

## Exchanging Professors: The Summer Program With Giessen University

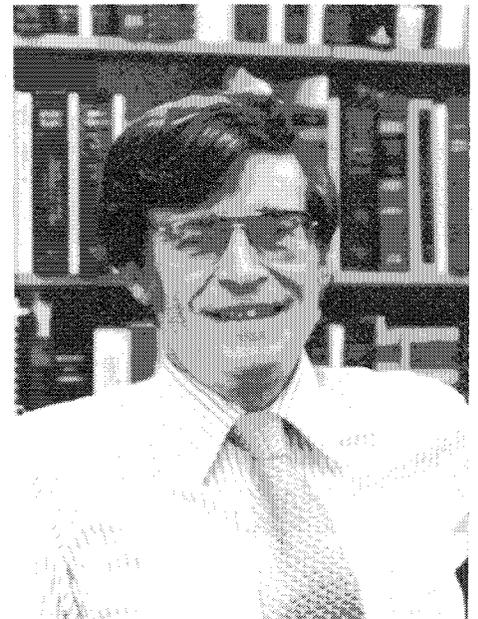
During the second five week term of the coming summer session, University of Wisconsin students will have an opportunity to sample a comparative introduction to fundamental aspects and selected problems of Contract and Corporation Law of Western Europe. The course offering is the result of a summer professorial exchange program between the University of Giessen, West Germany, and the University of Wisconsin Law School.

In June, UW Law Professors Larry Church, Chuck Irish and Zig Zile will travel to West Germany to offer University of Giessen students their perspectives on Corporation and Contract Law; The University of Wisconsin Course will be instructed by Professor Doctor Thomas Raiser and Professor Doctor Guenther Wieck.

Professor Chuck Irish



Professor Zig Zile



Associate Dean Gerald Thain

At U.W. the comparative studies will incorporate the German, French, and English legal systems with references to U.S law. The course has been divided into two parts. The first, taught by Professor Wieck, will start with a survey of the historical development of Civil Law in Western Europe, and examine basic concepts and principles of the Law of Contract. It will also concern itself with some characteristic steps toward unification of parts of the law in Western Europe.

Part Two of the course will deal with business corporations and the basic principles of Corporation Law. Also to be examined are the efforts of the European Economic Community to unify Corporation Laws within Europe, and the results achieved by those efforts up till now.

Gerald Thain, Associate Dean of the Law School, and coordinator for the U.W.

side of the exchange, is particularly enthusiastic about the potentials of the program: The offering of first-hand exposure to students interested in international Corporation and Contract Law, the numbers of whom have been growing rapidly; the opportunity for exchange for faculty members without the usual logistical difficulties that programs of longer duration often entail, and the chance the program provides for non-law students to investigate a wide range of courses the Law School offers that accommodate a variety of interests for those in, and outside of, the Law School. The European side of the program should likewise offer German students a unique insider's view of the workings of American Contract and Corporation Law. What above all is hoped, indicates Mr. Thain, is that the Giessen Summer Exchange represents merely the beginning of a program which promises a rich future.