. J. White, assistant professor in the U-M Law School, who co-ordinates the student effort. The rest of the board includes 12 lawyers and six indigent residents of the county.

A prominent Ann Arbor legal figure recently described the Legal Aid Clinic as "the largest law firm in the city." The students have proudly accepted the description and are doing their best to also make it the best law firm.

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for a significant expansion of world trade through tariff reduction.

Professor John Letiche of the Economics Department of the University of California (Berkeley) warned that the success of regional trade blocks, such as the Common Market, would prevent the expansion of world trade by raising discriminatory barriers between these blocks.

Professor John H. Jackson of the Michigan Law School ended this stimulating discussion of present trade developments by criticising the existence of too many legal loopholes in trade agreements, particularly GATT, which offset and outweighed any benefit received by the reduction of tariffs.

“The United States failed to free trade from national and international restrictions after World War II when it had a dominant leadership position in world commerce,” he explained. “It may not be able to do so now since the changing environment in the Atlantic Area has equalized its economic power.”

Some 127 people registered at the Conference, including members of the International Law Society, other law students and students from other university disciplines, businessmen engaged in international commerce, and practicing lawyers with clients in the international field.
