Trial law program blends theory with practice

In the fall of 1973, Chief Justice Warren Burger began a campaign to improve specialized training in trial preparation and trial advocacy in American law schools. Addressing the law school at Fordham University in New York, Burger said, "... an aspiring pilot who can fly a Piper Cub has learned something about flying, but he is surely not ready to fly large commercial planes or a modern jet airliner. The painful fact is that the courtrooms of America all too often have "Piper Cub" advocates trying to handle the controls of 'Boeing 747' litigation." Burger's challenge to law schools to better prepare their students to be competent trial lawyers has been accepted by WU's School of Law through the development of a new curriculum that blends traditional theory courses with pretrial and trial simulation courses, internships, and extracurricular/competition offerings. The result is one of the most balanced legal curricula in the country, according to Karen L. Tokarz, WU assistant professor of law and director of the Clinical Law Program. "The strong point of the curriculum," Tokarz said, "is that we've successfully combined two methods of learning — the theoretical and the empirical. Today's lawyers need to know both theory and practice in order to compete and undertake litigation.

Law students may hone their advocacy and litigation skills in a variety of ways. First-year students enroll in a year-long research and writing course and, in the spring, attend a ten-week lecture and demonstration series featuring local judges and attorneys. Second- and third-year students attend pretrial and trial simulation courses. Both have local judges and trial attorneys as adjunct instructors.

Internships are available to students through the Clinical Law Program. In the Introductory Lawyering Practice Clinic, students learn about advocacy and litigation firsthand by working in off-campus law offices under the supervision of full-time clinical faculty members. Students work a minimum of 16 hours a week on civil and criminal cases for either Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, St. Louis State Hospital or the St. Louis Public Defender's office. In the Advanced Lawyering Practice Clinic, students pursue their trial skills through internships with local civil, criminal, government and public interest law offices such as the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Circuit Attorney's Office and the Missouri Public Interest Research Group.

Application forms for candidates for next fall's South-40 residential advisor staff are now available at the Residential Life Center, the Wohl Center and the Resource Desk in Mallinckrodt Center. Individualized counseling will be provided to students interested in a career as a judicial clerk.

An additional judicial clerkship program is available for students interested in working part-time as a clerk to a local, state or federal trial or appellate judge. Both the internship program and the simulation courses have been very successful, Tokarz says.

"I think law students today realize the value of an integrated education and enjoy the exposure to different teaching methodologies," she said. "Our students have a jump on others who have to learn civil and criminal practice first-year attorneys.

Success in national competitions is one indicator of the program's effectiveness. In the past two years, WU student teams have competed at the national finals of the National Mock Trial Competition, the National Appellate Moot Court Competition and the International Law Competition. WU was the only law school in the country represented at all three.

Soon students will also take part in the National Client Counseling Competition. The WU community will have an opportunity to see these teams in action in February when the School of Law will be host for the regional tournament of the National Mock Trial Competition in the Mullin Hall courtroom. The winner will compete in the national finals at Houston, Tex., later in the spring. A WU team competed at the national competition in both 1981 and 1982.

Only time and experience can produce a fully competent lawyer. But, as Burger pointed out nine years ago in his address at Fordham University, "the law school is where the groundwork must be laid."
Researchers study herbal medicine among headhunting tribes of Peru

In search of an exotic plant extract used by the headhunting tribes of South America, two WU researchers are traveling through remote jungle areas of Peru.

Memory P. Elvin-Lewis, professor of microbiology at the School of Dental Medicine, and Walter H. Lewis, professor of biology, will return in mid-December from a four-week-long trip investigating plants, shrubs, and trees used in traditional medicine and dentistry. The National Geographic Society is sponsoring part of their journey with a $5,000 grant.

Accompanied by host and guide Frank Ayala, a WU alumnus who is now a professor of botany at the University of Peru, the Lewises will fly into a large tract of jungle near the Ecuadorian border where the Jiveros tribe lives in small clusters of huts along the Pastaza and Tigre rivers. There, the WU team will string up hammocks and observe the practices of tribal brujos — medicine men and women.

The pair, a husband and wife team who co-wrote the book Medical Botany, are particularly interested in identifying and analyzing a plant extract or poultice used by the Jiveros Indians in removing teeth. The plant may be valuable to relieve pain and treat gum disease as well as extract teeth fragments, they believe.

Elvin-Lewis, who has studied chewing sticks and other dental habits native to Africa, Asia and the Americas, also will look for evidence of teeth blackening among the tribe. This ancient practice, once popular among the Japanese, who stained their teeth with tannin, may actually help prevent cavities, she said.

"Only a small number of developing countries have access to modern medical care," Elvin-Lewis observed. "Our goal is to determine which of these extracts and methods that are cheap and available and really used have honest medical value."

Although widely traveled, the Lewises have yet to embark on an enterprise as adventurous as this. The Jiveros are a fierce group composed of many sub-tribes. Because they do not believe in natural death, Lewis said, they blame enemy tribes for deaths caused by disease and old age. Headhunting is still practiced, and curare-dipped arrows are used in hunting animals. Body painting, too, is customary, and Elvin-Lewis plans to offer gifts of modern make-up samples for this decorative art.

According to Lewis, each subtribe receives medical advice and herbal treatment from their brujos, a position probably passed along family lines. Regarded as a visionary, the brujo makes extensive use of plant preparations, including quinine and hallucinogenic drugs. Like the sought-after extract for teeth removal, many were once widely known. Now traditional uses of herbal medicine are rapidly being forgotten.

In addition to their stay in Peru, the Lewises also are spending a week in Jamaica and a day or two in Panama on a consulting project for the Pan American Health Organization. The project involves a study of the botanical and microbiological aspects of the "chaw stick" — a plant for teeth cleaning that is related to hops and that may have antibiotic properties.

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Pre-Law Society sponsors sale, lectures by nature photographer

The Pre-Law Society of WU will sponsor a sale of photographs by nature photographer Kjell Sandved Dec. 6-10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the lower level of Mallinkrodt Center.

Sandved, a nature photographer and film producer for the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, will speak Tuesday, Dec. 7, at two lectures sponsored by the Pre-Law Society and the Student Union Entertainment Board. At noon, he will present a slide presentation and lecture titled "Focus on Nature Photography," to Graham Chapel. He will also lead a "Photo Safari Workshop" at 4 p.m. in the Women's Building Lounge. Both lectures are free and open to the public.

Using equipment he designed and built, Sandved has traveled to more than 30 countries to film and photograph the unusual and complex life cycles of plants and animals. During his 20-year career at the Smithsonian, Sandved has filmed butterflies and moths in the Amazon rain forest, the world's largest flower, the Rafflesia, in Sumatra, and, for the first time ever, the birth of a seal in the Antarctic.

Sandved has published several books featuring his photographs including "Exotic Magns; Butterfly Magns; Shells in Color and Rain Forests and Cloud Forests." Sandved will autograph his work Tuesday and Wednesday of the sale.

Danforth elected AAU chairman

Chancellor William H. Danforth has been elected chairman of the Association of American Universities.

Charles E. Young, chancellor of the University of California, Los Angeles, was elected vice chairman, and John W. Ryan, president of Indiana University, assumed the position of past chairman.

The Association of American Universities (AAU) serves its members by providing forums for the exchange of ideas. With a membership consisting of 50 American and two Canadian universities with preeminent programs of graduate and professional education and scholarly research. Reflecting this common element of the membership, the activities of the AAU focus on issues of research and advanced training.

Joseph D. Kerner II

Kerner appointed curator, registrar for Gallery of Art

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begin immediately, headed by John Schael, director of sports and recreation.
Henderson was named head football
couch in 1980. Prior to that, he was
currently producing a TV documentary on Boccia.
Thursday, Dec. 2

4 p.m. Department of Chemistry Lecture, "Metal Matrix in Mouse Cells and Its Possible Role in the Rejection of Tissue Transplantation." Douglas Berg, WU asst. prof. of microbiology and immunology. 322 Redbuck.
8 p.m. Student Dance Concert. "Fleeting Moments." Admission $1. Mallinckrodt Dance Studio. (Also Sat., Dec. 11, 8 p.m., and Sun., Dec. 5, 8 p.m.)
8:30 p.m. Student Dance Concert. "We Do," Edward Jones, chief human factors eng. McDonald Douglas Corp. 102 Fara.
9 p.m. Department of Philosophy Lecture, "The Dynamics of Cytoskeletal Organization." Robert Fantasia, an undergraduate. Graham Chapel.
9:45 p.m. Society of Professors Emeriti Fifth Anniversary Meeting, "Biblical Basis for Missions," Becky Hand, dir., counseling program, WU Dept. of Arts. Cost is $9.50 for members and $10 for students. (Also, Sat., Dec. 4, same time. Btown.)
6, are to be mailed to Judy Dudukovic, 641 Foxwood College. Field House.
Thursday, Dec. 9
7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball, WU vs. Lindenwood College. Field House.
8 p.m. University City Orchestra Concert. WU student pianist Betty Jackson, soloist. Graham Chapel.
Friday, Dec. 10
8 p.m. WU Choir Christmas Concert. Graham Chapel.
Saturday, Dec. 11
1 p.m. WU School of Music Piano Recital, Mark Bernhardt, an undergraduate, Graham Chapel.

Exhibitions
"The Portrait." Paintings, sculptures and poems from University collection. Through Jan. 9. Print Gallery, Gallery of Art. Admission $10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays; 1-3 p.m. weekends.
"Recent Acquisitions." Through Dec. 29. Special Collections, Level 5, Olin Lib. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.
"MFA Thesis." Through Dec. 12. Bibby Gallery. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays; 1-3 p.m. weekends.
"Masterworks of Ophthalmology, 1851-1900." Through Feb. 15. Rare Books & Archives Annex, WU School of Medicine, 615 S. Taylor Ave. Open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

Films
Thursday, Dec. 2
7 and 9:15 p.m. WU Filmboard Series, "Gallipoli." $2 Brown Hall Aud.
Friday, Dec. 3
7 and 9:30 p.m. WU Filmboard Series, "On Golden Pond." $2 Brown Hall Aud. (Also Sat., Dec. 4, same time, Btown.)
Midnight. WU Filmboard Series, "A Small Circle of Friends." $1 Brown Hall Aud. (Also Sat., Dec. 4, same time, Brown.)

Saturday, Dec. 4
Sunday, Dec. 5
5 p.m. WU Student Composers Concert, featuring recent works by WU graduate students and works by visiting guest composers. Holmes Lounge.
8 p.m. University City Orchestra Concert. WU graduate student pianist Betty Jackson, soloist. Graham Chapel.
Monday, Dec. 6
5 p.m. City College Concert. Works by J. Bach and Saints. Graham Chapel.
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Calendar Deadline
The deadline to submit items for the Jan. 20-29 calendar of the IUU Record is Jan. 6. Items must be typed, double spaced, 12 pt., no longer than one page, and must include date, time, place and type of event. Submit items to King McEIlroy, calendar editor, Box 11442.

The Louis Murray Dance Louis Library will perform an 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4, in Edison Theatre. See Performing Arts for ticket information.