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Coke on campus: Don't catch the wave

By Justice C. McPherson
Editor-in-Chief

The names used herein have been changed due to the anonymous nature of the article.

The recent illicit drug hysteria that has swept across the nation has found a home at the University of San Diego School of Law. Consider the following examples:

- Cocaine, marijuana, speed, and even crack can all be purchased by USD law students on campus at any convenient time.

- Several law students have subsidized their legal education through selling drugs, particularly cocaine.

- The drugs are not limited to students. According to the students interviewed, drugs are used in faculty and administration.

- One of the students interviewed admitted to having sold cocaine to an acquaintance in a district attorney's office.

Although this may be shocking to some, the drug problems we face at USD are probably similar to most other law schools across the state. Nevertheless, the fact that we all hope to one day practice and abide by the laws of our state leaves many with feelings of guilt and hypocrisy.

Mike, John and Mary have been friends for years, and their legal education at USD has been very successful. But these three students are jeopardizing all their

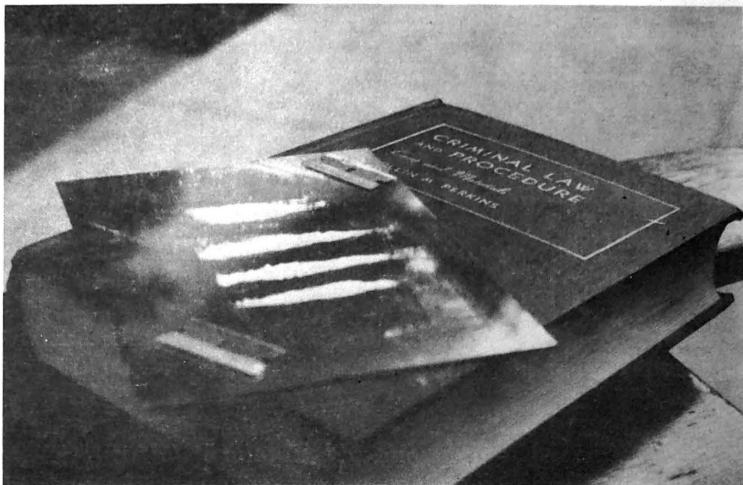
hard work. It all began some time ago when they were introduced to a new and unique idea on how to make money (not the old fashion way). Since that time, they have experienced, according to Mike, "a very profitable business in a very conducive market."

Is it worth the risk? Apparently so, for these three. When asked how they can rationalize breaking the law in such a manner, the responses all strike at the same vein: money.

"I'm not fortunate enough to have rich parents pay my tuition and this is the only way I can make this much money and still have time for school," Mary said. I understand the risks involved, but it's better than taking over \$40,000 in student loans, what if I can't find a job when I graduate?"

The three law students are not themselves addicted to the drugs. In fact, they hardly ever indulge. "It's very difficult to be involved in large amounts of drugs and not be tempted to use them," Mike said. "It's taken a lot of discipline not to snort up all the profits."

And profits there are indeed. According to Mike, cocaine is sold at USD for \$110.00 per gram. Given that the three students can purchase their cocaine "wholesale" for \$75 per gram, that's a \$35 turnover for each gram sold. "I can't speak for everybody, but I make an average



Getting high on criminal law.

of about \$250-\$300 per week," John said.

USD law school is not the only place where the drugs are sold. Undergraduate students and friends in the community provide a substantial portion of the business. However, a large portion of the drugs are sold at USD Law school and Mike, John and Mary are not the only drug solicitors on our campus. John stated that he has had substantial competition from the incoming first year class and from several USD undergraduate sources.

While this article was being investigated, the United States Congress passed a controversial bill allocating \$1.7 billion toward combating drug abuse in this country. The law includes funding for the military to intervene in the fight against drugs. In addition, a death penalty provision was inserted whereby any person convicted of murder during a drug related offense would be subject to the death penalty. Is this new law a viable deterrent, or is it simply a waste of money as some critics claim?

"I don't like to sell drugs," Mary claims. "I don't think anybody likes to sell drugs; it's a matter of doing what you have to do." John believes that the new legislation brushes too broad a stroke to cause him any extra

concern. "Cocaine is here to stay, the only thing the government can do is try and keep it under control, people are foolish if they think drugs can be eliminated."

Although John's reasoning makes sense, it doesn't negate the fact that something needs to be done about the drug crisis our country faces. Closer to home, there is no real way of knowing what affect drug use has on our law school. Is it a benefit because it releases the heavy stress we build up as law students? Or is it a detraction from our studies which makes our grades suffer and consequently our bar results? Whatever the results may be, seeing and using drugs are criminal offenses in our state and as potential lawyers we are bound to abide by the laws of which we hope to one day practice.

Law and lawyering on trial

by Arto Nuutinen

"Law and Lawyering was a complete waste of time; I can't believe the administration made me pay \$800.00 to sit through that course," expressed an angry Tom Haines at a recent open forum for students on the fate of the controversial course.

The forum was put on by the curriculum committee of the University of San Diego School of law in order to give students the opportunity to air out their feelings concerning both the content and procedure of the class.

"Law and Lawyering is in its third year out of a three year trial period," said Sub-committee chairman Professor Bratton. "We held this open forum for students in order to hear their view in hopes of helping us render a decision."

Although no specific professor was targeted, Professor Donald Weckstein was highly criticized by some students in attendance. "Professor Weckstein shows a complete lack of respect for students, my study group spent 150 hours preparing a 156 page outline for that course, and we come out with an average grade

of 72," said an angry Kevin Neves. "Given that one of our study partners was on law review, that's quite a discrepancy."

Some of the biggest complaints registered about the course included 1) In most cases, the student's grade in Law and Lawyering did not correlate with grades in other classes. 2) The course should have at least been pass/no pass. 3) There was no organization to the class, it was more of a shoot from the hip approach. 4) The materials in the course were too expensive and the quality of the Xeroxing was extremely poor, and 5) The final exam was not a test of the materials covered, i.e., a student had no idea of what to study.

Professor Bratton sees no quick resolution of the matter. "At this point we are going to have to weigh all the alternatives and see what we come up with," he said. "Our committee should reach a decision, sometime by mid-January."

In the meantime, students will just have to sit out a course that may or may not have a future.



The "right to die" panel.

SBA speakers bureau hosts panel on "right to die"

By Nancy Kawano

"I don't want to die... but no matter how sick a person is, they have to have some pride... I just don't want to be artificially kept alive if it gets to the point where my mind becomes as twisted as my body." These were the sentiments expressed by Elizabeth Bouvia, a young woman who gained nationwide attention when she went to court last year seeking the legal right to refuse medical treatment, which in her case would be the equivalent of seeking the legal right to die.

On October 15, 1986 the University of San Diego School of Law Speaker's Bureau sponsored a Right to Die panel debate at Manchester Conference Center featuring Richard Scott, the attorney and physician who represented Ms. Bouvia in her

court battle. Also participating on the panel were: San Diego County Bar Association President Dan Broderick III, who is also an attorney and physician; Alvin Kalmanson, an attorney for several local hospitals; and Gary Williams, a physician who chairs the Scripps Hospital Ethics Committee.

The panel was met by an enthusiastic standing room only crowd at the conference center. SBA Speaker's Bureau President Gregg Cottler was very pleased with the turnout. "We weren't anticipating this many people; if we had known, we would have rented a bigger auditorium," Cottler said.

The panel discussion was preceded by a showing of excerpts from a "60 minutes" program in which reporter Mike Wallace ex-

amined the Bouvia case. Ms. Bouvia's case, in seeking to refuse medical treatment, has touched upon a very sensitive multifaceted issue. On the one hand, the hospital involved faces civil and possible criminal liability in that if they refuse medical treatment the hospital would become the legal cause of Ms. Bouvia's death.

Secondly, there is the concern, frustration and helplessness of her loved ones, as reflected by Ms. Bouvia's father. "I can't stand to see her die even though her problems would be resolved... I can't condone her death simply because I'm her father."

Ms. Bouvia is not anxious to die, in her words, "It's a very difficult question for me, if I have to live the rest of my life in complete Please see RIGHT TO DIE page 8

Images of Mexico: A false light?

By Carmen Naranjo

Mexico is a nation alive with vibrant colors, yet its culture has been misunderstood since the arrival of the Spanish Conquistadores. An early report noted: "They covered their bodies and faces with different colors for religious rituals and other celebrations. This was not because they tried to hide their reality but because those colors and shades were a way to convey their own culture." Newscaster Carolina de Bustamante, of "En Simesis" news, Tijuana, B.C., pointed out that the colors the Conquistadores spoke of are part of the Mexican tradition. Traditions and cultural heritage must not be lost while Mexico struggles to reconcile her national identity with modern society.

There are various images of Mexico; for example, there is an image of Mexico made in Hollywood, and there is another image projected by the news media. Bustamante noted that many of the negative stereotypes depicted in the American press are the result of the American news media's inability to handle the "difference." Bustamante concluded her speech, which took place at a panel discussion entitled "Images of Mexico Across the Border as Depicted by the Mass Media in the United States," by expressing her sincere hope that with better understanding the American media can better depict Mexico, a "different" culture.

Bustamante's commentary was on among many lively and thought-provoking discussions

which took place at the "Images of Mexico" panel discussion which took place on October 10, 1986 at the Manchester Conference Center. The Mexico-United States Law Institute of the USD Law School presented the special event with the hope of learning how we, as Americans, can enhance the relationship between the United States and Mexico.

Law Professor Jorge Vargas, Director of the Institute, moderated the program. Throughout the program, analytical discussion ensued between distinguished members of the San Diego print and broadcast media who regularly cover Mexico and Tijuana-based media experts. The analysis of the current images of Mexico sparked lively debate.

Prior to the debate, a brief movie was shown which depicted the Mexican image which is projected to tourists. Following the movie, two historical perspectives of Mexico were given, one by Iris Engstrand, Chair of the USD History Department, and one by Dr. David Pina, director of Centro de Investigacion, en Histoeicas in Tijuana, B.C. The historians reflected upon the past, how images have been projected, and how ethnic stereotypes have evolved. They concluded the presentation by discussing where we are today.

The distinguished guests from the newspaper, radio and television industries comprising the panel were:

—Carlos Amezcua, a Channel 39 Television News reporter



Prof. Jorge Vargas, Carlos Amezcua, Carolina de Bustamante.

covering Mexico, immigration and related stories.

—Arthur Golden, a San Diego Union reporter specializing in Mexico and Latin America.

—Former San Diego Mayor Roger Hedgecock, who is a KSDO Radio talk show host.

—Richard Kipling, city editor of the Los Angeles Times San Diego office.

—Fernando Romero, a San Diego Tribune reporter based in Tijuana.

—Carolina A. de Bustamante, producer of "En Sintesís" News on Channel 39, a Tijuana-based television program.

—Gustavo del Castillo, a professor at Colegio de la Frontera Norte in Tijuana.

—Pul Espinosa, president of the California Chicano News Media Association and a senior producer at Channel 15 KPBS Public Television.

—Amelia Malagamba, another professor from Colegio de la Frontera Norte.

—Mario Morales Castro, a professor at the Universidad Iberoamericana School of Communications in Tijuana.

The introductory question addressed to the panel was, "What are the current images of Mexico?" Every member of the panel presented his or her

perspective, which gave the panel another dimension in that among this group the images and perspectives were quite varied.

The images of Mexico with the American media are changing. Mexico has had high profile media exposure. Television has thrust Mexico on the hearts and minds of the American people through various front page issues, including immigration. Yet, the panelists from Mexico noted that the American press often exaggerates horror stories and creates public disorientation which leads to disharmony. The persistent idea that Mexico is a nation of drug producers, only carries the implicit notion that America is a nation of drug consumers. Neither of these images is fair. The Mexican press is not accustomed to the ways in which the American press covers stories, and vice versa. Nevertheless, it was pointed out that the image the American public is now receiving of Mexico is becoming more accurate than it has been in up to this time.

Media images which create feelings of frustration and antagonism are of no benefit to either the people of Mexico or the people of the United States. It is with the hope of improving the

relationship between the two nations that this panel discussion was conceived. Those in attendance and those who participated learned of ways in which they could contribute to enhance the relationship between the United States and Mexico. This special event proved to be a very successful presentation in light of the goals of the Mexico-U.S. Law Institute of the USD Law School.

About the Institute

The Mexico-United States Law Institute was created by the University of San Diego School of Law in September, 1983, to serve as a bridge of legal communication between the United States and Mexico. The Institute is the first program in the U.S. established to improve each country's understanding of the other's legal system. It seeks to assist in the search for cooperative solutions to binational legal problems, including those related to trade and foreign investment, immigration, real-estate and industrial development, technology transfer, transboundary natural resources, family and criminal law, and environmental protection.

Are you a lawyer too honey?

by Georgina Arcaro
Associate Editor

Positive reinforcement of a woman's psyche appeared to be the underlying theme of an open forum held October 22 in Fletcher Reception hall.

A four-woman panel from the San Diego law firm of Jennings, Engstrand, & Henrickson consisting of Elizabeth Ellridge, Janet Sobell, Christine Pate, and Debra Maclarty addressed themselves to the practical problems that arise when combining motherhood, marriage, and the legal profession.

Each woman spoke for a few minutes on how they arrived at this point in their lives. It was with determination, willingness and a desire to achieve "something better" that aided them in their respective journeys. They are best characterized, as Janet Sobell stated, "survivors."

Their purpose was to prove to the assembled students that it is possible—the "it" being the attainment of a legal degree, a job in the legal profession, multiple children, a husband, a home and no mental or physical breakdown.

Christine Pate feels that it is possible now because there has been a change in the working world. Although the change has been slow coming, she perceives greater acceptance of a woman in the profession today, not to mention a working mother.

She stressed the importance of prioritizing. What she holds as important are security in the home and a strong family base. The feeling of wanting to make

sure the children were well taken care of seemed to be the general consensus.

Yet when one is working 12 hour days is it possible? Can a mother of one, two, or three still bill enough hours and be home to cook dinner for her family? "Yes" according to Mrs. Pate.

Janet Sobell acknowledged the reality that one has to be flexible if she has children. One would have to choose a type of law to best meet her needs of say, no last minute injunctions or t.r.o.'s. She further suggests being firm with one's employer regarding hours. Make sure that they understand that you leave at 6:30 p.m. and stick to it. As she says, "educate the partners: this is the situation and these are the facts."

But first it would seem necessary to get into a position whereby one may assert her groundrules.

Elizabeth Ellridge mentioned that government work is a good option as it affords one set hours and sick leave if one's own children are sick.

The problem is not with the interviewing process. Janet Sobell says that a firm will not open itself up to questions of discrimination during the interviewing process. The problem may arise with one's staying power in the firm after getting the job. But she cautions this with the idea that women without children are more suspect of leaving a firm than working mothers. Thus, firms find these survivors as possibly the better employment choice.

Alumni Activities

The Alumni Advisor Program for first year law students pairs practicing alumni with students who are interested in a particular area of law, or who just want to get to know more about the realities of everyday law practice. Forms will be available for first year students during October. If you do not receive a sign-up form in class, please contact Doug Friednash, or see Lisa Gunther in the Alumni Office 203F.

The Alumni-Student Relations Committee, a standing committee of the Law Alumni Association, sponsors the Alumni Advisor Program. This committee also seeks new student member-

ship. Anyone who is interested in working on developing new programs for student-alumni interaction, please contact Freidnash, student representative to the Law Alumni Board of Directors.

A reception is being planned for participants in this year's Alumni Advisor Program. Your registration form must be turned in to the Alumni Office no later than November 3.

The 11th Annual Michael Mohr Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, November 8 at Cottonwood's Monte Vista Golf Course at Rancho San Diego in El Cajon.

Check-in is at 7 am, with a shotgun start at 8 am. If you have not yet registered to play in this annual fund raising tournament, you may still do so by calling alumnus Lew Muller '77 at 440-3000, or pick up a green form from one of the displays in the Law School.

The Tournament is organized each year by Muller, who is a former classmate and golfing partner of the late Mohr. To date, the golf tournament has raised over \$20,000 for student loans. For further information, please contact Muller. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends are welcome to participate in this day of fun and prizes!!!



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Editorial Page

Bye Bye Birdie

Applying the California Constitution

by Nancy Kawano
Associate Editor

In attempting to side-step the issue of a pathetic high bench record that reflects a blatant and deliberate disregard of the law, supporters of California Chief Justice Rose Bird's reconfirmation are clamouring that her ouster would erode the "constitutional" principle of an independent judiciary. Evidently, they have not read the California Constitution.

As adopted in 1934, the California Constitution, in Article VI, Section 16, provides for the selection of supreme court justices by gubernatorial appointment with confirmation by the Commission on Judicial Appointments. Once approved by the commission, a justice serves until the next general election, at which time she runs, unopposed, for confirmation by the electorate. If confirmed, the justice then serves a 12-year term, and must be reconfirmed to serve additional terms. The California constitution thus reserves for the people the right to decide whether justices on the state supreme court will remain on the bench; the California judiciary is not independent of the public. Rather, the constitutionally mandated procedure for selection of judges was designed to insure accountability to the public.

Although Bird supporters argue that the very foundation of our system of government rests on the principle of separation of

powers, one must keep in mind the ultimate ideal that ours is a system of government that derives its powers from the consent of the governed. Thus, the traditional concept of separation of powers must adapt to take into account the changing role and increasing power of the modern judiciary. When justices seek to expand their traditional role by assuming legislative functions i.e. making law molding social values and forming public policy through selective enforcement of the law, they insert themselves into the political arena and must necessarily be held accountable to the public.

Given the selection process in California, it is inevitable that some degree of politics will play a role in the selection of judges. Therefore, it is not surprising that the person chosen may personally hold the same or similar social, political and economic views as the governor. But that does not necessarily mean the citizens of California will never have a fair, impartial and effective judiciary. It is the judge who, once appointed, holds the responsibility of interpreting and applying the constitution, statutes and case law in an objective manner. This requires the application of legal training, knowledge of the law, and a commitment against consciously following subjective personal views when the law requires a contrary result. In

other words, a judge should not perform her responsibilities in disregard of the law. Yet, that is precisely what Rose Bird, as Chief Justice of this state's highest court has done.

Since the death penalty statute went into effect in 1977 Bird has had the opportunity to review 59 death penalty cases. Despite the fact that the statute has been found to be constitutionally permissible, Bird has voted to overturn the death penalty on every single one of those cases. While Bird has refused to publicly take a stand on the death penalty, she justifies her 59 votes against the death penalty by claiming that she is merely following the law. But if that is true, what about the trial court judges who tried those 59 cases and determined that the imposition of the death penalty was warranted. Weren't they following the law? Moreover, why is it that Justice Stanley Mosk, a vocal opponent of capital punishment, can rule to affirm 15 of those death penalty cases? Isn't he following the same law?

Californians have the right to expect the Chief Justice of their Supreme Court to enforce the laws which express the will of the people. By voting to overturn the death penalty 59 times, Rose Bird has shown that she either cannot or will not uphold the laws of this state. Rose Bird should not be reconfirmed.



Letters to the editor:

No more USMC propaganda

The advertisement for the USMC printed in the last issue of the Woolsack took me by surprise. What surprised me, was that the ad was layed out like a news article! I am upset that you tried to pass this military propoganda off as news. I hope you at least got a piece of the military budget to pay for the print space.

The essay spoke of all the fun and thrill one receives as an officer in the Marine Corps. First, however, the ad says one must prove that one is not the grandson of Karl Marx. Is political persuasion now a criteria for government service? Must one be a full fledged Marxist to be excluded or would a raging liberal count? Must all leathernecks vote the straight neo-facist, military industrial complex ticket.

When describing the variety of assignments a lucky young Tom Cruise lawyer might get to work on the author neglected some of the more interesting ones. A USMC attorney can look forward to prosecuting gays who might be "compromising military preparedness" by their "immoral sexual practices." Of course we all know that there aren't any gays in the Marines, only real men. Marine Corps lawyers also get to enforce drug testing programs and other policies which invade the rights of their fellow servicemen. Who knows what other work the Marines might find for an officer in such hospitable locations as El Salvador, or Nicaragua. Sincerely, Carl Russ

Woolsack heritage

Dear Editor:

It is true that Black's does not define Woolsack. However, Ballantine's and Webster's do. The Wool Sack is the official seat of the Lord High Chancellor in the house of Lords.

The Lord High Chancellor is the English counterpart of our Supreme Court Chief Justice. The Woolsack that supports the Chancellor is more than a mere chair. It is the embodiment of part of our legal heritage. The heritage to which I refer is that of Equitable Relief. It was the King's Chancellor who could exclusively

do equity in historic English courts when a remedy at law was unavailable. Equitable Relief provided justice to those who the law overlooked. Because of the development of equitable relief hundreds of years ago, it is an integral part of our American system of justice.

Despite your opinion that "Woolsack" "doesn't sound very appealing," it nevertheless represents centuries of legal tradition. Let's keep our tradition alive. Save the Woolsack.

—Paul Zumberge

No smoking please

Is our library too hot? Is there inadequate study space? Do you have problems finding books when you need them? Are the Xerox machines broken down more often than not? Does the clanking caused by the poor ventilation system drive you up a wall? Does the fact that very attractive undergraduate students are excluded from our library during finals make you absolutely livid with rage?

For most USD law students, the answer is yes to the above interrogatories. Despite this, our library staff and school administration can usually come up with legitimate reasons why they can't remedy the situation. These reasons are usually founded upon financial or space limitation theories. That didn't, however, stop them from raising our tuition. But that is one story.

This editorial seeks to point out a major problem with our library which can and should be dealt with right away.

The little second floor cubby hole which they call a student lounge should be off limits for cigarette smoking. For the majority of law students who are non smokers, the obnoxious smoke that lingers in the air makes it virtually intolerable to use the only lounge in the library.

To allow smoking in our lounge causes an injustice to non smokers in several ways. First and foremost, if non smokers can't tolerate the smoke filled room, they have no alternatives but to

leave the library. No other place in the library affords students the opportunity to drink coffee, snack, or have study group meetings. Moreover, if a student needs to make a phone call, then he or she would have to walk all the way over to the law school. What if this student happened to be handicapped in such a manner that he couldn't breathe smoke?

Smokers, on the other hand, do have an alternative. If one should happen to have a nicotine fit, then they would simply have to step outside the library for a brief moment. The weather in

San Diego never gets bad enough to prevent a brief moment out in the open. This is a small token to ask for the convenience of the majority of USD students.

Health studies have convincingly shown that stale cigarette smoke is dangerous to non smokers. Those of us who do not smoke should not be forced to make a choice between jeopardizing our health and bypassing what little enjoyment the library lounge offers. We call on the administration to clear the air in the library.

WE WELCOME

COMMENTS, letters, and/or guest editorials. Please submit any correspondence to the Woolsack office or mailbox not later than the 15th of each month. Letters should be brief and include a name, address and/or phone number in order to verify content.

BOO! The SBA looks forward to a scary bash See You! TONIGHT!

USD special events calendar

Saturday, November 1
 "The Misanthrope," by Moliere, will be presented in French by the Compagnie Claude Beauclair — Paris. 8 p.m., Camino theatre, Camino Hall. \$7 adults, \$3.50 students and seniors. Produced by the Alliance Franchise of San Diego. 466-4308.

Sunday, November 2
 String making workshop and informal concert featuring instruments made by local artists. 2-5 p.m., Camino Theatre, Camino Hall. Free. Sponsors: Southern California Association of Violin Makers, American String Teachers' Association and USD Music Department. 260-4600, ext. 4427.

Tuesday, November 4
 Navy/Marine Corps Birthday Celebration. 2:45 p.m., USD Stadium. 260-4811.

Friday, November 7
 Business Update Breakfast Seminar. "The Loyalty Ethic: An Everyday Management Issue or Just a Matter of Academic Concern?" Elizabeth Arnold, associate professor of business law. Breakfast 7:30 a.m., seminar 8 a.m., Manchester Conference Center. \$15. 260-4585.

Saturday, November 8
 Nuts & Bolts Seminar for Practitioners. Half-day seminars on bread-and-butter topics: Domestic Relations, Driving Under the Influence & Misdemeanor Defense. USD School of Law, Grace Courtroom, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20 includes refreshments and syllabus. Call Barbara Mendelson, 260-4692.

Friday thru Sunday, Nov. 7-9
 Alumni Homecoming Weekend activities. 260-4819.

Saturday, November 8
 Michael Mohr Memorial Golf Tournament. Cottonwood Golf Course. Funds raised by the tournament are for student loans in

the law school. For more information call Barbara Mendelson, 260-4692.

Thursday & Friday, November 13 & 14, & Monday, Nov. 17
 Lukan Gospels, a workshop given by the Institute for Christian Ministries. Guest speaker Rev. Eugene LaVerdiere S.S.S. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Serra 204. \$20 if postmarked by Nov. 6. \$25 at door. 260-4784.

Thursday, November 13 thru Sunday, November 16
 USD Theatre Arts presents "Arsenic and Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring. 2 and 8 p.m., Camino Theatre, Camino Hall. \$3 general, \$2 USD & seniors, \$1 children. Call Pam Connolly 260-4600, ext. 4712.

Saturday, November 15
 Nuts & Bolts Seminar for Practitioners. Half-day seminars on bread-and-butter topics: Bankruptcy, Creditor Remedies & Debt Collection Techniques; Basic Personal Injury and Prop 51. USD School of Law, Grace Courtroom, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20 includes refreshments and syllabus. Call Barbara Mendelson, 260-4692.

Saturday, November 15
 Eucharistic Themes in the Gospels, a one-day seminar. Guest speaker Rev. Eugene LaVerdiere S.S.S. 9:4:30 p.m., St. James Parish hall, 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. \$15 if postmarked by Nov. 8, \$10 parishioners, \$20 at door. Institute for Christian Ministries 260-4784.

Sunday, November 16
 "When We Pray," The Lukan Our Father, an in-depth interpretation of the Lord's prayer. Guest speaker Rev. Eugene LaVerdiere, S.S.S. 2:5:00 p.m., St. Martin's Parish, 7710 El Cajon Blvd. \$10 if postmarked by Nov. 7; \$5 parishioners; \$15 at door. Institute for Christian



Who are these bright looking individuals? Find out next month is the SBA Awareness issue.

Ministries 260-4784.
 Friday, November 21
 USD Opera Workshop. William Eichorn, director, will present an evening of operatic ex-

cerpts. Free. 8 p.m., Camino Theatre, Camino Hall. 260-4600, ext. 4425.
 Through Thursday, December 11
 Exhibition by artist T.J. Dixon,

"Figurative Sculpture." Free. Founders Gallery, Founders Hall. Noon-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. 260-4600, ext. 4261.

Dear Oliver . . . our readers write

Dear Oliver:
 I am a second year law student wondering if I should buy a parking sticker this year?

Signed,
 Alcalá Commuter

Dear Commuter:
 It is much easier to amass ticket charges and then pay them with next year's loans when you pay tuition. (They graciously put them on your tab.) If, however, you want to avoid the tickets — you will get them, since our security guards are recruited out of Notre Dame and Yesihiva; they are very tough — you better buy a sticker for \$25.00.

If you own a late model American car (like Oliver does) it would be best to buy 2 parking stickers. Because when they restriped the parking lots they shrunk the space sizes to create more spaces. So many of your cars will take up more than one space and I am wondering if you do need a sticker for each space...

Dear Oliver:
 I am a first year and I am curious — should I use canned briefs and outlines when I prepare for class?

Signed,
 Curious

Dear Curious:
 Yes.

Dear Oliver:
 Where should I eat now that the Writs is closed?

Signed,
 Hungry

Dear Hungry:
 There is a rumor that Dean Krantz is serving up a soup and sandwich lunch Monday-Friday, 12:00-1:00 in his office. If not, there are fine cafeterias within the law schools of both Cal Western and Western State.

Dear Oliver:
 I have to decide whether to take a class from a nationally known professor and miss Kung Fu or take it from his counterpart at a different time and watch Kung Fu.

Signed,
 Perplexed

Dear Perplexed:
 Sometimes we are too close to our problems and cannot see the clear answer — things become

grey and we cannot chose between right and wrong. Obviously you should take the slouch professor and watch Kung Fu.

Dear Oliver:
 Why are we here?
 Signed,
 Cosmously concerned.

Dear Cosmo,
 Because we couldn't get into Boalt Hall.

Dear Oliver:
 I am a Hindu attending a Catholic school, wondering if I should honor Jewish holidays.


Signed,
 Nivara.

Dear Nivara:
 Take any days off you can.


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Seven USD law students relate summer associate experience

by Nancy Kawano
Feature Editor

The career planning and placement center recently sponsored an informative panel discussion on the summer associate experiences of seven USD law students. Participating on the panel were: Terry Babilla, Lous Arnell, Chris Ambrose, Meredith Alcock, Leslie Zeller, Robert Greif and Marianne Shipp.

The former summer associates enthusiastically agreed that obtaining a summer associateship was an invaluable experience. It provided a first-hand look at the daily operations of a law firm, exposure to various legal settings including depositions, law and motion hearings, trials and a variety of types of legal work. Equally important was the camaraderie established with fellow summer associates and the social aspects of the program which was all part of assessing one's compatibility with the firm and ability to interrelate with its clients.

The participants worked at a variety of medium-to-large-sized firms in San Diego, Los Angeles and Texas.

Since the main objective of the summer associate is to obtain a permanent job offer, the panel



USD Summer Associate Panel how well the person fits into the firm.

participants advised that students should carefully select the law firms at which they apply and accept a summer associate position. This means evaluating the firm in terms of the salary they pay, the geographical location, its officers, and the type of legal work they handle. Once selected for a summer associate position, half the battle is won. At that point, the firm most likely has concluded the person has the requisite qualifications and while they will evaluate that person's work product to see that it confirms their opinion, for the most part they want to see

Marianne Shipp, who spent the summer at Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, confessed that her biggest anxiety was over how she would compare to the other summer associates who came from the "big name" schools. She was happy to report that her USD education provided a more than adequate preparation for a comparison. As it turned out, she had Ivy leaguers coming to her with questions about research. She attributes her advantage to USD's emphasis on research skills.

Terry Babilla's experiences at two Texas-based law firms also demonstrates USD's competitive position among the big name schools. He said USD fared well percentage wise in receiving job offers at the firms where he worked; many Ivy Leaguer's were turned down by the same firms.

Terry Babilla recommended splitting the summer between two law firms if possible. He spent half the summer at Huges and Luce, a 130-attorney firm in Dallas, and the other half at Fullbright and Jaworski, a 400-attorney firm in Houston. Not only does this

strategy increase one's chances of receiving a job offer, but it also provides some basis for comparison.

In terms of the work assignments, the summer associates indicated that one could expect a reasonable work load and that there is no need to be overly concerned about the amount of time billed to a project. However, Meredith Alcock advised that when receiving assignments one should always find out exactly what the attorney wants and the type of response required. Leslie Zeller added that one should never be reluctant to go back to the attorney to ask for clarification.


Robert Greif, who worked at Rogers and Wells in San Diego, had the unfortunate experience of having his office close on him. However, the New York-based firm did offer some summer associates positions in its other offices. It was in that context that Robert stressed the importance of good grades, participation in such activities as law review and striving to produce one's best work product as a summer associate. For him, it resulted in a job offer.

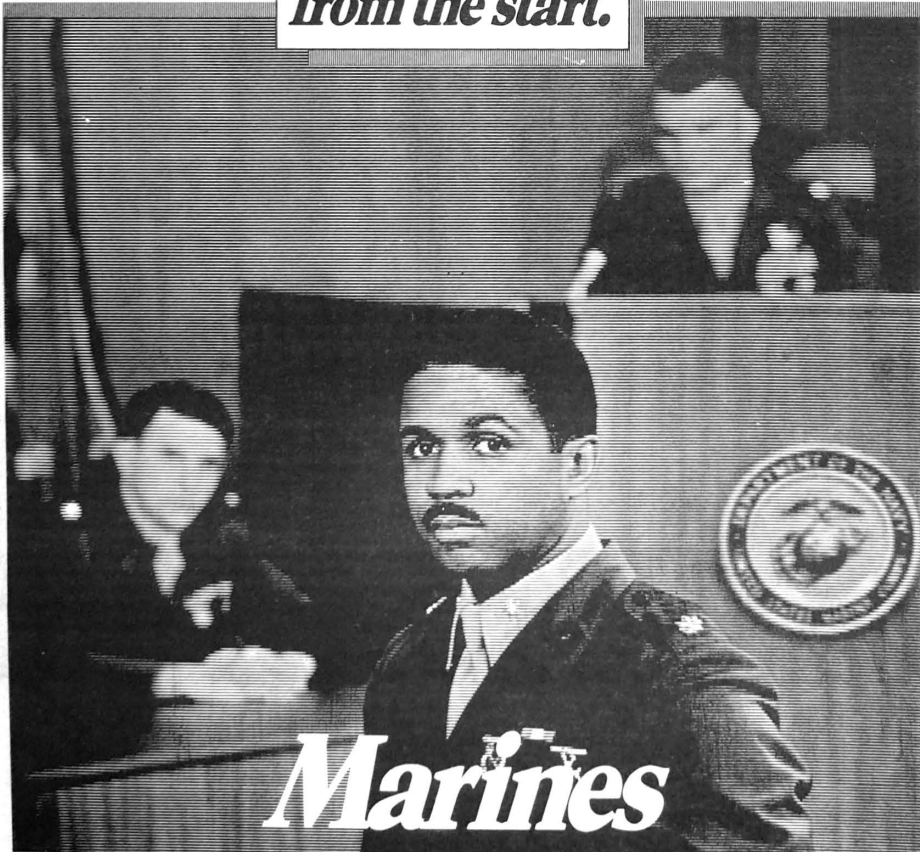
Although it should be obvious to anyone accepting a summer associate position, a professional attitude and approach to the job is the best assurance for a positive evaluation and possible job offer. Leslie Zeller said it was no surprise that offers were not extended to one fellow summer associate who was a moody, constant complainer and another who acted immaturity and placed too much emphasis on partying. In selecting a future associate, firms are looking not only for someone who will work well with the other members of the firm, but will also be a respectable representative of their firm in relations with clients and the community in general.

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Burning calories at the office

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- Jumping to conclusions 100
- Climbing the walls 150
- Swallowing your pride 50
- Passing the buck 25
- Throwing your weight around (depending on your weight) ... 50-300
- Dragging your heels 100
- Pushing your luck 250
- Making mountains out of molehills 500
- Hitting the nail on the head 50
- Wading through paperwork 300
- Bending over backward 75
- Jumping on the bandwagon 200
- Balancing the books 23
- Running around in circles 350
- Eating crow 225
- Tooting your own horn 25
- Climbing the ladder of success 750
- Pulling out the stoppers 75
- Adding fuel to the fire 150
- Wrapping it up at day's end 12

The dreaded bar exam: here's what it's all about

The three-day Bar Exam is administered over six morning and afternoon sessions of three hours duration. It consists of three sections: a six-question essay examination, the 200-item Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) and two performance tests (PT). The essays are written on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, the PTs on those afternoons, and the MBE is given in two 100-item sessions on Wednesday.

A. Multistate

The ratio of 100 questions per three-hour session requires the applicant to average 1.8 minutes

per answer. This time factor should not cause apprehension since, statistically, applicants perform far better on this section (about twice as many passes) than on the PTS or essays.

These 200 multiple choice questions are drafted and reviewed by six separate committees under the direction of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, which publishes an information booklet (included in your CBX application packet) outlining the topical coverage of the exam. Basically, the MBE covers **Torts** (40 questions); **Contracts**—including Articles 1 and 2 of the U.C.C. (40 questions); **Real Property**—including (as does Contracts) legal and equitable remedies (30); **Constitutional Law** (30 questions); **Criminal Law and Procedure** (30, of which 6-9 will deal

with procedural law; and **Evidence**—Federal Rules govern in case of conflict (30).

The MBE info booklet contains 50 representative sample questions. An additional 400 questions used in previous tests can be obtained at your book store or through the Missouri Store, 909 Lowry St., Columbia, MO 65201, for \$6.95 plus \$2 shipping. (A further 3,000-plus questions are contained in the Barpasser materials.

B. Essay

In both sessions you are required to answer three questions in three hours; the order taken and time allotted each question is your choice. Substantive coverage includes the six MBE subjects and Civil Procedure, Wills, Trusts, Community Property and Corporations. The examiners also specify Remedies;

however, our analysis of every exam given in the 1980s shows that Remedies has always been tested as part of a Torts, Contracts or Real Property question—though it was once crossed with a Corporations problem (February 1986).

Note: Questions may call for the essayist to ignore federal law (i.e. statutory securities issues in a Corporations problem) or answer according to California law (i.e. Community Property; or Wills per the CA Probate Code).

C. Performance Tests

The two 3-hour PTs test the applicant's analytical, fact-gathering, and drafting skills, including ethical and tactical factor spotting in typical legal practice situations. Applicants are provided with a File of memoranda, letters, and depositions containing

the relevant facts and a Library of cases and statutes regarding the applicable law. Thus, applicants are not being explicitly tested on knowledge of specific rules of law, though they are expected to draw upon general legal knowledge in their organization and analysis.

The task—often tasks—assigned involve either analytical (neutral and balanced evaluation) or persuasive (compelling advocacy) writing in the form of a closing argument, a trial or appellate brief, a document (redrafting), a discovery plan for interview or deposition, office memorandum, negotiation proposal, etc. *Note: Performance testing is still evolving and the Committee has indicated further tasks will not be limited to those that were assigned in prior examinations.*

President's message

I paid \$30 (\$25) for something called "SBA fees." What is "SBA" supposed to mean and where does that money go? The first part is easy. The "SBA" is the Student Bar Association. If you have a problem, come to us, no matter the subject matter. At the least, we'll shake your hand and direct you to someone who can assist you. The second part is a little more difficult and I would therefore like to take this opportunity to explain just where that money goes. Contrary to popular belief, the S.B.A. does not spend the funds on its own projects exclusively. Rather, if you participate in any of the following organizations or their events, you use SBA funds in whole or in part: SBA Speakers Bureau; Moot Court; International Law Society; Intramurals; Black Law Students Association; Law of the Sea and Ocean Policy; Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Disarmament, Comparative Law; Asian Pan-American Law Students Association; Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues; Law Student Division of the ABA; Phi Alpha Delta; Woolsack; and the Women in Law. Besides that, the SBA funds events and projects directly, including, but not limited to: Halloween party; orientation; finals study breaks; a new communication center; and a hypnotist. (Please see free to come by the SBA to feel exactly what is spent where). You absolutely have the right to question where the money you pay goes and I hope you do so. In the meantime, take advantage of your life out of the classroom. You have paid for it. (Next month, the non-monetary aspects of the SBA).

There are some important issues which need to be brought up presently as well. No alterations will be made without your consultation. First, do you agree with a grading policy adhering to a high of 93 and low of 65? Second, do you agree that the grade distribution should have a restriction of A-F's? Third, would you like more student/faculty involvement? Fourth, would you support and attend a school program consisting of a performance workshop and exam-taking workshop for the Bar? Fifth, what speakers interest you? Sixth, is the SBA being receptive to your requests? Please come by the SBA office or talk to your class rep. These are just a few of the crying issues, but they are a start. We would love to hear from you. If nothing else, it's free.

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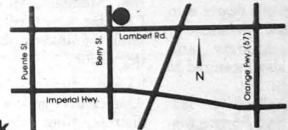
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• Saturday, Nov. 15, 1986
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Lecturer: Sherman Winnick
Subject: C.C.P. I
Class: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

CIVIL PROCEDURE I
Lecturer: Sherman Winnick
Subject: C.C.P. I
Class: 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

• Sunday, Nov. 16, 1986
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Lecturer: Sherman Winnick
Subject: Contracts I
Class: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

TORTS I
Lecturer: Sherman Winnick
Subject: Tort I
Class: 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- All courses will be held at **Western State University, College of Law, San Diego, 2121 San Diego Ave., Room 230**

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• 11 seminars to be held in Orange County, November 19-25, December 1-4, 1986. If you have any questions, please call

Enlightenment Gratis or what the Woolsack means to me

by Georgina Arcaro
Associate Editor

It wasn't too long ago that someone (okay, me) asserted that the true meaning of "woolsack" is unknown to civilized man today. I checked Black's Dictionary. Is there anything else? Evidently so. In fact that "else" came in the form of Webster's Dictionary.

The way I see it, I'm a law student, I read law books, legal periodicals, legal dictionaries. Simply put I'm in a cave with no windows. Well, maybe one window and it looks over Jose Murphy's where no one reads anything. But getting back to Webster's . . . A woolsack is "a sack of wool shaped in the form of a divan; a rectangular divan that is the official seat for one of the judges of the High Court of Justice.

So there is some legal significance to the name of this, our esteemed periodical. But I still think we should change the name. It seems too wedded to the English courts. This is not a parliamentary society, dammit, we're a representative republic! (Low humming in the background, please.) Our relevant time frame is 1789. We should call this something that directly relates to our heritage. "The Philadelphia Story" well, someone has screen rights to that. "The Constitution Redux" a bit heavy handed, I guess. Maybe something more modern and in step with the American legal profession today. We could use "The Billing Hour," "Grey Pinstripe Monthly," or "The Paisley Parade."

Well, I guess it doesn't much

matter. It doesn't matter to my editor, I know. When I asked him about changing the name he went into a diatribe about tradition and honor and the like, then he burped at me and crawled back to the refrigerator in the Woolsack office for another beer. (He'll probably kill me for that comment. He should wait and see what stuff I'll be slinging in the subsequent issues!)

But a newspaper by any other name would still leave print on your fingers. Which means that the Woolsack will still be called the Woolsack, but I know deep in my heart of hearts that the Woolsack is more than an oddly named paper, it stands for truth, for the students, for the American way, and for a break in my tuition if I ever become editor.

Law students face higher psychiatric burdens

Few students are unaffected by the aggressive and non-supportive nature of the law school learning environment. Feelings of depression, hopelessness, hostility, and spells of terror and panic are common responses. A sizeable group of law students at the University of Arizona participated in a study designed to measure their psychiatric distress as compared with the stress levels of medical students and the normative population.

Clearly, law students are distressed and have symptoms of psychiatric disorders. About 12 percent displayed moderate to severe depression of a degree warranting psychiatric treatment or intervention. Anxiety and hostility were also measured at severely high levels.

Students completed a self-evaluation, the *Brief Symptom Inventory*, to measure distress such as bodily complaints—nausea,

weakness, and shortness of breath. Obsessive-compulsive difficulties included trouble remembering and the ability to concentrate, feelings of anger and difficulty making decisions. High anxiety levels reflected restlessness, fear, and panic. High levels of hostility were found in law students manifested by anger and resentment.

Each student also completed the *Beck Depression Inventory* to measure the intensity of depression: suicidal thoughts, feelings of sadness, and impaired ability to perform. A third diagnostic test, the *Multiple Affect Adjective Checklist*, was used to determine levels of anxiety, hostility, and depression.

Law students experienced significantly greater psychiatric distress than the normative population and higher psychiatric distress than the

group of medical students tested in the study. By contrast, the medical school environment appeared to be more supportive and more conducive to individual attention. The competitive environment of the law school forces students into direct competition with each other. Some medical schools have instituted a pass-fail system to diminish some of the competition. On the other hand, academic rank in the law school is used to some degree by students in choosing their future practice. One bad semester can have a major impact on their future career.

The authors of the study emphasized the need for further evaluation to assess serious distress and to implement various plans to make the law school experience more supportive which should also improve the academic outcome.

—The U.S. Law

Journal of contemporary legal issues commences next spring

By Stuart Adams
Staff Writer

The University of San Diego has announced the publication of a new legal journal entitled "Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues." The stated purpose of the journal is to provide a forum for thoughtful and creative writing about contemporary legal and social issues. Selected students, scholars and professionals in law and related areas will be contributing to the journal.

The format of the journal will be essays on legal issues and a section devoted to dialogue and debate in the form of letters. Each issue of the journal will be devoted to exposition of a particular theme. The journal's first theme will be "Law and the Legal Profession: Working toward a Peaceful Society?" Articles for this issue will be due December 15, and the issue will come out in

the Spring of 1987.

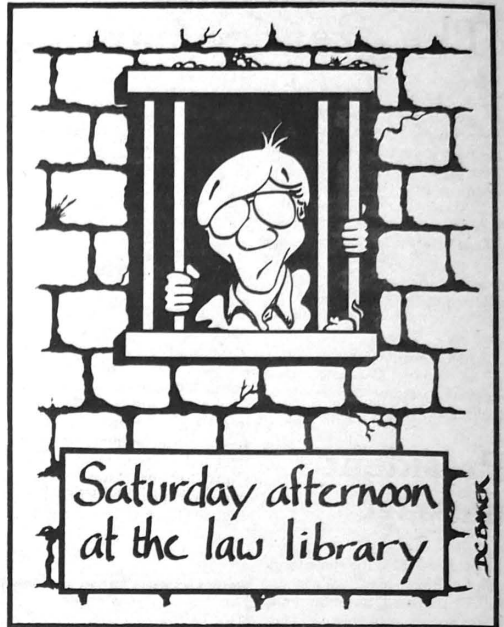
Both students and faculty will have clearly defined roles in the editorial process of the journal. Students, however will have had the responsibility of managing the paper. The faculty role is largely advisory.

Involvement in the management of the journal will be as follows. First year students will have the opportunity to proof-read and cite check articles for the journal. Those who remain involved with the journal through the first year will become "editors" in their second year. Students demonstrating superior writing skills and a dedication to the journal in their first and second years will become "senior editors" in their third year. Writing skills may be demonstrated by submitting an article to the journal.

The primary market for the

Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues will be law libraries affiliated with law schools and law firms across the country. Other sources will include local, state and federal bar and judicial associations as well as specialized legal associations such as the American Trial Lawyers' Association.

Current editors of the Journal believe that the enthusiasm they have met on the USD campus is indicative of the interest in and the need for alternative legal scholarship. Current senior editors are: Karen Karavatos, Greg Brown, Sue Melton, Eric Houser, Alice Abotti, Matt Fairshier, and Wayne Parier.



Entomologist hasn't got prayer with new mantis

By James F.B. Sawyer

Scientists at the world famous Scripps Institute of Entomology and Creepy Crawly Things in San Diego have tentatively announced the discovery of an entirely heretofore unknown variety of preying mantis.

Unlike the garden variety of mantis, the new bug takes great care to avoid rotting vegetation and decay, the cause of an apparent induced psychosis in the creature. This fact is what brought the mantis to the attention of Scripps entomologist R.U. Cirius.

"This find is truly amazing," said Cirius in his office overlooking Black's Beach in La Jolla. Lowering his binoculars and coming away from the window, Cirius reveals that his discovery of the new mantis was entirely by chance. He stumbled upon the creature while working in his garden at home.

"I have a garden at home," Cirius says. "I grow eggshells, used coffee grounds, banana peels !!! among other staples." He looks wistfully out the office window, fingers tapping on the binoculars dangling from his neck.

"I was working in the garden compost heap, where I've been rotting some fresh vegetables and other yucky stuff, when I noticed this gross looking bug, staggering around like he was drunk and chirping under his breath to himself. Being a scientist, I was curious. So I walked over and picked it up, being careful to step on it first.

"Even though I heard the most satisfying crunch, I guess this little guy was tougher than he looked. While I was looking at him more closely, he lunged at my nose. Well, I swatted him away and I never saw him again."

Cirius plans to search for further specimens of the new mantis, since the first specimen escaped, and since no one else at Scripps believes him.

"I won't rest until I've got one of those suckers on the business end of a specimen pin," he says. Dr. Cirius asks the support of science-minded individuals in tracking down new specimens.

"It's easy to confuse this new mantis with other mantises," Cirius says. "The only way you can tell if you have one is to put it close to that pile of rotting stuff that everybody keeps near their gardens. The icky things really go crazy when they're near that pre-fertilizer stuff. They lose control. They behave in a manner totally beyond the limits of behavior of the average, reasonable-minded mantis. They're not responsible for their actions."

If you find a specimen of the new mantis, Dr. Cirius would appreciate your help in forwarding it directly to him. Specimens should be placed into business size envelopes and mailed immediately to Cirius at Scripps.

"Make sure the envelope is as flat as possible, so it'll fit through my mailslot here at the office," Cirius adds.

The name Cirius has chosen for his discovery? THE NON COMPOST MANTIS.

RIGHT TO DIE

miser, however, I can't see a reason for living," she said.

The panel discussion was led and dominated by Bouvia's attorney, Richard Scott. Scott emphasized that there is no such thing as the right to die. "All that Elizabeth has established is that any patient has the right to refuse any medical care; the motive is nobody's business, we stand for complete autonomy," Scott said.

Scott was questioned briefly by the other members of the panel at

various times during the discussion. Bar Association President Broderick, asked probing questions focusing on a hospital's ethical duty to care for patients. His query was whether the hospital owed an ethical duty to patients to render medical care. Scott's response was that the individual's freedom of choice was more important than any ethical duty of a hospital.

A Bar Review Primer

Q: WHAT IN THE WORLD IS CALIFORNIA BAR REVIEW COMING TO?

A: BARPASSERS

Q: *Why?*

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Only course offering an **active testing** program.

Q: *Why don't other bar review courses offer these features?*

A: Until BARPASSERS was started, they obviously didn't feel any need to compete - by that I mean that they had no pressure to improve their courses. But **now** we've become the **standard of care** that they'll have to show their students.

Q: *So you think the other courses will have to follow the BARPASSERS' program?*

A: In a word, yes. Watch: in the next year the other courses will be revamping their programs - doing more skills training, more grading; offering newer materials and updated testing examples; rescheduling their lecture sequences and including more clinics and workshops - in order to imitate the success of the BARPASSERS' approach.

Q: *Why would they go to all this expense and bother?*

A: Because BARPASSERS **did** and now the word of mouth among students is that BARPASSERS is **the** course to take for the California Bar. Every day we enroll more and more 3rd year students who were previously signed up with one of the national courses. Believe me, this amount of switching has not gone unnoticed at certain corporate headquarters in Chicago and Culver City. The upshot of this is that you can expect the level of bar reviewing in California to improve, and that all students - not only ours - will stand to benefit in the way of higher pass rates. But let me ask you: now that you know of the differences BARPASSERS offers, would you still take one of the older courses?

Q: No.

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Syntek represents USD law school in Hawaiian Iron Man Triathlete Tournament

By Carmen Naranjo

USD law student Richard Syntek recently returned from a very successful "vacation" in the Hawaiian Islands where he finished in the top 20 percent of the annual Ironman Triathlon competition.

The Ironman competition combines three of Hawaii's most popular athletic events—the Waikiki Roughwater Swim, the Around Oahu Bike Race and the Honolulu Marathon.

For Syntek, months of sacrifice, determination, and training culminated into a very successful outing. Syntek's official timing was 12-hours-and-20-minutes. "By the time the race is over, a runner is concerned about being able to stand up straight and not pass out; not so much what his time is," Syntek said.

The Ironman triathlon is a high quality exclusive event. Nearly 4,000 athletes applied for the competition and a mere 1,000 were accepted. Coming in first place and shattering the 1985 record was Dave Scott of Davis, California with a time of 8-hours, 28-minutes-and-37-seconds. That time took more than 20-minutes off the 1985 record.

One may wonder where in the world a law student burdened with studies, extracurricular activities, and a law clerking position would find time to run in the most grueling event known to man (and woman).

"I think there is a big myth that says, if you're in law school then all other aspects of your life are over," Rich said. "That simply isn't true; If we dedicate ourselves to something that we really want, nothing will stop us except for our own limits."

Even so, how does one train for such a grueling event? "The most important aspect is consistency," Rich noted. "I had been working hard for six months so I had a very good foundation going into the race." Everything I did day in and day out was mapped out."

Rich is from the University of Nebraska where he earned his B.A. and his M.B.A. Through-out College, Rich's best event was running. He has always been a runner by trade.

The fact that running is his best event, however, did not stop him from encountering this obstacle.

"When I first got to Hawaii, I felt like I was in great shape. When I first ran the fields around the lava pit though I thought I would pass out. I didn't realize how much the heat took out of your body. But it wasn't a matter of being out of shape, it was a matter of keeping fluids in my body."

Rich will spend the rest of the winter recuperating and getting ready to become a lawyer. Even though he has reached a large goal in his life, he doesn't feel like now is the time to stop.



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Sports

Fletcher's Corner

By Curtis O. Fletcher

With sports the way it is in this town, I think I'm going to switch to the editorial page of this paper (What's the name? Oh yeah, *The Woolsack*). At least there you can talk about some of the great gossip that goes on around campus. You can even spout off your opinion on current legal issues.

San Diego sports, on the other hand, makes one want to be a 4.0 student. Take for example some of the recent happenings: The heat gets too hot for Don Coryell and he quits the Chargers. Somebody tell this man you don't just quit a professional football team!

Then, Lamar Hoyt, for the second straight year tries to sneak drugs across the Mexican border, this time they better try to throw the key away. Maybe he's one of the suppliers of our front page drug dealers.

Then, worst of all, our intramural softball game scheduled for 5 p.m. on Friday evening gets delayed until 5:25. This may not seem like such a big deal on the surface but, the city league moves right on to the field at 6:00 thereby barely giving our team the chance to break a sweat. It's O.K. though, we won anyway.

Well, since sports seems to be going a little bit haywire, let's try something new.

Maybe I can talk about this guy who keeps harrasing my roommate. Who is my roommate? you ask. He happens to be the big shot of this paper, the E-in-C.

AKA Justice. Yes, I'll be the first to admit it, he has his faults. His closet smells like a locker room, he leaves dirty dishes in the sink, he has strange women calling at all hours of the evening, and he even watches the Disney channel when he's supposed to be doing his homework or working on the paper. But, nevertheless he is my roommate and I happen to think he's a realitively cool dude.

Then some character named Reilly Atkinson comes along making a big stink out of nothing. Because Reilly turned an article to last month's paper without typing it first, a mistake was made. Instead of having only one sexual innuendo in his article, he had two! Big deal.

Now since Justice is the Editor of this tabloid, Reilly seems to think that he is under some duty to try and "show Reilly's innocence."

Well, since Justice doesn't want to bring it up and make a big deal out of it, I guess I'll have to.

Reilly was quoted as saying in his article, "I did Mary Jo in the back seat." Now is not the time to speculate on the definition of phrase, I personally can't tell whether it means engaging in sexual intercourse, or simply oral copulation. Anyway . . .

Reilly has yet to tell Justice in his nasty letters to the editor what exactly he was trying to say. So, as far as a retraction goes, I guess I'll just have to say that sorry readers, Reilly didn't mean

to say he did Mary Jo in the back seat, he simply meant _____

Enough of tht subject. Did anyone ever tell that our business manager's law firm bills her time out at \$85 per hour? That's pretty good for a law student. In fact, it's so good that it's almost as much as they pay the associate attorney in my firm.

Maybe I should go back to sports writing.

In a bold move to try and bolster youth and confidence in a faltering baseball club, the San Diego Padres today announced the trading of Terry Kennedy. Of course, they didn't say to whom he was being traded, they simply said that he was being traded and that they wouldn't say where until after the Super Bowl. Why Terry Kennedy? Well it was Joan Kroc's idea. A sort of retaliation to protest the fact that Ted Kennedy is not running for President in 1988. Bye, see ya next month!

See you
down at
O'Connell's
Thursday
night.

Wise leads the Dream Team to crucial mid-season victory

By Clay McPherson

The Miami Dream Team pulled out a magnificent victory over Orps and Annies to move into a threatening position in the USD intramural Co-Ed divisional race.

The Dream Team was lead by the superb pitching of player coach Dave Wise (1-0) who simply tied the hands of Orps and Annies. "It was all I could do just to make contact with the ball," an anonymous Orps player said. "I haven't seen pitching like that all year."

The Dream Team's offensive attack was led by center fielder Curtis Fletcher and shortstop Angus McPherson. Fletcher had a 9 for 9 hitting streak going into the game but was robbed on a great catch by the Orps right fielder. "Fletch was robbed, she just stuck her glove out and got an early Christmas present," said the shortstop McPherson.

Part of the Dream Team's success can be attributed to the mid-season aquisitions of Howard Crane, left fielder; Debbie Lance, First basewoman; Victor Torres, third baseman; and Colin Lochner, right fielder. Trader Justice was responsible for these aquisitions.

At the outset of the contest, however, a shadow of doubt was cast over the Dream Team because their star second baseman, Lisa Beasley, was nowhere to be found. "It's a miracle that we won the game without Lisa," left fielder Don

Edgar said. "With her speed and agility out there on the infield, were a better team."

Perhaps the most unfortunate incident of the game was when right fielder Colin Lochner drove a deep line drive to left-center field. Running with the reckless disregard of a tort feasing marine, Lochner failed to notice that he should have settled for a triple. Instead, he strove for home and was thrown out by a mile. "I thought I heard someone say head for home," Lochner rationalized. Many feel that loyal fan club director Nancy Kawano was responsible for the errant in-structions.

At this point in time, the Dream Team looks like the team to beat in the Co-Ed division. For those interested all Dream Team games are shown at 5 pm on Friday nights at Presidio field.

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