of the durability and permanence
of the law," Weller says. He con-
cludes that they have certainly
contributed to legal education as
Cook wished: "The ability of The
University of Michigan's students
and faculty may not be exclu-
sively the product of the struc-
tures wherein their activities take
place," Weller says, "but certainly
the quality these buildings speak
cannot be overlooked."

A good consequence

Regan receives national philosophy prize

A professor of constitutional
law and philosophy of law at
Michigan, Donald H. Regan, has
been named a recipient of the
1982 Franklin J. Machette Prize
which is awarded by the Ameri-
can Philosophical Association.
The award, which is given every
other year, honors scholarly
books or articles of outstanding
philosophical merit. Regan's
prize-winning book, Utilitarianism
and Co-operation, was published
by Oxford University Press in
1980.

Utilitarianism is a doctrine
which holds that the determining
consideration of right conduct
should be the usefulness of its
consequences. In his book, Pro-
fessor Regan analyzes a seemingly
indissoluble contradiction inher-
ent in utilitarian theory as it had
been described by previous schol-
ars. This turns on whether the
requirement that moral agents
should maximize good conse-
quences applies to individual acts
or to classes of acts and patterns
of behavior.

Regan proposes a new theory,
"co-operative utilitarianism,"
which differs radically from the
traditional positions debated
among utilitarians and makes a
reconciliation of their conflicting
intuitions possible. Thus,
Professor Regan is able to
rescue utilitarianism from internal
contradiction.

One of the few non-philosophy
professors to win the award, Pro-
fessor Regan shares the Machette
Prize with Bas van Fraasen of
the philosophy department at
Princeton University and Paul
Guyerof, professor of philosophy
at University of Illinois, Chicago
Circle. A member of The Univer-
sity of Michigan's philosophy
faculty, Lawrence Sklar, is a pre-
vious recipient of the award.

Professor Regan, who attended
Harvard College, received his
law degree from the University of
Virginia Law School in 1966. He
joined the Michigan law faculty
in 1968 after having attended
Oxford University as a Rhodes
Scholar. While teaching at Michi-
gan, Professor Regan did
graduate work in philosophy,
completing his Ph.D. in 1980.

Last year, Professor Regan
received a Senior Research Fel-
lowship from the National
Endowment for the Humanities
which enabled him to spend a
research leave at the University of
California in Berkeley where he
worked on a theory of the good.
His testimony on proposed
amendments to the Constitution
concerning abortion before the
Senate Judiciary Committee's
Subcommittee on the Constitu-
tion appeared in last spring's
issue of Law Quadrangle Notes.