

Pacific Northwest Assembly Discusses Court Reform

Several speakers addressed a Pacific Northwest Assembly on "The Courts, the Public, and the Law Explosion," held last weekend at the University.

Robert Finley, associate justice of the Washington Supreme Court, told the assembly that "the pressures of population growth and of a complex society have created a problem of how to improve a good product."

"We have a fine court system,"

state by state," Finley said. "But we need to ask ourselves — how much better can the system be in terms of the administration of justice?"

He cited the "tremendous overload of cases in traffic courts in many metropolitan areas as a real problem. 'The vast majority of the American people only come into contact with our court system at this level—and the quantity of cases some traffic

judges are receiving is astronomical, and this hardly leaves a good impression on the people who enter these places expecting some symbol of justice."

He said it is time the national, state, and local bar associations, along with the law schools, practicing attorneys, and the public, examine whether the courts are functioning as well as they could.

Finley called for an examination of the management and administration of the courts to insure that they are operating efficiently.

"We must take a hard look at judicial salaries," he said, "retirement and tenure plans, and the judicial selection procedures so that we can attract the top talent in the legal profession into judicial positions."

Richard W. Nahstoll, a Portland attorney, told the assembly that litigation has become so expensive that a litigant can't even afford to win any more.

Lawyers have tolerated expensive procedures allowing litigation and appeals to be priced beyond people's reach, and have also done a poor job of accommodating to those things which could have been done to reduce costs, he said.

He outlined some of the procedures which will make legal services more readily available for the poor as a result of the Economic Opportunities Act, but added that the middle income group might be worse off than the poor in securing legal services.

Browsing Room Lecture Planned

Suicide in America today and the cold war with Communism will be included in the wide spectrum of subjects to be discussed during the University's Summer Browsing Room Lecture-Forum Series.

The Browsing Room programs will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays until August 3.

A discussion of "Tongue Point: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" will initiate this summer's Browsing Room series next Wednesday. Lecturer will be Guy Shellenbarger, instructor of education at the University who was on the staff of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center during its first year of operation.

Arthur Steinhaus, authority on muscle relaxation, will disclose

what physical education can do for the "mind and spirit of man" during the July 6 program. He is a visiting lecturer at the University this summer from George Williams College, Chicago, Ill.

Featured speaker for the program focusing on suicide in this country will be Walter Martin, head of the sociology department at the University. He is the co-author of "Status Integration and Suicide," a book which represents a thorough analysis of world statistical data on suicide.

The controversial expert on the cold war, D. F. Fleming, will consider its costs and consequences on July 20. Fleming, an emeritus professor of international relations at Vanderbilt University, is currently a visiting professor at the University of Arizona.

Novelist and short story writer Harvey Swados will speak on "Fiction and Social Revolution" on July 28. Swados, who has published a number of novels, essays and short stories, is currently a member of the literature faculty at Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, N.Y.

"Television Commentators as a Political Force in Political Elections" will be the topic of the summer's final Browsing Room program, on August 3. Lecturer will be Elwood A. Kretsinger, associate professor of speech who has had 14 years of experience in production and instruction in educational television.

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Museum Exhibits Teachers' Photos

A unique photography show, "Professors of Photography: A National Exhibit," opened at the University Museum of Art June 11.

The new exhibition, which is concurrent with "9 Pacific Northwest Artists — 3 Dimensions — 1966," replaces the originally scheduled exhibition of an historical review of the art of photography in America.

The show, of the work of teachers of photography, is unique in that it is the first such to be organized on the national level. Organized by Bernard L. Freemesser, associate professor of journalism, the show is made up of the works of 20 photographers, all members of the Society for Photographic Education.

The photographs will be on view in a rotating exhibition through July and August in the new Photography at Oregon Gallery of the Museum of Art. This gallery, designed especially for photographic displays, was made possible by a gift from the University's class of 1966.

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