Justice Stephen Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court will speak on "Our Democratic Constitution" at the College of Law at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the Great Hall.

Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will introduce Justice Breyer, whose presentation, the annual Willard H. Pedrick Lecture, is free and open to the public.

A public reception will follow.

Justice Breyer will discuss his views that the Constitution's primary role is to preserve and encourage what he calls "active liberty," said. "The law school is in great shape, and the new dean will have a great treat in front of him or her."

"Last year we had 75 participants in 15 teams," Calleros said. "This year, we have 85 on 20 teams."

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Gov. Janet Napolitano declared Tuesday, Feb. 5, as Dean Patricia D. White Day, in honor of White, who will be stepping down to teach next year.

The proclamation was presented to White at the annual College of Law Alumni Luncheon, attended by more than 200 alumni gathered at the Arizona Biltmore.

It said: "WHEREAS, Dean Patricia D. White became the first woman dean of a law school in Arizona having served for 9.5 years; and

"WHEREAS, under Dean White’s leadership the law school was renamed the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, becoming the first in the history of the United States to be named after a woman, United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor; and

"WHEREAS, Dean White tripled the ethnic diversity of the faculty and nearly doubled the number of faculty from over a 17:1 student to faculty ratio to under 10:1 while simultaneously more than doubling the annual number of student applicants; during which time the law school was rated as a top ten school for Hispanics by Hispanic Business Magazine, and

"WHEREAS, Dean White led the growth of the school’s Center for Law, Science, & Technology into the most comprehensive law and science center in the United States; presided over the renowned Indian Legal Program, and the opening of four new clinics; and

"WHEREAS, Dean White established three new degree programs – the L.M. in Tribal Policy, Law, and Government, the L.M. in Biotechnology and Genomics and a Master of Legal Studies; developed two concurrent degree programs – M.D./J.D. partnership with the Mayo Clinic, and the J.D./Ph.D. in psychology, and the development of five certificate programs; and

"WHEREAS, Dean White has encouraged and enhanced the ability of students to utilize their skills to help the community by expanding the Pro Bono Program from four projects to over 20 projects, delivering over 71,000 hours of free legal and law-related services in a single year;

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim February 5, 2008, as "Dean Patricia D. White Day."

White thanked the governor, the Alumni Association and her staff.

"It has been a great privilege to be the dean of the law school," she said. "The law school is in great shape, and the new dean will have a great treat in front of him or her."

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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS DISCUSSION/WORKSHOPS

Panel discussions and workshops on Alternative Options and Great Non-legal Careers will be held from 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Feb. 11-14.

The first session is on Thursday, Feb. 14, from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Room 116, when a self-assessment workshop will be held on identifying non-legal careers and how to market yourself.

On Thursday, in Room 116, corporate, including insurance, tech ventures and real-estate development, is scheduled.

LOAN REPAYMENT WORKSHOPS

Get your questions answered about student loans and repayment at three meetings hosted by Joseph Lindsay, Director of Financial Aid at the College of Law, and Kelly Walker, Financial Aid Counselor at the W.P. Carey School of Business. Find out the benefits of consolidating your loans, whether you can consolidate federal and private loans and which lender is best to manage your debt.

The session will be held on March 4-5. Sign up for the workshops through the College of Law’s events calendar.

GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER FAIR

The Career Services office will be hosting the annual Government/Public Interest Career Fair from 12-1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the Steptoe & Johnson Rotunda. A full list of 25 agencies that will be involved will be provided as the event date approaches.

In a relaxed Q & A format, Berch coaxed memories from Campbell about his first experience with Pedrick, who convinced him to attend ASU’s new law school, rather than Boalt Hall at the University of California, Berkeley. Pedrick bragged about the collection of law books that founding librarian Richard Dahl had assembled and the impressive faculty that have been hired.

“Go on. I’ve heard the most horrible sounds a person could hear: ‘Gordon Campbell!’” Campbell said, recalling how Pedrick had called on him to talk about a case, admonished him to “be vertical” while answering and then called on another student who put Campbell to shame.

Despite that, “Pedrick was about the nicest guy I’d ever met,” he said.

Campbell said his second class was with Professor Jonathan Rose, who also called on him right away, but was able to calm Campbell’s jitters. “He was an inspiration to me,” Campbell said of Rose.

Read the full story at www.law.asu.edu.

OPLINGER CLOSING ARGUMENT COMPETITION

Sign-ups begin on Tuesday, Feb. 12, for the Oplinger Closing Argument Competition sponsored by the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel.

The competition provides an excellent opportunity for students to hone their oral advocacy skills while receiving feedback from experienced attorneys. It’s especially useful for first-year students who must deliver an oral argument during the Spring 2008 semester for Legal Writing, second-year students preparing for a summer job, and third-year students looking to polish their advocacy skills before entering practice.

The preliminary round will be held on Monday, Feb. 25, and the final round on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Prizes include $1,000 for first place, $500 for second, $250 for third and $125 for fourth.

An informational meeting will be held from 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12, in Room 105, Pizza provided. For more information, contact Sarah Reif at Sarah.Reif@asu.edu.

T-SHIRTS ON SALE FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The John P. Morris Black Law Student Association is selling $15 T-shirts in celebration of Black History Month. Go to www.asu.edu/clubs/johnp-morris-blsa/ for ordering information.

BAR EXAM COURSE SCHEDULE

The schedule of classes to help students with the bar exam has been changed. Contracts, taught by Jonathan Rose, will now be held on Friday, Feb. 15, and Constitutional Law (Arizona and Federal) with Paul Bender is on Friday, Feb. 22. The classes will be from 3:30-6 p.m.

FACULTY NEWS

Professor Jonathan Rose has been invited to speak at the Fifth Annual Rare Book Lecture next year at the Tarlton Law Library at The University of Texas at Austin.

For the past decade, Rose, a Willard H. Pedrick Distinguished Research Scholar and Faculty Fellow in the Center for the Study of Law, Science, and Technology, has researched medieval and early modern English legal history, most recently at The National Archives in London and at Magdalen College at the University of Oxford.

Rose also has written several articles about English legal history for publications at The University of Chicago Law School, the Association of American Law Schools and The Journal of Legal History, among others.

Professor Michael White will participate in the February Science Café presented by the Center for Nanotechnology in Society at ASU at the Arizona Science Center.

White, a professor of law and philosophy, Willem Vermaas, a professor in the School of Life Sciences, and Barry Ritchie, a physics professor, will discuss how religious faith does not exclude one from believing in evolution. The panel, “Evolution and Faith: Room for Both,” will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15, at the science center, 600 E. Washington St. in downtown Phoenix. Admission is free.

Science cafes inform discussions that bring together community members and university scientists to discuss how science and technology can change the future. Teachers receive one hour of professional development for each café attended.

For more information, contact Roxanne Wheelock at (480) 965-0555 or at Roxanne.Wheelock@asu.edu.

MOOT WINNERS

Congratulations to Kyle Shelton and John Gray, both 2Ls, who placed first and second, respectively, in the 2008 Oral Argument Competition on Thursday, Feb. 7. Also participating were Paul Cardon, Whitney Harvey, Florin Ivan, Amanda Pyper, Erin Richardson and Christine Truksen.

EXTERNSHIP APPLICATION DUE

The deadline for summer and fall externships is at noon on Friday, Feb. 15. For more information, go to law-asu-csm.symplicity.com/students/