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Law section

Interest High In Legal Aid

Columbia's indigents have a new place to seek aid because of a recent Missouri Supreme Court decision to allow third-year law students to practice under supervision of an attorney.

Under Rule 13, the State Supreme Court now permits law students, who meet the Court's requirements, to give free legal assistance to indigent citizens. The new ruling also permits these law students to appear in any Missouri court or before any Missouri administrative tribunal, as legal counsel for clients, provided a supervising attorney has given his written approval.

Right now, the Columbia law office is operating two nights a week with 10 Columbia campus third year students. The staff operates under the supervision of Ronald A. Graves, BS AB '63, JD '66, a local attorney.

The law students cannot handle felony or serious misdemeanor cases unless referral to the students is made by the courts or by the Public Defender.

Cases they are handling include landlord-tenant, welfare, building code and consumer law. Certain domestic relations cases also will be accepted. However, real estate transfers and contingency cases by plaintiffs will be refused.

"The clients are coming in on their own," Graves says. "We have gotten referral from the Human Development Corporation and from other groups that work with the indigent. But we want people with problems to walk in off the street."

The Boone County Bar is

working closely with the new law office, Graves says. The students will have no trouble from legal sources.

Money will not be spent to maintain the law office. The program is unfunded. Neither Graves nor the students will receive any money for services rendered or expenses. The Human Development Corporation gives secretarial, office and material help. Graves expects law students' wives to aid along with beginning and second year law students.

Student leaders of the program say interest among first and second-year law students is high.

"It seems like when I was in law school we were basically worried about getting out of law school first of all," Graves says. "Secondly, it seemed like most of us thought the problems indigents really had were in domestic relations. Students are more aware today this is not the case."

"This new service will give law students the experience and the opportunity to do actual legal work prior to their graduation from law school. This is going to make them a heck of a lot better lawyers after they graduate."

Murphy Leaves

William P. Murphy, Columbia campus professor of law since 1962, has accepted a teaching position at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Murphy, a former chairman of the faculty council on University policy, served on the long range planning committee and the University copyright committee for the Columbia campus. He is also chairman of the labor law group composed of some 35 labor law professors in American law schools who

publish labor law teaching materials.

The University of Virginia awarded Murphy his LLB, and his JSD degree was earned from Yale University.

New Grant Established

The Law School Foundation has awarded a \$5000 grant to provide assistance for disadvantaged students in the School of Law.

The announcement came from Irvin Fane, member of the University Board of Curators and president of the Law School Foundation. Dean Willard L. Eckhardt had requested additional scholarship and grant-in-aid funds.

The new funds are primarily for use in attracting and aiding disadvantaged students who are Missouri residents. The funds will be available this fall in the form of either loans or out-right grants through the office of the Law School dean.

The funds may be used for the next school year or over the next several years, depending upon the extent of need. Next fall, the money will be used for entering students but in succeeding years may be used for continuing aid to disadvantaged students at any level.

June Bar Exam To Be Shorter

Columbia campus law students will face a bar examination of only two days' length this June instead of the former two-and-a-half-day period, with use of a new multi-state bar examination.

This was announced

by the State Board of Law Examiners, which is preparing the new type of examination that will include a new standardized multiple-choice test on one of the two days.

Walter D. McQuie Jr., BS Ed '49 LLB '53, of Montgomery City, board president, said use of the shorter examination will begin with the next scheduled test this June. However, he added, use of the multi-state exam will not go into effect until the February 1972 test.

Professor Joe E. Covington, former dean and now faculty member of the School of Law, is director of testing for the National Conference of Bar Examiners, which is formulating the standardized multi-state examination.

The test will be given on the same date in all states, beginning on February 23, 1972. The next date will be July 26, 1972.

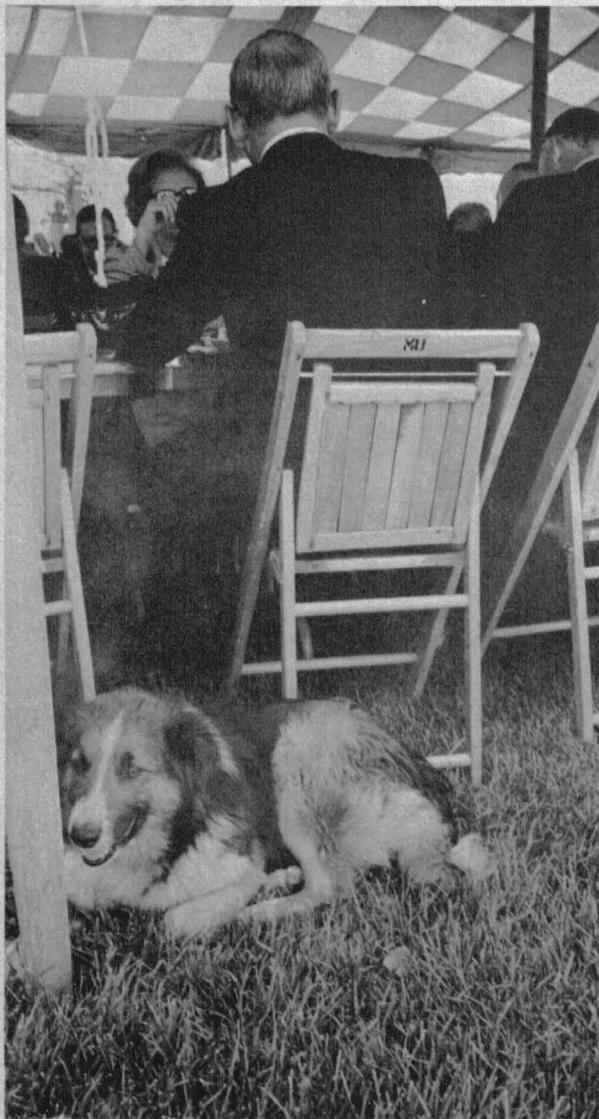
In the Missouri bar examination, the multi-state test will be given on the first day and the second day will be devoted to essay-type questions covering specific areas of Missouri law.

Lowe To Chair Athletic Group

Henry T. Lowe, professor of law, was appointed chairman of the committee on intercollegiate athletics on the Columbia campus by Interim Chancellor Herbert W. Schooling.

Lowe will succeed Dean Pinkney C. Walker, on leave of absence as a member of the Federal Power Commission in Washington.

The athletic committee is the administrative agency of the athletic program and is composed of faculty-alumni members.



ALUMNI AND FRIENDS, ALONG WITH SOME UNINVITED GUESTS, PICNICKED ON THE LAW SCHOOL LAWN UNDER A RED-CHECKED TENT.

Law Day 1971

Some 700 persons attending Law Day 1971 were told that the Law Alumni Association has the highest membership, some 28 percent of all law graduates, of any Columbia campus school. Highlighting the April 23 and 24 event, was election of alumni officers, presentation of Citation of Merit Awards (see News About People Section), and a speech by Edward L. Wright, president of the American Bar Association.

Awards, including the Distinguished Non-alumni Award to Judge M. C. Matthes, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, were presented

during the alumni meeting. In addition to President Paul Shy, Kansas City, other officers elected at the meeting were Lynn Ewing, Nevada, first vice president; Bill Phillips, Milan, second vice president; John Emde, St. Louis, third vice president; Bob Verden, Kansas City, secretary-treasurer.

Also included in Law Day activities was the Moot Court competition. State Supreme Court Judge John E. Bargett, presiding, U.S. District Court Judge H. K. Wangelin, and Circuit Judge Frank Conley heard final arguments.



AT LEFT, OUTGOING PRESIDENT D. JEFF LANCE, ST. LOUIS, GREETED SOME 125 ALUMNI. ABOVE RIGHT, IN-COMING PRESIDENT PAUL SHY, KANSAS CITY, PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING ALONG WITH, FROM LEFT, SCOTT ORR, COLUMBIA; STATE SEN. ALBERT SPRADLING JR., CAPE GIRARDEAU; JUDGE JAMES FINCH, JEFFERSON CITY; JUDGE JAMES MEREDITH ST. LOUIS AND BILL PHILLIPS, MILAN.



NINE STUDENTS WERE INITIATED INTO THE ORDER OF THE COIF WITH FORMER KANSAS CITY MAYOR ILLUS W. DAVIS, ABOVE LEFT.

