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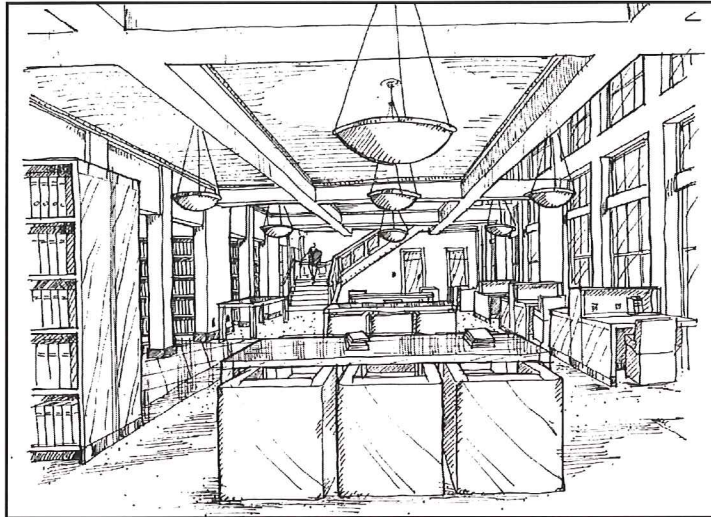
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## Sneaking a Peek at the Future



The Library was one of five renderings displayed at "Sneak A Peek"

## Preliminary Renderings Unveiled

Momentum is building as San Joaquin College of Law prepares to move into its new home, the "Old Clovis High School Building" located at 901 5th Street in Clovis. Nearly 300 students, alumni, staff, faculty and friends of the Law School took an exclusive "sneak peek" at plans for the new school site during a gourmet coffee and dessert preview party.

On view were five preliminary renderings for various parts of the new school. The conceptual drawings, created by architect William Patnaude, illustrate what the library, mock courtroom, continuing legal education room, individual classrooms and student lounge will look like.

Held on the tree-lined lawn outside the historic building, the preview party gave friends of the Law School an opportunity to take a firsthand look at the 74-year-old structure and to imagine what it will be like after renovations are complete. Building improvements will begin in August, 1995 with an expected completion date of April, 1996.

Special thanks to volunteers who helped lead tours through the building. The Law School also wishes to thank Krakatoa Coffee & Trading Company for providing gourmet coffee, as well as Marie Callender's for providing pies, and Harris Ranch Restaurant for providing chocolate cake for our event.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

As dean of SJCL, I am always looking 25 years into the past and at least 25 years into the future. Everything we do today not only sets the stage for the future, but also impacts all those who graduated from SJCL. When a Law Review article is cited nationally as "worth reading", the Family Law Mediation Clinic is praised by the Bar consultant as a model for other law schools, or students do well on the bar examination, it enhances future opportunities but also contributes to the prestige of all SJCL graduates.

Now we have the task of making a reality of a new building, an effort, on its face, only for the future. But a "real" law school, with a "real" courtroom, a "real" library, "real"

student facilities, and "real" lecture halls is a community asset and a reflection on the efforts of all those who came before. A school doesn't develop in this fashion if its graduates are unsuccessful.

In March of 1995, I will have been at this task of deaning for 10 years. To know that the school gave so many individuals the opportunity to discover and use their talents, experience success, and make an impact in the community is the greatest gratification.



SJCL provides an opportunity - a sound education at a much reduced cost - largely because elaborate facilities were never a priority and so many adjunct faculty gave of their time for the betterment of the profession. We estimate that at an institution relying on full-time faculty, an SJCL graduate's education would have been at least twice as costly.

In the new building, we have another opportunity. If we can raise half of the renovation costs, we can move to a "real" law school with all its advantages while keeping our annual operating expense at its current level.

To do that, we need everyone's help. We need everyone to give an opportunity back to the Law School for the opportunity each of them received. We need the community to say thanks for the contribution the Law School has made. We need to show other potential donors that the Law School's community wholeheartedly supports it.

There are personal opportunities here, too. We would love to have classrooms and facilities be given history and character by being named for alumni and others connected with the law school, or individuals respected in the community.

Ten years from now (assuming I survive), I would love to walk through the halls of the new building, looking 35 years back and 25 years forward, and thinking about the people for whom the rooms were named -- those who helped give the Law School the opportunity to go gloriously into the future.

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## San Joaquin College of Law Profiles

### Jeffrey Purvis Enjoys "Bright Minds"

Jeff Purvis enjoys argument for the sake of argument. It's one reason he became involved in the law.

A full-time professor for the Law School for the past year, and a member of the Adjunct Faculty the previous year, Jeff has a high regard for the law, his law students and what both can do when faced with the challenge of championing the causes of individuals.



The path that has led Jeff to San Joaquin College of Law has had some strange twists and turns. As a young man of 17 he wanted to be a career military officer. He was drawn to the military by its Code of Honor: *"We will not lie, cheat or steal, or tolerate anyone among us who does."*

He joined the Air Force Academy wanting to live by the Code, but soon found out that he was one of the few people who took the Code of Honor seriously. That disillusionment led him out of the academy and eventually into the law school at U.C. Davis. He was drawn to the law for much the same reason as he was drawn to the military, that pursuit of what is "right,"

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### Sharron Wall Practicing Paralegal

A 1982 graduate of the San Joaquin College of Law's Paralegal Program, Sharron Wall knows that the paralegal profession is challenging, rewarding,



and that one never knows where a case will lead. As a result, Wall has driven heavy farm equipment, climbed on feed wagons and has even plowed a field

— all in the process of investigating a case. Recently when a plaintiff's case went to trial, Wall was subpoenaed by the defense and spent two days in court before being called on to testify.

She began her legal career in the early 1960's, first on a temporary basis, filling in for secretaries on vacation, and eventually moving on to permanent positions. Realizing that civil litigation was her forte, Wall specialized in that area of law. She wanted to expand her professional horizons and that is what led Wall to San Joaquin College of Law's Paralegal Program in 1981. Wall completed the Paralegal Program while working as a legal secretary for Judith Soley in the area of Family Law.

A single parent with twin boys, Scott and Jeff, Wall faced the challenge of raising her children, earning a living, and going to school. She credits her sons, then about 13 years old, with getting her through school. She says there were many nights when she came home from work too tired to go to class, but Scott and Jeff would hand her the text books and tell her, "if we can't ditch school, neither can you."

Wanting to utilize her skills in the full capacity of a paralegal, in late

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### Thirty-Eight SJCL Grads Pass July Bar Exam

Here is the official list of the San Joaquin College of Law graduates that passed the July 1994 Bar Examination.

Congratulations to all!

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Janice L. Pearson  
Dean

This annual "Thank You" newsletter is the Law School's way of recognizing 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 the past fiscal year. 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 the community and alumni for our efforts in providing quality education and services in the Central Valley.

Private support to the Law School from individuals and organizations will become even more important in the coming months as we prepare to move into our new home, the 1920 Clovis High School building. We can only continue "building on success" with the help of our many friends.

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- 2nd Place - Randy Pinal
- 3rd Place Tie - Roger Wilson & Traci Fritzier

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Best Brief Respondent: Leah Ann Alcazar & Roger Wilson

Best Brief Respondent, Hon. Mention: Traci Fritzier & Randy Pinal

### New Interim Law Librarian at SJCL

Diane Johnson, who worked at SJCL for 12 years has accepted a position at McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth. JoAnn King is the Interim Law Librarian. King just completed the major project of cataloging and curating the Law School's Winton Collection.

### New Face at the College

Sydney Fournet has recently joined San Joaquin College of Law as the Administrative Assistant for the MCLE Department.

### SJCL Placement Service Still Available

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## Purvis Profile

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a view that a lawyer can do much good for the community. Law school, he says, was nothing like his idealistic vision. It was an immersion into the "nuts and bolts" of the law.

Jeff has worked as a research attorney for the Superior Court and the Court of Appeal. Today he teaches "black letter" law — the fundamental rules of the law — mixed with consid-

erations of public policy in Constitutional Law and Business Organization classes. He enjoys the academic, rather than the day-to-day, practice of law.

"Teaching is the most fun I've ever had in law," he said. "In a day-to-day practice you don't have time to wrestle with the high principles of the law."

Jeff enjoys working with the many "bright minds" in his classes and plans to stay at the Law School.

"But," he said, "if they call me to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, I'll go."

## Wall Profile

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November, 1984, Wall applied for and was hired as paralegal to Lowell T. Carruth with the law firm of McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth. She and Mr. Carruth provide a very positive example of the team approach to legal work. They handle a large caseload where Wall is responsible, among other duties, for initial file review, identifying problems, planning discovery and preparing for trial. In fact, their caseload is so heavy that Sharron is now training a new paralegal to assist her.

As for the future of paralegals, Wall believes the profession will become even more valuable to the legal community in the coming years. Although she has worked in almost every area of the law, she believes that specializing in one area has been most beneficial and rewarding to her.

We commend Sharron on over 30 years in the legal profession. On October 14, 1994, she was acknowledged at McCormick for her 10 years with the firm.

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