

School garnering needed funds

By Martin Fisher

With the crunch of Measure 5 continuing to bear down on the University, fund-raising has taken on a role of ever greater importance, and perhaps no school at the University has been as successful in recent months as the law school.

During the past several weeks, the school has awarded its first endowed professorships to four senior faculty members.

Laird Kirkpatrick, whose nationally acclaimed course books and treatises on evidence are used by law schools and members of the practicing bar across the country, was awarded the Hershner Professor of Jurisprudence, sponsored by James and llene Hershner of Eugene.

Ralph James Mooney was awarded the Wallace and Ellen Kaapcke Professorship of Business Law. Mooney has taught business-related courses at the University for 20 years. Wallace Kaapcke is a member of the Class of 1939 and lives and works in the San Francisco Bay Area.

James O'Fallon was named the Frank Nash Professor of Law. O'Fallon's current interests include constitutional law. The professorship was established by the Chiles Foundation and friends and family of Frank Nash, a founding partner in the Miller Nash firm of Portland.

Charles O'Kelley was named the Loran L. Stewart Professor of Business Law. O'Kelley's recent work includes writings in business transactions and non-profit corporation law, and he has just completed his second term on the Executive Committee of the Business Law Section of the Oregon State Bar. The professorship was established by Stewart, who is a long-time Eugene philanthropist.

"These professorships have been awarded to some of the top legal scholars and teachers in the region, if not the country." said law school Dean Dave Frohnmayer. "They allow opportunities for sustained excellence in teaching and reach that previously were out of immediate reach. I am very grateful to the donors who recognized the need and invested in the future of the law school and our state." University President Myles Brand said this event forever changes the University law school.

"It provides a strong foundation for the school's future and speaks to its ability to strengthen its education programs for students and its outreach programs for the community," he said.

Professor Wayne Westling has been named the first John L. Luvaas Fellow at the law school.

The endowed fellowship will support his research for writing a book designed for Oregon criminal lawyers, prosecutors and defense lawyers.

"It will be a guide to assist in procedures from the time the client walks through the door to settling or appealing," Westling said. "It will have everything from soup to nuts."

The fellowship was established by John and Naomi Luvass of Eugene. John Luvaas is a prominent Eugene attorney and a member of the law school's Board of Visitors. He was given the school's Meritorious Service Award during convocation ceremonies Friday.

Students are also the recipients of donors contributions. Three students have been awarded the first Otto J. Frohnmayer Scholarships.

The scholarship was established in 1993 in honor of Otto J. Frohnmayer, a prominent Medford attorney and the father of the law school dean. The \$10,000 annual gift will be divided among three Oregon-resident law students who have demonstrated a strong academic record.

Recipients are: Forest Grove's Scott Schauermann, who completed his undergraduate studies at Arizona State University in June; Gresham's Bradley Anderson, who is beginning his second year at the law school, received his undergraduate degree from Oregon State University; and Portland's Charles Mundorff, who will begin his third year at the law school and is president of the Student Bar Association.

Otto Frohnmayer is a 1933 graduate of the law school and helped create the school's Development Board.

Dave Frohnmayer said he wants people to understand that the donations cannot replace revenue lost under Measure 5.



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