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Note: *FlaLaw* will not be published Monday, March 4, during Spring Break. Weekly publication resumes March 11.

Apply by Friday for Study Abroad

Students must apply by Friday (March 1) for College of Law ABA-approved summer law programs in Costa Rica, France and South Africa. For complete details — including tuition, color photos, curriculum descriptions and application procedures — click on the appropriate link at: www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/ or contact: Student Affairs Coordinator **Noemar Castro** (392.0421 or castro@law.ufl.edu).

UF Students Make History Trial Team Sweeps ABA Regional, Proceeds To National

The UF Trial Team defeated Stetson and Florida State to take the two “first place” spots and win the championship at the American Bar Association Regional Competition Feb. 14-16 in Miami. This was the second of the team’s three spring competitions, and it has taken first place at both.

In January, team members won The Florida Bar Chester Bedell Memorial Competition for the second year in a row.

“We made unprecedented history by placing both teams in the national competition,” said Trial Team President **Michael Pike**. “Sixteen law schools from four states — South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida — participate in the ABA regional competition. Historically, the two teams chosen for first place are from different schools. This time, both UF teams swept the competition and took top honors.”

Local attorney **Rob Rush** coached the team. Advocates were **Jose Izquierdo, Nick Zissimopoulos, Kimberly Madison and Millicent Daniels. Sarah Baggett, Damon Colangelo, Trisha Smith and Juan Perez** were witnesses. The eight will go on to compete in Dallas, Texas, in April for the national title.



UF Trial Team members include Trisha Smith (back left), Ann Schweikhardt, LaShawnda Jackson, Betty Toussaint, Desiree Demonbreun, Yolanda Green, Stacey Gross, Shawntoyia Grier, Lindsay Topping and Paula Ferris. Also, Tony Sos (front left), Juan Perez, Mackenson Bernard, Bradley Harper, Michael Pike, Harley Brook, Ken Grace, Bill Ward and Fermin Lopez. Not pictured are Team Advisor/Gainesville Attorney Carl Schwait and 23 other current and new members.

(See *Trial Team*, page 2)

U.S. Army War College Current Affairs Panel Q&A Today

The U.S. Army War College Current Affairs Panel will discuss and answer questions on current issues and government policies at 5:30 p.m. today (Feb. 25) in the law school auditorium (190 Holland Hall).

Established in 1969, the panel — featuring two U.S. Army lawyers, both colonels — travels each year to top college campuses to participate in constructive, candid exchanges with students and the public. Panel members have extensive experience and qualifications in specific military functions and

international areas, outstanding duty records, and have served in command or key staff positions worldwide.

The event is hosted by the law school’s Federalist Society, International Law Society and Criminal Law Association, and the American Bar Association.

“We encourage everyone to attend and take advantage of this timely and valuable opportunity to learn about world events,” said **Jessica Parker**, President of the International Law Society.

For information: **Deborah de la O** (ddd2169@ufl.edu).

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Faculty Showcased

The works of David H. Levin Chair in Family Law/Director of the UF Center on Children and the Law **Barbara Bennett Woodhouse** and Clarence J. TeSelle Professor **Martin McMahon** are featured in displays at the entrance to the Legal Information Center.

The library plans to showcase two faculty members each month. Next month's featured faculty will be Stephen C. O'Connell Professor **Jeffrey Harrison** and Levin Mabie & Levin Professor of Law **Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol**.

Job hunting? Career Services can help. Register with the Interactive Career Assistance Network online at: www.law.ufl.edu/career/.

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Also available on the college Web site are past issues of FlaLaw (in full color) as well as other law school materials. Click on "Publications."

• CENTER FOR CAREER SERVICES •

Externship Updates

- The deadline for **Summer 2002 healthcare law externships** offered by Assistant in Law, Health Law and Policy **Barbara Noah** has been extended to April 8. By this date, interested students must have had Health Care Law or Bioethics OR be registered for Health Law Survey (Fall 2002).
- Several new **environmental law externships** may be available this summer. If you are interested, contact Professor **Alyson Flournoy** (flournoy@law.ufl.edu) by Friday (March 1). The application deadline will be set within the next few weeks if there is student interest. Possible summer placements are:

1. **Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation, Tallahassee.** LEAF is a non-profit organization that works on a variety of environmental and energy issues, with particular focus on those affecting public health and environmental justice. It engages in litigation, legislative, advocacy and grassroots work.
2. **The Ocean Conservancy, Washington, D.C. and Alaska.** One student has been placed in

the St. Petersburg office. A student also may be placed in Washington D.C. and possibly in Alaska to work on issues related to native tribes' fishing rights under various agreements and treaties.



- The **Legal Aid Service of Broward County-Ft. Lauderdale externship** will NOT be offered this summer. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Pro Bono Certificate

Students who have volunteered 35 hours or more to benefit the underserved can earn a Pro Bono Certificate. To qualify, students MUST turn in their hours to Career Services by Friday, March 22. Visit Career Services for information.

(Trial Team, from page 1)

"The dual victory was especially sweet given that the teams played both Plaintiff and Defense roles — the teams never knew which side they would be representing until moments before the trial began. They announced the semifinalists after three trials, and we were ecstatic when we found out both UF teams made it," said Zissimopoulos.

Stetson University was the only other school with two teams in the semifinals, but only one Stetson team remained for the final round.

"Our team's greatest strength is versatility," said advocate Izquierdo. "When the other teams threw us curve balls, we went off script and handled the situation with grace."

Trial Team members compete each spring in The Florida Bar, ABA and ATLA (in March) competitions, and each fall in Georgetown, Michigan. They are assisted by Associate Dean for Students **Gail Sasnett**, Assistant Dean **Pat Shannon**, and Professor **Kenn Nunn**.

(Announcements, from page 1)

JMBA Theater Outing

JMBA is coordinating a theater outing Thursday, March 21, 8:15 p.m., to see "The Diary of Anne Frank" at the Hippodrome State Theatre.

Front section seats are available for a reduced cost of \$10 (50 percent savings) in the JMBA Office Feb. 18-March 1, and March 11-16. Only 40 seats available: first-come, first-served. For information: John at jcpamd@ufl.edu.

LAW Meeting Wednesday

All students are invited to the Law Association for Women's general meeting Wednesday (Feb. 27), 4:10 p.m., 296 Holland Hall. For information: **Dawn Henrichon** (dhenrich@ufl.edu).

Interested in Criminal Clinic?

Students interested in Summer 2002 Criminal Clinic should complete an interest survey in Student Affairs by Wednesday (Feb. 27). (Applications available in March.)

Cohn Speaks on Markets March 14

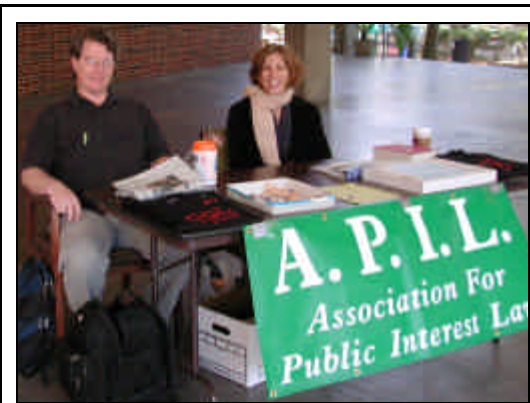
International Programs Coordinator/Professor **Stuart Cohn** will speak on the development of capital markets in third world countries at a presentation hosted by the International Law Society Thursday, March 14, 5:20 p.m., Bailey Courtroom. For information: **Jessica Parker** (jmp7905@yahoo.com).

Lake Wauburg BBQ March 16

The John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) is sponsoring a BBQ picnic for students, faculty and staff and their families at Lake Wauburg (north pavilion) Saturday, March 16, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets available from **Clara Nordstedt** in the Dean's Suite for \$2 (free admittance for children under 5). The event will include games, flag football, prizes and food from the "Backyard BBQ," Newberry.

"This is a great opportunity to get to know each other in an informal atmosphere. I hope to see everyone there," said Dean **Jon Mills**.

JMBA will sponsor a golf tournament Sunday, March 17, at Plantation Oaks beginning at 1 p.m. Contact JMBA (392.0498) for information.



Apply Now for APIL Fellowships

Applications for APIL (Association for Public Interest Law) summer fellowships are available in Career Services and at APIL's table on the concourse. According to APIL President **Alan Bushnell** (left, with new member **Meredith Thorp**), the fellowships are available to law students who participate in fundraising activities and seek to work at a non-governmental 501 C3 non-profit public interest corporations — such as ACLU, Three Rivers Legal Services or Florida Institutional Legal Services. Submission deadline is Friday (March 1).



Auditorium Open For Study Due to Student Suggestion at Dean's 'Brown Bag' Luncheon

Thanks to a student suggestion at last week's "Pizza with the Dean" luncheon, the law school auditorium (190 Holland Hall) will be available to students as a reading room for the remainder of the semester. Students can access the room any time it is not otherwise in use (available dates and times will be posted on the door).

Dean **Jon Mills** (standing) holds "Brown Bag" luncheons on a regular basis to solicit student input on issues of concern to the law school community. A student suggestion at a luncheon last year for restriping the law school parking lot resulted in 25 additional parking spaces.

Other topics at the Feb. 14 lunch included:

- A Request for Proposals is underway to find a bank to put an ATM in the Bruton-Geer breeze-way. The bank should be selected by mid-April, and installation completed by July 1. A student will serve on the bank selection committee.
- UF budget cuts are severely reducing the resources and manpower available to keep the law school campus, classrooms and offices clean. "We need to take responsibility as a community to make our campus look good," said Mills. "In the face of budget and logistical difficulties, we need to work together and have pride in our college."
- The law school is contemplating changes in its tuition structure, and is asking for student input. (See related story, page 4.)

E-mail your comments and/or suggestions to Dean Mills (Mills@law.ufl.edu).

Former Congressman to Speak on Terrorism

Former Congressman **Bill McCollum** will speak on Terrorism and 9/11 in the Bailey Courtroom at 12:40 p.m., Thursday, March 14. Dean **Jon Mills** will make introductory remarks. The event is sponsored by the Federalist Society. For information: Federalist Society President **Alexis Calleja** (SillyAli18@aol.com or 332.4562).

Note: The law school conference, "Terrorism and the Money Trail," scheduled for March 11-12, has been cancelled.

Reading Room Closed Today

The library's First Floor Reading Room (170 Holland Hall) is closed today (Feb. 25) to allow installation of the state-mandated fire sprinkler system. Students who need to study may use the auditorium (190 Holland Hall).

The closure affects the main floor of 170 and the Computer Lab, Upper Level, Lower Level and Photocopy Room. The Reading Room should be reopened tomorrow (Feb. 26). For information: Legal Information Center Associate Director **Rick Donnelly** (392.0417).



Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Michael Seigel (left) and Dean Jon Mills reported to a UF Presidential Task Force on what it would take for the UF College of Law to reach the top tier of U.S. law schools.

Characteristics of Top 10 Law Schools

- 1) Basically Private
- 2) High Tuitions
- 3) Huge Endowments
- 4) High Faculty Salaries, Numerous Endowed Chairs
- 5) Highly Productive Faculties
- 6) Educational Strength
- 7) Low Student-to-Faculty Ratios
- 8) National Placement of Students, Reduced Student Placement Concerns
- 9) Programs Supporting Scholarships
- 10) Physical Facilities
- 11) Strong Support Staff
- 12) Sense of Mission and Pride

College Joins in UF Task Force Review

Late last month, the Presidential Task Force on the Future of the University of Florida — in line with UF President **Charles Young's** efforts to develop a strategic approach to accomplishing university goals and long-term success — asked UF college deans to provide analysis and recommendations on the future of their units to assist the Task Force in understanding the national context in which each college operates, and in making recommendations on how best to enhance UF's achievements, advance its reputation and raise it to one of the top educational institutions in the country.

On Feb. 14, Dean **Jon Mills** and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs **Michael Seigel** provided an 11-page report to the Task Force. Following are excerpts (complete report at www.law.ufl.edu/news) discussing the school in a national context and suggesting needed resources to raise it into the top 10:

"Several sources periodically rank law schools, each with some controversy. Two of the best known are the *U.S. News & World Report* annual review of graduate and professional schools, and the "Educational Quality Ranking" by Professor **Brian Leiter**, University of Texas. Most faculty agree on the makeup of the top 10, if not on the exact order.

Recent <i>U.S.N&WR</i>	Recent EQR
Yale	Chicago
Stanford	Yale
Harvard	Harvard
Columbia	Stanford
New York University	Columbia/New York
University of Chicago	University (tie)
University of Michigan/	Michigan
University of Virginia (tie)	California - Berkeley/
University of California -	Virginia (tie)
Berkeley	Cornell University
Duke/University of	
Pennsylvania (tie)	

UF College of Law Ranking

1. Overall
 - a. 2001 *U.S.N&WR*: 47th among 175 ABA-accredited schools (23rd among public law schools; 17th, AAU public law schools)
 - b. Leiter EQR: 44th (21st, public law schools)
2. Specialties
 - a. LL.M. in Taxation ranked second in country by *U.S.N&WR*, which we believe makes it the single highest ranked program at UF.
 - b. Leiter ranked criminal law faculty in top 10.
3. Other measurements:
 - a. Faculty Quality: 49th (Leiter)
 - b. Per Capita Scholarly Impact Based on Citations: 35th (Leiter)
 - c. Per Capita Book Productivity: 38th (Leiter)
 - d. Quality of Student Body: 42nd (Leiter)
 - e. Diversity: 25th (*U.S.N&WR*)
 - f. Top 10 School for Hispanic Students (*Hispanic Business Magazine* 2000)

The Levin College of Law has taken significant steps forward in many cutting-edge areas, including globalization, interdisciplinary study, specialization, faculty research and scholarship, and clinical and skills training.

The many programs contributing to the excellent reputation of the UF College of Law include the Graduate Tax Program; Legal Information Center; International Programs; Center for Children and the Law; GatorTeam Child; Certificate Programs in International Programs and Environmental and Land Use, Intellectual Property, and Estates and Trusts Law; and the Institute for Dispute Resolution.

Resources Needed to Climb into Top 10 Realistic Goal

The majority of the top 10 are private, with resources beyond any realistic near-term grasp. We believe a more attainable goal is to become one of the top 10 public law schools in the country. Reaching such a goal would place us in the top 25 of law schools, a laudable and achievable position.

Resources Needed

Additional support is needed for new and upgraded facilities and technology upgrades, as well as to fund competitive faculty and support staff salaries, hire faculty in priority areas and add support personnel for student services (including career services and financial aid), development, admissions, communications and faculty support.

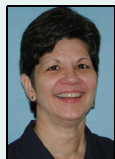
We need to increase endowments for chairs, professorships and priority academic programs, and the authority to raise tuition over time to reasonable levels and use the additional dollars for program enhancements. At \$5,364, our in-state tuition is at or near the lowest among all AAU public law schools. (Average in-state tuition for all public law schools in 1999-2000 was \$7,740.) At least one-third of any tuition increase should be funneled into financial aid to minimize impact on students.

• INSIDE THE LAW SCHOOL •

In The Spotlight

Information as provided by faculty and staff, and by regular searches of news media story reports.

- Levin Mabie & Levin Professor of Law **Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol** participated as an expert in a conference on “International Law and Organizations in Situations of Civil Conflict” at New York



Hernandez-Truyol

University Feb. 22-24. The NYU law school Center for International Studies sponsors the annual conference, in which law professors, ambassadors, UN dignitaries and “think tank” personnel discuss current issues.

- Affiliate Professor **Paul J. Magnarella’s** article, “Explaining Rwanda’s 1994 Genocide,” appears in the journal *Human Rights and Human Welfare*, Vol. 2, No. 1 (2002).



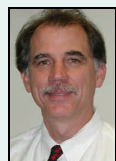
Magnarella

- David H. Levin Chair in Family Law/Director of UF’s Center on Children and the Law **Barbara Bennett Woodhouse** spoke Feb. 23 to the Judicial Conference of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Relocation and Child Custody.



Woodhouse

- Conservation Clinic Director **Tom Ankersen** and UF Geomatics Professor **Grenville Barnes** will give a paper entitled “Inside the Polygon: Land and Resource Tenure in Common Property Regimes in Latin America,” at the UF/IFAS international conference, “Working Forests in the Tropics” in Gainesville tomorrow (Feb. 26). An edited volume of the proceedings will be published by Columbia University Press.



Ankersen

- Stephen C. O’Connell Professor of Law **Christopher Slobogin** was quoted in a *Contra Costa Times* article about California’s sexually violent predator law.



Slobogin

- Elizabeth McCulloch**, director of social policy for the Center for Governmental Responsibility, was quoted in an *Independent Florida*



McCulloch

Alligator story on the need for an increase in court filing fees to help fund Three Rivers Legal Services, for which she volunteers.

- Dean **Jon Mills** and Legal Information Center Director **Betty Taylor** were quoted in the *Gainesville Sun* on the law school’s fundraising efforts for expansion.



Mills

- Professor **Steve Willis** has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Martha Manson Academy, the Lower School at Oak Hall, a K-12 College Preparatory Academy in Gainesville. He also serves as secretary/treasurer and assisted pro bono as an attorney/advisor for acquisition of the academy by Oak Hall.



Taylor

- Area news media provided extensive coverage of various law school activities in the last week, including the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, the 8th Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference organized by the Environmental and Land Use Society and the Center for Governmental Responsibility, the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association’s Chinese New Year celebration, and the Trial Team’s winning of The Florida Bar and American Bar Association competitions.



Willis

Faculty Enrichment

Students and others interested in attending should contact Professor **Christopher Slobogin** (392.2266, slobogin@law.ufl.edu).

- Friday (March 1) - Noon, Faculty Dining Room (FDR): **Tom Ankersen**, Conservation Clinic Director, on “Environmental Law Clinics: Practice, Pedagogy and Problems.”
- March 15 - Noon, FDR: **John Dzienkowski**, Law Professor, University of Texas, on “The Decline in Lawyer Independence: Trading Legal Services for Equity Interests in Clients.”
- March 19 - 12:40 p.m., FDR: Professor **Amy Mashburn** on “Changes to the Model Rules and Lawyer Regulation in the New Millennium.”

Supervising Attorney Calls for Action

Supervising attorney for the Gator TeamChild advocacy clinic **Claudia Wright** is asking the law school community for support regarding a bill in the legislature.



Wright

“We provide legal services to indigent children all over northeast Florida, and are intensely aware of the need for children to have access to counsel in many serious legal situations,” said Wright. “A very important bill now is making its way through the legislature — Senate Bill 686. It provides, among other things, for legal counsel for children in dependency cases. This is the most progressive action our legislature has ever taken to ensure protection of our children. The Bill is headed to Appropriations, and then to the House. You can find the text of the bill and its history at the Online Sunshine website. I urge you to contact your legislators and support this important bill. Call me (392.0412) if you need more information.”

Black Alumni Reunion

The 14th annual Black Alumni Reunion Weekend, “Dreams Delayed, Dreams Conferred,” is March 21-24. The weekend — which includes a reception, breakfast, CLE courses, lunch and Virgil Hawkins event — will be held at the UF Hotel and Conference Center (Doubletree). Students may attend at a reduced cost of \$25.

For information or to register: **Bradley Harper** or **Dexter Smith** (392.7114 or kubwa@ufl.edu).

UF Alumni Reception June 20

Law alumni are invited to a reception in conjunction with The Florida Bar Annual Meeting June 20, 6:30 p.m., Boca Raton Resort & Club. RSVP to **Tracey Biggart** (tbiggart@uff.ufl.edu or 392.7619).

Individuals or law firms interested in sponsoring the event should contact **Denise Stobbie**, Associate Director of Development & Alumni Affairs (stobbie@law.ufl.edu or 392.9296).

Race Perspectives Subject of National UF Law Conference

Select academicians and community activists from across the country will join their peers from UF and the Levin College of Law to discuss perspectives and recommendations on race and race relations at a two-day conference here in March.

Keynote speaker during the March 21-22 event will be **Randall Robinson**, author of *Defending the Spirit: A Black Life in America*; *The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks*, and the just-released *The Reckoning: What Blacks Owe to Each Other*. Robinson is founder and president of TransAfrica, a human rights activist group, and will speak on “Reparations: Issues and Solutions.”

The conference, to be held in the J. Wayne Reitz Union, is coordinated by the law school’s Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR).



Peddie

Other featured participants include Jamaican Ambassador **Dudley Thompson**, diversity consultant and author **Peggy Nagae**, **Vernellia Randall** of the University of Dayton, **David Brennan** of Mercer University, **Maggie Chon** of Seattle University, **Penelope Andrews** of Queens College/City University of New York and **Hilary Beckles**, pro-vice chancellor of the University of the West Indies.

Six law school faculty members and nine from other UF colleges and departments are scheduled to participate as well.

For information and registration details: **Desta Meghoo-Peddie**, acting CSRRR director (392.5013 or meghoo@law.ufl.edu).

Career Conference Draws More Than 230

More than 230 attorneys and students participated in the second annual Career Development Conference Feb. 16 at the UF Hotel and Conference Center/Doubletree. Organized by and for law students, the event enabled participants to speak with practicing attorneys from a variety of fields.

“I was pleased with the student and attorney turnout. We received a positive response from all who attended and are happy with the outcome,” said conference coordinator **Jessica Callow**. “Many students thanked us for giving them the opportunity to learn from and interact with so many attorneys, and the attorneys in turn were impressed with the caliber of both the conference and UF students.”

The conference featured 14 panels on topics ranging from litigation to judicial clerkships. Getting particularly high reviews were Judge **Larry Turner** (Eighth Judicial Circuit), who was a panelist on the criminal law panel, and **Lorie Gleim** (West Palm office of Greenberg Traurig), who participated in the networking strategies panel and told students to view networking as a skill you use all your life — not just to get a job.

In addition to the networking reception, students were able to speak with attorneys at the Gray Harris & Robinson luncheon and JMBA/LCC social hour.

The conference also was sponsored by UF Student Government, Board of College Councils, Law College Council and the Office of Career Services.

“The conference committee greatly appreciates the support of our sponsors,” said Callow. “We hope they will continue to fund this important event.”



Gray Harris & Robinson Partner Frank Hammer (center facing) greets students.



Students Sarah Rumpf and Wade Voss (center) speak with Baker Hostetler attorney Jeff Jonasen.

Reduce Stress — Organize Your Work/Study Environment

Ever had one of those days when nothing seems to go right? You can't find anything, you're late, and nothing goes as planned. Many people devote a lot of time to organizing their schedules, but forget to organize their surroundings.

Clutter and chaos in the work/study environment can cause added pressure and stress, especially to people who strive to be organized. It is well-documented that people learn better and are more efficient when their environment is neat. Plus, time goes by faster and you enjoy your work more when you're doing it in a pleasant environment.

Finally, the appearance of our study/work areas — and the law school in general — can affect our professional reputations. We all want to be associated with the image of a clean, well-organized environment. Following are tips:

- 1. If your work area is completely disorganized, spend a day renovating.** If you are not a "natural organizer," ask for help from someone who is.
- 2. Make a place for everything.** Objects often end up in piles. File cabinets, standing file organizers and similar items help organize belongings while keeping your space free for work. It also helps to label or categorize your work so you can find it when you need it.
- 3. Throw out trash.** Unless you are extremely organized — to the point you can file and keep all old documents — throw out materials when no longer needed. Students, if you still have notes from every undergraduate class you ever



Resource Counselor Heather McWilliams is available in 244 Bruton-Geer Hall Mondays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Thursdays, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For information or an appointment, contact her at 392.7044 or mcwillh@law.ufl.edu.

took, it's time to trash any that are no longer relevant to your studies. Employees, if you are retaining every piece of mail or paper, it's time to sort through the clutter and decide what needs to be kept and what can be tossed.

- 4. Personalize your work space.** Now that your work area is clean, add your own personal touches so you enjoy it more and are more likely to invest the time it takes to keep it clean and organized.
- 5. Harmonize your work area.** Things like plants, soothing music and pleasant pictures help calm you. Once you are relaxed and in a positive frame of mind, you will be better able to focus on tasks that need to be done.

LEXIS Makeup, 1L Deadlines

First-year students who missed their scheduled training have one — and only one — opportunity to make up the class Tuesday (Feb. 26), 9:10 a.m., in the LEXIS lab, second floor of Bruton-Geer Hall.

All 1L's need to turn in part one of their search review by Friday (March 1). Place them in box on the LEXIS desk in the LEXIS lab.

Real Property Group Promotes Understanding

Interested in understanding real estate law and legal issues surrounding the field, as well as the skills necessary to pursue a career in this area? The Real Property Group (RPG) promotes and sponsors seminars, workshops, conferences, research, lobbying, publications and other organized projects on these issues.

Meetings will be held at 5:20 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 28), March 21 and April 4, 190C Holland Hall, and April 18 in 290 Holland Hall. The April 4 meeting will be a seminar by Professor **Alyson Flournoy** on "Environmental Issues Affecting Real Estate Law." All students welcome. For information: **Nia Johnson** (njohns01@ufl.edu).

Law Students Will Not Lose Street Parking in Near Future

Associate Dean for Students and UF Transportation and Parking Committee Chair **Gail Sasnett** wants to dispel unfounded rumors about on-street parking on Village Drive.

"UF's Master Plan calls for removal one day of all on-street parking, but that is **not** being discussed at this time by the UF Transportation and Parking Committee," said Sasnett. "What has been proposed is to move parking from the west side of Village Drive to unused spaces behind Corry Village — no more than a two-minute walk from the street. Currently there are excess spaces in the Village area available only to students with a brown decal (village residents).



Sasnett

"The proposal is to make part of the parking in the Village area shared spaces (brown/commuter) during daytime hours (approximately 8 a.m.- 6 p.m.) when parking demand for commuters is highest. This would allow for creation of a bike lane on the west side of Village Drive (downhill side) and east side (uphill) outside the parking lane.

"In the end, we would not lose any parking spaces for our students, would have a safer way for students on bikes to travel, and would eliminate blind spots where cars are parked and children may dart out."

For more information or to pass on your comments, contact Dean Sasnett (392.0421 or sasnett@law.ufl.edu).

LEXIS Training Tuesday

Students can earn their LEXIS certificate in a single day by taking both certification training classes Tuesday (Feb. 26) in the LEXIS lab, second floor of Bruton-Geer Hall.. Intermediate training at 1:50 p.m.; Advanced follows at 3 p.m.

FlaLaw is published to help inform and coordinate activities of the law school community.

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Deadline: 10 a.m. Tuesday for the next week's newsletter.

E-mail news to flalaw@law.ufl.edu, or bring a disk (PC format, text in WordPerfect or Word, including author's name and contact information), to Communications, 288 Holland Hall. (Submit news for the student newsletter, *The Docket*, to John Marshall Bar Association.)

'Professor Wrestling' Welcomes Chinese New Year

Hundreds came out Feb. 14 to help the Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association celebrate the Chinese New Year at the law school with festivities welcoming the "Year of the Horse."

"This was a great success," said APALSA President **Julie Siefkas** (right). "Everyone enjoyed themselves as they learned about other cultures, which was our intent."

The event included a feast of traditional foods from China, Japan, Korea, Laos, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and others.

The highlight of the day was "sumo wrestling with professors," with donations benefiting the Multiple Sclerosis Society and March of Dimes.

Among the hardy souls who wriggled into 40-pound suits and battled it out for a good cause were Legal Skills Professor **Tracy Rambo** and Legal Research and Writing Director **Henry Wihnyk** (below), Associate Dean for Students **Gail Sasnett**, Assistant Dean for Students **Pat Shannon**, Teaching Assistant **Steve Klein** and LEXIS Representative **Bonita Young**.



• LAW CALENDAR •

February

- 25 • U.S. Army War College Current Affairs Panel Q&A, 5:30 p.m., Auditorium
- ETELS Meeting, 8:10 a.m., 292 HOL
- 26 • Toastmasters Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 190C Holland Hall
- LAW Meeting, 4:10 p.m., 296 HOL
- 28 • BLSA Meeting, 5:20-7 p.m., 190A HOL

March

- 4 • Florida Board of Bar Examiners '195 day' registration deadline for Fall 2001 entering class
- 4-8 • Spring Break
- 12 • Toastmasters Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 190C Holland Hall
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- 16 • Law School Family Picnic, 11-2 p.m., Lake Wauberg
- 17 • JMBA Golf Tournament, 1 p.m., Plantation Oaks Golf Course
- 18 • ETELS Meeting, 8:10 a.m., 292 HOL
- Summer and Fall 2002 Independent Study Course Deadline
- 21 • BLSA Meeting, 5:20-7 p.m., 190A HOL
- JMBA Theater Outing, 8:15 p.m., Hippodrome State Theater