Life after retirement

Continued intellectual involvement, new sights and scenes accompany emeritus status

Editor’s note: This is the first in a series of articles updating the activities of retired faculty. Activities of professors not covered in the present article will be treated in a future issue of Law Quadrangle Notes.

Is there life after retirement? An emphatic “Yes!” is the answer given by retired Michigan faculty when asked this question recently by LQN. As the following responses indicate, “retirement” often translates into continued involvement in teaching and professional organizations with the added bonuses of new opportunities for travel and the time to enjoy it.

**Professor William W. Bishop**

held the chair of Edwin DeWitt Dickinson Professor of Law when he retired in 1976, after having taught at the Law School for 45 years. Bishop, who will celebrate his 80th birthday in the summer of 1986, is best remembered for his important work in the field of international law, having served on the Permanent Court of Arbitration (whose chief function is to nominate judges for the ‘World Court’). In 1981 I traveled to Greece with an A. A. R. P. group; and in 1982 to Rome with the University of Michigan Alumni Association. I’ve enjoyed auto trips with my daughter to Yellowstone, Teton, and Glacier National Parks; to the Canadian Rockies, to Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and northern New England; and to Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee. I’ve managed to get to Washington once or twice a year; and have visited New Orleans, San Francisco, New York, Dallas, and Hawaii, as well as places closer to home.

“I get to most of the University Musical Society’s ‘Choral Union’ series of concerts except when out of town; to all of Michigan’s home football games; and to many basketball games. I continue to serve on the executive board of the Wolverine Council of the Boy Scouts.

“I’m glad to have my small office at the Law School, and to keep in touch with my law students and the School’s activities. Reading, walking, swimming, and bird-watching are other pursuits I enjoy. Since my wife’s death six years ago, I have been keeping house for myself, with welcome visits from my daughter, and aid by a weekly cleaning woman. I’ve been blessed with good health, and have ‘never found time to become bored.’”

**Professor Alfred F. Conard**, who began teaching at the Law School in 1954, made his mark as a great scholar and seminal thinker in many diverse fields. His classic study, *Automobile Accident Costs and Payments* (1964), in collaboration with economics professor James Morgan of the U-M, paved the way for the no-fault compensation movement. In the comparative law sphere, his works have been translated into several languages, he served as editor of the American Journal of Comparative Law from 1968-1971, and he has since served as chief editor of *Volume 13 of the International Encyclopedia of Comparative Law*. Professor Conard, who held the Henry M. Butzel Professorship at the Law School when he retired in 1982, is described by former colleague Stanley Siegel as “a gift from The University of Michigan to the world of law and to those fortunate ones...who have the joy of working with him.”