In Brief

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

Boalt Archives Display Serious and Offbeat Offerings

Long before he ran for U.S. vice president or authored the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, a young Berkeley law student named Earl Warren ’14 danced a two-step at the 1910 sophomore hop. Warren’s tasseled dance card and other items from his childhood, Berkeley years and early legal career are some of the many artifacts in the Boalt Hall archives.

William Benemann, head of technical services at the law library, has spent more than five years culling library collections in hopes of developing a center to display historic information about Boalt. His work paid off in October 2002 when he established a display room at the east entrance of the library. “Once I announced the archives,” says Benemann, “people started sending literally cartons of stuff.”

Rotating displays run the gamut from century-old course catalogs to a first-year-student “face book” whose pages include one of the school’s most well-known students, Doonesbury character Joanie Caucus (class of ’77). Another display featured “Boalt Imagined: Architectural Drawings of What Is and What Might Have Been,” a series of design plans for the law school dating back to the 1950s.

This year Benemann created “The First Three: The Centennial Celebration of the First Berkeley Law Degrees, 1903,” which explores the lives of the first graduates of Berkeley’s Department of Jurisprudence. “The three men who received those degrees left campus to pursue very different courses in life,” says Benemann.

Harry Aaron Hollzer was a judge for the U.S. District Court for Southern California. Motoyuki Negoro, a labor activist in Hawaii, was sent to prison for his part in the 1909 strike against sugarcane plantation owners. And Charles Irving Wright practiced law for 26 years before operating a sports fishing resort in the Florida Keys.

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Victim Liaison Shares Experiences Working with Families of Murder Victims

Students who hope to represent clients in capital cases must be ready to tackle many challenges, from endless hours of research and investigative work to navigating a maximum security prison. In addition, those preparing to advocate for death row defendants must face another less obvious but vitally important challenge—communicating with victims’ families.

In February Tammy Krause, an associate of the Institute for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University, came to Boalt to discuss her work as a victim liaison in death penalty cases. Her talk, “Restorative Justice: Understanding and Working with Victims of Violent Crimes,” explored how defense teams can participate in a process that embraces the needs and concerns of both their clients and the victims’ families. An expert in the area of restorative justice, Krause has teamed with defense counsel to reach out to victims’ families in numerous capital cases, including *U.S. v. Timothy McVeigh*.

The talk was sponsored by Boalt’s Death Penalty Clinic.