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SBA Holds Town Hall Meeting

By Joe A. Leyva, 2L President

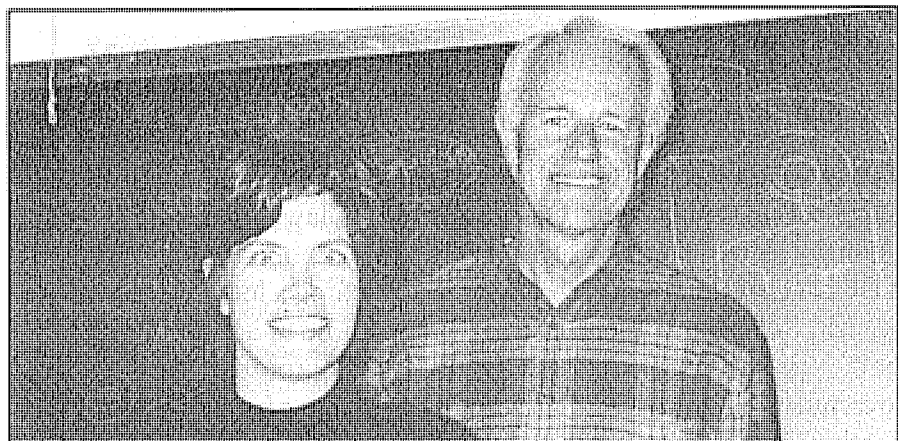
On March 11, the SBA held its once-a-semester town hall meeting. Its purpose was to allow students to ask questions of the faculty and administration. It was a very successful meeting as more than 30 students attended. The first speaker was Professor Alison Anderson who spoke about the law school's new loan forgiveness program. Professor Anderson was happy to announce that we are very close to having a loan forgiveness program and that Dean Prager expects to announce the program's implementation on April 15, 1993. In these troubled economic times, it was very difficult to get very much funding. As a result, only two to five students a year will receive funds. Graduates from the Class of 1992 forward will be eligible, and the first awards may begin to be paid in January 1994.

The next speaker was Dean Prager who spoke about the budget problems at the law school. First of all, the Dean explained how the law school has lost one half million dollars of state funding over the past four years. The staff has been stretched to the limit as they are asked to do more with less (so be kind). The faculty has also been affected in various ways.

Faculty have been teaching more and in new areas; fewer visiting faculty are hired; some faculty teach part-time for free; and early retirement for certain senior faculty has occurred. More of these types of measures are likely to occur as the budget situation gets worse and the law school tries to avoid cutting other areas. Dean Prager said that Chancellor Young predicts fee hikes of \$1000 for next year. (As this story went to press, the LOS ANGELES TIMES reported that fee hikes of \$995 were going to be approved for the UC for next year. March 13, 1993 at A1, A23) Fee differentials may also lurk in the future. However, the law school is moving forward with the law school library addition. State sources and private donations are each supposed to pay half of the \$30 million cost. So far, \$7 million of the needed \$15 million in private donations has been raised. (As for the library's mural, Professor Dukeminier, who was involved in the original selection of the artist, has stated that the law school is free to remove it. It will be offered back to the artist in accordance with California law.)

Next, Dean Prager spoke about externships which are in danger of

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Ellen Lutz, Lecturer on International Human Rights, and Actor Mike Farrell talk about the situation in Bosnia. (see related story on page 4)

To Write On, Or Not To Write On?
That Is The Question.
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PRO BONO SOCIETY

By Lucy Rosas, 1L

The Pro Bono Society has been established to give students the opportunity to become involved in public interest work. The organization will oversee the training and placement of student volun-

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Student Organization Focuses on Faculty Diversity at UCLA Law

By William Litt, 3L and Doris Y. Ng, 3L

On February 1, 1993, a group of students organized a blockade of the administrative building at Pomona College to protest the lack of faculty diversity at the Claremont Colleges. After two days of protest, the students surrendered control of the building upon securing pledges from the five colleges to aggressively pursue racial, ethnic, and gender diversity in faculty hiring. Inspired by this recent student activism, students concerned with the lack of faculty diversity at UCLA Law, and especially the lack of women of color faculty, organized to raise this issue with the school administration.

The students, calling themselves the Coalition For Faculty Diversity (CFFD), seek to increase student awareness of and participation in the faculty appointment process. Among the changes that CFFD proposes are: (1) student representation at the faculty appointment meetings; (2) implementation of support systems for minority faculty; and (3) broadening the faculty recruitment base.

Dean Prager feels that criticism of the law school's faculty diversity is undeserved. "We have succeeded in building a more diverse faculty than any other law school, except possibly Georgetown," Dean Prager stated in a recent interview. "We are proud of the fact that we have been so successful in recruiting a ra-

cially diverse faculty, both by identifying promising young faculty members — such as Kimberlé Crenshaw — and by laterally recruiting people, including individuals from non-traditional backgrounds — like Cruz Reynoso." Associate Dean Julian Eule echoed Prager's statements. He emphasized the importance of a diverse faculty not only for students, but also because the work of professors of color and from traditionally under-represented backgrounds informs the attitudes and scholarship of virtually all of the other faculty members.

Both Prager and Eule stressed that hiring members of the faculty is a long-term process. They stated that it often takes years to recruit professors, and Prager added "We work on it on an ongoing basis. The law school is constantly trying to address a variety of needs when it makes hiring decisions, including diversity, curricular needs, and developing a mix of junior and senior faculty." Prager and Eule explained that complicating the situation is the fact that when UCLA takes chances and hires young, untested individuals for entry-level positions, other law schools try to recruit those individuals away as their reputations grow. Nonetheless, Prager and Eule are gratified that four of the last eight or nine faculty members hired have been members of minority groups.

In early March, the faculty voted to extend offers to Professor

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SPRING BREAK: Things To Do During Study Breaks

By Lance Winters, *Alumnus*

So it's spring break, and you're so far behind, too poor, or so totally boring that you are actually staying in LA the whole time. Well, being a native Angeleno, and ex-law student, these are a few tips on things to do. (You can't study all day and all night, and, let's be honest: you won't, that's for sure.)

First, let me warn you that I have a lot of different interests, which means you are almost certain to like some of my suggestions. However, it also means you'll probably hate some of them too. So, use common sense and don't go to my favorite jazz night if you hate jazz.

Also, get an LA WEEKLY — this is your virtual entertainment bible (as well one of the few sources of critical commentary on local politics). It comes out on Thursday, available in odd places, but usually record stores. Most of the places I talk about are listed in the WEEKLY, so you can get updated information, addresses, and phone numbers there if you need. So armed with your WEEKLY here's how you could spend your week.

Monday — Try going to Venice. Yeah, I know you've been there before and its chocked full of tourists and no parking. Well, on a Monday, both of these problems are lessened (you could ride your bike, if you dust it off

first). During the week, you get more of a chance to see the true character of Venice, beach bums who take the day off, artists, homeless, skateboard punks, and roller skaters hanging out and being very mellow. Walk the boardwalk, get sand into your shoes, play Frisbee, maybe even catch a sunset.

Tuesday — The mountains. LA has more wilderness within its borders than any other metropolitan city, (and it is also probably the least used). Take Sunset to Will Rogers State Park, park the car, and head for the hills. You're at the base of the Backbone Trail, and you can go for miles and not see any cars. It should be especially green and blossomy after all of the rain. Bring water, sun tan lotion, and good walking shoes. Don't play with the rattlesnakes.

Wednesday — Okay, so you have to spend some time studying, but why not do it somewhere else. Try the Highland Grounds cafe on Highland (of course), just north of Melrose. Recommended drinks: a huge bowl of latte, or the cheap deal is an iced coffee. Wednesday is open mike night, so you never know what you'll hear.

If you just want to wander, explore Melrose if you haven't already. The stretch between Fairfax and La Brea offers preten

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Spring Law Review Write On

By Assaf J. Henig, 2L

Over this coming Spring Break, the first-year class will be presented with the choice of taking a well-deserved break from the toils of law school or writing on to law review. At first glance, this seems like an easy decision: a week of rest and relaxation on one side, versus an imposing packet of materials and a paper of substantial length on the other. No one in their right mind would opt for the latter. But before taking advantage of the opportunity for a week's peace and heading out of town, consider the benefits of writing on — besides, if we were in our right minds, we would never have come to law school in the first place.

First, there is the practical, résumé value of law review membership. This value is not quantifiable and varies from employer to employer, but in this sluggish legal market, this type of journal experience can only be advantageous. Employers look for lawyers with a close attention to detail, and law review instills this quality through rigorous Bluebook assignments. Extensive bluebooking sounds more like a negative than a positive, but it's probably better to gain a familiarity with arbitrary citation rules sooner rather than later.

Besides bluebooking, a law review staff member can look forward to writing a comment — a 50+ page legal research paper — next semester. This is a valuable experience because the in-depth research makes law students "experts" in the areas they choose to research.

No one should decide against

writing on because of feelings of futility. Last year, almost 40% of the people who attempted to write on in the spring became staff members, so, for those who choose to write on, the odds of succeeding are far from imposing.

Perhaps more importantly, first-semester grades and legal writing performance are not necessarily related to law review writing skills. The mini-comment, the most important part of the write-on, does not involve the intense time pressure of exams or the tight strictures of legal memos. There is much more freedom in structuring the comment and presenting arguments than there is in the more rigid office memorandum or court brief. Anyone who feels too constrained by those styles of writing might have an easier time writing the comment.

Furthermore, the production test, which tests bluebooking skills, makes up a substantial part of the write-on. Bluebooking proficiency is also unrelated to grades and is probably only a reflection of the amount of time put into studying the Bluebook in preparation for the write-on.

Finally, it is very important to get an early start reading the materials in the write-on packet. Although it is possible to write a good comment after starting late, tardiness often results in the worst of both worlds: spending most of spring break working but not submitting anything. In other words, mixed feelings should be resolved and a decision made as quickly as possible. A decision in favor of writing on may seem too burdensome, but it is worth the effort, and if planned correctly, will allow for a modest spring break.

UCLA CRIMINAL LAW SOCIETY

The newly chartered *UCLA Criminal Law Society* hosted Assistant U.S. Attorney David Sklansky as its inaugural speaker at UCLA Law School on February 24. Mr. Sklansky was one of two lead prosecutors in the government's case against Charles Keating. He spoke at length about the structure of the U.S. attorney's office and the types of criminal cases the office handles. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.

The *UCLA Criminal Law Society* won official recognition last semester. Two 1Ls, Patrick de Gravelles and Steve Oh, founded the society to fill what they saw as a void in student groups at the Law School. "I was kind of surprised

that UCLA didn't have an organization for people interested in criminal law," de Gravelles said. "I think it's a field of law that ends up touching a lot of people's lives at one time or another."

The purpose of the organization is to promote interest in criminal law careers. The Society host a variety of speakers and develop a network in the criminal law community that students can use. The organization also sees a criminal law journal as a possible long-term goal.

The society's next guest speaker will be an attorney who specializes in criminal defense. It is also planning a fund-raising bake sale. *Interested students should contact Patrick de Gravelles (1L).*

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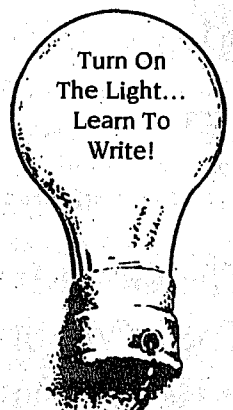
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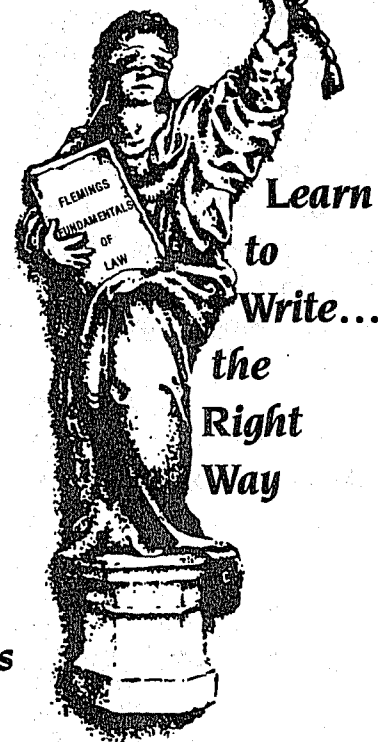
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by Latonya Slack, 2L

The Great Imitator The Myth of Elvis: Is He The King or Thief of Rock and Roll?

"Elvis, with his little twitch behind, sure wanted to sound colored...[t]here were boys in [my] own church who could sing ten times better than [him], but they'd never get to be on television. They wouldn't get to be nothing." Marguerite, in *Your Blues Ain't Like Mine* by Bebe Moore Campbell

"Elvis was a hero to most, but he never meant shit to me," from "Fight the Power" by Public Enemy

For the greater part of this century, "black music" was forbidden on white radio stations, even though whites had been mesmerized by African sounds for decades. Promoters and deejays alike, searched for a savior to co-opt black music and make it acceptable to white listeners. As is so evident today, the "wannabe black" white American public wanted someone who sounded like, looked like, but was not the real thing. Hailing from Tupelo, Mississippi he came, thick lips, swinging hips, stolen melodies and all....Elvis the so-called King.

As he monopolized the lime-light upstaging every legitimate African artist he "borrowed" from, young America was captivated by the lyrics and moves he dared perform on national television. Yet, all the screaming fans failed to realize that it wasn't Elvis' style that inspired their adulation, it was a white face on a soulful black style that mesmerized them so. The appropriation of our culture, our dance, our manner of speaking - has and continues to be the great American cover up.

It is the classic irony. Throughout history, everything associated with blacks was ridiculed as substandard. Yet, when Elvis' songs first hit the airwaves, deejays had to constantly remind listeners that the singer was not black. His first record, "That's All Right Mama"

was first written and performed by Arthur Crudup, a black man who later died in poverty and obscurity. Meanwhile, Little Richard and Chuck Berry suffered from legal harassment and arrests because of their stage performances, unlike Elvis who was touted as the first white singer to legitimize and popularize black music.

In light of this historical truth, the Elvis adulation is but one case in point. It is not his uniqueness that is admired, it is his likeness. His ability to imitate the soulfulness of black singing and the sensuality of our music has earned him the crown of rock and roll and most recently, his own stamp!

Unfortunately, Elvis is immortalized in other respects. Fans arrive from around the world every year to pay tribute to the myth. Although there are starving, homeless people in this country, these fanatics take food and gifts of money to a dead man's grave year after year while his estate profits from this lunacy. Elvis spent the later years of his life paranoid, collecting guns, spending to excess and exhibiting erratic behavior. He often said he did not deserve his fame and fortune. Subconsciously, he may have known what the public refuses to acknowledge - his rise to fame was largely the result of a calculated scheme to cultivate a hero from a pitiful substitute.

In reviewing this American phenomenon, or maybe American neuroses, those of us who view this adulation in awe, have longed to separate the man from the myth. Apart from the fact that he borrowed, stole and extracted every memorable note and move from blacks, there are other facts that should taint this unconditional adoration. Throughout his career, Elvis was a drug abuser, an alcoholic, drifting in and out of financial troubles and bitter relationships. Elvis was also a (surprise, surprise) - racist. He, like many others, loves and hates those he imitates. The 'Great Imitator' reportedly once said, "The only thing a nigger can do for me is shine my shoes..." After much maligned publicity, a local Memphis newspaper featured photos of

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by Matt Monforton, 2L

Lessons George McGovern Could Teach Bill Clinton About Economics

If Bill Clinton is truly interested in economic growth, he should have a word with one of his former bosses, George McGovern, the 1972 Democratic presidential candidate. This career politician and insider put his business skills to the test when, in 1988, he purchased the Stratford Inn in Connecticut. McGovern experienced, for the first time, the challenge that most of his constituents face every day of their lives: earning a living in the private sector from one's own sweat and toil.

He soon realized how burgeoning taxes and regulations on businesses—promulgated in large part by his own party—have made that task all the more difficult. "I wish I'd done this before I ran for president," McGovern said, "it would've given me insight into the anxiety any independent businessman or farmer must have.... Now I have to meet a payroll every week. I've got to pay the bank every month.... I've got to pay the state of Connecticut taxes.... It gives you a whole new perspective on what other people worry about."

Add to that list the expenses from the Family Leave Act, the

worker retraining surtax, an increased minimum wage, and higher unemployment fees being proposed by the administration, not to mention the additional taxes needed for the Ultimate Health Care Plan being drafted by the President and Mr. Clinton. McGovern could also complain about these items except that, as with most liberal politicians, McGovern's real talents are in redistributing other people's wealth rather than creating his own; the Stratford Inn filed for Chapter 11 less than two years after McGovern purchased it.

The nation was spared the disaster of such a business illiterate winning the White House in 1972. We were not so fortunate in 1992. Other than political offices, the only job our new president has held was that of a law professor, an occupation even farther removed from the realities of everyday living than politics. The Cabinet is filled with men and women who have devoted their lives to spending other people's money. The only member with any business experience is Chief of Staff Mack McLarty. The Fortune-500 company of which he has been the CEO lost over two-thirds of its value over the past four years. These folks have now drafted an economic plan premised on the belief that businesses are under-taxed and under-regulated. The result will be more Stratford Inns on the chopping block and a higher enrollment in UCLA's bankruptcy classes.

Mike Farrell Speaks on Bosnia

By Marc A. Rivlin, 3L

On March 3, actor and human rights activist Mike Farrell spoke at the law school about his recent visit to Bosnia-Herzegovina. The event was part of the International Human Rights class taught this semester by lecturer Ellen Lutz, California Director of Human Rights Watch. Farrell is the California co-chair of that organization. Farrell spoke for about 45 minutes and then answered questions. The 30 attendees included both the class and members of the law school community.

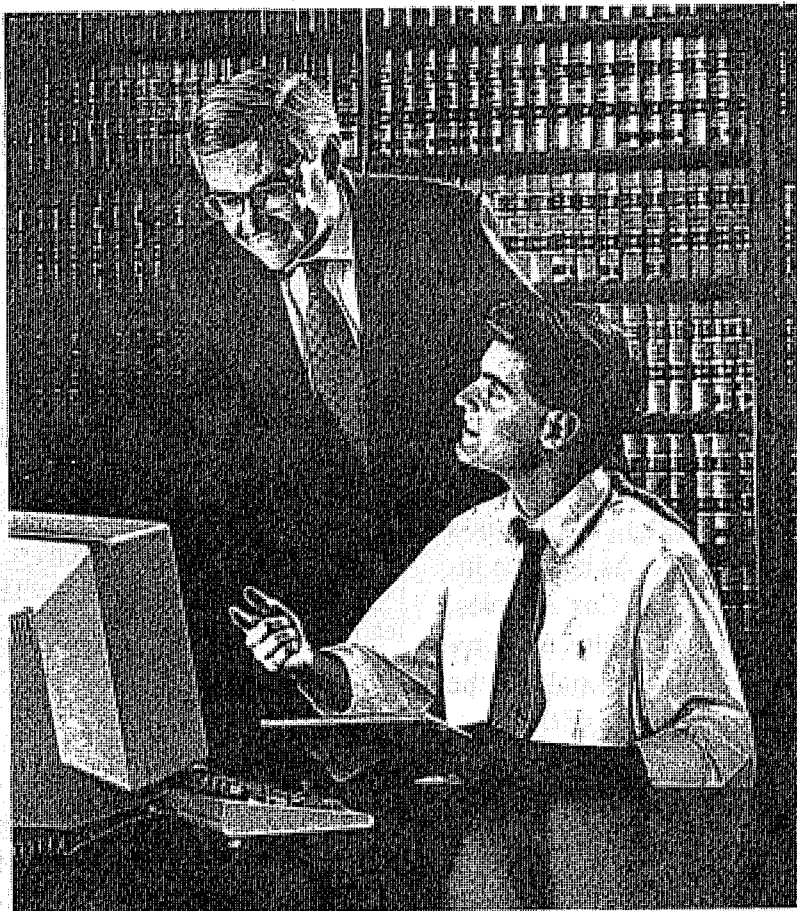
Best known for his role on M*A*S*H as B.J. Hunnicut, Farrell was invited by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to join groups witnessing conditions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, and Somalia. Farrell described his experiences as "eye-opening, frustrating, and frightening."

The history of conflict in the Balkans dates back centuries. Croatian Catholics and Serbian Eastern Orthodox have lived in the region at the time of the 13th century Ottoman invasion. Over the years,

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Charles Lawrence and Laura Gomez. Professor Lawrence is an African-American tenured faculty member at Stanford Law School and a noted Critical Race Theorist. He and Professor Mari Matsuda — who taught Civil Rights and Torts at UCLA last year and has tenure here — are currently visiting at Georgetown. Laura Gomez recently graduated from Stanford Law and is currently clerking with Judge Dorothy Nelson of the Ninth Circuit.

Although CFFD applauds UCLA's extension of these two offers, and has written letters in support of both Lawrence and Gomez, it believes UCLA Law should not rest on its laurels just yet. While UCLA probably ranks high among law schools in terms of faculty diversity, the fact remains that out of 69 faculty members, only eight are minorities. Three of the eight minority faculty members are women, but during the 1992-1993 academic year only one woman of color, Professor Crenshaw, had tenure. (Professor Matsuda has yet to decide whether she will return to UCLA or stay at Georgetown.)

As UCLA's statistics suggest, the plight of female professors of color is even more discouraging than that of minority faculty in general. Professor Derrick Bell's dramatic unpaid leave of absence from Harvard Law School spotlighted the dismal record of even the most prestigious law schools in hiring women of color, and resulted in Harvard terminating Bell's tenure. Some observers contend that women of color command a premium in the academic marketplace because they simultaneously satisfy demands for both minority and female professors, yet the facts do not bear out this theory. An exhaustive empirical study by Professors Deborah J. Merritt and Barbara F. Reskin—recently published in the Southern California

Law Review — led them to conclude that: The minority men in our study started teaching at significantly higher ranks than the minority women, obtained jobs at significantly more prestigious schools, and were significantly less likely to teach low-status courses at those schools. These disparities cannot be explained by differences in academic credentials, work experience, age, families, or geographic constraints. Instead, gender alone has an extraordinary effect on the comparative success of minority women and men in the academic job market.

While Dean Prager's expressed commitment to faculty diversity and the offers to Laura Gomez and Professor Lawrence are heartening, some students remain justifiably concerned. With the departure of Professor Isabelle Gunning and the uncertainty about Professor Matsuda's return, the Law School must focus not only on increasing the diversity of the faculty, but must also consider retention issues, such as the quality of life for minority faculty, and whether sufficient or desired support mechanisms exist for minority faculty members at UCLA.

In the words of CFFD member Patty Amador (2L), "UCLA is a public institution. As a public institution located in Los Angeles, the UCLA Law faculty must reflect the diversity not only of the student body, but also of the community. In accord with the recent recognition of UCLA as an outstanding law school in the area of minority admissions, the school must step up its efforts to increase the diversity of its faculty. If one of the primary goals of this institution is to graduate lawyers who will represent the diverse communities in Los Angeles or California, then UCLA must offer the kind of courses, role models, and vision that will encourage students to realize that goal."

"Elvis"*Cont'd from p. 4*

Elvis presenting keys to a brand new Cadillac to his long time maid. Satiated, the public forgave his social 'faux pas.'

To acknowledge Elvis as king of rock and roll is to deny the likes of Fats Waller, Chubby Checker, Muddy Waters, Lil' Walter and James Brown, just to name a few, who worked hard to achieve the recognition as the true originators

of rock and roll. This country's history, full of white America's exploits of African American artists, particularly musicians, offers little public recognition or financial compensation for those who are primarily responsible for the unique quality in American music. In spite of countless years of black innovation and white imitation, the roots of American music are in the African soul.

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being eliminated. The American Bar Association has passed some regulations that would prohibit externships as they now exist at UCLA. The ABA's main beef is that law schools charge students tuition but expend no money when they send students to these externships. UCLA and other law schools fought against this but lost. UCLA has several choices which include ignoring the regulation, eliminating all externships, only allowing local externships with classroom components, or a combination of any of these. Dean Praeger says that student pressure may help to bring about a repeal of the ABA regulations. If you are interested in such a project please contact me or any other SBA representative. (Our office hours are posted on the SBA board.)

The last speaker was Dean Julian Eule who spoke about faculty recruitment. First of all, it has

been very difficult to recruit faculty because of our budget problems. There have been no salary increases for three years, and there are rumors of a salary cut. (The previously mentioned LA TIMES story said that there will be a 5% salary cut for faculty next year in the UC.) Dean Eule said that the main strategy was to sell potential faculty on the "specialness" of UCLA including the student body. Offers have been extended to three people. A lateral appointment has been offered to Professor Grady of Northwestern. Also, another lateral appointment has been offered to Professor Charles Lawrence of Stanford. An entry-level appointment has been offered to Laura Gomez who has a Ph.D. in Sociology as well as her J.D. Unfortunately, it appears that Professor Mari Matsuda may not be coming back since Georgetown has offered tenure to both Professor Matsuda and her husband.

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teers at legal centers in the community. In addition, it will be responsible for coordinating the annual public interest awards banquet and the Give 35 program.

Due to the strong student support of the Give 35 program, PILF leaders determined that a new organization was necessary to coordinate the activities. In the past, the commitment and initiative of students have led to the expansion of the public interest program at UCLA. For example, five years ago, students lobbied to have a faculty committee to encourage and foster public interest activities. The students urged the committee to sponsor various functions including the Public Interest Career Day and the Public Interest Awards Banquet.

Today, students continue to be the guiding force of the faculty committee. The Pro Bono Society will provide a forum for student

ideas and will enable students to actively pursue those goals. The Pro Bono Society will provide a way to channel all of their energy and talent in an organized manner.

The organization's primary goal is to encourage students, who may not be interested in doing public interest work, to devote some portion of their legal "expertise" to people who traditionally lack such services. By encouraging such efforts in law school, the Society feels that it will better prepare our future attorneys to devoting similar time and energy while in practice.

All students interested in joining the Pro Bono Society are encouraged to attend the next meeting that will be held on Wednesday, April 7 at 4:15 PM in a room to be announced. In addition, UCLA's annual Public Interest Awards will take place on the afternoon of Thursday, April 15.

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some Serbs and Croats converted to Islam, forming the Muslim population in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Yugoslavia was formed after the Ottoman defeat in World War I. During World War II, the Croats allied with Nazi Germany while the Serbs allied with the Soviet Union. While the Tito communist regime held the federation together, his death in 1980 began a disintegration of Yugoslavia that led to the current civil war. Farrell told the group that during the current fighting all sides have exploited this historical hatred.

Leaders of each group make what are often unfounded accusations of the other groups to gain support and incite hatred. Bosnia-Herzegovina, a region in which Serbs, Croats, and Muslims have lived side by side, has seen its multi-ethnic government disintegrate.

Arriving at Zagreb, Croatia last November, Farrell traveled to a refugee camp filled with Bosnian Muslims, some of whom had been in Serb concentration

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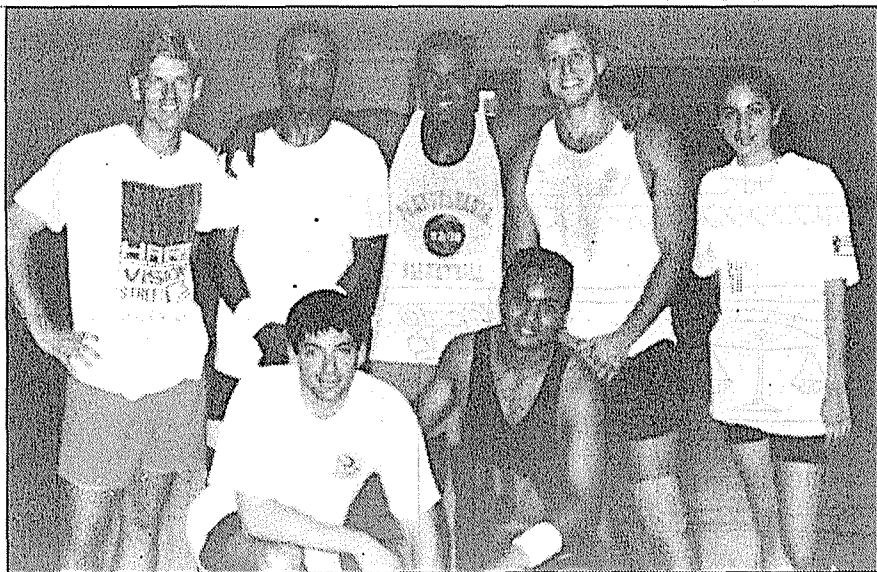
SPORTS

Bryan Fair Basketball Tournament

Sports Law Federation

The 3rd annual Bryan Fair Basketball Tournament was played on March 14th. The full day affair was a round-robin double-elimination marathon of hoops that ended with All Over Your Dome, led by Kenny Hymes, defeating Cert. Denied, led by Todd Litfin, 31 to 23 in the finals. Valiant

efforts were made by Just Gooch, Hos Got to Eat Too, and The Estoppers who rebounded from 1st round losses to survive the losers bracket. The Volunteers won their first 3 games before losing in the semifinals to All Over Your Dome 30-26 in the game of the tournament. The tournament was a huge success, and those looking forward to next year's tourney should be warned that Todd Litfin has guaranteed victory for his team next year.



Tourney Winners: (Left to right, back row) Robert Haugan, Lee White, Kenny Hymes, Dave Swartz, Virginia Lazalde, (front row) Brian Center, Jordan Jones

The Docket Sports Staff's Final Four Picks:

Alex Tamin

East: North Carolina
Southeast: Kentucky
Midwest: Duke
West: Michigan
Champion: Kentucky
Darkhorse: Wake Forest

Thaine Lyman

East: North Carolina
Southeast: Kentucky
Midwest: Indiana
West: Michigan
Champion: CS Long Beach
Darkhorse: Indiana

Kevin Riley:

East: North Carolina
Southeast: Kentucky
Midwest: Indiana
West: Vanderbilt
Champion: Kentucky
Darkhorse: California

Paul Kassabian:

East: Cincinnati
Southeast: Florida State
Midwest: Indiana
West: Michigan
Champion: Michigan
Darkhorse: Utah

No one ever said we were the most daring group of prognosticators in the world.

PAC-10 SEASON REVIEW

By Kevin Riley, IL

Final PAC-10 Standings:

| School | Conference | Overall |
|----------------|------------|---------|
| Arizona | 17-1 | 24-3 |
| California | 12-6 | 19-8 |
| UCLA | 11-7 | 21-10 |
| Arizona St. | 11-7 | 18-9 |
| USC | 9-9 | 16-11 |
| Washington St. | 9-9 | 15-12 |
| Oregon St. | 9-9 | 13-14 |
| Washington | 7-11 | 13-14 |
| Oregon | 3-15 | 10-20 |
| Stanford | 2-16 | 7-23 |

The 1992-93 season was a down year for the PAC-10. Only one team, Arizona, was competitive on a national basis. With a strong freshman class, including Jason Kidd at Cal, the conference should rebound next year to be one of the better conferences in the nation.

As expected, Arizona won the PAC-10 Championship. What wasn't expected was the ease with which the Wildcats won. After looking rusty during pre-conference games, Arizona ran off 19 straight wins before suffering its only conference loss to Cal. The Wildcats were led by Player of the Year Chris Mills and super sophomore Damon Stoudamire. Arizona which had five highly touted freshman on this year's squad should remain on top of the conference for years to come.

With freshman phenom Jason Kidd's arrival, expectations were high at Cal. Despite early season setbacks to several weak opponents including Cornell, the talent laden Golden Bears recovered and ended the season strong. The second place finish by Cal was especially impressive considering all the controversy surrounding the program after the firing of coach Lou Campanelli. Look for interim Coach Todd Bozeman to be retained as the head coach and for Cal to be extremely competitive next year.

UCLA was another team surrounded by controversy about its

coach. Jim Harrick was under fire the entire season and the 3-year contract extension awarded to Harrick hasn't ended the controversy. After a quick start in which the Bruins moved quickly up in the polls, UCLA suffered its traditional mid-season slump. The Bruins finished in a respectable tie for third. Tyus Edney emerged as the team's leader with scoring coming from Shon Tarver and Ed O'Bannon. Inconsistency on the part of O'Bannon and Richard Petruska plagued the Bruins. Despite losing Petruska and Mitchell Butler to graduation, the Bruins should be an improved team next year with another season's experience under the belt of O'Bannon, Tarver, and Edney, the addition of redshirt Ike Nwankwo, and hopefully Charles O'Bannon a high-school All-American from Artesia.

With the loss of Mario Bennett (last year's PAC-10 Freshman of the Year) to injury and Jamaal Faulkner (the 1991 Freshman of the Year) to legal problems, not much was expected from Arizona State. The Sun Devils surprised the league finishing in a tie for third. Stevin Smith successfully made the transition from point to shooting guard and caused havoc for opposing teams.

USC sucks.

Kelvin Sampson's Washington State Cougars got off to a quick start and seemed poised to challenge for second place. The Cougars were led by senior Bennie Seltzer and freshman Mark Hendrickson. Hendrickson was a pleasant surprise, and would have ran away with freshman honors if he didn't have to compete with Jason Kidd. After suffering a loss to Oregon, Washington State could not regain their early season form and struggled through the second half of the conference season.

Oregon State was a major disappointment. The Beavers were

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The Docket would like to thank all of the contributors to the Sports Page! Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

"PAC-10"*Cont'd from p. 7*

expected by many to finish second in the conference and some even thought that they had an outside chance of winning the conference. Despite off the court problems, such as forward Chad Scott's robbery of a Domino's delivery driver, the Beavers were still considered contenders because of All-Conference center and possible first round draft pick Scott Haskin.

Look for Washington to fire coach Lynn Nance. The Huskies have made no improvements during Nance's tenure and allegations of racism have plagued Nance for two years. Center Rich Manning was the lone bright spot for Washington.

That the Oregon Ducks finished near the bottom of the PAC-10 was no surprise. What was surprising was how competitive the Ducks were under first year Coach Jerry Green. Unlike the 1991-92 Oregon squad which routinely lost by margins of 20 or more, the 92-93 Ducks were in every game, except their two games against Arizona, and even managed a victory over a then top-25 team (Brigham Young).

After losing Adam Keefe to the NBA, coach Mike Montgomery endured his first losing season at the helm of Stanford. Stanford, like Oregon, was a well coached team that just didn't have the talent to measure up to other teams in the conference.

Riley's All PAC-10 Teams:**First Team:**

Guards: Stevin Smith (Arizona St.), Tyus Edney (UCLA)

Forwards: Chris Mills (Arizona), Antoine Stoudamire (Oregon)

Center: Scott Haskin (Oregon St.)

Second Team:

Guards: Damon Stoudamire (Arizona), Shon Tarver (UCLA)

Forwards: Ed O'Bannon (UCLA), Lamond Murray (Cal)

Center: Rich Manning (Wash.)

Freshmen:

Guards: Jason Kidd (Cal), Reggie Geary (Arizona)

Forwards: Mark Hendrickson (Wash St.), Ron Riley (Az. St.)

Center: Joseph Blair (Arizona)

Coach of the Year:

Jerry Green (Oregon)

Runner-up: Todd Bozeman (Cal)

Player of the Year:

Chris Mills (Arizona)

Runner-up: Scott Haskin (Or. St.)

Freshman of the Year:

Jason Kidd (Cal)

Runner-up: Mark Hendrickson (Wash St.)

Most Disappointing Team:

Oregon State

"Bosnia"*Cont'd from p. 6*

camp. He described how the Bosnian Serbs use terror to drive Muslims from their towns. He heard repeated stories of rape, torture, disappearances, and mass slaughter.

Farrell's group then went to Split, Croatia, on the Adriatic coast, and joined a UNCHR supply convoy supplying Muslim-held territories in Bosnia. All the way, there was Serb shelling to stop the convoys and drive out the Muslims. In addition, the roads are mined, probably by Croats who want the UN to think that Serbs are shelling even when they are not. On the way, the convoy passed through one town that had 30,000 refugees in it from another town. After joining an armored UN convoy, they continued to the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo under constant Serb shelling.

Farrell said that Sarajevo, the site of the 1984 Winter Olympics, is now in tatters. Yet despite the constant reign of terror, life goes on. Farrell met with the staff of OSLOBODENJE, the daily newspaper that has not missed an issue despite the fighting. As in many Sarajevo buildings, the offices along the outside of the paper's headquarters have been destroyed while business continues in the inner ones. Farrell also met with actors from the musical Hair who perform nightly to standing room only.

Farrell spent the night in the Holiday Inn in a room with bullet holes. He met a family whose daughter lives in Tennessee. The daughter had not heard from them in seven months, and had contacted then-Senator Albert Gore, Jr. who asked the UNHCR locate them. Farrell found them in a home like those in Los Angeles — except that it had been hit by a tank shell. Farrell said, "Conditions of life are beyond the ken of most of us." He said that he was inspired by their standing up to pain.

Farrell then described what he thought we should do about the situation. He said that, as citizens of the most powerful nation, we should provide leadership for the rest of the world. We should demand the institution of international norms of conduct. Non-combatants should not be targeted. Torture and rape must be stopped. He said that people schooled in law should work to strengthen and enforce laws on an international basis.

Asked about the use of military force, Farrell said that he has opposed United States military action in the past. But he approved of American intervention in Somalia because the US was prepared to act when the UN was not. He felt that this could be the start of a new chapter of history in which the United States can take the lead under the United Nations

umbrella in humanitarian situations. This kind of action would be under international law and the United Nations Charter. He envisions the use of UN and US forces in the Balkans to escort relief shipments after all sides have agreed not to violate the law of war during peace negotiations.

Farrell concluded by talking about the prospects for human rights enforcement. He said that the UN Security Council called for a war crimes tribunal at the request of Human Rights Watch. That organization is collecting and corroborating independent testimony. While corroboration is not always possible, sometimes the sheer abundance of uncorroborated evidence is still useful. While Farrell admitted that the task is very difficult, it is possible to find evidence and have the law operate.



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LA Scenema

By Isabel Nunez, 3L

Since the last issue, I haven't seen any current releases that have been truly inspirational. **CB4** is funny, not wasted ticket money by any means, but Rusty Cundeiff's **Fear of a Black Hat** is so much better, I'd recommend waiting for that. **Falling Down** left me very depressed, (That's a good thing. To me a good film is one that makes me feel something; whether it's positive or negative isn't as important as the strength of the emotion.), but overall the movie is too irresponsible for me to feel comfortable about recommending it.

There is one film opening this week which I strongly urge everyone to see: **Silverlake Life: The View From Here**. It's premiere engagement will be at the Vista Theater in Hollywood, with wider release to follow. I wrote a short blurb about this film in the column about the Sundance Film Festival, so I'm going to repeat myself a little.

Tom Joslin and Mark Massi were lovers for 22 years. When both contracted AIDS, Joslin, a documentary filmmaker, decided

to record the rest of their life together on videotape. The result is a film beyond comparison, like nothing I've ever seen before. This is a love story of such beauty and intensity that it could not be told with actors and a script. It is a terrifyingly close up look at a devastating disease. Joslin's death is among the most powerful things I have ever seen on the screen. I would doubt the word of anyone who claimed not to have shed a tear. I was a wreck. For the next few hours I walked around stunned. The film has the potential to be a tremendous force for positive change. It fosters respect for gay relationships, empathy for people suffering with AIDS, and enough fear to ensure that anyone who views it will always take precautions when engaging in risk behavior.

The first run movie choices may be slim this month, but have no fear! The New Beverly Cinema is showing a couple of must sees in April. In case anyone has never been to this theater, it's the best revival house in the city. Your student I.D. card and four dollars will admit you to a double feature carefully put together by

theme. The films are changed three times a week and they are absolute gems. I go at least once a week. To get there from campus travel east on Wilshire, make a left on Santa Monica, and a right on Beverly Boulevard. It's at 7165 Beverly, and if you hit La Brea, you're one block too far east. The show usually begins at 7:30 PM.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 21st, 22nd and 23rd, the New Beverly will present my pick for "Best Loved Film of 1992," **Gas Food Lodging**. This story of three women's lives in a small New Mexican desert community creates in the viewer a feeling that is powerful and yet softly beautiful, melancholy yet uplifting, rich and dark, an indescribable feeling. I bought the soundtrack so I can recall it as desired.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the 28th, 29th and 30th, the New Beverly will show **Reservoir Dogs**. After the wildly enthusiastic reviews in *THE DOCKET* when this film opened, I know that anyone who hasn't seen this yet must be kicking themselves. So, here's your chance to be shocked, repulsed and offended by the film most effective in those areas of 1992.

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books, Maya (my favorite place for earrings), the condom store, Wacko (great toys and postcards), and, especially, The Soap Plant (cool books — especially on tattoos and body piercings, and lots of Día de los Muertos souvenirs) all make Melrose an interesting place. If you need to eat, Pink's Hotdogs is just around the corner on La Brea. Great Polish.

Thursday — Downtown LA. The only part of LA that is really like a city. Try going to the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) at 250 S. Grand (park at meters on Grand). On Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 PM it's free (\$2 for students at other times). Always something interesting on display here, but a new exhibit is going in at the end of March so check the *WEEKLY*.

Afterwards you are in one of the best places to grab some dinner. Moments away from Little Tokyo (between 1st and 3rd and

Alameda and Main); Olvera Street for great Mexican food (pedestrian street, park in lot on Main just North of the 101); Chinatown (Hill and Broadway, north of Sunset); the Pantry Cafe for inexpensive huge beef and potatoes meals (9th and Figueroa — also my favorite place for breakfast).

Friday — You can't plan a Friday night three weeks in advance. Check the *WEEKLY* and you can usually find a 2 for 1 coupon for Indian food — makes for a great dinner.

The Dresden Room on Vermont features Marty and Elaine in a real piano bar setting (remember Bill Murray on SNL). They play Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, and other requests (like The Girl from Ipanema).

Saturday — Time to go dancing: try Orbit downtown on Figueroa between 9th and 10th. (Only \$10 with coupon from the weekly.) Four dance venues in

one: techno/rave stuff, trash 70s disco, Power 106 hip hop/rap, and a bad reggae band. Very cool crowd — diverse, unpretentious, and interesting, making it great for us people watchers. No dress code, which means even I got in.

Sunday — Well you want to go out, but you do have school the next day. Jazz. Sundays mean jazz to me. Try the Cat and Fiddle Pub on south side of Sunset, a few blocks east of Highland. On Sundays they have a great jazz and great beer. The jazz is free and on warmer days they have it outside on the patio, where you can sit at a table if you order dinner.

So, that's a week of things to do in LA. Whether you love LA or hate it, you're here so you might as well enjoy it. And, you may not have discovered it yet, but there is a part of LA for everyone. Enjoy. Live.

Law School Luxury Boxes

By Prof. Paul Bergman

The law school's "Ad-Hoc Committee on the Awful Financial Mess" has just announced a first-of-its-kind program to raise additional funds.

Under the new program, the law school will build luxury boxes along the back rows of all large law school lecture rooms. Students will bid for the luxury boxes on a per class basis. Under the current plan, bids for boxes in bar courses will begin at \$1000; bids for boxes in elective courses will begin at \$500. Taking a cue from the Regents, minimum bids will be increased by 50% each year.

According to Paul Bergman, the Committee chair, "Sound waves travel faster through a solid medium than a gaseous one." Chair Bergman obviously had something else in mind when making this comment.

Each luxury box will offer its occupant a variety of amenities. A Professor cannot call on a student occupying a luxury box without the prior consent of the boxholder. On the other hand, a boxholder's question or comment (signaled by an illuminated red light on the front of the box) takes immediate priority over those of the Professor and all other students, unless the Professor is in the process of announcing material that will not be on the final exam.

Each box comes equipped with a computer terminal, a DAILY BRUN, coffee service by students on the Law Review, and five Bake Sale coupons. The initial plan had been to include a "picture in picture" closed circuit television that would have allowed a boxholder to monitor two classes simultaneously, but the plan had to be abandoned when it was discovered that the smaller picture would always show a Civil Procedure class.

Asked about how much money the luxury boxes will raise, the Committee estimated that a total of seven lecture rooms could be outfitted with a minimum of 12 boxes each. "If you figure an average price of \$1000, and each room averages five classes a day, we don't have any idea what that comes to," reported the Committee.

Under the Committee's proposal, the money that the luxury boxes bring in would be used to include students' nicknames on their mailbox labels and, if any money was left over, to increase faculty salaries.

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Lesbian, Bisexual, and Gay Alliance (LBGA) (the new name for COGLI)

COGLI has changed its name to reflect the common interests of bisexuals and gays and lesbians.

There will be a meeting on Monday, March 22nd, at noon in Room 3473 to elect new officers. Come help determine what LBGA does next year!

Contacts: Roger Janeway, 2L (204-3674), and John Niblock, 2L

Moot Court

The Moot Court Board organizes the annual UCLA Moot Court Competition among second year students. Finalists compete in the prestigious Roscoe Pound Competition. Thanks to all those who competed this semester. Distinguished Advocates will be announced this week and the Roscoe Pound Competition, featuring distinguished judges from around the country, will be held on Wednesday, April 7th. (825-1128)

Contact: Brian Grossman, 3L

National Black Law Journal (NBLJ)

Contact: Tony White, 3L

National Lawyers Guild (NLG)

The NLG is working with CARECEN to train students to assist Guatemalans in applying for political asylum in the United States. Contact Patty Amador, 2L, for more information.

Professor Richard Abel will speak on Critical Legal Studies and South Africa on Tuesday, March 23rd, at noon in Room 1420. Contact the NLG if you're interested in educating the law school community about progressive issues or working in coalition with other student groups for faculty diversity.

Contact: Isabel Nunez, 3L

Pacific Basin Law Journal (PBLJ)

The PBLJ is a student-run law journal dedicated to international and comparative law concerning the economic sphere within the Pacific Basin. PBLJ is interested in receiving Comments, Book Reviews, Casenotes, or Recent Developments from UCLA students.

The 11:1 issue will be out next month, and work is proceeding on 11:2.

Everyone on the Journal who is interested in being a part of next year's editorial board should take the editor's test, which will be available this week.

Contacts: Elizabeth Deen, 3L, and Julie Yeh, 3L

Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)

PAD is an international law fraternity. The McKenna Chapter at UCLAW offers various social, academic, and educational events to its members (all students are invited to join PAD). Spring initiation is coming soon. Any member interested in going to the Los Angeles-area dinner (recall the flyer in your mailbox) should RSVP to Jason Wenglin ASAP.

Contact: Jason Wenglin, 2L

Phi Delta Phi (PDP)

Phi Delta Phi is a legal fraternity committed to providing academic support to all students, creating opportunities for fostering friendships through social events, and helping you achieve your career goals.

Officer elections will be held on Wednesday, March 24th, at noon in Room 1357. There will be a Members' bash at Los Ponchos in the Village on Thursday, April 8th (time TBA). There will be First Year Barpassers Exam Workshops on April 13th, April 20th, and April 21st, all at 4:30 p.m. (locations TBA). The Members Course Selection Social will be at

4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15th (location TBA).

Contact: Joseph Montes, 3L

Pro Bono Society

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7th, at 4:15 p.m. (room TBA).

Contact: Jeff Galvin, 3L

Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF)

PILF provides support for public interest projects within the legal system. Each year it raises money to be used to allow students to work in public interest jobs. PILF thanks all students and faculty members for their pledges. The Foundation is now focusing on fund-raising and loan repayment. PILF asks all students to "Give 35."

The pledge drive will be from April 12th through April 16th. We will have a kickoff party on Thursday, April 8th, in the courtyard.

Contacts: Arielle Natelson, 2L, Stephanie O'Neal, 2L, and Karen Weinstein, 2L

Republican Law Students Association

The Republican Law Students Association is affiliated with the California College Republicans and serves as the official branch of the California Republican Party at the Law School.

All members are invited to come to the California College Republicans convention from April 16th through April 18th in Ventura. Contact Nick Mikulicich, 3L, for more information.

Contact: Mike Reynolds, 2L

Sports Law Federation (SLF)

SLF organizes sports tournaments and social events for the law school. T-shirts are on order. All students are invited to join. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Brian K. Fair Basketball

Tournament.

Contacts: Matt Elston, 3L, and Kenny Hymes, 3L

Student Bar Association (SBA)

The SBA, UCLAW's student government, will be holding its annual election in mid-April. All 1Ls and 2Ls are encouraged to run for office. More details will be announced in the near future.

Contact: Al Muratsuchi, 2L

UCLA Legal Society on Disability

Contact: Josh Mendelsohn, 1L

Women's Law Journal

The Women's Law Journal is a publication entering its third year which focuses on women's issues and feminist jurisprudence.

Contacts: Lisa Anderson, 3L, and Genie Gifford, 3L

Women's Law Union

Back by popular demand! The new and improved Women's Law Union. Female bonding--not for women only. Featuring--monthly newsletter, chance to meet your peers and women lawyers in the community and brown bag lunches with speakers you won't want to miss.

We are cosponsoring a series of lectures by UCLAW professors on courses being taught that involve progressive legal studies. Professor Abel will give the first lecture, on Tuesday, March 23rd, at noon in Room 1420, speaking about Critical Legal Studies and South Africa.

We will have a reception with women lawyers talking about their experiences working in various fields of practice--tentatively set for Wednesday, April 7th, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 2448 (Faculty Lounge).

If you are interested in becoming a member and/or active participant with the Women's Law Union, contact Kelly Schramm.

Contacts: Dady Blake, 3L, and Kelly Schramm, 2L

Dear Timmy:

In the long tradition of innovative journalism, THE DOCKET presents a new article — where the readers decide the topics. If there are any questions, please drop a note to THE DOCKET's office in 51 Dodd Hall. No guarantees are offered as to the usefulness of the advice.

Dear Timmy: Why did the SBA lower the price to the Barrister Ball, and will I get a refund if I bought a ticket to the sit down dinner for \$37?

Obviously the second part of your question is purely hypothetical because no one bought a ticket to the \$37 sit down dinner. You tell me, but everyone I know at law school is a little short on cash these days. With so many people still looking for summer jobs and the market not looking to improve any time soon, I felt it was ridiculous to ask for \$37. Furthermore, the main issue at the most recent SBA Town Hall Meeting [Bill Clinton has already had an impact on the way people get together to discuss their

problems] was California's budget crisis and the increased tuition students will be paying over the course of the next few years — it seems to me that USC may soon seem like a bargain compared to UCLA. Anyway, if you were going to take a date to the Ball — unlikely as that seems for most law students — it would cost more than I spend on food for an entire month. [I do not eat out often].

Now back to your first question, I guess that SBA figured that for \$20 with an open bar [major selling point — most lawyers end up as alcoholics anyway — check the statistics] they had a great idea that would save the Ball. Personally it sounds like a giant fraternity/sorority formal or even worse high school prom. If you go, have fun but please do not drink and drive — but if you are not going to drink why go?

Dear Timmy: Please ask people not to stand in the doorways and in front of the mailboxes while they

yack with their fellow students. It is impossible to check my mail and get in or out of the student lounge due to these morons. Thank you.

An excellent suggestion, you should consider taking over my column when I graduate in a year or two or three [you never know — my grades are not that good — probably why I cannot find a job]. So, please, if you must stand around and idly chitchat do not block the doors or the mail boxes. The lounge is too small as it is for the number of students here at UCLA School of Law.

The same rule goes for all doorways around the school.

One other request, remember to close classroom doors quietly when you arrive late or leave early from a class. It is really rude when you disrupt the entire class — it is hard enough for some of us to figure out what the professor is talking about without you adding to the confusion.

Thank you ... and keep on writing...Timmy

C-SPAN Looks Inside a D.C. Law Firm

On Saturday, March 27 from 2:00-6:00 PM PST, C-SPAN takes an in-depth look at a large D.C. law firm in a special edition of "America and the Courts."

The special includes a video-*vérité* tour of the facilities at Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, and several interviews with attorneys working at the firm. The founding partners give their views on the role of law firms in shaping national public policy; young associates talk about the recruiting process and their day-to-day work; a trial attorney describes his work on and off the courts.

"America and the Courts," C-SPAN's weekly look at the people and issues shaping the American judiciary, airs every Saturday at 7:00 PM (ET).

The Back Page

A Guide to UCLAW Organizations and Events

The Back Page is a quick guide to the UCLAW organizations and their upcoming activities and events. Announcements of future events should be submitted to the Back Page Editor, Nick Mikulicich, 3L.

Academic Support Program

Contact: Prof. Knaplund (Room 3211B) or Prof. de la Rocha (Room 3211C)

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Law Students Association

On Wednesday, March 24th, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 1347, ACLU Staff Attorney Sylvia Argueta will speak on "Children--Defending Their Rights." A discussion and questions will follow.

Anyone interested in joining the board should contact Joe Gauthier.

Contact: Joe Gauthier, 2L

American Indian Law Students Association (AILSA)

There will be a general meeting at noon on Monday, March 22nd in Room 2442. The National AILSA/Indian Law conference will take place on April 1st and 2nd in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The last AILSA general meeting of the year, with officer elections for '93-'94, will take place at noon on Monday, April 5th, in Room 2442. On Monday, April 19th, at noon in Room 2442 there will be an AILSA study hall with pizza.

Contacts: Charmaine Huntting, 3L, and Moraino Patencio, 2L

Anderson Real Estate Association

The Anderson Real Estate Association is an association of professional students (law, management, and planning) designed to educate graduate students about issues and career options in real estate. Our programs include noon speakers, evening forums, site tours, and social gatherings.

Contact: Eric Schlachter, 3L (397-9473)

Asian/Pacific Island Law Student Association (APILSA)

APILSA is a student organization for Asian and Pacific Island law students. It provides educational and social support for its members, as well as information about job opportunities and community outreach events.

The Southern Cal. Chinese Lawyers Association Installation Dinner will be held on Friday, March 26th. APILSA nominations for the '93-'94 executive board will be accepted from April 5th through April 13th. See our bulletin board for more details. APILSA elections will be on Wednesday, April 14th, in Room 1457 at 5:00 p.m. Our Third Year party will be on Saturday, April 17th, from 8:00 p.m. until ???.

Contact: Jennifer Rose, 2L

Asian/Pacific Islander Law Journal

Contacts: Teresa Han, 3L, and Song Oh, 3L

Black Law Students Association (BLSA)

BLSA is a student organization for Black law students. It provides support for its members, as well as a forum for discussion of issues unique to the Black community. Phone: 837-6157.

Contact: Jonathan Strum, 2L

Career Planning Office

The Career Planning Office offers assistance in finding full and part time employment. It conducts On-Campus Interview Programs during the Fall and Spring semesters.

Contact: Bill McGeary, Dodd 77

Chicano-Latino Law Review (C-LLR)

The C-LLR is a student-run journal which provides a forum for issues that affect the Latino community and other minority, low-income, or discriminated-against

communities. It is looking for new members interested in helping in the production process for upcoming volumes. Its faculty advisor is Professor Cruz Reynoso. All students are encouraged to submit articles for publication.

Contact: Aide Cabeza, 3L

Christian Legal Society

The Christian Legal Society is composed of students committed to maintaining a Christian presence within the UCLAW community. We will be having a canned food drive to benefit the homeless from March 22nd through March 26th in the foyer. We will have a party at Don Howarth's house on April 17th.

Contact: Carver Farrow, 3L

Coalition for Faculty Diversity

Contact: Patty Amador, 2L

Criminal Law Society

Our next speaker will be an attorney who specializing in criminal defense (more information will be forthcoming).

Contact: Patrick de Gravelles, 1L

Democratic Law Students

We are considering hosting a debate concerning the constitutional rights of homosexuals regarding military service.

Contact: Eric Kurtzman, 1L

THE DOCKET

THE DOCKET is UCLAW's monthly student newspaper (published seven times per year). All students, faculty, and staff at the Law School are encouraged to contribute articles, letters, cartoons, and photos for publication.

Contact: Sue Ryan, 2L

El Centro Legal

El Centro Legal seeks to aid low income persons who are in need of legal advice. Students volunteer their time to work in a clinic, interview clients and meet with attorneys to discuss the clients' problems. Meetings are on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:15 at 612 Colorado Street in Santa Monica.

Contact: Mary Tesh, 2L

Entertainment Law Review (ELR)

The UCLA Entertainment Law Review will begin publishing in the fall of 1993. Topics to be covered include legal issues in film, television, music, sports, art, communications, and other related fields.

The ELR welcomes its new executive board. We are still seeking scholarly and professional articles and student Comments for our premiere issues next year. New members are encouraged to join now or in the fall on these topics from UCLA students.

Contacts: Robert Wargo, 2L

Entertainment Law Society

We will have a speaker concerning law and the film and television industries on Wednesday, April 7th, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 1430.

Contact: Lior Zohar, 2L

Environmental Law Society

The Society organizes career forums and panel discussions related to environmental law, and sponsors the UCLAW recycling program. We are seeking persons interested in assuming a leadership position for next year.

Contact: Alex Helperin, 2L

Federal Communications Law Journal (FCLJ)

The FCLJ is the official publication of the Federal Communications Bar Association. It is published three times per year, and is devoted to communications law

and related fields.

Contact: Marcus Delgado, 3L

Federalist Society

The Federalist Society is a nationally known group of conservative and libertarian law students and professors who are committed to maintaining a presence on campus.

We are currently organizing speeches and debates for this semester on topics such as free speech and workplace harassment, gun control, immigration law, academic freedom, and due process owed by quasi-governmental institutions. Watch our board for further information.

Contact: Brian Grossman, 3L

Homeless Assistance Project

Public Counsel's Homeless Assistance Project trains law students to advocate on behalf of General Relief applicants and recipients. If you are interested in participating in April, please contact Bill Litt, 3L, immediately.

Contact: Bill Litt, 3L

Jewish Law Students Association

Contact: Sony Ben-Moshe, 2L

UCLA Journal of Environmental Law and Policy (JELP)

The JELP is a student run journal that publishes articles by professors, practitioners and students concerning environmental and land use issues. It encourages all students to submit comments, book reviews, or other works for publication.

We will have a bake sale in mid-April and a T-shirt and sweatshirt sale sometime in April. We will also have an all-member picnic, with food, games, and fun (date and time TBA)! Staff are especially encouraged to come to the picnic.

Contact: Dede Mendenhall, 2L

La Raza Law Students Association

La Raza Law Students Association promotes issues of importance to Latino law students. It sponsors tutorials, mentor programs, and social gatherings, to aid members and increase student awareness. Membership is open to anyone.

Elections will be held at a special general meeting on Tuesday, March 23 at noon in room 1420. We will also have an officer transitional meeting and an end of the year party on Saturday, April 17th, 1993.

Contacts: Norma Osorio, 2L and Aurora Ruelas, 2L

Law Review

The UCLA Law Review is a student-run legal periodical published six times a year, featuring articles by law professors, judges, and legal commentators, and comments by Review members. Membership on the Law Review is earned through a writing competition during either the spring semester of the first year or the fall semester of the second year. All 1Ls are encouraged to participate in the Spring Write-On Competition, coming to your mailbox this week! Good luck!

The April issue will include student Comments by Chris Cherry, Jeanne Dennis, and Rob Risley. Chris's Comment discusses international trade law and suggests that the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) should be amended so that international trade law will not conflict with environmental protection laws. Jeanne's Comment discusses trading pollution emissions credits under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and concludes that these programs should be appraised for success on five-year plans. Rob's Comment discusses homeowner's insurance for landslide peril in California. He suggests reforming landslide insurance according to the earthquake and flood insurance models.

Contact: Karen Bray, 3L

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Important Facts About 100% Pass Rates (or the "qualified" statistics game)

With **LARGE BOLDFACE HEADLINES**, our competitor announced a 100% pass rate at a number of schools throughout California. In the smaller print below are the "qualifiers" that change according to the school involved. In fact, if our competitor would stop playing games with "qualifiers," you would know that the effective pass rate for their students is far lower.

MAJOR QUALIFIER #1

(or how to eliminate almost everyone from your calculations)

STUDENTS MUST HAVE TAKEN BOTH OUR COMPETITOR AND THEIR SUPPLEMENTAL MULTISTATE COURSE

Last year, our competitor admitted that fewer than 20% of their students take any supplemental multistate course.

MAJOR QUALIFIER #2

(and this one even changes from school to school)

STUDENTS MUST HAVE WRITTEN A CERTAIN NUMBER OF WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

Our competitor uses different percentages of writing assignments at the various law schools in order to achieve their 100% pass rate. What more can we say?

Choosing a bar review course can be very difficult. It is more difficult when a bar review manipulates statistics to produce a high pass rate based upon a small sampling of students. **If a pass rate sounds too good to be true, it usually is.**



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Dear Law School Student:

There is quite a bit of confusion concerning pass rates from the Summer 1992 California Bar Exam due to the misleading statistics published by Barpassers. Barpassers claims a 100% passage rate at a number of law schools throughout California. These schools include UCLA, Stanford, Boalt Hall, University of Southern California, University of San Diego, Pepperdine, Loyola, Whittier, Southwestern, Golden Gate, and McGeorge.

However, this 100% pass rate has several "qualifiers." Without a closer examination of the "qualifiers" used to create these statistics, students could assume that Barpassers students did not fail at these law schools. The Barpassers' 100% pass rate only applies to (1) students who took both Barpassers and APTS; and (2) students who wrote a given number of the written assignments

WHAT IS A QUALIFIER?

Whenever a pass rate is published, there must be an explanation of how that statistic was compiled. In this case, Barpassers chose to use qualifiers to increase their statistics. A qualifier is a factor or requirement that limits or narrows the pool of students being considered. For example, a pass rate that is "based on students who graduated in the top 10% of their class" will generally be higher than a pass rate that includes all students. The requirement "based on students who graduated in the top 10% of their class" is used to qualify that statistic.

BARPASSERS QUALIFIER #1: BARPASSERS & APTS

Barpassers qualified their Summer 1992 pass rates to include only those students who took both Barpassers and APTS. Ironically, prior to the 1992 Summer Bar Exam, Barpassers discouraged their students from taking APTS and claimed that fewer than 20% of their students take a supplemental course.¹ However, they are now using only students who took both Barpassers and APTS students in their statistics.

BARPASSERS QUALIFIER #2: WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

Barpassers further qualifies their statistics by limiting it to those students who wrote a certain number of written assignments. Barpassers is the only major bar review course that includes this additional qualifier.

¹Taken from the 1992 Barpassers Advertisement: *Why Barpassers?*

This qualifier is misleading since it is unclear how many assignments a student would have to turn in to be considered in this statistic. In addition, Barpassers uses different fractions of writing assignments at different schools in order to achieve their desired result. For example, at Stanford, only students who turned in 1/3 of the written assignments were used in the statistic, while at the University of San Diego, only students who turned in 1/2 of the written assignments were used for that school's statistic. Barpassers does not attempt to account for the fact that while all of these schools apparently had a similar 100% pass rate, different criteria was used to generate each school's statistic. This would be analogous to changing the previous example from students graduating in the top 10% of their class to the top 5% in order to achieve a 100% pass rate.

SUMMARY

Barpassers begins with a certain number of students who enrolled in their bar review course. They then reduce the number of those students who will be used in their statistic by their first qualifier that students must also take APTS. Compounding matters, the statistic only applies to a still smaller group of students who also wrote a fraction of some unidentified number of written assignments.

Example: At Stanford Law School, 75 out of 92 (81.5%) students who took the California Bar Exam for the first time in the Summer of 1992 passed. 64 of the 92 were enrolled in BAR/BRI and BAR/BRI passed 56 out of our 64 students (87.5%). Thus, there were only 19 out of 28 students (67.8%) who passed not using California BAR/BRI. This means that there could only have been 28 students at Stanford who took Barpassers (assuming all students who did not take BAR/BRI took Barpassers and no student took any other course).

Using the first qualifier, students who take both Barpassers and APTS, coupled with their assertion that fewer than 20% of Barpassers students take a supplemental course, it is reasonable to conclude that the original number of 28 possible students would be limited to 6 students (20% of 28 students).

Apparently, this first qualifier was not enough to achieve a 100% pass rate at Stanford, and at all of the other listed law schools. Otherwise, Barpassers would not have needed to use the additional qualifier, students who wrote a fraction of the written assignments. Using this qualifier, their 6 students would be reduced even further.

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For more information contact one of your local BAR/BRI student representatives, or call 1-800-9955-BAR.