Strachan Wins Professor of Year Award
by Laura G. Morton

Dean Kristine Strachan has achieved many goals since she began her career in 1973 as an associate professor and became a full professor in 1979. Strachan was instrumental in instituting a comprehensive curriculum reform. The program at USD is an experimental effort to ensure that each year of the legal educational experience be part of a logical progression which exposes students to diverse teaching methods.

In addition to her work at the law school, Strachan has become very involved with the community as a whole. She sits on the Board of Directors of the San Diego Volunteers Lawyers Program, is on the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools, has been on the President's Advisory Council for the Law School Admission Council since 1991, and is on the Board of Trustees for The Bishop's School in La Jolla.

Strachan, a California native, is married to Gordon Strachan and has two children. She graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in International Relations from the University of Southern California. She was accepted to both Stanford Law and Boalt Hall at the University of California, Berkeley. She chose to attend Boalt where she achieved membership in the California Law Review and Order of the Coif. She received her J.D. in 1968 and went on to become an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York where she did banking, corporate, commercial, and real estate law.

In 1970, Strachan moved with her husband to Washington, D.C. after he took a job in the Nixon Administration. Strachan joined the State Department's Office of the Legal Advisor and handled international law, constitutional law, and legislative matters relating to Southeast Asia. She worked on such issues as the War Powers Act, the first SALT agreement, and treatment of prisoners of war. It was an exciting but difficult time because the area she was responsible for stretched from Burma to the South China Sea and America was in the midst of the Vietnam War.

In 1973, she and her husband relocated to Utah where she began to teach and he became a partner in a law firm which specializes in ski resort law and complex litigation. Being able to provide real world answers in addition to scholarly observations lead Strachan to a sabbatical leave from the University of Utah from 1981-1982 in order to work as a prosecutor in the Salt Lake County Attorney's Office. In addition, she and her husband have served as pro bono "town prosecutors" for the town of Alta, Utah.

The Professor of the Year Award was established to recognize outstanding faculty members who provide continued on page 2

O'Connor Speaks of Holmes; Visits Civil Procedure Class
by Jooseph Lipton

Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor addressed a packed auditorium at Shirley Theater, Thursday, April 9. O'Connor delivered the eighth annual L. Nathanson Memorial Lecture, in honor of the law professor who taught for 41 years at Northwestern University and for five spring semesters at University of San Diego.

In a lecture entitled, "The Rights Of The Individual And The Legacy of Oliver Wendell Holmes," O'Connor addressed the grading scale revision and the importance of individual liberties.

Homes: They Often Are Half Obscure," O'Connor paid tribute to the late Oliver Wendell Holmes, the great libertarian who retired from the bench 60 years ago. Holmes, who was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Roosevelt in 1932, became an advocate for individual liberties, taking stands that "marked him as the great liberal justice of his era," O'Connor said.

O'Connor went on to say that Holmes' decisions not only made a lasting contribution in expanding citizen's free speech rights, but also in shaping history.

The Lecture Series, dedicated to Nathanson, best known for his work in the areas of administrative law, constitutional law, civil liberties and human rights, began in 1994. It has brought the likes of Willard H. Pedrick, Professor Emeritus from Arizona State University and William Wirtz, a former Labor Department aid to President John F. Kennedy and now a visiting professor at USD; both on whom in attendance.

Before the lecture, O'Connor took time out to visit Professor Maimon Schwarzschild's civil procedure class. To the delight of the students, O'Connor discussed her role as a Supreme Court Justice. She talked about her...
Strachan Responds to Anger Over O'Connor Lecture

by Mary A. Smigelhski

On two separate occasions, I discussed with Dean Strachan the situation that arose over the O'Connor lecture. The following is her side of the story and her suggestions for better communication with the student body.

"We have gone over this several times with the students, apologized for the mistake, and corrected it. If the students still feel that the explanation is insufficient, I can repeat it. I am honestly wondering how many times we have to go over the facts."

"The facts are that the Nathanson Lecture has been going on for eight years. It honors a deceased member of our faculty whose widows now volunteer as a member of the law school staff. It is funded by the faculty, the staff, and the alums. We've never had more than 50 students interested in coming even though we've had major figures. We've always made this event open to the students, but it's not primarily for the students, it's never been about the students. It is for the entire Law School community, and that is supposed to include people from the University and "downtown." This year we had a particularly difficult problem balancing the interests of those faculty and students who wanted to come, and they still never had much interest in attending before either. Our guest list for the Nathanson Lecture has always included the Board of Trustees, the Alumni Board, the faculty, the staff, members of the judiciary in San Diego and other members of the legal community who are very important to this school's reputation, and the placement of its students. Major donors have always been invited as a way to thank them for their support for the scholarship program, library, and curricular enrichment.

"We never promised anyone, because we could not, that any constituency would have a specific number of seats. I must say that we were very surprised at the celebrity status that this event attained. The response that we got from everybody was vastly greater than anyone thought the response rate would be. That's the mistake we made. We underestimated the number of people who would want to come to this lecture. Lectures of Supreme Court justices are usually very dry and are not in and of themselves great crowd attractors. One of the reasons we had Justice O'Connor spend a class session with students was to try to build in a 'quality time' event for students. It was not clear until late that she would agree to do this, but we urged her to do it and it worked out well.

"Yes, I'm sorry, it was an unfortunate error, but it wasn't an intentional error. If things had worked out as intended, we would have had approximately 20-25% of the seats. Many last minute forces which were unexpected and out of our control upset the plan. When we knew how much actual student interest there was, we scrambled and got most of the problems resolved. (We never could give access to the undergraduates or many of the alums and University faculty who wanted to attend.) We didn't ignore student concerns, we got overtaken by events.

"If students want to keep fuming over this, they are surely free to do so. If students want a 'task force,' we can surely move back to that format. We had one and it was regarded by everyone as nothing, so we then had a task force to come up with something better. It was thought that the Dean's Student Council and the unprecedented student access to and influence on faculty commitment (and things like graduation speakers for the Alumni Board) which has occurred in the last two years was preferable over past practice. We're willing to rethink it if there's a better way of getting student input into the decision-making process. If we do go to some other way, one thing that would help is if the SRA would find out what specific, unresolved issues and problems the students really want addressed. Then, whether those issues/problems are in the control of the law school and, if so, which decision-making body in the law school has the authority to resolve it. That would be a constructive way to help."

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O'Connor expressed concern with the present death penalty procedure. She stated that four or five times per month the Justices are up all night deciding whether or not stays of execution should be granted.

In response to another student's question about her background, O'Connor told the class that as a Stanford Law School graduate in 1952, she could not find a job because no law firm would hire a woman. One partner in her law firm would hire a woman. One partner in her law firm would hire her—after she did offer her a job—after he did offer her a job—after he did offer her a job—after he did offer her a job—after he did offer her a job—after he did offer her a job—after he did offer her a job.

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Annual Write-on Competition

by Michael Levine

The San Diego Law Review will host its annual write-on competition for returning second-year students just prior to the start of school in August. Through successful participation in this competition, students who fall outside the top 10% in class rank after one year of law school can still join the Law Review.

The write-on competition problem will be distributed after a brief informational meeting on the first floor of the law school at 5pm on Wednesday, August 19. Those unable to attend this meeting may pick up the problem at the Law Review office on Thursday, August 20 from noon until 5pm. Anyone unable to pick up the problem at either of these times must make special arrangements with Research Editor Michael Larrie (278-3095). Competitors must turn in their completed problems at the Law Review office absolutely no later than 5pm on Sunday, August 23.

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Run-off Results and a Questioned Honor Court Election

by Laura G. Morton

Controversy once again surrounded aspects of the SBA election as some students presented the manner in which the election of the Honor Court Justices was handled. According to Warner Broaddus, currently First Alternate and elected to be Second Alternate on the Honor Court, the elections committee misinterpreted the Honor Code and SBA bylaws. The honor code calls for a primary election for the positions on the Honor Court. However, a primary was never held. The Elections Committee held a general election and then an unannounced run-off. Broaddus stated the problem was that the Elections Committee converted the general election into a preliminary election. This had the effect of allowing people to declare their candidacy and get on the ballot between the two elections. According to Broaddus, this is the opposite of what the Code calls for since the purpose of having the preliminary election is to narrow the field of candidates, not allow more to get on the ballot.

"Unfortunately, the compromise which they [the Elections Committee] arrived at completely violated the intent of the Honor Code which in turn made for a very questionable election," Broaddus stated. "We are hoping to get some of the problems and conflicts and gaps in the Code taken care of for next year in order to avoid these problems in the future.

The rest of the election went off without a hitch. Brad Fields was voted in as Day Vice-President with 123 votes and Dyke Huish was elected as Third-Year Day Representative with 56 votes. In addition, Geoff Graves became Treasurer with 98 votes in a highly contested election in which the runner-up, Michelle Thrapp, received 97 votes. Fields is happy with the results of the elections and promises to work very hard to address the needs and concerns of students. "I would like to thank everybody for their support," Fields said. "I hope I can seek out and put forth student interests as best as possible because I think it should be the main goal of SBA to work for students' rights." Huish is also happy to have been elected and looks forward to serving the student body next year and vowed to do his best in representing the concerns of third year students.

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Moot Court

from the Moot Court Board

The 1992 Jessup International Moot Court Team returned triumphant from the International Semifinals which were held in Washington, D.C. from March 29-April 4. The team had the fourth place national memorial world wide and ranked fifth among the U.S. teams. After seven months of arduous preparation, they represented USD well despite the fact that their coach was unable to accompany them on the trip.

Dyke Huish and Laura Morton, who represented the Respondent, faced off against the Hungarian team and elected to be the Appellant. Huish represented the Appellant and Fields is happy with the results of the elections and promises to work very hard to address the needs and concerns of students. fields said. "I hope I can seek out and put forth student interests as best as possible because I think it should be the main goal of SBA to work for students' rights." Huish is also happy to have been elected and looks forward to serving the student body next year and vowed to do his best in representing the concerns of third year students.

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To Hell with the President
I'm Voting for the First Lady

by Dallas O'Day

It's 1992 and time to play Let's Pick A Candidate for President. Usually, I just pick the candidate with the big (R) next to his name. But this year is different. This year, I'm voting for First Lady.

I began this thoughtful and incisive analysis by looking at Jerry Brown. Brown gets points for not having a wife or a girlfriend. This would mean that we'd have a revolving door of dates. Jerry would have those presidential dinners. And based on Brown's former squires, (Linda Ronstadt, when she still did look good), we would have a famous First Lady.

On the downside, however, is Brown's position on domestic violence. If he asked some tree-hugger to help host a dinner for the President of Brazil? Or if he asked Susan Palmad to be on hand when the Pope dropped in? There would be a crises every week. And I just can't take that kind of strain.

Hillary Clinton. Now she would be a fine First Lady. And I don't just mean that in the looks department. She's bright, articulate, and dresses pretty well, too. In fact, I'd rather see her in the White House than when the Queen of England comes by unexpectedly. Tell her to make her own phone?

Hillary has other problems, too. Have you seen the old pictures of her when she was helping Bill in the 70's? She looks scary. The 80's really turned her around. And anyone who thinks she's benefited is automatically suspect in my book. If Hillary were on her own she'd probably be driving her BMW with a car phone doing deals left and right and snipping Chardonnay in her hot tub after work. The thought of having a no-yuppie as First Lady bugs me. What about Barbara Bush? I rank her high on a lot of scales. She can be rude. She called Ferraro nasty names during the '84 campaign. She's a fighter as well. Anyone who tells those femiNazis at Wellesley or whatever school was that that she respected her being the commencement speaker–what fools they are earns major bonus points in my book. And, she has a sense of humor. At least I think she does. Anyone who can stand by Bush this long has to have a sense of humor, right? But Barbara suffers from one major problem. To put it diplomatically, she looks about 90 years old. Now, is this what we want our First Ladies to look like? It just won't do to have the German Foreign Minister mistake Babs for George's mother. Also, no one will dance with her at all those functions because they fear/dar she's too fragile. No, Barbara is just too dumby to earn my vote for First Lady.

Who's left? Haven't included Mrs. Tsongas because she really she's not in the running. Mrs. Buchanan? I don't know if he has a wife, although if he did, she'd get my sympathy. Mrs. Perot? Does she hero on the white horse ever have a wife? (Which means: I don't know if Perot has a wife, either.) What about Jennifer Flowers? Well, she's not as fabulous, but other than her looks her frank and open manner, she has little else to recommend her. I give up. Maybe Brown would be a good bet because there would be no First Lady. After all, First Ladies can be annoying. See Reagan, Nancy, "Just Say No" campaign. So what if Perot has a wife? What about Sheryl Crow?

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The Last ULTIMATE Bar Review:
Gringo's and Hollywood's Year-end Swan Song

Sfuzzi, Gaslamp, 340 5th Street

HOLLYWOOD: Rome was never like this! Although I spent many nights strolling down the cobblestone Spanish steps of Rome, past the Pantheon, away from St. Peter’s (the Pope wouldn’t let me in because I had unhappy thoughts) and through Piazza Novello, never did I find any sidewalk watering fountain as happening as this. The walls of Sfuzzi are painted in the increasingly popular faux tineworn fresco manner. The high ceilings and Romanesque columns provide a feeling of dinning at a licentiousium. The layout is spacious and gigantic palms decorate the corners.

Although the most beautiful women in the world are to be found in Rome, the women at Sfuzzi would still make men fight animals in a Coliseum. The tight white toga one goddess was wearing would have made Mark Anthony leave Cleopatra. When not in Rome go to Sfuzzi.

GRINGO’S REPRISE: I think it’s about time you quit hitting the wine and visit the vomitorium, my friend—you’re obviously delusional about our adventures in Italy and its occupants. On top of that, you come over to my house, eat my pizza, drink my beer, and keep me up all night waiting for you to write these wordy pearls with a ham-handed hunt & peck typing method. And for what? To lie about filthy third world European countries.

Happily, Sfuzzi is nothing like Italy itself: the people were friendly, beautiful and bathed regularly; the food looked wonderful; no one charged you to use the bathroom; strangers bought us drinks; no one threatened to arrest us for our political views (a policeman in front of said Coliseum detained us once to discuss his views of the war with Iraq while he paused between beating up young gypsy boys); and the place stayed open past ten at night. Go to Sfuzzi, boycott Italy. In fact, avoid Italy like Christianity in a lion’s den, like invading Ethiopia, like buying Fiats (except mine—buy it PLEASE).

Dick’s Last Resort, Gaslamp, 345 5th Avenue

HOLLYWOOD: The best of the French Quarter in New Orleans is right here in the Gaslamp of San Diego. The jazz played here rivals that of Pappy O’Brian’s. Although no hurricanes are poured into special glasses, the beer poured is oversized. Foster’s oil cans, Miller king glasses, and Budweiser quarts are poured into special glasses, the beer poured is oversized. Foster’s oil cans, Miller king cans and Budweiser quartz.

The boy meets girl ritual rivals that of Au Bar in Palm Beach during spring break. The trick is to find a patron sober enough to remember your name, which is no easy feat. However, patrons are squeezed together on the balcony which overlooks the diners, a perfect environment to flirt and schmooze.

GRINGO’S LAST RETORT: Not a bar for the meek of heart. Dick’s is a manly place, full of manly entertainment and manly sized posables. What I like best about it is the review I read of it in The Reader by some manly-gammy-liberal-middle-aged-old-woman who was actually offended by the ritual toilet-papering of clients and what is referred to as a "blow job" (the waitress puts a balloonish object over the top half of her head such that she can inhale thru her mouth and exhale into the balloonishness until it pops). A great bar, but not ideal for a first date (though maybe perfect for a last). Definitely a casual place designed to entertain the juvenile lurking in the hearts of all men.

Picks of the Month

Barrister’s Ball & Michael’s
Hyatt Regency, La Jolla Village Drive

HOLLYWOOD: What a rage! Gentlemen in black tuxedos, stylish women in black dresses and an incredible setting. (There was also one particularly festive, tall woman clad in lavender.) From the Fez hats and beers doused outside at sunset, through the delectable fish and mouth-watering desserts to the dance marathon, ending with the entire party dancing arm-in-arm to Frank Sinatra singing “New York, New York,” it was the best time I can still remember.

Michael’s (upstairs in the Hyatt) is definitely the ultimate jazz lounge. The well-dressed thirtysomething crowd at the bar was very appreciative of two young, handsome, tweed-clad studs—Gringo and myself, naturally—sautering through the double doors and did not blink an eye when I set down my lovely, exotic flower centerpiece on the bar and ordered a martini. They were, however, quick to come to my assistance by shouting out the proper pronunciation of the song, the “Woman From Ipanema.” The band was courteous enough to immediately honor my request and couples soon began to dance arm and arm, cheek to cheek. Lovely lasses at the bar provided sparkling conversation, although turned down Gringo’s invitation for a spanking. A truly heavenly night; I tip my Fez to the fabulous women of Phi Delta Phi. (OK, it’s Gringo’s fez.)

Rock Lobster
6690 Mission Gorge Near the stadium

GRINGO: My roomie Norman, also known as the Skullman, found this place for me and dragged me in there after a busy day of showing down on apple products in Julian (the day also included throwing snowballs at wildlife, making fun of the “mountain folk” and peeing my name into a snowbank—you know, male bonding stuff). The first thing I had to do of course was read the rules, which were prominently posted in flaming letters near the entrance. By far the most interesting rule was that by being the first person to yell out “I’m a Rock Lobster Fan” you get a free shot of Cuervo gold from one of the delightful and efficient wait-staff. Unfortunately, moving to another table and yelling it again did not gain the hoped-for result. The place is mainly a great lobster restaurant (especially the slippers), serving the poor deceased crustaceans Mexican-style with lots of beans, tortillas and plenty spicy. However, it is also an outstanding party place. By far they had the best, and most unusual, collection of margaritas in all of this Gringo land. The Electric Dryer was particularly dangerous, being served up in a large (I mean LARGE) shaker (which you can steal pretty easily); it was tasty and plentiful. Anyhow, I’m out of room—go to this place and don’t miss the official Bar Review party at Crown Point on May 1st (make your reservations early).

MOTIONS TOP TEN

Top Ten Reasons SBA has an $18,000 Surplus:

1. Only training to be lawyers, not accountants
2. U.S. News & World Report wouldn’t accept bribe
3. Neither would Justice O’Connell
4. Recycling efforts finally paid off
5. Saving up enough money to get Law School named after them
6. Canceled Dean’s honorariums for speaking at SBA meetings
7. Decided to forgo new tram
8. SBA President only allowed one trip to Hawaii
9. Jerry Brown limiting contributions to $100
10. Finally got deposit back from Holloween party
The primary purpose of the University of San Diego School of Law is to provide students with a sound and ethical legal education." --USD School of Law Bulletin 1991-93

April 2 ushered in considerable student outrage when we were informed that no "real" tickets to bear Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's lecture were available for students. Some people thought it was a tasteless left-over April Fools joke. Perhaps it was; but, unfortunately, I was one of those who, by state tradition, the administration found a way to accommodate approximately 350 students by changing the location of the lecture.

While we can appreciate the late effort that was made to move the event to larger quarters, this incident was just one of many indications that educating students is not the focus at USD School of Law. We are beginning to wonder what the focus is. We are also beginning to wonder what the administration will do next.

One particularly disturbing aspect surrounding the lecture controversy was the lack of candor with which it was handled. We are told that months ago the Dean had promised the SBA that there would be a significant number of student tickets for the Justice

O'Connor lecture. The first printed information regarding the lecture read in part, "A limited number of student tickets will be available. Students will pick up one ticket from Warren Hall, Room 112 on Thursday, April 2 (8:30am-7pm) or Friday, April 3 (8:30am-3pm). A reserve of tickets will be held at the School of Law entrance, with the plan of picking them up on Thursday evening." This seemed fair enough. We couldn't bring guests, but it sounded like there might be a ticket for any law student who wanted to attend. At least there was a good chance of getting a ticket.

By 7:30am on Thursday, April 2, students began arriving so they could be first in line to get tickets. By 8:30am the line for tickets was already snaked around the first floor and nearly out the door. At that time, the true definition of student tickets was announced. A flier was also passed out. Just like law, interpretation is everything. The flier listed some of the criteria students must own in order to obtain a ticket. Fifty standy tickets were allotted which could be used if a person holding a real ticket failed to show up at the lecture. The second type of student ticket was good for overflow seating; students could view Justice O'Connor on a TV monitor. Not a single student ticket was available for the live lecture was reserved for 1,100 law students.

We have heard a number of reasons given for the ticket snafu: a belief that students would not want to attend the lecture; that the lecture was never intended to be primarily for students; students did not pay for the lecture, and therefore were not "entitled" to tickets; some student tickets had been re-issued initially, but when fire marshals and federal marshals counted the number of seats, the student tickets had to be deleted; that the student tickets had to be deleted; that for students; students did not pay for the lecture, and therefore were not 'entitled' to tickets; some student tickets had been re-issued initially, but when fire marshals and federal marshals counted the number of seats, the student tickets had to be deleted; that

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O'Connor's presence was obtained through an invitation to sit on panels and therefore the speech should be for non-student members of the law school community. Students were adequately represented by the alternates. In the opinion of students that on an administration's concern-for-students scale of 1 to 10, we're much closer to 1 than we are to 10.

We are told that students are only one part of the law school community, and we should not expect admittance to lectures such as Justice O'Connor's speech. In this position that other members of the law school community, such as faculty, staff, trustees, and alumni, should be excluded from such events. We believe it is important to further the education of these members of the school community. We also believe students should have the right to allocate the roles each of these groups play in providing guidance and resources to the law school. Typically, the law school shows its interest in student concerns by hosting student events for these groups to meet noted speakers, in addition to the larger speaking engagement. This is a practice that we rate a ten out of ten. In this case, the administration, we believe, is a practice that we rate a ten out of ten. In this case, the administration, we believe, was far removed from what the O'Connor administration's concern for students was a practice that we rate a ten out of ten. In this case, the administration, we believe, was far removed from what the O'Connor administration's concern for students was.

Invite a Supreme Court justice to lecture under the auspices of the law school, and then to exclude students is contrary to the mission of our institution as well as being misleading to all concerned with the lecture. It is shameful that we would have to speculate that the administration for provide for student attendance at this type of event.

The lecture contemplated the example of many of the serious need for mutual respect between the students and the administration. Lack of attention to student concerns, the administration, we believe, is a practice that we rate a ten out of ten. In this case, the administration, we believe, was far removed from what the O'Connor administration's concern for students was.

We propose that a task force of students, faculty and administrative staff carefully examine these objectives. It is too late to begin the task of produce a hearing to attack the SBA's decision. The BSA is a benefit to keep our school community cohesive and working toward common goals.

O'Connor Lecture Just One Sign of Administration's Lack of Perception by Chris Harrington

This article is a fervent plea for the administration to take our concerns with the administration's actions seriously. As legal minds, we have a responsibility to remind the administration that the law school, and our interest, is not an inconsequential sum, to say the least. At a minimum, it should ensure that our interests are considered. Even Justice O'Connor's lecture shows that the administration unilaterally decided that the administration unilaterally decided that the administration unilaterally decided that the administration unilaterally decided that

The fundamentally offensive aspect regarding Justice O'Connor's lecture was that the administration promised to re-serve tickets for students, and then intention-ally broke that promise. All of these issues simply point out the degree to which the administration takes action without any concern for the student body's interests or opinions. Clearly, the administration has the final say in how the school is run. Still, the law school exists to teach students. Without us, there would be no law school. The right to be treated as if our opinion matters. We want to be treated as if our opinion matters. We want to be treated as if our opinion matters.

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Question of the Month:
Do you think that Robert Alton Harris should be executed?

"Yes! I believe in capital punishment because it deters crime if it is used. If it is not used, it serves no useful purpose."

Joan Gerson
Secretary to the Dean

"Yes, I firmly oppose the death penalty. It is unevenly applied. If you are a black male, you are more likely to get executed than if you are female and white. It is inherently unfair."

Carrie Wilson
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs

"No! I do not believe the death penalty should be used. It is cruel and inhumane."

Pat Quinn
Records Office

"No, but he should not be paroled either. We should not keep bringing it up, just let the families of the victims get over it. Keep him in jail for life. I guess I believe that everyone is redeemable."

Marjorie S. Zhou
Registrar

A View from the Survey Bottom

It was with great disappointment that I read your March 31 article entitled "U.S. News & World Report Ranks Schools: USD Does Not Participate in Survey." While I have the utmost respect for Dean Strachan standing up for what she believes to be "principles", I am at a loss for the underlying rationale behind her views.

Dean Strachan states that the criteria behind the U.S. News rankings are unfair to USD. Specifically, Dean Strachan points out that reputation surveys hurt USD "because 90% of our graduates tend to stay in California and the West." The obvious reason so many USD graduates stay in California is that most are originally from the Far West. Think of how many of your classmates attended Cal Western, I do not think that the majority of our student body was deciding between going to law school. Few students from the Midwest or East are going to come all the way to San Diego to attend a law school ranking in the third quartile unless, like myself, they are originally from the West Coast.

The low ranking that USD received only perpetuates the problem of not having a truly "national" law school. If Dean Strachan would spend more time publicizing the positive attributes of USD and participating in surveys such as U.S. News and World Reports, perhaps USD will be able to retrieve some of its lost luster.

I was very surprised to learn that the student body was not even consulted before Dean Strachan made the decision which so vastly affected the students. I especially feel sorry for those students who will be trying to get jobs back East or in the Midwest. When the hiring partner knows little of a school first-hand, he/she will consult rankings like U.S. News & World Report. USD being ranked in the third quartile could prove "fatal" to many of us not ranked in the top ten percent of our class.

Finally, I was shocked when Dean Strachan found "some solace" in the fact Cal Western was ranked behind USD. With all respect to Cal Western, I do not think that the majority of our student body was deciding between attending USD and Cal Western. There is no reason for USD to be ranked behind Loyola and Santa Clara.

I hope in the future Dean Strachan will continue to stand up for her "principles". However, I sincerely hope she will give more consideration to what the students and alumni want. If she wants U.S. News to change their criteria, work with them, not against them. The students truly being affected want USD to be ranked as high nationally as possible.

Robert Huston
Second Year Day Student

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