

## Moot Court First in National Competition — Again

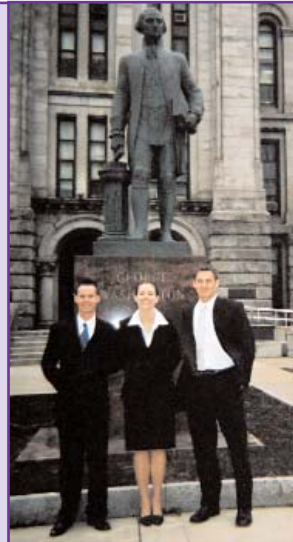
The Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Team has won its second national competition of the year. **Steve Klein**, winner of last semester's Thomas Tang National Competition, coached team members **John Merchant** and **Ashleigh Bartkus** into first place in the Herbert Wechsler National Moot Court Competition in Buffalo, NY. The team also took two of the top five Best Oralists positions, with Merchant at five and Bartkus — in her first competition — at three.

"It was a wonderful experience coaching this team. John and Ashleigh spent countless hours preparing for the competition and it was terrific to see their hard work rewarded with such a tremendous victory," said Klein. "And it was a great feeling for me to be part of a second national win for Florida's Moot Court Team."

"As chair of Moot Court, I am really proud of our team and the tradition of excellence we are creating. Competing sharpens our written and oral advocacy skills, and winning these national competitions increases the prestige of UF's name in the national community. We are grateful to our competitors, coaches and all those in the legal community who helped make this possible," said Team Chair **Lauren Heatwole**.

"I long have admired the dedication and work ethic demonstrated by these students and others on the team, and I'm pleased they are getting the recognition they deserve," said Moot Court Faculty Advisor **Henry Wihnyk**, director of legal research and writing.

The UF team is named for former Supreme Court Chief Justice **Campbell Thornal**. It competes each year at more than 20 tournaments throughout the country — winning numerous state and national awards.



Coach Steve Klein (left) and competitors Ashleigh Bartkus and John Merchant brought home Moot Court's second national win of the year.

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## Questions About Construction?

Construction may begin this summer — earlier than previously planned — on major renovations and improvements to the law school campus. We will feature a story on the status of these projects and their potential impact on students, faculty and staff in the April 14 issue of *FlaLaw*. If you have questions you would like to see addressed, send them to *FlaLaw* Editor **Debra Amirin** ([amirin@law.ufl.edu](mailto:amirin@law.ufl.edu)) or bring them to 288 Holland Hall by Wednesday (April 9).

## SALSA Race Judicata Saturday

SALSA's Race Judicata begins at 8 a.m. Saturday (April 12). Funds raised will be used to send care packages to UF law students, family members and friends on duty overseas (*also see page 8*). Sign up for the race on the law school concourse 10 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays.

## JMBA Family Picnic Sunday

The College of Law community is invited to help celebrate the end of the semester at JMBA's annual family picnic & BBQ for students, faculty and staff and their families, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday (April 13), location TBA. Tickets (\$3; free for children five and younger) will be sold in JMBA and Student Affairs offices. For information: **Sara Jones** ([sejones@ufl.edu](mailto:sejones@ufl.edu)), JMBA

([UF\\_JMBA@hotmail.com](mailto:UF_JMBA@hotmail.com) or 377-7655) or **Noemar Castro** ([castro@law.ufl.edu](mailto:castro@law.ufl.edu) or 392-0421) in the Office of Student Affairs.

## Earth Day Celebration, ELULS Meetings

The Environmental and Land Use Law Society (ELULS) will sponsor an Earth Day Celebration 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 22. The theme is sustainable consumption, and activities will include tabling, a silent auction and refreshments. Auction proceeds will help remove pollution by buying emissions credits for sulfur dioxide — a leading cause of acid rain.

ELULS will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday (April 9), 190C Holland Hall (HOL), to review ideas and plans for the Earth Day celebration and (*Announcements Continue Page 2*)



### Summer in France: Spaces Still Open for Study Abroad

If you want to earn class credit while exploring another country this summer, **spaces are still available for the Study Abroad Program in Montpellier, France** (June 30-Aug. 1).

The curriculum consists of three two-hour courses: Introduction to French Business Law (mandatory) and International Payment Systems and International Labor Law (both optional). The cost for tuition and all fees (not including transportation, housing, food and incidentals) is \$1,800 for up to six hours of credit.

Applications and information are available at [www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/summer\\_montpellier.shtml](http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/summer_montpellier.shtml). Or contact Student Affairs Coordinator **Noemar Castro** ([castro@law.ufl.edu](mailto:castro@law.ufl.edu) or 392-0421) or Professor **George Dawson** (3121 HOL or [dawson@law.ufl.edu](mailto:dawson@law.ufl.edu)).

## • CENTER FOR CAREER SERVICES •

### Mandatory Meeting Today

Spring 2003 entrants must meet with Career Services Assistant Dean **Kathy Urbach** at 9 a.m. today (April 7) in the auditorium.

### RSVP for Pro Bono Celebration

More than 70 UF law students will receive certificates for dedicating 5,500-plus hours of Pro Bono service to our community at the annual Career Services Pro Bono Awards Brunch 11:30 a.m. Thursday (April 10) in the Faculty Dining Room. All students earning certificates are invited. **R.S.V.P. for the brunch by noon today (April 7).**

Names of students receiving a certificate are posted on the board outside Career Services. To be eligible, students **must** have turned in at least 35 hours, signed by a supervisor, to Career Services.

### Succeed as a Summer Law Clerk

Quarles & Brady will present a program on what to expect and how to succeed as a summer law clerk Friday (April 11), 11:30 a.m., Bailey Courtroom. Pizza will be served.

### Externship Registration Numbers

Registration numbers for summer and fall externships are now available in Career Services.

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potential topics for next year's Public Interest Environment Conference (*also see below*). Those interested in participating now or in the future are encouraged to attend. (Subs, chips and desserts served.)

ELULS also will meet at 6 p.m. April 16 in 290 HOL for elections.

### Conference Volunteers Needed

Interested in working on the 10th Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference? Have ideas for environmental issues you want to see addressed? Join the Environmental and Land Use Law Society (ELULS) at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday (April 9) in 190C HOL for an initial planning and idea-gathering session.



### Three Extern at Florida Supreme Court

Students **Joel Feldman** (left, with Justice **Charles Wells** [JD 64] and Chief Justice **Harry Lee Anstead** [JD 63]), **S. Allister Fischer** and **Jessica Callow** are externing this semester at the Florida Supreme Court.

"The Florida Supreme Court externship is both a terrific learning experience and networking opportunity," said Callow.

Florida Supreme Court externs are chosen by Center for Governmental Responsibility Staff Attorney **Tim McLendon** and the Center for Career Services based on an analysis of candidate resumes, transcripts, writing samples, essays and interviews.

### Make Your Summer Count

If you have yet to make plans for summer, consider gaining experience and helping others through pro bono work in Gainesville or your hometown. Visit Career Services for information.

For information: Conference Co-Chairs **Erika Zimmerman** ([zimmer@hotmial.com](mailto:zimmer@hotmial.com) or 336-6592) or **Ryan Osborne** ([ryeosborne@hotmail.com](mailto:ryeosborne@hotmail.com)).

### 'Landlord/Tenant Disputes' Presentation

The Law College Council and Alachua County Support Services continue their Community Law Series Wednesday (April 9) with a presentation on **Landlord/Tenant Disputes**. The event is sponsored by the Real Property Group, and will be held at 7 p.m. in the Alachua County Health Department auditorium (224 SE 24th St., behind Food Lion on Hawthorne Road). For information: **Nicole Kibert** (392-2237 or [nck@ufl.edu](mailto:nck@ufl.edu)).

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## JMBA Names Professor, Student of the Year

The John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) gave its top awards — Professor and Student of the Year — to **Lyrissa Lidsky** and **Nicole Kibert** at its annual Barrister's Ball March 28. JMBA asked students in mid-March to nominate professors and students for the 2002-03 awards.

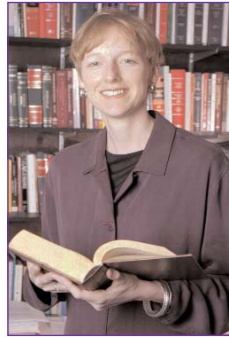
"We received multiple nominations for Professor of the Year, and put the seven faculty who received the most — **Doug Miller, Alyson Flournoy, Lyrissa Lidsky, Sherrie Russell-Brown, Frank McCoy, Steve Powell** and **Amy Mashburn** — on our spring election ballot," said JMBA President **Chris Hand**. "Students voted March 25 and chose Professor Lidsky."

Students use a similar process to nominate their peers for Student of the Year.

"Again, we received lots of nominations," said Hand. "A committee of three students and two faculty members then evaluated nominees using five criteria: academics, community service, campus involvement, co-curricular participation and leadership."

Student of the Year finalists **Jason Gordon** (2L), **Canaan Himmelbaum** (2L), **Steve Klein** (3L), **Paul Lutz** (3L) and **Nicole Kibert** (3L) — who won the honor — were announced at the Barrister's Ball.

"In addition to being an outstanding student, Nicole has been a leader both on and off campus," said Hand. "At the Levin College of



Professor of the Year  
Lyrissa Lidsky, with  
other top nominees.



Miller



Flournoy



Russell-  
Brown



McCoy



Powell



Mashburn

Law, she serves as president of the Environmental Law Society, Spring 2003 class chair of the Alumni Council and member of both the *Florida Journal of International Law* and Environmental Moot Court team. She also has been very active in community service off campus and is presently coordinating a Community Law Series to help local residents better understand their rights and obligations under the law."



Student of the Year  
Nicole Kibert

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### Toastmasters Elects Officers

Toastmasters will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday (April 10) in 292 HOL. The meeting will feature an election of officers. For information: **Sara Habhab** ([SaraHabhab@aol.com](mailto:SaraHabhab@aol.com)).

### Apply for JLPP Board by Thursday

The *Journal of Law and Public Policy* is searching among joint and concurrent degree students at the Levin College of Law for candidates for general board membership. To apply, submit a research paper written for your non-law degree program on topics related to public policy to the JLPP Office by 5 p.m. Thursday (April 10). For information: **Steve LaSota** ([lasota@ufl.edu](mailto:lasota@ufl.edu)).

### Real Property Workshop Saturday

The Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund will conduct its Real Property Workshop Saturday (April 12), 9 a.m.-noon, 190C HOL. The annual spring workshop covers the practical aspects of determining the marketability of title to real estate, including procedures for the examination of title. All students are welcome; those planning to graduate before the beginning of next spring semester are particularly encouraged to attend. No charge or registration requirement. For information: Professor **David "D.T." Smith** (375 HOL).

### Fall '03 Grads Needed For Alumni Council

Graduating in Fall 2003? Stay in touch with classmates and colleagues — and represent and  
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### Bar Exam Lunch

The law school has arranged for a boxed lunch from Hattrick's for students taking the Bar exam in Tampa in July.

The lunch is available at the reduced cost of \$5 per day, since the Tampa firm of Zinober & McCrae underwrites its cost each year. To sign up, see **Sandy Tyson** or **Yolanda Mickle** in the Dean's Suite.

### Georgia Bar Exam BAR/BRI Course

Students planning to take the Georgia Bar exam this July who would like to participate in a BAR/BRI course at the UF College of Law this summer may be able to do so. BAR/BRI will provide the official course for the Georgia Bar exam (as opposed to the audio/home study course), to UF law students if just five more sign up.

To participate or for details, e-mail **Shireen Hormozdi** ([Shireen997@hotmail.com](mailto:Shireen997@hotmail.com)) or call Georgia Bar/BRI (1-800-360-7277).

## Complete Student Survey Online

Students who have not yet responded to “The Law School Survey of Student Engagement” can still do so. To complete it online, go to [www.lawschoolsurvey.org](http://www.lawschoolsurvey.org). Type “guest” in both the “Survey ID” and “Password” boxes.

If you have problems logging in, e-mail [help@lawschoolsurvey.org](mailto:help@lawschoolsurvey.org) or call 1-800-676-0390 for assistance.

Answers are confidential, and no individual answers will be identified in reports.

## Yoga & Meditation Reduce Stress

The following stress-reduction classes are open to students, faculty and staff:

### Yoga

6:30-7:30 p.m., Mondays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28 in the Auditorium, May 5 in the Faculty Dining Room.

### Meditation

6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursdays, 350 HOL

For information: Resource Counselor **Ali Kane** ([alikane@ufl.edu](mailto:alikane@ufl.edu)).

## Florida Law Review Honors Six at Dunwody Banquet

Florida’s finest future legal scholars, faculty and administrators gathered in the O’Connell Center March 27 to honor this year’s speaker for the Dunwody Distinguished Lecture in Law, Professor **Lawrence O. Gostin** (*behind podium below*) of Georgetown and Johns Hopkins universities. Also



were incoming dean **Robert Jerry** (*left*) and Dean **Jon Mills**,

who steps down as dean in July to return full-time to his responsibilities as professor and director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility. (*Complete story on Mills to be featured in a future FlaLaw.*)

Special presentations were made to Professors **Francis McCoy**, **David “D.T.” Smith**, **Grace W. “Betty” Taylor** (*see story page 7*) and **Winton Williams**, and long-time *Review* Staff Editor **Vivien Payne**, all of whom retire this summer after many years of dedicated service. Each honoree was brought to the podium after a speech — accompanied by projected photographs from their long law school careers — by a *Review* member summarizing their accomplishments. Pictures and excerpts follow:

□ Professor **Francis McCoy** has been making an impact at this law school for more than 45 years. He brought a wealth of knowledge — not only in admiralty law, legal history and family law — but in people and perspectives. He served in the U.S. Army infantry and military intelligence and as judge advocate. He was on active duty in China during WWII with the Office of Strategic Services, forerunner of today’s CIA. He was in the U.S. Foreign Service in Shanghai, Tokyo and Madagascar, then returned home to complete his legal education at UF and serve as its law librarian and professor of admiralty law. Every faculty member I spoke with described him as an exceptional intelligent man with an astonishing thirst for language and history, and one of the most modest and enjoyable people with whom you could hope to spend time. Faculty and students



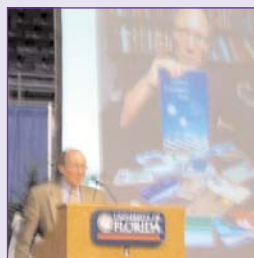
recognize him as a person who diligently, thoroughly and patiently benefits all of us with his tremendous knowledge and ability to communicate that knowledge, for that is the mark of a great scholar and educator. — By **Cheryl Priest**

□ Professor **David “D.T.” Smith** graduated from Yale before attending law school at Boston University, where he was *Law Review* articles editor. He joined UF in 1968, and in the years that followed his unique combination of humor, scholarship and community involvement have made him an



absolute legend in Florida’s legal community. His scholarship is unparalleled, and he is the foremost probate scholar in the state. He has chaired the UF Senate’s Steering and Nominating Committees as well as many committees at the law school, and served as faculty advisor to the *Florida Journal of International Law*; Moot Court; Estates, Trusts and Elder Law Society; Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity; Omicron Delta Kappa; John Marshall Bar Association; Law College Council; and, most importantly, to *Florida Law Review* from 1969-1982. In truth, we owe much of our success today to his leadership and guidance. — By **Bradley Rothman**

□ Professor **Winton E. “Skip” Williams** has proven to be a dedicated teacher, colleague and friend to all during his 34-year teaching career. He received his undergraduate degree from Tulane University in Louisiana, then graduated with distinction — first in his class — from the University of Mississippi College of Law, where he not only served as a *Law Review* member, but also prepared, implemented and chaired the Moot Court Program. He later received an LL.M. from Yale Law School. He joined UF’s law faculty in 1969, and since has been honored as “Teacher of the Year” by his students, chosen by the dean as an outstanding teacher in 1990, and selected by UF’s president and provost for the Increased Productivity Award for publications having a significant



impact on consumer credit practices. He is a distinguished teacher and accomplished author whose many publications have had a national impact on consumer credit law. As his student, I

can attest that he is most well-known and respected for his approachability and generosity to students. He genuinely takes an interest in his students, welcoming them to his office and encouraging their thoughts and ideas in the classroom. He is a true “Southern gentleman,” who — in addition to his extensive teaching career — has served as an officer in the U.S. Navy, practiced law and, last but not least, works in the restaurant business. To thank him for his many years of dedication and service to the law school and its students, *Florida Law Review* has dedicated its April edition to Professor Williams. — By **Lori Moore**



□ *Law Review* Staff Editor **Vivien Payne** (left, with *Review* Advisor/Professor **Dennis Calfee**) has guided students in *Florida Law Review* for 26 years. She received the only standing ova-

tion of the evening during the presentation in her honor, after which more than 20 past and current editors joined her on stage (below).

“Vivien is more than a Blue Book expert,” said *Review* Editor-in-Chief **Juan Diaz** (3L). “She puts a lot of herself into the *Review*. She’s the reason we publish five times a year — and on time. She has high standards and expectations, and we improve just by trying to live up to them. During her 26-year tenure, she has positively impacted the lives of roughly 1,000 *Review* students, which is why so many of them showed up at the banquet to honor her.”

“She has always been available to students,” Diaz continued. “When they were hungry, she fed them. When they got married, she was there. When they needed help or guidance about anything, personal or law school-related, she was there.”



Founded in 1947, *Florida Law Review* is a legal journal and a student organization, with about 55 students and 22 candidates —including ten senior and ten junior editors — and more than 2,000 alumni. Its five annual issues include one devoted to the Dunwody Lecture.

“Due to tremendous efforts by our members, *Florida Law Review* is one of the few

national law reviews to consistently publish on time,” said Diaz. “As a result of this diligence, the *Review* has attracted interest from myriad legal scholars and practitioners, domestic and abroad. We received more than 400 articles for consideration this semester alone, including many from prominent institutions such as Yale, Stanford, Harvard, Penn, NYU, Northwestern and Texas.”



### Collective Needs, Individual Rights

Balancing collective needs and individual rights was the underlying topic of this year’s

Dunwody Distinguished Lecture in Law, “When Terrorism Threatens Health: How Far are Limitations on Personal and Economic Liberties Justified,” by **Lawrence Gostin** (above), professor of law at Georgetown and co-director of the Public Health Program at Johns Hopkins University.

Since 9-11, civil liberty is a hot issue, and one uniting unlikely political bedfellows.

“The U.S. always has been rights-oriented,” Gostin said. “The political left focuses on individual rights, autonomy and privacy; while the right focuses on freedom of contract and enterprise. Both emphasize freedoms, just a different set.”

Gostin finds both sides tend to view bureaucracy similarly: inefficient and with a tendency toward oppressive regulations. Partly due to this, Homeland Security-related policies in areas such as public health policy and bio-terrorism have drawn fire from both sides of the political aisle.

“Public health laws are deficient,” Gostin said. “Most critical agents of bio-terrorism are unreported because of privacy legislation.”

Gostin was named prior to 9-11 to the committee writing the Model Emergency Health Powers Act — now adopted by 22 states — involving vaccination, medical treatment, quarantine and hospital supplies.

“The Homeland Security Act is controversial, and the Model Act has been viciously attacked by people across the political spectrum,” Gostin said. “Government has always made health policy decisions covertly, people just didn’t realize that.”

“In these times, we can’t have it all in terms of personal rights and national security; both sides must give up something. Each citizen must ask themselves, ‘What obligation do I have to make the U.S. safer, and what personal interests will I forgo?’ This is a tough question, but one we all ultimately have to answer,” Gostin concluded.

— By *D. Cupples* (2L)

### Westlaw Summer Associate Training

Westlaw Summer Associate Training can help you prepare for your summer job. Sign up for classes on campus during April by registering at [www.lawschool.westlaw.com](http://www.lawschool.westlaw.com) (click on “Training”), stopping by the Westlaw Bulletin Board outside the Media Lab or contacting a

Westlaw student representative. To set up individual training, contact **Lizzie Johnson** ([lljohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:lljohnson@hotmail.com)).

### Staff Appreciation

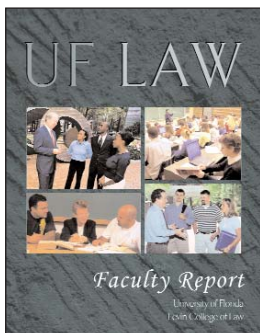
JMBA is sponsoring a Staff Appreciation Reception 3-4 p.m. Friday (April 11) in the cafeteria to thank College of Law staff for their efforts throughout the year.

“While students might appear hurried at times, we sincerely acknowledge your hard work and commitment. Every employee makes a unique, significant contribution to our environment and education,” wrote JMBA representatives. “Without a dedicated staff, none of us would enjoy all that we have here at the College of Law. You are professionals, mentors and friends.”

For details, contact: **Canaan Himmelbaum** ([Ewc22@aol.com](mailto:Ewc22@aol.com)).

## UF Law in Top 50 for Faculty Quality

The University of Texas has posted rankings of law schools according to “faculty quality,” as measured by a survey of prominent law professors (including **Christopher Slobogin** and **Barbara Bennett Woodhouse** at UF). The Levin College of Law is in a group of five “runners-up to the top 40,” along with American, Brooklyn, Rutgers-Newark, and Notre Dame. The rankings are online at [www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/bleiter/rankings/rankings03.html](http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/bleiter/rankings/rankings03.html).



### Faculty Report Now Online

UF College of Law faculty are internationally renowned. Read about their progress and how they are transforming their school into one of the nation's top 10 in the *2003 UF Law Faculty Report*, now available on the Web. Go to [www.law.ufl.edu](http://www.law.ufl.edu), click on “Publications,” then “2003 Faculty Report.”

## • SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES •

### ☐ Publications & Presentations

- Clarence J. TeSelle Professor **Martin J. McMahon, Jr.** spoke on a panel March 25 at the Tax Executives Institute 53rd Midyear Conference in Washington, D.C. on “The Beat Goes On: Tax Shelter Developments, Including Tax Accrual Workpapers, Codification of the Economic Substance Doctrine, CEO Signature Requirement, and Return Disclosure.”
- Environmental and Land Use Law Program Director/Professor **Alyson Flournoy's** article, “In Search of an Environmental Ethic,” was published in the *Columbia Journal of Environmental Law*. She will present her article, “The Future of Environmental Ethics and Environmental Law: Building From the Ground Up,” at the University of California-Davis this week, which also will publish it in their environmental law journal, *Environs*.
- Chesterfield Smith Professor **Michael W. Gordon** has been appointed by Canada and the U.S. to a bi-national panel — his third NAFTA panel and first involving Canada — organized under the North American Free Trade



McMahon



Flournoy



Gordon

Agreement. The case involves allegations by U.S. steel producers that Canadian steel exported to the U.S. was manufactured with subsidies in violation of NAFTA. The hearings are in Washington, D.C.

- Stephen C. O’Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** will lecture to judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys about mental health law issues in Honolulu, Hawaii, April 9-11.
- **Barbara Bennett Woodhouse** lectures today (April 7) on “Children’s Rights for the Next Century” at Whittier Law School in honor of **William Wesley Patton**, founder of the Whittier Center for Children’s Rights.



Slobogin



Woodhouse

### ☐ In The Spotlight

- *Palm Beach Post* (3.31) - Professor and former Air Force Captain **Diane H. Mazur** quoted on dual-military parents, a phenomenon that has risen since the Vietnam War when the force was heavily weighted toward single males.
- *The Independent Florida Alligator* (3.27) - Dean **Jon Mills** quoted on hiring of new Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations Director **Katheryn Russell-Brown**.

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help improve your school — by serving on the Law Alumni Council, an advisory board of 200-plus alumni from each graduating class who assist with reunions, alumni outreach, fund-raising and student support.

To join, bring your resume to **Mary Griffin** in Development & Alumni Affairs (282 HOL) and get a copy of the bylaws. Then attend an introductory meeting with Alumni Council President **Ken Johnson** Friday (April 11), 2:30-3:30 p.m., Dean’s Conference Room (334-A HOL).

Student members are encouraged — though not required — to attend the council meeting Saturday (April 12), 9:30 a.m., 297 HOL, and luncheon following at 11 a.m. in the law school cafeteria. RSVP by April 4 to Griffin ([griffin@law.ufl.edu](mailto:griffin@law.ufl.edu) or 392-9296).

### Bankruptcy Team Makes Quarterfinals

UF law students **Marsha O’Mara**, **Scott Underwood** and **Nathan Coppennoll** made the quarterfinals in the Duberstein National Bankruptcy Competition. UF finished in the top five out of 32 teams from across the nation.

“Throughout the entire competition and at the final banquet, other competitors, coaches and judges came over to tell our team how well they did and how impressed they were,” said Coach **Lauren Heatwole**. “Marsha, Scott and Nate’s professionalism and constant efforts, not to mention their spectacular performances, were above reproach. We also are grateful to assistant coaches **Steven Southwell**, **Adam Vorhis**, **Camelia Coward** and **JoAnn Guererro**; team members **Lindsay Conner**, **Doug Knox** and **Julia Farkus**;

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## Longtime LIC Director Betty Taylor Honored at Dunwody Banquet

The following tribute to Legal Information Center (LIC) Director **Grace W. “Betty” Taylor** (below, as she expressed her appreciation after the



speech) was made by *Florida Law Review* member **Robert Luck** at the Dunwody Banquet March 27 (see page 4).

Sir Walter Scott wrote, “A lawyer without history or literature is a mechanic, a mere working mason; [but] if she possesses some knowledge of these, she may venture to call herself an architect.” Professor Betty Taylor has dedicated her legal career to the study of history and literature – and for the last 40 years her architecture has included libraries, scholarly thought, and the minds of generations of students.

Taylor built the Legal Information Center – twice. In 1962, only one month after becoming director, the old library in Bryan Hall and its vast collection were destroyed by fire. She single-handedly marshaled student volunteers, donations, state agencies and the university’s Physical Plant Division to rebuild the damaged collection – no small feat when one knows how difficult it is to deal with varying university bureaucracies. But, as anyone who has worked with Taylor knows, it is that dangerous combination of a strong will and sparkling personality that has always seen her through, no matter how difficult the task.

In 1969, not seven years later, Taylor oversaw the expansion of the library to its new home in Holland Hall. Under her stewardship, the library has grown by leaps and bounds. It doubled its holdings in the first five years and has since tripled the collection. Today, Florida’s law library is recognized as having one of the largest collections in the country – more than 600,000 volumes.

Like all good architects – those remembered beyond the life of their buildings and who leave an imprint on all works that come thereafter – Taylor is a visionary. She was the first to realize the potential of computers to influence, expand and forever change the scope of legal research. As early as 1971 – before the public envisioned such a thing as personal computers – Taylor was writing in scholarly journals about the impact computers could have on the future of libraries. When computers were still filling large rooms, Taylor was creating indexes and databases to streamline and make readily available the library’s increasing capabilities.

These early efforts are the precursor to today’s indispensable Internet-based library indexing and cataloguing and Web-based information resources like Westlaw and

Lexis. For these innovative achievements and her outstanding contribution to the profession, Taylor’s colleagues at the American Association of Law Libraries awarded her the prestigious Marian Gould Gallagher Award. And these efforts continue at the law school under her direction – plans for the new Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center call for one of the most technologically sophisticated libraries in the country, and incorporate many of the same visions Taylor had 30 years before.

But Taylor’s most influential and beautiful project, her “Montecello,” is made up of the students who have benefited from her years of service. Among her former library workers are Florida governors, legislators, judges and numerous other state and national dignitaries – not to mention, a few former *Florida Law Review* members. For the last four decades, she has taught thousands of students through a variety of course offerings – most notably, for the last 20 years, her “Computers and the Law” Seminar. And, as busy as she is, Taylor still found time to serve as faculty advisor for the Internet and Computer Law Association.

Her influence on students can especially be felt on the *Review*. Countless research editors and candidates doing Work Quarter Edits have – time and time again – silently thanked Taylor for the completeness of LIC’s paper collec-

tion, the ease with which information can be searched, and the knowledge and friendliness she instills in her staff. I know I have. But maybe she has taken such care to do these things because Taylor was a *Review* research editor herself. Or maybe it’s because she also has written and researched extensively – including four

articles with the *Review*. Her July 2002 *Review* article, “A History of Race and Gender at the University of Florida Levin College of Law,” is a comprehensive document tracking the history of our institution through the eyes of its students, faculty and administration.

And, as the law school begins to build its new exterior, Taylor – serving as her own architect and using history as her brick and literature as her mortar – is building her own monument to the institution she loves; a book detailing the long and storied “History of the University of Florida College of Law.” No doubt, a chapter could be written on her career alone.

In the July 2002 issue of the *Review*, four colleagues wrote a tribute to Taylor to accompany her essay. In concluding, they wrote, “[we] remember Betty as a constant source of help and an equally constant, friendly, and stabilizing presence in the law school. Upon her well-earned retirement, her job will be filled, but the vacuum created by the absence of her personality among us will remain until long after the last of her career-mates has also retired.”

I couldn’t have said it better myself.

## ‘Heritage of Leadership’ April 11

A dozen of the UF College of Law’s most prestigious graduates will be honored posthumously by induction into a new “Heritage of Leadership” recognition society established by the Law Center Association Board of Trustees. The college’s Office of Development & Alumni Affairs will host a ceremony in their honor at 4 p.m. Friday (April 11) in the Faculty Dining Room. Family members of the 12 honorees (list below) have been invited to attend, along with alumni and administrators.

### Inductees

**Alto Adams, Sr.**  
(JD 21), 1899-1989

**Baya M. Harrison, Jr.**  
(JD 35), 1912-1975

**Benjamin Campbell Thornal**  
(JD 30), 1908-1970

**E. Dixie Beggs, Jr.**  
(JD 31), 1908-2001

**Frank E. Maloney, Sr.**  
(JD 42), 1918-1980

**Harold B. Crosby**  
(JD 48), 1918-1996

**Harold L. Sebring, Sr.**  
(JD 28), 1898-1968

**James C. Adkins, Jr.**  
(JD 38), 1915-1994

**Lawton Chiles**  
(JD 55), 1930-1998

**Sidney M. Aronovitz**  
(JD 43), 1920-1997

**Spessard Lindsey Holland, Sr.**  
(JD 16 ), 1892-1971

**Stephen C. O’Connell**  
(JD 40), 1916-2001

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## UF Law Students Called to Active Duty in Iraq War

Just weeks before final exams, five second-year UF law students were called into active duty in the war against Iraq: Capt. **Matt Brannen** (Marine), Cpl. **Juan Tabio** (Marine), Lt. **Ryon Little** (Coast Guard), Sgt. **Edward Lohrer** (Army) and **Taylor Pancake** (Marine).

Brannen, founding member of the college's Military Law Students Association (MLSA), left a wife and two-year-old daughter behind to serve as leader of the Sea Air Liaison Team (SALT). Brannen also is an active member of the Westside Baptist Church, and support from people there and from the law school for his family has already begun.

"MLSA started a roster of volunteers to help Matt's wife with yard work and such," said MLSA member **Steve Berlin** (2L), an Army field artillery officer.

Corporal J.C. Tabio from Miami, a former Columbia football player, also was called to serve on SALT. Tabio worked with fellow MLSA member Brannen in the successful "Toys for Tots" and "Books for Tots" drives at the college.

*(Announcements, Continued)*

**Danet, Scott K. & Robin McKinney**; professors **Jeffrey Davis** and **Winton Williams**; and Attorney **T.J. Fraiser** for their help.

### Graduation Reception May 17

Graduating seniors and their guests are invited to a Spring 2003 Graduation Reception Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., at the College of Law. Invitations will be distributed in student folders. R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 9, to **Julie Barnes** (392-9238 or [barnes@law.ufl.edu](mailto:barnes@law.ufl.edu)).

### Bowlers, Sponsors Needed

The annual "Big Brothers, Big Sisters Bowl for Kid's Sake" is noon Saturday, May 10, at Alley Katz, and the law school community is encouraged to once again help raise money for



Brannen



Tabio



Little



Lohrer



Pancake

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Lieutenant Ryon Little, a 1996 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, now is defending U.S. borders against terrorism at the Port of Miami, monitoring all ships traversing the port.

Sergeant Ed Lohrer is serving as a tank crew member with the Florida National Guard, while Taylor Pancake — who was late arriving at law school due to his Marine Corps work — is with the Marines at an undisclosed location.

"The military postal system cannot handle any more packages right now, but people can write letters. If you don't know a deployed service member, you can leave a "Dear Service-member" letter with

MLSA, and we'll get it there," said Berlin. "We ask that everyone stand behind our troops, regardless of their feelings about the war."

"Sometimes under the pressure of school, it's easy to forget the pressures outside," said Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs **Patrick Shannon**. "Our students who have left us to defend our country remind us of the importance of things outside the scholastic arena."

— *By D. Cupples (2L), with contributions by Steve Berlin (2L)*

Alachua County's kids.

"This year is bigger and better, with some serious challenges and payoffs," said Associate Professor **Danaya Wright**. "We have a new category of 'constructive bowler' for those leaving town or who can't bowl for other reasons. And **Aubroncee Martin** of the Public Defender's Office and I are organizing a challenge to the student body to field a bowling team from each recognized student group to win a networking reception for the student bowlers. Students in turn have challenged the local Bar to raise \$10,000. If they succeed, 20 law students will each do five hours of pro bono research or other work for any law firm or lawyer raising at least \$500."

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