teaching at the University de Los Andes in Bogota, Colombia, Wotila is being sponsored by the Social Science Research Council, the Ford Foundation, and the American Council of Learned Societies. Wotila had been active in legal aid work with the Spanish-speaking farm workers in Benton Harbor, Mich., and had specialized in migrant workers' housing problems.

Warren S. Grimes, a 1968 graduate, received an extension from the Volkswagen Foundation for study at the Max Planck Institute for Patent Law at the University of Munich in the area of international business problems. Thomas Nicolai, a 1970 graduate, received a similar extension for his studies in Germany.

Henry Bourgignon, a 1969 graduate, accepted a summer fellowship from the American Philosophical Society to continue his book on the early U.S. Supreme Court and the British Prize Courts.

Four other recent Law School graduates accepted grants for study at the Hague Academy of International Law this past summer. They are Susan Abrams of Kenya, Enrique Gavira of Colombia, Heribert Koeck of Austria, and Fred Mayerson from the United States.

The Law School plays a major role in making these opportunities available to students. Mrs. Mary Broadley Gomes counsels students about possibilities and application procedures as part of her duties assisting Prof. William W. Bishop with the International Legal Studies program.

Knauss To Become Vanderbilt Law Dean

Robert L. Knauss, the University of Michigan's vice-president for student services and a professor at the Law School, has announced he will leave the University early next year to assume the deanship of Vanderbilt University Law School.

A member of the U-M law faculty since 1960, Knauss was named University vice-president last year and was responsible for a vast reorganization of the Office of Student Services.

At the Law School he specialized in business associations, investment securities and regulation of securities and security markets. A 1952 graduate of Harvard University, he received his J.D. degree from the U-M in 1957.

Prior to joining the U-M faculty, Knauss had practiced law in San Francisco. He is a member of the American Bar Association's Section of Corporation, Banking, and Business Law as well as numerous other professional organizations.

Students Gain Experience In Criminal Law

Thirty University of Michigan Law School juniors and seniors are finding one of the new clinical education programs this fall not easy as they examine trial briefs and court documents.

The experimental class, Criminal Appellate Practice, is designed to give students first-hand experience in preparing briefs for use in criminal case appeals, according to course instructor Dan Seikaly.

Students meet once a week for class and then they are on their own. "They're learning by doing what any good criminal lawyer with an appellate practice would do himself," Seikaly says. "They study the transcripts, spot the issues, interview clients in Jackson State Prison, and write their own briefs for the appeal."

Some of the students may even have the chance to present oral arguments before trial courts under attorneys' supervision if cases are returned for reconsideration.

In addition, the class seems to counter the criticism that legal education is too bogged down in traditional hypothetical cases, Seikaly says.

The course, financed through a combination of Law School and federal funds, is closely connected with a new state public defender's office for criminal cases on appeal.

Seikaly, who was the first attorney hired by the new state office, is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School.

U-M Law Student Works For Environmental Reform

University of Michigan Law School senior Roger Conner takes his special interest in environmental problems seriously.

So seriously in fact that he is combining his legal studies with a master's degree program in the U-M School of Natural Resources and a stint as a commissioner on the Michigan Air Pollution Control Agency.

A graduate of Oberlin College, Conner discovered his legal interest in ecology during a freshman property class. He recalls being dissatisfied with the limited treatment of pollution problems and later accepted a professor's invitation to look up the law and attempt to improve the problem's treatment for course presentation the following year.

His appointment by Gov. William Milliken as one of seven officials serving on the state air pollution control board came on the heels of last year's series of environmental teach-ins around the state in which he was involved.

Conner, who has served on the policy-making commission for 13 months, describes his experience in twin terms—"educational" and "frustrating." He is one of only two commissioners appointed at large from the state and is not expected to represent either broad industrial interests or local government concerns. He is also the only commissioner with any legal training.

"I hope that's to my advantage," he says. "Some experience with the law should enable me to persuade the commission to take a tougher stand on pollution issues and show fellow commissioners how it can be done. It's a