Mechem Prize Scholarships

Nine outstanding students from seven states and the District of Columbia have been named the first recipients of the Floyd Russell Mechem Prize Scholarships of the Law School. Announcement of the scholarship recipients was made by the Honorable Tom C. Clark, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Justice Clark, who is chairman of the distinguished committee which made the selections, said:

The challenges of this era of rapid change must, in large measure, be met by the law as a living force. Law must retain its persistent and abiding values: at the same time it must recognize and meet the challenges which face each new generation. These responsibilities must be accepted early by the young people who will be the future leaders of the Bar.

In this spirit, the Law School of The University of Chicago has established the Floyd Russell Mechem Prize Scholarships, providing recognition and encouragement for promising legal talent. In so doing, the Law School evidences great foresight and to it we of the Selection Committee extend our most hearty congratulations.

My brothers of the Committee and I have given careful consideration to the long list of applicants. At our meeting in Washington, attended by the full Committee, we discussed in detail their qualifications. We were impressed with their high quality and unusual capacity. Each of us has experienced great personal gratification in having the privilege of serving on the Committee and we are highly pleased with the selection of the final winners, which, I might add, were our unanimous choice.

These young men show unusual promise and we feel certain they will be a credit to the excellent Law School in which they will receive their legal education and to the legal profession. The Committee looks forward to meeting with them in Chicago during their first year at the Law School.

The Mechem Scholarships, each paying $3,000 annually to recipients, were established in January of 1962.

The winners of the 1962 awards are:

J. Michael Barrier, born in Little Rock, Arkansas, June 15, 1940; attended Central High School, Little Rock; received B.S. from Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism, Evanston, Illinois, in June, 1962; member of Phi Eta Sigma, scholastic honorary fraternity; Sigma Delta Chi; staff member of college newspaper; two summers as employee of Arkansas Gazette. Resides: 5813 Hawthorne Road, Little Rock, Arkansas.


J. Maurice Cowley, born in Billings, Montana, May 23, 1940; attended Billings High School, Billings, Montana; received B.S. at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, in May, 1962; member, Phi Eta Sigma, scholastic honorary fraternity; president, Blue Key, national honor fraternity; Texaco Scholarship; Knight Service Award; Knapp Leadership Award. Resides: 246 Brookside Drive, Springville, Utah.

Bruce S. Feldacker, born in East St. Louis, Illinois, June 26, 1940; attended University City High School, University City, Missouri; received A.B. from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, in June, 1962; Phi Beta Kappa; member Pi Sigma Alpha, political science honorary fraternity; Omicron Delta Kappa, senior men’s honorary fraternity; president, Alpha Eta Pi fraternity; president, Hillel Foundation; varsity debate team. Resides: 1408 Coolidge Drive, University City, Missouri.

Michael Gordon, born in New York City, New York, March 28, 1942; attended Central High School, St. Paul, Minnesota; received B.A. from the University of Minne-
sota in June, 1962, summa cum laude; freshman Student Cabinet; University of Minnesota College Quiz Bowl (member of the winning team for two years); contributor to campus magazine. Resides: 616 Beechwood Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

C. Richard Johnson, born in Pasadena, California, March 8, 1941; attended York Community High School, Elmhurst, Illinois; received B.A. from Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin, in June, 1962; president of Student Senate; Chairman, Midwest Conference Student Government Association; president of Phi Kappa Delta, forensics honorary fraternity; Phi Beta Kappa book award. Resides: 601 Hillside Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Peter P. Karasz, born in Budapest, Hungary, June 18, 1941; attended Walter Johnson High School, Bethesda, Maryland; received B.A. from Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, Maryland, in February, 1962; Pi Sigma Alpha, political science honorary fraternity; college publications; representative to 13th Student Conference on United States Affairs at West Point (1961). Address: c/o International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Washington, D.C.

Thomas D. Morgan, born in Peoria, Illinois, February 8, 1942; attended Richwoods High School, Peoria, Illinois; received B.A. from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in August, 1962; Phi Eta Sigma, scholastic honorary fraternity; Eta Sigma Phi, classics honorary fraternity; dormitory president; Student Senate; delegate to National Student Association. Resides: 4943 North Grandview Drive, Peoria Heights, Illinois.

Grady J. Norris, born in Birmingham, Alabama, July 3, 1937; attended Central High School, Coshchotoan, Ohio; Ohio State University; received A.B. at Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama, in March, 1962; Phi Beta Kappa; three years as reporter with the Birmingham Post-Herald. Married; one child. Resides: 812–F 12th Street West, Birmingham, Alabama.

The Scholarship winners began classes at the Law School in October. The awards, which were made on the basis of superior ability, academic qualifications, and promise, will be renewed for succeeding years of study at the Law School upon successful completion of the prior year of study.

The Scholarship recipients were selected by a special committee including, besides Justice Clark: the Honorable Roger Traynor, Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court; the Honorable Sterry Waterman, Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; William Merritt Beaney, Professor of Politics, Princeton University; Ross L. Malone, past president, American Bar Association; J. Roland Pennock, Professor of Political Science, Swarthmore College; and Whitney North Seymour, past president, American Bar Association. Justice Clark, Judges Traynor and Waterman, and Messrs. Malone and Seymour are members of the Visiting Committee of the Law School.

The scholarships honor one of the founders of the law faculty of The University of Chicago, who died in 1928, having earned international stature as a legal authority, scholar, and teacher. Professor Mechem was born on May 9, 1858, in Nunda, New York. He attended public schools in Battle Creek, Michigan, and Titusville, Pennsylvania. While he was a boy, his father died and young Mechem assumed part of the responsibility for supporting his family.

Mechem studied law by himself and was admitted to the Michigan Bar. He was Tappan Professor of Law at the University of Michigan from 1892 to 1903, when he came to the then young University of Chicago. He was an authority on Agency, Partnership, Sales, and Corporation Law.

In his later years, Professor Mechem received an honorary degree of L.L.D. from the University of Michigan.
At the time of his death he was Reporter on Agency of the American Law Institute. He was president for several years of The University of Chicago Settlement.

Among Professor Mechem's most notable works was his *Treatise on the Law of Agency* (1889, revised in 1914) which—more than any other similar work—is believed to have shaped the law of Agency in the United States. Another major work was his *Treatise on the Law of Sale of Personal Property* (2 volumes, 1901).

The Shure Research Fund

The University of Chicago Law School Library recently arranged an exhibit of books representative of those added to its collection through the Frieda and Arnold Shure Research Fund. The books were on exhibition from late November through early January in the James Parker Hall Concourse of the Law Buildings.

The Shure Fund was established at the Law School in 1945 by Arnold I. Shure, Class of 1929, and by Mrs. Shure. Supplemental gifts have been added during the ensuing 17 years. The Fund is administered by the University of Chicago Law School as an endowed fund, income alone being expended.

Income from the Fund has been utilized in part for support of research projects, and in part for the acquisition of more than 900 legal research books for the Law Library. The exhibit referred to consisted of thirty-one volumes in fifteen fields of law, illustrative of the broad scope of acquisitions made through the Shure Fund.

The Law School Library is one of the most distinguished in the United States. In addition to serving students and Faculty, it is a research facility of the American Bar Foundation, which is located in the American Bar Center, immediately adjoining the Law School. The physical capacity of the Library was more than doubled when the new, Saarinen-designed Law Buildings became available three years ago.

The Friends of the Law Library are presently engaged in a campaign to enlarge the Library's collection through creation of a Special Library Fund. Individual and corporate gifts, endowment funds, contributions of law books and historic legal documents to the Special Library Fund are being sought.

The Law School takes great pleasure in announcing that Lee B. McTurnan, of Bloomington, Illinois, A.B., Harvard University, has been appointed law clerk to Mr. Justice Arthur Goldberg of the U.S. Supreme Court for the year 1963-64. Mr. McTurnan, a member of the Class of 1963, is Editor-in-Chief of the *University of Chicago Law Review*. Additional details will appear in the next issue of the *Record.*

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the great work which he knew he had in him. Before his death he had been told the book had been voted the Henry M. Phillips prize given by the American Philosophical Society. Eight days before his death he had finished the preface to a collection of his essays since published under the title *Jurisprudence: Realism in Theory and Practice*. His last year of law teaching was perhaps his best. The barrier between teacher and student was low; the creative power of the teaching was strong. He did not regard his work as finished. He still had before him a work on law in society.

Those of us who have known Karl still feel his creative influence. We see him pencil in hand, gazing in annoyed astonishment at what we have written, and then writing in for us the telling word and the better phrase. He would have written this much better, but he would have understood and responded to the unspoken sentiment of what I have tried to say.

—Edward H. Levi