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1L Class Sets Precedent

Women in Majority for First Time

by Cara Dunne

Strolling through the hallway that first week was like stepping from a time machine and becoming a detached observer in a once familiar but now overwhelmingly foreign kingdom. The characters all looked, dressed, acted and moved as one would expect. Carbon-

copied snippets of dialogues whirred past me in a language I once spoke and related to fluently. Now, I raised my eyebrows and experienced a little nostalgia and lots of relief. Yes, relief: my stopover in the domain of the 1L was relegated to history and a whole new tribe of bright-eyed, book-bearing inhabitants had arrived. But somehow their conversations might have been rewound from last year. "I don't buy any of that crap that the 2L's are spouting off about how hard it is. If it was such a grind, why are they all back? Anyway, I'm not giving in. You'll see me at the beach every weekend living it up in L.A.," one woman proudly announced. "How can you think like that?" remarked her shocked classmate, "I don't expect to have a social life any more and I can't imagine spending a single weekend not closeted in

my apartment with the shades down until Christmas comes." Now, before you drop your books and commitments to extracurriculars to join the sun-snatching optimist, or fight to sit next to the grade-
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De La Rocha Heads

L.A. Ethics Commission

The Docket was pleased to learn that its faculty sponsor, Professor Raquelle de la Rocha, was confirmed unanimously last summer by the L.A. City Council as president of the Los Angeles Ethics Commission.

The Ethics Commission is a regulatory agency that has primary responsibility for enforcing the City's election, disclosure and conflicts of interest laws. It has a 16-person staff, operates on a \$1.1 million budget and holds public meetings twice a month.

There is, according to Professor

Working With Homeless Youth

by Kelly Rozmus, 2L

This past summer, through the help of a grant from the Public Interest Law Foundation, I worked full-time for Public Counsel's Homeless Youth Project and Children's Rights Project. The experience was the most rewarding and inspiring of my life and I know it has and will continue to influence the way I look at the legal profession and what we can do as attorneys.

One day a week, I worked with Jenny Weisz, Directing Attorney for the Children's Rights Project. This day was spent primarily doing research, either by books or by contacting staff attorneys and social service providers at various organizations and agencies. Through this research, I learned when Child Protective Services will finance medical treatment for babies with HIV/AIDS where the mother has not given consent nor disclosed her own status. I also charted the general timeframe for filing for termination of parental rights in dependency court after a recent change in the law. My work with the Children's Rights Project also introduced me to a topic that I am now pursuing as an Individual Research Project: how new guardianship

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UCLAW Prof. Kristine Knaplund

Knaplund Garners Teaching Award

Professor Kristine Knaplund received UCLA's prestigious Harriet and Charles Luckman Distinguished Teaching Award at "A Night to Honor Teaching" on June 6.

Professor Knaplund joined the faculty in 1983 to create UCLA law school's academic support program. Over the past ten years she has established a national reputation as the leading innovator and teacher in this area and has made UCLA's program the best known in the country. More than 100 ABA law schools now have such programs, many of which are modelled on the UCLA program. She is the first Chair of the Section on Academic Support for the Association of American Law Schools, and also serves on the Law School Admission Council's Minority Affairs Committee.

In 1985 Professor Knaplund developed a special section of Lawyering Skills to develop skills in legal analysis and exam writing. She also helped to create a ten-day summer program for entering diversity students and has introduced and implemented other programs for students in academic difficulty, including a special section of Wills and Trusts and non-credit study groups and exam writing sessions. She has previously won the law school's Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The Luckman Award nomination committee said of her, "Not only has Knaplund excelled at creating courses, she has been exceptional in her work with students, both in and out of the classroom."

Career Services

Analyzes Needs, Reorganizes

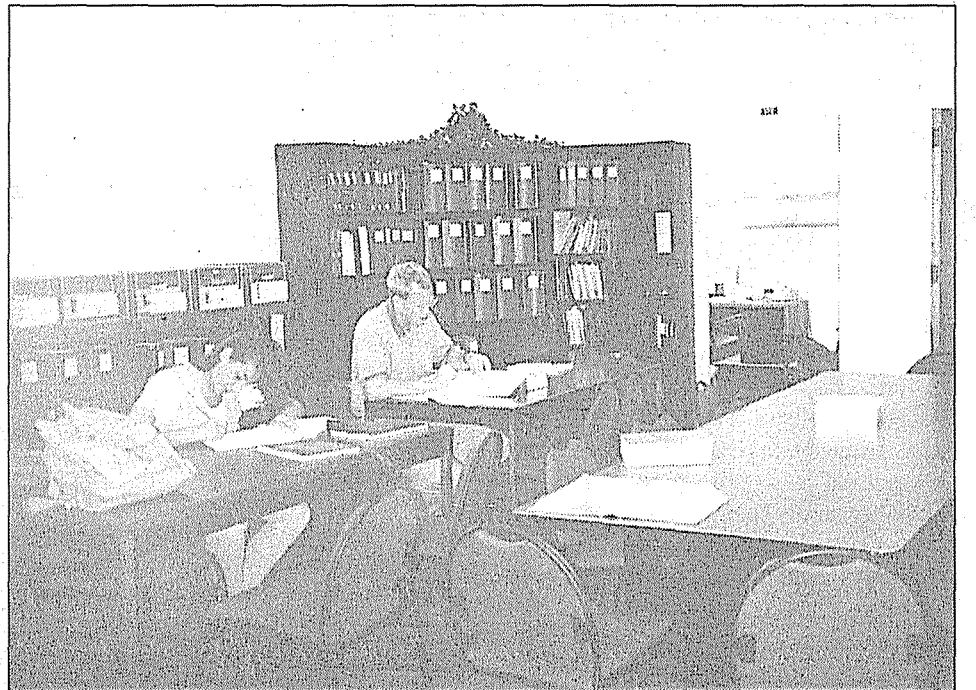
by Bill McGeary

The Office of Career Services ("Career Services") welcomes you to the 1995-96 academic year. Last semester, we heard your concerns. Career Services conducted an internal needs analysis and developed a reorganization plan in April. This summer we have been busy implementing this plan. Let's bring you up to date on the changes.

First, we recently augmented our staff. We are happy to announce the addition of a full time Career Placement Officer, Rosemarie Benitez, UCLAW Class of 1990. Rosemarie not only brings experience as a practicing attorney, but she also brings private law firm, public interest and sole practitioner experience. She will assist Jason

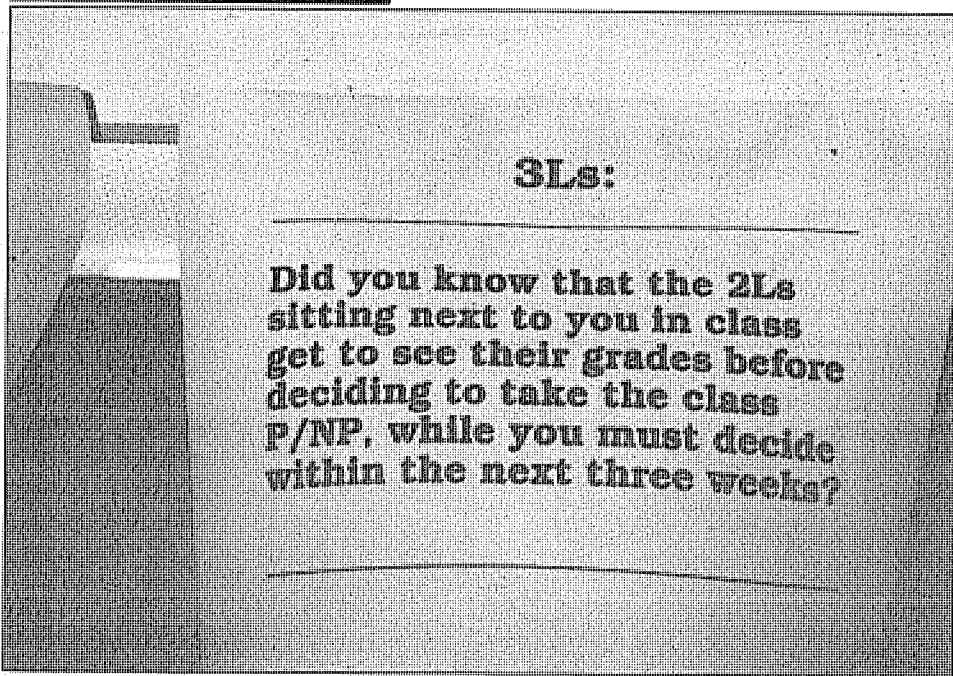
Mascarenas and Bill McGeary in student career counseling and will build a career education and placement network between the UCLA Law Alumni Association and Career Services. She will also work with small and medium sized firms and numerous bar associations to market our students and graduates, and to increase Career Services' and our students' options for part time, summer and full time career opportunities. In addition to adding Rosemarie to our staff, we are also in the midst of hiring two part time law students as Research Assistants to actively help upgrade our resources and career information library. These additions strengthen our existing

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News & Notes



3Ls:

Did you know that the 2Ls sitting next to you in class get to see their grades before deciding to take the class P/NP, while you must decide within the next three weeks?

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Steve Chahine:

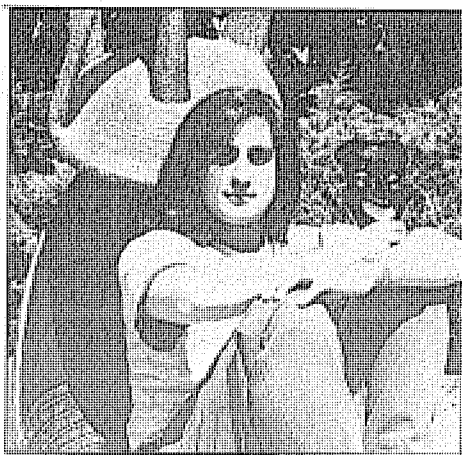
AWARD WINNING DOCKET WRITER

By Gerardo Camacho

After a long summer of waiting for the results, *The Docket* received notice that 3L Steve Chahine's Docket article won First Place in the 1995 American Bar Association Law Student Division Newspaper Contest for his humorous article entitled "Next!: Interview as Combat." The article, reprinted below, is a humorous portrait of the on-campus interview process which struck a chord with law students as well as the ABA judges.

Steve Chahine, a 1993 graduate of Harvard University with a B.A. in English

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Steve Chahine, America's funniest law student.

American Bar Association: Law Student Division

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Congratulations to all of the winners!

On the Subject of Extracurricular . . .

The *Los Angeles Times* reports that Eugene Volokh is not only a law professor here at UCLA but also a member of the electronic literati. Professor Volokh and his brother together publish a biweekly book of verse on the Internet called "The Occasional Screenful." According to the article, poetry must "generally be rhymed and metered. Preferred length is 16 lines or less." In order to receive Volokh's verse, you must join his listserv by sending e-mail to listserv@netcom.com with the message: "Subscribe Occasional-Screenful."

Lawyers In Recovery

By Lisa M. Howard, Esq.

Do you know a lawyer, judge or law student with a drug or alcohol problem? If so, there is a confidential support group that meets every Friday at 12:15 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Beverly Hills Bar Association. Can't make it on Fridays? There is another meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in Kaiser Hospital's conference center located at 765 W. College in downtown Los Angeles, about a mile north of the L.A. Superior Court on Hill Street.

Today there are many thousands

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EMPOWERING CONCEPT

Anderson School's Efficacy Workshop

by Elizabeth A. Cheadle
Dean of Students

The John E. Anderson Graduate School of Management kicked off its academic year with the Fifth Annual Efficacy Workshop on Friday, September 15. The purpose of the Efficacy training is to help African American and Latino graduate students "design an effective strategy for academic success as well as being instrumental to their overall personal development."

Three second year law students, Heather Anderson, Raul Jauregui and To EFFICACY on 18

California Political Reform Initiative Targets Corruption

Common Cause, the League of Women Voters, United We Stand and the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) together have drafted an initiative that takes major steps toward cleaning up dirty politics in California.

The California Political Reform Initiative targets the corrupting effects of uncontrolled special interest money by setting campaign contribution limits and by offering a plan that would encourage can-

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LAW LIBRARY AT GSM

We hope the following will provide you with useful information about the temporary law library facility (the Law Library at GSM). We are fortunate that we were able to obtain a temporary facility so close to the Law School, and hope to make its use as smooth as possible for you. We would like to hear your suggestions about what other materials should be at GSM and what arrangement would work best for you. Call, come over, or email us at the LIBRARY email address.

LOCATION OF THE GSM LAW LIBRARY: Our Law Library is now operating out of the old Graduate School of Management Library, located on the North side To LIBE on 12

UCLA Volunteers Make First AME Legal Service Program Click

by Michael Asimow

It's Sunday morning and the legal service clinic at the First AME Church in South Central is up and running. Volunteer UCLA law students are busy talking to clients, then conferring with volunteer supervising attorneys. As usual, the clients have every possible kind of legal problem.

Is there some way we can avoid probate on my grandmother's house?

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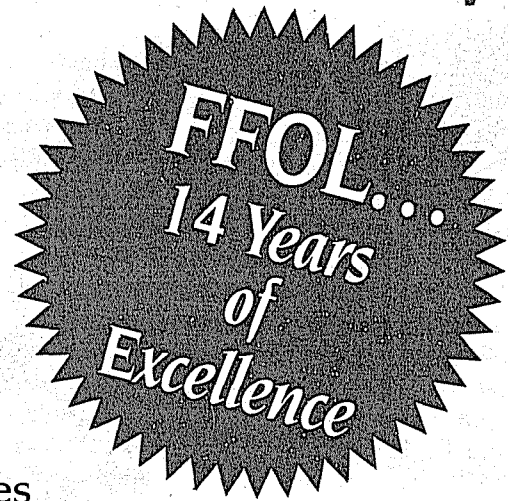
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All sessions will be given **live** at Pacific Christian College, 2500 E. Nutwood at Commonwealth, Fullerton (across from California State University, Fullerton), Second Floor, Room 205.

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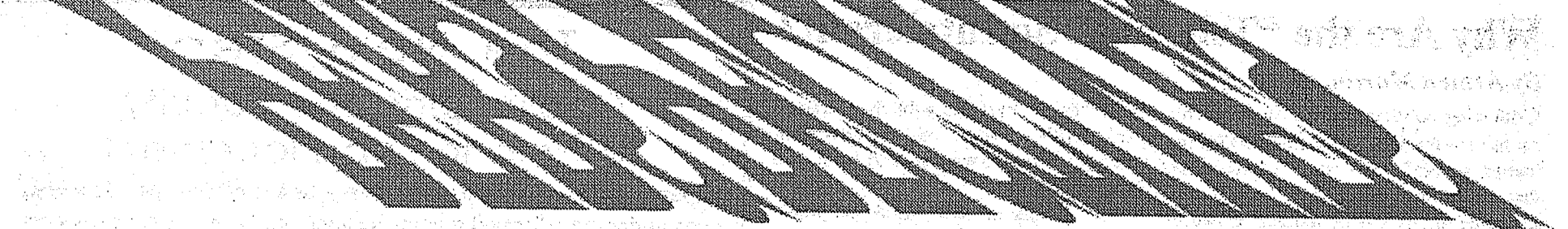
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PERSPECTIVES



Putting Grade Reform in Perspective

by Robert Jystad

Last year, while *The Docket* was publishing articles and editorials on grading, the likelihood that an overhaul of the entire system would occur within the span of five months was inconceivable.

It happened. It is true that the *U.S. News & World Report* came out and our ranking dropped to some degree due to placement rates. It is also true that momentum was building toward some kind of change, although the shape that change would take was

a powerful institution fighting against its own inertia ... something amazing happened here

uncertain. The system, though it worked well in the early seventies and eighties when qualified students all got great jobs, was now out of date. The evidence that it needed to change was overwhelming, so overwhelming that the faculty voted unanimously to adopt the new system.

The thing is, it did not have to change. But this school likes to see itself as

visionary, thriving on the diverse and enlightening perspectives of the student body. The school adopted numerical grades back in the seventies because students at that time wanted numbers and felt the numbers would better reflect their relative performance on tests. It adopted letters this year because students argued, among other things, that the numbers were false measures of relative performance.

In other words, students spoke and the school listened. Instead of seating itself resolutely in an impression of the world developed when Sam Ervin, John Sirica and John Mitchell were household names, the school responded. It did it quickly, thoroughly and decisively.

The cynics among us have their own explanations for grade reform. They are probably, at least a little bit, right. But those of us who witnessed a powerful institution fighting against its own inertia, the inertia that institutions rarely escape, were and continue to be stunned.

Something amazing happened here. Key players who created the old system reevaluated and now played central roles in establishing a new system. I am honored to have seen them in action as well as many others at this law school who helped bring about the change. You are too many to name but I hope you know who you are. You were tremendous and you have righted a wrong. For that we owe you our admiration.

UCLAW Student Activism Is Dead:

Administration Holds Smoking Gun

by Eric S. Vanderpool

Universities traditionally have been hotbeds of student activism; places where students can speak and be heard. Law schools have been and should be no exception. In fact, it is logical that law schools should be the site of heightened activism due to the inherently high concentration of future civic leaders, politicians, legislators and judicial figures. Surprisingly though, UCLAW, instead of being such a hotbed of discussion, debate and change, is more like a cold, dead fish.

I noticed the problem soon after the start of my law school career two years ago. Naively, I assumed that students weren't "active" because they didn't have the time. After all, it takes a lot of time and effort to chase that almighty corporate dollar. However, recent events have convinced me that it's not apathy that has killed student activism here at UCLAW, but instead it's administration-led genocide.

For example, along with many of you, I attended the open forum a few weeks ago to discuss the implementation of the new grading system. The grade reform task

force should have used the meeting to genuinely listen to and consider student concerns and recommendations. Instead, at best, the task force provided little more than a token gesture designed to convince the student body that their concerns had been addressed; at worst, the task force dealt a hostile, stinging slap to the face of all students, indicating that the task force's motives were suspicious and that their grade reform recommendations were "laws" already set in stone. The task force and the administration met student suggestions with arrogance and condescension. Not surprisingly, the task force's

motives were suspicious and ... their grade reform recommendations were "laws" already

recommendations did become law.

Subsequently, I spearheaded the campaign to convince the Curriculum Committee and the faculty to reconsider the inequity of the new retrospective P/U/NC policy. The fundamental unfairness of the policy, as well as the covert manner by which the administration adopted and implemented the policy (sneaking it into students' enrollment packets as if it were a minor detail), indicates what little regard the administration has for UCLAW students' welfare. Sur-

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Opinions

Why Are the "Tolerant" So Intolerant?

By Armen Martin, 1L

Criticizing politicians for being hypocritical has always been pretty chic, and for that matter, generally accurate. It is very rare that you come across a person who is not a hypocrite in one way or another. However, we usually reserve negative judgment only for those whose hypocrisy is particularly blatant.

Most hypocrites are pretty good about keeping their hypocrisy under cover. They usually say one thing publicly and do another privately. It is not often that people say one thing and do the other, both publicly. Such is the case, however, with the Speaker Pro Tempore of the California state Senate, Bill Lockyer.

Lockyer is a self-professed champion of the "downtrodden, under-represented, and disenfranchised." I do not doubt that he is very sincere in his political beliefs. However, lately, Lockyer has not been acting like the open-minded, tolerant person he professes to be. Lockyer has seen it fit to assail some segments of the state Senate with the kind of vitriol very rarely seen west of Washington. Specifically, Lockyer has cast his disdain upon a segment that he refers to as the "Radical Right." The leader of the "Radical Right," according to Lockyer, is state Senator Rob Hurtt.

I think it is fair to say that many would disagree with Hurtt's views. He believes in less government, lower taxes, free market environmentalism, and all that is encompassed under the banner of "family values." Those beliefs do not qualify Hurtt as an extremist or radical. Actually, a substantial number of Americans share these views.

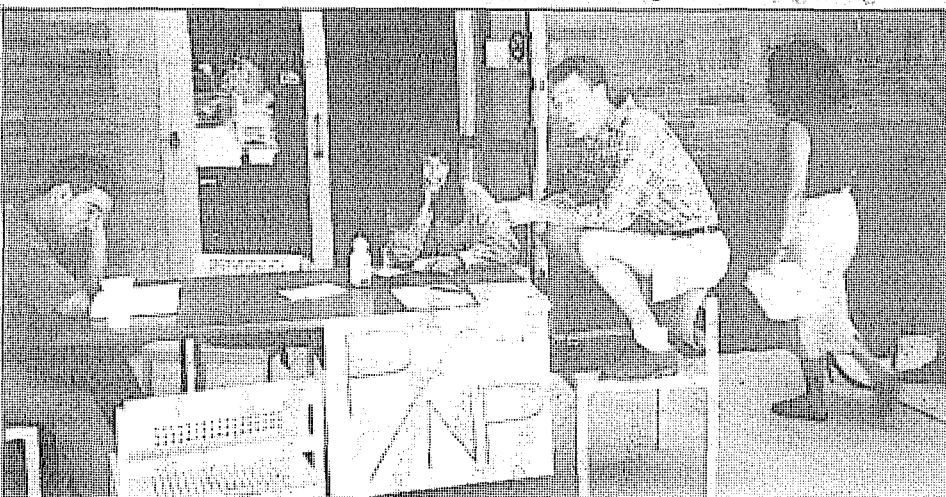
However, Lockyer has publicly characterized Hurtt's views as "anti-minority, anti-environment, anti-woman, anti-labor, and homophobic."

If one were to check his public statements and voting record, one would see

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that Rob Hurtt has never done anything that would indicate that he has any of the characteristics attributed to him by Lockyer. Although the two men differ on areas such as business regulation, labor law, and abortion, to name only a few, their separate views are not out of the mainstream. Therefore, isn't it hypocritical for a "tolerant" person, such as Lockyer, to chastise his opponents for merely disagreeing with him? After all, aren't those kind of actions that would lead one to be labeled as intolerant?

It would be naïve to believe that politicians do not purposely accuse each other of being extreme in order to win votes and attract contributions. As an example, Lockyer has publicly sworn to make Hurtt the "bogeyman" in the 1996 election cycle. However, if you lament low voter turnout and high apathy, maybe you should look at the state of politics today. Our political system has become characterized by hypocrisy, vitriol, and disdain. If our politicians truly want the public to get more involved, they should drop their "anti's" and "ist's" and stick to thorough debate of the issues.



Law Review editors: Eric Vanderpool and Nadla Shabalk protest the injustice of it all.

Civil Justice For the Poor Allowed

by Melodia Hannes

THE BILL

The new conservative backlash against the poor and the increased hostility toward law-

attorneys ... are prohibited from filing class-action suits or from challenging the constitutionality of any laws

yers who bring suits on their behalf, has manifested in the form of legislation aimed at preventing the poor from having legal representation in civil matters. On September 12, 1995, the House Judiciary Committee voted 18 Republicans to 13 Democrats to abolish the Legal Services Corporation, an agency dedicated to providing legal representation to poor people involved in civil legal matters such as landlord-tenant disputes, spousal abuse, child support and divorce.

The committee has introduced a bill

proposing to replace the Legal Services Corporation's funding with block grants to the States. The grants would be given directly to the states based on the number of people living below the poverty line. States would then choose lawyers or law firms based on bids. Legal aid firms could file competing bids, but would receive no special preference. This type of arrangement would last as long as federal funds were available.

In addition to eliminating the agency, the proposed bill also slashes this year's proposed agency budget from \$415 million to \$250 million. Plans for the future include reducing the budget to \$100 million by the year 1999. After 1999, say some lawmakers, the goal is to end any further federal assistance for legal aid.

The bill also places severe restric-

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Editorial

The Next Step Challenging the Faculty To Help in Job Placement

Superior grades buy students the best jobs and clerkships. However, even under the reformed grading system, only a minority of students will leave UCLAW with stellar GPAs.

Granted most UCLAW graduates eventually find jobs. But what kind of jobs will they find and how long will it take to find those jobs? A weak GPA may not be fatal to the ultimate success of a job search. But you, the faculty, have to recognize that, in this market, the immediate impact of rigorous grading is harsh.

Some of you hold the view that UCLAW should minimize its focus on job placement because we are an academic institution and not a trade school.

This sharp distinction between legal education and technical training is misplaced. You are not preparing us to teach history or philosophy. You are training us to be lawyers. That part is obvious, but why abandon us there? Why not help place us where you know that our training will continue at a comparable level and where, eventually, maybe, we will be in a place to make the case that may usher in your view of a just society?

Moreover, the faculty cannot ignore the plain matter of work and income after graduation. Whether you like it or not, it is the main purpose of a legal education for the majority of students at UCLAW.

Naturally, UCLAW faculty members enthusiastically support the lofty career goals of their best students. But the academically favored few need no help or encouragement in finding good jobs. The faculty should direct more of its attention to the many deserving students whose nests are not so well feathered with scholastic accolades. By words and actions, faculty members should recognize that every UCLAW graduate is worthy of a satisfying legal career and may even someday set far-reaching legal precedent.

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Entertainment

Movie Review

To Wong Foo Bosom Buddies On the Road?

By Mark Melo

To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar takes that classic formula, the "road movie," and gives us what Patrick Swayze refers to onscreen as "Easy Rider in dresses." Add in a pinch of *Highway to Heaven*, and the recipe, such that it is, is complete. There's more formula here than in the Gerber baby food section of your local market, and this film sure is no *Easy Rider*. What this film is, though, is Hollywood's official attempt to introduce the splashy, glamorous drag queen to mainstream Middle America. If nothing else, *To Wong Foo* knows how to make an entrance.

The film opens with tight shots of Swayze and Wesley Snipes in front of their mirrors, meticulously applying lipstick and eyelashes and other beauty aids in preparation for New York's annual Drag Queen of

the Year pageant. Swayze, with a dancer's poise and training, and his own casual grace, is a positively regal figure throughout the picture. His Vida Boheme is a solid, mother hen, "an angel" in the words of one character (picture Michael Landon in heels). Snipes, as Nozzema Jackson ("Jesse's daughter," he offers) absolutely throws himself into the role, giddily kicking his heels after slipping on his stockings. He may have been "a killer and a commando" before, as the commercials remind us, but here, Snipes is a sharp-tongued sister with spider-sized eyelashes. His old action-hero, *White Men Can't Jump* persona is very effectively mocked in the film, particularly when a band of rude young jerks is put in their place by a recycled René Russo move.

Vida and Nozzema end up sharing the title, breaking the heart of the down-on-her-luck Chi Chi Rodriguez (John Leguizamo, of *Pyromaniac's Love Story* and TV's *House of Buggin'*). Vida, despite Nozzema's objections, takes this "poor little Latin boy in a dress" under their wings, and the trio set off for the national competition in Hollywood in a 1967 Cadillac convertible. Two or three picturesque wide-angle shots later, they flee an abusive cop (Chris

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UCLAW Musical Insanity

by Kenneth Graham

"Can a libertarian Republican find happiness in a study group with a feminist computer freak and a born-again Pentecostal?" "Is it possible for students to crack the law school computer system to see drafts of upcoming exams?" "Will the Con. Law Mafia take over the entire law school curriculum?" "Can a small band of pro bono law students unlock the secret of the S & L scandal?"

For answers to these and other melodramatic questions, tune in to the Law School's own soap opera *Justice Mall*. The pilot airs on Saturday night, February 10, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in Rolfe Hall Auditorium, and is repeated at 9:30 p.m. Better yet, join

403 N.W.2d 143, the student-staff-faculty cast, and help us put on this fundraiser for the UCLA Public Interest Law Foundation.

Justice Mall, the 1996 UCLA Musical, is the first show that is not based on the score of a Broadway musical (like the 1995 "Muzak Man") or the works of popular composers (like the Beatles' songs in the 1994 show "The Good Lawyer Svejk"). Instead, See MALL on 12



Patrick Swayze ... before.

THE MODEL GRADE REFORM ACT OF 1995

Steve Chahine, 3L

The Restatement of Contracts — juvenile. The Uniform Limited Partnership Act — simplistic. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure — elementary. But the UCLA Model Grade Reform Act of 1995 (UCLAMGRA) — a true marvel of bureaucratic draftsmanship.

In the olden days before the Act, UCLAW employed a forced curve, which meant that by law only a small percentage of each class was granted permission to master a subject. To complement this, a significantly larger population was mandated to the realm of sub-standard. And because one professor's gibberish is another professor's

law review article, most students ended up stranded in the La Brea Tar Pit of Grades unable to move up or down, resigned to be slowly consumed and fossilized for all eternity in a state of abject mediocrity. And if this wasn't enough, our esteemed founders found it wise to break from the trite 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C tradition that has become all but universally applied in the Kingdom of God, for the more nouveau, avant-garde system where the highest grade a mortal ever received was 94. I confess I am get-

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Remember the St. Francis

By Harry Schned, 1L

World War II ended 50 years ago this year. We watched the festivities, celebrations, and solemn remembrances that marked the 50th anniversary of V-E Day in May, and, on August 14, we will commemorate the actual end of World War II on the 50th anniversary of V-J Day. V-J Day — August 14, 1945 — marked the end of the most destructive war in history. However, on V-J Day, an incident occurred not in Europe nor in Japan, but rather in the United States, that would also have a huge impact on our lives. It did not occur, though, at the White House, nor in the Capitol Building, nor even at the Pentagon. For that matter, it did not even occur in Washington, D.C.! It occurred instead in San Francisco. It did not occur at the Presidio of San Francisco, nor at the Naval Shipyard, nor even at City Hall.

Instead, it occurred in of all places at the St. Francis Hotel, downtown. In fact, we still do not know to this day who did it, but somebody did it! Amid all of the celebrations of V-J Day, someone, presumably in the St. Francis Hotel, decided that all of the dancing in the streets and all of the general pandemonium occurring in San Francisco at that time were not "wild" enough. So, this genius, now unknown to history, decided to liven-up the festivities by opening his or her hotel window and then throwing a chair — a "heavy, overstuffed armchair" — out of the window onto the throng of dancing people in the street below — WHAT AN IDEA!!!

Instead of livening the party, the chair¹ landed on someone's head, thus damp-

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Interview Fashion Faux Pas

Alexander Lee, 3L

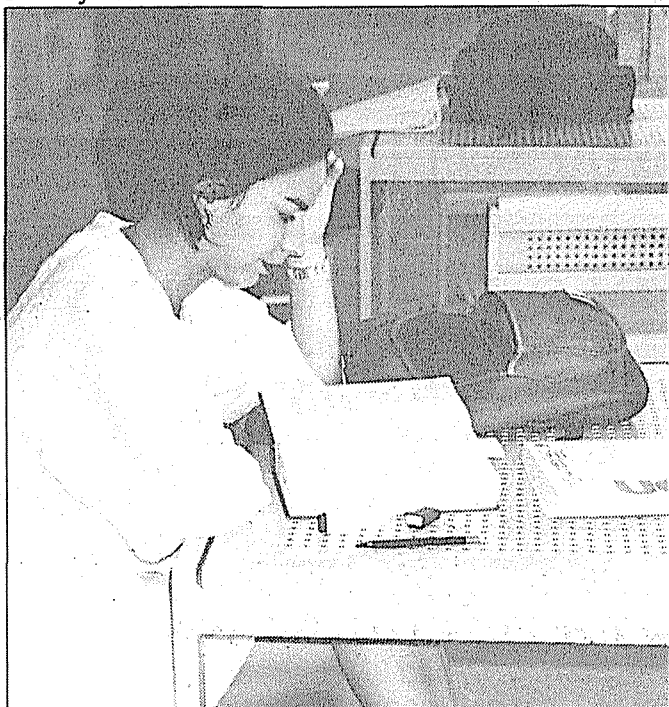
Due to the popular response I received last year for my article on UCLA professors' fashion (or lack thereof), I thought another fashion article would be a good idea. The subject this time ... Interview fashion faux pas.

Yes, it is true: You are what you wear. And what you wear can mean the difference between a cushy summer associate position for \$1,300 a week or flipping burgers under the Golden Arches for \$4.25 an hour. Why do you think USC has better placement statistics and a higher ranking than UCLA? Because their Football Team is better? No! Because their students are smarter? No Way! The answer is USC Law students

dress better than UCLA Law students!

Fall interview season is upon us, and in a few weeks men and women in suits will flood the Shapiro Courtyard. Look around at what your classmates are wearing. If it is anything like last Fall you're in for a real treat. During interview season last Fall, I saw some of the most ridiculous combinations ever.

Men with old wool suits that looked See FASHION on p.16



NEWS FLASH! 3L seen studying in September!

Quick American Archives

MARIJUANA, THE LAW AND YOU A GUIDE TO MINIMIZING LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

By Ed Rosenthal, William Logan and Jeffrey Steinborn

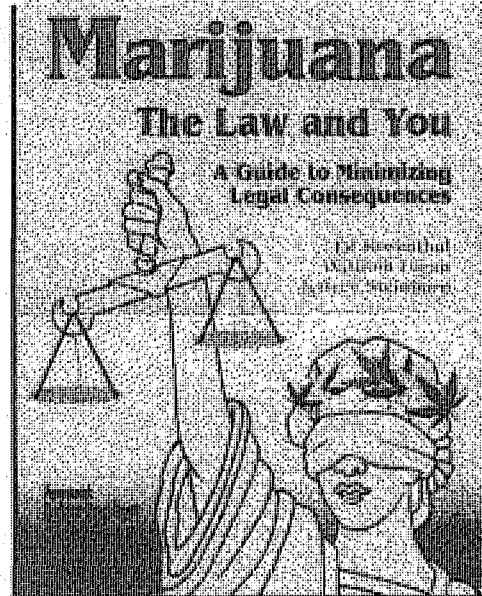
Marijuana, the Law and You was written by some of the country's top criminal lawyers and edited by author and expert witness, Ed Rosenthal. This dedicated team, who have collectively saved people thousands of years of jail time, shows attorneys and defendants how winning cases are constructed. They are committed to the protection of people's rights and the preservation of liberty. They fight these battles daily, but have taken time out to show you how to do it.

Preface: Tony Serra

Foreword: Robert Fogelnest, President-elect of the NACDL

About the Authors

Ed Rosenthal, a world renowned authority on marijuana cultivation, has served as an expert witness to federal and state cases. He has appeared before United States Justice Department policy hearings on sentencing guidelines. His articles and photographs have appeared in many legal journals, including *California Lawyer* and *Drug Law Report*.



Here's What Bar/Bri Students Are Saying About PMBR...

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June 7, 1994

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

A New Department ...

... A Perennial Concern

by John Hanches

The Docket is introducing something new this year: the financial section. The purpose behind this section is to provide a forum for the exploration of the vast opportunities available to those students who wish to put their legal background to work for them in either the business profession directly or else the business law side of the legal profession.

At UCLA School of Law, and most likely at all top law schools, a strong emphasis exists on placing students at some large to medium sized law firm in some large to medium sized city. The fall on-campus interview program is at the heart of the law school's drive to help place its students at the most reputable law firms in the country. This program, more than anything else, dominates the attention and energies of many returning 2L's.

Since we are, after all, at a law school, the emphasis placed on the on-campus interview program is logical and appropriate. And yet, at the same time, it seems that in our rush to find summer, and in essence future employment, we lose sight of the fact that many of us were drawn to the study of law in the first place because of the diverse career opportunities which are available to those individuals with legal backgrounds. This is especially true with respect to business.

Bill McGeary, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Career Services, notes that about one-half of the people who have J.D.'s and work for corporations are not in-house attorneys. Many of them began their careers by representing business concerns as a lawyer, and after being exposed to business careers over a period of time decided to make the move over to high level business administration. In addition, lawyers are often encouraged to make the move from law to business because of a tight legal market and an increased dissatisfaction level with the legal profession.

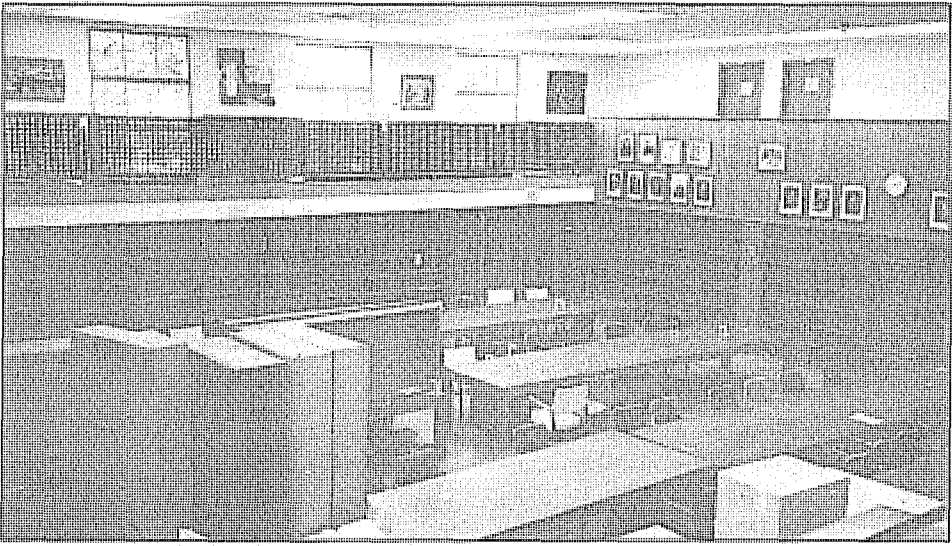
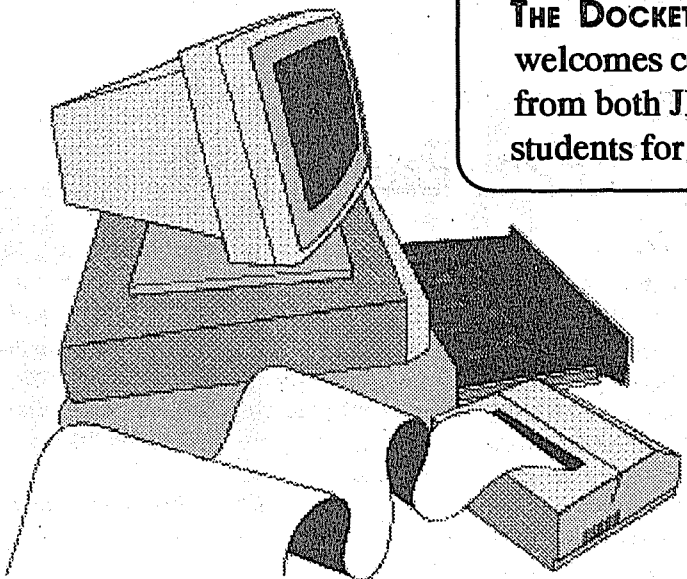
Mr. McGeary's advice for law students at UCLA who are interested in business and/or business law is first to assess why you are here and what direction you want to be headed in. There are fairly new books

published by the ABA and private authors located in the Career Services Office which provide information about careers in corporate law as well as what people with a J.D. can do in business. While in law school, Mr. McGeary suggests that students seek out the best business law training that they can, and that they enroll in as many business law courses as is possible. In addition, students may supplement these classes by using their six outside course credits at the Anderson Graduate School of Management.

Mr. McGeary notes, though, that for those students who feel the desire to enter directly into business, it is wise to first spend a couple of years representing business in a law firm. While there, they should take on responsibility early in the firm, build contacts, and acquire as much business experience as they can. When this is combined with the efficient working habits and sophisticated oral, written, research, and analytical skills that are developed by J.D. training, many of the mandatory elements for success in business are ready to be put to work.

It is worth keeping in mind that, as law students, we have a very finite amount of time to take advantage of all of the incredible resources which are so conveniently available to us. The financial section will strive to facilitate this process by exposing law students to career opportunities, and just as importantly, by attempting to provide information which will increase your chances of achieving your goals.

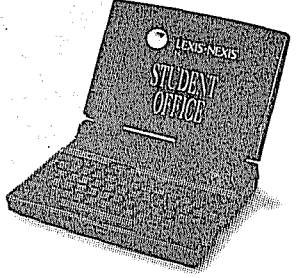
Editors' Note:
THE DOCKET especially welcomes contributions from both JD and MBA students for this section.



The old Law Library, stripped of its colors.

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dash to study group,
dig through the library,
assemble quotes,
annotate class material,
search & research,
get that note to prof,
brief cases,
find cites,
see if Susan knows,
outline it,
write it, print it,
cut and paste,
copy, collate, assemble...*



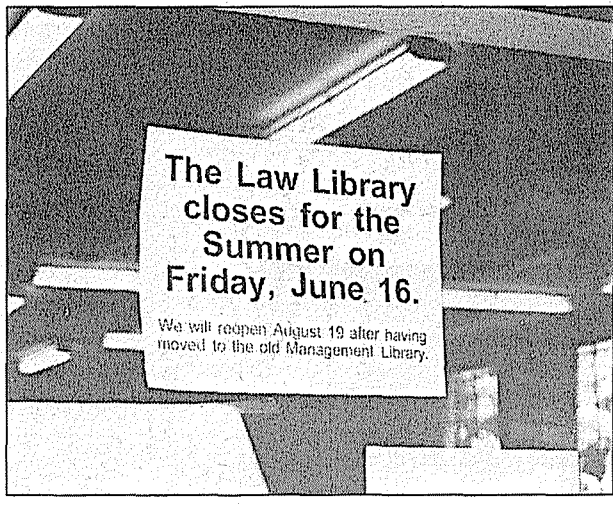
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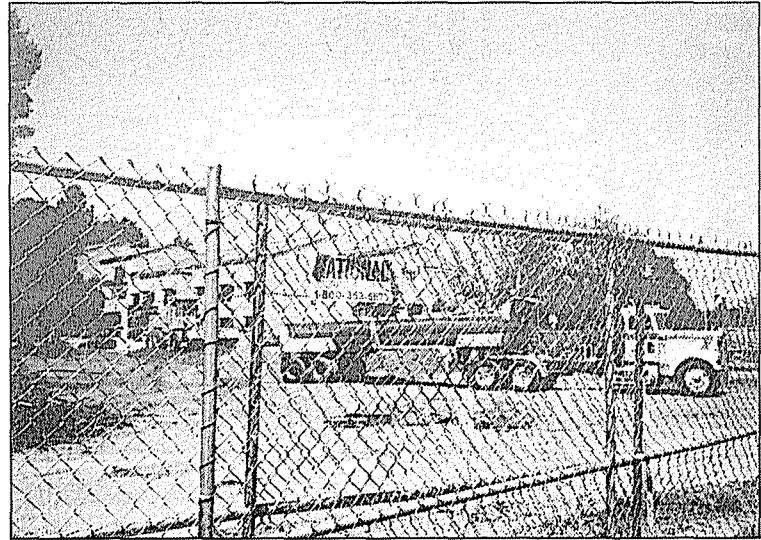
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Ringling out the old.



Sports

TYSON-McNEELEY

Big Bucks, Bad Fight

by Mike Allbaugh, 2L

The Mike Tyson - Peter McNeeley fight of last month was universally derided in sports pages across the country as a joke and a rip-off. It was a joke to boxing insiders, who saw a great-white-hopeless fall-guy behind McNeeley's 36 - 1 record (compiled against nobodies with a combined record of 205 - 441 - 2). It was a rip-off for the fans who actually coughed-up fifty bucks to watch it.

The national anthem lasted longer than the actual fight in which "Hurricane" Pete McNeeley showed a remarkable lack of skill, getting knocked down in the first 6 seconds of round one. Tyson has 20 first round KO's, but has never knocked down anyone so quickly before. "Tropical depression" is a better nickname for McNeeley, who provided plenty of pre-fight hot air, but was incapable of doing any serious damage in the ring.

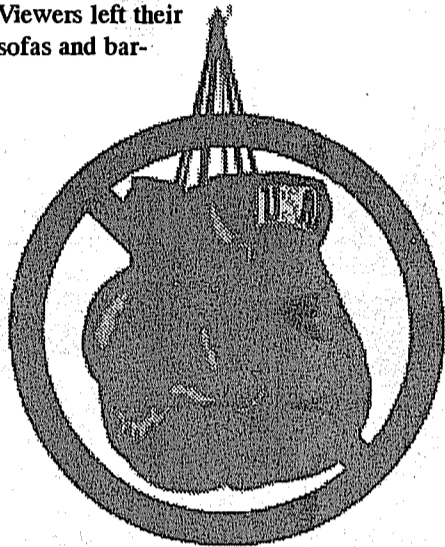
Although the fight was lousy, the numbers on the bottom line looked pretty good. In fact, the fight shown on Showtime Entertainment Television, grossed a U.S. record of 63 million dollars on pay-per-view, and 96 million worldwide. The fight was also beamed into 1300 bars across the country. Ringside seats cost \$1,500 and the MGM Grand pulled in 16,736 spectators for a 15 million live gate, the biggest in boxing history. Tyson got about 25 million for 89 seconds' work.

After the fight, promoter Don King praised McNeeley, whose bluster in over 200 pre-fight interviews and press conferences may have convinced the public he was for real, at least until the fight started.

The chorus of unhappy fans chanting "bullshit" as Tyson left the ring after the fight reminded viewers why pay-per-view TV requires pre-purchase discretion. A power failure or technical foul-up interfering with the broadcast is the viewer's only hope of a pay-per-view refund. Unfortunately for fight fans, the transmission on this

one was crystal clear. Everyone got to see Tyson throw a couple of punches and McNeeley fall down a couple of times. Then Vinny Vecchione, McNeeley's manager, jumped into the ring, automatically disqualifying his fighter, as if to say "that's enough, give us our money."

The action was short and sloppy. Viewers left their sofas and bar-



stools during the national anthem to go to the rest room, and came back to their seats to learn that the fight was already over. Even Don King implicitly conceded that the fans didn't get their money's worth. Vecchione served as the scapegoat. The Nevada State Athletic Commission, in a feeble disciplinary gesture, held up Vecchione's \$179,000 share of the purse for a few days until the uproar died down.

Showtime, King, and Tyson made a lot of money on the McNeeley fight. It will be interesting to see if fans will continue to support Tyson in pay-per-view fights against opponents who aren't good enough to be his sparring partner. One lesson learned from the August 19 bout was that no matter how pathetic the action, there won't be any refunds.

BASKETBALL STRIKE

A Prime-Time Soap

by Donna Davis

Rather than start the year off with a dull recap of the current basketball lockout, with all of the legalese of labor law and case precedents — I'll try to combine this strike analysis with a television flavor that will be captivate the target audience while imparting vital information in an easy to digest format. Presenting a television fan's view of the NBA Strike...

NBA LABOR STRIFE — The New Television Series

The new television season is upon us. Since sports play such an important role in television viewing habits — previous Superbowls are among the highest rated

roles battling with unknown rich owners (exceptions to Ted Turner, Pat Riley, Jerry Buess) led by Commissioner Stern in the fight to redistribute the wealth. A fight over millions. This will translate into attracting the desirable demographics of the 18-49 year olds who have no money to burn, so they watch a lot of television.

What will this show portray that's different from current shows? Greed — Ewing gets \$4 million — Stern gets about \$7 million and Ewing thinks he should get more!; Stress — do you pay \$100 million — mortgage your future — for an ex-baseball player or sign that CBA star for the minimum?; Shock — a city of 3 million and only 12,000 fans show up for your games; Disgust — this is the home team! It will be like Melrose Place on hardwood.

Each week the drama unfolds: name calling, hidden agendas, super agents, innuendoes, bankrupt players and owners, decertification votes, court battles (on court and in court) and canceled games. Big money, lots of glamour, excitement and no sex; don't want to worry about those politicians stepping in to complain. This new season will be like no other that professional basketball has ever known. The NBA strike will soar to new heights, sink to new depths while only alienating a small core fan base to no end.

Big money, lots of glamour, excitement and no sex; don't want to worry about those politicians stepping in to complain.

shows of all time — I want to pitch you a new drama for the upcoming season that will combine sports and television in a new way that will result in a new Nielsen ratings king and untold profits for all.

This show will have more action than *Murder One*. There will be more blood shed than in *ER*. This will become a classic, management versus labor, in a drama series. Rather than subject the viewers to following a working class drama, a fight for nickels per hour increases in wages, to pay the medical for poor Timmy's operation — we will portray the rich and famous athletes like Jordan and Ewing in leading

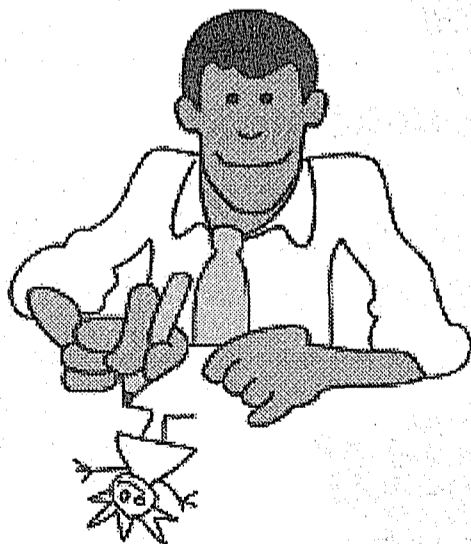
First episode; opening shot: the NBA draws a line in the sand and makes a stand for what's best for professional basketball which happens to coincide with the owners' interests. A close-up shot as the players rush to decertify the union led by rich sports agents. Dueling press conferences by both sides where they sing "I'm right and you're wrong."

Need more depth to the story? Okay, a secondary plot: the union in a classic gut wrenching struggle — players taking sides against other players — will the union stand or fall? This drama can be dragged out an entire season and never have to go into reruns.

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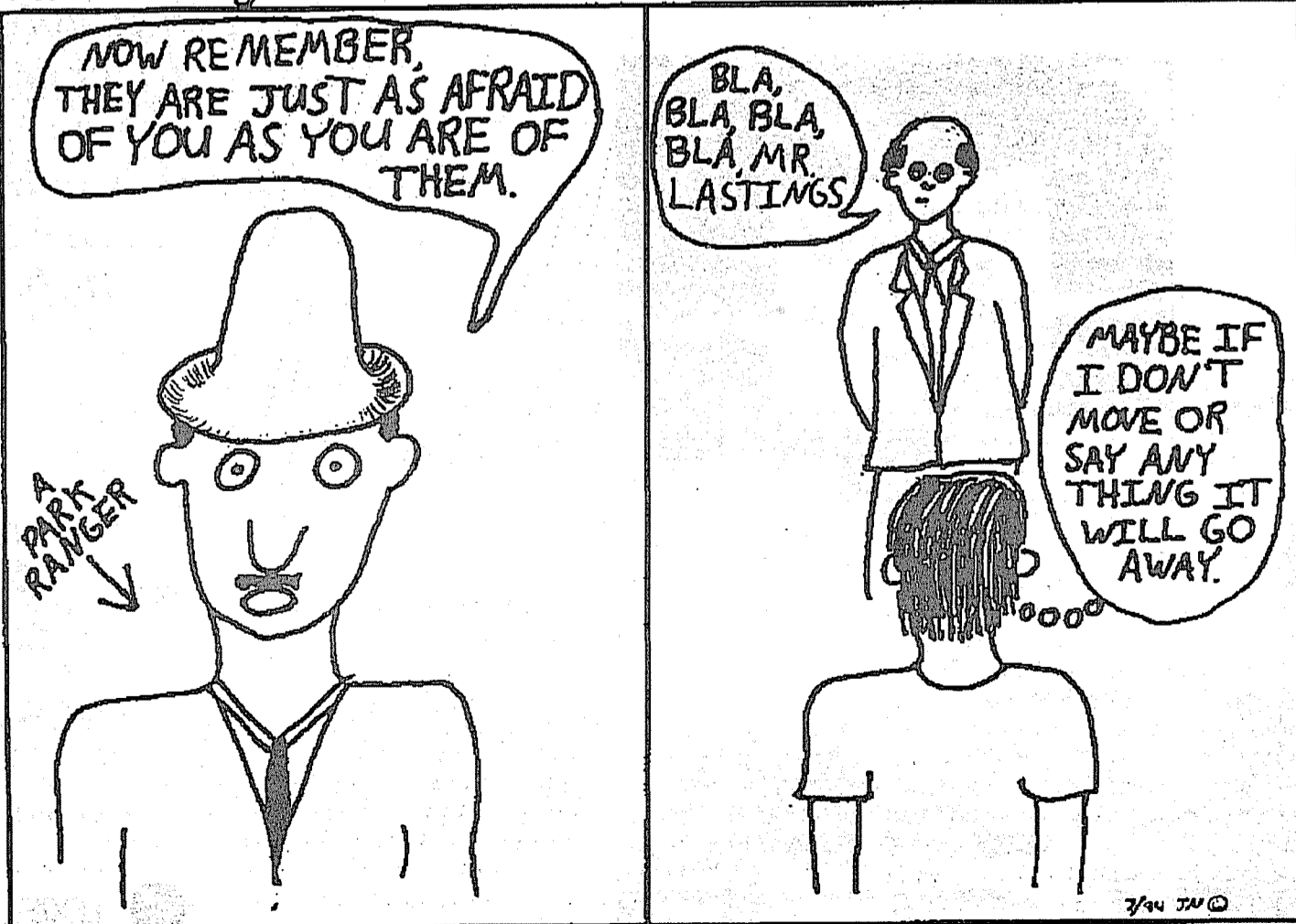
ABOUT THE CARTOONIST



John Nemoy recently graduated from Hastings. He now works for Curb Records as in-house transactional lawyer. Curb's recordings include such stars as Lyle Lovett, Tim McGraw and Wynona Judd.

John remembers working hard, only to discover that his grades were lower than he had hoped. John believes that the key to sanity in such circumstances lies in one's sense of humor.

Mr. Lastings



WILDERNESS TIPS FOR LAW STUDENTS

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grubbing hermit in hopes that GPA is contagious, why not seek out some of the fascinating new students who have brought a whole slew of experiences, talents and backgrounds to share.

As usual, the Admissions Committee has striven to pull together a uniquely diverse group of students to create an educational and cultural experience that can supersede the lessons in textbooks and lectures. Diversity is apparent in the mixture of races, cultures and worthy personal triumphs that shine forth from the 1998 class. Most notably, a precedent-setting 51 percent of the 273 students are women, a statistic few colleges or grad schools can boast. According to Bill McGeary, Director of the Career Placement Office, this figure is up from the 46 percent in last year's entering class, and marks the first time in history that women have made up the majority. Also higher than usual is the 82 percent figure representing California residents, as distinguished from the fairly consistent 75 percent that has held steady over the last ten years. Fear not, however, this class is anything but homogeneous and Californiacentric. There are twelve foreign

nationals and several others who hail from such places as Korea, Russia, Ecuador, Israel, South Africa, Taiwan, Vietnam, Brazil, India, Iran, China, Lebanon, Hong Kong, Denmark, Singapore, Mexico, Jamaica, and Philippines.

Cultural diversity doesn't end there. The class contains 30 Hispanic, 20 African-American, 55 Asian and three Native American students. The entering class is the smallest in several years: of the 4553-member applicant pool, 980 were admitted and 273 eventually enrolled. He cites the addition of the new library as explanation for the drastic drop from 336 of the 2L and 340 of the 3L classes. There was a slight decrease in the number of students who chose to be identified as having a physical or mental disability from 10 last year to a mere 7 in the class of '98. This statistic is most likely underestimated given that some students choose to keep silent about their conditions.

GPA and average LSAT scores reflect the standard figure with a 3.5 GPA and 163 LSAT. The top five of the 82 undergraduate institutions represented reflect

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staff and offer you a unique breadth of career experiences and resources to assist you in your active career education, job search and placement.

In addition, we have upgraded our services to better meet your needs. First, Career Services has extended our hours. Between August 21 and October 20, office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8 am to 5 pm and Tuesday and Thursday 8 am to 7 pm. Starting October 23 through August 20, our office hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Tuesday and Thursday 9 am to 7 pm. The hours are also listed in your Career Services Guide, a comprehensive guide to the Office of Career Services. These guides were placed in your mail boxes during the first week of classes. Second, we have improved our facilities in 77 Dodd. Although there are still a few environmental improvements that are still being considered, we have repainted, installed carpeting, purchased and installed a new high usage copier, upgraded and increased our tables and sitting area. We have also upgraded and increased our information binders and shelving space. Third, we are

in the final stages of updating and enhancing our career resource library. Moreover, we are working with the Law School computer services staff to place our part time, summer and full time job listings on the Internet through Usenet News for easier student access. Finally, we are working with the computer staff to develop a Web page on the Internet to market Career Services, its various programs and our UCLAW students to the growing number of net surfing potential employers throughout the world.

Career Services is excited about these changes and other changes that will be implemented throughout the year. Bill, Jason, Rosemarie, Linda and our entire staff in Career Services invite you to visit and use our enhanced Office of Career Services. You can keep up to date on important announcements from Career Services and learn about other improvements in Career Services through the "law.placement.announce" and other "law.placement" news groups in Usenet News. We look forward to working with you.

RECOVERY from p.2

of recovering lawyers all across the U. S. and in many foreign countries. Throughout the years, these meetings have been called a variety of names. "The Other Bar." "The Lawyers' Forum." "Lawyers Helping Lawyers." Recently, because of the death of its most respected founder, Carol Wynn, the Wednesday night meeting is now calling itself "The Carol Wynn Meeting." No matter what you call these meetings, their only purpose is to help the individual members remain clean and to carry the message of recovery to the legal community.

It is estimated that more than 3,000 lawyers have attended the Los Angeles meetings. It is believed that one common denominator is that these lawyers originally failed to come to terms with their addictions. For some, it wasn't until they came to these lawyers' groups that recovery became possible. It is believed that these meetings help the addicted lawyer find the solution that thousands of others have found. Some lawyers never experienced the kind of attention or personal care that they found in these lawyers' groups. Incredible bonds of friendship and caring have been formed in these meetings.

The lawyers follow a program adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, programs where more than one million people have recovered from their addic-

tions. The meetings are a process of identification, hope and sharing. The lawyers' group is not associated with any other organizations. There are no leaders' fees or dues, no pledges to sign, no promises to make to anyone. They are not connected with any religious, political or law enforcement group and are under no surveillance at any time. It is believed that those who keep coming to these meetings stay clean.

Historically, like the other anonymous programs, everything that occurs in the course of service to others is motivated by the desire to carry the message of recovery more successfully to the addicted lawyer who still suffers. That's why for more than 20 years these lawyers' meetings have existed. As individual members, groups and service committees, they are not, and should never be, in competition with each other. These lawyers work separately and together to help the newcomer and for their common good. They have learned, painfully, that internal strife cripples their fellowship and prevents them from providing the services necessary for growth. That's why the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking or using.

If you have any questions or need additional information about the lawyers' group, please call the following telephone numbers: (310) 394-6310 or (800) 248-2516.

the California flavor with UC Berkeley, UCLA, Stanford, UC San Diego and UC Irvine claiming 49, 46, 13, 13 and eight graduates, respectively. And some students didn't stop after snagging their BA's, as illustrated by the three who boast either an MD or PhD. If that isn't enough, it might be worth perusing a few fascinating profiles of some exemplary 1L's. If they don't overshadow last year's profiles, they at least come close.

There is the 24-year old former Tiananmin Square hunger striker who has since garnered a law degree in China and traveled to America to work on human rights for her country. On a lighter note, there is the 26-year old man who, in addition to his work in China's American embassy, served as an actor in Chinese films portraying none other than Sherlock Holmes. Finally, we have someone whose courage and perseverance we would all like to emulate: a woman who grew up on a farm in Northern Canada with abusive alcoholic parents, was placed with foster parents, and became completely emancipated by age fourteen. At 17 she arrived in L.A. and worked full-time to put herself through college.

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Can I get out of this default judgment? I never got notice I was being sued.

My public defender is useless. Can I get somebody else to help me?

Could you look at this employment contract for me?

A home improvements contractor took my money and didn't do the job. What can I do?

This legal service program has now seen over 800 clients. It gives advice and referrals but does not litigate cases. It's a partnership between UCLA Law School, the Church, Temple Isaiah, and Public Counsel. The program forms a link between UCLAW and the African-American community in South Central LA.

We need law student volunteers! 1Ls, 2Ls and 3Ls are all welcome. You can get client contact right now! Your task

The list of accomplished individuals stretches on, but the message is clear. With such an interesting array of 1L's with whom to socialize and share experiences, there is no reason for anyone to haunt the beach on weekends obsessively, nor should anyone grow thin, weary and pale from extended dorm room quarantine!

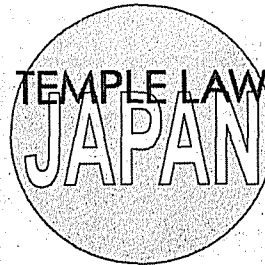


is to meet the clients, establish empathy with them, and figure out what their legal problem is. Then you confer with the supervising attorneys and return and give an answer or a referral to the client. It's fun, it's safe, and it's incredibly rewarding. And if you go one Sunday per month for one year, you've fulfilled your Give-35 pro bono obligation!

If you'd like to learn more, please contact Cathy Mayorkas in Room 1470 or, until Sept. 14, Michael Asimow in Room 3447. Cathy's number is 206-9155; Michael's number is 825-1086. Or drop a note in the PILF mailbox and they'll call you.

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laws can help parents with HIV/AIDS provide for the care of their minor children and ensure that their children make a smooth transition to life with their new caregivers.

Four days out of the week, Paul Freese, Directing Attorney for the Homeless Advocacy Project, supervised my work for homeless youth. I spent the majority of this time at My Friend's Place, a Hollywood drop-in center for homeless and at-risk youth. Every afternoon, I had direct client contact, conducting initial interviews (intakes), consulting with Paul and other agencies to help resolve my clients' problems, and drafting letters for court appearances. I also took declarations for an ongoing class action suit against the City of Santa Monica regarding its laws which, many contend, criminalize the status of homelessness. In addition, I had the opportunity to meet with community leaders and activists who provide services to homeless youth, speak at a LAHSA hearing on developing standards for shelters, attend a strategy meeting with attorneys trying to make the courts more accessible to the homeless, and tour downtown's Skid Row with a police officer.

While all of these experiences have left a lasting impression on me, none was as compelling as were my clients themselves. The people who shared their experiences with me, in declarations and in intakes, both inspired and motivated me. To try to convey this, I would like to tell you about a few of the people I worked with this summer. None of these names are the actual names of the individuals.

Amanda: Amanda is a punker. She is a very energetic, positive, bright individual who never really explained to me why she left home. She has been in Hollywood for a few years now and happened to mention one day at the center that she missed high school. She said that she felt cheated because she was never able to read *Hamlet* in a classroom setting. As a former high school English teacher, I was, of course, thrilled to hear

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this and we discussed Shakespeare at length. Remembering a form I was given from the Children's Rights Project called the "Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit", I called Public Counsel to see if this was a way Amanda could enroll in school. A new law, Section 6550 of Division 11 of the California Family Code, enabled Amanda to turn in a completed "Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit" and enroll in school for this term despite the fact that her parents live elsewhere.

Phil: Phil very recently found a good job and just left the streets. He also found a small electronics store downtown that sells refurbished goods at a discount. When his computer broke down, which was just as he had finished entering the last chapter of his 200 page science fiction novel, Phil tried to use the extended warranty he purchased from the store for the repairs. Since the warranty would expire in a few months, the store stalled. Meanwhile, Phil was unable to revise his novel or complete job assignments for which he needed his computer. The store still refused to honor the warranty, despite several visits from Phil, demand letters prepared by our legal clinic, and a small claims action. This case is still pending; I am anxiously awaiting Phil's next appointment with the small claims court.

Tom: Tom first came to a legal clinic in February of this year. What Tom planned to be a short visit to Los Angeles became lengthy when, just hours after arriving, he was robbed at gunpoint. With no money, no identification, no friends, and nowhere to go, Tom had been wandering around the streets of Hollywood for almost a

month when someone told him about My Friend's Place. When I met him, he was writing poetry to submit to *Street Scenes*, a monthly paper published by and for youth in the Hollywood area.

Over the course of the next seven months, Tom sought legal help in getting back home. Without identification, he thought that he could not go to the Department of Public Social Services for any assistance. DPSS has a funding program for non-residents to return to their place of residence, but a vague regulation regarding this provision resulted in Tom receiving conflicting information from DPSS. One official told him (and me) that after 15 days, no one can apply for return bus fare monies. Another official stated that based on the length of Tom's presence in Los Angeles, his intent to stay was inferrable. When asked where in the regulations any length of stay is discussed or any factors establishing intent to reside were enumerated, the official responded by calling a supervisor. On the return call, the official stated that the regulations were "inconclusive" and Tom could go ahead and apply for return bus fare. Tom is now back home, but it is still unclear whether others in his predicament will require an advocate's intervention to receive this assistance because the pertinent regulation remains murky.

Marie: Marie's story has perhaps the best and the worst ending. Marie is in her early twenties. She is legally blind with a certified guide dog and is accompanied by her attendant husband. Marie came to the center late in the afternoon after Fourth of July weekend, during which she and her family slept in parking lots until it was so cold they used the last of their savings for one night in a hotel. While Marie does receive SSI, her benefits were reduced as a result of staying in Nevada for two months to be with family during a crisis. SSI recipients do not qualify for hotel vouchers, which are granted to General Relief recipients and applicants. While Marie's husband was a GR applicant, his voucher was only good for himself; the family as a whole had been turned away

by hotel managers who would only provide shelter to Marie's husband.

With no money left and no place to stay, Marie sought help from My Friend's Place. Marie had found an apartment within her SSI budget (which is the real purpose of SSI grants — to provide permanent housing) and the managers were happy to rent to her family. However, it would be three weeks before her SSI grant would come in and until then, her family sought assistance via shelters for the homeless. After I made over thirty calls to shelters, government and private agencies, Marie still had no place to stay. Some shelters were not coeducational, others define "family" as having children, and most denied Marie shelter on the basis of her guide dog, a direct violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act. This Act provides that certified guide dogs may accompany their owners to places of public accommodation. Finally, one shelter agreed to take in Marie's family on a very temporary basis.

Her continued stay tenuous at best, Marie remained in an unacceptable situation. Still calling area agencies, I was referred to about five groups that offered rental assistance programs. Of the five, only one existed. It provides one-time assistance with first month's rent. Thanks to this program, Marie is now living in her apartment with her family.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for Public Counsel's Homeless Youth Project, please contact Kelly Rozmus (2L) or call Paul Freese at (213) 385-2977. Weekly clinics run two hours, either 3:00-5:00 or 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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challenges. First, a rift between the City agency and its state counterpart, the California Fair Political Practices Commission, needs to be repaired, a task to which Professor De la Rocha, who has served at the FPPC since 1993, appears to be well-suited.

Past FPPC chair Benjamin Davidian was quoted by the *L.A. Times* as saying: "I believe that she has proved herself to be one of the finest appointments ever to be made to [the FPPC] ... I don't think the L.A. commission could have done better." Gray Davis, then-state controller who appointed her to the FPPC, called her an excellent choice and added, "She is decent, honest as the day is long ... No one will doubt her integrity and honesty when she completes this assignment."

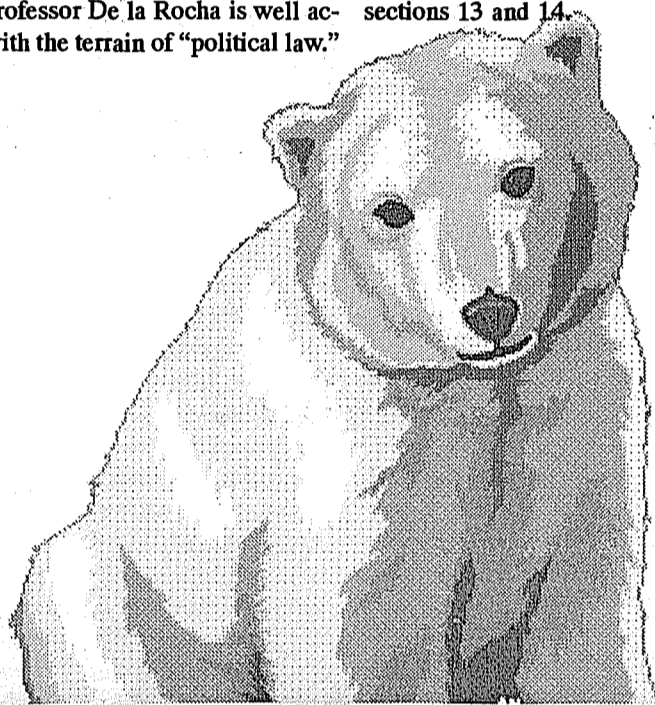
Professor De la Rocha is well acquainted with the terrain of "political law."

After stints at O'Melveny & Myers and Saperstein & Seligman, at which she litigated the largest sex discrimination class action on record, she was appointed by Mayor Bradley to serve on the Commission on the Status of Women and on the Board of Civil Service Commissioners. She then took a post at the California Fair Political Practices Commission where she served in the drafting department, issuing interpretive

The Commission oversees ... violations of the City's campaign and election laws and laws requiring office holders to disclose potential conflicts of interest.

regulations to facilitate enforcement of the 1974 Political Reform Act.

She teaches employment discrimination, trial advocacy and lawyering skills sections 13 and 14.



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ESTIMATED TIME AT OGSM: Construction to refurbish and double the space of our old library will begin very shortly. The estimated time of the construction project is two years.

GUARDS AT THE DOOR: In order to ensure adequate seating for UCLA Law Students, we have instituted a far more restrictive policy regarding access to the library. All UC persons and attorneys will be admitted without restriction, but law students from other law schools in the area will generally not be allowed to use our facility during the construction period. Other persons will be admitted on a very limited basis. In order to enforce this restricted access, we have a guard at the door checking ID's at all times.

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you can still get access to the materials in the old library by going to the Circulation Desk at GSM and asking that they retrieve whatever materials you need from the old library.

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ARRANGEMENT OF OGSM: There is a map and a guide to some of the most heavily used materials available at the Circulation Desk. Basically, there are two types of areas: Floors and Stacks. The stacks have most of the books and are arranged in call number order, with call number guides at each stack level. The Floors have most of the study space, with especially good study space on the second floor

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tions upon attorneys who are paid with these grants. They are prohibited from filing class-action suits or from challenging the constitutionality of any laws.

The bill is expected to reach the House floor in the near future.

ITS DEFENDERS

Conservatives in Congress argue that Legal Services has impeded welfare "reform" by successfully challenging state restrictions on welfare recipients. According to George W. Gekas, (R) Pennsylvania, the principal author of the Judiciary Committee legislation, "[T]his is a tremendous step toward reforming the ineffective Federal Assistance Program.....the Legal Services Corporation has clearly outlived its usefulness. It's time to try something new." (New York Times, National Ed., 9/14/95, Pg. A9).

Conservatives also point out that on occasion the agency has represented drug dealers and other criminals. In addition, they argue, legal aid lawyers have made attempts to overturn government statutes and engaged in lobbying while being paid with federal funds.

Another defender of the legislation is the Christian Coalition. They complain that by helping poor people obtain divorces, the agency is undermining family values.

In addition to the conservatives and the Christian organizations, the agricultural industry also supports the bill and says that legal aid attorneys have created problems by attempting to organize migrant farm workers into unions. According to The Farm Business Coalition, which represents California's fruit growers, "[M]igrant advocacy attorneys have caused untold economic disruption and job loss in agricultural industries." (Los Angeles Times, 9/18/95, pg. A13).

ITS CRITICS

The bill also has its critics. The supporters of the Legal Services Corporation point out that welfare cases are only a small fraction of the work that the agency is involved and since these cases have resulted in victory, it shows they were not frivolous cases. In fact, of the 1.7 million cases that the agency handled last year, thirty-three percent involved family matters like child support, spousal abuse and divorce. Twenty-two percent involved housing issues like landlord-tenant disputes, sixteen percent involved welfare and other governmental benefits, eleven percent involved consumer issues. The remainder involved education, employment, health care and individual rights. (New York Times, National Ed., 9/14/95, Pg. A9). In addition, they contend, giving states block grants fails to meet the legal needs of the poor because historically states have been generally disinterested in providing legal representation to indigent defendants in civil lawsuits. According to Roberta Cooper Ramos, President of the American Bar Association, if the legislation is passed it "would-be devastating to tens of millions of economically disadvantaged people, half of whom are children...without access to civil justice, the American dream is a cruel joke." (New York Times, National Ed., 9/14/95, Pg. A9).

The bottom line is that if this legislation passes the only victims will be the poor. People like the migrant farm workers in Ventura County who lived behind barbed wire fences and were subjected to deplorable working conditions by Edwin M. Ives, a flower grower. After the abuse was exposed, the workers received an award of \$1.5 million and Ives was convicted of corporate racketeering and labor and immigra-

tion violation. People like a widow who was bedridden and tricked by a locksmith into signing over her home to him. Both of these situations came to just results because of the intervention of a legal aid attorney.

If this legislation passes fathers who owe child support will only have to contend with the district attorney demanding payment. No longer will they have to look out for a legal aid attorney representing the mother or child or both. In divorce cases, the lack of the availability of legal aid representation will work to the advantage of the economically superior spouse. Consider my case: I am a third year law student with a four-year old daughter. I was married for over six years. We separated in February. My wish-he-was-soon-to-be ex has yet to contribute ten cents toward our daughter's support. Every time I ask, he tells me to go to court. I wish I could. I have called no less than eight attorneys, all want a retainer of anywhere from \$5,000 to \$20,000. On the other hand, my ex has retained an attorney and because he is "economically advantaged" he is able to pay the \$25,000 retainer she has requested. Now (on her advise I assume) he refuses to file for divorce, which means I can't get a court date, which means I can't try to get a judge to order him to pay support. I, of course, could file but the little money I do have I need to use it to pay rent, buy food, pay utilities, etc. Right now even \$200.00 for a do-it-yourself Divorce Kit is more than I can spend.

As the fight between the White House and the House and Senate gears up there is a bit of hope left for the Legal Services Corporation: President Clinton has threatened to veto such legislation. One can only hope he will keep his word.

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it is based on "Pictures at An Exhibition" by Modeste Moussorgsky. Pundits have already proclaimed that basing a musical comedy on classical music is "insane."

So it is. We need people — especially musicians — who are looking for a challenge. If you ever wanted to act, sing or dance for an audience, this is your chance. We also need people to help with lights, props, and other production work such as T-shirt graphics. Grab a copy of the sign-up sheet available at bulletin boards throughout the law school. Returning it does not obligate you; it simply puts you on the mail-

ing list to receive information about script distribution, auditions for leads, rehearsals, etc.

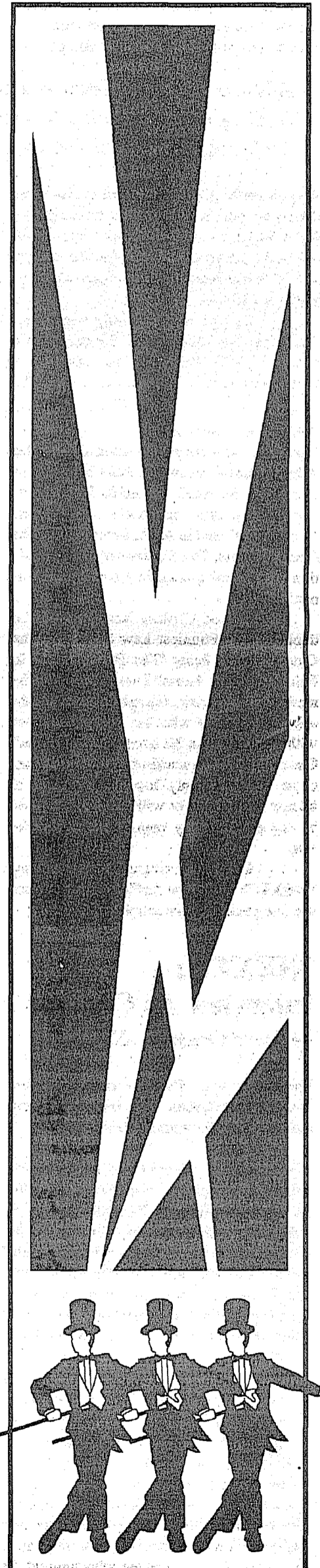
No prior experience is required. But we can promise you an experience you won't soon forget. Alumni from 15 years ago can still sing the songs from their show — as a recent cast member discovered in a job interview.

Because we use a different lead cast in each show, there are lots of roles available. The script also has a number of "one scene" roles for those who don't want to take on a full lead. And there is always

a spot in the chorus for those who only want a few lines of dialogue or need help from a group to carry a tune. In other words, our major goal is to maximize participation.

Rehearsals do not begin until January, but we do auditions for lead roles this semester. The time demands vary, depending on your ambitions. But it is safe to say that if you tell us how much time you want to commit, we can probably find a place for you.

And don't say "but I have no talent!" False modesty will only cost you a chance for a lot of fun — or get you arrested for impersonating a faculty member.



WONG FOO from p.6

Penn), thinking they've left him for dead. Alas, their land yacht breaks down and they get stranded in a dreadfully boring and monochromatic Midwestern town, Snedersville, just as the cop is ready to begin an inept pursuit. Stop me if you've heard any of this before.

The whole movie is a string of well-worn clichés, so much so that you wonder if TV execs will try to revamp *Bosom Buddies* for the 90's after seeing this. Vida, Noxzema, and Chi Chi all have their personality conflicts. Each one bonds with a particular Snedersville resident, willing to teach a lesson of life but learning something about himself, too. Each is a veritable saint with very little depth, just like a sitcom. But plausi-

After so many movies where the men in drag were staunchly heterosexual ... To Wong Foo is a refreshing change.

bility is ineffectively stretched at times, as almost no one in town seems to recognize these beauties as men, and Vida and Noxzema never try to strangle the overly whiny, Rosie-Perez-with-a-bigger-attitude-problem Chi Chi.

Chi Chi is particularly confusing. One can see traces of Leguizamo's contrastingly brilliant stand-up persona as a Puerto Rican girl in Brooklyn (if you get the

chance, see a tape of his old one-man show on HBO), and still get tired of the limited and unconvincing plot transformation of Chi Chi from "drag princess" to queen. Though he may end up a queen by the end of the story (and a queen that looks incredibly like *ER*'s Juliana Margulies to boot) you may not be ready to bow.

Despite this, he, like Swayze and Snipes, infuses the film with sheer extravagance and energy, and this almost carries the film. After so many movies where the men in drag were staunchly heterosexual and fighting to assert that aspect of their personality through their get-up (*Tootsie*, for instance), seeing *To Wong Foo* is a refreshing change, despite the near-total desexualization of the three leads. Add to their work some hilarious cameos by RuPaul and Robin Williams, plus a finger-snapping soundtrack (Cyndi Lauper, Tom Jones, and some other icons), and the movie almost overcomes its clichéd, TV sitcom feel.

There is no question that much more of gay life in America has yet to reach a wide, non art-house audience, but in watching this film, I saw some hope for the future. Weekend afternoon shows in Century City had sold out, much to the disappointment of families in line. And in

Westwood, senior citizens sat right next to parents and elementary school-age children to watch a movie about three drag queens on the American highway. Sure, it's only a formula picture, but at least the public allows for some new variables to be thrown into the equation.

HOW MUCH IS IT WORTH? \$\$\$

Reviewer's Note: Here is an example of my personal rating system. I've been using it since I first started collecting movies as an undergrad to let my friends know whether I thought a movie was worth shelling out the full \$7.50 for. When you're on loans, this is a crucial question of life. In short...

\$\$\$\$\$ Worth the full \$7.50. See it at night. Bring a friend. Hell, go ahead and shell out for parking while you're at it. (e.g. *Hoop Dreams*, *Forrest Gump*)

\$\$\$\$ \$6.00. A very good movie here. The kind you'd see in the theater and reserve a copy of when it first comes out. (e.g. *Four Weddings...*, *The Lion King*, *Crimson Tide*)

\$\$\$ \$4.50. Worth seeing, if you see it in a matinee or on a student discount. Since most places around here have both, this is the benchmark of whether you want to get

out of the house or not. It may not be *War and Peace*, but hey, it doesn't have to be. (e.g. *Nine Months*; *Batman Forever*, *Chueless*)

\$\$ \$3.00. Possible rental. It's a good movie to see if you like the actors or the story going in. Not a total waste.

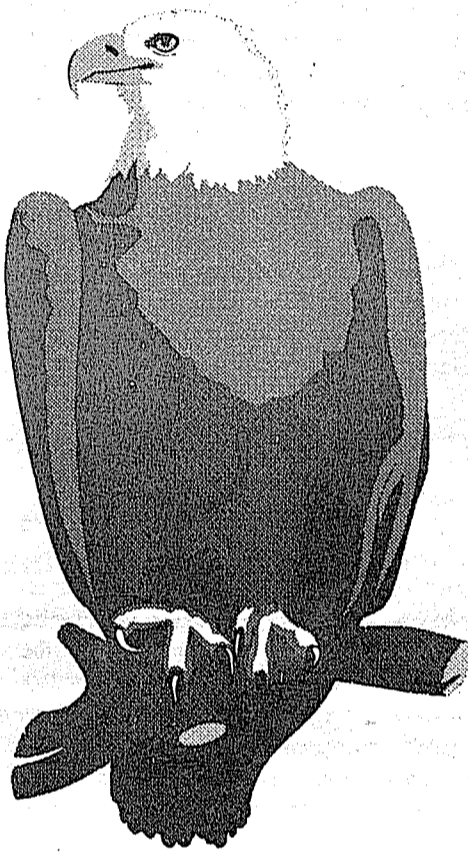
\$ \$1.50. Rent if you are bored out of

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your skull, or, if you're pursuing entertainment law, to remind yourself of what you so desperately want to work against.

NO \$ Go only if you lost a bet with someone.

It's the law.



Gibson Dunning Mother-Crutchter, I'll start caring about your firm and your summer program after you hire me, thank you.

WHAT I SAID: What's it like in the litigation department?

WHAT HE SAID: Would you consider cutting your hair for the firm?

WHAT I WANTED TO SAY: Would you consider growing your hair out for me?

WHAT I SAID: Would you consider growing your hair out for me?

9:40AM. I open the door, clutching my aching jaw and look at the next guy who looks too damn much like me.

5:00PM. And then begins the Ritual: starting down the barrel of an empty mailbox hoping for that most joyous of deliveries, bringing happiness since Senior year of high school: The Thick Envelope. But today...they're all thin. And foolishly we convince ourselves that we just might have interviewed with the only concise law firm on the planet who would write, "Dear sir, You're in. See ya in June." But as soon as that single sheet of paper is unfolded, there's only one place to look: the first word of the second paragraph which always, ALWAYS starts with "Unfortunately". Only the fool reads any more. Forrest Gump wouldn't even read more.

Oh well. I guess life is like a box of chocolates. But in the game of on-campus interviews the majority of us are just a bunch of lactose-intolerants, and with the symptoms ranging from hives to rashes, to cramps, I guess it's true: "You never know what you're gonna get."

CHAHINE from p.2

Literature, was surprised when he got the news. "I didn't know the ABA had a sense of humor," he joked. "Frankly, I was reluctant to even turn the article over to *The Docket*, let alone the ABA, but thanks to *The Docket* editors, *The Docket* got the recognition it deserved as a top law school newspaper."

I asked Chahine how it felt to be dubbed "The Funniest Law Student in the Country." "It beats 'The Biggest Joke in Evidence Class Award' I won last year," he replied. "It is ironic, though. I think I'm the only law student who has a better rapport with the ABA than his own administration." Once again, Steve wields that unequalled sarcasm. One can only hope that his gifts of humor and creativity will not be dampened by the diametrically opposed forces of the law.

Chahine's award-winning essay, "NEXT!": Interview As Combat comprises the remainder of this article ...

"NEXT!": Interview As Combat
by Steve Chahine, 2L

The humiliation. The conformity. The unabashed degradation. The unrelenting repetition. And the ungodly insincerity.

8:00AM. Bright and early. A salivating mob feverishly scratches at the bulletin boards outside the OCS like a pack of wolves at the chicken-coop door. "Dammit! I don't see my name!" says a voice. "Who cares?" says the only one who bothered to hear as the sniffing and snarling mob jockeys for position, triple-checking their designated 20-minute windows of opportunity.

8:10AM. The more cunning of the pack take down the interviewers' names on the business cards and make a stealthy dash for Martindale-Hubbel...hoping, praying, drooling, that their interviewer went to the same college - dreaming that by some chance the interviewer's response to their discovery of such a star-crossed and freak coincidence will be more than, "So what?" One can hardly fathom the titanic disappointment of the wide-eyed interviewee who thought, "I went to Cal, too" would fill up those awful last three minutes like a super absorbent sponge, only to be deluged by the merciless

backhand of Silence.

9:00AM. A smattering of starched collars and white blouses roam the hallways. They are the first to be sent to the front line - the reconnaissance forces that will be the first to return with the answer to that most often asked question, "Were they nice?" But they look as nervous as the One Ls who are getting a preview of what is yet to come.

9:18AM. Double check the hair, the tie, lapels, and wipe your sweaty palms on Dad's suit. This is it. The destiny of your entire life and future comes down to one teeny-weeny 20-minute interview with a disinterested litigator who's on campus solely because he drew the longest straw at the last associate's meeting. Justice is truly blind.

What could they possibly learn about you in 20 minutes that would turn the tide? ... Somehow ... your Lawyering Skills paper as a writing sample doesn't quite tip the scales. Alas, an 81 by any other name would smell as sweet.

9:20AM. "I'll be ready in a minute," he says as number 14 meekly exits the stifling cubicle as the door slams shut again, sealing the Brazilian rain forest-like humidity within. I only caught a glimpse of him - didn't look very nice. Number 14 clutched her jaw, aching and bruised from having to etch an insincere smile on her face for the duration of the interrogation. So there I waited.

You know they only need that extra minute to snicker and practice the Origami swan with your resume. But what an introspective minute it was. It became quite evident that the interview process is nothing more than a predetermined charade where law firms get a first peek at the few diamonds they already decided to call-back weeks ago interspersed among the unfortunate lumps of coal with the obligatory 76-82 average and a 3.5 undergrad GPA. (You too, huh?)

What could they possibly learn

about you in 20 minutes that would turn the tide that was otherwise dragging you out to sea? Somehow the expensive resume paper and the generous offer to submit your Lawyering Skills paper as a writing sample doesn't quite tip the scales. Alas, an 81 by any other name would smell as sweet.

9:25AM. The door opens and the game begins. Cordial smiles all around. Firm handshakes for everyone, (but not too firm - shows you're compensating for something). And hopefully there aren't two of them. That's the worst. Which one do I look at? Am I ignoring the quiet one? Usually, the incompetent ones still need another minute to look over your resume; as if they couldn't blindfold themselves and say, "So you went to a UC College and got an 81 in your first year."

And then Act I begins:

WHAT HE SAID: So, in picking Gibson Dunn, what distinguished us from all the other firms?

WHAT I WANTED TO SAY: Frankly, identical twins are more distinguishable than most firms, and in all honesty you were my 23rd choice.

WHAT I SAID: You reputation is unsurpassed and I really want to be a litigator.

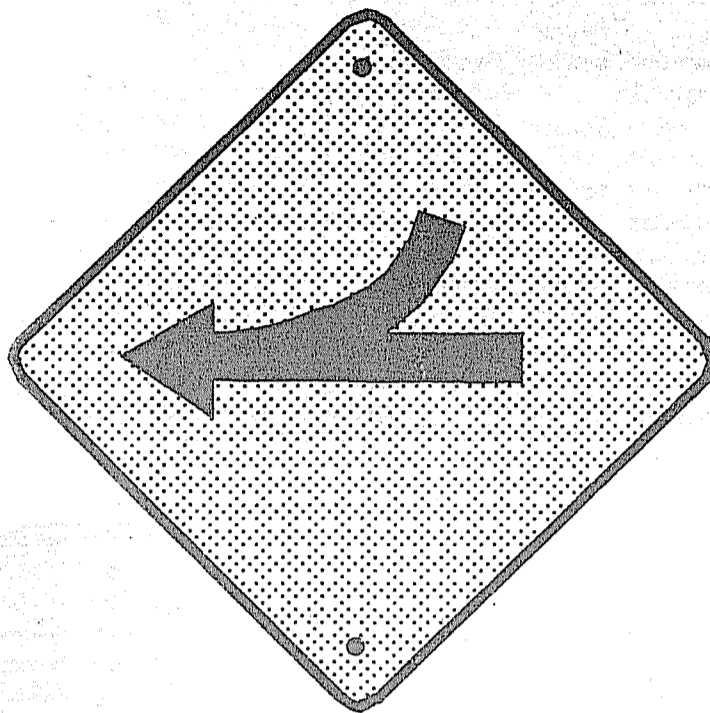
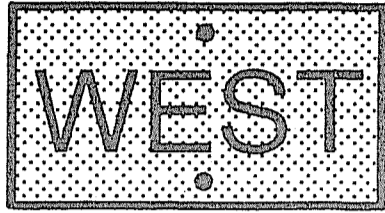
WHAT HE SAID: Do you have a preference for litigation, transactional law, or would you like to flip between the two?

WHAT I WANTED TO SAY: I have a preference for \$1300 a week. Just give me the fucking job and I'll flip burgers if you'd like.

WHAT I SAID: I like litigation, but I haven't had enough experience to make an educated decision.

WHAT HE SAID: Do you have any questions about the firm or the summer program you care to ask?

WHAT I WANTED TO SAY: Listen you



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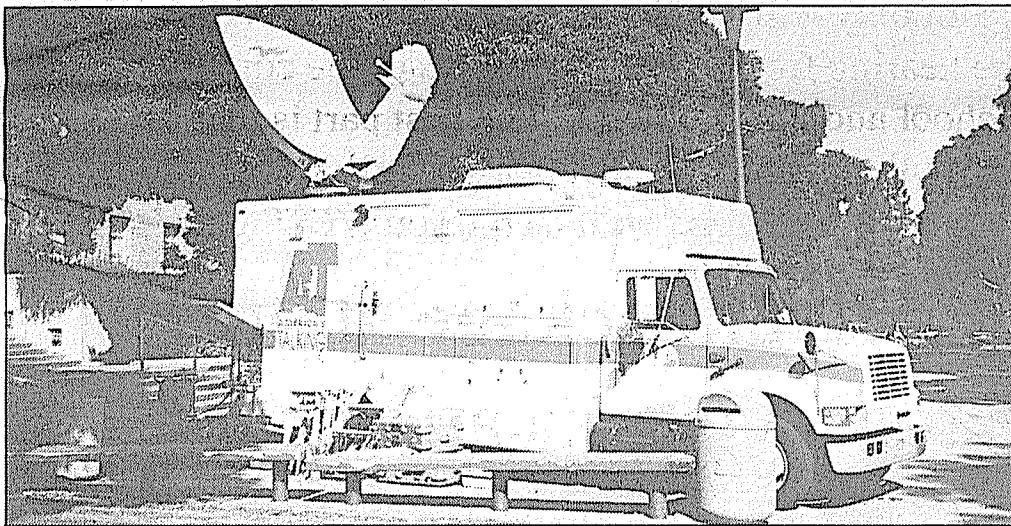
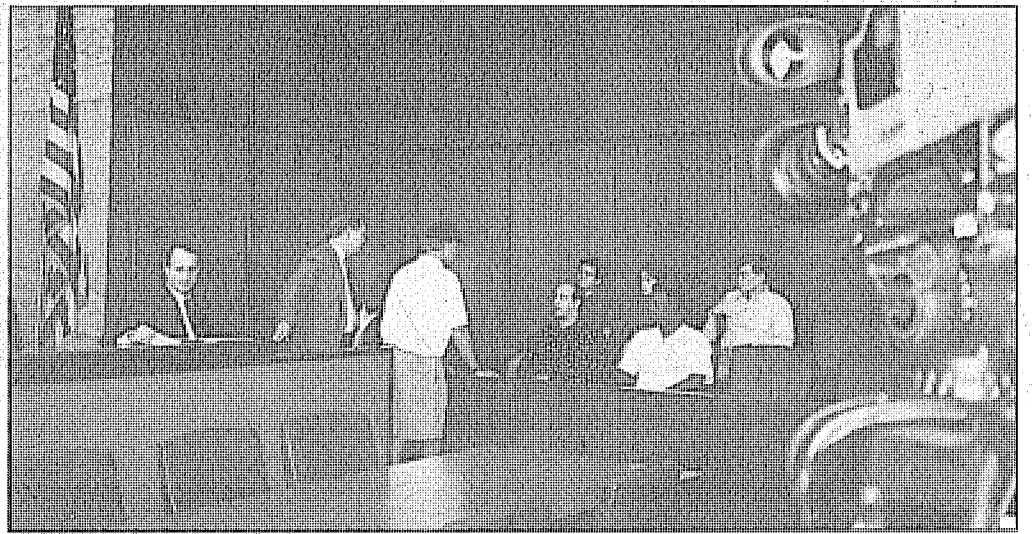
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"What do you think?"



What will they tell the world
that we said?

ST FRANCIS from p.6

ening that person's V-J Day celebration. Consequently, this injured person ("Beulah Larson") sued the St. Francis Hotel on the theory of negligence, invoking *res ipsa loquitur*, claiming (1) that such an event (i.e., a chair being thrown out of a hotel window on V-J Day) would not normally occur without someone's negligence, and (2) that the instrumentality (i.e., the chair) was in the exclusive control of the St. Francis Hotel. In the ensuing trial, the judge granted a nonsuit in favor of the defendant hotel after the plaintiff rested. The plaintiff appealed, and eventually the California Court of Appeal, in *Larson v. St. Francis Hotel*, 83 Cal. App. 2d 210, 212-213 (1948), found that the throwing of a chair out of a window of the St. Francis Hotel on V-J Day was certainly an event that would not normally occur without someone's negligence. Thus, the first

criterion for invoking *res ipsa loquitur* was clearly met. However, the appellate court found that the second criterion for *res ipsa loquitur* was not met: the court found that the instrumentality of the negligence (the chair) was not in the exclusive control of the St. Francis Hotel, although it was certainly in the control of the genius who presumably threw the chair out of the hotel window on V-J Day. Thus, the court concluded that although the genius may well have been a patron of the St. Francis Hotel, the hotel did not have exclusive control over the soon-to-be-jettisoned chair, nor did the hotel have exclusive control over its guests, including its more illustrative guests, such as "Galileo²." "To keep guests and visitors from throwing furniture out windows would require a guard to be placed in every room in the hotel, and no one would contend that

there is any rule of law requiring a hotel to do that." *Id.* at 212-213.

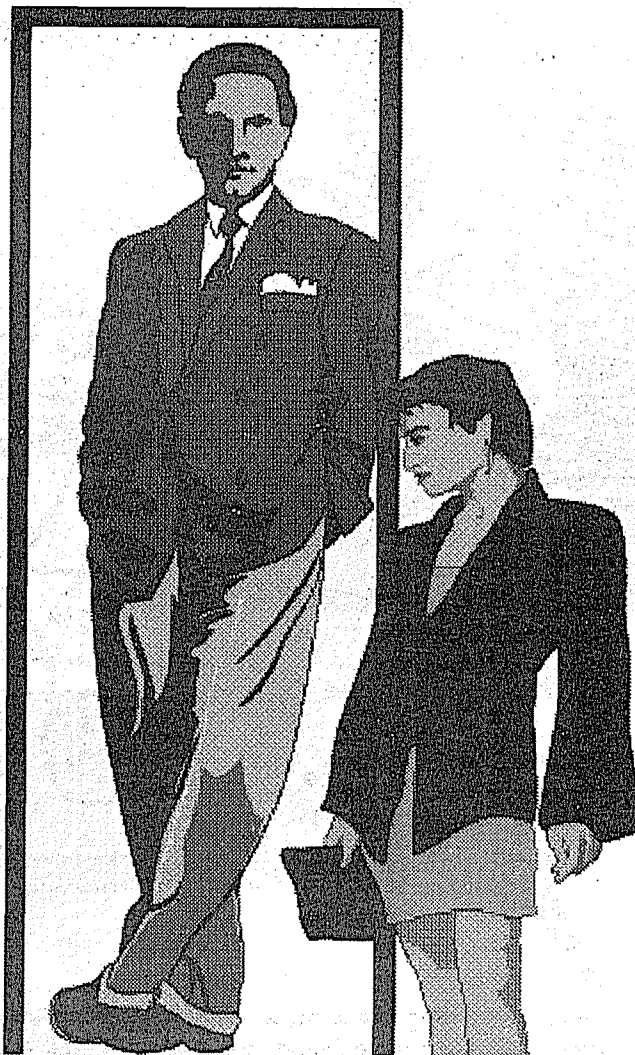
It is even more remarkable that if one looks closely at the background of the famous Alfred Eisenstadt photograph taken on V-J Day showing a U.S. sailor in uniform holding and kissing a woman on the street amidst the crowds and euphoria of the V-J Day celebration, one can actually see the chair in question falling from the hotel window in the background!³

In summary, when the 50th anniversary of V-J day rolls around this summer, remember that it is also the 50th anniversary of an event that also made history (albeit legal history). However, this event did not occur on any battlefield nor in any world capital. It occurred instead in an unassuming room on an upper floor of the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, Cali-

fornia.

P.S.: The hotel patron who was responsible for this incident received his "just deserts" later that night when he eventually wanted to sit down and then came to the sudden and shocking realization that he had thrown his chair out of the window earlier that day! (This is a classic example of distributive justice at work!)

1 The "heavy, overstuffed armchair" may well have been "of the choicest and most expensive description." (Compare *Bird v. Holbrook*, 4 Bing. 628, 130 Eng. Rep. 911 (1825), where tulips "of the choicest and most expensive description" were mentioned with emphasis.)
 2 The real Galileo got his kicks by throwing objects of different masses off the Leaning Tower of Pisa.
 3 Of course this is only a joke, since the photograph was taken in Times Square in New York City, not in San Francisco.



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like they were hand-me-downs from Dad. Loud obnoxious ties, mismatched socks, wrinkled shirts, and ugly shoes. Women with the most odd colored suits I have ever seen. Bizarre cuts on suits, shoes that don't match, nylons with major runs, and weird belts.

C'mon people! It's OK to aspire to be as smart as our Torts professors ... for God's sake just don't dress like them!

What is worse is the lack of imagination (or fashion sense) displayed by most students. Look around at how many men are wearing a plain navy suit with a white shirt and red tie. Or how many women are wearing a navy suit with their hair pulled back tighter than Lilith's and a pair of glasses you have never seen them wear before (I couldn't even recognize some of my classmates!). You are not going to stand out as well dressed if you wear the same thing as everyone else. Furthermore, if it doesn't look good on you then you may be badly dressed!

I actually received one offer last year because of the way I dressed (this is a true story!): After I left, several of the secretaries went to the hiring partner and made remarks about how well the new recruit was dressed. It was that little something that kept me in the partner's mind and made the difference when the final decisions were made.

So this is my advice to all you would-be interviewees. . . Don't wear what "people" (who are these "people" by the way?) say you are "supposed" to wear if it looks bland or ugly on you. Wear what looks best on you and makes you look like a \$13,000 bucks! Most employers stress how important it is to be yourself. It is also important to dress like yourself. If you like it and it looks good on you, then it is probably right for you. Of course, for a free lunch I would be more than willing to take you out on a Sunday (after the Chargers game) and help you pick out clothing for a few hours! A few tips for the novices ...

Men:

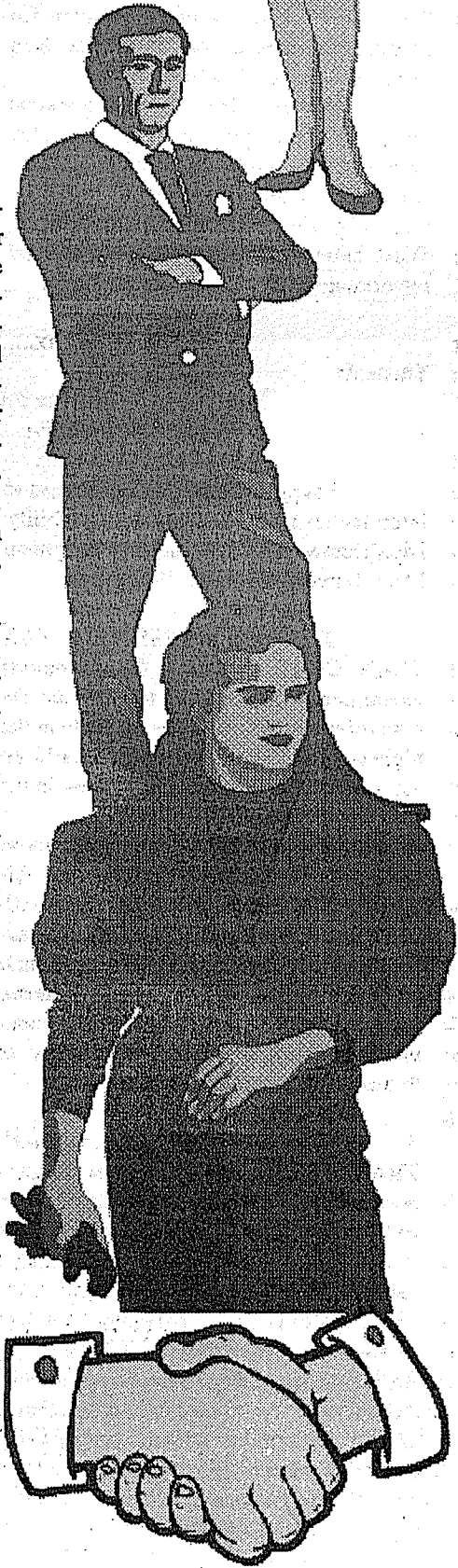
Suit: Wear what fits you best. It is better to have a suit that hangs nicely on your frame than a "conservative" cut that makes you look dumpy. Broad lapels are coming back into

fashion and can look nice on larger individuals. Light pin stripes are great for making a short man taller. Although blue and gray are still the norm, browns and olives work well on men with darker complexions. Just make sure it fits you well (no hand-me-downs from Dad) and accentuates your strengths while hiding your weaknesses. **Shirt:** The best way to determine if a man has taste is to look at his shirt. A white shirt is safe but boring. Shirts with subtle stripes or weaves can bring out the colors in your suits and ties and make them that much more attractive. **Tie:** If you want to show off your individuality, then choose your tie carefully. Instead of a boring red tie, try burgundy, gold or purple. However, clown ties are not suggested. Ties are tricky and bringing a friend along (especially a woman) or using the salespeople can be helpful in picking a winner. **Socks:** Make sure they match. When you cross your legs employers can see them! **Shoes:** Wing tips are still the best. However, printed cap toes and slip-on shoes are acceptable (and popular with West side firms). Just make sure they are shiny and clean. The worst faux pas of all is wearing a bad pair of shoes!

Women (I worked in the Women's Dept. occasionally)

Suit: You have much more freedom than men when it comes to suits. Therefore, pick a suit color that looks good on you instead of a drab blue or black. Show some personality. **Accessories:** Go easy on the jewelry, and make sure to have extra pairs of nylons. **Shoes:** The shoes have to match correctly. I have seen women pick out wonderful suits and wreck them because they wear the wrong color shoes. **Briefcase:** What the hell do you need a briefcase for? You don't have anything to put in it! By the way, behind closed doors employers snicker about this one.

Note: Alexander Lee works in the Men's Sportswear Department at Nordstrom South Coast Plaza.



NBA from p.9

This is a sure fire hit. The ratings will go through the roof. Ok, there maybe one small drawback. Two other professional sports organizations just did the same show last season. It didn't play well in any of the markets, except maybe Cleveland. But our show will be different — this is professional basketball, not baseball, not hockey. It won't be the same story with different players — or will it?

If you have some sports related writing talents, serious or not, feel free to submit your commentary, legal analysis or opinions to *THE DOCKET* for possible publication in future issues.

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prisingly, and to his credit, the Committee chair agreed to reconvene the Committee to reconsider the policy, but only after he realized that the Committee had "overlooked" legitimate concerns and valid alternatives.

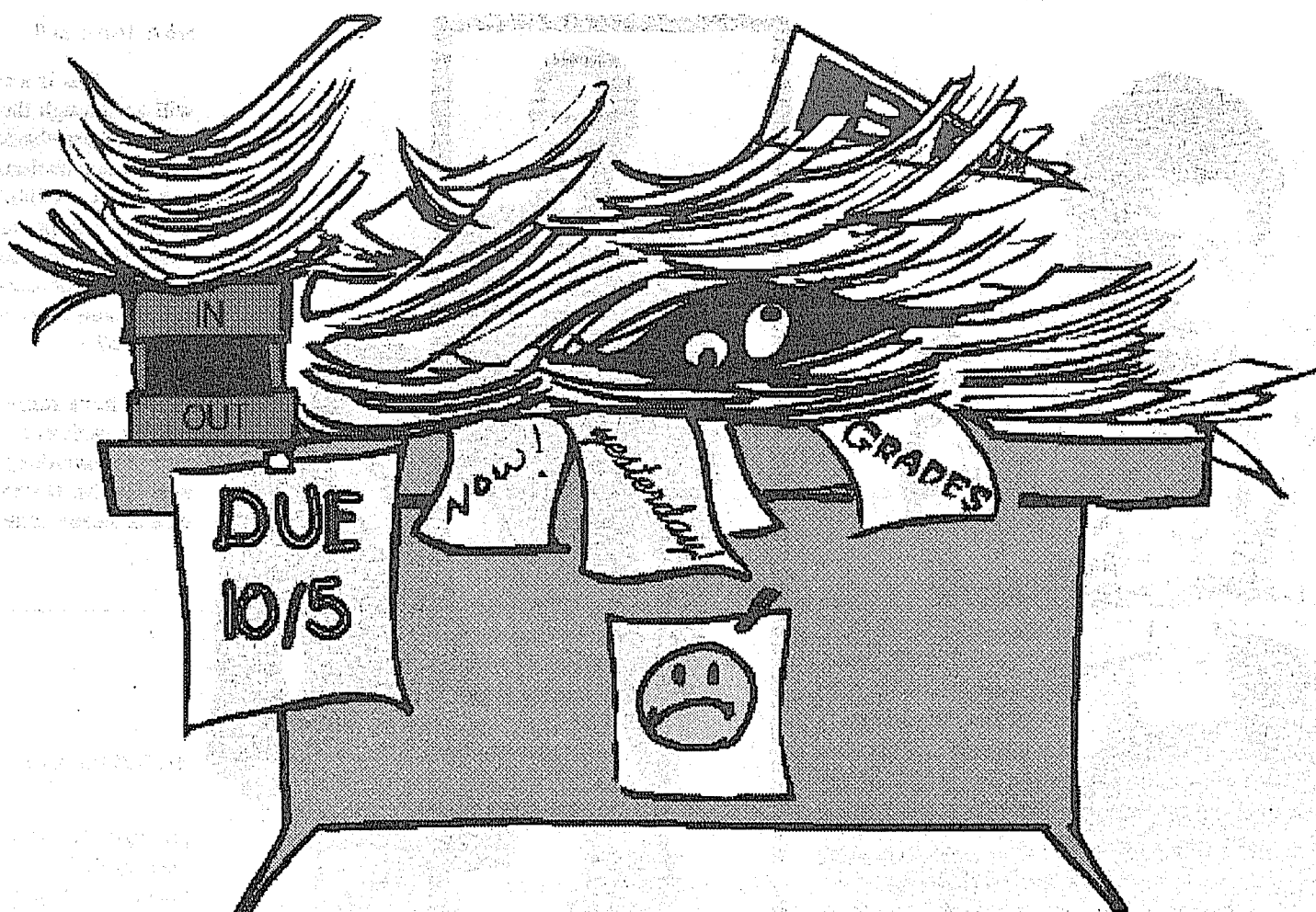
Unfortunately, the Committee reaffirmed the inequitable policy, which in itself is cause for concern. Even more appalling, however, the Committee's reasoning was biased and downright mean-tempered. The Committee placed undue emphasis on how a policy change would affect the top ten students in the 3L class. (I hate to tell the administration that it is also responsible for the other 300-plus 3L's.) Additionally, instead of viewing the students' concerns as a valuable checks-and-balances mechanism, it seems certain Committee members viewed the students' activism as intolerable.

Granted, SBA-appointed students represent the general student body on these various task forces and committees. However, besides the fact that 99% of the student body has no idea who these representatives are, these representatives are not accountable to their constituency. They are not required to learn of students' views by holding open forums, nor are they required to report back to the students regarding committee proceedings. I implore the SBA to take immediate action to rectify this egregious lack of accountability.

We should not let the administration off the hook in this regard, either. When it makes decisions concerning fundamental aspects of our legal education, the administration must be responsive to the views of those being directly affected, namely students.

We need a more responsible student representation; we need a better flow of communication between the administration and students (token e-mail addresses and useless open forums are insufficient); and we need a more accountable administration respectful of student concerns.

These recent events indicate that the administration once again has neglected to provide a voice to the students in proceedings that fundamentally affect their education here at UCLAW. At this point, student concerns regarding the new grading system and the new retrospective P/U/NC are immaterial. More importantly, however, student activism regarding legal education at UCLAW has been killed, and the administration holds the smoking gun. Its time we students force the administration to recognize that they need to work with us, not in spite of us.



REFORM from p.6

ting pretty tired of explaining to the emisar-ies from Downtown firms that an 85 is sort of like an 'A' at a normal school. And let us not forget the stringent resume rules stating a student is strictly prohibited from rounding his GPA up from the ten-thousandth digit to the thousandth digit, because the deceitful conversion of an 81.4275 to an 81.428 is patently unfair to the 25 or 30 students whose GPA lies somewhere between 81.4275 and 81.4280. As if professors even know the difference between a 77 and an 82.

But no more. Fortunately it took only two decades for this problem to garner administrative attention and now steps are being taken to remedy the problem. Well, not exactly. First, fact-finding probes had to be initiated, then committees had to be formed, then students needed to be pacified with open forums fronting as vehicles of democratic participation, which was like going to the voting polls to find out who was appointed President.

You may remember the deluge of flyers that glutted our mailboxes with updates of each revolutionary development in our grading policy. All were filled with self-important, official language decreeing that the Dean convened a mighty Task Force that according to the flyers, "met several times and labored over complicated issues of retention and probation." Retention and probation? I just thought the grading system sucked.

Instead of providing its Creators with one proposal that worked, the Task Force saw fit to suggest five that didn't. The following are the proposals that prove the rotten apple doesn't fall far from the dying tree:

1. THE MIXED TRANSCRIPT OPTION. This proposal would change the 20-40-40 system to a 20-60-20 format and would change the point scale to a letter grade scale. This proposal supports the mixing of numerical grades on 2L and 3L transcripts with letter grades into one potpourri of alphanumeric symbols. For convenience, a conversion table, flow-chart, and astrological calendar appear on the back to facilitate the translation to a uniform system. Ironically, after coming up with this proposal, the Administrators celebrated with a large bowl of apples and oranges.

As part of the transition, 3Ls must decide whether to take a class Pass/No Pass within the first 4 weeks of instruction while 2Ls may wait until after their grades are

posted. Extending this logic, 1Ls will be allowed to have their professors proof-read their exams before submitting them for grading, and may choose to rewrite them as many times as they like.

The Administration's greatest misgiving about applying the new grading system to 2Ls and 3Ls was tipping off law firms of the changes which may cause rumors of grade inflation. What better way to cloak their internal reworkings in stealth and secrecy than:

Trusts..B	Crim.....77	Tax.....B+	Remedies...A-
	Torts...72	Civ Pro...81	
	Credits...C+	GPA...B-.81	

I suppose explaining this mess to interviewers is the students' responsibility. I don't know about you, but I'm telling them I transferred from Yale.

2. THE PROGRESSIVE TAX TRANSCRIPT OPTION. This proposal recommends that in order to facilitate the redistribution of grades, the students in the highest grade bracket (86-95) should be assessed a 39% GPA reduction, those in the 75-85 grade bracket a 31% reduction and those in the 64-74 bracket a 24% reduction. After this equalization, the approved 20-60-20 system will be implemented. Those taking the minimum 12 units will receive their transcripts on the E-Z form while externs, TA's, L.L.M.'s, and those with more complicated course schedules will receive an itemized 1040 transcript.

3. THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TRANSCRIPT OPTION. Under this proposal, the old grading system would be kept in tact, but after each grade is received, it is adjusted depending on the race, gender, and disability of the recipient. Thus a female person of color with poor eyesight who initially receives an 82 would have an adjusted grade of 98. And a white male with no lower back pain receiving an 89 would be placed on academic probation. The Task Force also suggested changing the "C" grade to a less stigmatized letter like a "G" or "N" to minimize grade-based discrimination. Unfortunately, after the abolition of affirmative action on UC campuses, such a plan is no longer legal.

4. THE FACULTY PLAN. The UCLA faculty favored a more theoretical, abstract, policy-based approach to grading. Under this plan, the "A" grades will fall

within the 72-77 and 80-85 spectrum. "B"s will fall within the 47-52 and 86-91 spectrum, while "C"s can occupy any remaining number except 13, 27, and of course, 100.

5. THE "LAWS OF PROBABILITY" OPTION. Since grades are so subjective anyway, a statistical approach based on the laws of probability was suggested. Those who sit in the front row shall be given "A"s, except those using power books who

shall receive "C"s. All others using power books, tape recorders or any other non-traditional stenographic device anywhere in the classroom shall also receive "C"s because they're so damn annoying and a dose or reality would do them all a world of good. Those who sit on either aisle shall receive "B"s except for those who always come in late who shall receive "B-"s. Those in the last row get "C"s except for the people in the last row of the aisles who shall be put on academic probation. If however, there is only one loner sitting in the last row of the aisles, he shall be expelled. If students raise their hands more than four times in one class period their grade goes down one grade point. If a student rushes to the podium after the lecture is over he cannot get higher than a "B-". Finally, if a student raises his hand with less than one minute left in the class, he automatically makes law review.

The Student Body was supposed to vote for their favorite grading policy several weeks ago, but after a dispute broke out regarding whether to use letters (A-B-C-D-E) or numbers (1-2-3-4-5) to correspond with the five grade choices, Dean Prager convened a Task Force to further study this complex issue.

The rationale for harsh grading in general is that to do otherwise would "damage the reputation of the school and the students to whom the conversion was applied." I'm sure all the B students with the 76 averages appreciate the Task Force's concern for their reputations. Students are justifiably angry due to years of intentional grade deflation. Not only must 40% of all students get C's, these C's look like D's when converted to the numerical system. Statistically, only 2-3% of the current student

body has an A average that actually looks like an A average on their transcript.

In many top law schools, 80% of students get a B grade or better. At UCLA 80% get a B grade or worse. Furthermore, as of a few years ago, 96% of Yale Law students made Law Review. How comforting to know that both UCLA and Yale's grading system work to our disadvantage. If the UCLA administration fears for the integrity of the law school, all it needs to do is proudly publish that it boasts the highest pass-rate on the most difficult bar exam in the country - over 92%.

In a real-world setting appearances are everything. A good test-taker with an 87 GPA is set for life, while the genius who writes beyond the exam question is hopeless. In the case of interviews, who we truly are is far less important than what we appear to be. The greatest failing of our administration and faculty is their inability to realize this vital concept. How many times have we heard on the first day of class how our professors hate finals and "the whole idea of grades" but then give an atrociously difficult final with merciless grading?

To employers, our transcripts are our identities. They are our titles. So needlessly deflating grades would be no different than changing the title of "Dean of Students" to "Paralegal Assistant". It too, is just a superficial modification that doesn't make the people holding the title or their accomplishments any less impressive. However, I imagine Paralegal Assistant Prager would disapprove despite the irrelevance of such a minor, cosmetic change.

Let's be frank. The student's standing in the job-market takes a back seat to the school's standing in the "U.S. News and World Report Special College Issue" with the almighty rankings therein. UCLA's high ranking in the magazine caused the administration to maintain the old system in hopes the martyrdom of the student body would catapult UCLAW into Top 10 status. Then, the swan-dive in the rankings led to the decision to change the system because the martyring was too successful and many students couldn't pry themselves off their crosses in time for interviews. Finally, the unfettered urge to resurrect our ranking is keeping current students from getting a fair system applied to them. I subscribe to neither the magazine nor the administration's rationale. If the administration wants to make the "People's 50 Most Beautiful People" Issue, then it should do it at its own expense.

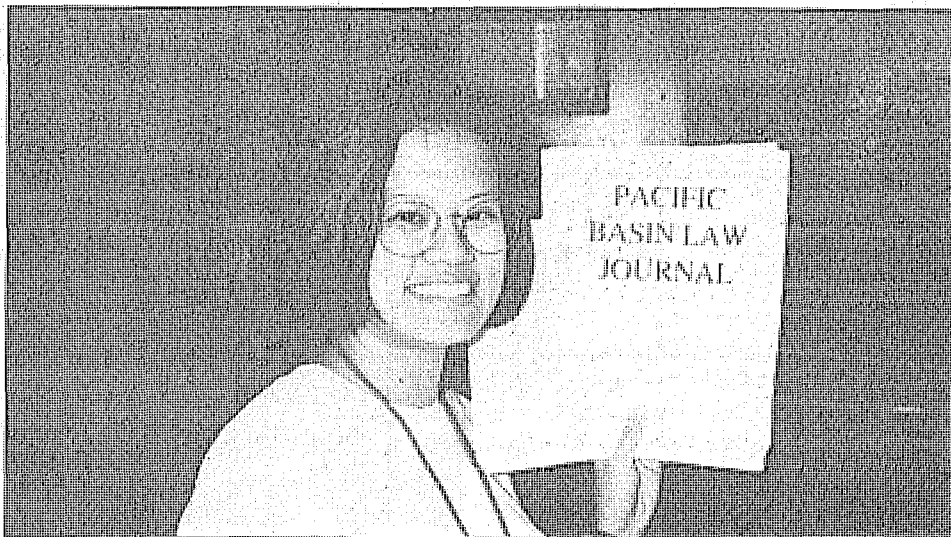
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Damon Richardson attended the two-day training session. Heather called it "a positive and enlightening experience." She added "I wish I learned the steps my first year. It was a great opportunity to have right before interviewing." Damon felt that "it was all about team work and putting forth the effort necessary to successfully achieve and develop as a person." Raul recalled the portion of the workshop that forced students to address the question "Do you belong

here?" His response was "Yes!"

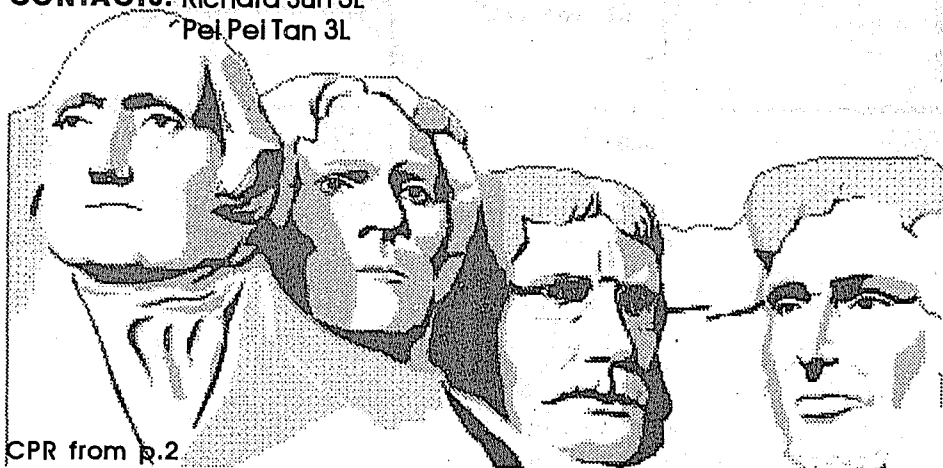
The Dean of Students' Office agrees that all students can benefit from an enrichment program designed to ensure that talented people reach their highest potential. We extend our thanks to the Sloan Foundation for supporting graduate students at UCLA through this fellowship and also to AGSM for its first invitation to UCLAW students.

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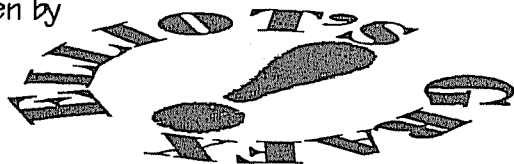
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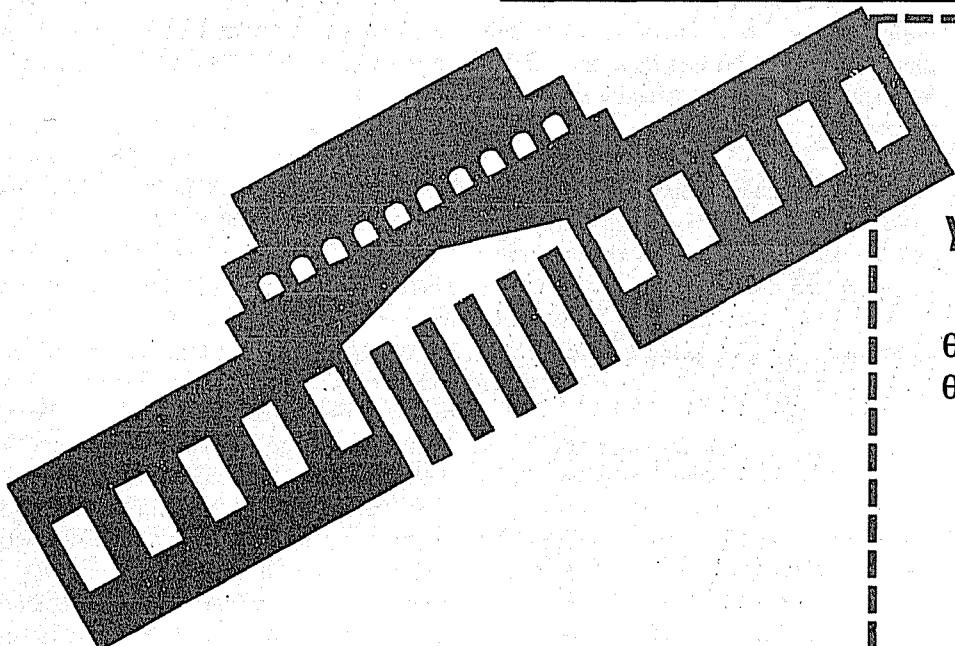
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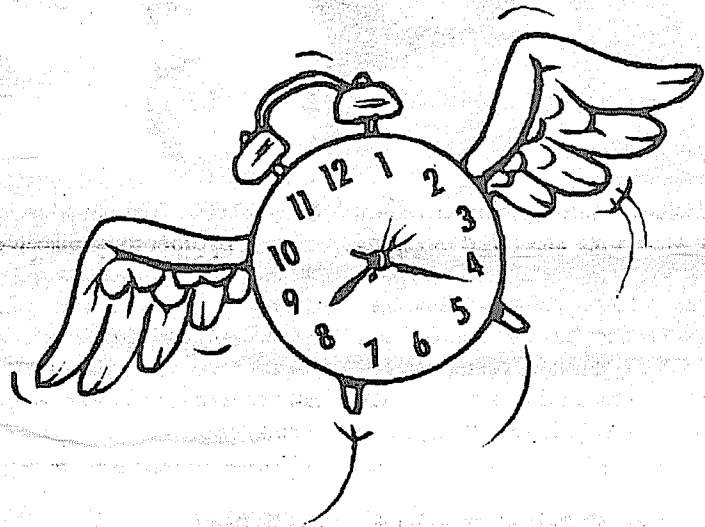
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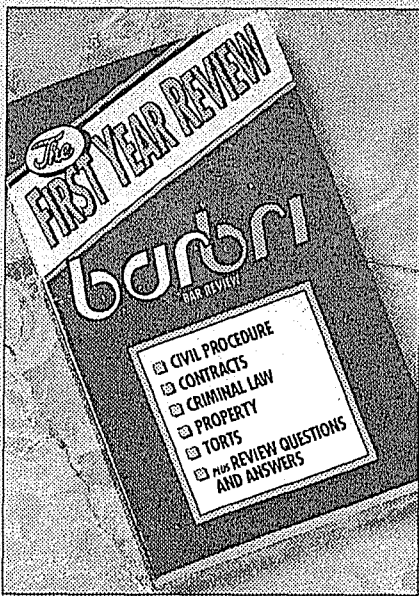
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