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BILL VIPOND CONQUERS ANOTHER MOUNTAIN--  
THIS TIME IT'S USD LAW SCHOOL

Bill Vipond, quite literally, is a model skier.

That is to say the handsome six-foot-two La Jolla resident helped finance his University of San Diego Law School education by modeling ski clothing and equipment for magazines and fashion shows.

The 27-year-old son of an ophthalmologist has spent the past four years modeling for publications, including "Outside," "Aspen" and "Snowmass" magazines.

Very soon, Vipond is hoping to make the jump to television commercials. "I just interviewed for a national TV commercial," he noted.

Also on the horizon is the establishment of his own production company, which will specialize in high action photography.

"That way I'll have my own copyrights for my own slides... I'll form a few corporations, making sure I'll get what is rightfully mine."

Spoken like a true law school student.

At 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 24, Vipond and about 325 others will receive law degrees at a graduation ceremony on campus. Vipond will receive a Juris Doctor degree.

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"First I thought about becoming a doctor, but you can't be a doctor and have time to ski," Vipond explained.

You have to understand that Vipond does a lot of downhill racing. He has been skiing for 17 years.

He has skied Sweden, Norway, the French Alps, Switzerland, South America and, of course, the United States.

Just this school year, he managed to squeeze in 51 days on the slopes in Aspen, Colo. And that's taking a full load of classes both semesters.

His J.D. degree will also assist Vipond in his latest venture, commercial real estate development. Vipond has gone to work for Leland Main, president of PacWest Capital Corp., a San Diego-based firm.

Vipond, who is the company's director of land acquisitions, is scheduled to undergo six months of training in equity, portfolio, land acquisition and other development matters. "I'm being trained to become a partner," he added.

Vipond is the son of Dr. Fraser Vipond of Grossepointe, Mich. and Diana Weir, who resides in Darien, Conn.

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