

Law students using videotape critiques

Third-year law students at St. Mary's University are learning to be trial lawyers through critiques of their performances in simulated trials recorded on videotapes.

The visual playback method of learning has been introduced this summer in a new course on trial advocacy taught by James Hadley Edgar Jr., a visiting professor from Texas Tech University.

The class of 20 is divided into two sections of 10 students who meet in simulated trials and serve as counsels for plaintiffs and defense with Edgar acting as judge.

State and federal civil and criminal cases with and without juries are presented to give students practice in all types of cases.

Each trial is televised by the staff of St. Mary's Learning Resources Center and played back for evaluation and critique in individual teacher-student consultations.

"The purpose of the course is to give students an opportunity to

actually assume the role of attorney by preparing witnesses, conducting direct and cross examination and blending factual presentation with substantive law problems in simulated

cases," Edgar said.

"This method of instruction helps students develop basic skills in presenting evidence in the most effective way and gives them practice in proper courtroom

procedure, presence and deportment.

"It's an exciting learning experience. It helps students know what to expect in the courtroom and overcome their first jitters," Edgars said.

UTSA prof on summer speaking tour in Europe

Dr. Rodolfo Jacobson, University of Texas at San Antonio professor of linguistics, is in Europe this summer with speaking engagements in several countries.

His first lecture will be Tuesday at the University of Konstanz, West Germany where he will speak on bilingual dialect in the American South-west.

Dr. Jacobson recently completed a study on the characteristics of mixing Spanish and English in informal conversations.

Additional itinerary includes the University of Mannheim, West Germany; the University of Bonn and Gesamthochschule Duisburg.

Dr. Jacobson will de-

liver addresses on bilingualism before the Fourth International Salzburg Linguistics Meeting in Austria and the 12th International Congress of Linguistics in Vienna.

He will speak at the University of Heidelberg; Freie Universitaet Berlin

and the Dutch Ministry of Education Summer School, The Hague.

Dr. Jacobson is author of a series of textbooks for teaching English in Panama Schools and has participated in research projects for the English Language Institute.

Bannockburn rite Sunday

The Scottish Society of San Antonio will conduct the 3rd Annual Bannockburn Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Alamo's Cavalry Courtyard.

The ceremony honors the Battle of the Bannock Burn which took place in

1314. It also honors the Alamo heroes of Scottish descent.

After the wreath laying ceremony, members of the Scottish Society will go to the Institute of Texan Cultures to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee.

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