Newsmakers

UB Law Forum
Magavern Scholars are Named

Professors Janet S. Lindgren and Muhammad Kenyatta were the recipients of the Magavern research grants this year.

Lindgren is doing research on Dutch and American housing regulations, with particular emphasis on comparative and contextual issues. Kenyatta is preparing a bibliography and developing a seminar dealing with the transformation of stereotypical visions of blacks and women in the evolution of American property law.

“The work undertaken by Jan and Muhammad is exciting and promising,” says Dean David B. Filvaroff.

Lindgren received her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin. A member of the law faculty since 1973, she was a Fulbright Scholar associated with the Department of Administrative and Constitutional Law at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands. At UB Law she has taught statutes, remedies, contracts and torts.

Kenyatta, who joined the law faculty last year, is a graduate of Harvard University Law School. A veteran of the civil rights movement, he has a background as a community organizer, a clergyman and a scholar. He was a Merrill Fellow at Harvard Divinity School and a Harvard Fellow in Public Interest Law. He has also been director of service learning at Haverford College. His teaching interests include constitutional law, free speech, civil rights, legal history and democratic theory.

Publications Score High

University at Buffalo Law School publications scored some impressive achievements during the 1988-89 academic year. The Buffalo Law Review published what is believed to be a record five issues during the academic year, and the student newspaper, the Opinion, won second-place honors in the ABA-sponsored Law School Newspaper/Magazine National Competition.

The Opinion won second place in the Class B Division, which included law schools with more than 750 students, in the category of the best overall law school newspaper in the country. The Harvard Law Record, of Harvard University, won first place in that category.

The competition was sponsored by the American Bar Association’s Law Student Division (LSD).

The Opinion is written and edited by law students, but frequently attracts campus-wide readership.

Its second-place award was announced at the annual LSD conference in Washington. The Stanford Law Journal, of Stanford University, was named best overall law school newspaper in the Class A Division for schools with fewer than 750 students.

The two UB Law publications provided a variety of stimulating articles during the year. According to former Law Review staffer Doug Dimitroff, the subscriber list for the Law Review has grown significantly during the publication’s 39-year history. It now has more than 700 subscribers and a recent subscription drive boosted that by 5 to 7 percent.

The Buffalo Law Review is sent to more than 18 different countries in Asia, Africa, South America and Europe. A three-year subscription costs $21.

Though the writing and editing normally are done at UB Law School, the Review is printed in Omaha, Neb. Each issue averages about 300 pages. Articles cover a wide range of scholarly legal subjects.

Clinic Adds Three New Profs

Thomas F. Disare, a 1980 cum laude graduate of Cornell Law School and a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, has taken a one-year leave of absence from the firm to join the teaching staff of the Law School clinical education program. Disare served as an administrator of Jaeckle, Fleischmann’s corporate department since April 1987. He is teaching in the Law School’s non-litigation development clinics—George M. Hezel’s Low-Income Housing Resource Development clinic, and the Community Economic Development Clinic of Peter R. Pitegoff. His position is being supported by a grant to the Law School from the U.S. Department of Education.

Melinda R. Saran, a 1986 graduate of the Law School, has also joined the teaching staff of the Law School clinical program. Saran, who has been employed as an attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services of Buffalo in the Protection and Advocacy Unit, will teach in the Education Law clinic, in association with Ronald M. Hager and Mary J. Lang. Her position is being supported by a grant to the Law School from Delta Development Corp.

Kathleen A. Rimar, a former member of the Law School’s faculty, has rejoined the clinical teaching faculty in a half-time position. She is teaching a Refugee/Immigration Law clinic which is supported by a challenge grant to the Law School from the LeBrun Foundation.

According to clinical education director R. Nils Olsen Jr., the clinics were successful in winning outside grants totaling in excess of $180,000, mostly from federal sources. “These funds allowed us to hire three new attorneys. There are now 11 attorneys and one technical assistant teaching in the clinical program,” says Olsen.

In addition to those attorneys previously mentioned are Gayle T. Murphy, Gerald P. Seipp, Anthony H. Szewcziel and George M. Zimmermann.