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Calendar of Events

Winter Commencement
December 18, 1998
College of Law

Law Alumni Council Meeting
January 23, 1999
Hart Faculty Forum
College of Law

Minnesota Alumni Reception
February 11, 1999
Dorsey & Whitney, Dome Room
Minneapolis, Minnesota
5:30 to 7:30 pm

1968/1969 Reunion
January 30, 1999

1988/1989 Reunion
March 12, 1999

1949 Reunion
May 14 and 15, 1999

Commencement
May 15, 1999
A Law School That LISTENS

Bringing Dean Nell Jessup Newton’s VISION TO LIFE

Kyra Epstein

Professor Jon Van Dyke had high standards. He was the kind of professor who elicited extreme reactions from students: they either loved him or hated him. He might be surprised to know that one of his long-ago students is now the first woman dean of the College of Law.

Van Dyke was a cerebral Constitutional Law professor at Hastings College who had a knack for asking questions that challenged his students’ understanding of Constitutional doctrine. His hypotheticals were famously difficult and he always answered students’ questions with questions of his own. In short, he was a master of the classic Socratic style.

At the same time he showed the highest respect for his students, who never left class feeling humiliated. He conducted class in a casual, supportive manner and treated the students with respect.

“I never raised my hand at Hastings Law School until the second semester of Constitutional Law with Jon Van Dyke,” said Dean Nell Newton during her second month in Denver. “In other classes professorial ridicule greeted every student misstep, but not in Jon’s. When I began teaching I modeled my teaching style after his.”

During Newton’s third year of law school, Van Dyke handed her a job announcement for a temporary teaching position at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., where he had begun his own teaching career. “He told me he believed I had the intelligence and ability to explain complex issues clearly and believed I should consider a teaching career,” said Newton. He even helped her write a cover letter and resume to submit to Catholic University.

She got the one-year position teaching legal writing and was soon offered a tenure-track position. She stayed at Catholic University for 16 years teaching Constitutional
Law, Contracts, and American Indian law. She became the first tenured woman and the first woman full professor there.

"Mentors come in many guises. Some help you develop talents you didn't know you had, like my friend Suzanne Lipsett who was a fiction writer and editor," said Newton. Lipsett reviewed Newton's earlier efforts at legal writing and helped her improve dramatically as a writer. Newton also sees role models as people with whom you can readily identify because of gender or ethnic background. She said, "I never thought to go to law school until I met a woman lawyer."

Other role models may be people from different backgrounds who have expertise in a particular field, like Jon Van Dyke or Sam Deloria, a Standing Rock Sioux tribal member who Newton credits for mentoring her in my Indian law scholarship.

Newton has mentored hundreds of students and young law professors herself during her career. When she began teaching, there were only a handful of women professors in the Washington, D.C. area. With several friends she formed an organization of women law professors, which now spans five states and provides both intellectual and emotional support to women in law teaching.

Newton stresses that mentoring is a two-way relationship. "You have to search for appropriate mentors," she said. Students should have guidance from the dean, faculty, and alumni to find appropriate mentors, but they need to take the responsibility to ask for help.

The College of Law's emphasis on mentoring is one of the things that drew Newton to the school. In DU's active and dedicated alumni, skill- and value-based curriculum, and programs providing students with the opportunity to gain practical experience, Newton saw a school that she could both greatly respect and improve in her own way.
"DU is also rich with mentors for a new dean," Newton noted. "Deans emeritus Dan Hoffman, Ed Dauer, Dennis Lynch, and, of course, Bob Yegge have already been generous in giving me advice about the unique DU community."

Newton hopes to expand programs so that many more alumni can become involved in mentoring students. "I will work with student groups, with Career Services, and with the Alumni and Development Office to bring our wonderful alums to campus as often as possible to meet with our students," she said. Dean Newton's goal is to have a panel, discussion group, or program every week to give students the chance to meet and network with members of the legal community.

Newton also noted that all faculty, even experienced faculty, need mentoring. She wants to bring in practitioners-in-residence, visiting professors, and speakers who can enrich the faculty's understanding of substantive doctrine and legal theory to acquaint the faculty with innovative programs at other law schools in ethics, lawyering process, legal writing, and clinical legal education.

She wants to initiate a "Dean's Lunch," where an alumnus/a and eight to ten students dine with her in her office. By next year she hopes to have weekly Dean's Lunches: "I want our alumni to see the great students we have here," she said. "And, I want our students to meet people who are successful both in their legal careers and in their lives."

Newton's vision for the future also includes the resources and space for more clinical programs. She'd like to see the clinical and internship programs expanded so that every student can participate before they graduate. "Great schools have great clinical and internship programs. These programs are an integral part of a process by which students learn what it means to be a professional, test their interest in a particular area of the law, and meet attorneys who can help them develop their skills. And, successful internship experiences often lead to jobs," she said.

In line with her mentoring background, one of next year's practitioners-in-residence has a special relationship to Newton—he gave her trouble in her first year of teaching Contracts at Catholic University. Stephen Cribari had been a Canon Lawyer before law school. He was incredibly bright, politically conservative, and challenged her on many issues. She grew to like him and advised him during law school. She lost touch with him after he had been out of law school for a few years. Several years later, she was at the Supreme Court attending the oral argument in an Indian Law case when she literally bumped into Steve, who was stepping up to make his first oral argument before the Supreme Court.

"It was a lovely moment—I was bursting with pride that someone who I had helped had risen to such a level. Of course I wanted to take credit," said Newton. "But a good mentor understands that we may nudge, make some space for our students to flourish, and occasionally even inspire someone, but it is the student himself or herself who achieves excellence."
Mentoring Through Moot Court
An Adjunct Professor’s History at the College of Law

Karen Steinhauser
Chief Deputy District Attorney/DU College of Law Adjunct Professor
and Moot Court Coach

I first began teaching at the University of Denver College of Law in 1989. I was becoming increasingly frustrated as a trial lawyer who was in court every day, seeing what I perceived to be a lack of professionalism and competence among the younger lawyers that were appearing in court. I decided that if I were teaching them, I could ensure that at least however many I was teaching a semester would know how to be competent and how to be professional. It would be up to them whether they chose to use it.

So I taught a criminal procedure class. I loved it, but became frustrated with the classroom restrictions—not getting to know my 70 students as people on an individual basis. In 1991 a position opened up to coach the ATLA trial team. I didn’t know what it involved, but instinctively I knew that I wanted to do it.

This is the fifth year we have been invited to the Tournament of Champions.

That first year was a learning experience for all five of us. Even so, we made it to the semi-finals of the regional competition. I loved working with the four students that year, particularly because I could see such incredible improvement just in the two months that we worked together. I still keep in touch with one woman, for whom I gave a reference and who is a star litigator at her firm.

For the past five years, we have won the regional championship. Two of those years we finished in the top eight and the top four of the National Competition. This is the fifth year that we have been invited to the Tournament of Champions, which is an exclusive competition that only invites the top 16 law schools in the country. Those schools are chosen based on how they have done in the regional and national competitions.

During the last seven years, I have worked with more than 40 law students. All of them had a lot of talent. My role was to help them understand how to use that talent to be the best possible trial lawyer that they could be. Through the process I have tried to be a role model for them—always practicing what I preach.

I tried to show them that nowhere in the system did they need to have a “win-at-all-costs” mentality. I tried to show them that they could win by always playing within the rules, by being professional and ethical and courteous. I feel like I succeeded in that. I am still in touch with over half of my former trial team members. I know them, and I can truly say that I am extremely proud of them. They are a credit to the profession, and if I were in charge of hiring, I would hire many of them in my office.

Every year I say, “This is it. It’s too much work and too much time,” especially now that I have a young child. Yet, every year, when I see how far these kids have come and the pride that they feel in themselves, it’s impossible for me to let it go. It has truly been one of the most rewarding things that I have done in my career.
Mentoring In The MSLA Program

Dean Emeritus Robert B. Yegge, JD'58/MS'59, MSLA Program Co-Director and Professor
MSLA Program Assistant Director Lorni Fenton, JD'97/MSLA'97

After 25 years of success, employers of graduates of the Master's of Science in Legal Administration program wanted more from our students.

Business skills—financial, managerial, and strategic planning—are now considered critical for the successful legal administrator, according to surveys by the Association of Legal Administrators and the National Association for Court Management.

In response to this need, the College of Law teamed up with the Daniels College of Business to jointly offer the MSLA degree (Master of Science in Legal Administration). At the business school students will take core graduate business courses; at the College of Law students will be taught the principles and concepts of legal culture and the management of legal institutions.

Twenty-seven years of a successful program have taught us that teaching should not come only from books. The MSLA program offers a very practical degree, training its students to be productive in the field of legal administration right away. This training is achieved through the use of adjunct professors, low student/teacher ratios, assignments with practical implications, and externships where the students actually shadow a legal administrator for the entire semester.

The full-time course of study lasts a year and a half beginning in August and continuing until the following December. An executive option is available for candidates choosing to work while attending classes in the evening. This schedule requires two and a half calendar years. MSLA students, either full-time or executive option, spend their last semester in an externship and research project.

During the externship the student works in a full-time position, either in a law firm or a court, shadowing an experienced legal administrator. This capstone experience includes a research project conducted with the guidance of the College of Law or business school faculty. The externship supervisors mentor the MSLA students in the practical applications of their legal administration skills. The College of Law and Daniels College of Business faculty mentor the students in developing their theoretical skills to think and manage creatively in a unique professional service environment.

MSLA degree recipients have the skills and knowledge that come with a Business Administration master's degree but with the added emphasis on managing the special business culture created and dominated by law-trained people.

If you are interested in finding out more about the MSLA program and opportunities for mentoring legal administration students, contact Lorni Fenton, Assistant Director of the MSLA Program at 303/871-6308 or msla@mail.law.du.edu.
Financial Planning Program Gives Students the Tools for Stability

*Kyra Epstein*

We have known that that students face alarming debt when they graduate from law school—an average of $55,000 per student by last year’s graduates. What we are finally learning is how to help. Over the past year, Director of Financial Aid Donna Ellis and a committee of College of Law staff and faculty have launched a new Student Financial Planning Program to explore the most effective ways to help students limit and manage debt.

“The average law student has no idea how his or her spending habits now will affect monthly payments after graduation,” said Ellis. “Since 85 percent of all law students borrow loans and graduates’ credit card debt averages $5,800, we need to find the best ways to educate students so that they are aware of the consequences of their loans and spending before they get into trouble.”

The financial planning program, one of only a few pilot programs across the nation working with the education financing company The Access Group, consists of a committee of staff and faculty from the admissions, career services, alumni and development, registrar and dean’s offices, as well as the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies.

Over the past year, many departments have made efforts to help students think about their finances, including CLE programs for recent graduates on debt management, alumni mentoring for current students about financial management issues, financial management presentations at new student orientation, and new requirements for students applying for financial aid.

“We now require all continuing students to submit a loan ledger—which lists all outstanding educational loans and anticipated borrowing—and an out-of-school budget before any financial aid pays into students’ accounts,” said Ellis. “Students must anticipate a starting salary and then subtract taxes, loan payments, housing, and other expenses, so that they understand clearly how far their paycheck will go when they graduate.” New students are required to submit an in-school budget.

One important goal is to encourage students to reduce expenses so that they borrow less in law school. As the Financial Aid Office’s credo goes: “Live like students now so that you don’t have to live like students when you graduate!”

In addition, the College of Law hired a student financial planning counselor to help students plan and manage their finances, and anticipates that Consumer Credit Counseling will soon establish a branch office at the College of Law to further assist students.

Continuing in the tradition of personal attention and mentoring for our students, the College of Law has begun to address the issue of student debt. We need to provide students with skills necessary to achieve their financial goals once they graduate—an issue that will continue to face the legal profession into the future.
Legal Internships Program
Gaining Momentum

Cathryn Saylor Peterson, Fellow, Clinical Legal Education

With new financial and staff resources, the legal internship program has been restructured over the past year. This fall, some of the new features are going into effect to help students gain additional experience, confidence, and working relationships within the legal community.

Two innovative new internships have been added to the internship program for fall. Student Elisabeth Hunt-White participated in the new Colorado Death Penalty Defense Internship that began last summer (see What I Did Instead of My Summer Vacation, this page). In this internship, students work with attorneys who are defending death penalty cases on appointment from the Colorado Office of Alternate Defense Council. In these cases the public defender was conflicted out of representation, and a private criminal defense attorney was appointed.

The internship, coordinated by members of the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar (CCDB), is developing a resource center with the help of attorneys, interns, and other similar centers around the country. The center was designed as a place where the interns can come to do research on cases or on matters important for the center’s mission.

Also new this fall is an internship placement program and comprehensive practical class in Immigration Rights Defense. The clinical programs staff worked with members of the immigration bar to develop this new and important course and its accompanying field placements. Interns in this course will be placed with lawyers representing immigrants who have, for example, legally resided in the United States for years, but who have been detained at the airport and incarcerated upon returning to the country from a trip abroad. The class has been designed and will be taught by two of the preeminent immigration attorneys in the Denver area: Sandra Saltrese-Miller and Ari Weitzhandler.

Another change to the internship program is an additional, required internship class—a small discussion group specifically designed for the type of internship. Instructors for these new classes are a combination of experienced, practicing lawyers and full-time faculty. Our students benefit from the expertise of Colorado Court of Appeals Judge Sandra Rothenberg (in the Spring); Jon Asher, Director of Metro Denver Legal Aid; Tom Clinton, JD’82, Deputy Denver District Attorney; local attorneys Anne Vitek, JD’77, Jeff Doniger, Sandra Saltrese-Miller and Ari Weitzhandler. Clinical Programs Director Jacqueline St. Joan, JD’77, Professor John Reese, and yours truly (Cathryn Saylor Peterson) also teach internship classes.

What I Did Instead of My Summer Vacation
Elisabeth Hunt White, 2L Evening Division.

I signed up for the Death Penalty Defense Internship the summer after my first year, as if I hadn’t just blown my last brain wave on finals. I’ve had a long standing interest in the politics of capital punishment – though this isn’t at all a prerequisite – and was determined to apply my glutted head full o’ law to the practical realm. Here’s why I thought my internship experience was an excellent experience:

I got a sense that law is, in fact, a very real and challenging practical endeavor. Many of us who are alienated by the first-year regime stand to benefit substantially by doing law and not just thinking about it. It’s a way to immediately feel plugged into the profession we’re all spending so much effort and money training for. And the range of possibilities, as well as the lack of most constraining prerequisites, means that you can try anything.

Maybe the most obvious reasons my internship was worthwhile were experience and contacts, never to be underrated. In terms of the Death Penalty Internship, an intern has the singular opportunity to work closely with attorneys who are among the most respected in their field. A death penalty case is arguably the most intense and complex of criminal cases, and the learning curve for the intern is generally exhilaratingly steep.

The Death Penalty Resource Center at DU and the Office of Alternate Defense Counsel (which appoints attorneys to these cases) are fledgling enterprises, so it is a particularly interesting time to be a DPD intern. The Resource Center, which interns will devote some fraction of their time to assisting, is a model project with only a handful of parallels in the country. It was exciting to be part of the initiation of such a critical and serious project, when there are opportunities for the taking and where so much is riding on the work I did.

My own internship began when I met with my attorneys at the court for a motions hearing and picked up a half-dozen assignments. It hasn’t slowed down since, and despite having finished my hours, I’m continuing to work on the case and looking forward to watching what I know will be a fascinating trial—and one to which my work has contributed.
STARLIGHT STARS BRIGHT

Once again, the dedicated DU Law Stars Committee organized an exciting CLE, reception and dinner to celebrate the profession of law and the accomplishments of the College of Law alumni. A. Lenore Martinez, JD'84, led the committee with Alan Karsh, JD'67, as the Sponsor Chair. The sixth annual Law Stars dinner honored Ralph Torres, JD'70, Mary Phillips, JD'82, and Professor Emeritus Chris Munch.

Again this year, approximately $50,000 was raised for the Alumni Merit Scholarship Program and the Student Law Office.
The DU Law Stars Committee, led by A. Lenore Martinez, JD’84.

Representatives from Lexis-Nexis, a generous sponsor of the Law Stars Dinner, included Barbara Todd, student David Moffat, and Janelle Trowbridge (l-r).

Dinner program Masters of Ceremony Craig Eley, JD’73, and Bill Keating, JD’71, with Chancellor Daniel L. Ritchie (l-r).

Honoree Ralph Torres, JD’70 with family and friends.

Susan N.H. Dixon, JD’84, Bruce Buell, LLB’58 and wife Joan Buell (l-r).

Law Stars Committee members Michael Reidy, JD’43, David Erickson, JD’66, and Merry and John Low, JD’51 (l-r).
Mary M. Phillips
Alumni Professionalism Award

Martinez: Mary, you and I have had the pleasure of working together on numerous projects. How would you describe yourself?

Phillips: I think I could have been the classic poster child for the women’s liberation movement. My childhood was complicated. My mother dealt with mental illness most of her life. After my parents were divorced while I was growing up, I moved back and forth between them and relatives. I spent my high school years living with my mother in Carmel, California. Carmel was more of a family town then than it is now. It was a conservative, Republican town where all the girls were expected to go to college, meet their husband, get married, and raise a family. I lived in a single parent household, my mother frequently didn’t have a job, and we were quite poor.

We did not fit the image of the typical American family in the 1950s. I thought of myself as a shy child without a lot of self-confidence.

Martinez: You graduated from Stanford. That doesn’t sound like a shy, insecure young girl to me.

Phillips: My parents both graduated from Stanford University. My father was a civil engineer and my mother was a housewife, occasionally a secretary, who happened to have a master’s degree in classics from Stanford. Early on I knew that Stanford was the school I was expected to attend. I only applied there... and was accepted.

In 1965, I graduated from college and was married the following weekend to Bob McGregor. That summer I took typing and shorthand classes and took a job as a secretary for Associate Dean Bob Vinter at the University of Michigan School of Social Work while my husband worked on his advanced degree in philosophy. Dean Vinter was my first significant mentor and role model. He trusted me to organize and help create student class schedules and to edit his writings. While at this job, I organized a committee of 20 secretaries at the School of Social Work to improve the system we used to order supplies. Much to my surprise, the committee was seen by the administration as some sort of attempt to organize a union and caused a great deal of alarm. Dean Vinter was supportive and amused by my committee.

Polumbus: Up to this point, I don’t see much influence of the feminist movement on your life. When did things change?

Phillips: In 1969, we moved to Denver where my husband accepted a job teaching philosophy at the University of Denver. We lived in a tiny house near campus, and in November I gave birth to our son, Michael McGregor, who is now 28.

When Michael was two, I joined the throngs of volunteers who supported George McGovern in opposition to the Vietnam War. I discovered that I was good at organizing both people and events—especially for a cause that I felt fervently about. Fred Miles, JD’68, then a co-chair of the McGovern campaign in Colorado, asked me to run as a delegate to the 1972 National Democratic Campaign in Miami Beach. When I ran in the first congressional district, I had to give a speech and was totally tongue-tied and probably whispered the whole thing. I lost that election, but Fred encouraged me to run at the state level. There I distributed fliers...
touting my accomplishments, made no speeches, and won easily. My week at the Democratic convention was a life-changing event. I have been fascinated by politics ever since.

I was divorced in 1973. Politics became my social life as well as an entry to employment. My first exposure to lawyers was when I took a job as a legal secretary for Harris Sherman, Brian Morgan, and Michael Katch, JD '68. Later I was on the paid staff for Tom Farley and Gary Hart's campaigns. Next I was the Docket Clerk for the Colorado House of Representatives, was administrative assistant to the Executive Director and Budget Analyst for the Office of State Planning and Budgeting, and moved up to Office Director of the Denver Election Commission. I decided to become a lawyer because I noticed that lawyers were the people who were changing policies. One of my lifetime goals has been working towards removing barriers that prevent people from achieving their potential.

Martinez: Is that what brought you to law school?

Phillips: Yes. Lawyers seem objective and action-oriented. As a 35-year old single mom, I felt old when I entered law school. Most of the students were in their early twenties. I met a group of women including Joan McWilliams, Mary Waits, Christie Trutt, Nancy Pertcheck, and Jon Pelegrin, and we supported each other through law school and remain friends today.

Polumbus: Do you have any favorite faculty memories?

Phillips: Kathy Krendi was a role model. She is bright, clear, and articulate. I met her through my involvement with the Democratic Party and during law school helped edit her book Colorado Methods of Practice. Later when I was a sole practitioner, I frequently asked myself: "Is there a Bradford form or a Krendi book to solve this problem?"

Martinez: When did you meet your husband, Steve?

Phillips: We met on a blind date three days before Christmas at the end of my first quarter of law school. We were married the following September, and I'm still not sure how I survived the first quarter of that year, adjusting to a new home, a new husband, and being a stepmother. Steve had custody of his two children: Thaddeus was eight and Morgan, four. Michael was eleven, and the five of us had a great deal of adjusting to do.

Polumbus: Have you enjoyed your legal career? And how did you end up a shareholder in Powers Phillips?

Phillips: I was fortunate to be a summer clerk with Sherman & Howard in 1961 where after law school I was hired as a municipal bond lawyer. In 1987, I left to join a small firm, Engel & Rudman to learn securities law. A year later I became a sole practitioner. In 1991, Kathy and Jay Powers and I formed Powers Phillips PC. Kathy has been a major inspiration and mentor to me. She is the best lawyer I know. We have a majority women-owned firm, and it is the best place I have ever worked.

Martinez: Tell us about the Bitches from Hell Reporter.

Phillips: When we formed our firm in 1991, we sent out the usual serious announcements that received little attention. After seeing the movie Thelma and Louise, Jay and Kathy came up with the idea of sending out a funny firm announcement to a few friends:

"Two Bitches from Hell
And a Short Fat Guy
Wish to Announce the Formation of POWERS PHILLIPS, PC.
A law firm emphasizing damn shaky deals in the tax exempt finance corporate and securities area.
Kathryn L. Powers
Mary M. Phillips
James L. Powers"

"Mr. Powers' practice will emphasize coffee preparation, briefcase carrying, limousine driving, and other matters to ensure the comfort and convenience of the Senior Attorneys."
People loved it and faxed it around to their friends. We became known as the "Bitches from Hell" law firm. We have published five issues of The Bitches from Hell Reporter and are in the midst of our sixth. Like the BFH announcement, the newsletter, written almost entirely by Jay Powers, our "short fat guy," and one of our two male partners, continues to be irreverent and somewhat outrageous. Our mailing list has grown from 800 to 4,000. It's been a marvelous marketing tool.

Martinez: Mary, you are receiving the Alumni Professionalism Award for your commitment to pro bono activities and social issues. To name a few, you were chair of the board of SafeHouse Denver, Inc. from 1996/1997 and continue to serve on the board today. I have worked with you on the Colorado Women's Bar Association where you served as president and on the Board of Governors of the Colorado Bar Association. What new community activities have you undertaken?

Phillips: Currently I am on the board of Colorado Unity. The group was formed to defend and promote affirmative action civil rights programs currently under attack in Colorado. In 1997, Colorado Unity was the lead group in efforts to defeat several proposed anti-affirmative action bills at the state legislature.

Polumbus: It's interesting that such "a shy child without much self-confidence" has become so capable of making change.

Phillips: When working for social change, people seem to be either confrontational or work in the soft underbelly of the system gnawing away at change. I prefer the latter. Students and new lawyers need to be aware that community involvement often leads to client development. It is possible to have a successful law practice and also spend energy affecting political and social change.

Ralph G. Torres
Outstanding Alumni Award

Martinez: Tell us about your childhood.

Torres: I was born in Las Cruces, New Mexico to Raymond and Annie Torres. When I was quite young, my parents were divorced. My mother and I moved in with my Grandpa Pete who was a major influence on me until his death in 1972. We were surrounded by relatives including my great grandmother Carmen who was 96 when I was born and lived to be 113, and my aunts, Josie and Eliza, were also always close by.

Las Cruces was a small desert town of about 15,000 people. My grandfather knew most of them. We mixed with everyone in town. Anglos and Hispanics lived on our block, and the Black Baptist church was on the corner. Our neighbors were important to me growing up, and many are still good friends.

At home, we spoke English and Spanish, often switching between them in the middle of a sentence. Grandpa Pete was a self-educated man who read the newspapers thoroughly each day. Politicians in the area always came by our house seeking his support. Grandpa took me with him everywhere he went. Sometimes, he took me to court to watch some of his favorite attorneys present their cases. Grandpa would introduce me to everyone from the judges to the court reporters. He always told me to be a lawyer when I grew up. I followed him around town loving the attention he showered on me.

My mother worked very hard to support me by finding jobs in a laundry, doing janitorial work, and working as a teacher's aide. Despite her hard work, she always stressed that education was the key to getting ahead in life. Our house was lively and fun. My Aunt Eliza took me to Spanish language movies while my mother preferred Sinatra and big band sounds.

Polumbus: Tell us about your schooling.

Torres: I attended Holy Cross Elementary school where my first grade teacher, Sister Herman Joseph, made a deep impression on me by making learning fun! She was a strict disciplinarian, but I ended up in the top reading group, the Blue Birds, and that was very important to me. While in grade school, I was frequently an altar boy. By about fourth grade, I decided that I wanted to switch to public school as I didn't want to go to mass everyday. It took me two years to accomplish the switch.

Martinez: When did you start working?

Torres: At about ten, I was washing dishes in a relative's Mexican restaurant. At twelve, I had a paper route and briefly "topped" onions. Harvesting onions was a horribly dirty, hot job, and I quickly realized there must be a better way of earning money. My friend and I bought a push lawn mower, and we started mowing lawns.

Polumbus: You were quite blessed to have been surrounded by so many loving relatives and friends. In addition to your family, who were your mentors?
Martinez: Were there in any disappointments in your childhood?

Torres: Not really. I do remember traveling with my stepfather to Dallas and in the airport noticing that there were two waiting rooms: one for whites, and one for coloreds. I knew that was wrong. I’ll never forget that experience.

Polumbus: What did you do after high school?

Torres: Two buddies and I drove out to California working at odd jobs and going to the beach as often as possible. My hay fever bothered me so much that I soon returned to Las Cruces where I joined the U.S. Army in 1959. I was sent to Ft. Chafee, Arkansas, where I experienced racism against African-Americans. It was a shock for me to see segregated water fountains, restrooms, and sitting in restaurants. I was assigned to attend Army Security Agency School at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, enabling me to see a whole different part of the country. In Boston, I saw Major League baseball with Ted Williams, Yogi Berra, Roger Maris, Mickey Mantle...all the greats I had always heard about. Following training, I was assigned to Eielson Air Force Base, 26 miles south of Fairbanks, Alaska, where I was a communication monitor. We listened to the Russians and Chinese on the radio deciphering Morse codes. The military actually did a good job of integrating us, and I had no trouble making friends with men of all races. While in the Air Force, I did a lot of reading, particularly in philosophy.

Martinez: What happened after the Air Force?

Torres: I entered New Mexico State in Las Cruces majoring in Accounting, with a minor in Economics. Following graduation, I knew exactly what I wanted to do. My Aunt Josie had read about DU Law School’s scholarship program for Hispanic students and urged me to apply. I remain forever grateful to Dean Robert Yegge who conceived the idea of a summer preparatory program for Hispanics and then tapped the Ford Foundation to provide scholarships to fund the training for myself and 10 other Hispanic students. I was in the first class to benefit from this program.

Polumbus: What was law school like for you?

Torres: I met Patricio Serna two weeks before school started, and we decided to become roommates. We have been good friends ever since. Otherwise, I knew no one. Law school was hard. Phil Linn directed the summer program for Hispanics. He drilled legal theories into our heads all day. Professor Bill Hough had a brilliant way of teaching us precise and cold analysis. The faculty was very supportive of our program. I remember Thompson Marsh and other faculty members attending our social functions as well as teaching us to think critically. Six of the eleven of us graduated with B averages. An evening of relaxation often was spent with Patricio Serna, Dick McManus, Paul Hunter, Jack Sloan, and Mike Carrington at the Thursday night services at the College Inn.

Martinez: What did you do after law school?

Torres: Howard Rosenberg hired me to work for Legal Services where I was assigned to the Adams County Legal Aid Office in Brighton, Colorado. Next I worked with Ken Padilla, Paul Baca, and Frederico Pena at the Mexican American
Legal Defense Office. From there I moved to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission where I became regional attorney. Since July 1986, I have been in private practice handling employment law cases.

**Polumbus:** I see your name on numerous community boards. Any favorites?

**Torres:** Mayor Pena appointed me to the Judicial Nominating Commission. I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to serve on diversified boards such as the American-Israel Friendship League, one of the founders of the Hispanic Bar Association, the Colorado Bar Association Board of Governors, and the Denver Performing Arts Complex, where I helped raise money to build the Buell theater. In 1993, I was appointed by Governor Roy Romer to serve on the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education. I will be chair of that board next year, and I am particularly proud to be giving back to education in return for all it has done for me.

**Martinez:** What do you see in the future?

**Torres:** I like practicing law and hope to do so for many years to come.

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**Professor Emeritus Chris Munch**

*Outstanding Faculty Award*

**Martinez:** Professor Munch, you were one of my favorite professors. It is an honor for me to be interviewing you as a DU Law Star. Tell us about growing up in Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

**Munch:** Our small town was a poor Pennsylvania town comprised of 8,000 immigrants and their families. The town was supported by the MacBeth Evans Glass Factory (today Corning, New York) and an ice company. Coal mines were located outside of town with steel mills nearby.

Fifty-two nationalities were represented in our town. At home, my parents spoke German and Polish. My best childhood friend spoke French at home. It was a wonderful way to grow up.

**Polumbus:** Tell us about some of your early memories.

**Munch:** None of us had any money. I remember playing street hockey with milk cans and tree branches. We entertained ourselves. When I was about eight, we returned to Germany to visit relatives. My uncle taught me to play the harmonica as we sat around the fire each night. When I returned to Pennsylvania for grade school, our music teacher thought my harmonica skills were wonderful. She helped us organize the Second Street School Harmonica Band that played at church suppers and school assemblies.

**Martinez:** What else do you remember about your childhood school days?

**Munch:** I was too skinny and uncoordinated to play basketball in junior high, so I joined the forensic and dramatic societies. A favorite memory is singing in the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, The Mikado.

Gladys Alsop was my English teacher. She was a strict disciplinarian and taught me the rules of grammar that I have never forgotten.

In 1939, our high school debating team won the Pennsylvania State Championship and we drove cross-country in a 1935 Ford to Beverly Hills, California, for the finals. We didn't win, but it was a marvelous exposure for some small town Pennsylvania kids.

**Polumbus:** Where did you go to college?

**Munch:** I received a full scholarship to Washington and Jefferson College. While there, I held several part-time jobs including car washing on weekends. One of my regular customers was the congressman from the 25th District in Pennsylvania. He liked my work, and by the end of the year, he got me an appointment to West Point. I had wanted to be a doctor, but when I arrived at West Point, I realized they didn't prepare you for medical school. When the US entered World War II, those of us who qualified were sent to pilot training. When I graduated from West Point, I was a rated pilot in the Army Air Corp.
Martinez: Were you sent to Europe?

Munch: In 1943, I contracted Graves's disease, an illness that affects spatial relations. My flying days ended. The English department at West Point wanted me to teach, so they sent me to Columbia University for a year of graduate study in English. I taught at West Point for three years. When that tour of duty was over, they asked me if I wanted to be an engineer, but I preferred law, so the Air Force sent me to law school at the University of Illinois.

Martinez: When do you meet your wife?

Munch: We met on a blind date arranged by her brother, a cadet with me at West Point. Anne is a triplet. She was a student nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City, and it was a difficult decision for her to leave nursing training and marry this skinny, brand new second lieutenant just out of flying school. We have six children, thirteen grandchildren, and celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary this year. I guess it all worked out fine. Nothing would have worked at all without her help and support.

Polumbus: Did you practice law before teaching?

Munch: Upon graduation from law school, I was ordered to Korea. I was assigned as a judge advocate officer, and after one month became the chief legal officer of the 5th Air Force in Korea. My legal career began trying cases for the military. Following Korea, I was sent to the Philippines as the Chief Legal Officer of the 13th Air Force at Clark Air Force base north of Manila. Anne joined me with our three children. When we returned to the States three years later, we had four children.

Polumbus: It seems to me that you have a knack for taking good advantage of the situation you are in. After the Philippines, then what?

Munch: I was ordered to Lowry Air Force base to become a member of the inaugural faculty of the newly formed Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. I arrived at the Academy before the first cadet arrived and had the privilege of organizing and chairing the law department for twelve years, teaching everything from introduction to law to federal government contracts. At the same time, I was Chief Legal Officer of the Academy.

In 1966, I received a sabbatical leave to teach as a visiting professor at DU College of Law. I formally retired from the Air Force in 1967 and joined the faculty at DU under the leadership of Dean Robert Yegge. Yegge had great vision, and I was excited to become a part of the faculty team. I started out as a full-time professor and academic dean.

My duties included everything from overseeing the registrar to heading up the admissions department. We instituted the pre-legal advisors visitation program inviting pre-law deans from distinguished undergraduate schools to spend two days on our campus meeting with students and faculty. This program helped us develop lasting relationships with Duke, Dartmouth, Denison, and Illinois, among other fine institutions. During my tenure, we actively started recruiting minorities including women to attend our law school and helped get the first children's day care center established at the law school. Today I understand 50% of the class is female, and we have graduated a significant group of minority attorneys. During my 25 years at the College of Law, I taught Contracts, Government Contracts, Agency and Partnership, and Patents, Trademarks and Copyrights.

Martinez: I understand you recently returned from California helping start up a new law school.

Munch: In 1995, I was asked to join the eight-person inaugural law faculty to establish an ABA accredited law school at Chapman University. We planned curriculum, we taught courses, we did what it took to get the school going. In February 1998, Chapman University Law School received their provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association and I returned to Denver.

Polumbus: the future?

Munch: I am working with Bob Dorr, JD '74 , on the third edition of our book, Protecting Trade Secrets, Patents, Trademarks and Copyrights. We work well together. I am of counsel for the firm of Dorr Carson Sloan & Birney.

I will be teaching the intellectual property class this fall semester. I continue to receive phone calls from former students. They are a very important part of my life and always will be.
PROFESSORS VISITING
Terry O'Neill and her husband Tom Carbonneau have been visiting professors over the last two semesters. O'Neill is teaching Corporations and Unincorporated Associations, and Carbonneau is teaching International Business Transactions and International Arbitration. Both are professors at Tulane University School of Law—O'Neill specializing in Feminist Legal Theory and Corporate Governance Theory and Carbonneau in international arbitration and international business transactions.

Elizabeth Chambliss is also visiting this year. She is teaching Constitutional Law and a Civil Rights Seminar. She received both her Ph.D. in sociology and her JD from the University of Wisconsin. She recently published a study about the dynamics of gender and race integration in the legal profession. She is currently working on a study of law firm culture.

POETRY FELLOW
Professor Jacqueline St. Joan was awarded a 1998 Fellowship in Literature for Poetry from the Colorado Council for the Arts.

DENVER BAR AWARD WINNER
Dean Emeritus Robert B. Yegge, JD'58/MA'59, received the Professionalism Award from the Denver Bar Association for a lifetime of service. He was appointed by the American Bar Association to a three-year term on the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Assistants.

Dean Yegge was also honored at a benefit for the Legal Center October 23, 1998. The benefit was a “light roast,” honoring Dean Yegge’s outstanding contributions to the legal community.

INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION DELEGATE
Professor Rock Pring has been appointed one of two U.S. delegates to the Academic Advisory Group for the section on Energy & National Resources Law of the International Bar Association.

ADULT LEARNING STUDY RESULTS REPORTED
Professor John Reese, a National Center on Adult Learning 1998 fellow, attended the annual NCAL council meeting in New York to report the results of a three-year study of learning styles preferences of 900 DU College of Law students. The study, which continues to receive national recognition, will develop specific techniques for students and teachers to better connect in the law school learning environment and to enhance student learning. NCAL provided partial funding for the project.

PROFESSORS IN THE MEDIA
The Denver Post published an article by Vice Provost Ved Nanda on the economic and political environment in Asia. The Rocky Mountain News quoted Professor Paul Dempsey in a story on how growth has reduced airline fares, and Professor Jan Laitos commented on the constitutional power of the special prosecutor on KWGN-TV2 and KCNC-TV4.
PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Professor Jan Laitos was keynote or principal speaker at three conferences: the annual summer Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute conference in Snowmass, the annual meeting of the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States, and a conference sponsored by the Georgetown University Law Center in San Francisco on “Successfully Litigating Regulatory Takings Claims.” In early fall Aspen Law and Business published his treatise entitled, “The Law of Property Protection.”

College of Law Lecturer Robert D. Miller, M.D., Ph.D., has been busy over the last few years. Between 1996 and the present, he has more than 20 publications or presentations. In 1998, publications include “The Forced Administration of Sex-drive Reducing Medications to Sex Offenders: Treatment or Punishment?” in Psychol. Pub. Pol. Law, in press and “Advance Directives for Psychiatric Treatment: A View from the Trenches” in Psychol. Pub. Pol. Law, in press. His 1998 presentations include “Forensic Psychiatry” at the Pre-Med Society of Cherry Creek Schools in March and a presentation at the ACLU Forum on Chemical Castration: Clinical and Constitutional Issues at the College of Law.

In April, Professor Steve Pepper presented a paper at the Hofstra University School of Law conference on “Legal Ethics: Access to Justice.” In September he presented a paper at the South Texas College of Law symposium on “The Lawyer’s Duty to Promote the Common Good.” The paper was titled: The Lawyer’s Ethical Responsibility in the Gap Between Law and Justice.”

Professor George “Rock” Pring addressed the Colorado Hazardous Waste Management Society on “International Hazwaste Exports: Toxic Threat or Free Trade?” in April. The talk was based on a forthcoming chapter in the 2nd edition of Vice Provost Ved Nanda’s treatise International Environmental Law and Policy, which they co-authored.

Professor Edward Ziegler’s presentation “Zoning for New Urbanist Development” at the Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute’s 1998 annual conference is being published in the journals: Urban Land (Urban Land Institute), Land Development (National Association of Homebuilders), and Zoning News (American Planning Association). His articles on “The Telecommunications Act and Local Control of Cellular Towers and Facilities” and “Federal Preemption of Zoning for Satellite Dishes and Antennae” will be published this fall in West Group’s Zoning & Planning Law Report. In June Professor Ziegler was the keynote speaker in Scottsdale at a conference on growth and land development, jointly sponsored by the Arizona Bar Association and the Arizona Planning Association. He was also the special guest speaker in August in Redlodge, Montana for the program “Growth Management in the Rocky Mountain West,” sponsored by the Greater Yellowstone Coalition and the Beartooth Frontrange Forum, and delivered the keynote address in September on “Growth Management in the West” at the Nevada Planning Association’s annual conference in Las Vegas. Recent chapters in his zoning treatise published by West Group include “Zoning for Airports and Nearby Lands,” “Single-Family Zoning and Alternative Residential Uses and Living Arrangements,” and “Zoning and Official Map Restrictions.”
Virtual Changes for Westminster Law Library

Patty Wellington, Reference Services Coordinator

Change is sweeping through the Westminster Law Library. From card catalogs to wegbats, from shelves of reporters to a shiny CD-ROM, from a library within four walls to a library floating in cyberspace...new staff positions and a greater emphasis on technology are changing the look of your law library.

Last spring, the College of Law’s Computer Services Department merged with the library under the direction of Gary Alexander, assistant dean of information services and library director. Many of the recent changes involve upgrades in technology.

The College of Law upgraded all faculty members to laptop or desktop Pentium computers and also upgraded computers in the three student labs to Pentiums. New student printers were purchased. All students, faculty, and staff were migrated from a Novell server to NT servers, and operating systems were upgraded from Windows 95 to NT Workstation. These changes provide a more stable and robust computing environment.

A 40-station laptop area on the second floor is currently under development. When completed, this area will allow students to access network services (email, Lexis & Westlaw, electronic databases) via their personal laptops. Plans include wiring study rooms to allow additional network access.

Change could not have occurred without the hard work of the library and Computing Services staff. Several positions have been added or modified in the last 18 months. The College of Law hired a library instruction coordinator to encourage the integration of teaching technologies into the classroom. She is also teaching a new three-credit Advanced Legal Research course. Thirty-six students enrolled this semester and the course will be offered to evening students in the spring.

Other new positions to support the educational mission of the library include two electronic services specialists, two part-time computer technicians to staff the helpdesk, and a web librarian to create departmental and course WebPages.

If you have searched our library catalog, you may have noticed another change – we are no longer a CARL library. Instead you can search our new III database via the Internet (http://www.law.du.edu/library/) from your home or office. You can view records, renew materials, and make purchasing suggestions online. Law school alumni are provided with free borrowing privileges and inter-library loan services for the first 10 years following graduation.

The catalog also allows access to other Colorado libraries. The web catalog has been integrated into a newly redesigned library homepage. This site provides a starting point for legal research sites on the Internet. You will also notice an Electronic Resources link for the many legal and non-legal electronic databases that the library subscribes to via the Internet.

As the new millenium approaches, the only constant for the Library is that things will continue to change as we strive to provide the best possible service to our alumni, students, faculty, and staff.
College Of Law Campaign Goal Increased After Reaching $8 Million

Johanna E. Kelly, Executive Director Development and External Affairs

As part of the University of Denver Campaign, the College of Law is working to raise $10 million by the end of the year 2000. The success of the law campaign is not supporting the proliferation of cranes and construction vehicles currently evident on the University Park Campus. Rather, the College of Law campaign is focused on raising endowment and current use funds for law student scholarships, law faculty support, and core College of Law programming.

Recent gifts to the law school include a $100,000 commitment from W. Robert Delaney, a 1946 graduate of the Westminster Law School. Bob Delaney has been active with the law school as a member of the Law Alumni Council and as a volunteer on the western slope. Earlier this year, Bob started a dialogue with Dean Yegge about helping the law school examine the effectiveness of its academic and career services programming, both from the student and the employers' perspective. Also a parent of a third-year law student, Diane Delaney, Bob is interested in ensuring that the law school is able to keep its academic rigor parallel and responsive to the changing legal market.

Assessment of programming is an ongoing necessity in education. We are particularly grateful to Bob Delaney for his generous gift to assist the law school in this effort.

In November 1997 the College of Law reached its initial campaign goal of $8 million through the generosity of alumni and friends. The majority of the gifts and pledges are directed towards scholarships for law students. Increasing the available funds for student scholarships is the single highest priority for this campaign.

Other highlights of the campaign to date include an endowed chair and an endowed professorship, increased resources for the law library, endowment support for the natural resources programs, and the clinical programs. Please consider making a gift to the law school in the area of your choice. Call the development office at 303/871-6117 to explore the many different gift options and ways in which you can make a gift.

This fall, Dean Newton is using the first part of Delaney's five-year gift to take a close look at the legal writing and lawyering process programs with the dual goal of overall improvement and increased student satisfaction.

A W. Robert Delaney, JD'46, at a recent alumni reception with Heidi Anderson.
Alumni and Students Connect in Career Services Office

From Career Services Director Anne Stark Walker, JD’85

Our most valuable resource is our alumni. Continuing its expansion of programming and services, the Career Services Office has a new program up and running where students can more easily benefit from the knowledge and experience of alumni. CareerFocus connects students and graduates with alumni who can provide information about different fields of practice, job markets, local bar associations, or geographic locations. To help address the diverse interests of our students, we hope to involve a great number of alumni from a variety of locations and backgrounds. This means that we would like to involve YOU.

Why participate in CareerFocus? Perhaps you want to share information about your area of legal expertise. Maybe you are willing to talk to students or graduates who want to relocate to your part of the country. Perhaps, when you were a law student, someone gave you advice that helped define your own career goals and now you would like to do the same for a current law student. CareerFocus allows you to reach out to College of Law students and graduates.

We hope that CareerFocus will grow into a large and active alumni network. If it does, CareerFocus will not only benefit students who are seeking advice, but may also assist alumni who are relocating or changing careers.

We would love to hear from you and make you a part of this exciting new program. We appreciate your involvement in this program and in the many others in which our alumni make such a difference to our students and school. For your convenience, fill out the postcard in this magazine to sign up for the program. If you have any questions, please call the Career Services Office at 303/871-6124.
REGISTRAR AND OPERATIONS DIRECTOR LEAVE

Registrar Emita Samuels and Operations Director Sally Maresh, JD’92, both took their leave of the College of Law in September.

Emita Samuels worked for the College of Law for more than 22 years. For the past 11 years, she was the registrar. She reassured hundreds of students who thought that they would not survive dozens of examinations. She cornered numerous faculty members, including those who thought that they would be safe by staying off campus, and demanded overdue grades. Her office was decorated with colorful postcards, souvenirs, and photos sent by travelling students, alumni, faculty, and staff over the years. She will be missed.

Said Samuels, “It is with both sadness and excitement that I leave my position to assume responsibilities as director of admissions, registration and records at the Community College of Denver. It is difficult to leave so many alumni, students, faculty and staff that I have come to know and regard so warmly. However, the position I accepted offers many new challenges and opportunities for professional growth.

My plans are to continue ties with the University of Denver and in particular with the College of Law community. My hopes are to develop stronger relationships between CCD and DU. It has been a wonderful experience. My fondest memories are the ones I shared with many students throughout my time at the College of Law. If you are ever on Auraria Campus, please look me up!”

Sally Maresh first joined the College of Law 9½ years ago as the office manager of the Student Law Office. In 1989 she began studies as an evening division law student and earned her JD in 1992. Sally stayed with the SLO after graduating and soon came to work in the dean’s suite. Last December, she was named the Assistant Dean of Administration. Sally’s insights aided us as we worked to make this the best possible environment in which to work and to learn.

HALL & EVANS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

July 23, 1998

Hall & Evans/Downtown Denver Partnership Scholarship was announced at the annual meeting of the Downtown Denver Partnership. The 1998/1999 recipient of the scholarship, College of Law student Aaron Bradford (r), received a plaque from Hall & Evans partner Bruce Menk (l).

Hall & Evans partner Bruce Menk congratulates student Aaron Bradford (l-r).
LAW ALUMNI COUNCIL MEETING

August 8, 1998
At this summer’s Law Alumni Council meeting, retiring council members were recognized: Pete Willis, JD’68; Terence Ridley, JD’85 and Susan Nelson Mickus, JD’96. Former Chairperson Phil Johnson, JD’74 was recognized and thanked for his time, commitment, and leadership as chair of the council over the past two years. Dean Emeritus Robert B. Yegge, JD’58/MA’59, was recognized for his leadership, and Dean Nell Jessup Newton was welcomed. Professor Jan Laitos gave a presentation on the Natural Resources/ Environmental Law program and Cathryn Saylor Peterson presented the new direction of the internship/ externship program.

After business was over, past and present council members gathered for a special reception and dinner to introduce Dean Nell Jessup Newton to alumni members. The event was the first in an ongoing effort for Dean Newton to meet our College of Law community members.

CLOSING PICNIC, SUMMER PREPARATORY PROGRAM

August 8, 1998
Professor Burt Brody held a picnic to celebrate the completion of the eighteenth Summer Prep Program. The four-week program introduces approximately 100 students from the incoming class to the rigors of legal education. During the program, students are introduced to legal concepts and the study habits necessary for legal education so that they can be better prepared when their classes begin in the fall.

Summer Prep students enjoying lunch at the picnic.
MSLA GRADUATION

August 15, 1998
The 27th MSLA graduation was held at the usual spectacular location of Yegge Peak above Tiny Town, Colorado. Seven graduates recounted their summer internship experiences while MSLA faculty, alumni, new students, staff, friends, internship supervisors, and other legal administration professionals challenged the students with thought provoking exercises and questions about their experiences. Four of the seven students had legal administration positions upon graduation, one had matriculated into the JD program at the University of Denver College of Law, and the remaining two had hot irons in the fire and are now employed. Joe Trotter, Director of the Justice Programs Office at American University, spoke at the graduation sending graduates into a “most challenging and rewarding profession.” Besides the rain, it was another gorgeous and productive 27th MSLA wrap-up and graduation at Yegge Peak.

NATHAN BURKAN MEMORIAL COMPETITION AWARDS

September 1, 1998
Student Natalie Norman, 3rd year, and alumnus Adam Wolf, JD'98, were the winners of the Nathan Burkau Memorial Competition. Wolf, with his paper entitled “Extent of Copyright Protection Afforded to Factual Compilations with a Specific Focus on the Copyrightability of Electronic Legal Databases after the Supreme Court’s 1991 Feist Decision,” won first prize. Norman’s paper won second prize: “Internet Service Provider Liability of Third-Party Copyright Infringement: A Reactive Model.”
ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAND USE INSTITUTE SECOND ANNUAL COLLEGIUM AND RETREAT

October 23 and 24, 1998
Students, faculty, lawyers, planners, professors from throughout the country and citizen activists came together for the Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute’s First Annual Conference on Environmental Protection and Growth Management in the West. The 1 1/2-day conference, funded in part by a grant from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, gave participants an opportunity to hear experts speak, to discuss what is and what is not working, and to share possible solutions as to the mitigation of the impact of land use and development on the natural environment and aesthetics of the West.

The Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute at the College of Law has achieved national distinction as a forum for the non-partisan and interdisciplinary examination and discussion of critical land use issues in the Rocky Mountain West. In addition to its annual spring conference, the largest of its kind in North America, it is widely recognized for the quality of its research projects, workshops, and nationally marketed publications and videos.

STUDENT BOARD WORKING ON 1998/1999 MOOT COURT EVENTS

The Moot Court Board is planning competitions for the year and is looking for alumni in all fields of practice to participate. Upcoming competitions include the ABA Client Counseling Competition (February 6, 1999), the Jessup Cup International Law Appellate Competition (March 6, 1999), and the Barrister's Cup Appellate Advocacy Competition (April 9-12, 1999). The Moot Court Board is grateful for help from alumni over the past year and hopes for more volunteers this year. For more information, call 303/871-6338.

ROTHGERBER MOOT COURT COMPETITION

September 26, 1998
Moot Court Board sponsored the annual Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons negotiation competition. Over 30 teams and 60 students participated with about 20 judges, including Stephan Berkowitz, JD’68; Michael Brooks, JD’95; Randy Jackson, JD’96; Patrick Kanouff, JD’95; Rico Mann, JD’96; Richard Shea, JD’95; Will Willis, JD’96; and David Zwisler, JD’96. The winning team included Nicole Sayers and Mark J. Fidel, and the second place team included Connie Krumen and Richard D. Spilde, Jr. Herbert “Woody” Davis, hiring partner at Rothgerber, presented the awards. Joel Glover, also a partner with Rothgerber, presented a negotiation workshop prior to the event and also served as a judge. Students Matt Ochs and John Stevens, coordinators of the competition, would like to thank the Moot Court Board for their assistance.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS RECEPTION

June 12, 1998
Thanks to reception committee co-chairs Robert Delaney, JD’46, and Cindy Goettle Tester, JD’93, the Glenwood Springs area reception and CLE program went well for the second year. J. Thomas Macdonald of Otten Johnson Robinson Neff & Ragonetti presented a CLE program entitled Ethical Issues in Land Use Law. Mr. Macdonald has been involved in the College of Law’s Land Use Institute.

The program was a forerunner for a land use CLE program that will be held next summer in the Vail area, which will be sponsored by the College of Law and Daniels College of Business.

CHICAGO ALUMNI RECEPTION

July 14, 1998
Jim Moylan, JD’72, hosted a Chicago alumni breakfast reception in July at his firm Arnstein & Lehr. Jeff Frishman, LLM’91, attended and is now planning another event for Chicago-area alumni this winter at his firm of Winston & Strawn.

COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION CONVENTION RECEPTION

September 11, 1998
Held in Keystone this year, the CBA convention was a great location for enjoying fall in the Colorado mountains. Almost 100 alumni and friends enjoyed the College of Law reception. At the reception, Dean Nell Jessup Newton energized the audience with her observations about and vision for the College of Law.
RECENT GRADUATE REUNION

October 8, 1998
Reunion committee chairs Susan Nelson Mickus, JD’96, and Lisa Joiner, JD’96, put together another excellent reunion—this year at Sevilla at the icehouse downtown. At the first planning committee, more than 25 alumni gathered at Holland & Hart to meet Dean Nell Jessup Newton. The reunion is an annual event for alumni up to five years out of law school.
Irving Andrews, JD'50 (1925-1998)

Irving Andrews graced Colorado courts with his quick mind, legal prowess, and dignity for more than 40 years. He took part in groundbreaking cases such as *Brown vs. Board of Education*, the historic civil rights case that ended segregation in our nation's schools.

Andrews' memorial service, held July 1, 1998, at the College of Law's Whatley Chapel, was an admirable representation of the influence he had on others. An eclectic mix of friends, family, and colleagues stood up to tell anecdotes, express condolences, and share what Andrews taught them. The occasion was both a celebration of Andrew's life and a ceremony to grieve for the loss of such a presence.

Andrews seemed to have a profound effect on everyone he met. "He taught me life, language, compassion, struggle, tolerance, and commitment. He taught me not to just look, but to see," wrote Leonard Davies in a letter read at the service. Andrews was praised as the best lawyer many had seen or known, and remained eloquent to the end of his life. Irving Andrews was a lawyer's lawyer.

Andrews combated the racism and opposition facing him with grace and dignity. During World War II, when the armed services were still segregated, he served in the Navy for three years and excelled to become one of the few Black ensigns. After his service, he was admitted to Yale. Bound for the East, he stopped to stay with his mother, stepfather, and grandmother in Colorado Springs. Seeing the hardships that they were facing, he decided to stay in Colorado and forego his Ivy League education in favor of familial duties. He enrolled at Colorado College and spent three years at the undergraduate level before graduating early as a member of Phi Beta Kappa and continuing on to DU College of Law where he again graduated at the top of his class.

A: Irving Andrews (third from left) with Martin Luther King, Jr. and other colleagues and friends.
Andrews met his wife, Evelyn, and her two boys, Al and Steve, through their church group. Andrew's stepson, Judge Alfred Harrell, JD'71, recalls his mother sitting him down for a talk to explain that it was okay if he didn't call her new husband "Dad." To this he responded by looking squarely at Andrews and announcing, "Hi, Dad."

Andrews married his second wife Sara in 1982, who remained with him until his death. He had five more children: Irving, Eric, Liz, Leah, and Lynn. Andrews spent much time reading to the children and serving as what his daughter Liz Andrews called her "dictionary and encyclopedia." He shared with all of his family his love for learning and his passion for justice and acceptance.

Andrews began his law career in the 1940s when the Black community in Denver was fairly small, church-based, and very closely knit. It was this small community that nurtured and supported Andrews in his early years. Using office space donated by a friend rent-free, his wife as his secretary, and the support and referrals of the Black community, Andrews' practice was almost immediately successful. He moved the practice into the American Woodman Annex and started work. Robert Roan and now-Judge John Kane, Jr., JD'60, both worked with him as friend and partner for many years.

Throughout his career, Andrews often worked for free or in exchange for services or goods. His unyielding belief in his duty to uphold the law, his commitment to his clients, and his insatiable appetite for knowledge made Andrews a hero for many lawyers, students, and friends. Andrews acted as "a voice for those without voice," according to Judge Harrell, and as a public defender to many of his poorer clients over the years. Close friend and colleague Walter Gerash, JD'56, called Andrews "the man that would save them from criminal law."

Andrews remained dedicated to his profession through years of disappointment and struggle as a Black lawyer and a Black man. Through these difficult years he rarely complained and continued to perform brilliantly and with the highest degree of professionalism. "Irving was a fascinating guy. He suffered a lot from racism, but he never let on," said Gerash.

In spite of all obstacles and deterrents, Andrews was involved in an amazing range of events—from historic cases such as Brown vs. the Board of Education, to peace talks in Paris, to murder trials and misdemeanors in Colorado courts. He handled all of his endeavors with the same skill and humanity.

Among many others, Andrews' honors include the creation of the Irving Andrews Scholarship by the Sam Carey Law Association, the Jonathon Olom Award from the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, the Anti-Defamation League's Civil Rights Award and the Torch Bearers Award recognizing him as one of Colorado's "Living Legends" for his civil rights work. He was on the board of directors for the National Association for the advancement of Colored People and served on a number of federal and state bar committees.

I was in law school primarily because I was interested in constitutional law—because Plessy v. Ferguson was the ruling authority in the U.S.

-Margaret Hamilton
Milton Morris sent us this picture of his classmates taken at Woodland Park Retreat after a Bar Refresher course given by Gordon Johnston. Shown are Charles Ozias, Gordon Johnston, Marvin Pepper, Eugene Schaetzl, Lawrence Henry, Barry Jones, Alfred Heinicke, William Parks, Joe Strickland, Gerald Kay, Cecil Zeitlin, Dave Griffith, Forrest O'Dell, and Milt Morris. (Classmates may not be standing in this order).

1947
William Sackman received the Outstanding Government Leader award from the Chamber of Commerce of Hancock County, Ohio.

1948
Ralph (Gus) Ball attended his 50th class reunion and sent us this lovely photo of some of his classmates.

1951
Herb Delaney received a nice write-up in the Rocky Mountain News. At 73, he's still a trial attorney in Denver, the No. 2 ranked singles player in the age 70 bracket, and the No. 1 ranked doubles player with his partner Dick Bottinelli of Grand Junction. We received a nice card from him in which he added that he also performs as a magician, sings at piano bars, and works out every day doing 1,000 sit-ups as well as jumping rope for 30 minutes. Wow!

1952
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The responses I have received from members of our class of '52 indicate that those of us who are "alive and kicking" fall into two groups: those who are still actively engaged in the practice of law (notwithstanding the dramatic changes which have occurred over the past 46 years when we began our practices) and those who are happily enjoying their retirement and are engaging in myriad interesting, challenging, and stimulating endeavors and activities.

Ed Fikany was the first to respond to my letter of August 5. He faxed me a note on the same day he received my letter. Ed now lives in Denver and in Rancho Mirage, California (during the winter months). He states that he is retired and is "gainfully employed in the pursuit of happiness." He reports that "we (wife, 5 children, 11 grandchildren) are all well and good citizens."

Bob Appel sent me a letter updating his present whereabouts and doings, advising that he left the law firm then known as Rothergerber, Appel, Powers & Johnson two years ago and moved to offices on South University Boulevard where he enjoys a more leisurely and less intense practice. He advised that he spends no time fighting traffic on the valley highway or reading interoffice memos, which leaves him more time for his grandchildren and biking, both of which he thoroughly enjoys. He states that he presently concentrates on estate planning and administration which will all go away if some U.S. senators have their way and
abolish IRS. I enjoyed sitting with Bob and his wife at the College of Law Alumni Council dinner in early August, at which time we had the pleasure of meeting and being introduced to the new dean of the College of Law, Nell Jessup Newton. She made quite an impression on all that were present.

Ralph Taylor sent me a note stating that he was glad to see that “I am still hanging in there with the other practitioners.” Ralph advised me that while some pleasant recollections often surface in his thoughts, he still finds that the pleasure of not working full time overrides any emotions to the contrary. He finds it so easy to fill the time with hobbies, homework, exercise, and light socializing and finds that he is one of the many who wonder aloud “how did I ever have time for work?”—or the contrary: “How did I ever manage to get through all of the essentials while working full time?” In any event, he states that this lifestyle at his stage in life seems to fit for him, even though there is nothing physical (nor, he hopes mental) precluding professional activity.

Jack Greenwald sent me a note reporting that he is grateful to the Almighty in that he continues to practice law in Denver, continues to travel (he has been to every continent), and continues to write in the mechanics lien field. Jack is contributing a chapter on “mechanics liens” in a new book to be published by CLE of Colorado, Inc., tentatively entitled Colorado Construction Law. Jack has also maintained his participation in a number of communal institutions and presently serves as president of the East Denver Orthodox Synagogue.

John Doyle sent a most interesting letter advising that he has been practicing law in Lincoln, Nebraska, since graduating from the College of Law in the spring of 1952. He has engaged in a general practice with considerable trial work throughout the years. He states that he has enjoyed the practice and since he is in good health, will continue indefinitely. In the middle 60s, he developed an interest in the disease of alcoholism and has done a lot of volunteer work in the field, which is still ongoing. As a volunteer, he served as a chair of the board of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies. He states that it was most interesting work when NCA took on the Reagan Administration in 1981, opposing their attempts to shut down the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Addiction.

I received a call from Gayle Smith, who was Gayle Madden when attending Westminster Law School. Gayle resides in Evergreen, Colorado, and maintains a very busy schedule of travelling and playing bridge. She has played in bridge tournaments in Shanghai and Beijing, China; Ankara, Turkey; and in the international bridge tournament in Tel Aviv, Israel. Her present legal work involves pro bono work, primarily for elderly people in the areas of insurance, probate, and wills. Gayle graduated from Westminster with an LLB in 1952.

Bob Cole, now of Mesa, Arizona, sent a note signing off as “your friend from the Valley of the Sun.” Bob expressed his pleasure in reading the alumni section of the Law Alumni Magazine. He mentioned that he has found two large photographs taken in March of ‘52, showing the prospective graduates in one picture and the members of PDP Legal Fraternity in the other. If anyone would like a copy, he would be pleased to have copies made from his original. Bob can be reached at: 5735 E. McDowell Road, #134, Mesa, Arizona, 85215-1435. His phone is 602/981-8426.

Bob Vaughn of Elko, Nevada, kindly dropped me a note advising that he has nothing further to report concerning him or Jack Hull, his law partner for 44 years. Bob was pleased with my report in the last edition of the Law Alumni Magazine, describing his activities and the activities of Jack, both before and after Jack’s retirement from the practice of law. I hope to receive an update from Bob and Jack for some future publication.

Once again, I am sorry to report the death of another member of our class, Robert L. Tomsic. I received a note from Bob’s sister, Josephine Getz, who informed me that Bob passed away on May 4, 1998. I called Josephine to express my condo-

1959

Robert F. Watson is both a partner at the Ft. Worth, Texas, law firm of Law, Snake & Gambill and general counsel for USPA and IRA, a company that markets mutual funds and insurance to the military. Watson serves on the College of Law Alumni Council and attended the August meeting accompanied by his wife Marietta.
1960
William S. Wilkinson from East Lansing, Michigan, represented the College of Law at the dedication of the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University where Gerald R. Ford gave the keynote address.

1964
Don Kortz spent three years launching the Rose Community Foundation and recently returned to his former employer, Fuller and Co., one of Denver's largest commercial real estate brokerages. He is co-chairman of the board of Fuller and Co. along with founders John Fuller and Al Strauch.

1965
Jon Nicholls was honored by the Denver Bar Association's Barrister's Ball for his generous contribution of time providing free legal services to the poor.

1969
Vincent Zarleno, attorney and certified public accountant joined the Denver firm of Hall & Evans as special counsel.

1971
Hon. Al Harrell, Denver County Court judge, received the Denver Bar Association's Award of Merit for promoting race and gender-neutral membership in the American Inns of Court. In addition, he was praised for the time he spends mentoring children.

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I read where Mike Jones has become active as a board member for the Colorado chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Consequently, I telephoned him to see what he had been doing for the last 23 years.

Mike reports that he began his legal career with the Denver office of Hall & Evans. He was made a partner there in 1980 and continues his practice at the firm. The majority of Mike's work involves health care law and litigation. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and was elected president of the Colorado Defense and Trial Lawyer's Association in 1992. He has served as the chairperson of the Trial Tactics Section of the Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel from 1990 to 1993.

Mike and his wife have two children, Lindsey (11) and Matt (8). Mike and Mary are kept very busy with the usual parenting demands, which they thoroughly enjoy.

Mike lost his father to Lou Gehrig's disease and saw service for the MS Society as a marvelous opportunity to continue his extra-legale charitable activities. We congratulate him for his continuing community service.

Randy Barnhart called to inform me of the tragic death of Judge R. Steven Herrera. I contacted Ralph Torres who had continued his close personal and professional friendship with Judge Herrera since graduation. Ralph's comments can be found in the "In Memorium" section of this magazine. After reading Ralph's comments, in addition to contributing to the scholarship fund, we might also wish to evaluate our level of commitment to those principles that were the polestar of Steve's life.

1975
James Buchanan received the Kenneth Norman Kriple Lifetime Achievement Award from the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association.

1977
Marti Phillips Albright accepted the position as General Counsel for the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee effective July 1998. She is looking forward to working with Senator McCain and his staff at Commerce. Formerly she was Colorado's Chief Deputy Attorney General working under her classmate Attorney General Gale Norton.

John P. Ford is Minority Counsel to the House Commerce Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. His areas of responsibility include FDA, public health service, and related matters.

David H. Miller received the Liberty Bell award for his work in civil rights at the annual June Denver Bar Association's award meeting.

1978
Dennis B. Polk writes that he continues trying civil cases and is a shareholder with Holley Albertson & Polk in Golden, Colorado. He received a Colorado Bar Association professionalism award at their June meeting and began serving a term as CBA vice president effective through June 1999.

1979
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I think everyone is on vacation! We had a few responses to my request for news of our class. Please keep us advised of where you are and what you are doing.

I'll start since I do have some news to report. After working at Fairfield and Woods, P.C., for 23 years (in one position or another), I decided to leave and try something else. It has been one great temp job. I originally came to F&W as a temporary secretary for four days, and they just couldn't get rid of me. I went from secretary to law clerk to associate to shareholder/director—and then thought I would see what else was out there. I am pleased to announce that starting in October, I became in-house general counsel for Transwest Trucks. Transwest sells and leases trucks and trailers and also operates a GM dealership. There are four locations—in Commerce City, Grand Junction,
Missoula, and Albuquerque. I'll be near the dog track, so let's have lunch at the Mile High Kennel Club. I have it on good authority that the ice cream there is very good! All of my new numbers and my address will be included in the next Law Alumni Magazine, so don't lose touch. In the meantime, I can always be reached at the addresses and the numbers listed above.

Bruce Deadman has written to fill us in on the status of his bet with Judge Chris Cross. The bet is finally paid off! The orange shirt, however, clashed with the green and gold of Lambeau Field. Bruce is still involved with Wisconsin Ducks Unlimited, and his new volunteer position will probably bring him to Denver next spring. Look out!

We also received some very interesting news from Baine Kerr. Baine's legal novel, Harmful Intent, will be published in April 1999 by Scribner (Simon & Schuster). Baine just returned from a one-year sabbatical in The Hague working at the War Crimes Tribunal as a legal journalist and in Bosnia as an elections supervisor. It appears that Baine is still at Hutchinson Black and Cook, LLC, in Boulder, when he's not traveling, since his letter came in an envelope from that law firm. Baine's phone number is 303/442-6514.

Norman Meyer is on the JD'79 mailing list but wants me to remind everyone that he is an MSIA graduate, not a JD. Norman has just hired Susan K. Tidwell, a 1997 JD/MSLA graduate from DU, to be the Civil Supervisor, Clerk of Court's Office, for the Alexandria Division of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Norman is Clerk of Court. In addition, Meghan Sullivan, 1998 MSLA graduate, just completed an internship in Norman's office. Norman acknowledges that the news is not about him per se, but it's great of him to help fill his staff with DU graduates.

After having spent 14 years as head litigation partner in a firm in Morristown, New Jersey, Robert A. Smith ventured out with one of his partners and an associate and started Smith & Doran in March of 1996. They have since added one more person. Robert reports that they are working just as hard but enjoying it a great deal more. Robert is trying to simplify things a bit. Smith & Doran, P.C., is located at 60 Washington Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 (973/292-0016).

Cheryl Crandall Tangen has let us know that after practicing for 18 years, the last 16 of which have been in an in-house capacity with one financial institution after another (the last stint being the longest at six years with Bank United in Houston), she also decided to throw caution to the winds and hang out her own shingle. Cheryl has an office that is seven minutes by car, twenty minutes by bicycle, from her home—contrasted with the 1 and 1/2 hour commute each way that she suffered through for the preceding six years. Business is good, and Cheryl is trying to get used to having fun when things are kind of slack. Like many of us, Cheryl states that she still can't escape the notion that she has yet to find out what she wants to do when she "grows up"; could this be it? Cheryl can be reached at Cheryl Crandall Tangen, P.C., 1610 Woodstead Court, Suite 440, The Woodlands, Texas 77380; e-mail: (work) ctangen@compuserve.com; (home) tangenant@aol.com.

1980
M. J. Bogatin is affiliated with the firm Bogatin Berchenko & Corman in San Francisco. They emphasize intellectual property, arts, employment, and business law. He spoke at the CLE Arts Forum in Santa Fe, New Mexico in August.

1981
Kathryn A. Reeves has become a shareholder with Katz Look & Moison in Denver. Her practice emphasizes estate administration, real estate planning, and taxation.

1982
Christina M. Habas has joined Bruno Bruno & Colin in Denver.

Mary Moser has become counsel to Wade Ash Woods Hill & Farley in Denver.

Henry Root joined Bruce Grakal and Rick Rosenthal to form a full service entertainment law firm in Santa Monica, CA. Root is a former associate director of legal and business affairs for MCA Records, Inc., a director and officer of the California Copyright Conference, and a founding member of the Board of Governors of the Academy of Interactive Arts and Sciences. He is a frequent panelist and lecturer.

Root serves as counsel for Sinbad and the annual HBO Soul Music Festival; outside counsel to On-Line Entertainment, the largest internet pay-per-listen system.

Charles M. Pratt has moved to Clahan Tanner Downing & Knowlton in Denver as special counsel and continues to practice civil litigation and general commercial matters.

David Schollenberger is a partner with Osborne Clarke in their London office. He specializes in acting for North American and United Kingdom high technology companies and is particularly known for his work with Dell.

1983
In August, Karen M. Ashby was sworn in as the first Black woman to become a Denver district judge. Previously she was a private attorney who handled criminal cases and guardian ad litem work representing the interests of children and the mentally incompetent. Ashby also served as a part-time Aurora municipal court judge. She is married to Mitch Baker, and they have two children, Zoe and David.
Margaret R. Brubaker is special counsel with Martin & Metheny in Brighton, Colorado.

Robert J. Hommel has a small practice in Scottsdale, Arizona, devoted exclusively to personal injury and workers’ compensation. He wrote Dean Emeritus Yegge that he fondly remembered his days in the Student Law Office. “After my second trial you advised me that my days of batting a 1000 wouldn’t last that long. You were right. But after 16-17 years, winning or losing is no longer the primary focus.”

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Marcie Bayaz has been practicing commercial litigation since 1984. Her firm, Reiman & Bayaz, P.C., practices all kinds of commercial litigation: contracts, business torts, trade secrets, and oil and gas. The firm has four attorneys. A graduate of Arizona State University, Marcie’s oldest son, Charlie (25), is an executive with Neiman Marcus in Dallas. Her younger son, Zach, a clarinet player, is a senior at the University of Wisconsin at Madison majoring in Music Performance.

Lou Bishop – after 14 years, I ran into Lou at the CBA convention in Keystone. Lou is practicing a little of everything, she said. Her two sons are both at DU. She doesn’t see many classmates but sure would like to hear how everyone is doing. She reminds us that 1999 is our 15th anniversary.

Amado Cruz has been self employed for the last 10 years practicing criminal defense, workers comp, personal injury, and other areas. Married for over 13 years, Amado has two daughters, 11 and 8, in the Cherry Creek School District.

Betsy Friedlander has been an attorney with Ameritech Corporation in Chicago since 1985, working in the area of commercial transactions/contracts. She was a single foster parent to two beautiful little girls for three years, recently became their legal guardian, and hopes to adopt them next year.

Rod Everson – While still a member of the Colorado Bar, Rod is now the president of a division of the John H. Harland Company, the nation’s second largest printer of checks. He manages a technology subsidiary that develops, markets, and supports deposit and loan origination systems to financial institutions nationwide. These software systems include all of the calculations, rules, and documents required by financial institutions to close this type of business in an enforceable and compliant matter. Married for 10 years to Ellen Lidsky, they have a 5-year-old daughter, Jordan, who has just started kindergarten.

Loyce Forrest and Hartley Goldstone continue their busy practices; Loyce as a family law practitioner and Hartley as head of the personal trust division for Norwest Bank Cherry Creek. Loyce and Hartley have two precocious sons, Ben and Jon.

Jan (Buxton) Georhing now works at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) as a Senior Policy Specialist in the Transportation Program focusing on traffic safety, transportation, technology, and motor carrier issues. The National Conference of State Legislatures is a bipartisan, nonprofit organization that serves the nation’s legislators and staff.

Jody (Crane) Haggard is living in West Newbury, Massachusetts, a small town north of Boston on the north shore. Her family consists of two boys ages six and eight, with a girl on the way due in March. Jody and her husband both work for General Electric. For the last 2½ years, she has been the Environmental, Health & Safety, Utilities, and Security Manager at GE Aircraft Engines facility in Lynn, Massachusetts with a staff of 110. The facility, which employs 5000, manufactures, assembles, and test aircraft engines for both the military and commercial market. It is an interesting job with lots of diverse issues, although she finds herself doing more managing than lawyering. Jody doesn’t get out to Colorado much. She would love to hear from anyone who ventures to the Boston area.

Susan Haines practices as an elder law attorney and finds it a privilege to be in the “thank you” field of law where her clients are grateful for her assistance. She is a hippie single mother of three beautiful children.

Robert Hanula is currently Senior Tax and Corporate Counsel at Viad Corp., a diversified services company headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, where he specializes in corporate, tax, and commercial law.

Ross Koplin was associated with law firms for several years and is now practicing law on his own. His practice concentrates on business and civil litigation matters although, on occasion, he has done divorce and probate work.

Mark Korman heads Guaranty National’s Legal and Regulatory Affairs department. He’s responsible for the company’s corporate legal, acquisition, and integration legal and regulatory matters. Guaranty National, a subsidiary of Orion Capital Corporation, is a personal lines insurance company with approximately $600 million in annual premium.

C. Randel Lewis left Davis, Graham & Stubbs at the end of 1992, and spent most of the next two years working on a series of free-lance work-out consulting assignments for former clients. In 1994, he joined Hildebrandt, Inc, the leading management consulting firm to professional service firms, particularly law firms. Since the end of 1996, he
has been the managing partner of Hildebrandt. Over the past few years, he has grown his firm's practice substantially, and now has clients all over the world. Randy enjoys the challenges of staying ahead of his clients and competitors. He travels two to three days every week. Randy and his wife, Lisa, live in Golden and try to spend as much time as possible bicycling and skiing in Colorado.

Carol Burks Lomax and her husband, Buddy, were married a year after graduation. Shortly thereafter, her husband was promoted to Brigadier General and they moved to San Antonio, Texas. Carol is a trial attorney with a plaintiff's firm, Brant & Hall, where she's practiced since her move to Texas. She was recently selected for membership in the American Board of Trial Advocacy (ABOTA) and will take her board specialty test in Personal Injury Trial Law in October. Board certification may not be of particular importance in Colorado, she tells us, but it is very important in Texas. Her son, Jonathan, is now 21 and in his fourth year of a master's program in the business school at the University of Texas at Austin.

William L. MacBride was named a partner in the law firm of Gough, Shanahan, Johnson & Waterman, in Helena, Montana in 1995. This is the oldest law firm in Montana, founded in 1879 by Joseph Toole, the first governor of the state. Last December, Bill went to China, along with another partner, to conduct a mineral title seminar as guests of the Chinese Ministry of Geology and Mineral Resources, held at its Shisenling Training Center, north of Beijing in the Ming Tomb area. Bill resides in Helena with his wife of 20 years, Nancy, and three children: Abby (14), Will (10) and Evan (8).

Bruce A. Montoya just celebrated his third anniversary at Pryor, Johnson, Montoya, Carney & Karr, a boutique trial firm with 14 lawyers. Bruce was recently invited to become a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel. They hold their annual conventions in great locations, so Bruce readily accepted the invitation.

Todd A. Myers is a shareholder with Zarlengo, Mott, Zarlengo and Winbourn, P.C., and has been with the firm 10 years this month. He specializes in insurance defense, subrogation, collections, and general civil litigation. Todd is married with a six-year-old daughter and lives in Evergreen. He took up bird watching (a la Thompson Marsh, perhaps) in 1984 to calm his nerves while waiting for the bar results, and several years ago he took up the all too expensive hobby of sailing.

Scott S. Nixon – since the 1995 dissolution of Pryor, Carney & Johnson where he had been since 1982, Scott has been the managing partner at Pryor, Johnson, Montoya, Carney & Karr, P.C., defending medical malpractice, employment, and civil rights claims. Scott, his wife Cathy, and three children live in Englewood.

Saul Saulson – Five years ago, Saul and his wife, Beth, were married. They have a son, Joshua, 2½ years old. Recently, Saul left the Arizona Dept. of Insurance, after eight years as a supervisor in the market conduct division. He now works at Scottsdale Insurance Company, in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he audits attorney billings in the claims department. It's lots more fun reviewing other attorneys' bills and cutting them than it is billing clients and waiting for them to pay, Saul says.

Walter Schwidetzky – a 1984 graduate of DU's LLM program as well as a 1978 graduate of the law school and a 1974 graduate of the liberal arts school (his tuition bought several buildings), Walter is a professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law. Of note: the West group recently came out with the latest edition of the Limited Liability Handbook which he co-authors with Villanova Dean Mark Sargent.

Diane (Vaksdal) Smith – currently works at Burg & Eldredge, P.C., in charge of all appellate work for the firm, as well as carrying a full litigation docket of employment cases. Diane sits as a contract magistrate at night for the 17th Judicial District, doing small claims. She and her husband, Greg Smith, DU 1985, have two boys: Cooper, age five, and Connor, age three. Together, Greg and Diane also wrote the Small Claims Handbook for the State of Colorado. She wrote for and Greg is publishing the Colorado Employment Handbook.

Scott P. Studebaker – is Managing Editor of WorldTrade Executive, Inc. Our letter reached him late, so we will learn more about Scott in our next magazine.

Keith Tipton – since March of 1996, Keith has been in Broomfield working as corporate counsel in the law department of Ball Corporation. He tells us he couldn't have done better if he had written his own job description. He does everything from child support matters to mergers and acquisitions, so it never gets boring. Although he enjoyed his 11 years of private practice in downtown Denver, he doesn't miss it.

Curt Todd married his wife, Lara, in May 1993 (she works at Dean Witter), and his daughter, Natalie, was born in February 1996. Todd is a shareholder with Haligman Lottner Rubin & Fishman, P.C. Although he specializes in bankruptcy, his practice also includes civil and commercial litigation and foreclosures. Since 1990, Todd has been the co-editor of The Colorado Lawyer column: "From the Bankruptcy
Marisa Williams was the chair of the bankruptcy section of the Colorado Bar Association.

Mary Lynn (M.L.) Tucker is a Senior Land Manager at Western Mobile, Inc. She has worked for Western over four years in this capacity and as a Land and Resource Manager. Prior to joining the Western Mobile team, she represented the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners and the Open Space Department on all legal matters relating to the Open Space Program. While at Jefferson County, she handled the largest land acquisition in the history of the program (approximately 1,700 acres) including negotiating the donation of mineral rights on the land that was originally purchased for mineral extraction. On the personal side, “the cutest little dog you ever did see” has taken residence with M.L. She describes the little two-year-old Westhighland Terrier named Westin Winchester Boyd as her “kid trapped in a dog’s outfit.”

Jan Fielder Van Raalte is living in Westchester County, New Hampshire, and has been a full-time mom with three children for the past seven years. She hopes to return to legal administration at some point, but, for right now, she is enjoying her time with her family.

1985
Allan Hale announced that his firm has reorganized and the name has been changed to Hale Hackstaff Tymkovich Erkenbrack & Shih maintaining offices in Denver and Grand Junction, Colorado.

1986
Robin Lee Beattie has opened her own office at DTC Tech Center in Englewood, Colorado, and Robert D. Baker has joined the firm as Of Counsel.

Jeremy Patrick Cohen has become of counsel to Fairfield and Woods in Denver. He will continue his tax, estate planning, and estate administration practice.

Sharlene Reynolds is deputy state public defender and head of the Denver Public Defender’s Trial Office. She has two children and was featured in a Denver paper as a professional mom who works hard at balancing family and career.

Peter Schaffer opened an office in the Bronx, New York, specializing in criminal defense and plaintiff’s civil rights and personal injury matters in New York and Connecticut.

1988
Michael J. Kelley, MSJA, was recently appointed administrative services director for the Hennepin County District Court in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

1989
Marisa Williams was voted Young Lawyer of the Year by the Denver Bar Association for creating the Christmas in January program which provides toys, clothes, and books for foster children.

Mary V. Laitos has become a director with Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley in Denver continuing her practice in natural resources and commercial litigation.

Marla J. Williams is the executive director of the Women’s Foundation of Colorado. She is proud that the Foundation reached its $10 million endowment goal for women and girls’ programs two years ahead of schedule.

1990
David Johns created a concise document, Where There’s A Will, marketing to his clients why they need to hire him to write their wills.

Mike Shomo with the firm of Otten Johnson Robinson Neff & Ragonetti in Denver recently became a board member of the Urban Design Forum.

Irene S. Morgan writes that she and her husband are back in Washington, D.C. after living in Tokyo for four years. She is teaching family law as an adjunct at George Washington and American University.

Kurt Overhardt has formed his own firm, Kurt Overhardt, P.C., in Denver. His practice includes the representation of professional athletes including contract negotiation, drafting and enforcement of player contracts, endorsements, and sponsorships arrangements.

Timothy S. Tomasik, formerly of the Cook County State’s Attorney Office, Special Prosecutions Unit, Gang Crimes Division started as an associate at Clifford Law Offices in Chicago. He has been a faculty member of the National College of District Attorneys as well as the National Institute for Trial Advocacy as an instructor in Trial Advocacy.
Erin Smith formerly with Holme Roberts & Owen is now with Ankele Icenogle Norton & Seter and continues to emphasize local government, land use, and administrative law.

1991
Suzanne R. Kalutkiewicz has become associated with the Denver firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Strickland. Her practice emphasizes real estate and lending.

Theresa A. Hemringer JD’91, LLM’93 has become of counsel to Smith McCullough in Denver. She practices in the area of securities, business, mergers and acquisitions, and tax and estate planning.

Shannon Oury had her second child, Kate, this year. She continues to work for the Marville Corporation in Denver.

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I think everyone must be on vacation. Please send in news—or even entertaining stories—so that I have something to print!

Elliott L. Schoen, formerly a law clerk to the Hon. Karen Metzger, JD’70, is an associate with Bloom Murr & Accamazzo in Denver.

Travis Andrew Willock has become an associate with the Denver firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Strickland. His practice will emphasize real estate, leasing and lending.

1993
Weddings! Matt Azer married Krista Jones in June. Richard A. Harris was married on July 5th in Lyons, Colorado. He has a private practice in downtown Lyons.

Elizabeth Lamb-Sawyer got married in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, in April and is living in Phoenix, Arizona. Carolynne White was in the wedding and reported that it was gorgeous.

Alfredo L. Hernandez has become of counsel to the law office of Craig W. Mercer, P.C., in Denver. Hernandez will emphasize criminal defense, personal injury, workers’ compensation, and immigration law.

Gillian Cooley Morrison has her own practice in Avon, Colorado, specializing in civil litigation and family law. She had a new baby in March.

He was recognized for his work in the class-action suit that sought to restore food stamp benefits to thousands of low-income elderly and disabled Southeast Asian, Hispanic, Russian, and Bosnian legal immigrants who were denied food stamps because of new federal welfare legislation. Noteboom is a partner with Leonard Street and Deinard in Minneapolis.

Cynthia C. Tester (formerly Cynthia C. Goettle) is a shareholder with Leavenworth & Tester in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. The firm’s practice focuses upon municipal, water, land use, real estate, and development law. Cindy also practices civil litigation and insurance defense. She writes that she is expecting her fourth child at the end of the year, coupled with two step-children, making them the regular Brady bunch. She actively helped the law school organize the summer Glenwood Springs CLE and luncheon.

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Lucky JoAnn Moreshini is working in the beautiful city of San Francisco, California in an office overlooking the bay! JoAnn has been with the firm of Burditt & Radzius since November of 1997 and is the firm’s Office Manager. Burditt & Radzius also has offices in D.C., Philadelphia, and New Jersey. JoAnn’s office in San Francisco specializes in regulatory law in the areas of food, drug, and medical devices. JoAnn loves her job and is glad to be working with a managing partner who is open to change and enthusiastic about JoAnn’s suggestions. You can reach JoAnn at: Burditt & Radzius, 201 Spear St., Ste. 600, San Francisco, CA 94105-1635, and by e-mail at: sbur_雷达earthlink.net.

Also in the bay area is W. Jordan Zimmerman, MSLA’94, who accepted a position as Government Affairs Manager North San Francisco Bay TCI in San Rafael, California.

Lisa Dator is working for US West as the manager of public policy. Lisa works on developing strategy and advocacy on corporate issues focusing on data networks. Lisa is working with US West’s public policy groups which gives her a chance to use her regulatory experience. Outside of work, Lisa is busy organizing activities for the Duke Alumni Association in Denver. You can reach Lisa at: lisa.dator@alumni.duke.edu.

Alice Lim Rydberg has left Ballard Spahr to do transactional corporate and securities work at Jacobs, Chase, Frick, Kleinkopf & Kelly in Denver. Alice will be concentrating on mergers and acquisitions. Alice and her husband Eric had their first baby, Kathryn (Kate), on March 25, 1997. Congratulations, Alice!
Tod Gilbertson, who got his MSLA in '94, is a law firm administrator of Burgess, Fitzer, Leighton & Philips in Tacoma, Washington.

Congratulations to Shawn Cheadle and Lora Plank Cheadle, who had their first baby, S. Conner Cheadle, on April 23, 1998.

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MacGregor Stephenson is living in College Station, Texas, pursuing a graduate degree.

Joseph Lynch is working for Richard James Goff, P.C. doing immigration work. He tells us that is what he always wanted to do!

Molly Walker is staff attorney for the Pikes Peak Arkansas River Legal Aid. She and her husband are now living in Salida and loving it.

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Theresa Adams is working for Stuart and Smith and classmate Joanne Lewis is working for Rogers & Wells both in Washington, D.C.

Laurel L. Burke sent out an announcement on April Fools Day, announcing that she, Philipp Theune, William Croke, and John Powell formed a new firm Powell Theune Burke & Croke specializing in the practice of international and domestic commercial law.

Mary Jean Kindschuh became a shareholder with Schilken Kautt & Kindschuh in Englewood, Colorado. She focuses her practice on estate planning and family and small business work.

Reuben Levy is chief of mission for the International Organization for Migration in Kazakhstan.

Dawn McKnight is an attorney with Earthlaw which offices here at the law school. Earthlaw, a small law clinic composed of three attorneys and dozens of DU Law students, has created an impressive record protecting the environment. Their successes include: obtaining a 16-month halt to logging in 11 national forests to protect the Mexico spotted owl, joining forces with mining watchdogs and stopping a major gold mine proposed for the Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota, defending new protections for Atlantic sharks that reduced by half the number of fishermen were allowed to catch, and assisting in the protection of the Preble’s meadow jumping mouse which the US Fish and Wildlife Service listed as threatened species.

The Kansas Lawyer interviewed Rico Munn in June. They asked him about his "typical day." He responded saying he arrives at work between 7:30 and 9:00am, spends the first 45 minutes doing housekeeping, and rarely finishes that before the phone rings. He describes his work and remarks that he likes going out to lunch, works out in the basement, is involved in many organizations, and gets home between 8:00 and 10:00 pm. Oh, he also has church choir on Thursday nights.

Neile Neider and her husband Mark had a baby boy, Adam, in February.

Julie Rosen has become an associate with Gorsuch Kirgis in Denver and her area of concentration is litigation.

Anna M. Scofield is working for the City Attorney’s Office in Boulder, Colorado.

Matthew Scott works full-time as a deputy prosecutor in Ft. Smith, Arizona and works part-time for a fifth generation family real estate corporation.

Kimberly O. Snyder, MSLA, is living in Panama with her husband who is stationed as a MedEvac pilot in the U.S. Army. She works for the Department of Defense Staff Judge Advocate.

Jesus M. Vazquez Jr., a Hall & Evans associate in Denver, was elected a board member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the US-Mexico Chamber of Commerce.

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Rob Aghazarian
(turtle@pop.eccentral.com): “Well I finally knew the job I wanted. The firm advertises as a general practice, but the bulk of the work is real estate (not many foreclosures). I am trying to develop a water rights practice and some family on the side. Of course, right now I get whatever cases come through the door. It’s a great place to work. I work from 8:30 to 5:00, and I swear everyone is out of the office by 5:30. I haven’t worked a weekend yet nor have I written an in-depth memo to anyone. I work my own cases and every once in a while work on a small part of another person’s case if they get slammed. I think I am going to like it here. Life is what it is, OTTER.” His office is at: French, West, Brown & Huntsley, 100 S. Ridge Street, Suite 204, PO. Box 588, Breckenridge, Colorado, 80424, 970/453-2901 (p), 970/453-0192 (f). His home address is: PO. Box 4796, Breckenridge, CO 80424, 970/453-8542.

Scott Ausenhus
(Sausenhus@glclaw.com) has just moved from Davis, Graham & Stubbs LLP to join the intellectual property group at the Denver office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutch LLP.

William Beardsee
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SLEE@DOS.US-STATE.GOV) is currently working as a Junior Foreign Service Officer for the US Dept. of State. After about six months of training in Washington, D.C., he will work at the U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt, Germany, for the next two years.

Hayley Belt (Hayley.Belt@CS Legal.Com): “As a new member of the Denver Bar Association Young Lawyers’ Division, Executive Council, I am happy to introduce our class to the YLD. If anyone has questions about this group, please feel free to contact me at any time.”
Preston Branaugh (pjbranaugh@juno.com) passed the Colorado Bar Exam. He and his wife are expecting their first child in October. Preston has taken a position with the law firm of Struniolo and Associates in Denver and has recently moved with his family to Arvada (phone 303/654-2303).

Kimberly Dasse was admitted to the New York bar on July 13. She just began her second year at the Court of International Trade and is starting to consider where her next move will be.

Jacqueline Ciccio is an associate with Finch & Associates in Denver. Her practice emphasizes zoning, planning, and land use.

Catherine Davis is currently working in Boulder at Hult Garlin Driscoll & Murray. She can be reached by e-mail at either davisc@indra.com or cww@Trial-Lawyers.com. Her home address and phone number are: 1127 Aurora Pkwy. #302B, Denver, CO 80204, 303/573-1244. Her office address and phone are: Hult Garlin Driscoll & Murray, LLC, 2338 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado, 80304, 303/447-1632.

Dee Demers worked for the District Attorney in the Eighteenth Judicial District in the appeals section during her third year of school and continued on with them after graduation. After swearing in last October, she became a deputy district attorney assigned to county court in Aurora.

She sees lots of traffic infractions, DUls, and a variety of misdemeanor crimes. She has already conducted about 20 jury trials in the past 10 months and is in court arguing motions weekly. “Our judicial district covers Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties. After six months I transferred from the Arapahoe court in Aurora to split time between Douglas and Elbert counties. I’m sure I’ll transfer again, as the office policy is to expose a DA to different judges and jurisdictions. We have interns from DU in our office, and I was so grateful I wasn’t them this summer—studying for the bar. Work may be hectic, but this summer was so much more relaxed than last one!”

Gennaro M. DeSantis has become an associate with Bader Villanueva & Feder in Denver joining the firm’s Year 2000 Legal Task Force.

Dennis Faminck sends the following message: “Greetings from the Northland!! After going broke, nearly starving, nearly freezing, and almost getting eaten by a bear ... okay, enough hyperbole... Nancy and I moved from Anchorage to Dillingham, Alaska so I could take the position as General Counsel for the Bristol Bay Native Association. I can now be reached at dneamick@home.nushetl.com or at dennis@bbna.com. Continuing our commuting tradition, Nancy will commute to Anchorage every week until next May to finish her master’s program.”

Lynnae Flora has been working in the Jefferson County Attorney’s office since last October, acting as legislative liaison for the county, primarily at the state level. “My ‘clients’ (board of county commissioners, other elected officials, open space, road and bridge, human services, etc.) require me to be a generalist, so I must know a little bit about a lot of different issues. Keeps it interesting. The best part? I get to reduce my hours during the legislative ‘off season’ to spend more time with my soon-to-be two-year-old daughter Emi. You can reach me at lflora@co.jefferson.co.us.”

Gregory W. Johnson is an associate with Vinton Nissler Allen & Vellone in Denver.

Allison Lee reports that her clerkship ended. She started with Sherman and Howard on September 14 in the litigation department and has accepted an offer from L.S.U. to publish a piece she wrote about the Civil Rights Era. Allison also continues her excellent work with the “Women in Law Day” program at D.U. this fall.

Holly Lucas walked into her office in June to find the receptionist on the floor in labor to have a baby. Lucas helped deliver the baby, and both baby and Mama are fine.

Ed Seeley IV’s current mailing address is: P.O. Box 461329, Aurora, Colorado, 80046. His e-mail address is: SeeleyEd03@aol.com.

Trecia L. Sigle is an associate with Weinberger & Kanan in Denver, a professional corporation emphasizing workers’ compensation, liability, and insurance defense.

P.J. Webb is in solo practice in Durango, Colorado. Her entire representation is pro bono work primarily with survivors of domestic violence. She also teaches Street Law at the local charter school. Webb is very involved in community activities. She serves on the board of Alternative Horizons, a domestic violence crisis hotline and advocacy group, the Southwest Colorado Bar Association, PFLAG (Parents, Family Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Colorado Safe Schools Coalition, the Violence Prevention Coalition for the 6th Judicial District, the Anti-Violence Project of Equality Colorado, Leadership La Plata, and the Women’s Resource Center. Whew!

Susan Wong-Bean is an associate with Richman & Hensen in Denver.

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Todd Ingram is currently a judicial clerk for Federal District Court Judge William Downes in Casper, Wyoming.

Jan Kneisel and James Griffin were honored June 12 at the Colorado Bar Association Mineral Law Section annual meeting. Jan’s paper, “Balancing China’s Current Economic Development Against Future Environmental Concerns,” won first place in their annual writing contest. James’ paper, “The Impact of Chile’s New Environmental Framework Legislation Upon Industry and the
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On August 14, 1998, Judge Steve Herrera was killed in an automobile accident when a man having a seizure crossed the interstate highway causing a multi-car pileup in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Steve was the only fatality. Steve was a graduate of the College of Law and the University of New Mexico.

Forty-eight years old at his death, Steve was born in Salida, Colorado, but grew up in Nambe, New Mexico, north of Santa Fe. Herrera was in private practice until 1988, when he was first elected to the bench. When rated by lawyers, Judge Herrera consistently received high marks for his knowledge of the law and courtroom management. As Court of Appeals Judge Jim Wechsler said, “Steve had a great deal of sympathy for the common people. Everybody was equal who came before him.” In law school, his roommate—Art Walsh—and I nicknamed him Quixote because of his deep concern for the people, his idealism, and his romanticism.

Steve was proud to be a member of the National Judicial College, where he taught several classes. A former president of the First Judicial District Bar Association, he was founding director and first president of the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association and a former member of the Board of Bar Commissioners. In 1990, the State Bar of New Mexico awarded him the Outstanding Judicial Service Award for his exemplary efforts to improve the legal system in the First Judicial District.

Steve’s greatest love was his family. Steve and his wife Carol were to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary later this year. The couple had four children: Helena is engaged to marry Miguel Gonzales in June 1999, son Jesse will start at the University of New Mexico in January, and Donicia is a senior and Daniel a sophomore at Santa Fe High. Steve is survived by his father, Trinidad, and stepmother, Delores, of Nambe as well as sister Sandra Lucero of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Those who knew Steve will always remember his ready wit, his love of rock and roll, and his absolute love of life. Steve always seemed to live and savor every moment. Steve’s family has established a scholarship honoring him. Anyone wishing to contribute can do so by sending a check to the Steve Herrera Memorial Scholarship, PO Box 8182, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504.
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