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The New Mexico Law Review published three issues totalling 500 printed pages during fiscal year 1984-85. The Fall 1984 issue was the final work of student Editor-in-Chief Lori Gallagher; Lead Articles Editor Andy G. Schultz; Managing Editors Grey Handy and Mary Catherine McCulloch, and Notes and Comments Editors Roberta Beyer and Gary D. Eisen-enberg. The lead-off article in that issue, Alternative Dispute Resolution: A Supermart for Law Reform, was substantially the text of the Simms Memorial Lecture delivered at the University of New Mexico School of Law on April 19, 1984, by the Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson, Judge, United State Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. The other lead article in the fall issue was The Role of the Vocational Expert in Worker's Compensation Cases, by William E. Foote, Ph.D. 1978, The University of New Mexico, and Terry M. Word.

Newly elected student editors who assumed their year of duty with the Winter 1985 issue were: Sean Devlin Bersell, Editor-in-Chief; Tassie Hanna, Lead Articles Editor; Kathryn Stryker and Robert Wagoner, Managing Editors; and Myra Moldenahuer and Nancy Neary, Notes and Comments Editors. Topics covered in that issue were: Selecting an Analogous State Limitations Statute in Reconstruction Civil Rights Acts Claims: The Tenth Circuit's Resolution, by Mark D. Jarmie, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico; and The Capital Defendant's Right to Make a Personal Plea for Mercy: Common Law Allocution and Constitutional Mitigation, by J. Thomas Sullivan, formerly Appellate Defender, New Mexico Public Defender Department.
The Spring 1985 Survey issue, edited by Paula J. Cotitta, was the annual survey of New Mexico Law during the previous year. Members of the State Bar of New Mexico, along with student co-authors in many instances, contributed articles on Administrative Law, Civil Procedure, Commercial Law, Condominium Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Employment Law, Evidence, Insurance Law, Property Law, and Torts. Two faculty members of the UNM School of Law were contributors to the issue Michael Browde, writing with Andrew J. Schultz, clerk to Judge Alvin B. Rubin of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, on Administrative Law, and Berta Hernandez, writing on Property Law.
Four issues of the Natural Resources Journal, totalling 1223 printed pages, were published during fiscal year 1984-85. The July 1984 issue was highlighted with articles entitled "Developments in British Environmental Law" by D.G.T. Williams, President, Wolfson College, Cambridge University, and "Farmland Preservation Policy and Program" by Jerome G. Rose, Rutgers University. Student editors of the July issue were James Beig and Kurt Sommer, Lead Articles; Susan Rush and Judith Schrandt, Processing; Eileen Paez and Carol Ritchie, Notes and Comments; and Edward Hand and Celia Jorgensen, Recent Developments.

Student editors who assumed their one-year tenure with the October 1984 issue were: Karla Ojanen and Susan Zeller, Lead Articles; David G. Mathgeber and William Scott, Processing; Ellen Casey and Sharon Gross, Notes and Comments; and S. Gregory Jones, Recent Developments. Lead-off article in that issue was "The Garrison Diversion: Constraints on Conflict Resolution," by Lynton K. Caldwell of Indiana University. "An Economic Analysis of Illinois' New Hazardous Waste Law," by Professor J. L. Carlson, G.V. Johnson, and T.S. Ulen of the University of Illinois was among other articles published in October.

The January 1985 issue marked the beginning of the Journal's 25th anniversary year. It was devoted to a symposium on "Accommodating Tensions in the Coastal Zone." The various articles in the issue discussed the Coastal Zone Management Act, how some of the east coast and west coast states met with that Act's requirements, and coastal zone issues in the far east (Tokyo Bay, Singapore/Malacca Straits) and the North Sea.
The April 1985 issue included articles on varied topics such as: a comparison of management policies of the U.S. Forest Service and Federal Marine Fisheries Service; federal coal policy as an example of public lands management; the need for proclaiming a marine sanctuary in the Hawaiian Islands; and "Sociobiology and the California Public Trust Doctrine," among others. The 25th anniversary year will be further marked by publication of an anthology entitled "Enclosing the Environment: NEPA'S Transformation of Conservation Into Environmentalism," edited by Channing Kury, Esq., J.D. 1975, University of New Mexico and a former Lead Articles Editor of the Natural Resources Journal.