Senator Hart Speaks at Banquet Honoring 114 Law School Students; "Review" Editors are Announced

A total of 114 Law School students were honored at the annual Honors Day banquet held April 16 in the Michigan Union. 

Main speaker for the event was Senator Philip A. Hart of Michigan. Dean Smith presided over the banquet at which twenty-seven second-year students were named to the student editorial board of the Michigan Law Review. 

In his address, Senator Hart said, "A tough question for all members of our society, but especially those who will lead America, is whether a free society can endure in the kind of world we find ourselves in today."

Just having the best weapons, or reaching the moon first, is not enough for the task ahead, he said. The United States must have the best ideas possible, because ideas are the ultimate way to survival.

"We must make sure our sense of values is sound and know that most of our judgments must be tentative, since most problems won't be solved by a single principle. Ideas can be dangerous, but lawyers should know that the suppression of ideas can be fatal to a free society," Senator Hart said.

Martin B. Dickinson, Jr., of Kansas City was named editor-in-chief of the Law Review for the next year. By virtue of his election to the post, he was also named winner of the Abram W. Sempliner Memorial Award.


Assistant editors are: Alexander E. Bennett, Buffalo, N.Y.; Richard J. DeLamielleure, Grosse Pointe; Thomas G. Dignan, Jr., Swampscott, Mass.; Daniel R. Elliott, Jr., University Heights, Ohio; Peter V. Fazio, Winnetka, Ill.; and Richard F. Gerber, Southfield.

Law School Alumnus Receives U-M Doctor of Laws Degree

The Hon. Cyrus Nils Tavares, judge of the United States District Court for Hawaii, who received the LL.B. degree from the University in 1925, was awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Laws at the 1963 commencement exercises.

Following his graduation from the Law School, Judge Tavares returned to his native Hawaii in private practice and also as a magistrate. He was named special deputy attorney general in Hawaii in 1941, assistant attorney general in 1942, and attorney general in 1944. He was very active in Hawaii's move toward statehood and served as chairman of the Hawaii Statehood Commission from 1953 to 1956. Judge Tavares was named to the federal bench in 1960.

The citation accompanying the honorary degree noted that Judge Tavares is, “Respected throughout the Hawaiian Islands for his legal acumen and his devoted public service.” The citation concluded: "In conferring on Judge Tavares the degree Doctor of Laws, we express the universal esteem in which this eminent jurist and loyal son is held.”

Knauss and Gray are Named Associate Professors of Law

Two members of the Law School faculty have been promoted to the rank of associate professor by the Regents of the University.

They are Robert L. Knauss, a member of the Law faculty since 1960, who also served as an instructor during the 1957-58 school year; and Witmore Gray, also a member of the faculty since 1960.

Mr. Knauss received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University and the J.D. degree from the U-M. Mr. Gray was graduated from Principia College and holds a J.D. degree from the U-M. He has completed further work at the Institute of Comparative Law, studying with the law faculty at the University of Paris, and at the University of Salzburg.