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George A. Hopper Moot Court Competition

The Fall 1996 George A. Hopper Moot Court Competition took place November 14 and 16, 1996. The instructors for the course were Sarah Schmidt ('88), Patti Williams ('93), and Marlene Hubbell ('92). A reception was held for the winners of the competition on November 16th. Congratulations to all participants on a job well done!

First Place Team-Nick Schuller (2nd Year) and Delilah Schuller (2nd Year)

Second Place Team-Sandy Smith (2nd Year) and Rick Banks (2nd Year)

Semi-Finalists-Brian Sottile (Graduating) and Karen Spinardi (Graduating)

Ian Marty (2nd Year) and Raymond Allen (2nd Year)

First Place Best Oral Advocate-Robert Stover (2nd Year)

Second Place Best Oral Advocate-David Moeck (2nd Year)

Third Place Best Oral Advocate-

Nick Schuller (2nd Year)

First Place Best Brief-Timothy Cox (Graduating) and Mark Asami (Graduating)

Second Place Best Brief-Robert Cassio (2nd Year) and Tracy Sagle (2nd Year)

Third Place Best Brief-Brian Sottile (Graduating) and Karen Spinardi (Graduating)

Many thanks go out to the people who volunteered as judges during the competition: Larry Artenian (Faculty) (2 rounds); Dan Bensing (Faculty) (2 rounds); Greg Bixler (3 rounds); Steve Bolm ('95) (3 rounds); Deborah Byron ('82); Tim Buchanan (4 rounds); Miriam Cooper ('95) Jerry Demelo ('95); Peter Dickrell ('94) (4 rounds); Richard Fairbank ('76); Paul Fairless ('94) (4 rounds); Robert Hirth ('96) (2 rounds); John Joyce ('81); Judge Stephen Kane; James Lambe; Lawrence Meyer ('87) (2 rounds); Judge Lawrence O'Neill; Warren Paboojian ('85); Ron Perring ('95); Jeff Purvis (Faculty)

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FEBRUARY 1—AN EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!!

Mark your calendars now for February 1, 1997. On that day, the new SJCL campus will be officially dedicated and open to you and your families for a special day of fun and information. Watch your mailbox for the official invitation (see the article on the "Race Judicata" that will get the day's events off to a running start). Be assured you won't want to miss the festivities! Plan to come and tour the new campus, including the Moot Courtroom; the MCLE Conference facility; the two-story expanded library; the Family Law & Mediation Center and the incredible classrooms. Add to that the sheer

beauty of a century-old newly-renovated historical building and this will be an opportunity to remember for every student, alumnus, and friend of SJCL! ♦

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Message from the Dean

Sally Perring Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Sentimental Journey

You've all experienced moving. There are the things you cannot live without—the treasures of a lifetime still packed in boxes from your last move. You may make some desultory attempt to lighten the load but it really is just a sham so that you may finger once again your first pay stub, your child's birth announcement, or the picture of you and your spouse when you first met. Then there are the nooks and crannies of your quarters where you stuck the left over wrapping paper, the 5-year warranty on a microwave oven which is 12 years old or the bank statements, including checks, from 10 years ago. Too, there are those things absolutely vital to everyday life—toothpaste, laundry detergent and milk. The self-evidentially vital things can be ignored until the day before you move; the treasures, fortunately, need no new packing. What is left is the laborious job of going through the nooks and crannies, deciding what to keep and what to throw. Is it useable and worth moving? Most important, though, is it a candidate for the Treasure Box?

Moving the law school presents the same quandaries for all of us on the staff and faculty. I must admit some glee when I found my first pencilled syllabus for the Real Property course. Was this a candidate for the Treasure Box?—NO, I decided. Ah, but I do have to keep my letter from Jan confirming my first teaching appointment to San Joaquin College of Law. That's different. Then there's the correspondence file—amazing how letters over a year old don't have to be answered and can be tossed. No treasures here. Do I need to keep a file of letters of application for a faculty position filled 4 years ago? Well, it was after the last WASC



visit; what if they want evidence of procedures used in hiring? I temporize and put it in my Faculty Box. The material in these latter boxes will be reviewed one more time before filing or throwing them away.

In the bookstore, 25 copies of a Contracts outline from 1984 were found. Anyone remember Tom Riggs teaching Contracts? Guess students didn't need outlines in those days. Jan unearthed a plaque with a large golden screw embedded on the front awarded to her by the students in the first class she taught at SJCL. Now don't misunderstand, it was a Consumer Protection course. Definitely for the Treasure Box.

Joan rummaged through storage finding course materials and finals for a plethora of classes: Judge O'Neill's Trial Practice class in 1990; Don Horvath's Remedies class in 1981-1982 (and you thought Doug Noll graded hard!); material of Judge Fretz organizing the first class on Professional Responsibility required by the Bar in the wake of Watergate. Caeton's Criminal Law materials seem to appear randomly in several boxes, dating from 1977 to the present. Now why wouldn't that material be organized?

The real treasures, however, remain interred in the Advancement Department. The first catalogue of the school, 1970-1971, reveals tuition was \$36 per unit and students could expect "the cost of books to be under \$100 per year." The 1974-1975 catalogue contains pictures of the school's founding fathers—Judge Eymann, John Loomis and Judge Wanger. Does anyone remember Judge Wanger with curly hair?

At one time students produced a quarterly paper called "Dicta." Looking at the Spring issue of 1976 reveals Bruce Owdom ('77) was the editor. Staff writers included Hon. Gary Austin ('76). In the issue, a provocative article titled "Will San Joaquin Graduates Find Jobs?" could have been penned today. Kathy Hart ('77) wrote a tribute to Judge Hopper, Renaissance Man. Recipients of scholastic awards at the annual banquet (was Tornino's here then?) included Debby Davis ('76) winning the C.J.S. Award. (That's Professor Owdom to you students in Criminal Law.) Judge Hollis Best received an award "for the longest explana-

tion of the hearsay rule in the history of recorded time." One professor received a prize for teaching a property law course "beginning with the Norman conquest and ending with the printing of the Gutenberg Bible." Now everyone knows the Rule Against Perpetuities was not announced until Norfolk's Case in the 17th century, almost 200 years after the printing of the Gutenberg Bible. Obviously, students today get updated law. Finally, we cannot forget the only treasure kept under lock and key by Advancement—a picture of a youthful Presiding Justice Ardaiz wearing a strategically arrayed leopard skin and nothing else. He always was a natty dresser.

At its worst, moving is a lot of trouble. At its best, it is a sentimental journey. ♦

WE'RE MOVING!!!! HERE'S HOW TO FIND US...

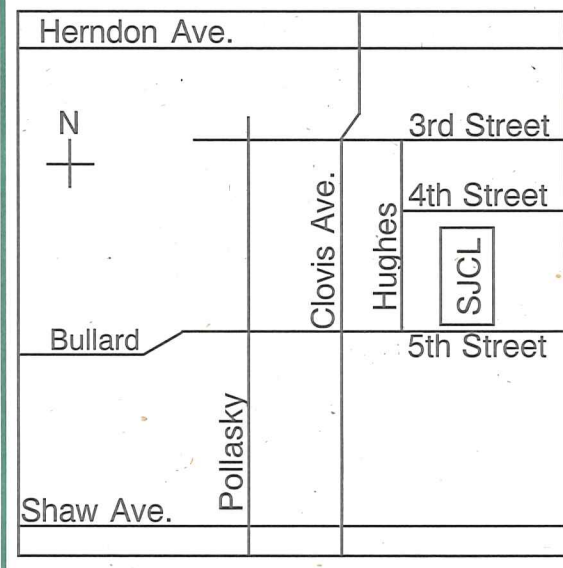
It's official. The San Joaquin College of Law will move to its new campus in Clovis. Listed below is some information (and a map) that will help you find us quickly and easily beginning December 20th.

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Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Library Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.



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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 August 14, to November 1, 1996.

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PARALEGAL ALUMNI SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to all those who participated in the recent survey of paralegal alumni. The results were quite interesting.

First, the information returned aids SJCL in maintaining current addresses and family information on the alumni. More importantly, however, the survey provided valuable insight into the perception of the College held by the paralegal alumni. This information, in turn, helps SJCL plan programs that fit the needs of the alumni and the community.

Regarding employment, 87% of all respondents work in law-related areas, with 34% being self-employed; 21% employed by law firms with less than 10 attorneys; 14% are currently with law firms that have 10-25 attorneys; 11% work for a government entity and 7% are employed by firms with more than 25 attorneys.

An amazing 99% of all respondents felt that the reputation of the College had improved or maintained its reputation, with 74% rating the education provided as above average or outstanding. Among reasons for selecting SJCL for their paralegal training, 59% made their choice based on the reputation of the school with 75% citing the one-year program offered as an incentive for their decision.

Continuing education programs for paralegals was the most frequently requested

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In-Kind Gifts

Betty Waldron (Staff) - Gift Certificate
Jeffrey Purvis (Faculty) - Computer Software
Gwen Watt (Staff) - Books

Endowment Fund

Edward Ackley
Joanne Sanoian ('82)
Sam W. Speake ('87)

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIFT GIVING AND TAX DEDUCTIONS

If you have already made your contribution to the Building on Success campaign fund, THANK YOU.

If you haven't yet made the decision to contribute, or have just delayed sending your check, now is the time for action. All donations actually made before December 31 will qualify as tax deductions on your 1996 IRS tax form.

For those of you who are undecided or unsure about what you can afford to do for SJCL, there is a long list of choices. Gifts can be pledged in a variety of ways to meet your individual financial situation. While large donations are always welcomed and appreciated, it is important to remember that every gift counts when you are renovating and outfitting a "new" college campus.

To start with, there are general contributions to the Building Fund. Approximately half of the needed monies have been raised toward the Building on Success campaign goal of \$750,000.

For people who want to give something more concrete, there are rooms still available for naming. Gather your classmates, firm members or friends and name a room together!

If your heart is willing but your budget is more limited, the Building Fund also encompasses many individual items that are within reaching distance. Library shelves; reference books for the library; hallway benches; chairs; computers and computer equipment; the list goes on. Lots of choices and all tax deductible.

Also, everyone who gives \$100 or more to the Building Fund will be recognized on the Donor Wall prominently displayed in the main hallway. Individual wall plaques will be placed for donations of \$500 or greater.

For more information on donations to the Building Fund, contact Christie Ballard or Catherine Cline in the Advancement Department. ♦

MCLE Marathon Month Returns

January is San Joaquin College of Law's Annual MCLE Marathon Month. The three-year compliance period for attorneys with last names starting with letters H through M ends January 31, 1997. These attorneys need to have 36 total hours of MCLE completed. Specifically, a minimum of 18 hours of participatory credit and a maximum of 18 hours in self-study credit. In addition, the hours in requirement areas are as follows:

- ♦ a total of 8 hours in Legal Ethics/Law Practice Management with minimum of 4 of those hours in Legal Ethics and a maximum of 4 of those hours in Law Practice Management;
- ♦ a minimum of 1 hour in Substance Abuse/Emotional Distress;
- ♦ a minimum of 1 hour in the Elimination of Bias.

A flyer listing all of SJCL's Marathon Month Videotapes will be mailed separately. If you have any questions, please give Sydney Fournet a call at 323-2100.

Programs Available:

Saturday, January 18, 1996

1997 Update: Personal Injury (3 hours MCLE Credit) Moderator: Justice Zerme P. Haning, III; 9 am - 12:15 pm

Litigation Management Technology (3 hours in Law Practice Management MCLE Credit) Moderator: Anne Kemp; 1 pm - 4:15 pm

Destination: Federal Court (3 hours MCLE Credit) Moderator: James M. Wagstaffe; 9 am - 12:15 pm

Gender Bias (1 hour in Elimination of Bias MCLE Credit) Moderator: Judge Peggy Hora; 9 am - 10 am

Substance Abuse and Emotional Distress (1 hour in Substance Abuse and Emotional Distress MCLE Credit) Moderator: Judge Peggy Hora; 10 am - 11 am

Tuesday, January 21, 1997

1997 Update: Civil Procedure (3 Hours MCLE Credit) Moderator: Judge Robert I. Weil (Ret.); 6 pm - 9:15 pm

Saturday, January 25, 1996

1997 Update: Family Law (3 Hours MCLE Credit, Approved for 3 hours in specialization credit for Family Law Specialists) Moderator: Justice Donald B. King; 9 am - 12:15 pm

Legal Ethics 1997 (3 hours in Legal Ethics MCLE Credit) Moderator: James M. Wagstaffe; 1 pm - 4:15 pm

Punitive Damages: Preparation & Trial (3 hours MCLE Credit) Moderator: Harvey R. Levine; 9 am - 12:15 pm

Gender Bias (1 hour in Elimination of Bias MCLE Credit) Moderator: Judge Peggy Hora; 9 am - 10 am

Substance Abuse and Emotional Distress (1 hour in Substance Abuse and Emotional Distress MCLE Credit) Moderator: Judge Peggy Hora; 10 am - 11 am

Tuesday, January 28, 1997

1997 Update: Insurance Litigation (3 hours MCLE Credit) Moderator: Justice H. Walter Croskey; 6 pm - 9:15 pm

In addition, SJCL will co-sponsor a Live Program in January:

Saturday, January 11, 1996

Seminar in Economic Damages (7 hours MCLE Credit) Presented by Gerald D. Martin Ph.D. and Rick Sarkisian, Ph.D.; 8:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. ♦

Placement News

by Pam Ramirez,
Director, Placement

In this month of history making as we plan to move into the "New Building", we all seem to be reminiscing. For many of you, the old days may bring back memories of the Pacific College "shared" space, but for me the Shields Ave. location has been "THE LAW SCHOOL" for more than a dozen years. What I call the "old days" takes me back to 1984 when I joined the staff and brought things to an even number - four. For a number of reasons placement services as such happened on a very informal basis.

In the mid-80's, SJCL was attended by a student body where usually 80+ percent of the students worked full-time in "other" jobs and weren't initially available for clerking, let alone interning. By the third year, of the four year program, most students wanted to make the transition to law clerking because clerking usually led to offers of an associate position. It was pretty standard; not much need for formal placement. There were many times when a position for a new admittee had to be answered with, "all taken, but we'll see what we can do to help."

Through the years, the economic climate changed, the school grew, and legal recruiting changed with downsizing that took place in the law firms. Law school placement offices have had to adjust to these changing times.

Through continued development of community awareness as well as networking with San Joaquin grads and other attorneys connected with San Joaquin who are knowledgeable about the quality education here, our alums are still achieving the ultimate goal...practicing law. They are in settings that include a Deputy City Attorney in San Francisco, D.A. Offices up and down the Valley, Social Security Administration, Public Defender's Offices, insurance companies, small, medium and large firms and many who have successful solo practices.

In the new facilities an office will house placement resource books and a computer for Lexis career searches and resume writing. The Placement Office is here to serve both students and the legal community. If you are interested in assistance in finding a position or finding personnel for your office please contact the SJCL Placement Services to find out how we can best serve you. ♦

TGIF "AFTER HOURS"

Currently on hiatus due to the Thanksgiving holidays and the Alumni Christmas party, TGIF will return after the new year to kick off 1997, "the year of the new campus." Watch your mail for the postcard announcing the next TGIF get-together. This is a good opportunity to meet informally

with fellow alumni and find out what's going on day-to-day at the Law School. For more information, contact Catherine or Karen at 225-4953.

After December 20, the new number is (209) 323-2100. ♦

SJCL Staff Profile

Kathryn McTigue-Floyd

Library Director

Before coming to SJCL in August of this year, Kathryn was the reference librarian at Fresno County Law Library, a position she held since January 1995. She received her bachelor's degree in Law and Society from UC, Santa Barbara and completed her Master's degree in Library and Information Science at San Jose State University. While attending San Jose State, she worked at Golden Gate University Law Library in San Francisco. There she was the assistant to the Public Services Librarian, Faculty Liaison and ran the Inter-Library Loan Program.



"I originally thought of going to law school after earning my bachelor's degree but reconsidered after my husband's first year at Hastings College of Law. We decided that one attorney was enough for our family. With my background in legal research, it was natural for me to concentrate on legal resources and legal reference in the library program. I loved the people I worked with at Golden Gate University Law Library - the library staff, students and faculty. I knew I had chosen the right profession because I enjoyed it so much."

Kathryn's job is currently dominated by planning for the move. "This position gives me more responsibilities than my previous positions. I was looking for a challenge and this is it! The physical layout of the library is so important. I want to make things easily assessable, while keeping in mind the need for the library to grow rapidly in the next ten years. The move to the new campus will give SJCL a real library. Students will have a separate lounge so the library will be quieter and more effective for study. There will be a study room on the second floor for groups to use and the upstairs will have study carrels and tables. The computer lab will be part of the library, making it more easily

accessible for the students. It will also be easier for me to help students with computer problems as they come up."

In addition to the move, her job description includes collection development, assessing needs of the patrons of the library and anticipating future needs. With an eye to the future, it is necessary to design a layout of the stacks which will ensure a usable library for years to come. Future planning also consists of keeping up with the constantly changing ABA regulations. For example, whether the ABA will move away from their basic volume count requirements and recognize electronic resources such as Lexis/Nexis, CD-ROMs and the Internet as acceptable equivalents remains unanswered.

Kathryn is looking forward to working more closely with SJCL's students. "I am available for reference work and am here to help library patrons. I have resources outside the physical environment of SJCL also. SJCL is part of a huge network of libraries, state and nationwide. I can get inter-library loans through the Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NO-CAL) and the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). I have access to tremendous resources. All a student has to do is ask me!"

Kathryn is married to Greg Floyd who is an attorney at McCormick, Barstow. They have a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Dodger who has received his first championship title in obedience. They are working on his second championship title. She also enjoys gardening and backpacking in the Sierras.

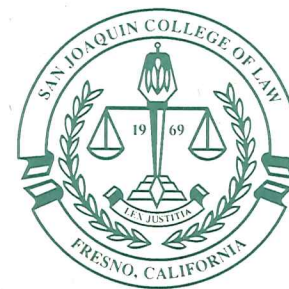
Welcome to SJCL, Kathryn! ♦

"Race Judicata"

Mark your calendars now to participate in SJCL's "Race Judicata" on February 1, 1997. This race is sponsored by the SJCL Student Bar Association and various Clovis/Fresno businesses. The event is in conjunction with SJCL's Open House. The race will start and end at the Law School's new campus. Race times are 8am for the 2 mile walk and 8:30am for the 4 mile run. The cost is \$7.00 for students/staff/faculty and \$13.00 for alumni/community. The entry fee includes a long sleeved t-shirt and medals for the winners of the age categories. Snacks will also be provided. Entry forms will be

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SJCL Faculty Profile

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Rose Safarian

"I decided at the age of twelve that I wanted to go to law school and study law. For some reason, I stuck with that idea and followed it through."

Rose received a B.A. in sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1980. She received her J.D. in 1984 from McGeorge School of Law. From 1985 to 1988 she worked as a research attorney for Justice Pauline Davis Hanson at the Fifth District Court of Appeal. In 1992, Rose helped form the law firm of Rowley & Safarian. Rose stayed in private practice until last spring.

This is Rose's fifth year of teaching at San Joaquin College of Law. "I hadn't thought about teaching law at all. Sally Perring asked me if I would teach a class. I

did and really enjoyed it. What I enjoy most about teaching is the interaction with students. It's more than just talking after class, it's when we're working on something together and I can see the realization of the point I'm trying to make in a student's eyes. I enjoy the experience and SJCL keeps asking me back.

"I don't think enough students realize that a law degree can give you a good background for lots of areas. The practical and analytical skills that you learn can carry over into other careers, such as business. You don't necessarily have to end up in the courtroom."

Rose is looking forward to the move to the Clovis campus. "I think the move to the new building is great. I went to a law school with a campus so I know what it means to have one. I think that it will be terrific for everyone and will add prestige to the Law School. Besides, it's a great old building."

Rose is married to Hartune Sirabian, a CPA. They have a 6 1/2 month old daughter, Emily. When Rose has the time, she enjoys tennis, knitting and sewing.

Thank you, Rose, for your years of commitment to SJCL!♦

1996-97 Law Review Candidates

SJCL's law students continue to produce San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review with excellent results. Volume Five's symposium on marketing orders brought further nationwide attention to the journal. Volume Six is expected to be available in December. Volume Seven is under production.

The law students listed below are working on their comments to complete their candidacy period for Law Review.

Dan Green (Graduating) -Whether the recent reformulations of gas or diesel fuel or the additives, or dyes being used have the potential to bring spills from leading tanks outside of CERCLA's Petroleum exclusion.

Kathleen McGurty (2nd Year) -The Williamson Act After Thirty Years: Legislative Intent Verses Local Government's Planning Realities

Kristine Howe (2nd Year) -Wetlands Act

Sean O'Rourke (2nd Year) -The EPA's 1996 Proposed Guidelines for Assessing

Cancer Risk and Their Benefit on the Agriculture Industry

Tracy Sagle (2nd Year) -Agricultural Labor Relations Board and the United Farm Workers of America

Tim Cox (Graduating) -Marketing Orders

Suzanne McGuire (2nd Year) -The Use of Hemp for Medicinal Purposes

Mark Bacciarini (2nd Year) -Whether the Bureau of Reclamation has the legal authority to use surface water, which belongs to all the people of the state, to recharge the groundwater supplies of private landowners, when that water then becomes subject to the desires of the landowner

Kerri Couillard (2nd Year) -Rural Crime Prevention and Prosecution Model Program

Clark Haman (2nd Year) -Water Quality Control Board

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Law Alumni Profile

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Laural Gerbrandt (‘92) SJCL Alumni Association Board President

“The new campus is a wonderful setting for the law school and I’m very excited about it.”

Before entering SJCL, Laural received a B.S. in Business from CSU, Fresno. “I had been interested in law since high school. After receiving my bachelor’s I was tired of school, so I worked for awhile. That convinced me to go to law school.”

“I chose SJCL for several reasons. It was local and less expensive than some of the other law schools I looked into. Also, SJCL was getting a lot of good press at the time about its high bar pass rate. A friend of my family, Bob Shinn (‘80), had recently graduated from SJCL. His recommendation meant a lot too.”

Laural’s first job in the legal field after passing the bar is the position she currently holds -Death Penalty Law Clerk for the Eastern District of California - Fresno. “My job is a research attorney position, but all I handle are federal appeals of state death penalty cases. It is the federal review of a state criminal conviction. My job would also include federally prosecuted death penalty cases, if there were any in our court. The Unibomber case will be the first federal death penalty prosecution in the Eastern District, but since it is in Sacramento I probably won’t work on it.”

Fresno has 15 death penalty cases currently. That’s not a high number per court but it is high per judge. Fresno only has two judges handling death penalty cases at this time. “These cases take a lot of work. There are a higher number of claims per case and higher standards when someone’s life is at stake.”

Laural works with the judges in Fresno who are assigned death penalty cases, mostly Judge Wanger and Judge Coyle. However, Laural’s position is funded as part of Senior Judge Crocker’s staff. “Judge

Crocker was the first Federal Judge for the Eastern District in Fresno. Judge Crocker has always hired local people, although is he not a Valley native. I’m not the first SJCL graduate he hired. There have been seven of us: Tom Campagne (‘75), Hon. Gary Austin (‘76), Peter Bunting (‘85), Donna Korotie (‘85), Lisa Nilmeier (‘87), Woody Nichols (‘89) and me. It is due to Judge Crocker that we have been given the opportunity to be federal law clerks. He believes that quality lawyers can come from many kinds of schools. The competition is fierce for these positions, so most federal law clerks are the creme of the crop of attorneys, involved in Law Review, Moot Court, etc., and from ABA schools.”

“I joined the Alumni Association Board because I wanted to be involved. SJCL is the school that provided many of us the only opportunity to obtain a legal education and become attorneys. When you take advantage of that opportunity, I believe you have a responsibility to give something back to the Law School. I’d like to see more people get involved with the Alumni Association. I’ve agreed to be President for one year and then the Vice President will take over. I’ll still be on the board for a year to help provide some continuity while enabling more people to participate. I know all of us are busy trying to manage work, family, and home, but if more of us get involved it spreads the responsibilities around, so it’s less for each person to do.”

The upcoming Christmas Party for underprivileged children is a highlight of serving on the Alumni Board for Laural. “This event does not directly relate to alumni, but it is something that alumni can participate in to give back some of the benefits they have by virtue of being in the law profession. It is also a chance to reconnect with students and SJCL staff. The Alumni Association has three basic goals: 1) availability to students for networking and general guidance; 2) getting together with fellow alumni; 3) being able to support SJCL’s endeavors, be it ABA accreditation, MCLE, or any other goals the Law School is pursuing. The Christmas party fulfills these first two goals.”

“We hope to sponsor long-term foster children again this year. I feel these kids are especially deserving. For the most part, they are in foster care placement until adulthood. It means a lot to them to know there’s a group of people who care enough to

buy them gifts and throw them a party. It’s addicting! Their smiles make everything worth it; the shopping, leaving work early, everything.”

Laural sees future ABA accreditation as an exciting and challenging aspect for SJCL. “The diversity of the adjunct professors really contributed to the excellent education I received at SJCL. I wouldn’t want that to change for future graduates. I realize that the Valley needs an ABA school. I think that SJCL will be that school someday. It’s a complex matter of SJCL growing enough to become ABA accredited, but not outgrowing the Valley itself.”

Laural is a Valley native. She grew up in Dinuba, where her parents and grandparents still live. She is a busy aunt with a brother, sister-in-law, four nieces and a nephew in Fresno and a brother, sister-in-law, two nephews and a niece in Northern Washington. She is a soloist in her church choir. She also helped plan the building of her parents’ vacation/retirement home in Morro Bay. ♦

Law Review Candidates

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Yoriko Ishikawa (2nd Year)-
MAFTA’s Effect on Regulations of Pesticides and its Impact on Valley Farmers

Fred Meine (2nd Year)-The Legal, Economic, and Agricultural Issue Surrounding the Use of Public Land for Private Livestock Grazing and its Impact on the National Beef Industry

Diana Mitts (3rd Year)-Pesticide Exposure in California

Laurie Mitchell (2nd Year)-Organic Food Labeling Requirements, a Comparison and Contrast of Federal, California and Arizona Requirements

Bill Parry (2nd Year)-Whether the EPA Exceeded its Authority with “Acid Rain” Regulations

Delilah Schuller (2nd Year)-
Escherichia coli (E. Coli): Focus on Why the U.S. Government has not Adopted a Test for the Shiga Toxins

Bradley Stevens (2nd Year)-The Sale of Water Rights Held by Southern California Farmers to Colorado River Water UNPE-43 U.S.C. 431 ♦

News Briefs

New Director of Public Relations

Vickie M. Sanders is SJCL's new Director of Public Relations. Vickie comes to SJCL from Creative Communications. Welcome to SJCL, Vickie! ♦

Goodby to Dana Hunt

Best Wishes to Dana Hunt, Staff Accountant for SJCL. Dana has accepted a position at Price, Paige & Stewart. Thank you, Dana, for all your work for SJCL. ♦

First Year Representative Elections

George Herman and James Myers were elected this Fall to represent the First Year Class on the Student Bar Association. ♦

Congratulations to Mio Quartaro

Mio Quartaro ('74) was chosen as one of the Top Ten Business/Professional Women of the Year Award sponsored by The Fresno Bee and the YWCA.

Congratulations, Mio! ♦

Moot Court

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(3 rounds); Alan Roberts ('86) (2 rounds); Kevin Rooney (5 rounds); Roberta Rowe ('95) (3 rounds); Eric Schweitzer ('95); Cathy Sharbaugh ('93) (5 rounds); James Wasson ('75) (2 rounds); David Weiland ('92) and Sara Widener-Brightwell ('94).

The following people volunteered their time to serve as timekeepers. Thank you!

Janice Barter (Paralegal Student); Kim Buttrey (2nd Year) (3 rounds); Lance Hennesay (2nd Year); David Hollingsworth (1st Year); Mary Ann Jordan (Paralegal Student) (3 rounds); Scott Kubota (2nd Year); Kathy McGurty (2nd Year); Robert Meade (PA '95) (5 rounds); Lorraine Quintanar (Paralegal Student) (3 rounds); Jerry Schwab (1st Year); Jody Sonnier (Paralegal Student); Sharon Tashjian (Paralegal Student) and Cheryl Zahner (Paralegal Student). ♦

Race Judicata

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available at the law school and various sporting goods stores after December 9th. Don't miss this fun kick-off event of SJCL's Open House! ♦

Paralegal Survey Results

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goal for the future, with 41% suggesting that future paralegal programs should include more emphasis on computer skills and electronic information resources. Other suggestions included increased job placement services, improved communication of legal elective courses available for paralegal participation and required internships during the paralegal certification program.

Those surveyed also expressed interest in the revival of the paralegal alumni association; new campus fundraising; and increased information on SJCL in general.

If you haven't yet responded, it is never too late to return your survey. Your opinions, ideas and suggestions are always welcome and are the foundation for the continuing success of the SJCL paralegal program. ♦

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