

Goings on in the Summer

For the past several years, the three weeks between graduation in May and the opening of the summer session late in June has been designated as Intersession on the Madison campus. In the Law School, students can earn three credits in one of a number of offerings which in 1977 included Constitutional Law, Creditors and Debtors Rights, Professional Responsibilities, Law and Contemporary Problems. A seminar in Law and Correctional Institutions was conducted for students enrolled in the Legal Assistance to Inmates Program during the regular summer session.

The work is difficult. One course, for instance, had two meetings (1½ hours each) every day, with lengthy study assignments for each. But most participants relish the chance to concentrate on one subject without other distracting demands.

In addition, the Intersession offers an opportunity to provide innovative educational experiences to law students.

For example, under the sponsorship of the Institute of Environmental Studies, Professor James MacDonald in the Intersession recently passed, conducted a study tour which was devoted to a survey of land use and water problems in Colorado. The thirteen students who were enrolled observed irrigation projects, coal strip mines, an oil shale experiment, and hydro-electric plants. The group had opportunities to talk with federal, state, and local administrators, as well as with spokesmen for user groups which included mining and irrigation companies, the Denver Water Board and Trout Unlimited. In addition to their contacts in Colorado, the class visited one county planning committee in Wyoming and met with the city officials responsible for flood plain acquisition after the most disastrous flood in Rapid City, South Dakota, in 1972.

Each student prepared in advance of the trip a report on one phase of the problems to be observed.

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Visitor to the Law School

Often, during the summer, the Law School has interesting and unexpected visitors. During this summer (1977), Mr. Ernest Schopfler, class of 1940, visited his classmate, Professor George Young. Mr. Schopfler has retired as an editor in the Lawyer's Coop Publishing Company, Rochester, New York. He is remembered by his contemporaries and others as having earned one of the best academic records in the history of the Wisconsin Law School, and as the Dalberg prize winner in 1940.



Group visits Paraho Oil Shale Project, Rifle, Colorado.