Nine faculty members were on panels for the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) meeting, "Legal Educators in a Learning Society," in January. Jose Alvarez and James Krier participated in a mini-workshop on "The Last Ten Years: What Your Students Know that You Should Know Too," addressing International and Foreign Law, and Property, respectively. Steven Croley was a panel speaker for "Corporate Torts: Deterrence and Corrective Justice Reconsidered." Phoebe Ellsworth was a speaker in the program on "Judge, Juror, Party and Lawyer: Can We Predict Their Behavior"; the program was moderated by Samuel Gross. Merritt Fox was a commentator for the session on "Disclosure and Capital Market Theory." Yale Kamisar spoke at the session on "Physician-Assisted Suicide." Lawrence Waggoner spoke at the program on "Planning for Couples." Christina Brooks Whitman participated in a joint program panel addressing "Civil Rights and Federal Courts." In addition, Susan Gzesh, a frequent visitor, was a speaker on a program addressing "La Frontera: Perspectives on the U.S.-Mexico Border. And Assistant Dean for Admissions Dennis Shields was a panelist for a discussion on "Making First Year Orientation a Meaningful First Step in the Legal Education Process."

A standing "O" for Israel

Jerry Israel, the Alene and Allan F. Smith Professor of Law, received the traditional "standing O" from students and colleagues after teaching his last class on December 6, 1995. Israel, who is retiring, joined the faculty in 1961 and taught criminal law to thousands of students. Though a legend for much of his academic career, Israel stayed modest to the end — his retirement dinner and accompanying recognition will, at his request, occur later this year.

Yale Kamisar, a colleague of Israel's since 1965 and co-author for more than 25 years observed, "From Gideon v Wainwright: The 'Art' of Overruling (1963) to Federal Criminal Procedure as a Model for the States (1996), Jerry Israel has made many important contributions to the criminal justice literature. And the three-volume treatise he co-authored with Wayne LaFave, Criminal Procedure, has been an indispensable tool for anyone interested in the subject. Moreover, every U-M faculty member who has written in criminal law or criminal procedure in the last 30 years will tell you that Jerry has been an invaluable source of ideas and information and an extremely helpful critic and counselor."