Alfred F. Conard Is Butzel Professor

Prof. Alfred F. Conard, a U-M law faculty member since 1954, has been named to the distinguished Henry M. Butzel Professorship at the Law School.

Conard will hold the professorship for a five-year term, succeeding Prof. Paul G. Kauper who died in May after serving as Butzel Professor for two consecutive terms.

In recommending the appointment, Dean Theodore J. St. Antoine noted Prof. Conard’s contributions in personal injury law, European corporation law, and American legal education.

“Prof. Conard is one of the broad-est-gauged, most original, and most forceful thinkers in American legal education,” Dean St. Antoine said. “He will be a worthy successor to Paul Kauper as Butzel Professor.”

Conard currently serves as chairman of the editorial advisory board of the Bobbs-Merrill Company and as editor of the corporation law volume of the International Encyclopedia of Comparative Law. From 1968-71 he was editor of the American Journal of Comparative Law and in 1972 he co-edited one of the standard casebooks in business law, Enterprise Organization.

Prof. Conard served as president of the Association of American Law Schools in 1971 and has been a leading advocate of clinical law programs as part of the law school curriculum.

His study on Automobile Accident Costs and Payments, completed in 1964 in collaboration with U-M Prof. James Morgan, served as a pioneer work in the “no-fault” compensation movement.

Among other activities, he was holder of a Guggenheim Fellowship and served as a visiting professor at the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies. He has been associated with many legal organizations, including the Order of the Coif and various units of the American Bar Association.

Prof. Conard joined the U-M faculty in 1954 after teaching at the University of Missouri, University of Kansas City, and University of Illinois. A graduate of Grinnell College of Iowa, he received a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1938 and a master of laws and doctor of the science of law degrees from Columbia University.

The Butzel Professorship, named for an 1892 U-M law graduate, carries an annual stipend which is derived from an endowment Butzel willed to the University.

Words In Memory of Paul G. Kauper

The following is a resolution passed by The University of Michigan law faculty in memory of Prof. Paul G. Kauper:

Paul Kauper died in May, 1974, following a short illness, 38 years after joining the law faculty and when he was at the height of his powers as an active member of the faculty. The Law School lost a precious asset and the legal profession lost a master of constitutional law.

Law faculties occasionally have great teachers or great scholars, but only rarely are great teaching and scholarship combined in the person of one man as they were in Paul. His contributions to scholarship were many and enduring, and his influence on two generations of students was as important and enduring as that of any member of this faculty within living memory.

Paul’s influence on students was due not only to his exceptional abilities as teacher and scholar but also to his qualities as a person. There is no need to recite his virtues for he seemed to have them all in greater degree than is the lot of most of us. His presence was an implicit communication to students of the role of lawyers as members of an honorable and sometimes even noble profession, and of the importance of law in an ordered society. If this communication is to come about in law schools, and it is of first importance that it should, this will be partly because students are aided in their learning by