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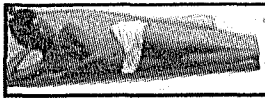
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MINIMUM PASSING GRADE RAISED TO 75

By David J. Cohen

As part of a large-scale effort to "upgrade the quality of the legal profession and especially of UCLAW graduates," Dean Prager today announced a new grading policy to be effective immediately.

The new policy calls for a raise in the minimum passing grade from 55 to 75. In addition, the revised grading plan will be applied retroactively for all current UCLAW students. Thus, any student previously awarded credits for courses in which he or she scored below 75 will be required to repeat those courses and score 75 or above to retain those credits.

As a result of the new grading policy, 38% of the class of 1987 will be required to spend at least one additional semester at UCLA to repeat "failed" courses. In an effort to alleviate the tremendous burden the new policy places on the third year students, the records office has announced that the new fourth year class will be given priority over all other students in choosing courses. The office also succeeded in working out a deal with the campus parking service to give fourth year students extra parking priority points. Sherry Lewis, manager of the parking office said excitedly, "Sure we'll help the law students. We always make an effort to accomodate all students, and especially law students because of their greater academic obligations."

Dean Prager admits that this new policy "may be unpopular among the students," but claims that it is a "necessary measure to maintain UCLA's academic reputation as we approach the 1990's." Recent statistics show that UCLAW graduates are less successful at passing the California bar exam than are graduates of several other Los Angeles law schools. Furthermore, rumor has it that the new policy is designed as a retaliatory measure against Loyola, which was named the official law school of the Los Angeles Summer Olympic Games in 1984.

Reactions to the new policy within the legal community have been mixed. The most predictable reaction was that of the student body. The three most common responses were: "Retroactive?! Isn't that unconstitutional?"; "I can't take another day of law school let alone another year - I quit."; "I'll start a movement to have the Dean impeached." One third year student who asked not to be identified (but if you send me \$5.00 c/o The Docket, I'll tell you who it is), will now have only four graduation credits, having passed only legal research and writing. Another third year student who begged to be identified (but wouldn't pay enough) stated, "It doesn't bother me at all. Since my lowest grade is a 92 it has no effect on my life whatsoever." (Yeah, good for you buddy - ed.) Several other third year students expressed concern that they would have to sell their new sports cars they recently bought in anticipation of beginning work in June. Overall, the great majority of students surveyed strongly opposed the new policy.

The majority of professors surveyed at UCLAW were in favor of the new grading criteria. Several professors suggested that there are already too many lawyers in this country and felt law schools should be stricter. One professor remarked, "Law school sure ain't (sic) what it used to be." Finally, when we asked Corbin Bernsen of the L.A. Law television series for his reaction to the new policy, he simply smiled and said, "Who cares?" §

... AND PARKING SPACES FOR ALL

By Henry Tovmassian

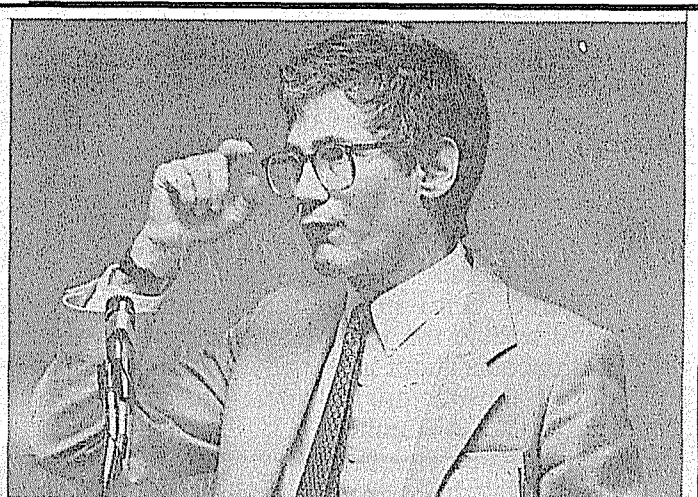
The difficulty of obtaining a parking permit is old news at UCLAW. Many students attend school here for three years without ever obtaining a parking permit. Most of those that do have a space to park find themselves walking for 15-20 minutes between the law school and the parking lot. (God Save Lot 12).

In a surprising development, Chancellor Young has announced plans for the construction of a parking structure conveniently located near the law school. The news came in the face of added concern for the possibility that the law school would

lose ABA accreditation if the parking problem is not corrected.

It was recently revealed that for several years Parking Action Committee (PAC), an organization consisting of past and present law students has been strongly lobbying for the goal of obtaining a parking space for every law student during his or her attendance at UCLAW. One of the entities which has been lobbied vehemently is the American Bar Association. Officials from the ABA have conducted extensive surveys of students at UCLAW and have

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"I LIKE TO COMPARE MYSELF TO
OLIVER WENDELL, NOT JOHNNY."

LAW REVIEW COMPETITION SUSPENDED

WIDESPREAD CHEATING DISCOVERED

By Frank Benton

In what Dean Prager has described as "the ugliest incident I have ever seen in my 50 years in education," several unidentified law review editors have been suspended for allegedly leaking this year's law review problems to a wide number of first year law students. "Unfortunately, and of course tragically, the losers in all of this are the innocent first years who sacrificed their

spring break in order to hand in the assignment." lamented the Dean. "Our only recourse is to start the process all over again, fortunately, we can use a problem from another school's law review competition."

The controversy came to light when a first year student participating in the competition became suspicious when some classmates were seen at a local bar with several

law review editors discussing community property rights and professional degrees. The unidentified student noted, "At first I wasn't suspicious because it was natural for them to be joking about whether or not a professional degree was property, afterall, they were all over each other like long lost lovers." The student became suspicious when the pack was later distributed to the

first year class. "Of course, when I saw the problem I simply became enraged and I went immediately to the Dean."

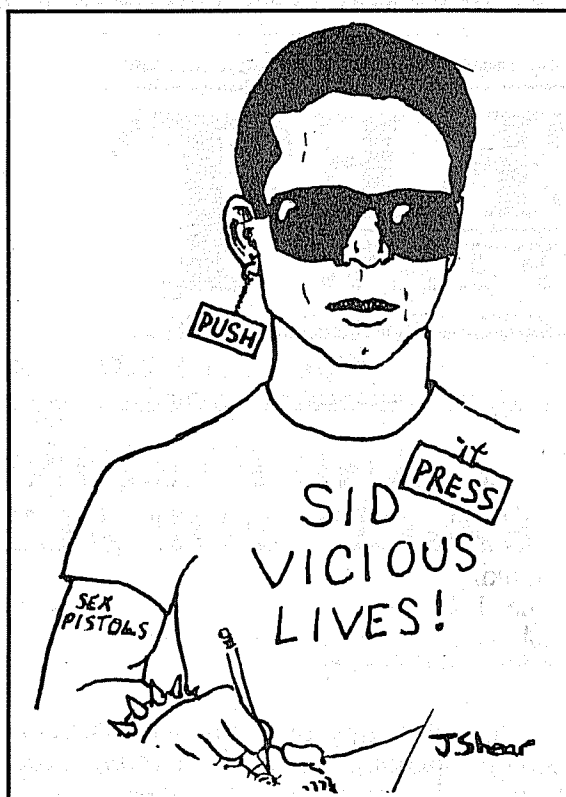
Dean Prager has refused to comment on this matter other than to say that there is a faculty investigation going on at this time. "Dean Varat is currently investigating the matter, as she has experience in romance at the law school."

Our attempts to

reach her have been unsuccessful so far. The Docket urges all first year students involved in the competition to immediately see Dean Varat to determine the status of the competition.

Several sources within the law review board have told us confidentially that sexual favors were involved, these sources identified the problem with all those section 1, 88' partiers. Some of the

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BEING FRANK

By Frank Benton

Professor Kenneth Graham, my mentor, commented the other day, "Chief Justice Rehnquist is a swine." This meant a lot to me for I have thought for years that Rehnquist's nomination to the Supreme Court was the result of a conspiracy instigated by the evil conservative forces of this country. Therefore, I am starting a campaign to have the chief justice removed from the bench. I write now to encourage you, our future leaders, to support this movement.

We must publicize Rehnquist's voting record. I am sure this will reveal a trend toward the establishment of his discriminatory intention to eliminate minorities on death row. This is consistent with his public announcement of his intention to eliminate minorities in this country. Rehnquist was quoted in the Kingstown Kansas Kronicle as saying, "Minorities have made death row an unpleasant place to live." This is the most utterly disgusting statement I have ever heard. It only strengthens my conviction to oust this bigot from the Court. One man cannot do this alone, and therefore I ask for your help.

I will be delivering a speech at the next meeting of the National Lawyers' Guild in support of my campaign. I have asked the Federalist Society to support me in this venture. Not surprisingly they flatly refused. But I am sure that the student body at large will realize the importance of this action. In spite of concerns about independence of the judiciary, we must act now to curb the spread of Rehnquist-ism. Students of UCLAW unite. §

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REAL MEN ONLY DATE UNDERGRADUATES

By DeAnn Castillo

I just don't understand why the women of this law school complain that there aren't any men in the law school worth dating. While some women would go so far as to say there are no "men" in the law school, the truth is real men only date undergrads.

Coeds have so much more to offer than law school women. Coeds will giggle at every stupid joke, and they find every idea "so-o-o interesting". Moreover, coeds wouldn't dare question the line of reasoning behind a law school man's argument.

Law women on the other hand tend to be too analytical (i.e. too critical). They overemphasize the importance of rational thinking and refuse to find humor in every sophomoric joke put before them. Law women just don't know how to make a man feel important and intelligent the way coeds do.

Law school men deserve better treatment than they are getting. There is much to be said in favor of our male colleagues. These men are not tempted by superficialities the way law women are. Admit it law school women - you look for good bodies and pretty faces. Our male counterparts on the other hand, are above us. They seek intelligence, motivation, a good sense of humor, and above all, originality from their love interests. You won't find our law school men drooling over bubble headed bleached blondes, nor are they impressed by your typical Suzy Sorority.

Unlike UCLAW women, UCLAW men don't look at the opposite sex as a game to be taken out and played with whenever the mood strikes them. Plus, law school men are very efficient and know how to separate work from fun. This explains why they refuse to believe that a woman can be both attractive and intelligent at the same time. To find a woman simultaneously pretty and smart would be threatening to the male ego, and we all know that the ego is what keeps a man's performance level so high. Hence, rather than risk damaging the ego, men wisely opt to see women as either a sex object or a competent individual, but never shall the twain meet.

Another thing going for these guys is that unlike the Alan Alda's of the world, our law school men are truly in tune with the subtleties of life. For instance, they recognize that when a woman says "no", she really means "yes".

Thank goodness we have men around to tell us women what we're really thinking.

Perhaps we women expect too much from our male classmates. I mean, how can we possibly expect them to treat us as equals when WE only have TWO legs?! I suggest that the women of the law school reformulate their thinking and learn to appreciate their male classmates for what they really are. Law school men are sensitive, progressive, and mature individuals, and they deserve much more than they are getting! §

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made personal inspections of the area around the law school, with special attention being paid to the accessibility of the law school to the students. One official, after seeing a law student hurriedly running to the law school from Lot 12, with his tee-shirt soaking wet, commented: "I can't stand this anymore. Law School is hard enough. Something must be done about this."

Although Dean Prager will not admit it, sources have revealed that the ABA is ready to take away the accreditation of UCLAW. It is hoped that the threat of his action will force the administration of the law school to realize just

how serious the parking problem is. Sources also reveal that every applicant for Fall, 1987 admittance has been advised of the parking problem by PAC. It is not clear how PAC was able to obtain records of applicants to UCLAW. However a source hinted that the door to the admissions office of the law school is often left open by the maintenance crew after cleanup is completed.

In an interview Dean Prager spoke about the new plans. "Obviously building a new parking structure will take a long time. We are only at the planning stages. We will keep students informed of our progress. But we plan

to accomodate our students immediately. The campus parking office has been very cooperative in this matter. Effective August, 1987 parking spaces in Lots 2 and 3 will be allocated to law students. Consequently there will be no parking problem whatsoever. After all, isn't that what we all want?"

Sources admit that Dean Prager has been taking alot of "heat" from the UC Administration because of her demands to correct the parking problem. The word around the campus is that we, the students should be proud of our Dean because of her efforts to help us cope with the difficulties of law school. §

LIEBELER, GRAHAM TRADE

By Johnny Felony

Growing tired with their respective roles in society, effective immediately Ken Graham and Wesley Liebelier have engineered a deal whereby each will take on the other's activities.

Graham thus becomes a top advisor to the Federalist Society, the law school's conservative group. Graham remarked, "I'm sick of this entire liberal disease. It's infecting everybody, including the staff. I sya let the market decide everything from now on. Why can't the liberals be more like us?"

Liebelier's comments, regrettably, were cut short by unknown factors. Holding a press conference under a tree in front of the law school, Liebelier announced his new involvement with the Public Interest Law Foundation and other liberal causes by pointing around the area. He said, "Look! The sky is so blue! The trees are so green! The world is--no! No! Not acid rain!" At that point, he screamed and disappeared in the general direction of the Santa Monica Mountains. Search teams have been dispatched. §

NEWS IN BRIEF

Believe It Or Not

To the astonishment of moderates, (both of them), the UCLAW chapters of the Federalist Society and the National Lawyers' Guild announced that the two organizations will merge to form a new united political force. The intent of the chief officers of the groups was best summed up by Frank Benton of the former Federalist Society: "If you can't stand each other, merge." Several titles are being considered for naming the new organization. Among the contenders are the following: The National Federalist Lawyers (NFL - if trademark in-

fringement can be overcome), The Guild of American Legal Advocates (GALA - not to be confused with another UCLAW organization), Political Lawyers Organization (PLO) and the Federal Union of Communist Klansman (FUCK). The new organization will provide an opportunity for voicing of everyone's political beliefs - even if they are wrong and utterly ridiculous.

Pineapple Pizza Poisons People

Several students were hospitalized at the UCLA Medical Center after dining at Luvalle

Commons. Reports indicate that food poisoning resulted after students consumed pizza exclusively made by Luvalle. Lena Gorgi, manager of Luvalle was quoted as saying: "We've never had any complaints about our three cheese, anchovies, pineapple and olive pizza in the past." However, Ms. Gorgi admits that Luvalle got its special ingredients for the pizza in 1977, on a super saver bulk rate deal with Billy Carter. Surprisingly none of the poisoned students have filed suit against Luvalle despite constant pressure from their classmates to do so. In a closing note, we asked Ms. Gorgi if she eats Luvalle's pizza. She responded: "HELL NO!!! I wouldn't eat

that, just like I wouldn't eat anything else there....Wait!!! Don't write that down....I'll lose my job." Sorry Lena. First Amendment, U.S. Constitution.

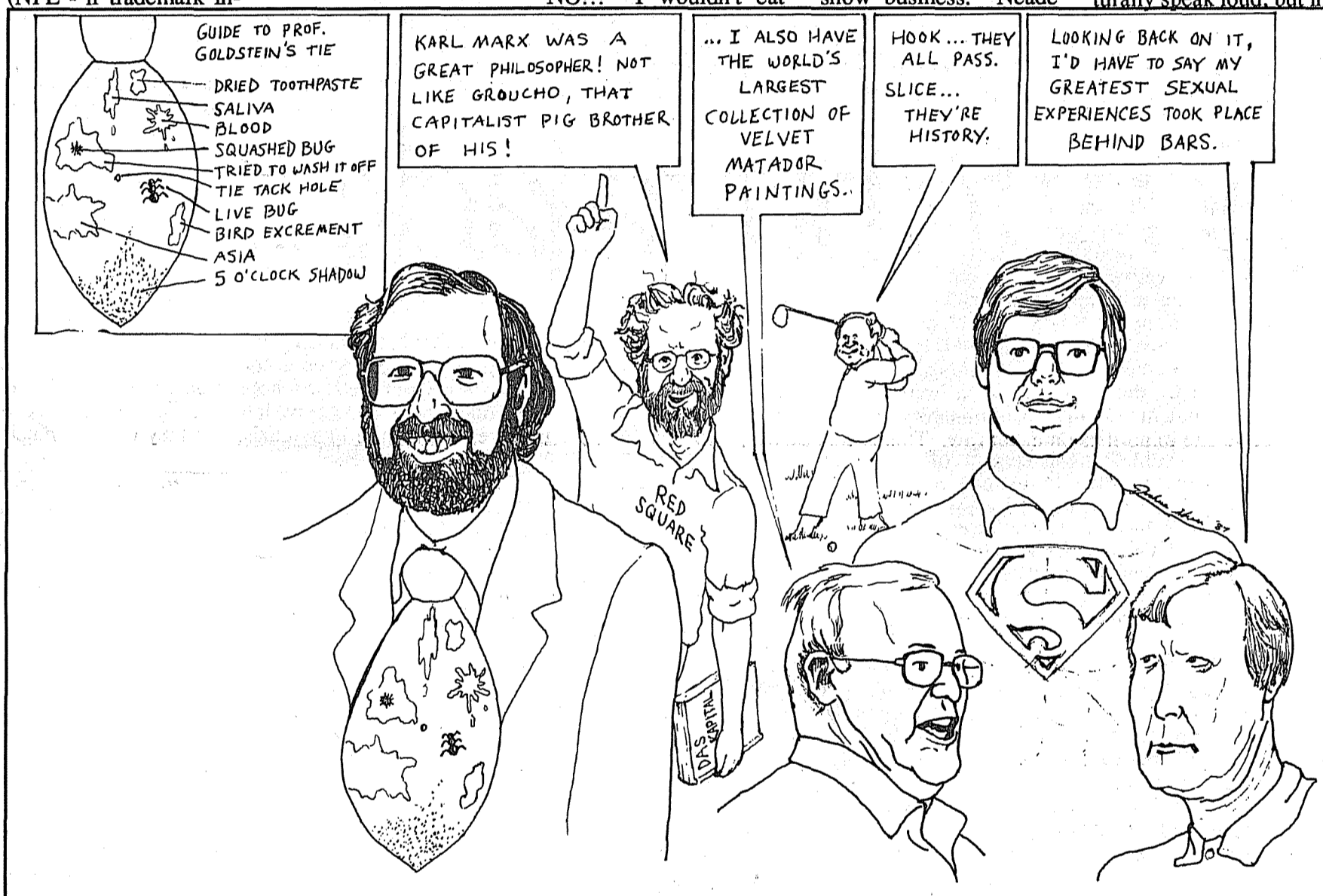
Professors Reveal

Professor Steve Munzer admitted that his life long fantasy is to leap tall buildings in a single bound. On his strong resemblance to Clark Kent Professor Munzer commented: "Yeah, Clark is a good looking guy....Excuse me I have to use the phone booth."

Professor Meade Emory revealed in a conversation with several students that he had a twin brother in show business. Neade

Emory played the part of Fred Mertz in the comedy series *I Love Lucy*. Professor Emory says "Neade never visited me in Seattle, WOR - SHING - TON, because he hated the rain and didn't get along with my brothers Deade, Seade, Beade and Memory.... To get back at him I refused to prepare his income tax returns."

Professor Jose Bracamonte revealed his amazement with the fact that throughout his teaching career at UCLAW the first three rows of his classrooms were never used by students. He commented "I always get the feeling that the students don't hear me when they sit all the way in the back. I naturally speak loud, but in



the classroom I have to speak even louder to make sure the students understand me. I wish someone would tell me what's wrong with the front rows."

Professor Robert Goldstein intends to display his tie collection at a local art gallery. Prof. Goldstein says the ties are "an extension of my personality." However, the Docket feels they are an extension of a long forgotten era.

Professor Richard Abel has announced the results of the project to trace his family tree. The most significant discovery was that he is a direct descendant of Karl Marx. Professor Abel remarked; "better Karl than Groucho!!! But seriously, it was quite a shock to me because I

don't have any traits in common with the great philosopher."

Professor Jesse Dukeminier shocked the Docket by admitting that he never really did like the mural in the library.

Professor James D. Sumner, bowing to pressure, revealed the secret behind his grading system. Professor Sumner randomly picks an exam from a pile and uses it as a score card for his daily round of golf. His total for 18 holes represents the student's grade. The Docket asked him why it takes so long for his grades to be posted. He replied: "D'y'all have any idea how long it takes to play a hundred rounds of golf? Just last semester I had to enlist the help of m'a wife in

'reading' and grading the exams. She is a better player than I am, even though she is a woman. This might explain the lower grades last semester."

Professor Kenneth Graham admitted he once served time in a state correctional facility for statutory rape. He was convicted despite the fact that the prosecution's case consisted entirely of hearsay evidence. His own incriminating statement that he is a "semi-retired sex-maniac" was also admitted into evidence. Prof. Graham claims that he benefited from his imprisonment. "I had years to study the intricacies of the Evidence Code. That's why I know it so well. Also rent was free." §

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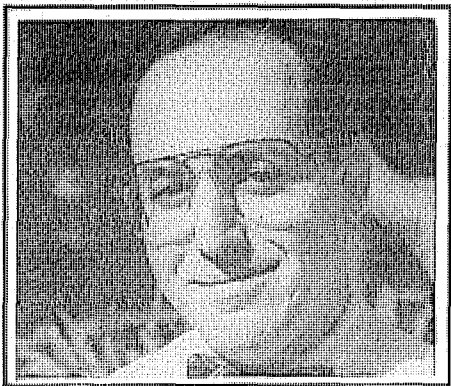
By Johnny Felony

In a surprising development, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist resigned yesterday, and President Ronald Reagan named UCLA Professor Julian Eule to replace him.

Rehnquist's decision to step down comes on the heels of mounting criticism of his handling of administrative duties and appears to have nothing to do with his slightly-conservative ideology. Recent complaints about his running of the Court have included his decision to give other Justices more free time by writing all opinions himself and, just last week, an announcement that the Court would soon switch to lighter, more comfortable white robes with hoods for rainy Washington days.

Eule, meanwhile, was ecstatic. "At last!" he told reporters. "I always wanted to be Chief Justice, but I nevuh figa-ed it would happen." His first move is expected to be the appointment of a translator who speaks New York.

The key to the entire shakeup, according to President Reagan, seems to have been Oliver North, the focal point of the Iran arms scandal. Reagan, who appeared at the press conference despite painful laryngitis, croaked, "Ollie's a hero! He told me to appoint Eule." Insiders, however, believe that North was actually asking Reagan to send fuel to the Contras and that Reagan simply misunderstood. §



ADEQUATE CONSTERNATION

By Who Else ?

So you made it through the first year of law school - congratulations! For some reason, however, you don't look so happy. What's the matter? I see. You've got a "strong B-average" (don't we all?); you've also got a summer job, albeit with a smaller and less prestigious firm; and you even understand

the Rule Against Perpetuities (at least the "gist of it"). So what gives? You what? You don't want to be a lawyer? Lawyers work too hard?? It's all intellectual bullshit?! Lawyers are simply glorified, paper-pushing servants for Big Business and/or the heartless, militaristic Reagan administration??

Come on -- there are plenty of worthwhile ways to help out this great legal system of ours without actually being a lawyer, or "practicing" law. (Doesn't anyone ever really know how to do law? Why is everyone just practicing all the time?)

Some suggestions follow. The pay may not be great, but you won't ever have to take the bar exam. You may never get that corner office in Century City, but I'll bet you have some time to get to know your own wife and kids, besides, there's always "L.A. Law." Introducing...

PORTNOY'S GUIDE TO ALTERNATIVE LEGAL CAREERS
Option #1: Guardian ad litem (literally, "guarder of the Lite (Beer, that is, as well as other select liquors)");

Especially impor-

tant at functions and gatherings sponsored by the larger firms, the G.A.L. (sometimes referred to simply as "The Big Guy") must constantly be on the lookout for freewheeling, opportunistic, Summer Associates (particularly those carpet-baggers from the East, who are only here for a summer in the sun, and are only "toying" with the L.A. firms before returning to Wall Street where the "real men" work), and Senior Partners (who realize that the "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow" - the Jag, the house in Malibu and the alimony payments-aren't so fulfilling, yet that "pretty little thing from word processing" might be - if he only had another drink). A tough job, but someone's got to do it.

Option #2: The Straw Man.

Particularly helpful in complex property disputes and general two-paper fanagling, the S.M. (remember Ray Bolger?) is indispensable to any real estate lawyer living in a common law jurisdiction-i.e., this job may require some travel. Also may be helpful as start-up "tinder" for burning certain key documents-a heck of a lot cheaper than a paper shredder!
Option #3: Process Server.

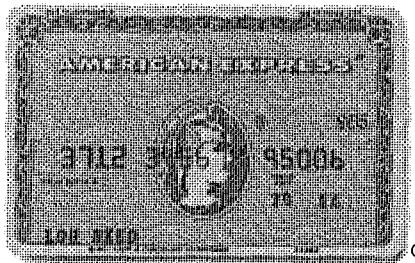
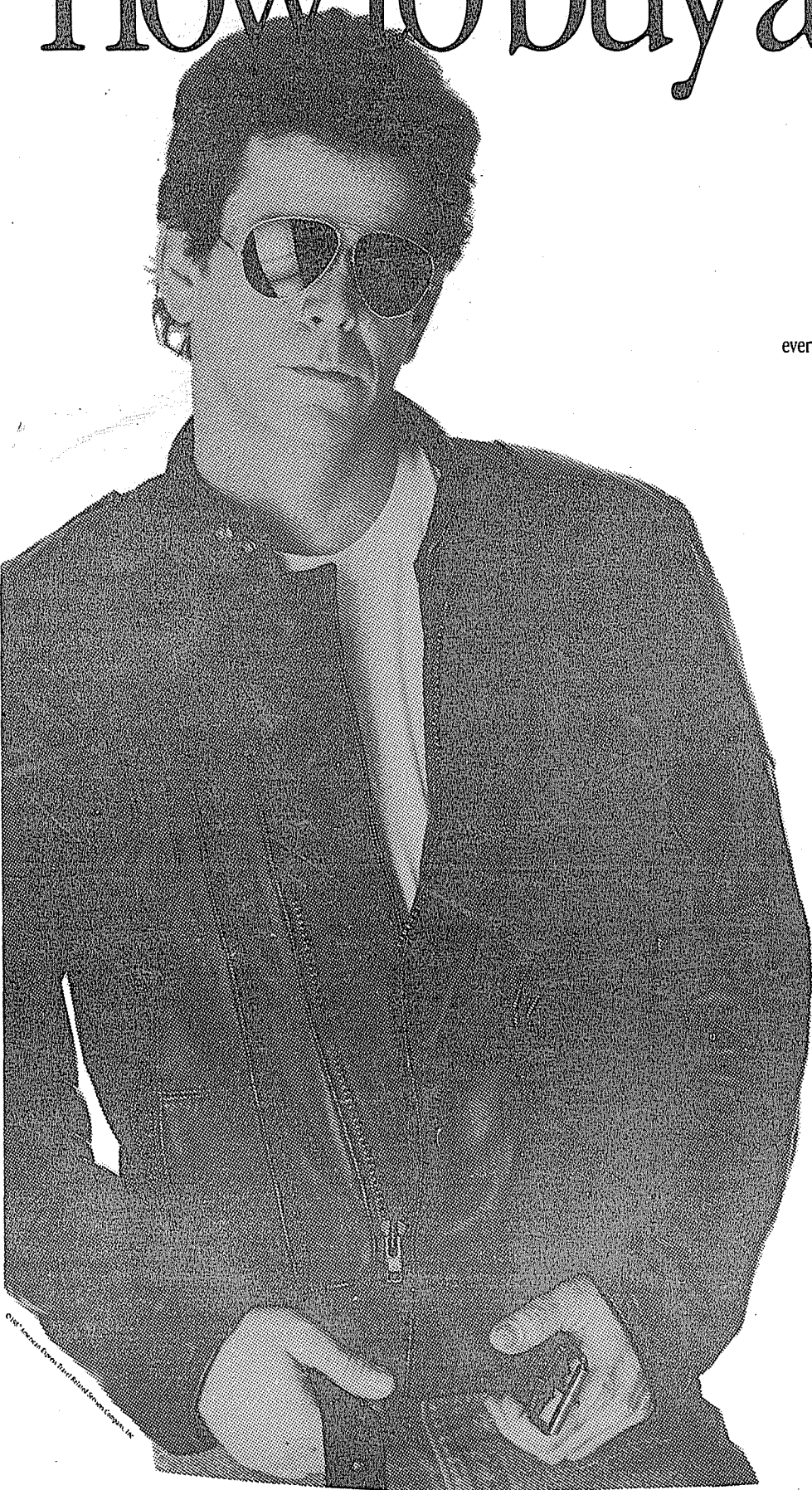
I don't want to make too much fun of this one, since "some of my best friends are..." and yet, who could be more integral to our whole streamlined system of fairness than your neighborhood P.S.? Requirements: an honest face and a good deal of creative cunning - especially for catching that businessman or insurance salesman who only does business infrequently in your state. Limited insurance benefits for this perennial bearer of bad news.
Option # 4: Police Informant.

How else could our crime-control model work so well, now that 500-watt light bulbs and telephone books (no scars) are passe? Requirements: speaking knowledge of prison slang and/or arbitrage-securities trading. Photographic memory preferred. Must understand 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendments. No insurance benefits.
Option #5: Law School Professor.

Job includes molding young minds, cutting down young egos, and (optional) hiding the ball. Sense of humor important, but not critical (if that's all you've got, check out some of the clubs in Hollywood-you'll only have to work nights). Love of subject matter is second only to love of students (not on an individual basis, of course; we have other remedies for that sort of thing). Anti-war protests and other left-wing political experience is a big plus in Torts and Criminal Procedure. Contracts requires a healthy balance of humility and humor.

Author's Note: Career counseling on an individual basis is not available. What did you expect for \$750 a semester?! §

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