



Professor Joel Handler

## HANDLER NAMED GUGGENHEIM FELLOW

A year's leave of absence to continue his research into the uses of the legal system by social movements has been awarded to Professor Joel Handler by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

His study will seek to determine the extent to which social movements groups are able to mobilize resources through the use of the legal system which would not otherwise be available to the groups. Professor Handler will analyse in depth a number of groups, which will be selected for study in terms of their social and political importance. Groups such as the United Farm Workers and the Black Panthers might be used in studying defensive uses of the law. Civil rights groups, pro-abortionists, and consumers are examples of groups who use the law to further affirmative goals.

A study of the impact of social movement litigation on society will be included. The extensive use made of the legal system, particularly the widely spreading litigation, during the 1960's was hastened by certain decisions of the Federal Courts, by statutory changes involving voting rights, consumer protection and environmental controls. Ralph Nader mo-

bilized young lawyers to reform the administration process. Private foundations supported public interest law firms.

To what avail? That's what Professor Handler is going to find out.

Professor Handler, Princeton, 1954, and Harvard Law School, 1957, came to Wisconsin in 1964. At least half of his time since coming to Wisconsin has been spent in extensive research into law and sociology, as Assistant Director of the Institution for Research on Poverty, and as a fellow of the Institute. He is the author of three books relating to the welfare system: *The Deserving Poor* (1971), *Reforming the Poor* (1972), *The Coercive Social Worker* (1973), which is a comparative study of the development of British and American social services, and one book on lawyers, *The Lawyer and His Community* (1967). He has produced numerous articles and monographs.

He teaches Welfare, Law and Administration as well as "Social Work, Advocacy, and the Law" in the School of Social Work.

The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation was established by U.S. Senator and Mrs. Simon Guggenheim in 1925 in memory of their deceased son. Between \$2 and \$3 million dollars each year is awarded to a vast range of scholars and artists—American and foreign—to give them the freest possible opportunity in which to work. Its broad purpose is "To add to the educational, literary, artistic, and scientific power of this country." Selections are made from the many applications by a special committee. More than 300 Fellows are selected annually, from more than 2300 applications.

## FACULTY NOTES

*April Fools Day* brought an early morning streaker to Professor Shirley Abrahamson's large Class in Taxation, held in Room B-25 of the Law School. The visitor was appropriately attired in a black ski mask and shoes.

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Gerald Thain, who will join the Faculty for the academic year, 1974-75, participated in a Conference on *Government, You and Advertising*, on April 25 and 26 at the Ramada Inn, Waukesha. Mr. Thain is formerly the head of the Division for National Advertising, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission. He spoke on FTC's Two Steps Toward Truth in Advertising: Information Disclosure and Ad Substantiation on Thursday, April 25, and on the Division of Authority Between FTC and NARB—Either Cooperation or Competition, on Friday, April 26.

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Professor James MacDonald participated in Earth Week (April 22-28) sponsored by the Hooper Ecology Club on the U.W. campus. He presented a lecture on Environmental Law on Tuesday, April 23, and participated in a panel discussion on Energy Alternatives on Wednesday, April 24. Professor MacDonald also has recently participated in the Milwaukee Sentinel's annual Forum for Progress, May 6, 1974, at the Milwaukee Memorial Center.