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A test to give students who are interested in a possible career in law a good estimate of their chances of success in law school will be given at Montana State University on January 18, Dr. Ray V. Phillips, director of the MSU Counseling Center, announced.

The Iowa Legal Aptitude Test measures aptitude for the study and practice of law. No specific legal knowledge is needed, Dr. Phillips explained. This test does not measure legal knowledge, but rather aptitude for law. The test will take three hours, he said.

Juniors, and more importantly, seniors who are considering entrance into a law school should plan to take this test, Dr. Phillips said. Persons interested should make formal application at the Counseling Center, room 209 of Main Hall, before January 10. Admission to the examination will be limited to the first 50 applicants.

Dean Robert Sullivan of the MSU Law School emphasized the difference between the Iowa Legal Aptitude Test from the Law School Admission Test. The latter is administered by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N. J., while the Iowa test is scored locally, he pointed out. Results of the Iowa test will be available within a relatively short time after it is given, he said. There is no charge for the Iowa test while there is a fee for the Law School Admissions Test, he added.

The Iowa test is not a substitute for the Law School Admissions Test, which is required of all applicants for admission to the MSU Law School, Dean Sullivan stressed. The Iowa test is primarily a guide to the student who wants to find out if he has the aptitude and capacity for the study of law. A high score in the Iowa test would indicate to the student that he is probably suited to the study of law and would encourage him to take the Law School Admission Test, which is required for admission to most law schools, Dean Sullivan said.

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