CLYDE H. COOMBS, professor of psychology, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 1983, after a distinguished career as researcher and teacher.

Born in New Jersey, Professor Coombs studied at Santa Barbara at the University of California at Berkeley, where he took his A.B. in 1935. His graduate work at the University of Chicago led to a Ph.D. in Psychology in 1940. Following a year as instructor and research associate in mathematical biophysics at the University of Chicago, professor Coombs entered the army as a personnel research psychologist, rising to the rank of major before coming to Michigan in 1947 as assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1949 and to professor in 1953.

Professor Coombs founded the Doctoral Program in Mathematical Psychology at Michigan and directed it until his retirement, leading it to a stature as the world’s most highly regarded doctoral program in mathematical psychology. He was one of the creators of the field of mathematical psychology, serving as founding president of the Society for Mathematical Psychology. His books, *A Theory of Data* and *Mathematical Psychology*, have been major sources for understanding basic similarities of research methods not only in psychology but also in all the social sciences.

Although Professor Coombs has championed the cause of mathematical psychology generally, his own research efforts have centered on the push of mathematical methods into new and often difficult areas. His first work of this nature was the development of the “Unfolding Theory.” Briefly, this allowed the recovery of scaling information, both of attitude items and subjects, based only on the rank order preferences of subjects without the use of simplifying and often unverifiable technical assumptions then common in psychometric circles. Much of his later work has applied this methodology to the study of risk-taking under uncertainty, culminating in his “Portfolio Theory.” Basic to this theory are the concepts of perceived risk and risk preference which greatly clarify the meaning of the deceptively simple work “risk.”

His influence on his students has been enormous. Almost every publication is a joint one. His seminars are exciting intellectual encounters, whether the topic be his own latest idea or some student’s. His students span the world: Israel, Germany, several in Australia, two are heads of mathematical psychology programs in the Netherlands, and one in Belgium. That the students recognize his influence is seen by their appellation “Coombsians.”

The Regents now salute this distinguished psychologist, Clyde Coombs, for his dedicated service by naming him Professor Emeritus of Psychology.

LUKE K. COOPERRIDER, professor of law, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 1983, after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the University.

An Ohio native, Professor Cooperrider earned a B.A. from Harvard College and a J.D. from The University of Michigan. Following his graduation from Law School in 1948, he practiced law in Cleveland and, in 1952, joined the faculty of the Law School.

Professor Cooperrider is among the small group of faculty members upon whom great universities depend, those who devote countless hours to ensuring the reality of faculty governance. Over the years, he served in the Senate Assembly and as a member of the Tenure Committee, the Research Policy Committee, and the Budget Priorities Committee. Perhaps most importantly, he served as chairman of the Board of Control of Student Publications during the troubled years of the late 1960s and early 1970s. To each of these positions, and to a much larger number of assignments within the Law School, Professor Cooperrider brought an incisive mind, careful judgment, and a deep understanding of the values of academic life.

Within the Law School, Professor Cooperrider earned the respect of his colleagues and students as a man learned in the law, one whose knowledge and understanding were far broader than the particular fields—torts, evidence, and restitution—that were his specialties. A dedicated teacher, he devoted much of his time during the last years of his active career on the faculty to directing and significantly strengthening the school’s vitality important writing and advocacy program.
The Regents now salute this distinguished educator for his dedicated service to The University of Michigan by naming him Professor Emeritus of Law.

CAMERON B. COURTNEY, professor of mathematics, will retire from active faculty status as of May 31, 1983, after a most productive career as a teacher and administrator.

Professor Courtney taught at the Ann Arbor and Dearborn campuses before coming to Flint in 1966 as an assistant professor of mathematics. He was promoted to associate professor in 1969 and to full professor in 1973. He was an outstanding teacher of mathematics and mathematics education. Professor Courtney served as associate dean for academic affairs, 1974–75, as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1975–80, and as acting director of personnel, 1980–81.

Professor Courtney served on various committees, including the Executive Committee, Space Committee, and Health Science Committee. He also served on numerous committees in Ann Arbor, including the Allied Health Committee, the Graduate Student Negotiating Committee, and the Affirmative Action Committee.

The Regents now salute this distinguished professor of mathematics for his dedicated service by naming him Professor Emeritus of Mathematics.

RUSSELL H. Fifield, professor of political science, will retire from active faculty status as of May 31, 1983, after 36 years of service to the University.

Professor Fifield graduated from Bates College in 1935. He went on to receive his master's degree in 1940 and his Ph.D. degree from Clark University in 1942. After a period of service in the Department of State, he began his teaching career at The University of Michigan as an assistant professor in 1947.

Professor Fifield is a specialist on Southeast Asia. He is the author of 5 books and 25 articles, most of them dealing with the international politics of Southeast Asia, diplomatic history of Southeast Asia, and United States diplomatic relations with Southeast Asia. He has received many prestigious grants and awards, including a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Fulbright Research Professorship, the George Louis Beer prize of the American Historical Association, and a listing in Who’s Who in America. He played a major role in the doctoral training of some 15 students, and has taught both courses on Southeast Asia and courses in general world politics. He has been active in the Association for Asian Studies, and continues now to serve that organization as secretary-treasurer.

The Regents now salute this distinguished political scientist for his dedicated service to The University of Michigan by naming him Professor Emeritus of Political Science.

HAROLD W. HIMES, professor of architecture, will retire from his duties on May 31, 1983.

Professor Himes left a highly successful architectural practice in Kansas in 1956 to join the faculty at Iowa State University. In 1958 he came to Michigan as an instructor in architectural design. Since then, he has taught both undergraduate and graduate design, maintaining through the years a remarkable rapport with students.

In the mid-'60s, Professor Himes joined colleagues in the Architectural Research Laboratory to conduct a three-year research investigation of school environments. Subsequently, he served as editor for the four volume publication S.E.R. 1, 2, 3, 4, a seminal work in the evaluation of building performance. In the late 1960s, Professor Himes moved his class into a vacant building near the Farmer's Market in Ann Arbor to begin work for the community. This Community Design Workshop, one of the first in the country, continues to this day to assist in the development of North Central Ann Arbor.

In 1972, Professor Himes founded the Professional Exposure Program, a cooperative venture between the school and professional offices. The PEP program was a structured program in practice/management with alternating periods of internship and academic study. This program, much emulated, continues today as the Professional Practice/Management Concentration in the Master of Architecture Program.

For his many contributions to the life of the University and the community, the Regents salute this devoted teacher by naming him Professor Emeritus of Architecture.