STUDENT LAWYERS
TRY A REAL CASE

Larceny trial is a tough test

The only down-to-earth training most law students get is the trying of "moot court" cases in the classroom. But at the University of Denver as in a few other U.S. law schools, junior and senior law students are allowed to represent needy clients in justice of the peace and municipal courts. It was under this system that an indigent named Joseph Springer stood trial in Denver last month with two D. U. students, Harry Anderson and Don Gallion, as counsel.

Springer was charged with stealing some pension and travelers' checks from his host roommate, Joseph Makovsky. He said Makovsky had given him the checks. Makovsky seemed vague about details, and Anderson and Gallion set out immediately to prove he was both unreliable as to memory and a steady drinker and had indeed, as Springer claimed, sent him out to buy clothes and liquor with the checks. The state was happy to have the students since the student-lawyer system saves it hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees every year. The only person not overjoyed was the deputy district attorney prosecuting. Knowing the students would put in a lot of time on the case, he cut short a fishing trip especially to get ready.
SEEING WITNESSES, students talk with hotel owner, who says Springer drank, Makovsky didn't.

DIFFERENT STORY comes from "Whitney" Compton, acquaintance of Makovsky. He says later drank.

PLAINTIFF is interviewed in Classen Home. Makovsky was so vague, not even remembering Springer had been his roommate. That Gallion and Anderson doubted he would get to trial. They were dismayed when he did show up.

Johnston (center). Both agreed the students should concentrate on discrediting Makovsky's testimony.

TWO WIVES, Sue Gallion and Marie Anderson, visit the trial. Andersons have two children, Gallions one.

DECISION is given to deputy D.A. E. Gallion and Anderson by Judge David Guler, who says conflicting testimony forces him to bind the case over to district court. This disappointed students, who hoped to have case thrown out.

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ENTERING NAMES as defense lawyers, Callion and Anderson line up before Judge Joseph McDonald with (left to right) Deputy District Attorney Gerald Quiet, detective on the case and the patrolman who arrested Springer.

STORE CO-OWNER to whom the defendant went with checks says he suspected him, refused to cash checks.

NURSE Anna Classen, to whose home Makovsky moved after theft, says he drank and needed clothes.

PREPARING BRIEF, the students look up some legal points in law library, debate how to present case.

LAST MINUTE ADVICE is given by law professor Vance Ditman Jr. (left), and Dean Gordon.

AT TRIAL Springer and Anderson confer after Makovsky (background) crosses them by testifying coherently.

AT RECESS Springer sits in the unused jury box. Makovsky had denied he gave away the checks.
NEW PLEA is urged on Springer by lawyers. If he will plead guilty to lesser charge (petty larceny), they may get him off with a short sentence. He assents.

HAPPY DEFENDANT thanks the students. Judge gave him six months. If he had been found guilty of grand larceny, he faced a one to 10-year sentence.

POST MORTEMS are held at a Denver club by judge, Gallions, Quiet, Andersons. Judge said students performed better than many practicing lawyers.