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James and Carol Herbert Fund SJCL Chair In Constitutional Law

The staff, faculty, students and friends of SJCL would like to thank James K. and Carol Sellers Herbert for their generous donation to fund the newly-established Chair in Constitutional Law at San Joaquin College of Law.

The amount of the donation is a significant contribution and will be given to SJCL each year for the next five years. It represents the first endowed chair at the Law School.

According to Carol Herbert, the decision to fund the Chair was based on the need to increase the number of full-time faculty at SJCL, as well as the importance of demonstrating a financial commitment to the Law School that others will follow.

"Both my husband and myself have taught constitutional law at SJCL and we felt it was time to start thinking about an endowed chair as a means to build more faculty for the Law School," she explained. "It is also our hope that others will recognize the important role that SJCL represents as a quality institution of higher education, and offer added financial support."

The Herberts have enjoyed a long association with SJCL that dates back more than a decade. Carol Herbert served as dean of the Law School from 1981 to 1985 and both she and her husband have taught

courses at SJCL. Carol was also instrumental in starting SJCL's six year WASC accreditation process in 1986.

The Herberts helped initiate the SJCL endowment fund in 1984 with a donation of \$5,000 and funded one of the Law School's first scholarships in 1986. The endowment fund now stands at nearly \$250,000.

The Law School is also pleased to

announce that Jeffrey Purvis, who became a full-time member of the SJCL faculty last month, was appointed to the James K. and Carol Sellers Herbert Chair in Constitutional Law. Jeffrey had served as a member of the SJCL adjunct faculty last year teaching constitutional law.

Jeffrey holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Davis and a Juris Doctor from King Hall at

the University of California, Davis, where he graduated as a member of the Order of the Coif.

He spent the past eight years working as an instructor with the Barpassers Bar review course. Prior to that, Jeffrey served as a research attorney with the Fifth District Court of Appeal in Fresno and with the Superior Courts of Sonoma and Fresno Counties. ■



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BY STEVEN J. BOLM

Delta Theta Phi Dean, Best Senate

On behalf of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, International, I would like to welcome back all returning students, and congratulate those of you who are entering your first year. This is sure to be a challenging year for us all.

The Delta Theta Phi "Student Senate" is named after the Honorable Hollis Best, Presiding Justice of the 5th District Court of Appeal. Our officers are: Steven Bolm, Dean; Linda Richardson, Vice Dean; Patricia Harter, Clerk of the Exchequer; Gil Latta, Bailiff; Rebekah Diehl, Master of the Ritual; and Ann Caudillo, Tribune.

The Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity was founded in 1900 and is one of the leading professional law fraternities in the world. Its membership numbers more than 80,000 lawyers and includes many distinguished persons on the judiciary, in the practice of

law and in government and business. Membership is open to all students enrolled in the Law Program at SJCL.

Among the more immediate benefits of membership are: the daily fraternal relationship with



classmates, opportunities to show leadership ability, a chance to participate in the "Big Brothers, Big Sisters" program for assisting underclassmen, and eligibility

for scholarships sponsored by Delta Theta Phi.

Last year, the Best Senate awarded one \$250 scholarship to a deserving second year law student. It is our goal to give two

awards and increase the amount of the scholarships for this coming year. We also hosted a blood drive in September and are planning a canned food drive for October, the proceeds of which will benefit the Marjoree Mason Center.

It is important to stress that Delta Theta Phi is a "professional fraternity", which places us in a position to help those in the profession and those about to enter the profession. Our objective is "... to unite fraternally congenial students of the law, to lead them and their fellow students to high scholarship and legal learning,... to promote justice,... and to advance the interests of every college of law with which this Fraternity shall be associated."

I invite you to join Delta Theta Phi. The year ahead is full of activities and possibilities for growth. I look forward to the opportunity to work with you in mutually advantageous activities. ■

Donors Diversify Support For SJCL Programs

BY CLEO BAUER

Associate Dean For Advancement

This annual "Thank You" newsletter is SJCL's way of recognizing and acknowledging those alumni and community friends who have helped "make a difference" in the quality of education at the law school through their generous gifts during 1992-93. Student tuition provides for the basic operating expenses, and the contributions of our donors provide the financial resources for the addition and expansion of programs. Equally important, these gifts demonstrate the continued support of community and alumni for our efforts in providing quality legal education and services in the Central Valley.

A variety of activities and gifts have highlighted the 1992-93 year, including the granting of accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, in March, 1993.

The President's Dinner in December acknowledged major contributors to SJCL and introduced others to the special attributes of SJCL.

The nine member Alumni Association Board volunteered countless hours, as they do every year, to provide a variety of events that were both fund raising and friend raising. Among them were the annual fashion show, fall alumni reunion and spring golf tournament. Their success led to an increase from \$750 to \$1000 each for the two Carolyn T. Mirviss Scholarships.

In addition, they initiated a "take a break before finals" hot dog feed one spring night

and a back-to-school barbecue greeting on August 25th. Alumni also greeted students at SJCL's 19th commencement on May 28. The support of all alumni is crucial to the continued success of SJCL, and the particular contribution of both funds and volunteer time of the Alumni Association Board is deeply appreciated.

One of the graphs below illustrates the strong support of the Endowment Fund by the alumni. Now in its eighth year, the Fund totals over \$250,000, and serves as the foundation for the continuity and growth of SJCL. A strong endowment demonstrates to community members, private foundations and government grant giving agencies the stability and significance of the law school in the Central Valley. The continued growth of this fund means we will not have to rely so heavily on student tuition to improve and increase our program offerings. In the WASC accreditation report, the importance of a growing endowment was cited as a measure of future success. We thank each of you, alumni and community alike, for your contributions to the future of SJCL.

During this past year, SJCL has also been privileged to receive the strong support of the agricultural and general community for the *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*. The only agriculturally oriented law review in the country, it is published solely by an appointed student editorial board. The 1993, Volume III, was 250 pages, twice as large as the first two. Your generous gifts continued to provide encouragement and recognition of their

long hours at this task.

The number and size of student scholarships increased again this year. Thanks to the generosity of alumni and community friends, 20 students were awarded scholarships at the Spring Banquet; 14 of those were for at least \$1000 each. This direct financial assistance to students demonstrates your belief in their ability to accomplish their dreams and make contributions to our larger community.

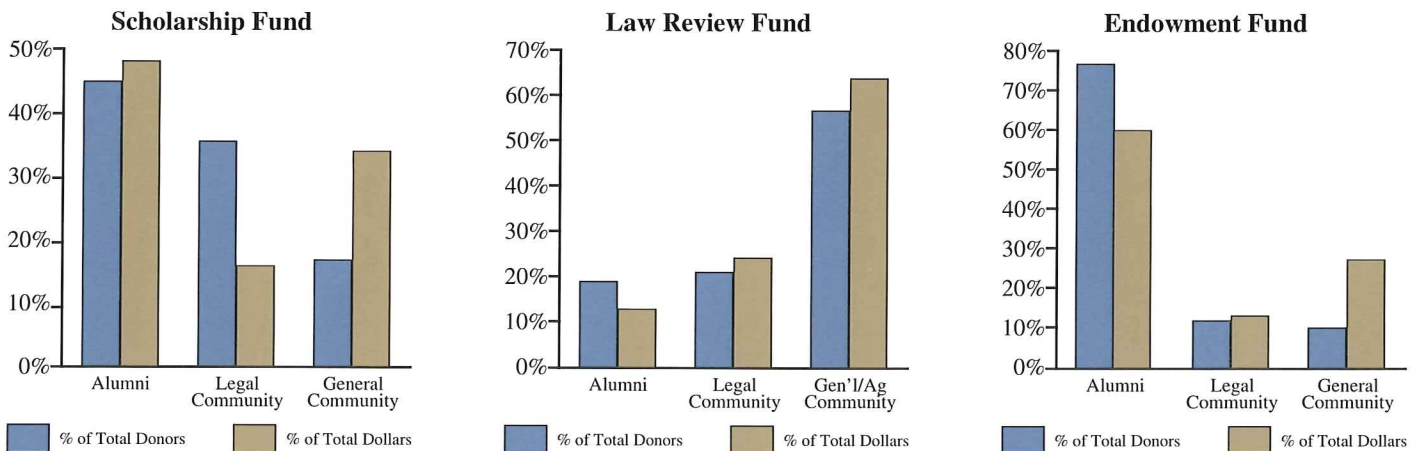
This year we have recognized the 53 local firms and agencies which provide internships and clerkships for our law and paralegal students, so that their classroom training is complemented by 'hands-on' experience.

Donors have also provided furniture and equipment for general use at the Law School as well as important reference material for the library.

A special *thank you* goes to our 17 Board of Trustees members, who spent many extra hours this year on the WASC accreditation requirements and reviewing numerous possibilities for a permanent site for the law school. Their volunteer efforts have been, as always, an important component of SJCL's success.

Each alumni, Board of Trustees member, student, faculty, staff and community friend of SJCL helps "make a difference" in how SJCL successfully accomplishes its mission. The generous donation of time, funds and in-kind gifts allow us to expand our offerings for the community, and provide increased opportunities for our students. Thank you! ■

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What's in Store for MCLE in 1993-94

As we close the book on 1992-93, we are busy preparing the 1993-94 schedule to include a variety of MCLE programs for local attorneys. It is the local attorneys attending our programs who make our efforts and the efforts of the speakers, advisors and coordinators all worthwhile. Listed below are some of the "live" programs we are currently coordinating. Please watch your mail for program flyers in the coming months:

Ethics of Criminal Trial Practice

Use of Experts

Practicing Family Law in the Central Valley

Ethics of Business Law Practice

Municipal Law

Legal Malpractice: Avoidance and Defense

Settlement Conferences

Law & Motion with Writing Component

Uniform Commercial Code

Immigration Law

Substance Abuse and Emotional Distress

Civil Trial - Basics in Brief

San Joaquin College of Law, in conjunction with the Fresno County Bar Association, will continue to provide The Rutter Group video replay programs this year. In addition to the monthly programs, we will offer "video marathons" the last two weekends of January to assist attorneys with completing their MCLE requirements by the January 31, 1994 compliance deadline. Check your mail for further details on these programs:

SEPTEMBER

Summary Judgment and Summary Adjudication

Law & Motion in the 'Fast Track' Era

Probate Alternatives

OCTOBER

"Hot Topics" in Professional Responsibility
Debt Collection Fundamentals

NOVEMBER

Civil Procedure Before Trial - Basic Training For Litigators

First Party Bad Faith Cases - The Shernoff Approach

DECEMBER

Law Practice Management - Basic Training

JANUARY

New Federal Rules and Other Hot Topics - 9th Circuit

Video Marathons (2 weekends)

FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL

Annual Update Programs:

Civil Procedure

Family Law

Insurance Litigation

Personal Injury

And, as in past years, we are looking forward to working with such organizations as the Central California Bankruptcy Association, San Joaquin Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Fresno County Women Lawyers and Lawyers Personal Assistance Program to co-sponsor our annual MCLE programs on bankruptcy, federal practice, elimination of bias and substance abuse in the legal profession.

If you would like to get involved in the MCLE Program at San Joaquin College of Law, either by coordinating or co-sponsoring a seminar or speaking at a seminar, please contact Michele Creighton, MCLE Coordinator, at the Law School at (209) 225-4953. ■

Graduation Ceremonies Held For Fall Class of 1993 Paralegals

San Joaquin College of Law graduated its largest class of paralegals in the history of the program during ceremonies held last month, bringing together more than 120 graduates, friends and family.

Thirty two graduates received the Certificate in Paralegalism.

Paralegal program adjunct professors Bill Woolman and Harry Pascuzzi provided remarks during the evening. SJCL Board of Trustees member Ted Forrest and his wife Susan also attended.

Congratulations go out to valedictorian Lori Anderson, who has chosen to continue her legal education by entering the first year law class at (where else?) SJCL.

Congratulations to the entire Fall, 1993 Paralegal graduating class of SJCL:

Lori Anderson
Audrey Bartlett
Anne Benninghoven
Linda Boam
Walter Butler
Mary Cain
Linda Clay

Heidi Davies
Kerry Elite
Janet Fiorentino
Sharon Funk
Douglas Grogg
Karen Hillman
Alan Hinton
Gerald Kovalski, Jr.
Michelle Laheney
John Lemon
Trudy Loogman
Julie Lytton
Robert Molina
Mary Nicholas
Linda Norgaard
Carol Perez
Jorge Rodriguez
Timothy Rowe
Paul Silveira
Christina Tapia
Debra Taylor
Ethan Wilber
Judy Wise
Michael Wise
Michael Wray

Bank of Fresno Funds Minority Scholarships

SJCL is pleased to announce that more scholarship opportunities are now available for minority law students.

Bank of Fresno has recently donated \$2,000 to San Joaquin College of Law to be used for two \$1,000 scholarships for continuing (2nd, 3rd or 4th year) minority law students.

To be eligible, applicants must have financial need and demonstrate a significant involvement in the local community. Preference will also be given to applicants who anticipate a law career that includes public service to the community.

SJCL currently offers 17 scholarships and grants in varying amounts. One of these is a \$1,000 scholarship for minorities and women. The two new Bank of Fresno scholarships would significantly increase the awards available to minority students at SJCL and help defray the costs of attending law school for one year.

For more information and to obtain an application, contact Cleo Bauer, SJCL's Associate Dean for Advancement at 225-4953. ■

SJCL PROFILE

Jill Waller, Chief Financial Officer

It's a little hard to imagine, but in 1985 there were only five full-time employees and one part-time employee at SJCL. Total enrollment was about half of today's enrollment. The Law School only had one computer and much of the financial and accounting procedures were still being done by hand. That's when Jill Waller began working at SJCL.

More than eight years later, she still can't believe how much things have changed.

"I would say that the only negative thing that has come from our growth is that we no longer know every student by name," she said.

Jill was initially responsible for bringing all of the law school's accounting procedures in-house. Later, she computerized the accounting records for the Law School. She was also instrumental in starting the LEXIS membership group program for the Central Valley. About two years ago, Jill started the LEXIS home access program for students.

Born and raised in Fresno, Jill worked for five years in an accounting capacity at a business management firm prior to coming to SJCL. She supervises two full-time assistants in the accounting department.

We wish Jill continued success in her work at SJCL! ■



News Briefs

DEAN PEARSON RECEIVES LIBERTY BELL AWARD

Congratulations to SJCL Dean Janice Pearson, who received the Liberty Bell Service Award from the Fresno County Bar Association last May. The award was in recognition for Jan's outstanding leadership in helping the Law School obtain accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

LA RAZA LAW STUDENTS ORGANIZATION

The La Raza Law Students Organization was established in 1990 to assist SJCL law students in the successful completion of their first year. Over the past few years, the scope of the organization has grown significantly. The group continues to provide invaluable educational and social opportunities for law students at every level. The organization is assisted by local attorneys who provide tutorials as well as professional contacts for future positions.

The SJCL La Raza Law Students Organization is affiliated with the La Raza Lawyers Association of Fresno County and the Hispanic National Bar Association. Membership is open to all SJCL law students. For further information, you can contact any of the current officers by leaving a message in their mailbox:

President	Esmerelda Garcia
Vice President	Juan Falcon
Secretary/Treasurer	Carmen Lango
Class Representative	Stan Ma
Class Representative	Manual Romero

CCBA DONATES MICROFICHE READER/PRINTER TO SJCL

A special thanks to the Central California Bankruptcy Association for its donation of a plain paper microfiche reader/printer machine to the SJCL library. According to Librarian Diane Johnson, the microfiche machine is more economical to use since it frees up shelf space in the library and is easy to maintain. Microfiche materials also cost less than books. Currently, the library carries the Congressional Records and the California Code of Regulations on microfiche and will add the Code of Federal Regulations shortly. See Diane for more information on how to use the microfiche setup.

ANONYMOUS DONOR PROVIDES MODEM FOR BLIND STUDENT

With the help of an anonymous donor, SJCL law student Jose Negrete is now able to connect his laptop computer to special software that "reads" aloud his textbooks in one of eight female or male voices. It's all done via our new Toshiba modem that was generously provided by a friend of the law school.

SJCL FINALIST IN FRESNO TOP FIVE AWARDS

SJCL was a finalist in this year's Top Five Awards Program, which recognizes outstanding private companies and organizations whose innovation and community involvement have made a special contribution to the Central San Joaquin Valley. SJCL was profiled in a special August supplement to the Fresno Business Journal, along with the 19 other finalists.

ENTERING CLASS STATS

Here are a few statistics on this year's entering class of 93 law students. The average G.P.A. of the entering class is 2.97, along with an average score of 150 on the LSAT. Women comprise 40 percent of the new class, while minority students represent 26 percent. Some 86 percent of our entering students have a four-year degree. The average age is 31. ■

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 1993-1994

FALL TERM, 1993

Thanksgiving Recess	November 24 - 26
Instruction Ends	December 3
Mid-Term Exams	December 6 - 17
Fall Term Ends	December 17
Christmas Recess	Dec. 18 - Jan. 2, 1994

SPRING TERM, 1994

Registration	January 3
Instruction Starts	January 3
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	January 17 (No Classes)
George Washington's Birthday	February 21 (No Classes)
Easter Recess	March 28 - April 1
Instruction Ends	May 6
Final Exams	May 9 - 20
Graduation	May 28

SUMMER TERM, 1994

Registration	May 23
Instruction Starts	May 23
Memorial Day	May 30 (No Classes)
Final Exams (2 Unit)	June 16 & 20
Independence Day	July 4 (No Classes)
Final Exams (3 Unit)	July 5 & 11
Summer Term Ends	July 11



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