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Law Review Editor-in-Chief Jon Philipson (3L) climbs back into the dunk tank chair after being dunked by a fellow student at Thursday's Multicultural Fair.

Tritt, Davis honored as professor, student of the year



When Rob Davis found out he was going to argue in front of Chief Justice John Roberts last year he said he was surprised and thought someone was pranking him. He was surprised again this semester when he was named student of the year

by JMBA. "There were five people who were finalists and they're great people, so that's a question I had. Why me?" Davis said. "But it's certainly an honor." Davis won student of the year while Professor Lee-ford Tritt won professor of the year for the second consecutive year.

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UF Law professors debate death penalty



Four UF Law professors opined on the death penalty Wednesday in a panel sponsored by the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations. Opinions varied, with Professor George Dekle for the death penalty but thinking it needs changes to Professor Kenneth Nunn against it categorically.

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Professor Rambo did not tell students whether she is for or against the death penalty, and Professor Sharon Rush had many questions about it. All of them agreed that there are problems with the death penalty today, though. "The more we ask questions about the death penalty, the more we begin to see, at least from my perspective, that whether you're for it or against it, it's got problems," Rambo said.

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Judicial clerks give advice to law students



For most first-year students, and many third-years, finding a job means applying to a firm or maybe becoming a solo practitioner. However, great opportunities lie on the other side of the bench in the form of judicial clerkships. To help spread the word about the possibilities in this field, the

Student Liaisons of the North Central Florida Chapter of the Federal Bar Association teamed up with the Center for Career Development to host the Federal Judicial Clerkship Roundtable on Tuesday.

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Expert discusses U.S. torture policy



"You're getting uncomfortable, and you *should* get uncomfortable," Marjorie Cohn told her audience. Visible was the shuffling, squirming, and downward stares as Cohn detailed the pain, humiliation, and anguish that she says have been inflicted upon detainees in United States

custody, authorized by top United States government officials. On April 8, Cohn visited the Levin College of Law to share her outrage and legal expertise concerning the contested legality of the enhanced interrogation techniques used on detainees in U.S. custody.

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Faculty Scholarship and Activities



The UF law faculty is comprised of highly accomplished scholar-teachers who bring remarkable experience and knowledge to the classroom. Keep up with what they're writing about and saying each week in FlaLaw by reading about their scholarship and activities, as well as their media

appearances.

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Upcoming Events

LRW teaching assistant applications due April 12

The Legal Research, Writing, and Appellate Advocacy department is seeking teaching assistants for the fall 2010 – spring 2011 terms. Applications are available at the LRW office. The application deadline is April 12, 2010.

Health Care Law Society hosts Thomas Smith April 14

The Health Care Law Society will host Thomas Smith on Wednesday, April 14, at noon to discuss ethical issues regarding health care reform, primarily involving persons with disabilities and access to health care..

Legal Career Opportunities with the Air Force April 14

Want the chance to enjoy immediate responsibility, travel worldwide and serve your country all while making a difference? Join us on April 14, at noon in HOL 270, to learn about legal career opportunities in the United States Air Force. A representative will be on hand to answer questions and share their legal career experiences in the Air Force.

Florida Moot Court Team Tryout Info Session April 15

1Ls, The Florida Moot Court Team invites you to an information session on April 15, at 2 p.m. in HOL 382 about how to become a member of the only moot court team at UF Law that competes in multiple national moot court competitions at prestigious law schools around the country. The Florida Moot Court Team is one of the oldest co-curriculars and moot court organizations at UF Law. The team has competed in front of numerous federal and state judges, including most recently Chief Justice Roberts of the U.S. Supreme Court and past Chief Justices of the Florida Supreme Court. The tryout competition will be held this summer and will not conflict with the Law Review write on competition. Interested students should attend the session. At the info session on April 15, we will discuss what Florida Moot Court does, the tryout process and dates, and how to join the Florida Moot Court Tryout Competition TWEN site. Please e-mail Kate Woods at katherine.e.woods@gmail.com or Christa Diaz at diaz.christa@gmail.com with questions or concerns.

Florida Law Review write-on competition Bluebook review April 15

This summer, after final exams, the Florida Law Review will hold a write-on competition to select our new members. The competition is conducted online through Westlaw's TWEN site, so there is no need to stay in Gainesville to participate. The competition consists of two parts: a Bluebook test and an essay test. You have the option to take the Bluebook test either Saturday, May 15 or Saturday, May 22. The essay test will be administered on Friday, May 28 and will be due on Monday, June 7. We will hold several information sessions in April about the competition. All 1Ls are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, April 15, at 5 p.m. in HOL 285B, for a Bluebook review. In case your schedule doesn't permit you to attend this meeting, the information we cover will be posted on our TWEN competition site.

Externing in D.C. via University of Arizona April 16

On Friday, April 16, at noon in HOL 270, Scott Knittle of the Washington Center is coming to campus to speak to 2Ls and 3Ls about visiting student/externship opportunities in Washington, D. C. Find out how you can get a first-hand view of the policy and legal practice in the nation's capital and develop connections and experience often sought by potential employers.

Practice Series: Deposition Skills Workshop April 16

The last class of the practice series will be on April 16, at 2 p.m. in HOL 359. This course offers students an opportunity to master preparing the witness, developing and executing a questioning formula for obtaining complete information, using simple language, creating a clear deposition record, formulating concise questions, listening carefully to answers, making and handling objections, using exhibits during the deposition, and dealing with obstreperous defending counsel. Students participate in a hands-on workshop to develop good deposition techniques.

Music night hosted by Dean Jerry April 18

Got a hidden musical talent? Show it off at the upcoming Music Night 2010, to be held Sunday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at the home of Dean Bob Jerry and his wife Lisa. All students and faculty are invited -- but the "ticket" to attend is that you must bring a dessert and agree to perform a musical piece (play an instrument or sing a song). A piano will be available. Each participant can bring one guest. Space is limited, so sign up is on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, stop by the Dean's Office and see Doris Perron.

News Briefs

Summer research assistant needed for criminal law project

Needed: 2L/3L summer research assistant for criminal law project. Please submit brief cover letter and resume to Professor Katheryn Russell-Brown or call (352) 273-0912.

Federalist Society ranked among top chapters

According to the National Federalist Society, the UF College of Law Chapter is ranked among the top four chapters in the U.S. Please congratulate Professor Steven Willis and Josh Mize, president of the UF chapter, on this well-deserved honor.

ICAM team receives honorable mention in Vienna



At this year's Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot held in Vienna, Austria, the team from University of Florida received two important recognitions. The team won an honorable mention for its Claimant's brief, drafted by all members with editing credit to

Andres Healy, and Julianne Parker earned an honorable mention for her oral arguments. Law students from around the world compete in the Vis Moot each year, with over 250 schools and over 1,400 students in attendance. The UF team consisted of Joe Wheeler, Anastasia Campbell, Sasha Funk, Andres Healy, Olga Butkevich, Chana Cannon, and Julianne Parker. This is a new high in terms of recognition for the UF team. The team is coached by Professors Dawson and Harrison as well as Miami attorney Eduardo Palmer. Throughout the semester it was benched by Professors Hurst, Davis, Powell, Sokol and Professor Larry DiMatteo from the College of Business. UF's oral rounds included arguments with the teams from Sultan Qaboos University in Oman, Universidad Panamericana in Mexico, University of Mainz in Germany, and Universite Pantheon-Assas in France.

Congratulations to the UF Jessup International Law Moot Court Team



In February, the Jessup team



competed in the 51st annual Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, the world's largest moot court competition with participants from more than 500 law schools in more than 80 countries. The Jessup team placed sixth out of 24 teams competing in

the U.S. Southeast Super Regional round, reaching the quarterfinals for the first time in school history. The participants were 2Ls Matthew Kozyra, Jason Taylor, Steven Blickensderfer, Lindsey Franco, and Jennifer Shepard. The team also took home the title of fifth best brief out of the 24 teams that competed. Individually, Steven Blickensderfer was named 15th best oralist out of all individual oralists at the Southeast Super Regional round. UF Jessup annually competes in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, which focuses on public international law and humanitarian law. For more information about the UF Jessup team, please visit the [Jessup Web site](#) at or e-mail Jason Taylor at ufjessupmootcourt@gmail.com.

Environmental and Land Use students, faculty and friends paddle Matanzas River



Faculty and students associated with the Environmental and Land Use Law Program recently took advantage of a Spring Break rain check and fabulous weather to paddle the Matanzas River Estuary on Florida's Northeast Coast. The kayak trip was originally scheduled as the final field trip for the

Program's Marine and Coastal Law and Policy Field Course but inclement weather dashed any possibilities. The Matanzas River Estuary is currently being considered for designation as an Outstanding Florida Water under Florida law, which imposes a non-degradation standard on designated waters. The Florida Department of Environmental Regulation will hold a hearing on the proposed designation on April 13 in Palm Coast. Following the 3.5 hour long paddle, the paddlers enjoyed the sunset from the back deck of the home of UF Law alumnus and former EPA Region 4 Administrator John Hankinson, whose home overlooks an arm of the estuary and the Atlantic Ocean. Additionally, Conservation Clinic Director Tom Ankersen and CGR Associate in Law Richard Hamann, together with 2009 JD and ELULP program graduates Rachel King and John November and 2010 ELULP LLM candidate Megan Wegerif, recently published a law review article on the regulatory and practical effect of OFW designation in the *Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal*, based on [recent work of the Conservation Clinic](#).

Sam Warfield selected for Law Student Award



Second-year law student Sam Warfield has been selected as the recipient of the Law Student Award by the Executive Council for the Florida Bar City, County and Local Government Section. He will be presented with a cash award and plaque at the section's annual awards luncheon for his outstanding academic performance in Professor Wolf's course on local government law.

Participate in the 2010 law school student survey

UF Law has agreed to participate





in the 2010 Vault Law School Student Survey. The information from this survey may be included in the 7th edition of the Vault Law School Buzz Book and will appear on the Vault.com Web site. Your participation will help countless

prospective students make key choices during the law school application process. In completing this survey, we encourage you to be candid as your identity will remain anonymous. During the course of the survey, you will be asked for certain information that you may feel makes you identifiable to your school.

However, any responses we quote will not be paired with any information that will allow your school to identify the quoted student. Please complete the survey by Friday, May 14, 2010.

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