Dean Charles W. Joiner is the new president of Scribes, an organization of writers on legal subjects. He was elected on Aug. 11, at the association's annual meeting in Chicago. Scribes is designed "to promote and foster a feeling of fraternity between those who write concerning the law..." It also seeks "to create an interest in writing about the law, substantive or procedural, and about its origin, history and philosophy, and about those who make, define, interpret and enforce it."

Joiner has also come out with a book: Civil Justice and the Jury, published by Prentice-Hall. Writing at a time when the jury is gradually disappearing in England, the place of its origin; and coming under more and more criticism in the United States, Joiner examines the system and its role in the administration of justice from all vantage points.

He graphically traces the development of the jury through the ages, discusses its judicial and social implications and examines its strengths and ways to make it stronger. He concludes that jury decisions produce fairer results than do decisions without jury deliberation. Chief Justice Earl Warren has contributed a forward to the volume.

Professor Paul G. Kauper and the University of Michigan Press were honored early in the summer, in Washington, for the book, Civil Liberties and the Constitution. The book was given a Mass Media Certificate of Recognition by the American Council of Christians and Jews. Kauper's book takes up a number of problems such as: aid to parochial schools, laws regulating the Communist Party and a variety of problems related to Negro rights.

Some of his theses are that a limited measure of federal aid to parochial schools for secular purposes is constitutional. He insists that the courts have carried too much of the civil rights burden and that the President and Congress should do more. He also says that the Supreme Court, following a "balance of interests," has given more weight to combating Communism than to free speech guarantees. He holds that the nation should rely primarily on "positive" action to combat the Communist menace, action rooted in democratic principles.

Cases and Materials on Workmen's Compensation is the title of a new volume co-authored by Prof. Marcus L. Plant, with Prof. Wex S. Malone of Louisiana State U. The book covers all facets of the area and is intended to be used by practicing attorneys, as well as law students. More than 1,000 cases are utilized in the book. Plant has also been named by Governor Romney to head the Governor's Workmen's Compensation Study Commission.

Prof. Alfred Conard has been elected president of the University's chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Prof. William J. Pierce has been appointed Coordinator of the Joint Legislative Committee on Constitutional Implementation of the Michigan Legislature. At President Kennedy's invitation, Pierce also attended the White House Conference of Lawyers on Civil Rights.

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WELCOME FRESHMEN!!!!

The Res Gestae would like to take this opportunity to welcome all incoming freshmen to Michigan Law School. During the coming year many of you will, at one time or another, wonder what you're doing here and whether you will last. Rest assured that every one of you has the ability to successfully complete this year and still have time for Case Clubs, the P-Bell and other law school activities.

At present, a special Res Gestae research staff is busy finding the answers to questions which will come to plague all of you. During the year, some of the riddles that will arrive for you will be: What's wrong with the maid in my entry? Is Mrs. Morgan really a dietician? Why is Miss Carl? How many mimes does Prof. Harris intend to distribute? What is the "Professional work week?" Where was Mrs.
Palsgraf going? Can I take a pillow with me to Intro class? Ad infinitum!

Seriously, the best of luck to all of you.

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EDITORIAL

Upon their arrival in Ann Arbor this week, Law Club residents were shocked to find in their mail boxes an outrageous policy statement from powers that be. Many were heard to grumble "Why were we not told of this before we signed our contracts?" Others, more astute in the ways of the world, immediately began considering legal arguments that could be used to get around the harsh pronouncements.

The cause of the uproar was a declaration that residents wishing to withdraw from the club to get married would be required not only to forfeit their $10 deposit fee, but also to pay a fifty dollar "termination fee" for the privilege of withdrawal.

It is, of course, clear that the new provision is without binding legal effect, since it attempts to add a new term to the contract for residence after the contract has already been signed. Even the wooliest freshman must know by this time that a modification agreement requires consideration to be binding. Furthermore, the provision is obviously void as against public policy because it discourages students from entering into one of our most sacred institutions--Holy Matrimony.

As if this were not enough, the provision is also of course unconstitutional, in that it violates the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment. The singling out of would be husbands for heavy special fines represents an arbitrary and capricious classification without any rational basis in fact. And need we even remind the purist who would raise the spectre of university law school?

It is probably unnecessary to point out that the provision also violates the free exercise of religion and assembly clauses of the first amendment. After all, if two young hotbloods are forced to live in sin for lack of funds to pay the termination fee, that is a denial of the right to free exercise of religion, isn't it? And what is marriage but an assembly of two?

Naturally there is a loophole in the rule. All you have to do to avoid the 'termination fee' is throw a wild party with coeds falling out the windows etc. The student who is expelled from the club need pay only one extra week's room and board, which totals somewhat less than the fifty dollars that pious squares will have to pay for permission to leave for their nuptial beds.

But students, take heart. Sit-ins are being planned.

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THE EDITORS' MASTEBASKET!!

Last Sunday at Delhi Park was the scene of the annual football game between the Senior Editorial Board of the Law Review and the Junior try-outs for the Review. After a 12-12 tie at half-time, the seniors - partly through pure luck and partly through a well organized campaign to keep the juniors near the refreshment table - pushed ahead to a 26-12 victory. The victors claim to be unbeaten having previously beaten last year's seniors (none of whom are around to refute this) and Harvard Law Review (who were, in reality, unable to make the game). The only dark spots in the game were leg injuries suffered by Sam McKim and Dan Elliott and a broken jaw suffered by Darryl Cochrane.

Enrollment in the law school this year is expected to be very close to that of last year. The freshman class will be larger than last year with 345 starting this fall in addition to the 25 students who started in June. There are expected to be 29 foreign students in the quad this year representing 14 countries. China
and West Germany have the most students here with six each.

New instructors this year are Messrs. Leon R. Goodrich, a Harvard Law Graduate; Michael Nussbaum, of Chicago; Martin D. Payson, from N.Y.U.; Paul F. Rothstein, who went to Northwestern; and John N. Turner, a solicitor from Manchester, England. They will be concerned primarily with the P. & R. program.

The following article comes to us from the Columbia Law School News: "An attempt by residents of the graduate dormitories to have women visitors on Friday and Saturday evenings was ended last week by...rejection...Instead, graduates were offered a much more restricted proposal for visitors on alternate Sundays from 2 to 5 in the afternoon." Our thoughts are with you men of Columbia.

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MISCELLANEOUS!!!

The Res Gestae is in need of a Sport's Editor. Very little work. Anyone who would like to try his hand at predicting football games this fall and who is willing to keep tabs on the various law school intramural teams should apply to Rog Narce, C-21....Persons who have announcements or news items for Res Gestae are notified of the following deadline: Items must be in the Gestae mailbox on 3d floor Hutchins or delivered to C-21 by 3:30 Thursday to make that week's issue....The Board of Directors will meet at 5:30, Tuesday....Don't forget to get your subscription orders in for the Res Gestae. It's still selling at the same nominal price. Put your name, local address and class on a post card and send to Res Gestae Hutchins Hall, Ann Arbor. We will bill you.

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AT THE FLICKS:

State - "For Love or Money"

Campus - Through Sat.: "Hadane"; Sun.: "G-1/2"

Michigan - "The Thrill of it All".

Cinema Guild - Fri.: "The House that Roared"; Sat. & Sun.: "Breakfast at Tiffany's"

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QUADSVILLE QUOTES

"Legal studies...sharpen, indeed, but like a grinding stone narrow whilst they sharpen."
- Coleridge

"It is an illusion to think you can have a revolution without prisons."
- Ben Bella

The LAST BLAST is coming!!!