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SATURDAY IS MID-POINT IN LAW "WEEK"
AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

A joint session of Personal Injury Institute participants and law student conventioners signal the half-way-point Saturday in law "week" at the University of Montana.

The students will observe a panel of two lawyers and two doctors discuss problems of inter-personal relations in personal injury actions. The panel, which is the last institute session, will convene in the UM Lodge Territorial Rooms at 9:30 a.m. It comprises William T. Boone and Jeremy G. Thane, both lawyers practicing in Missoula, Dr. Loren G. Hammer, Butte, and Dr. W.J. McDonald, Missoula. Moderator will be Dr. C.P. Brooke, Missoula.

The 12th Circuit Convention of the American Law Student Association will continue through Sunday. Following observation of the personal injury panel, participants will convene for a law wives program at 10:30 a.m. in the Florence Hotel.

At 1:30, a professional-student panel will discuss the "Role of the Law Student in Legal Aid Programs" in the University Music Recital Hall. Panelists will be Gen. (ret.) Charles L. Decker, director of the National Defender Project; James T. Harrison, chief justice of the Montana Supreme Court; William J. Jameson, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for Montana; J. R. Wine, executive director of the Montana Bar Association Legal Services Program, and Marshall W. Dennis, a senior in the UM School of Law.

The new national vice president for the 12th Circuit of the Law Student Association will be elected during a Student Bar Association administration conference. The meeting will begin at 3:45 p.m. in the Law School.

Gen. Decker will deliver the keynote address at the Barristers' Ball and Banquet Saturday evening. The dinner, with presentation of awards and scholarships to 13 UM law students, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Bitterroot Room at the Florence Hotel.

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A moot court presentation of three personal injury cases that had been decided in Missouri courts was a highlight Friday of the Personal Injury Institute. Montana lawyer participants argued cases dealing with a rear-end auto collision, a child death and a head-on automobile accident.

Preceding the moot court presentations, members of the Missouri bar and James W. Jeans, a law professor at the University of Missouri, discussed several aspects of personal injury cases.

Jeans described "Basic Considerations: Evaluation and Settlement."

Views of "The Lawyers Role" in personal injury proceedings were presented by Donald W. Thomasson, practicing in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

"Insurance Factors" were described by Howard B. Lang, Jr., senior vice president of the MFA Insurance Companies, Columbia, Mo.

As the Institute moved into the afternoon hours, registration began for the 12th Circuit Convention of the American Law Student Association.

Friday afternoon and evening activities for law students representing nine law schools in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana included sessions concurrent with the Personal Injury Institute, an inter-school basketball tournament and dinner for student bar presidents and law school deans.

The two-day Tribal Judges Conference, which brought to the University Indian jurists from six of Montana's seven reservations, concluded Friday afternoon with a discussion and summary of legal problems common to the reservations. Taking part in the final session were members of UM's Law School faculty.

Law Week will conclude officially with a meeting of student conventioners and the new national vice president of their association Sunday morning at 10.