The Alumni Association bids au revoir to popular Law Professor Karen Gebbia-Pinetti. A magna cum laude graduate of Villanova University and cum laude graduate of the Georgetown Law Center, Professor Gebbia-Pinetti joined the Richardson Law School faculty in 1993, following 10 years of private commercial law practice. At Richardson, she wrote extensively and taught in the areas of Bankruptcy, Commercial Transactions, and Legal Writing and Education. In 1998 she was recognized as the School’s Outstanding Professor of Law for the 1997-98 academic year and in 1999 she was awarded one of the University-wide Regents’ Medals for Excellence in Teaching.

After taking a leave-of-absence, Professor Gebbia-Pinetti decided to retire from the Law faculty to spend time raising her three young children with husband, Randy. She will be missed by her fellow faculty members, law students and alumni.

Please Help Keep Alumni E-mail Flowing

Most alumni have probably received several of our Association’s e-mails during the past year. If you haven’t, it may be because your spam filter is keeping us out. If you would like to receive periodic e-mails from the Alumni Association on alumni activities and events, but haven’t been, please unblock our e-mail address (lawalum@hawaii.edu) and e-mail us your preferred e-mail address. Also, if you would prefer the Association use a different e-mail address from the one at which we have been contacting you, please note this on the enclosed membership form or simply e-mail us your preferred e-mail address.

WHERE ARE YOU?

If you know how to get in touch with any of the following alumni, please let us know or please contact them and ask them to contact the Alumni Association to provide a current mailing or e-mail address so that we can continue to keep in touch with all of our alumni.

Alan Rhodey 1978
Deana Spencer 1986
Kelly Haywood 1993
S. Anne LaLonde-Voorhies 1994
Marc Garren 1997 (Visitor)
Jennifer Hong 1999
Aimee Davis 2001
Lalii Chin 2004

Barbara Jordan 1983
Capt. Richard Burns 1990
Jerrlyn Sengebau 1993
Denise Pennick 1994
Anya Vohiri 1998
Christopher Chung 2000
Natalie Dodson 2003
Tania Cruz 2004
WARD F. OLSEN, JR.

Ward Olsen, Class of 1979, passed away unexpectedly at his Honolulu apartment in late September of 2004. Ward was born in Yokohama, Japan, where he was adopted by Vivian Olsen and Ward Olsen, Sr., a civilian employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After several years in Japan, Ward’s family moved to Kailua, Oahu, where Ward lived until shortly before high school. His family then moved to Cincinnati, where Ward graduated from high school in 1970. Ward graduated with a degree in History from U.C. Santa Barbara.

After college, Ward returned to Hawaii, working for two years before applying to Law School at U.H. After graduation, Ward worked briefly for Hawaii Correctional Legal Services, with Robert A. Smith, and in a small Kailua office he shared with his close friend and classmate Ralph Glanstein. The bulk of Ward’s legal career was with Andy Englehart, Christine Kurashige, Dennis Davis, Paul Fong and, briefly, Larry Foster, in the firm of Robinson & Englehart (later Englehart & Associates). After the firm broke up, Ward continued in a part-time solo practice, helping other attorneys who needed assistance, while taking care of his mother who suffers from Alzheimer’s disease.

Wardo was an avid hiker and great history buff, specializing in Roman, Civil War and World War II history. He was a noted raconteur, sharing his broad knowledge at his favorite watering holes, the Ground Floor and Gordon Biersch. A gathering of Ward’s classmates and friends, organized by his close friend Kerry Entrekin, was held in Kailua on October 31st, followed by a scattering of Ward’s ashes off of Lanikai. Ward is survived by his mother, Vivian, who is in a care home in Waipahu, and by his sister, Noreen, niece and nephew, all in California.

BERLYN NISHIMURA

Our condolences to the family and friends of Berlyn Chiyo Nishimura, 70, who passed away on July 18, 2004. Berlyn had retired from her private law practice. Before attending law school (Class of 1986), Berlyn had earned a Masters in English at the University of Hawaii. According to the obituary published in the Honolulu Advertiser, Berlyn is survived by her brothers, Karl and Dean, and her sisters, Earlyn Nishimura and Freida Hulse. Services were private.

Law School Begins its “J” Term Program.

The Law School recently began its new three-week “J” Term Program. The Program includes various one-credit courses that are taught in the month of January. This year’s “J” Term included “Sports Law and Labor Law” (taught by Prof. William B. Gould, IV, the Charles A. Beardsley Emeritus Professor at Stanford Law School), “New Ideas in Corporate Law” (taught by Prof. Kent Greenfield of Boston College Law School), and “The Warren Court” (taught by Prof. Morton Horwitz, the Charles Warren Professor of American Legal History at Harvard Law School.)

Alumni Take Active Role in HSBA Young Lawyers Division

Congratulations to the following alumni, who were recently elected to serve on the Hawaii State Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division Board: Treasurer Nichole Shimamoto (’01); Secretary Leila Rothwell-Sullivan (’01); Oahu Directors Liann Ebegawa (’03), Wendy Hanakahiki (’03) and Alison Kunishige (’03); and Kauai Director Simeona Ahuna (’03).
**Etes Snap 10-Game Losing Steak in December Ete Bowl, Upsetting Bruzers 30 – 12.**

After ten straight wins, the 2004 Alumnae Bruzers may have been overconfident heading into the 2004 Ete Bowl. The well-coached and well-practiced Etes, however, had upset on their minds, and came into the game with confidence of their own.

Saturday, Dec. 4th was finally decided upon as the game day for Ete Bowl XXVI, the latest date ever for an Ete Bowl. Although there wasn't snow on the field, the elements were a game factor, with both a stiff swirling breeze and periodic showers blanket ing the field.

The Etes started off the scoring, with Ete Quarterback (QB) Kara Young ('05) bootlegging for a touchdown (TD). The Bruzers answered quickly with a bomb from QB Jill Nunokawa ('88) to Stacy Felix Kailio ('00) down the left sideline for a score. With the rain coming down hard, Ete QB Young scored again on a play-action fake to her running back followed by another TD scamper. Again the Bruzers answered, with a strike from Nunokawa to slot back Adrianne Heely ('98) in the right flat. After a Bruzer drive sputtered, the Etes' QB kept on rolling, scoring her third TD of the half following a fake handoff to the left with a bootleg around the right end. The first half ended with the Etes leading 3 TDs to 2.

The second half was all Etes. Their defense stiffened and, after Ete defenders knocked down a number of Bruzer passes, the Ete offense took the field again. This time, Ete QB Young scrambled out of the pocket, tucked the ball in, cut across the field and, picking up blockers along the way, scored her 4th TD of the afternoon. After the teams traded unproductive possessions twice more, the Etes scored their final TD on a halfback sweep around the left end. The Bruzers' drive following the ensuing kickoff fell short when time expired. The game thus ended with the Etes leading 5 TDs to 2.

As has become the custom, the Etes generously shared a luau meal with the Bruzers following the game. A number of outstanding recent alumnae joined the Bruzers this year, including offensive guards Kirsha Durante ('04) and Summer Kupau ('04), wide receiver Tootie Glendon ('03), defensive end Shannon Alivado ('04), defensive tackle Lehua Kinilau ('99) and defensive back Kimberly Iopa ('03).

The Bruzers would like to thank their coaches and managers for their assistance prior to and during the game and to thank Lei Medeiros ('90), Sonja McCullen ('02), Kapua Sproat ('98), Sharon Nishi ('87) and Alison Kunishige ('03) for all of their hard work in making this year's game possible.

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**Alumni Tidbits**

If you have any news you would like to share with fellow alumni, just send the information on the reverse of your membership form or by e-mail.

**1980 & 81** – Congratulations to Alumni Assn. Treasurer Judy Sterling ('80) on the publication of her book A Will is not Enough in Hawaii, and to her law partner Michelle Tucker ('81) on the publication of her book Guiding Those Left Behind in Hawaii. Both books were co-authored with Amelia E. Pohl.

1985 – Alvin K. Nishimura has been appointed to a one-year term as a per diem judge in the Honolulu District Court. Al will continue his solo practice.

After many years with the State and Federal Public Defender Offices, former alumni board member William (“Willie”) Domingo has started his own practice, focusing on state and federal criminal law. He has located at 568 Halekauwila Street, Second Floor.

1987 – Former alumni board member Linda Martell has been named to serve a one-year term as a per diem judge for the Honolulu District Family Court. Linda had been serving as a supervisor for the Family Court's Custody Evaluation Unit since 2003.

1989 – Kudos to former alumni board member Lisa M. Ginoza, who was recently named First Deputy Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. Lisa had been in a litigation practice with the McCorriston firm. She replaces alum Richard Bissen ('86) who has been serving as Acting Director of the Department of Public Safety.

1990 – Mahalo to Douglas Smith for his service to the community as Chairman of the Board of Goodwill Industries of Hawaii. Doug practices with the Damon Key firm.

1991 – Congratulations to Shawna Sodersten upon her one-year appointment as a per diem judge for the District Family Court in Honolulu. Shawna had been serving as the supervising attorney for the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline since 2001.

Our best wishes to Todd Eddins, who recently opened his own law office after many years with the Public Defender’s Office in Honolulu. Todd plans to focus his practice on criminal and civil litigation. His office is at Suite 1320 of the Pauahi Tower downtown.

1992 – Southwestern School of Law (Los Angeles) announced its promotion of Richardson (J.D.) and Harvard (LL.M.) Law alumna Danielle Kie Hart to Professor of Law and granted her tenure. Since 1999, Danni has served on the faculty of Southwestern, where she teaches in the fields of Contracts, Sales and Secured Transactions.

1993 – Congrats to former Honolulu Councilman, alumni board member, and T.V. newsmen Jon Yoshimura on being named U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka’s new Director of Communications. Jon, who attended Georgetown University in D.C. as an undergraduate, expects to begin his new job in April.

1997 – The Holland & Knight Law Firm recently announced that Julie Tappendorf, of the firm's Chicago office, has become a partner in the 1,250+ lawyer firm. Julie’s practice focuses on local government, land use and real estate development matters.

1999 – Congratulations to Patrick and Kathleen Kelly on the birth of their son, Kean Kelly, on January 5th.

2000 - C.J. Duncan reports from Texas that since August of 2003 he has been a general attorney in the Office of the Chief Counsel, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security in El Paso. Thanks for keeping in touch.