JOINTER TURNS ON THE TUBE

The President of the American Bar Association took part in the "lighting the lamp" ceremonies this afternoon, inaugurating the unique closed-circuit television link-up between the Washtenaw Circuit Court and the University of Michigan Law School.

John Satterfield, Yazoo City, Miss., attorney who heads the ABA, joined Dean E. Blythe Stason, Administrator of the American Bar Foundation and dean emeritus of the Law School, and other dignitaries to mark "this significant step forward in legal education."

Also taking part in today's ceremonies were the Law School Dean Allan F. Smith, Judge James R. Breakey, Jr., in whose courtroom the televised proceedings will originate, and Professor Charles Joiner, associate dean of the Law School, originator and director of the project.

This television system is being financed completely by alumni contributions to the Law School's recent 100th birthday observance.

"As far as we know," says Professor Joiner, "this is the first system of its kind in the country."

For many years, he adds, young lawyers have been receiving degrees without ever having stepped inside a courtroom. Even those who did attend court while it was in session were bound by the strict rules of silence that prevail and were unable to ask questions.

With this new U-M link-up all proceedings in Judge Breakey's court in the Washtenaw County Building will be transmitted over a leased line to a room (210) in Hutchins Hall. In this viewing room, designed by Judge Breakey as an "adjunct courtroom", students will be able to hear and watch all that goes on on three monitor screens.

"The teaching process will go on without disturbing the court," Professor Joiner explains. "Introducing our students to the courtroom through the medium of television will help us to train better lawyers and thus better serve the public interest."

Viewing will be required for some courses, while other students will be permitted to watch whenever possible.

Professor Joiner says he first became interested in using television in the Law School after observing how effectively it was used in the Medical School. Judge Breakey gave full support to the proposal and the U-M Television Center worked out the technical problems.

One camera, especially constructed and unobtrusively mounted in a box on the back wall of the courtroom, can be remotely controlled from either a room in the County Building or Room 210. This camera will tilt, zoom, and pan.

No extra lights have been added in the courtroom, and only one microphone to the number already in use.
Professor Joiner points out that "Closed-circuit television is merely an extension of the courtroom. We are not televising trials—merely extending the courtroom to include a room, for teaching purposes only, in Hutchins Hall." Judge Breakey exercises the same control over the "adjunct courtroom" in the Law School as he does of the actual courtroom itself. At any time he can order the bailiff in the County Building to cut off transmission to Hutchins Hall.

Inauguration of this new television link between courtroom and classroom will bring to twenty the number of television cameras currently in use on the campus of the University of Michigan. Sixteen are used for instructional purposes, while the other four are being utilized in research projects. - A U-M NEWS SERVICE RELEASE

LET'S KEEP THE PING IN THE PONG

For the benefit of the members of the Lawyers Club ping pong tables are often found in the basement recreation room of that Club's main building. On even more rare occasions paddles are sometimes found with the tables. As of late, if paddles were found they have been in somewhat less than perfect condition. Isn't that a shame? It may be news to the avid ping pong player, but the Board of Directors has purchased thirty new paddles so far this year. (Yes, that's 30) Where they have gone is only a matter of conjecture, but we may eliminate from consideration one source from which more new paddles might come - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. As custodians of the funds of the Lawyers Club, that august body feels it is unfair to keep supplying materials to a small group of devotees who seem unable to exercise the proper amount of responsibility over the care of these materials. So from now on, you've got to play with what you've got, and when those go "there ain't no more."

As most of you certainly realize, the Lawyers Club recreation room is exclusively for MEMBERS. Just because some of the other ping pong halls in Ann Arbor smell too bad for healthy play, this does not mean that refugees from these dank halls are entitled to come contaminate our "exclusive domain." When you encounter these interlopers you should not only feel free but obligated to ask them to return to their own gym.

LAW LIBRARY OPEN SUNDAY EVENINGS

By popular demand, the law library will be open on the next two Sunday evenings for the benefit of crammers. Last Sunday, the library was open, but due to lack of publicity no one took advantage of this opportunity. If this policy is to be maintained for future exam periods interest must be shown now.

AT THE FLICKS

State--Ends Saturday, "Spartacus"
Michigan--"Flower Drum Song"
Campus--"The Bridge"

WEATHER FORECAST

High - 24, Low - 16
Cloudy with flurries and increasing warmth

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