USD keeps winning ABA seats, awards

Strachan and Forbes honored, O'Connor elected Circuit Governor

by Rickey J. Cordwell

The American Bar Association’s Law Student Division recently recognized Dean Kristine Strachan and second-year student Cheryl Forbes for their work and commitment. Dean Strachan was recognized for her faithful and professional execution of services to the Division. The award states that “[t]his commitment and dedication has assured law students a greater opportunity to become involved with the Division.” The award further states that “[t]he excellence of Strachan’s leadership has assured law students a greater opportunity to become involved with the Division.” The award also recognizes Forbes’ participation in seeking solutions to the problems which confront today’s society.

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A View from the bench

Why couldn't law school have been different

by Charles D. Hrvatin
Editor-in-Chief

Why can't law school be different? Or in my case why couldn't it have been different? I want to let you in on a secret. Not just my friends that read this column nor you 1Ls that continually search for an angle on improving. (Now that I'm graduating I can say, first-years are quite humorous to watch trying to juggle time and commercial outlines.) But that's not the secret. What I have been contemplating for the last few months and just held on to due to the fact that the severity of war requires less-than-flippant thinking is yet pondering over editorial material is a very interesting scheme.

End of Socratic Dialogue

I question why we can't go into class, a regular law school class, and treat the Socratic interrogation akin to your basic Gulf Crisis Pentagon briefing. Think about it! Arriving just as the clock strikes the hour Professor Wonnell places his books on the lectern and matter-of-factly states: "Okay. Let's get started. General McCaffrey could you tell us: If the Army agreed to buy 500 tanks and decided they didn't want them after the contractor accepted the deal, then wouldn't the Army be liable on the deal?"

Instead of a patent law school reply - other than the answer, that is - such as "Paso," "I read that so long ago, I can't remember," "I haven't got my book yet," student McCaffrey replies, "I won't deal with hypotheticals! If there are no more questions I'll have to go."

We can stop this sort of thing now.

The student, a bright youth with the letters C-O-L-I-N-P-O-W-E-L stenciled on his book spouts out, "We can't speculate, Professor!"

In another classroom ... too far away, the Rule of Perpetuities is chalked on the blackboard with students staring helplessly at the light seconds before a careful decision, and vote on March 19 & 20.

Elections

This special edition of Motions is devoted to SBA and Honor Court Elections. In this issue, you will find statements of candidacy by each candidate, along with a description of the job requirements by past holders of these offices. This is your student government. Please take the time to read what each candidate has to say, make a careful decision, and vote on March 19 & 20.

Locker Recall

If you are presently using a locker on campus, watch for signs regarding a locker recall. In order to free up lockers which have been occupied but unused for years, we will be removing all lockers which have not been used for two years. The funds from the sale of lockers will be used to purchase new lockers.

The end not soon enough for some

by Kelli McCarthy

And now the end is near. I can finally see a light down the tracks at the end of the tunnel; or could it be a naive dream staring helplessly at the light seconds before a fully-loaded Amtrak train rockets toward me?

The last few years have provided the number of ups and downs, but for the most part, it has been a good experience. Law school is one of the few training grounds where one is assured a well paying job after graduation. Well, at least that's what they told me three years ago! What have I gotten myself into? I wonder if the drama department is still accepting applications for its next production? I guess I shouldn't get distraught. Maybe I'll feel better about all of this if I take some action. Let's see; I guess I'll

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Next Month

Yes, What you've all been waiting for!

The final View from the Bench

Marketplace of Ideas

by Steve Smith
SBA President

There has been much discussion lately on the nature of USD law school's association with the Roman Catholic Church, especially with respect to the effect of this affiliation on student programs. Make no mistake: like it or not, good or bad, we are students at a Roman Catholic University. This is proclaimed quite clearly in the University's mission statement (see the Graduate Student Handbook, p 4). The More Hall School of Law was founded by Bishop Charles F. Buddy, along with the San Diego University College for Men, as a Catholic institution in 1954. When the University of San Diego was formed in 1972, it became an independent university which included the USD School of Law; this situation has not changed. The Law School at USD remains irrevocably tied to the University; this is true on all levels, including religious affiliation.

A much more troublesome question remains: how does USD's Catholic identity affect the policies and practices of the School? There has always been in religious universities a tension between the obligation to protect academic freedom and a commitment to the preservation of the particular traditions with which the institution identifies itself. If the University, through its students and faculty, is not free to raise honest questions without restriction about any topic, then it fails in its duty to educate. Conversely, if it is not mindful of the message of Christianity, as well as other traditions, it fails in its mission to address those mysteries which lie beyond academia. These considerations are not irreconcilable; rather they occupy different sides of the same coin.

Still, one of these elements must emerge as dominant. Otherwise, each policy decision becomes merely a matter of bureaucratic discretion, with little or no guidance for the faculty or students. USD's President, Author E. Hughes, has published a fine essay on this subject. He concludes that the Catholic University of California, USD's sister university, but it must also be considerably more if it is to truly Catholic: it must preserve for its community of scholars the freedom to pursue responsible intellectual inquiry, and yet consistently and tenaciously insist that human, communio, and spiritual values be a part of the fiber of this community. Dr. Hughes quotes Ladiitas Oray, a Jesuit Theologian: "The scientist ought to hear the Church announcing the mystery; he cannot discover them. The Church ought to gather its reflections on faith into a well-organized body of knowledge that appeals to the human intellect."

I believe that this University has made honest attempts to reconcile these elements, and has, for the most part, succeeded admirably. There have been mistakes, however, and no doubt we will continue to struggle with this dilemma for some time.
Kudos to President Bush for his brilliant handling of the Persian Gulf War. Unlike President Johnson’s handling of the Vietnam War, President Bush did not do any unnecessary meddling in the military’s conduct of the war. We are an international coalition, which many felt would be difficult to accomplish, and kept it together through many trying times, which often seemed impossible.

The President also skillfully managed to give the Soviet Union the stiff arm when they attempted to save their client, Saddam Hussein, and reassured their influence in the region. Instead of another Nobel Peace Prize and a chance to make his name in history, President Bush assembled an international coalition, which was perhaps the most unique historical position he has ever assumed. He understands unprecedented popularity and at home. Also, probably for the first time in the post-war period, the United States is respected and feared throughout the world. In other words, the President’s ability to effectuate change in hopes of achieving a “new world order,” which he often spoke of in the months preceding the invasion, may become a reality.

However, there are historical, religious and territorial conflicts that stand in the way of creating a new world order in the middle east.

First, there is the mess inside Iraq. There are reports of as many as fourteen different factions fighting to over- throw Saddam Hussein. While the overthow of Saddam Hussein may seem appealing, it will not necessarily mean that a positive change will occur in Iraq. After all, even after the liberation of Kuwait, he is in a unique historical position.

Also, probably for the first time in the post-war period, the Comrade Gorbachev was told “thanks, but no thanks.” To claim that he was a friend of the Arabs and the West, Soviets together through many trying times, which often seemed trite to you, so be it, but if only one pedestrian or one driver accepted that extra measure of caution which was warranted, or that they didn’t value their lives very much. Somehow standing in the no man’s land, sand- whipped by the wind, the temperature sometimes below freezing and sometimes above 100 degrees, I can’t believe my eyes when I see this happen. I can only think that these people are not thinking very clearly or that they don’t value their lives very much. Federal rules.

I don’t know about you, but I would rather take my chances on the curb if a motorist has a blowout, than to be hit by a car and killed. I don’t mean to suggest that he was jaywalking in the manner that I’ve described above, but if you have been, please, please think about what you’re doing and think about those who care about you; and think about how they would feel if you were hurt or killed. If you’re jaywalking to get to class, stop and think before you cross that busy boulevard. Being five minutes late isn’t going to be the end of the world. A gain, I don’t mean to suggest that Mr. Baretta was jaywalking in the manner that I’ve described above, but if you have been, please, please think about what you’re doing and think about those who care about you; and think about how they would feel if you were hurt or killed.

As for the drivers, maybe not as much as not the traffic on Linda Vista Road is indeed whipping by. The posted speed limit on the stretch of Linda Vista Road from the west en trance of school to the east entrance is 35 miles per hour. I can’t cite statistics, but ask anyone who lives in the “dogpatch” (as I understand it an unspecified geographical area, the sound of some car or less between Linda Vista Road and Friars Road, Goshen Street and Napa Street) how fast they think most cars are going on the road to get to and from school, a school -- for the last three years.

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In the Right

Mark Bronovich

Israelis want to live in peace, but many citizens remember when the whole instrumentaldities of a modern state were aligned against them. Their history has been one of persecution and war, and historically insignificant periods of peace and cooperation are not enough to convince them to lower their guard.

However, if there is to be a lasting peace between the Palestinians and Israelis, both sides must be willing to compromise and take chances. After all, the Camp David Peace accords between Egypt and Israel would not have been possible without compromise and political risk taking by both sides. Although signed only a relatively short time ago, the success of the agreement through peace in Egypt and Israel vis-a-vis one another, which suggest that such agreements between Israel and its other neighbors are possible.

A third obstacle to peace is the composition of the governments in the region. Usually, the choice of government is limited to either a dictatorship or a monarchy. Agreements with leaders such as Syrian President Assad, who many officials believe provided tactical and logistical support for the terrorists who blew up Pan Am Flight 103, may not be very reliable. When convenient, necessary, or expedient for political purposes, such leaders will disregard wishes of freedom and liberty, and embrace their own.

It is plain to see that President Bush has many obstacles to creating a new world order in the Middle East. However, if he can overcome them and succeed in creating a new world order in the Middle East, he will truly deserve to be called one of the greatest Presidents of all time.

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Field of Bad Dreams
by Jon Ocepek

With the arrival of spring break, exhausted and needing a break from the books, I found my thoughts turning to another rite of spring — the opening of baseball spring training. I was particularly looking forward to the San Diego Padres camp in Peoria, Arizona and Florida. No, I didn’t stand away to one of those far away places to watch the boys of summer getting their spring tune-ups, but I did find the best next best thing.

I bustled off to the video store, picked up a copy of Field of Dreams, then to Wings ’n Things in PB for a supply of Buffalo wings and of course to 7-11 for the obligatory six-pack (gotta have something cold to drink to counter the spicy-hot chicken). Resolved to kicking off my spring break in this fashion, I turned on the VCR, cracked open a beer and grabbed a few wings. I munched all the chicken, had a couple of beers and promptly fell into a deep sleep on the couch at the movie’s conclusion. Then I began to dream.

Please allow for the usual aberrations of time and space in most dreams.

The Dream Begins

The dream began with USD President Author Hughes or former Dean Kraatz or some university trustee or other official (this part was fuzzy) standing in the law school parking lot one day when a little voice came to them, seemingly from nowhere. It goes something like this...

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**University Official of Your Choice:** What, who’s that?

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A Fallen Angel?

Reflection of greatness missing at USD

When I was first informed that the law school was changing its name for the sake of the "almighty dollar," I was shocked at the administration of this University. More Hall, as I'm sure you all know, stands, or stood, for St. Thomas More - the patron saint of lawyers. Many people do not realize the significance of this act. They say "It's only name." However, that name stands as a symbol of morality and justice for those who attend this school. It goes beyond the chunk of stone placed outside of the school and reaches a deeper meaning in the classrooms within the building. What is truly shocking apart from this one name change is the fact that the University is soliciting funds for its capital campaign by offering the "most generous" donors the opportunity to have their names displayed on the religious names on other buildings throughout campus. Come on down, you're the next winner on the "Price is Right."

At first blush, for a Catholic institution that espouses Christian values, it seemed as though the University was prostituting itself. I wondered if we weren't regressing to the Middle Ages when the Church sold indulgences (forgiveness for sins in return for money). After my initial anger toward the Board of the University cooled, I was even more saddened at the reality that struck home. I realized that the Board was not to blame. In fact, they would be insane not to accept funds for the mere fact that they were contingent upon some benefit in return. The University is doing the students a great service through its solicitation of funds for its capital campaign. So, wherein does the blame lie? Unfortunately, the answer is with those who will donate money expecting something in return.

Yes, the Warrens and those that will follow in their truly "humanitarian" spirit are to blame. I admit that it is wonderful that the world still encounters people such as these that recognize the need to support our educational system and have the means to do so. But, I ask, if they are sincerely philanthropic and have the honest desire to promote education, why do they need their names written in stone in return for their generosity? Isn't the personal learning is that gifts don't require consideration. Well, I ask, if you think any school which harbors such apathetic students can consider itself to be great.

We have students at this school who instead of trying to understand the importance of trying to achieve a diverse student body, see efforts at diversification as reverse discrimination. Of course, those same students wear the badge of racism on their sleeve as they sit around telling "nigger" jokes without understanding why anyone would consider them offensive.

Perhaps this attitude comes from the faculty. After all, it was not too long ago a faculty debate on affirmative action hiring practices was held. They made it sound as if the Dean would run out to the ghetto and hire the first black man she saw if a policy of affirmative action were to be instituted at the school. Wake up and smell the coffee boys, black men are intelligent and qualified to teach!!! Of course, this comes from the same faculty that rejected a female candidate who later went on to get hired by one of the best law schools in the country.

The problem stems from a lack of community feeling in the law school. Students go about their daily business with their noses in their books and never look up long enough to get involved. It is the same handful of students who work at building a name for the law school; who work at improving faculty/student relations; who work at bringing a bit of the outside world in. I guess I would not complain too much. After all, when you have to give away free pizza to get students involved, it makes you wonder about the quality of the students. Of course, these same students will come and eat the pizza and then leave before any involvement becomes necessary.

Another possible source of the problem could be the SBA. Granted they do a good job of trying to make things better. Of course, these are the same people who act like children throwing tantrums when things don't go their way. (If any of you could see the way some of the students who are running for office acted at the last meeting, you would vote to ban them from school elections forever.)

The Dean has high goals for this school. They are admirable goals which would be wonderful to achieve. However, greatness is not a reflection of high numbers but of high standards. Greatness is a reflection of a group which has a sense of community and obligation to others. It is the group where the individual is really made to feel as a part of the whole. Of course, it was this same university that sold off the name of the venerable USD School of Law for a mere $2 million. (How is that for an identity crisis?)

I also have hopes for this school. I hope we will learn that a real world exists out there which someday soon is going to expect us to provide the answers. I hope we will truly try to listen to other points of view. I hope this school will achieve greatness not because of its numbers but because of its ability to be compassionate with those who really need our help.

Granted, there are some here who do deserve a round of applause. The students who rallied around and gave support to those who had loved ones in the Persian Gulf. The professor who includes cases concerning slaves as property to show us how far we've come and how much further we have yet to go. The students who serve in SBA not because it is fodder for the resume but because they feel they can make a difference. Those who stage events aimed at bringing in diverse points of view.

These are the ones who provide me with hope. These are the people who show me that things are not all gloom and doom. However, these people are few and far between.

For a school that has such brilliant minds in its midst the ignorance within these walls is astounding. And ignorance angers me. I just hope that the ranks of those who feel the same way continues to grow so that we can begin to work together at becoming a truly "great" law school.

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Laura Morton
Students to decide top professor, bylaws change

Student Bar Bylaws in revamping process

Professor of the Year candidates nominated

by Mitch Kam

The 1990-1991 SBA Bylaws Committee made a number of revisions to Articles 15 and 16 of the SBA Bylaws. The changes affect the election process and were made to facilitate a more orderly execution of annual elections.

In previous years, a number of problems occurred that tended to taint the final outcome. Feuding amongst candidates is an occurrence that probably cannot be completely eliminated, but these new revisions will hopefully improve the campaign process. The proposed changes are set forth below in bold type.

The remainder of the bylaws will be revised and brought up to date during the following few weeks with the process continuing the next academic year. Subsequent proposed changes will be communicated to you by the 1991-1992 SBA board.

Below are the names of professors nominated as of Friday, March 17 for the Professor of the Year voting.

Students should be sure and cast a vote for the professor that they feel is the most deserving of this newly created award.

Laura Berend  
Daniel Brotherton  
Lynne Dolis  
Frank Englett  
Bob Fellmeth  
Steve Harwell  
Walt Healer  
Gail Harlot  
Richard Huffman  
Lou Keigl  
Thomas Lundmark  
Dale Michael Langorta  
Grant Morris  
Virgina Nolan  
Herbert Peterheand  
Christopher Ortoni  
Garnero Ramirez  
Mallon Schwarzmarh  
Jymth Shyern  
Virginia Shue  

Howard Shore  
Alan Snyder  
Leifer Snyder  
Bernard Segmon  
Glen Spearman  
Edmond Usen  
Charlies Wiggins  
Willard Wint  
Pamlo Wap  
Chris Wonnell

Proposed By-Laws Amendments

ARTICLE XV
ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES

Section 1. Each Officer and Class Representative must be a member of and be elected by her or his Constituency. Constituencies are defined as:

A. For President, Secretary, Treasurer, and ABA/LSD Representative it is all SBA members.
B. For Vice President from the Division Day, it is all current Day Division SBA members.
C. For the Vice President from the Division Evening, it is all current Evening Division SBA members.
D. For each Second, Third and Fourth Year Class Representative, it is all SBA members that plan to belong to that class and division which the candidate seeks to represent during her or his prospective term.
E. For each First Year Class Representative, it is the section she or he seeks to represent.

Section 2. Secret ballots are utilized.

Section 3. SBA members may vote for one candidate in each of the Officer positions and for up to as many candidates as there are positions available for Justice and Class Representatives. No candidate may cast more than one vote for an individual candidate.

Section 4. Each candidate must file a Declaration of Candidacy with the Election Committee in order to be placed on the ballot.

Section 5. No one may run for more than one position in any one election. No one may serve in more than one elected position at a time.

Section 6. A candidate must file a Declaration of Candidacy, if a candidate for the position is not a member, as soon as possible after the violation or irregularity has occurred.

Section 7. Poll(s) are open for 2 consecutive days during hours that best facilitate the opportunity for all SBA members to vote. The 2 day period does not include a Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Section 8. All campaigning shall cease after the completion of classes 1 day prior to the initial opening of the poll(s). No campaigning material is present within 20 feet of the polls while in operation. Election committee members will remove any such materials in violation of this section.

Section 9. A candidate for President, Vice President Day Division, Vice President Night Division, Secretary, or Treasurer receiving a majority (fifty percent plus one, 50% + 1) of the votes cast for that office shall be declared the winner. The candidate receives a majority, the two candidates receiving the most votes for that office shall participate in a Run-Off Election which shall take place one week following the General Election. The candidate who receives the majority of votes shall then be declared the winner. The Election Committee shall preside over such a run off election.

Section 10. The persons receiving the highest number of votes file the available Class Representative position.

Section 11. If a tie vote for the final Class Representative position in any class is created, a run off will be held between the persons who were tied in the general election. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes in the run off shall fill the remaining Class Representative position.

Section 12. No space for write-in candidates is provided on Run-Off Election ballots.

Section 13. Each candidate may send one personal representative to observe the counting of the votes.

Section 14. Candidates are responsible for removing their campaign materials within 2 school days after they are no longer needed for campaigning.

Section 15. The following provisions in this section apply only to the Fall Election:

A. The purpose of the Fall General Election is to elect First Year Class Representatives as well as to elect persons to fill any other vacant position on the Council or the Honor Court.

B. The Fall General Election occurs during the second full week of the Fall semester.

Section 16. If a Run-Off Election is necessary, it takes place on week after the General Election.

C. Campaigning for the Fall General Election may begin immediately when school starts.

D. The deadline for filing Declarations of Candidacy is the Friday prior to the week of the General Election.

Section 17. The following provisions in this section apply only to the Spring Election:

A. The Monday following the deadline for filing Declarations of Candidacy signals the beginning of the Campaign Period. No campaigning occurs before the Campaign Period begins.

B. The Campaign Period for the Spring General Election last for not less than one school week and not more than 2 full weeks.

C. The General Election for all positions, except the First Year Class Representative but including Honor Court positions, is held not more than 8 nor less than 5 weeks prior to the last full school week of the Spring semester.

D. The Spring Run-Off Election, if necessary, is held not less than 5 days nor more than 2 weeks after the end of the General Election.

ARTICLE XVI
THE ELECTION COMMITTEES

Section 1. Both Election Committees have the following duties:

A. To distribute to prospective candidates the Declaration of Candidacy Form. This Form may, in the Committee's discretion, request a personal statement from and/or a photograph of the candidate. The Form requires the following information:

i. the candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot;
ii. the candidate's student identification number, phone number and address;
iii. the candidate's division and class;
iv. the position the candidate seeks;
v. in the case of Honor Court positions, the signatures of 5 SBA members voting for the candidate's suitability for the task of serving on the Honor Court, and a Statement of Allegiance to the Honor Code.

B. To ensure that the Declaration of Candidacy Form is accompanied by information concerning the positions available, the election rules, relevant dates, times, and locations, and anything else pertaining to the elections.

C. To promulgate the election dates and times.

D. To accept completed Declarations of Candidacy.

E. To see that a sufficient amount of election ballots are printed and that the General Election ballots include space for write-in candidates for each available position.

F. To ensure that candidates' names appear on the ballot in random order.

G. To decide and publish the hours of operation and location(s) of the polls and to obtain as much aid as necessary in order to staff the polls with persons who will conduct themselves in such a way as not to influence the voters.

H. To count the ballots immediately after the polls close and then to post the results as soon as they are determined.

I. To enforce all election rules.

J. To hear any Complaint filed by an SBA member alleging an Election Irregularity. Complaints must be filed, in writing, with any Election Committee member, as soon as possible after the violation or irregularity has occurred.

K. To decide and take any equitable remedial action upon a Complaint as quickly as possible while employing basic principles of fairness to all parties involved. Towards this end, the Election Committees are empowered to solicit documentation and call witnesses.

L. If necessary, to hold a Special Election as a remedy for an Election Irregularity.

M. To disqualified any candidate for a material violation of the election rules.

Section 2. The Fall Election Committee is composed of the newly elected Council Officers, with the President serving as Chair. In addition to the General Election Committee duties, the Fall Election Committee:

A. To see that important general information about SBA and the upcoming election along with a Declaration of Candidacy Form is included within the First Year Registration/Orientation Packets.

B. Beginning immediately at the start of the Fall semester, to publicize which Council and Honor Court positions are available, the duties of those positions, and how to become a candidate.

C. To formulate and post a sample ballot not less than one school day prior to the General Election and not less than 2 school days prior to a Run-Off Election. The purpose is to allow the candidates to verify the ballot's accuracy.

Section 3. The Spring Election Committee is composed of all Councilors that will be ineligible to run in the Spring election. At its first meeting, the Committee elects a Chair. In addition to the General Election Committee duties, the Spring Election Committee is responsible:

A. To publicize the elections, including providing notice during no less than 10 days before the start of the Campaign Period that Declarations of Candidacy are being accepted.

B. To set campaign spending limits, with the advice and consent of the Council. The limits set by the Spring Election Committee apply to both Spring and the following Fall Elections.

C. All campaigns for the next election must end on March 15.

Section 4. No member of the Fall Election Committee and the Spring Election Committee shall publicly endorse any of the candidates for office. Any violation of this section by an election committee member shall cause such member's removal from the election committee.

Polling Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 19-20
10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. 5 to 8 p.m.
Appellate Moot Court Board

Year closes out with strong participation

Board positions open, duties outlined

by Charles D. Hrvatin

Application should be returned by
Wednesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. Interviews
will be conducted on April 5 by the present
Appellate Moot Court Board and under the
supervision of Faculty Advisor Mike Kelly.
There are 13 positions set to be filled
including: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer,
Tournament Director, National Criminal
Procedure Director, four coordinator posi-
tions and four national tournament team
members.

Each of the coordinators is responsible
for preparing a current issue problem in the
relevant area of law in which the competi-
tion is designed to address.

"The Chair and Vice Chair handle all
administrative duties. The Chair acts as
liaison between the faculty and students,
insuring the entire board operates
smoothly," according to current Vice Chair
Kevin Mann.

Chair Brent Neck echoed the require-
ments placed on the Moot Court Board
Chair, "My main job is acting for the
Board before the Administration, and
supervising all other activities of the Board."

Mann described his position, "The Vice
Chair insures that the details of each com-
petition have been performed. This in-
cludes obtaining sufficient judges for each
competition; overseeing the scoring; and
working closely with the Tournament
Director and Coordinator to account for all
the details."

The National Team members prepares
and participates in their choice of one of the
many national competitions in the nation.
This year's National Team participated in
the Young Lawyers Association National
Moot Court Competition in Los Angeles
sponsored by the New York Bar.

The National Criminal Procedure Di-
rector is responsible for organizing and
coordinating the USD's National Criminal
Procedure Competition. The inaugural
competition, last fall, was won by the
University of Florida out of a field 28
competitors from 10 different schools
spanning the nation.

The treasurer is responsible for creating
a budget in which the board can fund the
court's competition, and sending its national teams
with budget balancing and funding in vol-
vess. Supervisor Mike Kelly.

The current treasurer, Dave Steward,
could probably tell long tales of dealing
with budget balancing and funding involv-
ing both the SBA and the law school
administration, but that will be for next
year's board to learn on their own.

Rogan wins last upperclass
moot court competition

by Luke Sharpe

With only the 1991 Winners Competi-
tion remaining, the Appellate Moot Court
Board closed the doors on the 1990-91
Moot Court season with last Friday's Cri-
minal Law Competition Finals.

Ed Rogan, arguing the applicant's side
for preparing a current issue problem in the
finals, won for the applicant against third placer Julia Shepard.

Shepard and Finlay also received spe-
honors for their oral and written skills.
Finaay was named best oralist. Shepard
took top honors for Best Brief/Applicant
and Greg Stuman had the Best Brief/Re-
spondents.

The Criminal Law Competition Final
Round Justices were Professor Miguel
Mendez-Longoria, Francis J. Bardsley and
David Rubin. Students may recognize
Mendez as a Visiting Professor of Law
from Stanford here at USD. He teaches
Criminal Law, Evidence and Advanced
Trial Advocacy. Prior to teaching, Mendez
served as a Deputy Public Defender for
Monterey County. After receiving his J.D.
from George Washington University, he
served as a law clerk to the U.S. Court of
Claims in Washington, D.C.

Frank Bardsley was appointed as "the"
Public Defender for San Diego County in
1988. Prior to his appointment here in San
Diego, he served with the Los Angeles
County Public Defender's Office for 19
years. He held several posts and finally
served as a bureau chief and executive
administrator. Bardsley graduated from
Boalt Hall School of Law and joined the

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by Franklin A. Weston
Senior Reference Librarian

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Briefly they cover:

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- Asian Law (includes the China database of Laws and Regulations from CHINALAW Computer-Assisted Legal Research Center, Peking University);
- Several Journals on International Law;
- Asian Law, Fourteen countries (includes Southeast Asia, India, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Hong Kong, Pakistan, and Thailand);
- Eastern Europe Reports: Eight countries (includes Bulgaria U.S.S.R., Poland, and Romania);
- Europe Reports: Seventeen countries (includes Belgium, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Sweden, Netherlands, and Turkey);
- NLAB's East/Africa Reports: Twelve countries (includes Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Nigeria, and Israel);
- North/South America Reports: Twelve countries (includes Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Brazil, USA, and Canada).

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William Bang, President of NILS Publishing Company, and Dwight D. Opperman, President and CEO of West Publishing Company, recently announced a new insurance/legal service for WESTLAW. "In the spring of 1991, INSURLAW, NILS Publishing Company's comprehensive database of insurance statutory and regulatory information, will be available on WESTLAW, West Publishing Company's computer-assisted legal research service." The two companies stated, INSURLAW presents the full text of the insurance statutes and regulations from all 50 states and U.S. territories, related statutes and regulations, and regulatory materials not available from any other source. Opperman also announced, "WESTLAW will receive 30 days of INSURLAW use without database charges, to introduce them to INSURLAW and its many features."

Every INSURLAW document has been enhanced with editorial and database additions that allow the user to retrieve comparable laws or regulations from different states, even when the states differ in their full-text terminology. "Our standardized indexing vocabulary is a real plus for multi-state research," said Barbara Booth, Vice President of NILS editorial services. "Since legal terms may differ from state to state, we had to give INSURLAW users the tools necessary to find relevant insurance laws and regulations anywhere in the country. These finding tools make INSURLAW different from any other statutory or regulatory database on-line today." To provide this capability, NILS created a thesaurus of insurance law terms that required over two years to develop.

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Changes and charges will keep bar candidates busy
By Victoria Black
Graduating law students need to be aware of changes taking effect with the July 1991 Bar exam. Previously, law students in their first year registered with the Committee of Bar Examiners to establish their identity and in their final year applied to take the Bar through one large application, with most students taking the MPRE (Mutual- tate Professional Responsibility Examination) during their final year (offered four times a year). This large application formerly enabled the applicant to take the Bar and authorized the Committee of Bar Examiners to investigate an applicant's moral character.

Now, however, the Moral Character portion of the application (known as the Application to Practice Law in California) has been designated to be a separate process. There is no deadline for filing before taking the Bar Exam, but there is a six-month processing time for most applications, so if you pass the July Bar Exam and want to be sworn in early in December 1991, do not delay in filing the application. If you want to learn if you pass the exam first, you have eighteen months from the time of notification of passing in which to file the Application to Practice Law in California. Be advised, however, that if you file the Application to Practice Law now, it is good for eighteen months from the time of your application, so, even if you don't pass the Bar Exam in July, you re-take and pass the exam next February, your Application to Practice Law will still be valid next May when you are notified of your success. If you Application to Practice Law expires, you are notified that you have passed the California Bar Exam, you can apply to have it reactivated. The reactivation fee at this time is $65.00. There is also a $250 fee for the Application to Practice Law in California (apart from the current $310 fee for the Bar application). The deadline for the application to the July Bar Exam is April 1. Both applications are now available in the Records Office.

Students taking the February 1992 California Bar Exam and students not yet in their final year of law school will receive information about filing their Application to Practice Law in California later in the semester.

Career Services office offers March panel presentations
The Career Services office will be presenting a Student Panel Presentation on March 25 from 12:15 to 1 p.m.

Third-year students will discuss their past summer legal experiences. Areas of law to be covered include: Patent/Corpo- rate Law, Public Interest Law and Crimi- nal Law from the District Attorney's Office.

First-years may find the discussion particularly useful as information presented will describe a sampling of summer legal jobs. It may also help in prompting or Development and Alumni Relations Office staff grows with new position
A new face has emerged in the Develop- Development and Alumni Relations Office.

Susan Saxton Cellar has taken the position of Alumni Affairs Coordinator.

Most recently, Cellar was Donor Rela- tions Coordinator at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation.

Talent show raises funds for loan forgiveness
by Charles D. Hrutin

The 1991 version of the More Hall Law School Talent Show makes its way back to Camino Theater this Saturday, March 23. The show is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. A familiar face will return as Master of Ceremonies. Second-year student Kellen Winslow will M.C., while giving some in- sight into his former career as a first-string Pro-tight end for the San Diego Chargers.

Proceeds from the event go to the Loan Forgiveness Fund. The fund has presently raised over $500 raised at last year's show.

Returning from last year's show will be the always effervescent Professor Alan Grand Morris, third-year student and third place finisher Rhonda Holmes, Tami Bass and Jeff McMorrow. J.R. Spangler, who last year gave the crowd a massive dose of Elton John, will be absent from the pro- gram because he will be competing in the ATLAs Mock Trial Competition in Chi- cago.

Faculty currently slated to judge the show are Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Carri Wilson; Verna Dennis of the Records Office; Adjunct Professor of law Glen Spearman and Professors of Law Frank England and Lynne Dallas.

Last year's winners were: "Judgment Proof," who won for some classic Van Morrison renditions. Rhonda Holmes took third place for her routine, which included a Linda Ronstadt song and a classical piano piece.

Prices for the top three finishes include a weekend at Carrie Wilson's Pine Cove cabin near Idyllwild; limousine pick-up and delivery at The Red Onion for dinner for two and a happy hour for 50 at The Red Onion. Door prizes will also be drawn from audience admission ticket stubs. Tickets are available Monday through Thursday from 12-1 p.m. and 5-6 p.m., on the first floor of the law school. Tickets are $5 in advance and $5 at the door. Tickets are also available from Priscilla Thorne and David Carducci.

Diversity, free speech covered at campus panel discussion
Do the Simpsons watch CNN? Does the rise and fall of cable TV mean the fall of the First Amendment? Is advertising more compelling than news? Can most people tell the difference?

An all-star panel of USD professors tackled these and other questions about the Fourth Estate in a special forum entitled "The Media: Is There Diversity in the Marketplace of Ideas?" The forum which took place Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the University Center is part of the USD Faculty Series on "Valuing Diversity" sponsored by the USD Social Issues Committee.

Law school professor and Director of the Center for Public Interest Law Robert Fellmeth addressed the issue with the topic "The Rise and Fall of the Cable TV Crime: The Tenuous Fate of the First Amend-
ment." USD communication professor Beth Dobkin spoke on "The Politics of News: Creating Consent." "Imagemakers: Behind the Scenes in the Advertising Industry" was Konrad's focus.

Professor Rohatyn brought forth ex- tremes into the discussion with his discus- sion -- "The Simpsons Watch CNN -- Or Is It the Other Way Around?"

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and
Paul S. Metzsch
both from the University of San Diego School of Law, have been admitted to partnership of this firm.
Calendar of Events


March 22: Graduating Students. Last day to finalize details regarding Commencement (i.e. Degree Requirements, Financial Aid, Diploma, Cap & Gown).

March 23: TALENT SHOW. Camino Theatre. 7-10 p.m. ... Men's Baseball vs. Santa Clara (DH); Noon, Cunningham Stadium, Free.

March 25: Career Services Panel Presentation, LLC. Noon to 1 p.m.


Intramurals Corner

Student groups give votes of confidence to candidates

from Staff Reports

Campaigning has been hot and heavy in two contested SBA positions, Treasurer and Day Vice President. In the Day Vice President race Miles Weiss is left to battle Anne Dierickx as Kim Strashoon made an 11th withdrawal notifying the Election Committee and the Members.

The race for treasurer pits strong first-year candidate Lisa Conner with very qualified Rosalinda Hanau and current first-year SBA representative Mark Bauman. Write-in candidate Tamela Ridley also makes this race a close one that seems destined for a run-off.

Since organization endorsements became a hot topic for a recent SBA meeting, "Motions" sent out endorsement forms to all organizations in order to get an accurate assessment of organization's feelings on the candidates. Below is a list of the endorsements that were returned.

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Hoop Schedule

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Sunday, March 24

10:00 Aces vs. WSU
11:00 Sweet Lawbsters vs. Cal Western I
12:00 Dribbling Idiots vs. Cal Western II
1:00 Jam the Shot vs. Night Court

B League

Sunday, March 24

11:00 Try One vs. Run & Shoot
12:00 Lowdogg vs. Aces
1:00 Alumni vs. WSU
2:00 Lemmings vs. Faculty

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Law/Grad School Mass

Faculty/Staff Lounge Sunday Evenings
7:00 PM

For more information contact Sr. Carlotta, Campus Ministry, 260-4600 Ext. 4485

Good luck on finals!

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Summer classes offered in the heart of Tyrolia

The University of New Orleans will sponsor its 16th annual International Summer School in Innsbruck, Austria during the summer of 1991. This educational travel-learning experience will involve over 250 college and university students as well as some alumni/faculty/staff members.

Over 60 courses in many different academic subject areas are offered in the magnificent setting of the towering Tyrolean Alps in the "Heart of Central Europe." Earn up to ten semester hours of credit (transferable according to the usual rules). Courses offered focus on the cultural, historical, social, political, and economic issues of European relations. All instruction is in English and faculty are from the Universities of New Orleans, Florida, Georgia and Innsbruck, as well as other visiting professors and distinguished political figures from the U.S. and Austria. "Academically the overall learning is just great," said Guenter Bischof, a native Tyrolean who is now on the Faculty of the University of New Orleans. "A student may read less, but see more. It is a true living educational experience."

The University of Innsbruck is a short walk from the many mansions, cars, bar gardens and museums in the "Old Town" of Innsbruck. Three-day weekends offer ample time for students to travel to many different destinations in Europe, to hike in the Alps and even to ski the nearby glaciers. From Innsbruck, the efficient Eurail system reaches all of Austria and much of Europe within a few hours. Innsbruck is an ideal location for weekend travel. "Spend-in the summer in Innsbruck, Austria was one of the most broadening experiences of my life, not only educationally, but socially and culturally as well," said Meg Hanks, a former participant. "If I ever have the chance to go again, I'll have my bags packed and ready in less than a year."

Stephanie Rondell had this to say about her UNO-Innsbruck experience. "If some- one were to ask me to name the most memorable experience of my life, all I would have to say is 'UNO-Innsbruck.' When I think of my summer in Austria, I think of the mountains that were outside my dorm window and how wonderful it was to wake up to them every morning." Student Robert Styron stressed the learning experience of mingling with local resi- dents and people and look at their perception of the United States."

The UNO-Innsbruck International Summer School will convene with gala opening ceremonies on July 3 and end on August 17, 1991. Several pre-study tours are offered for those students who want to spend an extra month living and learning in a different and stimulating European environment. Pre-study credit programs are offered at Belgium and Italy, and an educational travel tour through Western Europe is also offered.

The UNO-Innsbruck International Summer School is a wonderful opportunity for students to travel, live, learn, and earn semester credit hours in a rich and beauti- ful European setting, alive with dramatic current events. Enrollment is limited, so interested students should apply as soon as possible. For a full color brochure and course de- scription contact: UNO-INNSBRUCK 1991, International Student Programs, Box 1315, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148. Tel: (504) 286-7116.

WalkAmerica raises money for fight against birth defects

Lee Isaacco, Mark Larson, Hal Clem- ment, and Richard Freeman are doing something very important for our babies. They urge San Diegans to meet the challenge of WalkAmerica 1991 on Saturday, April 27, at Sea World for the March of Dimes. The 25-kilometer walk, sponsored by Union Bank, raises money to give more babies a healthy start in life.

The chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Chrysler Corporation, is the national honorary chairman of Wal- kAmerica 1991 for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. KPMB radio's Mark Larson and television's Clement are hon- orary chairman for the Local Walk. Free- man, president of the San Diego Padres baseball club, is WalkAmerica chairman for the second year.

"Every baby is born healthy. Each day, 100 babies die. Each day hundreds of babies are born with birth defects or low birth weight. Each day in America, a baby is born with AIDS," said Freeman.

"Do something about this problem. Join our volunteers dedicated to the idea that every baby deserves a healthy start in life," Freeman continued.

Last year 1,460,000 feet in 1,400 communities across the country made a difference to the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies. The March of Dimes funds programs of community service, advocacy, research and education.

More information on WalkAmerica is available by calling the March of Dimes at 576-1202.

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Upcoming SBA Events

SBA Spring Elections

Elections
March 19-20
Run-Offs
March 26-27

Polling Hours
10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: Graduating students are eligible to vote.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO PRESENTS:
MORcHAL LAW REVIEW
SPONSORED BY THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
Camino Theater March 23, 1991

Fifth Annual Barrister's Ball

April 13, 1991
Omni Hotel
Downtown San Diego
Sponsored by Phi Delta Phi and the SBA
Outgoing board leaves words for wise

Smith bids fond farewell

The SBA Presidency is really a lot of little jobs: president (sic) of the SBA Council, committee member, newspaper article writer, program organizer, lobbyist, junior. The list goes on. However, I like to think of my job as having two main components: stuff I have to do, and stuff I get to do.

This is not to say that I don’t like to do the stuff I have to do; most of the time I do. But there are a number of more formal duties which must, under the SBA by-laws, be performed by the SBA president. forefront of these is the responsibility for the smooth running of SBA meetings. This requires the collecting of agenda items, the setting of an agenda, publicizing each item of the agenda, conducting of the meeting and the publication and distribution of minutes. Much of this work can be delegated (in my case I have been fortunate to have the able and enthusiastic assistance of four awesome SBA officers), but it remains the President’s ultimate responsibility to see that these things get done. In addition, the SBA president is required to serve on a number of SBA committees, including the Elections Committee and the Budget Committee and to attend regular faculty meetings.

There are other duties which are not so explicit, but are clearly required of the SBA President. The President is the primary conduit for communication between students and faculty, law administration and USD administration. To this end, the President should serve as a member of the Law Alumni Board, the University Board of Trustees Student Relations Subcommittee, the University Budget Committee, among others. The President should also develop a working relationship with the Dean and other administrators and meet with them regularly. These meetings are the best way for the President to get the real story behind those closed-door decisions and for he or she to voice student concerns regarding those decisions. The President must also learn to effectively use the channels of communication which are available to him or her. While committee representatives are the best way to get this information in and from students, the President must also be highly visible on campus so that he or she can be personally available to students as often as possible to listen to their concerns.

Now comes the fun part: stuff I get to do. The SBA President has the opportunity to play a significant role in the law school student body on a national level, in the Law Student Division of the ABA. While participation in ABA activities is not required, there are unique opportunities here to represent USD at the National ABA Conference, and to maintain this presence in ABA activities all year long.

See Duties on Page 2

Treasurer responsible for SBA fiscal management

The treasurer of the SBA is responsible for the fiscal management of the organization. Of primary importance is the budgeting process. At the beginning of each semester, the Treasurer convenes the Budget Committee. After each organization submits a budget request, the Budget Committee meets to allocate the available funds. The budget is then voted on by the entire SBA Council. Once the budget is set, future requests for unallocated funds are approved by the SBA Council. The Treasurer is also responsible for distributing funds, balancing the checkbook and filing taxes. In addition, there are plenty of opportunities to serve on various law school committees.

A word of caution: sometimes this position requires lots of red ink which isn’t always appreciated. But all you need is a firm hand and a good sense of humor. Overall, I’d say it’s worth it to get involved. And remember, we will have no dissociation among the ranks!

Susan McCarthy
1988-89 Treasurer

SBA Secretaries duties outlined by past secretary

The position of Secretary of SBA is very rewarding because it allows involvement in some major decisions such as budget allocations. All officers serve on the Budget Committee and sit in on the budget hearings where they evaluate each organization’s budget proposals and decide on the amount to allocate. The Secretary also has the option to serve on a variety of other committees, for example: Student/Faculty Relations, Elections, Graduation Party, Halloween Party, Dean Search, Social Issues and Minority Recruitment. The Secretary, as well as the Treasurer, is responsible for the organization and USD administration.

The position of SBA Secretary is one that requires great balancing. Although the position is voted on solely by the evening class, the position is one where the individual must participate in agenda setting meetings, work with the Council in passing legislation, work with the evening reps in order to get information disseminated among the classes and serve on various SBA and intra-school committees.

The position is one which gives the individual timely, if not immediate, access to important information and goings-on of the law school and the university. It is this post that often brings to light problems faced by the evening class which sometimes are forgotten by other students.

It is the evening VP’s duty to serve as second to the day vice president and function as Chair if both the president and vice president are absent.

The evening vice president should also serve on a number of student, faculty and university committees. A brief list includes the Budget Committee, the Election Committee for both Fall and Spring Elections, and the Student-Faculty Committee.

Although the individual may oppose the views or procedures attempted by the president or other councilors, it is the evening VP’s duty to represent his class and the SBA as a whole.

Unofficial Ballot

President
Shawn Randolph
Day Vice President
Anne Dieckcr
Kim Strohman
Miles Weiss
Evening Vice President
John L. Sullivan
Secretary
Shirvan Sherma
Treasurer
Mark Bauman
Lisa Conner
Rosalinda Hanau
Tamelia Ridley (Write-In)
Third Year Rep
Noelle DeLa Rosa
Charlene Galanek
Mary Kovalsky
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ABA Representative
Carl Starrett
I want to represent the USD law school student body as President because I feel that I am the most experienced candidate to act as spokesperson in representing your voice to the SBA, administration, and outside organizations.

As president, my major objective will be to increase the student voice in administrative decisions that affect students. Other objectives that I consider very important are increasing administrative support for clinical programs, increasing minority representation on faculty and students, increasing interaction between students and faculty on a social level, continuing improvement of communication between the SBA and students to apprise students of what their student government is doing and where their student fees are going, and bringing student groups together to achieve common goals.

I have been an SBA representative for almost two years. My first year I represented the Women's Law Caucus as an organization representative. Currently I am a second year representative, and have played a very active role on the SBA through that position throughout this year. I served as a member of the SBA Budget Committee, a member of the SBA Bonfire Committee, a member of the Halloween Party Committee, and a member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Committee. I attended an SBA retreat in which officers, SBA reps and student group representatives met for an entire day solely to address issues of student concern affecting the law school and the SBA. I also served as a member of the SBA Curriculum Committee.

One specific example of my commitment to student demands was demonstrated when I drafted and helped distribute the petition that eventually affected the University's decision not to re-route the parking lot as an all faculty/staff lot. I also helped voice student concerns at a faculty meeting where we presented that petition, and later, when the group of SBA officers, drafted a letter to the University voicing the student position outlined in the petition. This win was accomplished within an emergency three day deadline right before final exams.

I am also currently the President of the Women's Law Caucus. WLC has been one of the most active groups on campus this year, and I feel it is a good indicator of my leadership and organizational skills. Another illustration of my commitment to student interests was in bringing Gloria Allred on campus to speak through WLC. In the face of University pressures to bring an additional speaker to present a "balanced" approach, or to refocus the topic, WLC weathered those pressures and hosted the event as planned where Ms. Allred spoke to issues of concern to students.

Finally, I have been endorsed by the following student organizations: ABA, Phi, La Raza, International Law Society, Phi Delta Phi, WLC, and Union of Jewish Students. I feel it is imperative that student concerns get the voice and respect they deserve. The SBA exists for you. By electing me as SBA President, you can insure your self an active voice that will be heard.

Please vote for me. Thank you.

Shawn Randolph
Second Year President

I am a candidate for Evening Vice President. After two years of Evening School, I plan to be more involved in the Student Bar Association. After attending several SBA meetings this year, I recognize that the elected representatives take their duties very seriously. As the Evening Vice President, I will support the goals of SBA by attending meetings, offering input to the decision making process, and leading by example.

John L. Sullivan
Second Year Evening Vice President

While I haven't completed my second year of law school, I am interested in the possibility of serving as a Representative on the Board of Directors. I am a member of the AudioSource, the student organization responsible for all student events. I have served as an officer of the AudioSource, a group which all students can have their concerns addressed. SBA Officers should listen to and correct all student concerns.

During the past two years, I believe that I have been a voice for my fellow students who felt that USD needed to have better speakers on campus, and helped form the Speaker's Bureau. Last semester, I was instrumental in defeating the Faculty's proposal that would have prevented student parking in the lot outside More WLC.

As your new voice, I promise to continue to be an advocate for your concerns, and who can make sure that the SBA is the voice of the students.

Not wishing to deter this intrepid potential candidate, I responded that I would. Later, after some more extended reflection, I can honestly confirm this remark. The SBA President gets a half tuition scholarship (at over $5 an hour), but it's obviously not about money. It's about leadership and commitment, community and service, success and failure, if you want to learn about these things, this is the job for you.

Kim Strechen
Second Year Vice President

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for Day Vice President. I have served on the Student Bar Association for two years, as both a Representative and Second-Year Student Representative.

I believe that the SBA should be the avenue through which all students can have their concerns addressed. SBA Officers should listen to and correct all student concerns.

Finally, and for me more importantly, the SBA President is in a unique position to pursue projects of his or her own choosing. Obviously, these projects should represent what the President perceives as a need of students, and not from some private agenda, but there is much flexibility here. For example, this year, in addition to my regular duties, I worked on three major pet projects: establishing a public service requirement for graduation (see the President's Report in the September 18, 1990 issue of Motions), Loan Repayment Assistance for Public Interest Employment (see the October 16, 1990 issue of Motions), and reevaluation of our present grading system. I have enjoyed working on these projects both because they satisfy my need to do work that has a positive impact on the community, and because it has generated a lot of discussion, which is always good.

Recently I was asked by a second-year student whether I would do this job again. Not wishing to deter this intrepid potential candidate, I responded that I would. Later, after some more extended reflection, I can honestly confirm this remark. The SBA President gets a half tuition scholarship (at over $30 or more a week, this comes out to about $3 an hour), but it's obviously not about money. It's about leadership and commitment, community and service, success and failure, if you want to learn about these things, this is the job for you.

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Executive Board Candidates

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Miles Weiss
First Year Day Vice President

Annie Dierickx
Second Year Day Vice President

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Second Year Evening Vice President

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Second Year Day Vice President

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The key to being a successful treasurer is the ability to budget—money as well as time. As your treasurer, my foremost goal would be to insure a sufficient budget allocation process, including the efficient bookkeeping and utilization of student funds. As an Elizabeth Arden Line Representative from 1988 to 1990, I gained extensive experience in budgeting the corporation's $120,000/year stock level. Not only did this position include extensive record keeping and monthly sales reports, I also refined my skills to work efficiently within a budget. With my past experience I will be able to effectively manage the SBA accounts with precision. A successful financial budgeting process takes time, something of the essence in law school. This position can only be maintained by one who will successfully budget their time between their education, profession, and representation in SBA. While attending the University of California at Riverside, I financed my education by working full-time. However, going to school and working full-time did not prevent me from graduating Cum Laude within four years. Those four years fully challenged and sharpened my time management abilities; I look forward to the challenge again.

With my corporate experience and time management skills, I promise to be a highly effective treasurer. All of my efforts will be put into running things as efficiently and successfully as possible. But most importantly, I sincerely want to be given the chance to represent my fellow classmates and insure them a financially sound SBA budget.

Carl Starrett  
First Year Day  
ABA-LSD Representative

The ABA Representative acts as liaison between the SBA and ABA Law Student Division. I feel uniquely qualified to act in this capacity for a number of reasons. First, I am a member of the ABA/LSD, including several Committee and Forum Sections. The means I will have active contact with ABA/LSD and will be familiar with the needs and interests of both groups. Second, I am active paralegal for a local attorney. I am already familiar with the issues and concerns that will confront future attorneys currently enrolled at USD. Future developments in the practice of law, such as the implementation of Fast Trac, will effect the of us. My familiarity with these issues will help me to represent the interests of all law students with respect to future legal developments and how they will effect our legal careers.

Third, I also attended USD for my undergraduate education. I am familiar with the University and the issues that effect the students. As a member of SBA, my role would not be limited representing our interests to the ABA. I will also represent the interests of law students as they relate to the university as a whole. As the representative, I believe my outside experience is important, other factors effect our legal education. These issues include the value of our law school, and other issues that effect law students.

If elected, I pledge to use my skills to best represent the interest of law student at USD and to be easily accessible to those who wish to express their views to me.

Shirvan Sherman  
First Year Evening  
Secretary

I am Shirvan Sherman and I would like to be your next SBA Secretary. For the past year I have served on the SBA as the First Year Evening Representative. In college, I was the President of the College of Arts and Letters Student Council at San Diego State University. As SBA class representative I worked to facilitate communication between the SBA and the student body by distributing written reports of SBA meetings, convey- ing opinions and finding answers to questions that class members had.

We can make SBA work more efficiently for you. Some ideas are to organize a parliamentary procedure workshop, create a budget handbook and distribute orientation packets for new SBA members so that they can best represent their class or student organization.

This past semester I wrote a few articles for Motions and I believe that students would benefit by reading more about the workings of SBA. As an SBA officer I would take it upon myself to write submissions for Student and Motions that will give you a more detailed picture of your school.

Another idea is to have a suggestion/ques-tion box in the Writs that would serve as an addi-tional means to make communication with the SBA easier for the busy law student.

SBA is for you and it is SBA that must make the extra effort to reach out to you. I have ideas, interest and experience. As your SBA secretary I will reach out to you and carry out my duties with enthusiasm.
I have experience in making the decisions required of an Honor Court Justice as I served as an officer and on the disciplinary review boards of both my fraternity and rugby team as an undergraduate at Loyola Marymount University. If elected, I will strive to apply the Honor Code in a fair and consistent manner.