



## SJCL PREPARES FOR FIRST COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Arrangements for the first commencement exercises of the law school are nearing completion. The ceremony will be held on May 24, 1974, at 8:00 p.m. in the Pacific College Amphitheatre. At that time fifteen seniors, including Leland Sterling as Valedictorian, will step forward to receive diplomas.

The guest speaker for the occasion will be Mr. Stanley Mosk, an Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court. Dean Dan Eymann will be the master of ceremonies.

For the presentation of degrees Dean Eymann will be assisted by Assistant Dean John Loomis, Administrative Dean Oliver Wanger, and Faculty Head Melvin Nitz. Mr. John Gorfinkel, a consultant for the California Committee of Bar Examiners, will also be present to give a few remarks.

Members of the Bar are invited to attend.



The Class of 1974: seated left to right, Mio Diann Quatraro, Glenda Doan and Judy Ward; standing left to right, Walter Johnson, John M. Newman, Don Penner, Edward W. Hunt, Donald A. Peoples, Rodney C. Haron, Paul James, James Isaac Aaron, Jerry Edward Henry, John H. Mitchell and Leland Sterling. Peggy Sasashima Liggett was not available for the picture.

## LOOKING BACK

SJCL 1970-1974—sounds like an obituary, but hopefully, for the sake of the 15 Fourth Graders and countless thousands of others to come, that will be statistics on a birth announcement . . . a birth that has taken four years in gestation—the birth of attorneys.

The class of '74 began with 58 members. In that first group there were 10 women and 48 men. Today there are 4 women and 11 men. The later group may not have been the most intelligent, but they obviously had the most sit-power, guts and stubbornness—whatever it takes—not to mention a lot of help from the sidelines. It has been suggested that although the school's grading policies have helped it progress as rapidly as it has, it has cost us many good students who grew weary of working hard and

not getting a grade that reflected their efforts.

Be that as it may, in the last four years the class served as guinea pigs for the law school. For example, in our first year we had four instructors trying to teach us how to write law exams and none used the same method. In the second year we had two professors for Commercial Law and one course, Equity, given two times. That summer we were involuntary participants in the insanity marathon. With no break between spring finals and summer school we took two courses (including Equity 2d) and did our Moot Court work—all before August 1. During that summer one student voluntarily transferred to the "other law school". Our third year slump was relieved by the

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## EBERLEIN SEEKS

### COUNTY-WIDE POST

Third year student Lee Eberlein is actively campaigning for the position of Fresno County Administrator.

Lee is thirty-four years old and is currently attending San Joaquin on a scholarship. He has worked as a reporter and assignment editor for a local TV station, though he recently resigned in order to devote full time to the campaign.

## BANQUET

### A SUCCESS

This year's banquet, held on April 5 in the Press Room of the Fresno Hilton, was attended by over 80 students, faculty, administrators, and their guests.

Judith Soley, of Gallagher, Levis, and Soley, was the featured speaker. "The laws," she said, "allegedly for the protection of women are in fact illogical and discriminatory against both

sexes." Mrs. Soley traced the historical development of such laws while pointing out some of the major ruts in legal policies through the years. Following the main address, Rod Haron, outgoing Student Body President, gave a brief synopsis of the events during his term in office. Larry Donaldson then was presented the president's

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## REMEDY FOR RAPE VICTIMS

Nationally, one rape is committed every minute. In the Fresno area for the period of January through October, 1973, the Valley Medical Center statistics indicate that 70 rapes were committed, while the reported police statistics show 35 forceable rapes and 12 attempts. Although society's legal institutions have long recognized the seriousness of rape, the focus is necessarily upon the offender.

Five Fresno women involved in the Women's Studies Program at California State University, Fresno have sought to concern themselves with the victim of rape by creating the Rape Counseling Service. In may be reached by calling 222-RAPE, in Fresno. Twenty-four women counselors are on duty to help the rape victim through the aftermath.

A victim of rape is faced with lengthy police interrogations, physical examinations, and often unpleasant cross-examination in court. The counselors will accompany the victim during interrogation and trial, will arrange for free medical examinations (in cooperation with Valley Medical Center and law enforcement agencies), and will refer victims to psychiatrists and to Valley Mental Health if requested. The group is also organizing a call-back system to allow for continuing counseling after the legal proceedings are completed.

According to one counselor, perhaps the most serious problem many victims face is the attitude of those most close to them. Often parents or the husband will feel that the victim somehow 'brought it on,' whether by being in the wrong place at the wrong time, or by dressing in a provocative manner, or whatever. The counselors are willing to speak with relatives of the victim to try to

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# Editorial

There is a time in the life of each new educational institution when it must graduate its first students and wait for the results of its efforts. New law schools, unlike most institutions of higher education, do not have long to wait for such results, and the San Joaquin College of Law is no exception.

Within the next three months fifteen graduating seniors will put their last four years of hard labor down on California Bar paper. They can then sit back and have time to ponder what the future will be and what the past has been.

As the first graduating class, they will have much to remember about the past. They were the school in 1970-71. Every class they have taken has been instructed by new professors and every rule made by the administration has probably changed in some way to meet the demands of growth and development. They have seen many students drop by the wayside, including one who died from pneumonia two-thirds of the way through the first year. An energetic group, they sought to help other students even though there was no one to help them.

Now the time has come for them to leave, yet all students will be watching their progress because their accomplishments will guide the future of the college and students for years to come. To them we give our best wishes for their success, not only for passing the Bar, but also for successful and fulfilling careers as attorneys.

The fact that there is a first graduating class is a remarkable achievement. The school greeted its first students less than four years ago, the administration having started the entire development from scratch. Considerable credit must be given to Judge Dan Eymann, John Loomis, and Oliver Wanger, for their organizational efforts. Though there have been problems, the fact still remains that the efforts of these men made an accredited law school available to many persons who would otherwise not have had the opportunity to study the law.

## TIPS

Gary S. Austin

In looking for a need to satisfy, I thought, "What could be more beneficial to anxiety stricken neophytes than a healthy dose of tips—as an inducement to think rather than seducement to drink—about exam writing.

Tips, as tips go, usually come bounded in groups of three. Hence, my three are: **rest, sense of perspective and apply.** But before discussing them independently I should allude to the obvious. There is no devine right that gives my tips credence over anyone elses. Mine are substantially products of trial, not design, and are intended to be helpful reminders for those who have heads pre-occupied with substantive law and who might appreciate a more distant gaze.

1. **REST:** the chief enemy of clear thinking is an over-worked, half awake, pushed to the limits, mind. Please, for your own sake and the sake of larger second year classes, don't cram on the day of the final. If you don't know the material by then your boat already left. Sleep in, if you must study on the day of the finals, then do so for only an hour or two.

2. **SENSE OF PERSPECTIVE:** After reading through the exam question give thought to perspective. The instructor is attempting to elicit your ability to bring appropriate law and facts together. The call of the question is the starting point. If, for instance, Dean Eymann is

asking only for the rights and liabilities of X, why give him Y's.

Secondly in this tip, have a firm grip on the table of contents of your books. This is your map. Broad subject headings must be blue-printed in your mind before intricate analytical problems can be solved.

Perspective then, encompasses the angle of analysis and the proper attitude with respect to sequential priorities.

3. **APPLICATION:** "It were not best that we should all think alike; it is difference of opinion that makes horse races." (Mark Twain).

Don't leave out this part of your answer. Conclusions get you nowhere—except into medical school (the haven for washed out law students). This is your big (and needless to say, only) chance to demonstrate your analytical ability and graps of the law. Eagerness to rush to a conclusion only makes for poor answers. Let your agruments take you naturally to a conclusion. Both your grade and professor will later come with good news.

Oh, yes, as Mark Twain alluded to above, when you argue your case it is not important that your paper look exactly like programmed learning—differences in how one commingles law and fact is the single factor most accountable for the thriving profession today.

## VICTIM OF FRAUD?

By Ted Forrest

Fraudulent schemes cost California consumers and legitimate businessmen millions of dollars annually.

The possibilities of fraudulent dealings are so numerous as to confuse the mortal mind. Many agencies have been created to combat this type of operation, from the Federal Government to the State of California to the County of Fresno.

Fraudulent practices have grown so rapidly that a monumental task has been thrust upon the agencies seeking to educate the public. They are also charged with taking decisive action against those operators who defraud the public.

The Federal Government through the Federal Trades Commission has set up a number of rules and regulations relating to the basic subject of "unlawful" business practices". The state has established a Department of Consumer Affairs in Sacramento with supervision over fifty businesses and professions which run the gambit from accountants to marriage counselors to veterinarians.

When a person feels he has been defrauded he is often confused: Where to go for help to solve the problem? For many the first contact is either the Better Business Bureau, a consumer assistance agency or an attorney.

In many cases the problem is resolved by intervention of one of those agencies. In numerous cases the person is advised to file a small claims action. Whenever a pattern of conduct indicates "unfair business practices" as defined in the California Civil Code, Section 3369, or "sales misrepresentations" as defined in Business and Professions Code, Section 17500, the Attorney General, District Attorney or City Attorney is empowered to take action by filing an injunction prohibiting such unlawful acts.

The Consumer Fraud Unit in the Fresno County District Attorney's Office was established in May, 1973. District Attorney, William A. Smith, has shown great interest in Consumer Fraud and is working with other agencies in the community for better consumer protection. The District Attorney's Consumer Fraud Unit is considering expanding its coverage. Not only will the wholesale fraud business be prosecuted but smaller complaints usually registered by two or three individuals will also be investigated.

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Larry Donaldson

As we all study hard for our finals and look forward to the end of the academic year, your new association officers are beginning to work on a new year of association activities. Next year promises to be a very productive and enjoyable one. We have a very capable board with Bob Williams, vice president; James Mele, secretary; Chuck Brewer, treasurer; Jim Wasson, forth year representative; and Shirley Stetta and Gary Wasserman, second year representatives. I have appointed Malcolm Stewart as Parliamentarian.

I am extremely pleased to have such a fine group to work with. As soon as finals are over we will all start to work full speed ahead toward accomplishing the many projects we have planned for this year. I want to emphasize that we, as your representatives, want to hear your ideas and will need your help if we are to accomplish all our goals.

The administration has shown an increased willing-

ness to listen and to accept our constructive ideas to improve our already fine school. At a recent meeting Dean Eymann and Mr. Loomis authorized the formation of a curriculum advisory committee. This committee will be composed of student and faculty members to advise the administration as to any problems with individual instructors. It will also suggest ways to improve the various courses.

We have been asked to set the committee up as soon as possible and to bring some concrete suggestions to the first meeting with the administration. I believe this committee can be of extreme value in preventing the occurrence of major problems, such as improper instruction, and in improving the content and coordination of courses.

I would like to extend an open invitation to all of you to feel free to attend any or all of the student board meetings. The meetings will be held at my home at 212 W. San Madele.

## CRIMES CROSSWORD by Kathy Hart

Across

1. A common law felony, this crime was punishable by mutilation.
6. First name of a historical person known for his trenihant honesty.
7. Note on the musical scale.
8. Humusy soil.
10. Malice is required for this crime.
11. Before Watergate, this scandal was in the news.
13. French word for neither.
14. An old horse; for example, Mr Loomis' horse Josephine.
16. Blackstone called this the "crime against nature."
18. This is a good defense against a criminal charge (verb form.)

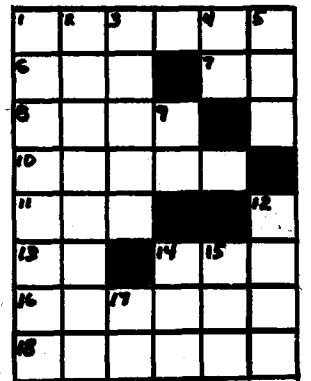
Down

1. Acts bad in themselves (Latin plural).

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2. At common law this was a misdemeanor; at modern law it is a felony, and the attempt completes the crime.
3. In the U.S. v Falcone case, the defendants had sold \_\_\_\_\_ to distillers.
4. Elevated train.
5. A Jack-the-ripper character who carried a knife.
9. Modus operandi (abbr.).
12. Slang expression for a bad bargain or a swindle (2 words).
14. Conjunction.
15. The doctors' union.
17. Delirium tremens (abbr.).

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## Shield or Sham

(F)reedom from censorship of any kind imposed by an external source—is a peculiarly American concept . . . If press and radio are to continue to be an important factor in the growth of democracy, they must be as free to gather as to distribute news . . . If newspapermen can be compelled to reveal the sources of information from which they obtain facts, then those sources can be shut off, (and) news becomes subject to censorship . . .

Can it be seriously maintained that anything less than a reporter's absolute assurance of confidentiality will not impose a "chilling" effect on news sources and will not abridge freedom of the press?

Ruvolu contends that it would be more consistent with legislative intent if immunity were expanded to include the informant himself. The goal of insuring a free flow of news to the public would be bolstered by statutory protection of the informants identity, who would thus be encouraged to approach the media with information only he or she possesses. Of course abuses of such a privilege may occur and must be guarded against, but it is a paramount principle, eloquently set forth by Mr. Justice Black (New York Times Co. v. Sullivan 376 US 254, 297, 1964), that must prevail.

An unconditional right to say what one pleases about public affairs is what I consider to be the minimum guarantee of the First Amendment.

The writer wishes to extend his appreciation to Assemblyman Gordon Duffy, Hanford, for providing much useful information for this and subsequent articles on this subject. The views expressed are, of course, solely those of the writer.

## Seniors

class with the "longest breaks." This final year one has only to mention Conflicts . . .

And we've made friends, shared joy and sorrows, laughed at our frustrations and continued to toast the coming years . . . whatever they may bring.

Just who are the Seniors?

**JAMES ISAAC AARON**, is a native of Fresno, and has a BS in Bus. Ad. FSC, 1968 and Master of Bus Ad., 1970. He has a lifetime Jr. College Credential, his private pilot's license, and was a past Central Ca. Autocross Champion. He served SJCL Assoc. as election's chairman and editor of 1974 Commemorative booklet. Jim and his wife, Wanda, plan to stay in Fresno where Jim hopes to work in the D.A.'s office.

**GLENDA DOAN** graduated from Willamette U. in Ore. with BA in Political Science and German. She attended Ariz. State College of Law before transferring to SJCL. During college Glenda spent a semester in Washington, D.C., studying the House Agricultural Committee and spent a year in Germany studying world politics. She and her husband, Jim, live in Corocoran where she worked as a reading resource teacher.

**RODNEY C. HARON** attended Fresno City College, where he was Student body President and graduated from FSC in 1970. At SJCL he was Association President and Parliamentarian. Rod worked for the Public Defender's Office for one and a half years.

**JERRY EDWARD HENRY**, born in Nebraska and reared in Kiowas, Colorado. He earned his BA in Journalism in 1965 from San Jose State and worked as sports editor with the Milpitas Post; later becoming a reporter for UPI. Until March of this year Jerry managed the Fresno

UPI bureau. He was the first editor of what is now called the DICTA.

**EDWARD W. HUNT**, native of Alabama, moved to California while in the Air Force. He attended Monterey Peninsula College and CSUF. Fully realizing that "the law is a jealous mistress" Ed hopes to contribute something of value to that worthy profession.

**PAUL JAMES** received his BS in Bus. Management from Weber State, Ogden, Utah, in 1970. In the U.S. Army he was an MP. He attended his first year of law school at Gonzaga University before transferring to SJCL where he served the Association as V-P, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. Paul says he "plans for the best, expects the worst, and settles for anything in between."

**WALTER JOHNSON**, received his A.A. from City College and then came directly to SJCL. He was Association class rep. for three years. He plans to pass the Bar this year and become an attorney with integrity and principle, an "alleged" rarity today. **PEGGY SASASHIMA LIGETT** says that for an American born of Japanese ancestry on December 7, most events which followed are anticlimactic. Following release from a prisoner of war camp at the age of five she lived in Fresno County. She did undergraduate work at FSC, San Francisco State and UC Berkley preceded a year as a Coro Foundation Intern. She believes that the most significant concern is the direction one chooses after acquiring the necessary formal education and feels she has yet to earn her "earth space".

**JOHN H. MITCHELL**, originally of Visalia, was in the USN and attended College of Sequoias, and FSC. Currently employed by the Insurance Co. of North America as a claims supervisor, he plans to practice law as soon as possible. John served as Treasurer of the Association. **JOHN M. NEWMAN**, another native of Fresno, attended FSC and received a BS in Criminology. He worked as an insurance claims adjuster until last year when he was

employed part-time for Parichan, Krebs, Renberg and Eldridge doing research.

**DON PENNER** was born in Weatherford, Oklahoma. He attended CSUF and received a BA in political science. Instead of getting a secondary teaching credential he decided to attend SJCL because he could continue to work part-time for Pacific Printers.

**DONALD A. PEOPLES**, from Montana, graduated from Carroll College, Helena, Montana, with a degree in English and History. Graduate of the New York Institute of Photography, Don's avocations are photography and summer theatre. Currently a teacher at Sanger High he plans to focus his legal career on school law. Don worked on the Dicta and did various printing jobs for the Association.

**MIO DIANN QUATRARO**, born in Oklahoma, grew up as a "Navy brat". She received a BA in International Relations from U.O.P Stockton. Wife of Frank, mother of Amy and Tony, she decided to attend SJCL because it was there. She served the Association as its first president, class rep, and Dicta writer. She worked one and a half years for the Public Defender's Office and six months for Gallagher, Lewis and Soley. Her major field of interest is criminal law.

**LELAND STERLING**, born in S. Dakota, and grew up in San Diego. He spent his college days in LA and New England where he did graduate work in psychology. He and his wife, Lavone, have three daughters. Leland teaches school and is a marriage, family and child counselor. He plans to practice law while studying further philosophy and language. Leland was president of the Association and writer for Dicta.

**JUDY WARD**, originally from Pennsylvania, was a legal secretary for eleven years. She served the Association as Secretary for three years and Parliamentarian, deservingly earning herself the "Broken Ass" award. Judy plans to open her own office as soon as practicable, specializing in Family Law.

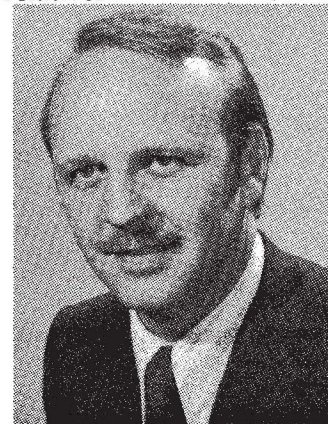
## RAPE

eliminate this noxious source of self-doubt in the victim and to attempt to create a sympathetic, accepting and optimistic attitude on the part of the victim's family.

Many rapes go unreported; others are not reported until years after the event. The counseling service feels that its most important function is to give the woman who has been raped an opportunity to express her feelings to another woman in confidence and with the assurance of a sympathetic response.

## Eberlein

The public administrator is charged with handling the estates of people who die interstate. He is also charged with conservatorships and guardianships of those who are deemed incompetent to care for themselves or their estates. In addition, the PA must bury those who die without leaving any estate, or relatives.



Eberlein believes that what is really needed is an education program and he plans to enlist the active support of the county bar in explaining to Fresno residents the value of pre-planning for the distribution of estates before death.

Lee is married to the former Christine Morgan, who served as co-chairperson of the SJCL Law Wives last year. The couple has one child, a daughter, Stacy, who is 3.

## GRAD EVENTS

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