ENTREPRENEURSHIP TEAMS WIN BIG

“LIVES FOREVER” BATTERY AND ARESENIC CLEANUP BUSINESS PLANS ATTRACT INVESTOR INTEREST

Law students Clayton Jones and Will Glasson will share over $50,000 in cash awards with other members of two UO entrepreneur- ship teams that assess, develop and launch new high-tech startup businesses.

Both teams placed in the 2005 international Moot Corp. — a kind of “Super Bowl” of world business plan competitions — held at the University of Texas in May. The 28-year old competition featured 40 teams from five continents.

Jones and his team developed a battery substitute that, in his words “lives forever.” Glasson’s team will introduce an environmentally-friendly technology that removes arsenic from waste wood products.

Jones and Glasson are Technology Entrepreneurship Fellows, part of a four-year-old collaborative effort between the UO business and law schools, the UO Office of Technology Transfer and Pacific Northwest National Laboratories of Richland, Washington.

PERPETUA HARVESTER

Clayton Jones and team members from the business school — Jed Cahill, Jon Hofmeister, Lars Juel, and Mason Adair — have developed the Perpetua “Harvester”, a battery substitute that generates electricity using naturally occurring differences in temperature and offers an extremely long-life power source for small devices.

In its business plan, Perpetua focused on markets in which the total cost of battery ownership is exceptionally high.

Jones, who has a background in biotechnology, engineering, and business is working on a joint J.D./M.B.A. degree at the UO. He said, “The Perpetua Harvester will initially be installed in wireless sensor networks monitoring the structural health of bridges and pipelines throughout the United States. From there, the possibilities are limited only by the imagi-
nation.”

CLEANSMART

Will Glasson and his teammates from the business school, David Grove and Eric Bruinsvold, are addressing the problem of lumber pressure-treated with chromate copper arsenic (CCA). Used in decks, fences and the like, pressure-treated lumber all over the world is decaying at a fast rate and entering land fills. “It’s a huge environmental problem,” Glasson says, “The amount of arsenic contained in the predicted future volume of treated waste wood is enough to kill everyone on this planet.”

The team claims benefits to waste management customers include lower costs, greatly reduced liability, and a vehicle for being more environmentally responsible.

CleanSmart’s market entry is focused upon Norway, and then the European Union, where CCA is classified as hazardous waste with restricted use and disposal and where companies already pay for cleanup. The team projects that revenue will be based on treat-
ment services, reselling compo-
nent materials and consulting.

Glasson is interested in corpo-
rate transactional work and wants to nurture technology ventures that offer an alternative to harmful or unsustainable industrial practices. He said “I would love to be one of the people who make Oregon the next technology small business stronghold!”

Law professor Barbara Aldave, directs the law school’s Center for Law and Entrepreneurship and co-designed the technology entre-
preneurship program. She said, “It immerses our students in all of the challenges — and frustrations — of transforming a raw technol-
gy into a market-ready business opportunity.”

BUSINESS LAW PROGRAM

ALL GROWN UP

With a rich, vigorous and innovative curric-
ulum, a full complement of business faculty — not to mention the Technology Entrepreneurship program, the Portland busi-
ness program, new business externships and a lively student group — the business and com-
mercial law program at the UO is officially all grown up.

Of 22 business law courses offered next year — large and small — 18 filled up during pre-enrollment. “This indicates a real jump in interest. I think our efforts to expand the curriculum and build student awareness are paying off,” said Rob Illig, assistant professor and former transactional attorney with Nixon Peabody.

Assistant Professor Judd Sneirson and Illig surveyed the 22 Pacific Northwest and top public and private law schools this year to find out how the UO stacked up. They discovered that the UO is the only school in Washington and Oregon to offer classes on venture capi-
tal and private equity, financial institutions and banking regulations, and two semesters of securities law.

A growing number of top schools offer seminars on post-Enron corporate governance and, in some cases, a small business clinic. The UO offers both.

Illig said, “We have one of the richest and most innovative sets of offerings among our peers.”

Assistant Professor Judd Sneirson’s contracts class meets at the top of Mt. Pisgah in Lane County.
LAIRD KIRKPATRICK TO RESUME TEACHING, SCHOLARSHIP IN DECEMBER

ACADEMIC DEAN AND CRIMINAL LAW PROFESSOR MARGARET PARIS WILL SERVE AS INTERIM DURING NATIONAL SEARCH FOR NEW DEAN

By Laird Kirkpatrick, Philip H. Knight Dean

Last fall in these pages you read about the forward progress the law school has made on many fronts, and more recently you may have read about the high national ranking of our natural resources and dispute resolution programs. We have a vibrant public law school that boasts three new programs, a Portland presence, a new business law clinic, five new tenure-track faculty members, seven new endowed professorships and fellowships, impressive new faculty publications, a doubling of scholarships available to entering students, ten new faculty offices, a new masters degree in dispute resolution, the establishment of a loan repayment assistance program, the Oregon Innocence Project, the Oregon Review of International Law, and much, much more.

These achievements are the result of the combined efforts of our faculty, staff, students and alumni. All of us who care about the school should be proud of the progress it is making, despite the continuing challenge of lack of adequate state funding. I have had the extremely good fortune to lead the law school during the last three years. But we are now nearing the end of my three-year commitment to serve as dean, and it is time for me to transition back to teaching and scholarship as a member of the law faculty. At the request of University President Frohnmayer, I have agreed to extend my service for another six months until December in order to solidify our external funding raising and alumni relations efforts. Beginning January 2006, criminal law professor and Associate Dean Margie Paris will serve as interim dean until a new dean takes office, almost certainly by the end of the next school year.

A dean search committee has been appointed by the provost that includes five faculty members, one student, the chair of the Dean’s Advisory Council, and a member of the Alumni Association Board. The deanship at Oregon is a wonderful opportunity, and given all the positive energy and extraordinary people here we should be able to attract many outstanding candidates for the position. I very much look forward to teaching again and will return to the faculty as the Hollis Professor of Legal Procedure. I also look forward to having more time for my scholarship. Thanks to the dedication of my co-author, who has carried more than his share of the load, we have been able to publish a fifth edition of our evidence coursebook and a third edition of our evidence hornbook in the last two years. But now our publisher (West) wants a new edition of our five-volume treatise Federal Evidence. This is a project that will occupy much of my post-deanship time.

I fully expect the coming summer and fall to be as productive for the law school and enjoyable for me as the last few years have been. I hope to see as many of you as possible. As always, my door is open to you, your ideas, and your advice.
Faculty Achievements Recognized with Six New Endowed Professorships and Fellowships

Six members of the law faculty were honored for their scholarly achievements by being appointed to endowed professorships and faculty fellowships. Dean Laird Kirkpatrick announced the appointments on January 27.

“We are extremely proud of our new endowed professors and fellows, whose scholarly work in such different areas—from real estate financial to natural resources law to feminist jurisprudence to constitutional law—has brought national attention to our school,” Kirkpatrick said.

Steven Bender will be the new James and Ienie Hershner Professor of Law. He is the coauthor of a well-known casebook on real estate transactions, now in its third edition, that brings taxation, corporate law, ethics and UCC principles into the traditional mix of real estate material. His professorship was endowed in 1992 by longtime Eugene business attorney and law graduate Jim Hershner, who died in 2001. Hershner was a named partner with the law firm of Hershner, Hunter, Andrew, Neill & Smith.

Caroline Forell, who served as the Wayne Morse Center director last year, is the new Clayton R. Hess Professor of Law. Her research focuses on women and the law and she is the coauthor of the 2000 book, A Law of Her Own: The Reasonable Woman as a Measure of Man. The professorship is funded by a bequest from Clayton Hess, a Milwaukee attorney who served as an Oregon assistant attorney general for over 20 years. Hess was a 1949 graduate of the law school.

Garrett Epps is the new Orlando J. and Marian H. Hollis Professor of Law. Epps, a former Washington Post staff writer, is the author of a number of books, including To An Unknown God: Religious Freedom on Trial. It was a finalist for the ABA Silver Gavel Award in 2002. His new book, Second Founding, about the remaking of the Constitution after the Civil War, is forthcoming from Henry Holt and Company.

The professorship is a result of a bequest by Orlando John Hollis, who served as dean of the law school from 1945 to 1967, and whose 35 years at the law school included a stint as acting university president.

Dean Laird Kirkpatrick has been awarded the other professorship from the endowment and will become the Hollis Professor of Legal Procedure.

Mary C. Wood was awarded the Dean’s Distinguished Faculty Fellowship. An expert in Indian Trust Doctrine and wildlife law, Wood was also the founding director in 2003 of the school’s Environmental and Natural Resources Law center. She has just finished a chapter in the forthcoming revision of Cohen’s Handbook of Federal Indian Law, the major reference on the subject.

Law professor Margaret Paris, who is also the law school’s associate dean for academic affairs, received the Elmer Sahlstrom Senior Fellowship. Paris is the coauthor of a casebook on criminal procedure used nationally. She serves on the editorial board of the ABA’s Criminal Justice magazine. Paris will serve as interim dean of the law school beginning January 2006. Eugene trial lawyer Elmer Sahstrom’s 1993 gift originally came in the form of a vintage Rolls Royce that was sold to partially fund this fellowship. The late trial practice teacher and evidence expert Wayne Westling held the fellowship for many years.

Law professor Maurice Holland was awarded the James O. and Alfred T. Goodwin Senior Faculty Fellowship. Holland served as dean of the law school from 1986 to 1991 and is currently executive director of the Oregon Council on Court Procedures, based at the law school. The fellowship was endowed by a gift from Alfred T. Goodwin, a senior judge on the Ninth Circuit and the highest-ranking judge to graduate from the law school, and his late brother James Goodwin, who was also a lawyer.

Programs Rank Among the Best

U.S. News & World Report surveys a number of law specialties, and two UO law programs are ranked among the best this year.

The Environmental and Natural Resources Law program, one of the first to be established in the United States, is ranked third among those at the nation’s public law schools and seventh overall.

The law school’s Appropriate Dispute Resolution program, founded only five years ago, is already listed as the fourth best public program and 13th overall.

Once again, the UO School of Law has placed in the top 50 in national reputation among peer institutions, lawyers and judges.

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JUDGES AND ATTORNEYS SHARE THE STAGE

Jeffrey Fisher became a partner in the Seattle office of Davis White Tremaine right after he had won two U.S. Supreme Court cases in four months — cases arising from his very first criminal trials.


The young attorney keynoted “Come Together,” this year’s O’Connell conference held on March 10 at the law school. Federal and state judges, U.S. attorneys and federal judges, law professors and attorneys spent the day discussing the two Supreme Court decisions as well as pretrial procedures and pitfalls in civil litigation.

Conference organizer _Tom Lininger_, who teaches evidence and criminal law, said, “Jeff Fisher shaped the criminal justice system more than any other attorney in 2004 — he was a great keynote speaker. This year’s conference brought together virtually all the federal judges in Oregon and a substantial portion of the state judges. I’m impressed that they are so generous in sharing their time and insights with practitioners.”

2005 FROHNMAYER AWARD GOES TO CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER LARE ASCHENBRENNER ’57

Lare Aschenbrenner’s zeal for justice has always placed him in the center of the action. He was appointed Oregon’s first Public Defender in 1964, right after the U.S. Supreme Court handed down several landmark decisions expanding the rights of accused criminals.

He represented black citizens of Mississippi in 1968 when the raze of the old white power structure was at its peak. Oregon was in the forefront of a number of civil rights and environmental legal struggles in the 1970s, and so was Aschenbrenner, who co-founded Oregon’s first public interest law firm.

In the 1990s, he led a successful fight for recognition of 226 Alaska Native villages. Aschenbrenner said that, after being treated for decades as “little better than ethnically based social clubs, these Alaskan villages won the same status as Indian tribes in the lower 48.”

Lawrence A. Aschenbrenner, 74, retired director of the Alaska office of the Native American Rights Fund, received the fourth Frohnmayer Award for Public Service at an April 15 banquet in Portland. The annual event, sponsored by the _UO Law Alumni Association_, recognizes a graduate, faculty member or friend whose public service brings honor to the school. The previous recipients are University President Dave Frohnmayer, Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers ’64, and Ninth Circuit Senior Judge Ted Goodwin ’51.

A longer story about Lare Aschenbrenner’s key cases and photographs of the April 15 banquet will appear in the Fall 2005 _Oregon Lawyer_ Annual.
“Palpable energy and excitement.”

That’s what an external review committee said about the faculty behind the law school’s new master’s degree program in conflict resolution. But it applies equally well to the entire Appropriate Dispute Resolution Program (ADR) at the University of Oregon School of Law.

In 2000, law faculty taught two ADR classes. Five years later, it’s a different story.

Over 200 students (not to mention nine visitors from a Ukrainian law faculty) have gone through the intensive 30-hour basic mediation training class, offered twice a year. Each semester, students participate in the Mediation Clinic working on small claims cases in Lane County District Court. Students compete in and help organize — both the Mediation Advocacy and Negotiation Competitions.

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“Legal Aid is a blast! You get exposed to managing a case, rather than focusing on research and writing memos,” says the third year law student from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Eisenberg has been thoroughly exposed. After graduation, he would like to keep doing work just like this, although he worries about the mismatch between low pay and high law student debts.

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Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski on public service careers
Gov. Ted Kulongoski and his wife Mary Oberst ’84 visited the law school on January 21 and spoke to students on public service careers. During a faculty reception, he said he is absolutely convinced that a strong higher education system is essential to a stable economy. The governor warned that much work needs to be done to convince voters that Oregon’s future depends as much on its colleges and universities as on its K-12 public schools.

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California litigator Paul Hoffman on the Alien Tort Claims Act
The law school’s Public Interest student group (PIPS) hosted noted California litigator Paul Hoffman on January 20. In 2003, Hoffman led the team that argued on behalf of the respondent in the hotly debated Supreme Court case, Sosa v. Alvarez-Machain. It involved a 215-year-old statute that has increasingly been used by foreign citizens to bring suit against human rights violators in United States Courts. Hoffman meets with PIPS faculty leaders Dom Vetri and Tom Lininger and students in the Lewis Lounge.

2004-5 Morse Professor: international law expert Hilary Charlesworth
Hilary Charlesworth served as the 24th Wayne Morse professor last January and February and spoke on the missing voice of women in the Iraq War at a public lecture on January 26. She is the director of the Centre for International and Public Law at Australian National University in Canberra. She is pictured here with the Morse Fellows: law students Ben Hovland, Kathryn Moakely, Jason Hartz, Nelly Sangrujiveth, Jason Dufrenna, Tehan Wittermyer, Martha Pellegrino, Charlesworth, Karen Ellis, and Lauren Sommers.
Judge Gilbert Merritt on New York Times v. Sullivan

Last October 9, the UO journalism and law schools commemorated the 40th anniversary of the 1964 libel case that established federal constitutional standards in libel law. The keynoter, federal appellate judge Gilbert S. Merritt, was one of 13 U. S. legal experts selected to help rebuild Iraq’s judicial system. Other speakers talked about Sullivan’s impact on the media, including Washington Post associate editor and columnist David Ignatius and Oregonian editor Sandra Mims Rowe. Pictured (L to R): Media law experts Jane Kirtley, University of Minnesota, and David Kohler, Biederman Institute; Oregon Supreme Court Justice Rives Kistler and Oregon Appeals Court Judge David Schuman.

Race relations expert Ray Diamond on Brown v. Board of Education

UO honored guest Ray Diamond, Tulane law professor, visited the UO last October 26 to discuss the 1954 Supreme Court decision that ended legal racial segregation in U.S. schools forever — or did it? Diamond, a race relations expert, is the coauthor of Brown v. Board of Education: Caste, Culture and Constitution. Panelists include Diamond, UO Vice Provost Greg Vincent, UO philosophy professor Naomi Zack and law professor Robert Tsai.

Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder and women appellate judges speak

The first woman to occupy the chief judge spot spoke on “Whatever Happened to Diversity?” on February 16. Before that, Schroeder and a number of other women appellate judges and a U.S. attorney talked about their careers. The Women’s Law Forum organized the events. Above (L to R): Retired Oregon Supreme Court Justice Susan Leeson, Oregon Senate Majority Leader Kate Brown, U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken, Schroeder, and U.S. attorney Karin Immergut.
Jim Harrang, shown here on a tough 25-mile stretch of California’s Salmon River, is no slouch. He climbed Mt. Hood on his eightieth birthday two years ago. He climbed Tanzania’s Mt. Kilimanjaro on his seventieth. Harrang has climbed all of the peaks in Oregon and Washington and rafted the rivers of Oregon and Idaho. The trim athlete with penetrating blue eyes still works mornings before he goes on his daily run at the UO — and he is still chairman of the board of Harrang, Long Gary, Rudnick, the Eugene firm he founded 47 years ago.

Harrang, Class of 1951, is also the human subject in most of the seven outdoor action photographs hanging in the law school’s student lounge and the man whose firm — Eugene’s largest — donated $100,000 to build and furnish it.

“Oregonians live in Shangri-La,” he said. “You miss a lot if you don’t take advantage of it.”

During World War II, Harrang served in Italy with the 10th Mountain Division. After VE Day in 1945, his war was over and he was left with both the federal and state GI Bill and a good deal of curiosity. In fall 1946, he entered the UO, finished his bachelor’s degree in philosophy and “walked across the street to the law school. I thought it would be interesting to see what the law was all about.”

The law school experienced an explosion in enrollment about that time, mostly due to ex-GIs like Harrang. In 1944, at the height of the war, no one graduated. By 1948, 127 men and two women were enrolled as first year students. The law school required a “C” grade point average and three years of college for admission. “It was a lot easier to get into then. It wasn’t any easier to get through,” Harrang said.

His approach to school? “Keep the nose to the grindstone for two months — then we’d go climb something.”

Harrang and his wife Nadine, also a UO graduate and a mountain climber, are still believers in the joys of a balanced life to the extent that they have funded an endowment to support outdoor activities for law students.

So far, the gift has helped the Run Club pay for law student entry fees in local races and partially funded the Minority Law Students Association weekend of fun and physical activity at the coast. An award will be made next fall to Land Air Water for their annual river raft trip. As the endowment grows with additional gifts, it will also be used to support student scholarships.

To contribute to this unique and rewarding endowment, please contact the Development Office at (541) 346-3865. Check the law school website for an extended profile of Jim Harrang: how he explored on homemade skis, scouted in the Apennines, ranged in the Grand Tetons and aimed for $1,000 a month as a young solo practice lawyer.
CLASS NOTES

THE 'FORTIES
Norm Wiener ’47 and Mary Bentley Wiener UW ’44 celebrated their sixtieth anniversary in January. Wiener writes “We are a three-generation UO family. My wife’s parent attended the UO in the WWI days and my wife was a Junior Weekend Queen in the 1940s. The third generation consists of son Jon UO ’75 and daughter Lisa Wiener Stember UO ’85. Every indication points to the strong possibility of a fourth generation being involved…” Wiener received the law school’s Meritorious Service Award in 2002.

THE 'FIFTIES
U.S. District Judge Malcolm F. Marsh ’54, a native Oregonian, was profiled in the Legal Heritage column in the October 2004 Oregon State Bar bulletin. He is credited with being the force behind the design of Portland’s Mark O. Hatfield Courthouse and the features that have served as a model for other courthouses. His respect for litigants, juries and citizens is reflected in the light-filled space, Oregon regional art and the great views. FULL STORY: www.osbar.org/publications/bulletin/04oct/heritage.html

THE 'SIXITIES
Douglas County Circuit Court Judge Thomas W. Kolberg ’67 now is counsel to Doyle, Coalwell, Clark, Mountainspring, Mornarich & Artken, P.C., (Roseburg). Kolberg will be available as an arbitrator/mediator in complex civil cases.

Stephen Hutchinson ’67, of Hutchinson, Cox, Coons, Dupriest, Orr & Sherlock in Eugene, was recently elected to the Eugene Symphony board. He just completed a year as president of the Eugene Southtowne Rotary Club and will be going to Mexico to help with the Rotary “projecto amigo” for migrant children near Coafria, Colmia. He is proud to announce that when visiting his daughter in Vail recently, he was still able to make it down the mountain on skis.

THE 'SEVENTIES
Chris Hansen ’73, Public Defender Services of Lane County in Eugene, is vice president of the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

Michael Fox ’74 is leaving his position on the Eugene School Board to join his wife in the Peace Corps in Elbasan, Albania. Fox will teach 20 college seniors about American-style democracy and citizenship at the Aleksandër Xhuvani University of Elbasan.

Blaine G. Gibson ’77 has been elected a Superior Court Judge for Yakima County, Washington. He and his wife and Sandi recently celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary. Their son Mark graduated from high school, earned the rank of Eagle Scout, placed in the national computer 3D animation competition, and is now an exchange student in Germany.

Dan Neal ’77 chose law over his music career for thirty years — but now he has released his first CD, *When the Big Picture Fades*. You can find it in Eugene at the House of Records, CD World or online at cdbaby.com.

Charles Schrader ’77 keeps a blog, www.constructionlawblog.com, targeting construction labor law issues. He is a partner in the Portland firm Jordan Schrader PC.

CLASS OF 1954 was inducted into the Order of the Emerald on their 50th reunion reception at the law school on November 13, 2004. Registrar emerita Lois “Mrs. A.” Ackerman read each person’s name while University President Dave Frohnmayer conferred the awards. (L to R) Mrs. Ackerman, President Frohnmayer, Don Dunn, Bill Deatherage, Malcolm Milne, Ilene Herschner, Leon Campbell and Dean Laird Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Herschner accepted the award for her late husband, Jim. Priscilla Deatherage, Sylvia Loewen, Shari Marsh, Ray Ackerman, Lyn Frohnmayer, and Lind Kirkpatrick also attended as did Assistant Dean Matt Roberts and Executive Assistant Colleen McKlip.

Oregon best-selling author Phillip Margolin describes it as “a harrowing tale of life at sea that is as exciting as any fictional thriller.” Available at bookstores and websites.

Joshua Marquis ’80 was named 2003 Prosecutor of the Year by Oregon’s state DUII MDT task force at the group’s annual conference in April in Tigard. (For the uninitiated, the City of Portland operates a Motorola SmartZone Type II Trunked Radio System.) The honor recognizes his continued work against drunk driving, most notable drafting and lobbying for the passage of laws relating to DUII in the 2003 Oregon legislative session.

Monica Kirk ’81 has accepted a temporary appointment with the National Policy Consensus Center at Portland State University’s Hatfield School of Government. Kirk will return to her position as Special Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10’s Portland office at the completion of her one-year assignment.

Mark B. Williams ’81 has been appointed chief deputy district attorney for Clatsop County in Astoria.

THE 'EIGHTIES
Retired Wilsonville attorney William R. Benedetto ’80 published his first book, *Sailing into the Abyss: A True Story of Extreme Heroism on the High Seas* (Kensington Publishing). The book is a true account of the final ill-fated voyage of the SS Badger State, a merchant ship chartered by the Navy to carry bombs to Vietnam in 1969. Oregon best-selling author Phillip Margolin describes it as “a harrowing tale of life at sea that is as exciting as any fictional thriller.” Available at bookstores and websites.

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Laurie Webb Daniel ’82 was included in the business litigation section of Law360’s annual Guide to the Litigators of America 2005-2006. Webb is a partner at Holland & Knight in Atlanta, Georgia.

Don Corson ’85 and Kevin Strever ’85 were both invited to join the American Board of Trial Advocates, ABOTA’s primary purpose, for almost half a century, has been to promote the civil jury trial.

Keith Bartholomew ’87 is now an assistant professor of urban planning at the College of Architecture and Planning. University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

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Frederick Paul Dickerson III ’91, of Riverside, California, was elevated to the bench last year and is now the Commissioner of the Superior Court of Riverside County.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski named Andrew Kohlmetz ’95 to the Clark County, Washington, court of appeals. Kohlmetz, along with Avanade, a joint venture of Accenture and Microsoft, was recently named “rising stars” on their list of best lawyers in America. Kohlmetz is a partner in the Portland office of Garvey Schubert Barer where he practices complex commercial litigation with an emphasis on class action defense.

Mark D. Alleman ’98 along with M. Matthew Hall, B. Anna McCoy, John D. Russell and Christopher S. Tuttle have formed a new law firm in Portland, Oregon specializing in patent, trademark and copyright prosecution, licensing and enforcement.

Mark Chernaik ’93, helped attorneys at the Legal Resource Center in South Africa negotiate with the petrochemical and motor industries and the government to bring South Africa’s emission control standards in line with the European Union. He was also part of the team that successfully nego-
Trade Organization Council on trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights.

Kimberly K. Tucker ’01 joined the law firm of Alan Stuart Graf in Portland. Tucker will focus on civil rights law and Social Security disability.

Deena Bothello ’02 is with Perkins Coie in Portland.

Kay Hyde-Patton ’02 opened a law office in downtown Eugene in the historical Smeede Hotel Building at 767 Willamette St. Suite 203. Her practice emphasizes litigation, business law, property and land use.

Bill Narus ’02 was offered a position with the United States Attorney’s office in San Diego, California, a rare honor for a recent graduate.

Kristin Olson ’02 of Portland works for Bullivant Houser Bailey PC.

Michael A. Thomas ’02, of Henderson, Colorado is in his second year at the Social Security Administration, Office of the Regional Counsel. He litigates disability denial cases from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and now from the Ninth and Tenth Circuits as well. “Every day brings a new adventure and is anything but boring,” he writes. He and his wife Liesel expect a second child in June.

Heather Unger ’02 and Kurt Unger ’02, of Sparks, Nevada have a new baby, McKenzie, born last August.

Peter J. Gorrn ’03 has joined the Eugene office of McCrea PC as an associate. He will practice in the area of criminal defense. Peter previously clerked for the Hon. Darrell L. Larson in Lane County Circuit Court.

Jeremy M. Green ’03 of Eugene is an associate at Arnold, Gallagher, Saydack, Percell, Roberts & Potter. His practice will focus on business, real estate, and tax law.

Lindsay R. Kandra ’03, Portland, has joined Cable Huston Benedict Haagenen and Lloyd LLP. She focuses on energy and public utility law, natural and environmental resources law and water law.

Shawn Menashe ’03, Portland, is the new vice chairman of the family section, American Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division.

Elizabeth Vasiliiades ’03 teaches law at the Belarus State Economic University as a higher education fellow supported by the Open Society Institute. Despite a severe lack of resources, the law school sponsored their first-ever Jessup moot court team, which Vasiliiades coached. She turned to UO law librarian Stephanie Mouloud and Westlaw account manager Mark Cygnet for help. They provided passwords, and the Belarusian students were amazed at the wealth of material online. Vasiliiades wrote, “The team now has research available to compete for the Jessup International Round in Washington D.C. this spring, thanks to Stephanie and Mark for their assistance and dedication to international legal education.” The Open Society Institute places scholars in host departments in Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, and Moldova.

Royce B. Covington ’04 joined the Salt Lake City, Utah firm of Parr Widesnow Brown Cee & Loveless as an associate. He will focus on real estate, title insurance, and escrow claims, and securities litigation.

Michael Callier ’04, Portland, joined Tonkon Torp as a litigation associate. Callier previously interned with Gov. John Kitzhaber’s legal counsel during Oregon’s 2001 legislative session and has also clerked for the Lane County Circuit Court.

Morgan Diment ’04, Eugene, is an associate at Diment & Walker. He specializes in domestic relations, general civil litigation and criminal law.

Jeni Lassell ’04, Portland, joined David Wright Tremaine and will focus on business transactions and tax law.

Zack P. Mittge ’04 joined Hutchinson, Cox, Coon, DuPriest, Orr and Sherlock, P.C. in Eugene. He will specialize in land use and real estate law.

Allison Mosher ’04 of Portland joined Heath & Smith LLP as an associate. She will practice immigration law.

Adele J. Ridenour ’04, Boise, serves as the Judicial Clerk for the Idaho Supreme Court.

IN MEMORIAM

Donald S. Richardson ’41, died on September 9, 2004. He had retired from private practice and lived in Portland, Oregon.

Cecil Wright ’42, died May 27, 2004. He was retired from private practice and lived in Orange, California.

George A. Luoma ’46, died on November 30, 2002. He had his own practice in Roseburg, Oregon.

William F. Bernard ’47, died on June 1, 2004. Bernard was an attorney for Duffy Kekel, LLP in Portland, Oregon.

Robert M. McKechnie ’50, died on February 22, 2002. He had retired from ACAR, Inc. in Chandler, Arizona.

Patricia Ann Young Braun ’52 died on July 8, 2004. She was retired and lived in Salem, Oregon.

Richard Cleveland ’61 died February 23, 2005. He was a captain in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General’s office and in the JAG reserves. He practiced law in Eugene for 38 years.

Frederick Hartstrom ’66 died June 8, 2004. He had been with the Eugene law firm of Horton, Koenig, Barnes, Sabin & Spence.

Clifford Kennedy ’75 died June 5, 2004. He was assistant counsel for Douglas County in Roseburg, Oregon.

Sharon Gordon Barker ’77 died June 11, 2003 in Amherst, Massachusetts. She served as a UO law school assistant dean and director of career services during the mid-1980s. In 1986, she pursued a lifelong passion to become a professional musician. She joined the Eugene Symphony, serving for many years as assistant principal violist. She also performed with the Oregon Bach Festival Orchestra and Eugene Opera Orchestra, the Oregon Mozart Players, and most recently with the Springfield, (Mass.) Symphony Orchestra.


Jacquelyn Romm ’81, died November 8, 2004. She was a partner at the law firm of Walters, Romm, Chanti, & Dickens PC. She was also actively involved as a member of the Lane County Legal Aid Board of directors, on the Hillcliff Advisory Board, the Metropolitan Opera Guild and served as president of the Southern Willamette Private Industry Council. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jacquelyn Romm Loan Repayment Assistance Fund, care of University of Oregon Foundation/Law School.


Gary W. Majors ’87 died in San Diego on August 10, 2004. He had been an attorney at Majors & Fox in San Diego, California.

Jim Beard ’87 died at home on December 24, 2004 after a long battle with cancer. An environment advocate for eight years in Washington D.C., Seattle and Portland, he worked to stop the production of nuclear weapons and to clean up highly contaminated areas. He also worked as a law clerk for the Oregon Supreme Court for two years and, since 1999, had been an attorney with the Eugene law firm of Clifton, Larson & Schaller.

Richard Vincent ’00 died June 26, 2004 in Lawndale, California.

EVERYONE KNEW SAM ADAMS ’85

Anchorage District Court Judge Sam Adams, 48, died last September 22 while on a moose hunting trip in Alaska’s Innoo National Wildlife Refuge, and immediately his classmates responded.

Everyone knew Sam Adams. The Class of 1985 would not have been the same without him, said Bob Schrank ’85, who sent in memories of the man who only reluctantly came down to the lower 48: “He was a back-slapping wild man and had one of the strongest, truest moral compasses of anyone you could ever meet.

“He would alternately dress his 6 foot 8 inch frame in hunting camo or a gigantic cardigan sweater with a bear knit into its back — then there was Sam’s periodic head shaving and his jailhouse striped rugby shirts.

“Alaska doesn’t have a law school, so Sam had to come down here. He was always anxiously waiting until he could head home to Butterfly Lake waiting until he could head home to Butterfly Lake — reachable only by plane.”

“Sam did not waste much time before going into public service, first clerking for a prominent judge, then working as a district attorney, and next at the attorney general’s office. In 2001, he was appointed a district court judge and by 2004, had become one of Alaska’s most respected judges...

Classmate Jim Egan ’85 wrote, “Sam was a great guy.”

Adams is survived by his wife and three daughters Helen, Cammie and Margaret.

The outgoing of affection for Sam Adams deeply moved the organizers of the Class of 1985 reunion and inspired them to establish a perpetual scholarship endowed in memory of the classmates they miss — including Sam (d. 2004) Yeshiyah Gilford (d. 1991) and James Britton (d. 2001). Their fundraising goal is $100,000 by September 16 and 18 2005, when they will present their gift to the dean on reunion weekend. For information or to donate, please call the development office at (541) 346-3800.
Environmental and property lawyers and scholars at Lyle Point in the Columbia Gorge during a 2004 tour of major treaty sites on the Northwest’s major rivers. Sponsored by Environmental and Natural Resources Law, it was the high point of the year for our nearly 40-year-old program. Water law professor and dean Chapin Clark taught our first course in environmental law in 1964.