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## Herbert Foundation Pledges Lead Gift

The largest gift to date for San Joaquin College of Law's Capital Campaign was announced on February 20, 1996. The General James K. Herbert Foundation pledged \$125,000 toward the campaign's \$750,000 goal.

Brigadier General James K. Herbert (1909-1990) retired from the Army in 1946 and joined, as an executive, Schenley Corporation's Roma Wine Division located in Fresno. Upon resigning in 1957, he became active in farming, banking and real estate in the San Joaquin Valley. He served two terms as President of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, twelve years as a Director of St. Agnes Medical Center, and Finance Chairman and Director of the Sequoia Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Foundation just completed its gift of \$3 million in a \$11 million campaign for the Alumni Center at West Point where General James K. Herbert received his education. "The Foundation is now turning its support to the local community and an institution where the General's daughter-in-law was dean and the General's son taught," stated James K. Herbert, Jr. "The General believed in the San Joaquin Valley, and the many resources that it had to offer. One of those resources is San Joaquin College of Law."

James K. Herbert, Jr. currently serves on the Law School's Board of Trustees. Herbert and his wife, Carol Sellers Herbert, sponsor a scholarship for a SJCL law student each year. The Herberts also have endowed the James K. and Carol Sellers Herbert Constitutional Law Chair since 1993.

"With this gift," Kristin Robinson, Associate Dean for Advancement stated, "we are a little more than halfway though the campaign, and we look forward to the entire community supporting the project—from those that might have fond memories of attending high school at the building to those who we serve through such projects as the *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*."

"The large gifts are important and essential in any campaign, but San Joaquin College of Law appreciates the support that it has received from so many individuals," Robinson continued.

"Corporate and foundation proposals look at percentages—for the support shown by the community, and that is what makes larger gifts such as this possible." ♦



The presentation of the generous gift by the General James K. Herbert Foundation. From left to right: John Loomis (Founder and Board of Trustees), Dean Janice Pearson, James K. Herbert, Jr. (Board of Trustees), Dr. Bill Stewart (Chair, Board of Trustees), and Christie Ballard (SJCL Student Bar Association President and Board of Trustees)

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## Message from the Dean

### Janice L. Pearson



It takes a lot of quiet, on-going effort to make a non-profit educational institution like SJCL work. The principal architect of this effort is the faculty. Being a SJCL faculty member is not simply a matter of droning away in front of a group of students once or more a week. It entails hours of preparation, *days* of grading exams, and constant searching for that magic way to convey the skill of analytical thinking. Not only do SJCL faculty succeed at this extraordinarily well, they also shoulder the same curricular development and administrative responsibilities borne by faculty at enormous institutions.

During my years at SJCL, I have been profoundly impressed with how seriously both adjunct and full-time faculty take their commitment to teaching. In fact, it often inspired me to "hang on" when times were tough. Some examples:

As Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Sally Perring carries our typical 12-15 semester units per year teaching load. She also is responsible for all course planning and scheduling, faculty governance, curricular review, law faculty hiring and evaluation, policy drafting and advising the San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review. She is the "open ear" for law students on a daily basis--students seeking advice on course options, career planning, writing problems, law review articles, and personal crises. She never refuses to help, and yet somehow manages to keep her classes up-to-date, innovative, and exciting.

Professor Richard Cartier teaches Civil Procedure and every other conceivable course

on family law or mediation. He also operates the Regional Family Law and Mediation Center. Therein, he trains law students on a one-to-one basis to conduct peaceful mediation sessions on marital property distribution issues. The clinic has a nearly 90% success rate, thus helping to relieve the burdens on the courts. Rich is also the force behind the current effort to review the entire law school curriculum. In his spare time (I swear he doesn't sleep), he is one of SJCL's in-house computer gurus.

Professor Denise Kerner is well-known as the support brains behind the Small Claims Clinic which SJCL has operated for more than ten years; however, Denise's most important role is the backbone of the first-year research and writing program. I listen for hours from across the hall as she enthusiastically explains the concepts of case analysis over-and-over to student after student, using every different angle she can muster. I am endlessly amazed by her patience and inventiveness.

Over the last few years, Professor Larry Artenian has been called upon to teach the most diverse array of classes, ranging from Contracts to Remedies to Secured Real Property Transactions to Advanced Research and Writing. To his relief, this is the first year he has not had to invent a totally new class. Larry is an active participant (some say "lightening rod") in many committees, notably Curriculum and Admissions. He also did the Law School and me a great service by acting as in-house counsel in the negotiation of the lease of the Clovis building.

Professor Jeff Purvis is the newest kid on the full-time faculty, teaching Constitutional Law, Business Organizations, and Constitutional Law seminars. He and I carry the proud title of "Draconian Graders." Jeff has seized the reins of the Library Committee, attempting to create a plan for the development of the library over the years in a manner that would position SJCL to seek ABA accreditation someday should we so desire. Jeff is also our alternative computer guru.

A list of the adjunct faculty that have made major contributions over the years would be staggering. Justice Ardaiz has taught for 11 years, serving for most of those on the Faculty Committee and/or Board of Trustees. Judge Caeton has taught for 18 consecutive years, the record among currently active faculty. Doug Noll has been a long-time advocate for writing skills spending interminable hours assisting

## San Joaquin College of Law

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## SJCL Faculty Profile

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### Deborah Davis Owdom

"It's positive to see so many San Joaquin graduates practicing in the community and providing high quality legal service," Deborah says.

She was the Valedictorian of the San Joaquin College of Law's 1976 graduating class. She received her B.A. (With Distinction) from Stanford University in 1971.

"Deciding to study law was natural," Deborah says. "I had a lot of lawyers in my family. I also was interested in how 'power' worked and 'power relationships.'"

Changes that Deborah sees from her days as a student include larger class sizes and a more "user-friendly" Law School. "The institutional services provided today are much improved," she says. "People work hard to serve the students. In the 'old days,' there were some wonderful mentors, but people did so as individuals, not as part of the institutional process."

She is in her fourth year of teaching Criminal Law and Procedure to law students. Also, Deborah taught in the Paralegal Program during the 1980's.

She started working at the Fifth District Court of Appeal as a research attorney in 1982. Prior to working there, she worked as a research attorney at the Fresno County Superior Court, legal counsel at the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, a private practitioner, and as an instructor in the Criminology Department at CSU, Fresno.

Deborah is married to Bruce Owdom (Class of 1977). They have two sons, Nathaniel, 14, and Matthew, 12. Lily, the labrador, completes the family.

In addition to spending time with her family, Deborah enjoys open-water kayaking, music and gardening. She's even done occasional vegetable exchanges with her students. In the past, she has also been active with VORP (Victim Offender Reconciliation Program).

"I love teaching," Deborah says. "It's a stimulating, challenging experience. I feel that it's important for people to know the legal system and laws."

Thank you, Deborah, for your many years of service for SJCL! ♦

## COBE Continues SJCL Accreditation

At the February 10, 1996 meeting of The Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California, the following action was taken by the Committee:

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Report of Visitation of San Joaquin College of Law, with the corrections noted by the school, prepared by the Committee's consultant, William Fischbach, be received and filed; that the recommendations contained in the report be approved; and, that accreditation of the school be continued.

The letter that Dean Pearson received regarding this action included the following:

"Certainly, it appears that San Joaquin is a model California accredited law school, and you justifiably should be proud of the school's and your accomplishments."

Congratulations to everyone involved with the Law School — students, faculty, alumni, staff, donors and friends for a job well done! ♦

## Student Associations Officers Announced

### Student Bar Association

Election results for the 1996-97 Student Bar Association Officers were announced at the Spring Banquet on March 22. Congratulations to all!

President:	Traci Fritzier
Vice President:	Angie Hill
Secretary:	Cindy Hopper
Treasurer:	Lisa Davison
4th Year Reps:	Judy Barron Michelle Green
3rd Year Reps:	Jennifer Reisz Larry DeWitt
2nd Year Reps:	Rich Caglia David Moeck

### Honorable Hollis G. Best Senate of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity

Election results for 1996-97 Delta Theta Phi were announced at the Spring Banquet on March 22. Congratulations to all!

Dean	Judy Barron
Vice Dean	Larry DeWitt
Master of the Ritual	Michelle Green
Clerk of the Rolls	Angie Hill
Bailiff	Linden Lindahl
Tribune	Cherie Turner
Clerk of Exchequer	Philippe Dwelshauvers

### La Raza Law Student Association

Officers for the 1996 Calendar Year are:

President	Jim Trevino
Vice President	Vanessa Girnus
Secretary	Arthur Gonzales
Treasurer	Philippe Dwelshauvers

# Spring Banquet Honors Scholarship Donors and Recipients

Some 200 people enjoyed an evening of awards and dancing at San Joaquin College of Law's Annual Spring Banquet on March 22, 1996. This year's theme of "And the award goes to..." emphasized the announcement of the student scholarship awards. Through the generous donations of SJCL's scholarship donors, students were rewarded for their academic and community service accomplishments.

Dean Pearson made two special presentations before the banquet officially started. Michele Creighton, MCLE Coordinator, was honored for "inventing" MCLE at SJCL. She received a license plate frame "Nurses Call the Shots" since she will be leaving SJCL to attend San Francisco State University to enroll in a Master of Nursing Program—one of only two in California of this type. Linda Raiche, Director of Operations, received a personalized hard hat for her work thus far on the new building and the work to come while the building is undergoing renovation.

Dr. Bill F. Stewart, Chair of SJCL's Board of Trustees, welcomed the crowd at Tornino's. The Fourth Year class spoofed the movie "Babe" as its skit with Dean Pearson as the "Law Babe." The Third Year class skit was a takeoff on what "Apollo 13" would have been like with Justice Ardaiz in charge. "Forrest Gump" in law school was the subject of the Second Year class skit. All the skits were well received by the audience.

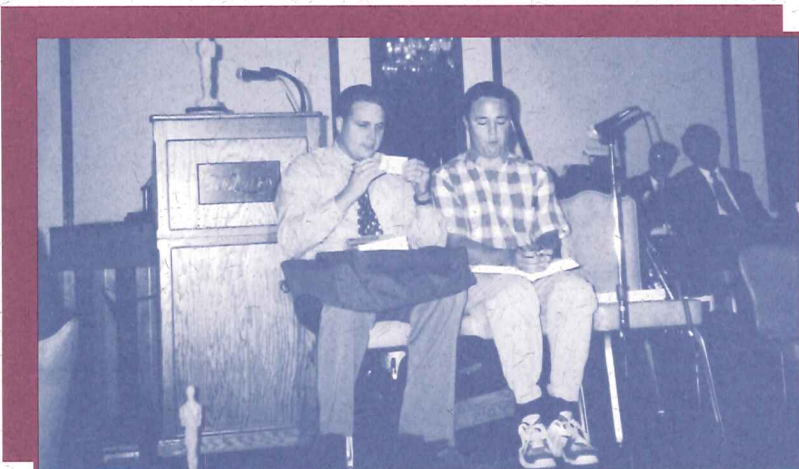
Kristin Robinson, Associate Dean for Advancement, gave an update on the *Build-*

*ing on Success* Capital Campaign and reported that just under \$425,000 has been raised toward the Law School's new building. The Student Bar Association presented Robinson and Dean Pearson with a check for \$5,000 toward furnishing the Student Lounge—an act that brought on a round of applause from the students and alumni!

The Student Bar Association's Raffle was a huge success. More than \$565.00 worth of raffle tickets were sold to the banquet attendees. Joan Lassley, Law Coordinator, once again led the ticket sales. Thanks to this year's raffle sponsors: Braun's Gourmet Ice Cream, Harland's, Ovidio's, The Elbow Room, Guilia's, Monterey Bay Excursions and Arnold Peter at Universal Studios.

Recipients were announced for the following scholarships: Alumni Association sponsored **Carolyn T. Mirviss Scholarship: Teresa Juarez; Brown Scholarship for Women and Minorities: Teresa Juarez; James K. and Carol Sellers Herbert Scholarship: Angela Hill; Ernest S. Kinney Trial Lawyer Scholarship: Brian Gupton;** SJCL Board of Trustees sponsored **First Year Scholarships: Suzanne Hipwell, Yoriko Ishikawa, Laurie Mitchell, and Tracy Sagle; Myers ('80) and Overstreet ('81) Scholarship: Doreen Cole; Leon S. Peters Foundation sponsored Leadership Awards: Kimberly Mayhew and Annette Ballatore-Williamson;** SJCL Student Bar Association sponsored **Founders' Scholarship: Christie Ballard;** Hon. Annette LaRue sponsored **Woman Lawyer Scholarship: Kirsten Corey;** Patricia Mattson-Markell ('85)

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*"Law school is like a box of chocolates!"*

*Aaron  
"Forrest"  
Johnson and  
Rob Bassett  
perform at  
Spring  
Banquet.*



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## SJCL Profiles

### Joan Lassley

The epitome of a people person.

Joan's fifth-year anniversary working at the Law School was March 15, 1996. During that time, she has not taken one sick day.

Joan joined SJCL officially as the Financial Assistant in March 1991, although she worked as a temporary employee in August 1990 to help prepare for that year's audit. She continued in the Accounting Department until she was hired as Law Coordinator in January 1995.



"What I enjoy most about my job is working with the adjunct faculty and the students," Joan says. "The most challenging part of my job is striking a balance between the two and not letting anyone down. Another challenging aspect of my job is managing the classrooms. During finals I need ten classrooms, and SJCL has only seven available!"

As a Clovis High graduate and neighbor to the new building, Joan is excited about the move to Clovis. "The Law School will finally have the physical plant that it deserves. It just looks like a place of learning instead of an insurance office. I'm involved with the Clovis community and hope to do more. I'm happy about the impact SJCL can have there."

Joan's current community activities include being an active member of the Clovis Rodeo Association and working on the Gene Ford Memorial Car Show each year. Her many hobbies include going to the gym, movies, travel, softball and volleyball. She plays in the Women's Fast Pitch League and in the Co-ed League each summer and volleyball each fall.

Joan's newest "hobby" is her granddaughter, Karley, born in November 1995 to

## M C L E Update

Plan to attend these great live and video programs offered by San Joaquin College of Law. Several of the programs will satisfy the MCLE requirement for special subjects and also will provide credit for CPAs.

Video Replay Programs in cooperation with The Rutter Group and the Fresno County Bar Association:

### **Evidence Rules and Tactics: Inside and Outside the Courthouse!**

Tuesday, April 9, 1996 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. at SJCL.

*3 hours MCLE credit.*

Video Panel Moderator:

Justice Norman L. Epstein

### **Civil Procedure Before Trial: Basic Training for Litigators**

Fridays, April 19 and April 26, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at SJCL.

*12 hours MCLE credit  
(includes 1.5 hours in Legal Ethics).*

Video Panel Moderator:

Justice H. Walter Croskey

### **Insurance Litigation: Basic Training Series**

Tuesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 2, 1996 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. at SJCL.

*6 hours of MCLE credit  
(includes .5 hour in Legal Ethics)*

Video Panel Moderator:

Justice H. Walter Croskey

her son, Justin, and daughter-in-law, Suzette. Elisa, Joan's daughter, and Thomas, her foster son, complete her cherished family.

Joan is also a donor to the Law School. In addition to her own donations, she has conducted the Entertainment Book sales for SJCL for the last two years.

### **Legal Ethics 1996: New Risks, New Rules, New Solutions**

Tuesday, May 14, 1996 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. at SJCL.

*3 hours of MCLE credit  
in Legal Ethics.*

Video Panel Moderator:

James W. Wagstaffe

Live programs in cooperation with the Central California Bankruptcy Association:

### **Fundamentals of Bankruptcy Law**

Friday, May 10, 1996

from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

at the Piccadilly Inn University *MCLE and CPE Credit*

Speakers include: Michael S. Abril, Esq. (*Bakersfield*), Thomas H. Armstrong, Esq. (*Fresno*), Dennis D. Bean, CPA (*Fresno*), Albert J. Berryman, Esq. (*Fresno*), Peter H. Carroll, III (*Fresno*), Hon. Richard T. Ford (*Fresno*), Michael T. Hertz, Esq. (*Fresno*), David R. Jenkins, Esq. (*Fresno*), Patrick Kavanagh, Esq. (*Bakersfield*), Rene Lastreto II, Esq. (*Fresno*), Michael L. Wilhelm, Esq. (*Fresno*), Nabil E. Zumont, Esq. (*Fresno*)

### **The 10th Annual 1996 Central California Bankruptcy Institute**

Thursday, September 12 and Friday, September 13, 1996 from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

at the Fresno Hilton Hotel.  
*MCLE and CPE Credit.*

Speakers include: Harry Dixon, Jr., Esq. (*Omaha*), Lawrence P. King, Esq. (*New York*), Hon. Christopher M. Klein (*Sacramento*), Bernard Shapiro, Esq. (*Los Angeles*), Hon. Sandra Snyder (*Fresno*), Robert Wood, Esq. (*San Francisco*)

"I'm impressed by the level of education everyone here requires," she says. "Integrity in the legal field does exist; I see it in the instructors every day. I really like what I do, and I'm committed to the school and honored to be a part of it."

Thank you, Joan, for all you do for SJCL! ♦

# Gifts

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Thank  
You!

San Joaquin College of Law gratefully acknowledges all those who have generously supported the Law School. To you, we say thank you for all that you do for the College. This list contains donations received by SJCL from January 1, 1996 to March 20, 1996.

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*The Student Bar Association presented \$5,000 for Student Lounge Furnishings at the Spring Banquet. From left to right: Dean Janice Pearson, Kristin Robinson, Associate Dean for Advancement, and Christie Ballard, Student Bar Association President.*

# Thank You!

## Paralegal Profile

by Pam Ramirez

Director, Paralegal Program  
Director, Placement Services

Judy Wise, a San Joaquin College of Law Paralegal Program graduate, was one of only six individuals in the entire state to earn the California Advanced Specialist-Civil Litigation designation in the Fall of 1995. This was the first time the exam had been administered.

In 1994, through the combined efforts of the members of the California Alliance of Paralegal Associations (CAPA) and National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA), a new testing mechanism was proposed to demonstrate significant experience and advanced proficiency in California law. SJCL law alumnus, James Michael Petrucelli ('89), and local CAPA representative, Debra Anderson (PA '86), were instrumental in the development of the California Advanced Specialty Examination. Those who are successful earn the designation of CAS, California Advanced Specialist. The first administered exams were offered in the areas of Civil Litigation, Real Estate and Business Organizations.

## Dean's Message

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students in his office, working with the Law Review, and sitting on the Faculty Committee. Sarah Schmidt has made the SJCL Moot Court program a force on the national level. The efforts of the adjunct faculty are grist for the future mill.

Every year, the graduating class picks a Teacher of the Year. In the last ten years, ten different individuals have won that award. That speaks well for the caliber of the faculty as a whole. If you win that award, you are honored and re-energized as a teacher. However, you also know that it is a thank you not only to you, but to all the faculty who work so hard for and savor the students' success. ♦

The CAS Exam is in addition to the examination developed in 1975 by NALA for paralegals to earn the designation of CLA, Certified Legal Assistant. In some parts of the Country, having the CLA status is as important as a diploma or certificate showing formal paralegal training at an institution of higher learning. The prerequisites to qualify for the two-day exam are fairly stringent, and the exam is difficult. As a nationally administered exam, it tests general skills and knowledge but is more focused on federal practice. There are only a handful of CLA's in the Fresno area including some San Joaquin Paralegal Program graduates. Throughout California, the number of paralegals who have taken the CLA exam is relatively small.

Judy, and her husband, Michael Wise, attended the SJCL Paralegal Program together and graduated in the 1993 Fall class. Judy worked in a couple of different positions before finding her niche at the Madera City Attorney's Office. She is a dedicated community member, mother of three, and active as the Secretary of the San Joaquin Association of Legal Assistants. Judy has also participated in SJCL's Paralegal Program Informational Forums. She contributes in every possible way for the betterment of the paralegal profession. We wish to congratulate Judy on her accomplishment and her example of excellence. ♦

## Spring Banquet '96

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sponsored **Family Law Scholarship**: *Judith Barron*, and *Allan Junker* received **The Business Journal** sponsored **Research and Writing Award**. The **Student Bar Association Scholarships** were awarded to *Sara Blanchard*, *Sandra Corey*, and *Vimala Nowlis*. Delta Theta Phi members were eligible for two scholarships. *Ron Nissila* received the Long Family sponsored **LeRoy Long Memorial Scholarship**, and *Judy Barron* and *Tim Rote* received **Hollis Best Senate of Delta Theta Phi** sponsored scholarships.

Dean Pearson was chosen as this year's Teacher of the Year. She was presented with roses and a plaque by the gradu-

ating class. Ty Kharazi representing the graduating class also gave Dean Pearson and the Law School a sun dial for the new building.

The Outstanding Student for each class was announced. These students were elected by their fellow classmates to receive this honor. *Tracy Sagle* won the **Outstanding First Year Award**. *Karen Spinardi* was chosen to receive the **Outstanding Second Year Award**. *Doreen Cole* was the **Outstanding Third Year Student**. The Fourth Year class chose *Christie Ballard* as its **Outstanding Student**.

Dean Pearson announced the West Publishing Awards for the top students for the 1994-95 school year in each section of specific courses. *Dana Baker* and *Mark Suddjian* were honored for Contracts. *Lori Anderson* and *Susan Moore* received certificates for Real Property. *Tim Cox* and *Mike Ringer* took the awards for Torts. In Criminal Procedure, *Sandra Corey*, *Nancy Stegall* and *Robert Wright* were honored.

The **West Publishing Awards** for the 1994-95 top of their class went to *Dana Baker*, **First Year**; *Danny Green*, **Second Year**; *Barbara Rueger*, **Third Year** and *Jerry DeMelo*, **Graduating Class Valedictorian**.

The Am Jur Awards given by Bancroft-Whitney were also announced. For the Spring 1995 **Advanced Research and Writing** classes, *Elaine Yama*, *Peter Pacheco*, *Miriam Cooper*, *Mark Pillor* and *Doreen Cole* took top honors. *Diana Mitts* and *Sara Blanchard* were honored for the **Best Oral Argument** and *Sara Blanchard* and *Leslie Monson* for **Best Brief Writing** in the Summer 1995 Moot Court class. For Fall 1995 **Advanced Research and Writing**, *Lori Anderson* and *James Lee* received the awards. *Robert Wright* won for **Best Oral Argument** and *JonPaul Avent* won for **Best Brief Writing** in Fall 1995 Moot Court. Editor-in-Chief for Volume 6 of San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review, *Dennis Gaab* was also honored.

All in all, the evening was another accolade-filled Spring Banquet for SJCL students. Thanks to the scholarship donors and all who attended. ♦

## News Briefs

### Additional Bar Passer

Philip Hausmann ('95) also received the good news in November 1995 that he passed the July 1995 Bar Exam. His name was inadvertently omitted on the list of people passing the Bar in the February issue of *Inter Alia*. ♦

### New Bookstore Clerk

Leslie Hiatt has been hired as SJCL's Bookstore Clerk. He is majoring in communications at Fresno City College. Welcome, Leslie! He replaces Darren Atwood who received a full-time position as Acquisitions Clerk at CSUF's Henry Madden Library. Best Wishes, Darren! ♦

### Have News or Ideas for *Inter Alia*?

If you have ideas, comments, or suggestions for upcoming issues for *Inter Alia*, please let us know. Please call Karen Besecker or Kristin Robinson at 225-4953. We would love to hear from you! ♦

### Olmos Scholarship Winner

Arthur Gonzales, a second-year law student, received one of the three scholarships awarded at the 1996 Mario Olmos Memorial Scholarship Banquet held on January 27, 1996. The annual banquet is sponsored by the La Raza Lawyers' Association to honor Judge Mario Olmos' contributions to the local area. ♦

### Hopper Scholarship Winner

The 1996 George Hopper Memorial Scholarship recipient is Janice Westerberg. It was presented at the annual Hopper Luncheon on Friday, March 29, 1996. Congratulations, Janice! ♦

### Keep us Posted

If you have relocated, please let us know in order to keep our mailing list current. Also, if you know an alumni or friend of the College who is not receiving *Inter Alia*, please inform us so that he/she may be included. ♦

## T G I F Breakfasts

TGIF Breakfasts are your opportunity to meet informally with fellow alumni--a request from the Alumni Surveys. A continental breakfast will be served starting at 7:30 a.m. at Marie Callender's (Cedar & Shaw) on the *last Friday of each month*. This is your opportunity to "catch up" with alumni and find out what's going on at the Law School between *Inter Alia* issues. For more information, contact Kristin, Catherine or Karen at 225-4953.

*Mark your calendar for  
Upcoming TGIF Breakfasts...*

*April 26*

*May 31*

*June 28*

*July 26*

*Save The Dates!*

*Make your reservation  
by calling 225-4953*

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