

# George Mahon Honored By Tech School Of Law

Former Congressman George Mahon was the special guest at Friday's Law

School Honors Day at Texas Tech University, but the surprise of the day came



**MAHON LAW HONOR** — Retired Congressman George Mahon, left, receives honorary initiation into the Order of the Coif from Dr. J. Hadley Edgar, Texas Tech law school professor. Mahon received the initiation into the law scholastic honorary organization at Friday's Honors Day at the Tech Law School. (Staff Photo by Paul Mo-seley)

when students announced a fund-raising drive for an endowed chair to honor the school's interim dean.

Mahon was initiated into the Order of the Coif, the law scholastic honorary organization at the noon luncheon.

Later in the day, when some 75 students received honors and awards, it also was announced that funds are being sought to endow a chair named for Dr. Richard W. Hemingway, interim dean of the law school and a specialist in oil and gas law.

Karen Johnson and Marian Holmes, both second year law students, announced that a committee comprised of alumni and students has raised more than \$8,000 toward that goal.

Hemingway, surprised by the announcement, received a standing ovation from the students, faculty and alumni attending the awards day.

W.B. "Dub" Harris Jr., interim director of development at Texas Tech, noted that an endowed chair requires an initial investment of about \$600,000. Interest from that amount provides an annual income.

"It allows a chair holder to participate in scholarly activities he or she might not normally have the funding to do," Harris explained.

One major oil company, Phillips Petroleum, has already contributed to the Hemingway fund and others are expected to, students said. Potential donors may receive details by calling Sandy McDonald, assistant to the law dean, at 742-3987.

Students say they hope to raise the total amount within the next year or two

and note that all contributions are tax-deductible.

Members of the law school's second graduating class celebrated their 10th reunion during the day's activities. Among those honored from that class were Rep. Jim Rudd of Brownfield and Plainview District Attorney Marvin Marshall.

Morris Harrell of Dallas, president-elect of the American Bar Association, and Wayne Fisher, president-elect of the Texas state bar were guest speakers during Honors Day. Harrell, a fellow of the College of American Trial Lawyers, delivered the Strasburger and Price Lecture on trial problem areas. That speech noted delays and abuses of the discovery process as well as possible changes.

Ten teams were pitted in the moot court competition. Topic of the competition was concerning criminal appeals on the grounds of unconstitutional arrest, search and seizure of a person convicted of murder.

First place winners of the spring intra-school moot court competition were Carmen Mitchell of Austin and Morris C. Carrington of Marshall. They will receive the \$300 Geary, Stahl & Spencer Moot Court Award and their names will be inscribed on a permanent plaque. Mitchell also was awarded the \$100 prize for the best oral argument in the semi-final round.

Katherine K. Mudge of Austin received the Geary, Stahl & Spencer Moot Court Scholarship Award.

Prof. James R. Eissinger was named Phi Alpha Delta Outstanding Professor of the Year. Order of the Barristers — made possible by Carr, Evans, Fouts &

Hunt — went to Aaron L. Jackson, Cynthia L. Nichols, Stacy Stribling and David B. Weinstein.

The 1979-80 Board of Editors Awards, presented by the Law Review and including \$100 to authors of outstanding writing ability went to David L. Kite of San Antonio for Best Case Note; Roger D. Graham of Rotan for Best Fifth Circuit Symposium Article; and to both Curry L. Cooksey and Matthew Hutchins, both of Lubbock, as co-authors of the Best Comment.

Hutchins also received the Jackson, Waler Winstead, Cantwell & Miller Law Review Award.

Jimmy W. Peacock received \$200 as winner of the Estate Planning Award from Maddox & Renfrow of Hobbs, N.M.

A \$500 award went to John M. Lancaster as recipient of the Oil and Gas Award from Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield & Hensley. Aaron L. Jackson received a \$250 award for winning the Products Liability Award, honoring J. Hadley Edgar.

Other awards included Taxation Award, Smith Baker, Field & Clifford

Inc., \$250 to Stephen J. Gilles; William R. Moss Trial Advocacy Award, \$100 each to Terry M. Casey and Brian P. Quinn; Judge Meade F. Griffin Award, \$200 to Brian P. Quinn; George W. and Srah H. Dupree Award, \$100 to Charles David Caddell.

Additional awards are to be publicly announced later.