

# Legal services attorney adjusting to new job

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Things have been busy for Illona Koleszar, the new legal services attorney.

Since she began her job last week, Koleszar inherited 50 files from the previous attorney, Karsten Rasmussen, and has been a lot busier than most expected her to be, she said.

So far, most of her cases have centered around landlord/tenant disputes and a small number of criminal cases, she explained.

Koleszar attended the University's law school from 1980 to 1983 and enjoys being back in the University atmosphere, she said.

"The University is a safe community," she said. "I can understand why some people come back and stay for a long time," she added, although she admitted that as a law student, she didn't see too much of the campus.

"When you go to law school, you don't leave that building," she continued. "I had not been in the EMU very much," which is where her office is now located.

"One thing about being back on a college campus is I've joked with several people about making plans for spring break," she added.

Koleszar received her undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University in business administration and finance. When she came to the law school, it was the first time

she had ever been in Oregon, she said.

"What drew me here was I received a pamphlet from the law school in the mail," she said. "Here's this place I heard of being lush and green...and the pamphlet was in black and white. I knew they were hiding something."

Koleszar practiced law privately in Springfield for four years before taking the legal services position. While she will be handling many of the same kinds of cases as legal services director she did as a private attorney, dealing with students will be a different experience, she said.

"Students are more willing to help themselves," she explained. "Dealing with educated people — and I'm not being derogatory to my former clients — I won't find someone who can't understand something I've given them to read and sign. I did deal with some people who were functionally illiterate."

Koleszar said she had no qualms about taking this job. "It fits me like a glove," she said, and added when she saw the application materials, the position and timing felt right.

One thing she would like to do during her tenure as legal services attorney is expand students' awareness; not just of the services her office offers, but the law in general, she said.

"Karsten did a good job advertising this office to students...but I'm not sure



Photo by Shu-Shing Chen

New legal services attorney Illona Koleszar, stays busy with 50 new files acquired by the previous attorney, Karsten Rasmussen. She began the job last week.

students always know what they're getting into," she said. She would like to see students more knowledgeable about things that could sneak up from behind and "hit students in the back," she said.

She is thinking about printing some kind of fact sheet keyed to helping students stay out of trouble by giving advice on "how to avoid landlord/tenant problems; how to avoid getting caught in a criminal episode," for instance, she said.

The only disadvantage Koleszar can see in the legal ser-

vices position is the volume of clients. "It's like getting 17,500 new clients," she said.

"There's not much time for the handholding I've felt the need for," she said, because there is generally someone waiting outside.

"I'm going to try my best to make sure they have (students) what they needed from me," she said. "That's the sort of thing that takes a lot of time to get used to."

However, the change from a half-time to full-time legal services attorney will allow

Koleszar to see more people. She hopes to establish a time of day where she just deals with clients and the opposite time will be spent on follow up, case work and other paper work.

Koleszar has a year to year contract with the ASUO that is renewable for three years. After that, the position is put out to bid. Koleszar plans to stay for the entire three years, she said, the administrative aspect of the job will enable her to move upward.

## Summer conference shows computer benefits

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A large, inflatable Zenith computer terminal draped from the EMU signaled the University's Sixth Annual Summer Conference, "Extending the Human Mind: Computers in Education" held Thursday through Sunday.

The conference featured guest speakers, workshops and hands-on computer displays, which all highlighted the function's theme — computers and their role in education.

Academic credit also was available for \$28 per unit, and some exhibits were open to the public.

According to Sandy Leavitt, a University continuation center instructor and conference manager, nearly 350 people applied for the conference sessions, which ran Aug. 6 and 7.

Dave Moursund, chief executive officer for the International Council for Computers in Education, has helped organize the conferences for six years and said the flavor of the conferences hasn't changed.

"We take in frontier developments, state-of-the-art type of stuff, from the computer field and translate those to practical uses in schools," Moursund said.

Moursund explained the format of the conferences also has remained the same. "We have two or three big names come and speak and

draw the rest (of the workshop presenters) from locally available talent," Moursund said.

One of the "big names" was keynote speaker Dr. Christopher Dede. Dede is author of "Educational Futures: Source Book 1" and "The Far Side of the Future."

Dede also is a professor at the University of Houston/Clear Lake.

Dede addressed the developments of artificial intelligence and their impact on deepening human intelligence. Dede's speech, titled "Empowering Environments, Idea Processors and Microworlds," focused on the computer's potential to change the nature of work and education.

David Marquart, another of the conference's speakers and a high school business and computer teacher in Boise, Idaho, is one of the ten finalists for NASA's Teacher in Space Program.

Marquart discussed the Teacher in Space Program and NASA's use of computers.

The University's continuation center and the Center for Advanced Technology in Education sponsored the conference. The four-day event was centered at the EMU and post-conference workshops were held around the Eugene area.

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Another purpose of the research was to find out how much people learn from the media. In the first set of interviews, the respondents were asked to identify federal government officials.

Of those who made the connection between the official's name and involvement in the Iran-Contra affair, about 80 percent identified Lt. Col. Oliver North, while over half identified Rear Adm. John Poindexter. About half could identify Robert McFarlane, while 30 percent knew who Fawn Hall was. About 10 percent or less knew who Lee Hamilton and Daniel

Inouwe were.

"More people would be able to name many more of the key figures in the Iran-Contra affair now the hearings are over," Lemert said. "My guess is that people who have watched live hearings also watch the newscasts in the evening, and the more attention they pay, the higher the recognition," Lemert added.

Lemert and Bernstein also are looking into how much the media can change people's attitudes. In the first findings, 65 percent were unfavorable toward North, while 18 percent thought favorably about him.

Right after North's testimony the country seemed to have been struck with Ollieomania, Lemert said.

"My greatest regret is that we did not get into the field just after North had testified, as that would have been the best opportunity to find an attitude change regarding North. It might be erased or restored by now. But if there is an attitude change, it would be positive," he said.

Lemert and Bernstein began the second set of interviews July 29, and they plan to have completed the project by early October.

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pected to begin in early September, said Jim Middaugh, DeFazio press secretary.

"The ball is pretty much in the administration's court," Middaugh said.

However, Secretary of State George Shultz told a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Friday that the United States doesn't intend to become embroiled in a war with Iran and that the Reagan administration has no attention of invoking the War Powers Act because it doesn't apply to the Persian Gulf situation.

"You can't go into that statute over something like this," the Associated Press quoted Shultz as saying.

The current lawsuit is not the first time Reagan has been sued under the War Powers Act. In 1982, Rep. George Crockett, D-Mich., filed suit when the

Reagan administration sent 55 military advisers to El Salvador. The court threw the case out, saying it wasn't in position to determine whether U.S. forces had entered an area hostile or imminently hostile.

The situation is more clearcut this time around, Middaugh said.

"The fact is we have already had a U.S. ship attacked and had a U.S. flag ship hit by a mine," he said.

Meanwhile, an American-operated supertanker, the Texaco Caribbean, hit a floating mine Monday just outside the Strait of Hormuz, the AP quoted shipping sources as saying.

The supertanker had taken on a full load of oil at an Iranian terminal in the Persian Gulf and was steaming through the Gulf of Oman when a mine hit the

ship about a yard below the water line. Some oil was leaking, but no injuries were reported.

The Gulf of Oman is used by the U.S. Navy as an assembly point for U.S. warships and refueled Kuwaiti tankers.

The explosion occurred about 300 miles from where three U.S. warships and three Kuwaiti tankers were anchored after an overnight stay off Saudi Arabia on their way up the Persian Gulf. The U.S. convoy began its surprise journey Saturday.

According to the AP, Pentagon sources in Washington said the convoy was "taking it slow and easy" Monday as they traveled north to Kuwait. But a British television network reported the flotilla had not moved by dusk and that U.S. warships were blacked out.