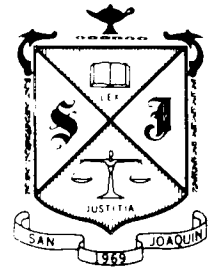


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First Orientation

This year the student body of San Joaquin College of Law is initiating its first Orientation for incoming freshmen. On the agenda are short speeches from the student association president, Rod Haron, the student association vice-president, Bob Williams, and the editor of the San Joaquin College of Law newspaper, Rick Rossi.

There will also be a tour of the school after which refreshments will be served. At refreshment time the incoming students will have a chance to speak to 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year representatives and students who will be on hand to answer questions and introduce themselves. Name tags will be issued so that students might feel more at ease and to assist the orientation committee in remembering the many new names and faces.

This is our way at San Joaquin College of Law of extending a warm welcome to new students and we hope that all will attend. The orientation will be held on Thursday, September 6th, in the Science building room 6, at 6:30 P. M. and will last until approximately 8:00 P. M.

At present, there are tentative plans to have a second "Orientation" in the form of a party 2 weeks after the beginning of school. But more on this later. See you September 5.

Gary S. Austin
Orientation Chairman

Class Schedule

Monday:

1. TORTS
2. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
3. CONFLICT OF LAWS

Wednesday:

1. CONTRACTS
2. REAL PROPERTY
3. EVIDENCE

Thursday:

1. CRIMES OR LEGAL METHODS
2. BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Registration Schedule

Returning Students

Wednesday September 5
6:30 - 8:00 p. m.

New Students

Thursday September 6
6:00 p. m. Be prompt.

Books will be sold at registration.
(Don't forget your money.)

Assoc President's

"Welcome Aboard"

On behalf of the SJCL student association, a hardy welcome aboard to all new and returning students. A word of advice to all; enjoy your present status of non-student while you can, it will be a fond memory in the near future. Only to soon will you find the study of law a hard nut to crack, hopefully it won't crack you.

This year there will be many services available through the student association to help you in your new endeavor. How to utilize these services, such as tutoring, counseling, study groups, etc., will be explained to you at orientation.

If you have any questions or need help either now or in the future feel free to call me at home (237-4885) or contact me at school. I will do my best to help you any way possible.

I can attest to the fact that the study of law is the experience of a lifetime. Hopefully you will find it an enjoyable edventure that leads you to a rewarding and fulfilling, professional career.

Best of luck

Rod Haron

The Farm Labor Struggle

LEARNING BY EXPERIENCE

By Mio D. Quatraro

I won't try to tell you about the pros & cons of the farm labor movement in our valley. The strike, picketing, arrests and trials have been well covered. However, since the public defender's office represents nine out of every ten of those arrested I have discovered how a lawyer must view such current events. Each trial is a research project.



The greatest tool an attorney has is the ability to boil down the main issues and do effective research. For example, the strikers were arrested because they violated the terms of a temporary injunction which brings up the issue of the constitutionality of the injunction v. freedom of speech. However, they were charged with failure to disperse from an unlawful assembly - issues of adequate notice; whether the assembly was unlawful per se and whether a municipal court has jurisdiction to determine matters stemming from a civil injunction.

Mio Quatraro is a student legal assistant in the public defenders office of Fresno.

It has been said that the best legal partnership is one where one partner is the front man and the other enjoys covering the stacks. The basic skills in research can never be over emphasized because even the hottest trial can lead to a dead end and the search must begin again along a different line.

It is not the lawyer's duty to decide the merits of one side or the other in this conflict but to discover the issues and find the cases which support his clients side and perhaps even more important, to differentiate those which the other side will probably rely upon.

The farm labor drama is not all on the picket lines, in the jail cells, or the court rooms. There really is drama in the rare discovery of a Calif. case on all fours which holds in our favor, and maybe tomorrow I'll find one.

Editor's Notes

RICHARD ROSSI

BABY BAR

Did anticipation of the California First Year Law Student's Exam motivate you more than the prospect of facing school exams?

This is the question now facing the faculty at S. J. C. L. because of our provisional California Bar accreditation. When we entered school (Sept. '71) the Dean must have felt that the school tests the year before had been secondary to the Baby Bar. This may have been borne out by a grades comparison. The same possibly would be implied in a grade comparison of our class achievements on both tests.

Because of the lack of time between this years first year finals and state bar, the grade comparison can probably no longer be used to look only at motivation.

This years class did well. (By the information I have at this time) Our class and the now senior class earned 3 Bs each out of 30 some students. This years class earned 8! Congratulations!! The hard work paid off.

So what is the problem? The problem is the disharmony between the school grades and bar grades. This should be an immediate area of concern for the administration. Ostensibly, it is easy to grade low to protect the school's reputation. Quick response to this issue can stop speculation. Another problem for the administration is if it took a state bar exam at the end of the first year to motivate students, what is now going to motivate them?

TO THE FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

Note that many of this issue's articles are aimed at guiding you. This willingness to help permeates the entire student body, they fully comprehend your approaching task. Do not hesitate to ask anyone for help, and to ask early when the problem first arises. Asking may be the key to your success.

what makes a legal education



In his book Bramble Bush Karl Llewellyn makes the cryptic comment that "a legal education is nine-tenths and upwards a product of the student body." During the next few weeks you who are first year students will discover this grim truth for yourselves, and the rest of us will again realize its meaning when we gaze with perplexity at a new case book and wonder how in the world we're ever going to brief that first impossible case. Each new course may seem a wasteland and the experience of most students is that the first semester is pure despondency and the second an utter disaster. But perhaps in that crisis are the very seeds that may someday produce a legal education.

The enterprise that eventually produces a person "trained at law" is both an individual effort and a joint experience. The classroom experience is only a brief interim between the productive periods of individual effort during which one in fact learns the law. The give and take of the classroom experience, while a stimulating hour for the student who has already learned the lesson is an ordeal in frustration to the student ill-prepared. The student who finds that he is learning little in class may well be the student who in fact is learning the law.

One more observation. During the first year the "lamb led to the slaughter" syndrome seems particularly prevalent. Again the experience that may provide the incentive to keep trying is the time spent with fellow students. While the law must be learned in solitude a great deal of the law becomes meaningful as it is reviewed in small study groups. It is also in these small student sessions that the camaraderie develops that transforms the academic process into a genuine legal education.

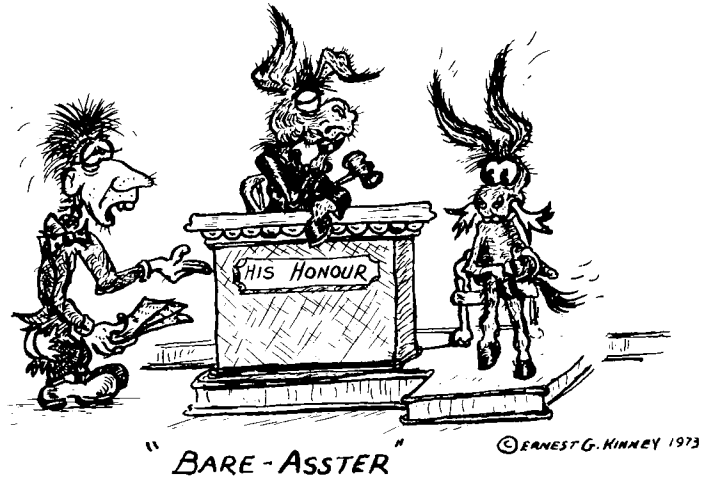
Leland Sterling-

Grievance Committee Notes

This summer has been a time of much student discontent. The student association, its president, grievance committee and many individual students have resolved many of the problems this summer. As of this printing, some of the specific complaints raised by the first year class have not as yet been resolved. This column will be used to keep all students informed as to the progress of student grievances. Although action is not as fast on some of these matters as might be hoped, we will keep track of the specific problems and press the issue until the problem is resolved.

Any student who has a grievance of any type or wants to know what is being done about a grievance presented to this committee is invited to contact me and we will try to get an answer as soon as possible.

Bob Williams
Chairman
Grievance Committee



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Rap Room with Coffee

Mr. Loomis has announced that one of the rooms in the library will soon be available for student use. The association hopes to convert the room into a small conference room where students may converse. To do this, a table or desk and some chairs will be needed along with a coffee pot to heat water for instant coffee, tea, or chocolate. This is a much needed facility for presently and discussion in the library disturbs other students who are studying. If you have any appropriate items you wish to donate for this room, contact Rod Haron - 237-4885.

Programmed Tests

In the past a common problem of first year students has been the difficulty encountered in learning to write law exams. In an effort to de-mystify the process the second year class will be breaking down some law exams into issues which may be dealt with separately and correlate these "mini-questions" with the area of law the first year students are in.

Second year students, Doug Nelson and Debby Davis are primarily responsible for this. Their committee will also read and critique answers submitted by the first year students. At this time it is hoped that model answers will be made available by the faculty.

Letters to the Editor

This column is to enable students to voice their opinions, ask questions, or inform fellow students on matters concerning the school or legal careers. (regular feature articles are also appreciated and published regularly.)

All articles are subject to being edited for grammar and slander. Letters to the editor should be concise.

Letters in the form of questions will be submitted to the proper source for an answer and both question and answer will be published together.

Used Book Sales

For all those interested in selling their used books the SJCL student association is providing a used book service.

Those who are interested should take their books either to the school library or to Bob Williams. All Books must have a card attached to them listing the name of the seller, the price asked for the book, and an address where the seller may be reached. Sale price for used books is recommended to be 40% to 60% of the new book prices.

When the book is sold, the proceeds will be given to the seller less a 10% handling fee which will go to the general fund of the student association.

We hope that students will use this service but anyone wishing to do his own selling is invited to use the school bulletin board in the library. Used books that are for sale will be available outside of the school library at the time of registration.

For any further information contact Bob Williams - 251-0533.

THANK YOU

ERNEST KINNEY

OF BISHOP, CALIF.,

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CARTOONS



INTERROGATORIES

"Interrogatories" will be a regular feature of "Dicta". All suggestions for questions are welcome and should be submitted to the editor.

This months question, asked by Doug Nelson was "Has your opinion of lawyers changed because of Watergate?" The following responses were elicited.

- Housewife, elderly. "No, there have always been unscrupulous people in every field lawyers are no exception."
- College student. "No it hasn't."
- Another housewife. "No. Some lawyers are cheaters and some are sincere, watergate won't change my opinion."
- Lab technician. "My opinion hasn't changed, lawyers have always been a little on the shady side."
- Male person. "No. I've had the services of attorneys, I've put my life in their hands. I think they are tops."
- School administrator. "No. Lawyers are just people, I don't like seeing their reputation smeared by someone like John Dean."
- Student. "I've never really had an opinion of lawyers, but Watergate certainly brought the bad ones to light."

And finally this comment was received via an electronic device.

"No. (emphatically and with feeling). At this point in time I must say I still hold lawyers in the highest esteem and sincerely hope everyone realizes what an obvious hoax the whole Watergate scandal is.

P. S. "Martha sends her love ."

Sincerely,
J. M.