& Telegraph with monopolizing telecommunications equipment. The four-year-old suit, which some consider to be the largest antitrust action in the nation's history, was argued about a year ago but a decision is still pending.

Kauper's division was less successful in two major civil suits against the nation's two largest tire manufacturers, the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. After substantial time and money had been spent in the action, Kauper was forced to make the difficult decision to drop the case because the division simply could not substantiate its early charges.

"It became quite clear as we struggled with this that the only conclusion we could come to, based on what we knew at that point compared to what we had put together when we first filed, was that we just didn't have a case," Kauper recalled.

"The choice really came down to whether we could decide to keep the cases going and let the judge make the decision to throw it out, or try to negotiate a rather cosmetic decree that wouldn't have done much of anything, or dismiss the cases entirely.

"But a cosmetic decree usually does more harm than good; and if we went to trial it would have cost an enormous amount of money."

Kauper notes that seeking a resolution to the review of the Firestone and Goodyear cases was a major reason he chose to remain in the antitrust post for four rather than three years. "I just didn't think it was appropriate to leave that decision to someone else," said the professor.

"Looking from hindsight," Kauper adds, "I may have stayed in Washington a year too long. But despite all this business about policy disagreements with the President, one reason I stayed was that I was very much in agreement with what he was trying to do."

In particular, Kauper says he was eager to follow through on certain White House-backed proposals, such as bills dealing with "deregulation" of the airline industry which has been exempted from antitrust laws by virtue of government regulation.

At U-M Law School, Kauper says he will probably teach "a lot less theoretical course," but one based more on the realities of the antitrust field.—H.L.S.

Prof. Alan N. Polasky Is Dead At Age 52

Alan N. Polasky, University of Michigan law professor since 1957 and a specialist in evidence, estate planning, and taxation, died on July 22 at the age of 52.

Prof. Polasky died of a heart attack while returning to Ann Arbor from Washington, D.C. Cremation has taken place, and memorial contributions were made to the St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital Building Fund in Ann Arbor.

U-M law Dean Theodore J. St. Antoine issued the following statement shortly after Prof. Polasky's death:

"Alan Polasky had the imagination, quickness of mind, and zest for combat to have been one of the legendary trial lawyers of our time. That he decided instead to devote his extraordinary talents to the teaching of law has put a whole generation of Michigan students immeasurably in his debt.

"Alan was a dynamic, stimulating classroom performer, with a sense of the dramatic that a veteran actor would envy. Some students were frustrated by his refusal to make the law simple and easy. Alan would laugh and respond that anything easy, could be learned from books, and wasn't worth his attention.

"Few law teachers could match Alan in versatility. We was a national recognized authority in such diverse fields as evidence, taxation, and estate planning. He taught and..."
He was a member of the Michigan Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Accounting Association, American Bar Association, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the American Law Institute and American Judicature Society, among other groups.

Active in University and civic affairs, he served on the U-M's Committee on the Economic State of the Faculty and was a member of the board of trustees of the First Unitarian Church of Ann Arbor.

Prof. Polasky's survivors include his widow, Mary; two daughters, Janet, a student at Stanford University, and Catherine, who lives in Minneapolis; and a son, Alan Stephen, a student at Williams College.

Olympic Diving Champion
Is First-Year Law Student

While many law students have used their legal education as a springboard to fame and success, there is one member of this year's freshman class who achieved genuine stardom before even setting foot inside the Law School.

He is world champion diver Phil Boggs, 1976 Olympic gold medalist and captain of the United States diving team at the Montreal games.

The 26-year-old former Air Force captain has added the weekly regimens of torts, contracts, criminal law and property to his daily workout at the University's Matt Mann Pool.

"I'll probably continue to dive, because I love it," Boggs said in an interview. "I won't continue to compete unless I know I can do well, and that depends on whether I'll have enough time to go to school and train."

A native of Akron, Ohio, Boggs earned his undergraduate degree in mathematics at Florida State University in Tallahassee, where he also won the NCAA championship in his specialty, the three-meter springboard.

After that, he spent four-and-a-half years on the staff of the United States Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs, Colo., as a computer specialist, instructor, and educational researcher. During the same period, Boggs built an impressive reputation in international competition, winning meets in the Soviet Union, Canada, Mexico, Colombia, Sweden, Finland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, the Canary Islands and Monaco, and capturing the world championships in 1973 and 1975 (the only two times there has been an officially sanctioned world diving competition).

"The Air Force was great. It supported my diving and encouraged it, and in addition to providing me with a job, it afforded me the opportunity to continue training at a fantastic facility at the academy," Boggs said.

Not the least among the factors that attracted Boggs to Ann Arbor for his legal education was the fact that U-M diving coach Dick Kimball has been his personal mentor for the past four summers. Kimball also helped ready Boggs for this year's Olympics and coached him to victory in Montreal.

Since starting classes this fall, the compact athlete (5-feet-5, 131 pounds) has found time to give a few diving exhibitions with his coach, including one relatively disastrous Labor Day outing at a Detroit country club. Boggs struck his face on a surface of the pool bottom that slanted sharply upward from the diving basin, breaking a front tooth and suffering some abrasions.

"I donated some blood into a towel for a few minutes before we could finish the show," Boggs recalled. Dentists in the audience inspected his tooth, and the dental damage was eventually repaired.

Asked whether he hopes to combine his athletic interest with his legal career, Boggs said, "Possibly. I would not be adverse to getting involved in athletes' contract negotiations and professional sports problems, but I can't say definitely at this point what my plans will be."

Despite his experience in performing well under pressure, Boggs is not totally immune to the common worries of first-year students. ("What are law school exams really like?" he asked the upperclassman who was interviewing him.)

But he said he hopes to keep up his schedule of regular diving sessions. "I find I'm much more alert for studying after I get away from the book and down to the pool for a time," he said.

"I'll always maintain a contact with the sport, because the sport's been great to me," Boggs added.

—Bruce Johnson