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1992 Commencement Combines Third And Fourth-Year Option Grads

Commencement ceremonies for the San Joaquin College of Law Class of 1992 were held this year at the William Saroyan Theater as 40 graduates received their J.D. degrees and five graduates were awarded the Masters in Taxation.

The joint ceremony, combining graduates from the three and four-year options, was held on Saturday, May 30 and represented the largest graduating class in SJCL history. The Hon. Lawrence J. O'Neill delivered this year's commencement address to a gathering of some 500 family, friends, staff and faculty.

The joint graduation also produced two valedictorians for the class of '92. Professor Lawrence Artenian introduced three-year

tion of this year's law class, SJCL alumni now number 417.

Graduates who received the degree of Juris Doctor are as follows:

Mark A. Blum, *With Distinction*, Frances Jean Bourn, Clifford Michael Carrigan, Lea Rae Cole, *With Distinction*, James A. Dubbels, *With Distinction*, Karen E. Duncan, *With Distinction*, Hal P. Farley, Andrew L. Flanigan, Gilbert B. Fleming, Alfred A. Gallegos, Kimberly J. Nystrom-Geist, *With High Honors*, Laural Suzanne Gerbrandt, Francis John Gist III, Barbara Joy Greaver, *With Distinction*, Susan J. Hall, Richard E. Hemb, Tom K. Hicks, Maureen Patricia Holford, Marlene Ann Hubbell, Jonathon Wayne



Laural Gerbrandt receives a warm congratulations at the reception following graduation ceremonies.

option valedictorian Kimberly J. Nystrom-Geist and the Hon. Lawrence J. O'Neill introduced Mark A. Blum as the four-year option valedictorian.

Presentation of the J.D. class was made by Justice James A. Ardaiz and presentation of the Masters in Taxation class was given by James Shepard. With the gradua-

Jones, Karen Vartan Ketendjian, Robert Ian Lindsay, *With Honors*, Kile Ray McCarty, Jere E. Mealer, Rose E. Mohan, Ruben Moreno, Melanie Elaine O'Mara, Carol Ann Hamerly Moses, Robert V. Piacente, Michael S. Reid, Kathryn Ruediger Roberts, Mary L. Rogers, M. Jacqueline Schaad, *With Distinction*, William L. Seymour, Ric Squaglia, Crystal Epperson Sullivan, Stanley Robert Surabian, Stanley P. Suski,

Scott A. VanWagenen, David John Weiland, Salome Jane Woodcock.

Graduates who received the Masters in Taxation are Daniel Refugio Banuelos, Michael A. Blankenship, Paul Robert Jacobsen, *With Distinction*, Patricia Ruth Pipkin, Antonia Marie Porter, *With Distinction*. ■

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Two years have passed since I first spoke with Dean Jan Pearson about my interest in becoming SJCL's Associate Dean for Advancement. Before my interview, I asked friends, neighbors and acquaintances to tell me about San Joaquin College of Law. "It has an outstanding record of alums passing the California Bar." "It's the only law school here in the Valley." "My neighbor graduated from SJCL – he's a tremendous individual." As I prepare to relocate, with my family, to Denver, and reflect on the last two years, I realize those people were right about SJCL. And there are many other things going on at SJCL that many aren't aware of.



First, the Alumni Association is providing an outstanding network of activities and opportunities for its members. A fashion show, golf tournament, monthly

meetings, reunion, sponsorship of student scholarships, and a mentor program are some of the alumni association's offerings. Membership has increased, attendance at the meetings is high, enthusiasm is overflowing and the effect is contagious.

Second, the community services provided by SJCL are extensive. Small claims court, continuing legal education seminars, a library, classrooms for community meetings or Alternative Dispute Resolution, and a source for information and comments on timely legal issues are just a few of these community services. What would our legal community do if SJCL did not provide more than half of the continuing legal education seminars offered in the Central Valley.

Third, SJCL's leadership – the Board of Trustees and staff – are so committed to providing a sound legal education. By utilizing practitioners as professors, students not only learn the law, but they also get invaluable anecdotes that enhance their learning experience. During my four years in law school at Indiana University, I had two adjunct professors. One taught Taxation and the other Wills and Trusts. They were my very favorite, and the best professors at the law school. I took every class

they taught, because I knew I would learn more than in other classes. For SJCL students to have an opportunity to take several subjects with adjunct professors takes commitment and coordination on the part of SJCL's leadership. And it certainly produces an outstanding education.

The past two years at SJCL have been quite fulfilling for me. On a personal note, my first baby became a toddler, then another baby girl was born to us. On a professional note, the Institutional Advancement office established several information vehicles from SJCL to our alumni and friends – the newsletter, attendance at the Alumni Board meetings, individual meetings with donors and prospects, the 20th Anniversary Committee (co-chaired by Susan Anderson and Francine Kanne), regular meetings of the Trustees' Development Committee (Ted Forrest, Dennes Coombs, Helen Smades, Oliver Wanger and Ed Rontell) and the Annual Fund's Executive Committee (Michael Goldring, Dan Harralson, Ima Jean Harvey, Jim Petrucelli, Mac Stewart and Chuck Wieland). We doubled, and then doubled again, the number of scholarships offered to our students. We established a series of "seven thank you's" for each of our donors. In 1990-91, we increased our annual fund donations by 25%.

The future holds unbelievable excitement for SJCL. WASC accreditation is a distinct possibility for SJCL this year. Jan and her leadership team of Sally Perring and Linda Raiche are right on the pulse of activity, and always looking for ways to develop and enhance the law school. A new building is no longer just a pipe dream. And we can hardly keep up with the demand from people interested in a legal education.

If we were staying in Fresno for five more years, what would I do? I'd plan the capital campaign for our (hopefully) new building. I'd spend more time getting to know the alumni, both older and newer. I'd wear my "visionary hat" at more meetings. I'd set an aggressive fund raising goal for each year to put us into the 21st century. And I'd go white water rafting with Jan!

Thank you for the past two years. The opportunities for doing were many, and the reasons for not doing were few. My many new friends at SJCL will always carry a fond spot in my heart, and in my address book. It's always dangerous to mention names for fear of leaving someone out, but there are a few who have had a significant and positive impact on me. Jan Pearson – for her openness, humor and caring way, and for the many things she taught me. And to the Institutional Advancement staff – Karen Besecker, Bill Erysian and Michele Creighton – for their dedication

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WASC Monitoring Team To Make Final Visit In November

This November, a monitoring team from the Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC) will make their final accreditation visit to San Joaquin College of Law.

The decision of the Commission, based on the team's recommendations, is critical to the future of the Law School.

The entire self-study process, particularly the conclusions reached, are of great benefit to the Law School.

WASC site teams have made three visits to SJCL since 1986 when the Law School was first granted candidacy. During the past six years, SJCL has undergone two required comprehensive self-studies, which is a process in which the Law School compares itself against WASC standards.

The purpose of the self-studies (the first in 1986 and the one currently under way) is to address each of the Commission's standards and to assess the extent to which SJCL is meeting those standards. Further-

more, SJCL is obliged to seek to identify plans of action to create compliance if there are areas that are lacking and, if necessary, to improve the performance of the Law School in these areas.

There are nine accreditation standards addressed in SJCL's self-study: Institutional Integrity; Institutional Purposes, Planning and Effectiveness; Governance and Administration; Education Programs; Faculty and Staff; Library, Computing and Other Information and Learning Resources; Student Services and the Co-Curricular Learning Environment; Physical Resources; and Financial Resources.

According to Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Sally Perring, who also serves as liaison officer to WASC, the entire self-study process, particularly the conclusions reached, are of great benefit to the Law School.

"It's the job of the WASC visiting site team to verify compliance with their set standards as well as come up with constructive ideas to help SJCL become an even better institution," she explained. "The self-study is a valuable process because we continue to learn about what we need to change and what we need to do better. That's why WASC requires it."

Since the Commission's standards are broad based, compliance for each institu-

tion will differ. SJCL formed a steering committee to guide the self-study with a chairperson appointed for each standard. Different approaches were utilized for each standard as dictated by the need.

It is important to note that a large number of individuals have been involved in the self-study, including faculty, students, staff, the board of trustees and many people from the community with legal as well as non-legal backgrounds.

Why is WASC accreditation so important to SJCL? First, it acknowledges SJCL as a serious educational institution that will endure in the future. It also represents a

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badge of respectability, credibility and recognition in the community. Ultimately, accreditation means SJCL can continue to provide a legal education opportunity to all segments of the Central Valley by ensuring the ongoing availability of federal financial aid. ■

ALUMNI NOTES

BY JAMES MICHAEL PETRUCELLI
President, SJCL Alumni Association

I would like to extend congratulations from the Alumni Association and the Alumni Board of Directors to the Class of 1992. Outstanding job! A lot of hard work goes into your law school experience, as we all know, and we congratulate you on your graduation.

This was the first year that a group of students completed the three-year program at SJCL. For all of us who went through the four-year program, we can only imagine what it must be like to pack it all into three years and still hold down jobs as most of them did. Best of luck on the upcoming Bar exam.

We would like to thank all of the alumni for their strong response to the annual membership drive. We now have some 417 alumni. This year we had more than 100 paid members, many of whom made voluntary contributions to the scholarship fund. I congratulate all of you for taking an interest in your Alumni Association.

The Alumni Board of Directors has voted to grant automatic alumni membership to all graduates starting with the class of 1992. The association will defer alumni dues until the end of the year to those new members. This will allow graduates to have an opportunity to join the Alumni Association at no cost. In this way, our new alumni can become involved immediately.

Welcome to our new Alumni Association Director Bill Gunn ('91). Bill was appointed by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy of resigning board member Susan Simons, who was unable to continue her duties.

The Second Annual SJCL Alumni Golf Tournament took place June 20 at Riverside Golf Course. For all of you who participated, you know what a great time we had.

For those of you who didn't, you should start looking forward to next year. We all had a great time, even after the course marshal had to caution two members of the Board of Directors for reckless driving of their golf cart. A special thanks to Glenn LoStracco ('88) for putting the tournament together, and to Russell Pandukht ('88) and Todd Meek ('88) for helping out. The tournament put nearly \$700 into the Alumni Association Scholarship fund.

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Alumni Association's Carolyn Mirviss Scholarships. The Association was pleased to give two \$750 scholarships to recipients Patricia Williams and Rosemary McGuire.

I would like to invite all interested alumni to attend our Alumni Board of Directors meetings, which take place on the second Tuesday of each month at Wangs Panda restaurant on Maroa Avenue at 6:00 pm. We have a dinner meeting while discussing current activities of the Law School and the Alumni organization. Please feel free to join us. We have plenty of room.

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The Law Review Experience: Shared Commitments

BY JULIANA GMUR

Juliana was a candidate for Law Review in 1990-91 and served as Production Editor for the 1991-92 Law Review. Here, she writes about some of what those experiences have meant to her and to the people she worked with.

Too often I find myself in the company of others discussing the meaning of Law Review. Sometimes, we discuss plans for the future; sometimes we exchange old war stories. I have now had the full measure of the Law Review experience. Yet, eagerly I look forward to the next step - a quiet retirement into the position of staff editor. In addressing the meaning of Law Review, my response as given today is far different from one given a few months ago. Law Review is a complex process with an ever changing focus that leaves its members somehow different.

I remember my Law Review experience in a series of flashes, like flipping through a photo album. Each represents a different phase and a different focal point of the Law Review process. First, I recall our initial meeting, the beginning of my candidacy. The advisor stood before us explaining how difficult, yet rewarding the experience would be. Well, as they say, fools rush in where angels fear to tread. I had joined

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Law Review just to see what it was all about and anticipated a hasty retreat in the event I became disappointed. My point of focus was the Hopper Competitions and not the Law Review.

The next mental picture is the Fourth of July. My family was in the backyard, splashing in the pool. I was locked in a bedroom as far from the noise as possible, writing until my comment filled a legal pad. I recall emerging to snatch a hamburger and issue a quick "Hye-bye" to my

family. My only focus was to write something - anything - to complete my candidacy. A few drafts later, I knew I wanted to see my name in print.

The fall came, my comment was finished, and I began the job of production editor. A candidate was assigned to me and she immediately began writing. Suddenly, I was on the other side of the editing process struggling to provide the best guidance and advice I could muster. The importance of my comment shrank as I concentrated on making sure this candidate would be proud of hers. I wanted to share the experience. I wanted to see **her** name in print.

Soon, a stack of comments and articles required my attention. The production process had begun and, one by one, each document had to be prepared for the printer. It was no longer a situation where the comments could be labeled "mine" and "hers". The only label was "ours".

The work progressed at a furious pace. First hours, then days became an uncountable blur. I pictured myself standing before a table strewn with papers commenting on how nice it was that my fellow editors and I could get together as a family for dinner. With that, I unceremoniously divided the bag of popcorn among three paper plates. Night after night, it was either popcorn or devil's food donuts. The spring semester turned into a series of deadlines. And the pile of documents turned into the 1992 edition.

The Law Review office windows facing into the hallway had allowed the student body to view into our work area and it piqued their interest. At Law Review Advisory Board meetings and in casual conversation with students, faculty and administration, I was greeted with questions about Law Review. And why not? The Law Review does not belong to its members. It belongs to SJCL and travels as our ambassador to attorneys, judges, legis-

lators, businessmen, and law students nationwide. At the office, we have a brief by a Los Angeles attorney that closes with a quote from a comment printed in the 1991 edition. "People who do not follow the Bar passage rates or moot court championships are now hearing the name of SJCL." I realized that Law Review had really come to represent the students of SJCL.

Through the Law Review, we not only reach out to the legal community, we reach out within our own membership. The SJCL

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catalog describes the Law Review as a publication. A year ago, I could have agreed. But now, I can see the forest for the trees, and the Law Review for the piles of papers. You see, **we** are the Law Review. Our Editor-in-Chief commented that with the amount of time it required, the Review was like another child to him. As strange as it seems, this "child" has created a family. The ultimate experience has been our shared commitment to each other and to the integrity of the Law Review.

It is not always easy and we do not always agree. But I have gained friends through this new family that I respect and trust. And in the final analysis, although I have learned much about the Law Review experience, I have probably learned more about me. ■

SJCL Profile

Pam Ramirez, Paralegal Coordinator

This July, one of the more familiar faces at SJCL celebrates eight years of service to the Law School.

Pam Ramirez began working for SJCL in a full-time temporary capacity in 1984 and was quickly hired into a permanent position as an administrative assistant. That meant doing everything from covering the front desk, to assisting with admissions, typing and “basically helping to keep the buildings glued together,” according to Pam.

At that time, the Paralegal program at SJCL did not have a specific person supervising its activities. Consequently, Jan Pearson decided to allow Pam to coordinate the program. Since Pam had a limited legal background back then, much of what she learned about the field was through trial by fire.

“People would call in and basically ask for general information about what a paralegal exactly is,” she explained. “In turn, I would have talk to individuals who were out in the field in order to learn more so I could explain to interested people what the profession is all about.”

Both Pam and the paralegal profession have come a long way since the early 80s. She has devoted much of her efforts over the years to educating attorneys about what a paralegal is and what paralegals are able to do for lawyers. Pam points to several internships some of SJCL’s paralegals have had with local attorneys as an important part of the maturity and growth of the profession.

“Our internships allowed attorneys to

have a sample of what a paralegal can do for them. It was a great educational process,” she said. “In fact, new positions were created for paralegals in the City Attorney’s office and in the Family Court as a result of the internships of some of our early students.”

Over the years, Pam has also established herself as one of the leading job placement advisors for the legal field. She said much of that expertise is simply a result of the professional contacts she has developed with attorneys in the area.

“It’s kind of a matchmaker feeling that I have developed. I just get a feel for what attorneys are looking for,” she said. “I have always worked with students on a one-on-one level and I base that on what firms or agencies are looking for. I think that I have made some good connections.”

Pam is expanding her duties to include the creation of a more formalized job placement service for SJCL. In the future, she sees placement services integrating

job development skills, with a special emphasis on designing workshops and seminars for students.

In retrospect, Pam says the personal satisfaction she has received from her work over the past eight years is perhaps her best reward.

“I enjoy the feeling of contribution in helping many individuals turn their lives around as they start new careers in the paralegal field. It’s great to work with people to help them get their feet off the ground—and nice to be able to do that at a small school.” ■



Five SJCL Grads Pass February Bar Exam

Five graduates from San Joaquin College of Law were among several area students who successfully passed the February 1992 General Bar Examination. Congratulations to Kenneth Brock, Neil Lloyd Enmark, Tom Hicks, Michael Keitz and Mary K. Rau.

Official swearing-in ceremonies were held in Fresno on June 9 in a joint session of the Fifth Appellate District Court of Appeal and the U.S. District Court, Eastern District.

The State Bar of California’s Committee of Bar Examiners indicated that 2,147 applicants — 52.1 percent — passed the February examination. A total of 4,121 applicants took the test. The pass rate is up 1.6 percent from the February 1991 examination.

The committee also said that 78.7 percent of the 188 lawyers taking the Attorneys’ Examination passed.

Statistical analyses show that the pass rate for first-time applicants was 73.4 percent of the 503 applicants who attended law school approved by the American Bar Association and 51.9 percent of the 844 applicants from schools not accredited by the ABA.

The February 1992 test consisted of three sections: a multiple-choice Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), six essay questions and two performance tests designed to test an applicant’s abilities to apply general legal knowledge to practical tasks.

The mean MBE scale score for those taking the February 1992 California examination was about 4.0 points higher than the mean for applicants taking the examination across the United States. ■

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and commitment to SJCL, and for their attentive audience as I shared stories about my children.

As we complete interviews for my successor, there is no doubt that the new person will do an outstanding job for an outstanding institution. I look forward to hearing great things about SJCL across the miles. ■

Sara B. Cobb
Associate Dean For Advancement

Some Thoughts On WASC Accreditation

BY DAVID HOGUE
President, SJCL Student Bar Association

I would like to welcome all the new law students as well as those who are continuing with their legal education at SJCL. Something very important will be occurring this year at the law school. It represents a turning point for the law school and may be another step forward toward possible ABA accreditation.

Alternatively, it may return the law school to merely a regionally recognized institution. Or it may also allow SJCL to expand legal educational opportunities for minorities and those who have been traditionally under represented in the legal field. It could, however, cause the law school to reduce services, affect continuing education of the bar and limit legal educational opportunities to a very narrow cross section of the community.

All of these opportunities or consequences may be the result of whether or not the school receives WASC accreditation.

For those of you who: 1) are new students, 2) have been on Mars, or 3) completely fail to listen to Dean Pearson, WASC is an acronym for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. This coming year, WASC will evaluate the law school to determine if our six-year probationary accreditation status will become permanent. For the past six years, WASC has evaluated the academic programs of the school and issued recommendations on how they can be improved. While these recommendations are not a requirement for mandatory changes, they represent the association's expectations of what a WASC accredited institution should be.

During this coming year, WASC will return to the law school to either grant or deny accreditation based on whether these expectations have been met.

The most important short-term benefit of WASC accreditation is the continued availability of federally insured, subsidized student loans. Sixty to 70 percent of the students at SJCL receive financial aid, mostly in the form of student loans, to complete their legal education. The student loan programs require that the law school be accredited. The probationary WASC

status, granted to the law school six years ago, has allowed the students of SJCL to receive student loans. If this important financing was not available, many students, including myself, would not be able to afford to attend law school.

While the potential elimination of financial aid would affect all students, it is minorities and women who would be most severely affected. These groups represent a beneficial diversity in our student population. WASC accreditation would enable SJCL to continue to provide a diverse lawyer pool, which adequately represents the diversity in the Central Valley.

WASC is also important to the statewide credibility of San Joaquin College of Law. The quality of lawyers trained at SJCL has certainly diminished the false notion that the school somehow provides a legal education that is inferior to any ABA accredited institution. But this fallacy still exists in the minds of some people. WASC accreditation will enable the school to move forward and build on our reputation of academic excellence.

Those of us who attend SJCL are keenly aware of the law school's academic excellence, but the recognition by an association of academic institutions confirms that reputation for those not directly affiliated with the school. The "boost" in credibility that WASC represents will enable our graduates to compete for work in areas beyond the boundaries of the Valley and will foster a new appreciation for the fine work being done at SJCL.

Directly tied to its reputation of academic excellence is SJCL's continuing legal education programs. Even though the law school already has a CLE program in place, WASC accreditation lends further credibility to the program. While the school has no credibility problem with its graduates or with the local legal community, WASC accreditation may provide the needed credibility to entice attorneys trained outside the area to use the law school for their continuing education needs.

My final thought on WASC accreditation is how we can help make it a reality. Dean Pearson, the faculty and the administrative staff are going to have their hands full this year attempting to juggle the requirements of operating the law school

as well as satisfying the demands of WASC. I ask that you become involved in any way you can. If someone at the law school asks for your assistance, do what you can to help. For those of you who are alumni, stay in touch with the school by attending sponsored activities. If you are not involved, find out how to become involved. Students should take 1/2 an hour each week to attend a meeting, serve on a committee, or become involved in any positive way, other than day-to-day class attendance.

I realize that many of you are stretched very thin time-wise, but the time that you give the school will be rewarding to yourself, other students, alumni and the school. Your participation may mean the difference between WASC accreditation or a continuation of the status quo. ■

Alumni News

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Lastly, I want to remind all alumni of some upcoming activities. We have the **alumni barbecue and reunion** coming up on August 7, 1992 at the Crossland's Barn. All of the arrangements have been made and invitations will be going out soon. We are looking forward to a great turnout. The **alumni fashion show** is scheduled for September 19, 1992, at Roger Rocka's. We have two special guest announcers this year, not only the Honorable James Ardaiz, who helped us out last year, but also the Honorable Lawrence O'Neill. We are still looking for models, so if anyone is interested, please contact Director Doug Haas.

Let's remember that our alumni make up the largest single percentage of any law school alumni in the Fresno County Bar. Our alumni activities and level of participation are on the rise and we continue to be a driving force in the future of SJCL, especially in the area of fundraising. Through our participation in alumni activities, we have the opportunity to help one of finest law schools in California.

Thanks again for all your participation. I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events. ■

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We would also like to thank all the individuals who attended our MCLE seminars throughout the year. We hope to continue providing quality continuing legal education programs in the coming years. ■

NewsBriefs

WELCOME TO GWEN WATT

Please join us in welcoming our new administrative assistant Gwen Watt. Gwen's main duties are to support the Paralegal program, but she also shares some of her time helping out in admissions, financial aid and accounting. Formerly, Gwen was with Donald G. Watson and Associates, a financial aid consulting firm. She joined the SJCL staff on May 11.

THANKS DARLENE GOSSETT

The staff and faculty of SJCL would like to thank Darlene Gossett for her diligent work as our bookstore clerk since December, 1990. In the Fall of 1991, Darlene began the Paralegal program at SJCL with the help and encouragement of SJCL staff. This August, she will complete the program and plans a vacation to Australia before beginning her new career. Darlene says that she has enjoyed working with the students and staff at SJCL and would especially like to congratulate her Paralegal classmates on their upcoming graduation and wish them the best of luck in the future. Good luck to you, Darlene, and thanks for nearly two years of dedicated service as bookstore clerk.

ALUMNI REUNION '92

Don't forget to attend the SJCL All Class Reunion at the Crossland's Bar on Friday, August 7. We are anticipating a large turnout this year. Our last all class reunion was in 1989. Come out and enjoy great food, dancing and a chance to catch up with some of your old classmates. Tickets are \$18.50 per person. If you haven't already received your invitation, give us a call. See you in August!

ALUMNI GOLF TOURNEY

Congratulations to the first-place team of Manual Ponce, Bob & Buddy Marquez and Rudy Cisneros. This year, the tournament attracted 52 players and raised \$700 for the Alumni Scholarship fund. Special thanks to tournament organizer **Glenn LoStracco** and helpers Russell Pandukht, Todd Meek and Bill Erysian. Thank you to our hole sponsors: Richard Ciummo, Manual Ponce Bail Bonds, H.R. Sawl and Associates, James Petrucelli, Suhr and

Associates, Helon and Manfredo, the Fresno County Prosecutors Association, SJCL and the SJCL Alumni Association.

LEXIS OFFERS MVP

LEXIS is offering a special subscription rate through the SJCL LEXIS Membership Group: Sign up by July 31, 1992 and receive free LEXIS software, free unlimited training and free use of the entire LEXIS database for \$50 for the first two months. The MVP program gives you unlimited access to all California legal materials and Ninth Circuit case law. For more information, call Jill Waller at 225-4953.

FALL TAX COURSES SET

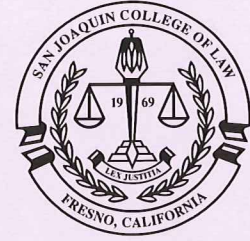
You can receive MCLE and CPE credit for attending any of SJCL's Graduate Tax courses. The last day to register is August 19, 1992. Classes scheduled for the fall session are: 500 - Tax Research and Writing, 525 - Corporate Taxation I, and 555 - Tax Procedure I. All class sessions are held in the evening from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Remember, you do not have to be enrolled in the M.S. program in order to take these classes. Contact Jacqueline Margritz at SJCL for more information.

FALL REGISTRATION SET

Registration for fall classes at SJCL will take place on Wednesday, August 19 at the law school from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm. You will be able to register at any time during the entire day, so it's not necessary to arrive at the law school at 8:59 am. Registration packets will be mailed to you during the first week of August. Remember that tuition must be paid in full on the day you register unless other arrangements have been made with the SJCL financial officer. **MAKE SURE TO READ THE INSTRUCTIONS IN YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET THOROUGHLY BEFORE COMING IN TO REGISTER.**

DELTA THETA PHI REVIVED

The Hollis G. Best Senate of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, originally founded at SJCL in the early 1980s, was recently reorganized by a group of law students. All interested attorneys in the Fresno area who are past or present members of the fraternity are invited to contact the law school for their names to be added to the fraternity's rolls. For more information, contact Geoffrey Sims, chairman, publicity committee, Delta Theta Phi fraternity at 432-0214. ■



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