The sporting life
Kahn serving as Big Ten representative

Douglas Kahn, the Paul G. Kauper Professor of Law, has been appointed a faculty representative to the Big Ten Conference, which regulates the operation of athletic programs at the universities that comprise the Big Ten. Professor Kahn is one of the two faculty representatives for the University of Michigan. Attendant to that appointment, Kahn will also serve as a member of the Board in Control of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Michigan, and he will serve as one of the University's representatives to the annual meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Among its numerous tasks, the Big Ten Conference establishes the academic standards that a student must satisfy for eligibility to compete in intercollegiate sports; establishes the standard of conduct for recruitment of student athletes and for their treatment while they are enrolled in school; monitors the conduct of the Big Ten universities to determine whether the academic and non-academic standards of the conference have been violated; determines the sanctions that are applied to a school that has been found to have violated the conference's rules; and negotiates television contracts for the member schools.

Professor Kahn is following in the footsteps of several former members of the law faculty who served for some years as faculty representatives. Professors Marcus Plant and Ralph Aigler each served in this post with distinction.

Meeting global challenges
Jackson appointed U-M associate v.p. for international affairs

John H. Jackson, the Hessel E. Yntema Professor of Law and a specialist in legal issues related to world trade, was recently appointed associate vice president for academic affairs with responsibility for the U-M's international activities. The appointment is intended to highlight the importance of international and area studies at the University.

U-M President James J. Duderstadt, who helped establish the new position while he was provost, explained, "The depth and richness of our intellectual resources make the U-M one of the premier institutions in the nation for meeting the global challenges of the twenty first century. The University encompasses distinguished area studies centers, excellent international curricula in many disciplines, and a faculty that is highly regarded in international fields of scholarship. Professor Jackson's appointment will provide coordination and visibility to these extensive international capabilities which exist on our campus."

Part of Jackson's task will be to assist in designing an administrative structure that can efficiently handle communication and coordination of international studies and research. A key challenge, said Jackson, "will be to prevent the daily operational activities from crowding out the more important task of developing some plans and insights for the future of the University."

Jackson will continue to teach at the Law School on a half time basis while he holds the administrative post. While admitting that he...