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### Law School Welcomes Guests

The School of Law puts out a welcome mat Saturday, April 19, for alumni, friends, students and guests at its annual Law Day Celebration, which features a packed schedule of events.

Highlight of the day's program is a featured debate between Loyd Wright, a past president of the American Bar Assn., and A. L. Wirin of the American Civil Liberties Union. Topic for the debate: "Implications of the 5th Amendment."

Wirin is expected to urge a broader and wider acceptance of the 5th Amendment as a protection, while Wright is expected to take a more restrictive view of a person's resort to the privilege. Prof. Arvo Van Alstyne will moderate.

In addition to the debate, the

### Voting Plans Ready For Student Offices

The latter part of April will see active campaigning for student body offices, according to LSA President Richard M. Stein.

He announced that nominations will be received the week of April 21 through 25, then after candidates' names are posted a forum will be held April 29 at which the presidential candidates will speak.

On April 29 the preliminary elections will be held.

On April 30 the runoff or final elections take place.

Added to this semester's election campaign will be a referendum concerning a proposed honor system for UCLA Law. Students will be asked if they favor any sort of honor system and then to indicate, in the event a majority approve the honor system, what form it should take.

See Page 2 of this Docket for a discussion of the issues involved. A further presentation will be made at the Candidates' Forum on April 29.

program features the finals of the Pound Competition, the moot court contest for students, to be presided over by a distinguished panel of jurists drawn from the federal bench.

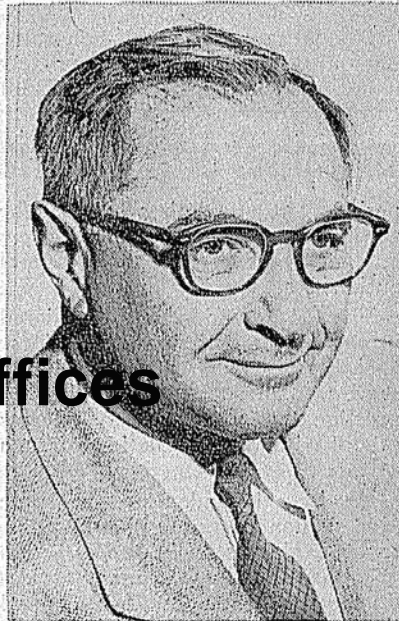
The judges: Chief Justice Stanley N. Barnes of the US Circuit Court of Appeals (9th Cir.), assisted by Ernest A. Tolin and Thurmond Clarke of the US District Court

(Southern Dist., Calif.).

Contestants in the finals are Laurence E. Wolff and Irwin E. Sandler, who will argue against Gerald S. Barton and Norman L. Epstein.

A featured event during the day is the law school spoof, "Around the World in 80 Grades," an enter-

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DEBATERS WIRIN AND WRIGHT

Ten to One They Don't Agree

### Methods of Legal Job-Hunting Told, Background of 'Taboos' Explained

Efforts by the law school to work out with local bar associations systems whereby competent older attorneys would be available to counsel law students from their third year through their first years of practice were explained by Edgar A. Jones Jr., assistant dean.

This wouldn't take much time away from the seasoned practitioner

while the younger man would have, without a feeling of embarrassment, the right to ask appropriate questions, he explains.

Such a technique is particularly apropos, Jones feels, because of the code of conduct expected of the young attorney seeking professional employment. "One of the aspects of finding placement for the

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# 'Trial' Briefs: The Honor System Against—'150 Policemen Where One Existed Before'

By Ed Ross

Those of us who oppose an honor system find our greatest obstacle in the name itself. The mere title "honor system" rolls around the tongue deliciously. He who would oppose such a thing is obviously the kind of cad who would oppose Motherhood.

Let me make clear that to oppose an honor system is not to oppose honor. We would avoid the former because it is an obstacle to attaining the latter.

The honor system as proposed is a fraud. Individual honor is something that is self-generated and self-enforced, not something formalized into a system that is, in effect, more stringent and distrustful than the "constant surveillance" under which we now operate.

It is said we will dispose of the lone proctor, who looks up from a book long enough to announce the time and answer questions about the wording of the tests, declare ourselves to be honorable and there-

fore generate a driving force where none existed before.

The system is a fraud for what it really does is impose the surveillance of 150 policemen where one existed before. In the area where the most infractions of the rules have been occurring, writing over-

The two articles on this page are The Docket's attempt to help you understand the issues in the forthcoming student body election on the honor system.

time, the "honor system" will impose stricter precautions by asking the professors to come down and enforce the rule as to stopping on time. The proponents have not explained why this precaution is necessary under a system that is run so as to generate individual honor.

Honor cannot be half-honorable but must be extended completely if at all. The system would not

include the taking of exams in rooms other than in one or two designated rooms and would require faculty or administrative enforcement of the time limits.

This anomaly, coupled with the 150 times more effective enforcement, is not the institution of an honor system but rather the institution of more effective enforcement under another, more euphonic, but misleading name.

To enforce such an honor system will call for a system of self-policing, or spying, by you and your fellow students.

We would either have efficient enforcement by a formalized "Big-Brother-Is-Watching-You" program or an allegedly informal system which carries out the same result of fellow-surveillance.

It is less troublesome to the individual student to have somebody at the front of the room than to have imposed on him the obligation of being the keeper of his brother's honor.

## For—'An Atmosphere of Confidence, Trust'

By Stan Black

Your student honor system committee has made a thorough investigation of the possibility and advisability of installing an honor system here at the UCLA School of Law.

Based on this investigation and on a sampling survey obtained from other schools our committee urgently feels that it is to this school's advantage to instigate some kind of honor code, for the following reasons:

We feel that the time is now upon us to begin to apply the ethical practices that will be expected of us in the very near future as attorneys; ethical practices that will guide our professional lives from now on. This would encourage the observance by others of behavior that would uphold our professional standards as a whole.

We believe that such a system will help mature and responsible students work in an atmosphere of confidence and trust. Specifically, this will mean that there will no longer be any requirement for proctors or for signing out of the room at any time.

Students will be free to smoke in the halls and to converse on other than examination topics during the course of the examination

period. The student's word will be accepted without question by fellow students as well as by the school authorities.

The ABA, and others associated in the profession, strongly endorse such a code; this in itself should serve to illustrate the enhanced prestige that will come to our law school with the installation of such a code.

Finally, the adoption of some kind of honor system should prove to be a giant step in the direction of cementing a more mature relationship between the faculty and the students than exists at the present time.

However, it is only fair that the students themselves should indicate their desires as to whether such a code should be adopted, and if so, what elements should be included in the code.

We urgently recommend that you think very seriously about such a code and what factors you would like to see in it. Do you want an informal system, wherein the enforcement is found in social pressure, there being no requirement to turn in the violator, or a formal one, with a court established to try offenders, pledges that must be signed, etc.

Your committee believes that an informal code is ideally the most satisfactory one to be utilized in that here the emphasis is placed on the affirmative attitude that such a code will work and be effective, rather than on the negative side by requiring formalities for enforcement.

This is a graduate school, and furthermore a school of law. We are entering into a profession that requires the utmost of integrity. This integrity can be demonstrated by the maintenance of a relaxed examination atmosphere that would result from the mutual faith that such a system would inspire.

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**AROUND MAY 1****Latest Issue of Law Review Probes  
Into Legal Problems of Oil and Gas**

Oil and gas is the featured subject in the latest issue of UCLA's Law Review, which is due to be released on or about May 1.

Emulating a prior venture into the area of oil and gas law, the Review is utilizing revised and enlarged editions of papers first prepared for a lecture series of the California Committee on the Continuing Education of the Bar.

Added to these are an article by a Los Angeles practitioner and extensive student contributions in an area that looms large in the California region due to the importance of the oil and gas industry.

The articles:

Gordon A. Goodwin, an oil company attorney, writes of "Elements of a Negotiated Unit Plan Including Both Public and Private Lands." Such unitization agreements are becoming increasingly important as oil reserves decline, according to Editor Bernard A. Greenberg.

W. S. Payne Jr. analyze the "Engineering Phases Applicable to Unit Plans." This work appraises the lawyer of the role an engineer plays in a unit field.

Frank G. Hubbard, Los Angeles Attorney, scrutinizes the "Application of the California Corporate Securities Law to Oil and Gas Transactions." He tells how to comply with the Blue Sky laws in certain oil and gas dealings.

Los Angeles Practitioner Robert B. Krueger traces "State Tidelands Leasing in California" and gives a resume of the applicable statutes and regulations pertaining to off-shore drilling. The inclusion of suggested forms in an appendix make this article particularly important.

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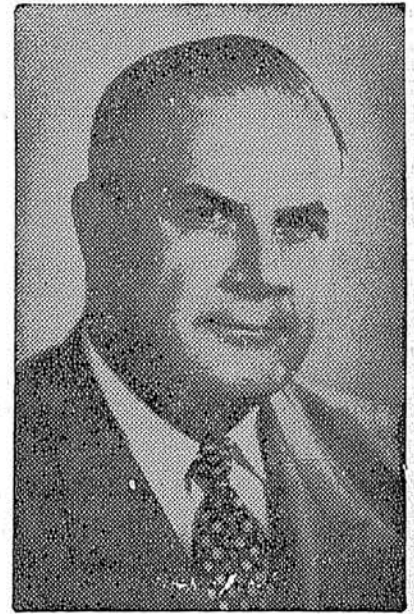
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**DISTINGUISHED JURISTS** — Drawn from the federal bench to preside over UCLA's moot court competition finals are Judges Ernest A. Tolin (left), Thurmond Clarke (center) and Stanley N. Barnes (right).

# LAW DAY CELEBRATION

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tainment directed by Marv Part in the libel show tradition.

Other events during the day include a luncheon (\$1.50), a faculty reception in the afternoon, and a dance (\$2.50) at the Bel-Air Bay Club at 16801 Roosevelt Highway in Pacific Palisades in the evening, preceded by a Faculty-Alumni Cocktail Party.

Law Student Assn. President Richard M. Stein offers to visiting



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Welcome Alumni, Friends

alumni and guests a hearty welcome. "We're proud and happy to have this 'homecoming' for our alumni, a chance for them to renew acquaintances with faculty and old friends. We're especially glad to welcome the parents and friends of our students and to give them a glimpse of what goes on in the Law Bldg."

Law Day Chairman Shearn Platt points out that UCLA's Law Day is tied to the national observance of Law Day USA sponsored by the American Bar Assn., dedicated to an understanding of this powerful force (law) and to more extensive use of it for the benefit of mankind.

Law Day USA emphasizes the value of law as an alternative to chaos, as a moderating influence in society, as a possible bridge between nations, the possibility of its use as a standard in outer space, and its historical evolution.

A limited number of tickets for the Law Day events will be on sale during the registration period. Apart from the dance and luncheon all of the events will be open to the public without charge.

Headed by Shearn Platt, the Law Day Committee includes R. Craig McManigal (law day activities), Harmon Ballin (Barrister's Ball), Arthur Karma (Alumni), Sherman Kulick (Sales), Edward P. George (Publicity), Marvin Part (Law

Show), Terrill F. Cox (Legal Forum) and Harvey Goodfriend (luncheon).

## CALENDAR

10 a.m.	Moot Court Competition
Noon	Law Show
12:30 p.m.	Luncheon
2 p.m.	Debate
3 p.m.	Faculty Reception
9 p.m.	Faculty-Alumni Cocktail Party
9:30 p.m.	Barrister's Ball



# Job Hunting . . .

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young law graduate is that he cannot break down the front door of the firm with which he would like to be connected."

There is a basic feeling that a lawyer should not solicit any business, he says. If unduly aggressive in seeking employment there is a fear he may be equally aggressive with clients.

The legal profession is sensitive on this point, notes Jones, even to embodying it in the Canons of Professional Ethics (Canon 28). While this attitude is admirable as a standard of professional conduct it creates something of a problem for a young law student and lawyer, he observes.

If a young lawyer wants to become associated with a particular firm it is considered proper to phone and ask for an interview with an appropriate member of the firm. Once the appointment is made he may forward a personal data sheet and a confirmation of the appointment.

"It goes without saying that he is expected to appear on time, properly dressed."

He has to be careful of his attitude. He can be highly desirous of gaining employment, but he can't be "too eager."

Certainly he has no need to be ashamed if he is a UCLA grad, Jones says. "He's graduating from one of the country's best law schools and has something to offer the firm—he's by no means peddling infe-

rior merchandise."

There has to be a balance between legitimate self-confidence and a awareness of the skills he has acquired, with a lack of puffing, says Jones.

He told of one young man at the top of his class in an Eastern law school who tried to become connected with a prominent Los Angeles firm, calling several times by long distance. "He was regarded with progressively diminishing enthusiasm and eventually dropped from consideration."

While this may be a stiff example, says Jones, it shows how far this attitude may go.

Jones noted that the current economic recession has had no effect on the job opportunities for young lawyers in the Los Angeles area, based on his personal knowledge of inquiries for recent grads that come through the Dean's office.

Jones feels that comparatively speaking there is a seller's market for young lawyers. He notes that the Los Angeles area has four times fewer attorneys than New York (6,058 to 27,136). The per capita ratio of attorneys to population was 1:403 in New York while 1:680 in California. Per square mile California also showed a lower density (1:24 for New York as compared to 1:8.49 for California).

Add to this the fact that California is a more rapidly growing industrial area and you have a land of comparatively greater opportunity, he feels.

# Aspirant Engle Offers Students Recession Views

Senatorial Aspirant Clair Engle appeared before UCLA's student body recently to speak on "The Present Recession." Engle's chief opponent for the senate seat, Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, had appeared before the UCLA student body earlier in the year.

The talks were arranged by the Legal Forum Committee headed by Chairman Terrill Cox. The com-



**CANDIDATE ENGLE**  
A Seat in the Senate?

mittee has scheduled a coffee hour for April 28th when Vivian H. Galbraith, Oxford University history professor, will speak on "The Origins of the Common Law Forms of Action."

Committee members who participated in arranging these talks, which also saw William Knowland, California's present senator, appear, include Edward George, Norm Epstein, John Roney, Chuck Alt-house, Gary Leary, Marilyn Freytag, Hilaire Geraldine, Merrill Francis, Marv Hollen, Bob Little, Tom Ramsey, Ed Geltman and Bud Gibson.

## School Bequeathed Scholarship Fund

The late Mrs. Jewell Udell bequeathed a gift of \$1500 to the School of Law. The fund, which is expected to produce an annual income of about \$100, will be used for scholarship purposes and will be named in honor of her son.

## Library Comments

With the exception of some of the large sets of court reports which are easily found on the open shelves of the reading room, the collection of the Law Library is now cataloged.

There are various types of catalogs for law collections. One type is a dual catalog, that is, a separate file for authors and titles and another for subject headings. Another type of catalog gives the barest information with only the author and main subject and brief bibliographical information.

Our catalog is the dictionary type with all entries in one alphabetical arrangement, providing in one place an index to all the material in the library. Our catalog is the "complete cataloging" type which gives maximum coverage in subject matter, as well as complete bibliographical description.

The "See also" cards are references made to related material from the general to the specific. These help to run down subject matter which cuts across various subjects. That hard-book-to-find may be located by running down a reference given by the "See also" card to other related subjects.

The author card, being a personal name or the name of a corporate body, is the main card. In the case of a periodical, the card under the title of the periodical is the main card.

Subject cards are made with subject headings in red; there may be as many as nine subject cards for a title, depending upon the subjects covered by the book. The subject cards for periodicals give only the earliest volume which the library possesses, and refer to the main card for full information as to the library's holdings.

# Professor Becomes TV Traffic Judge

Once a week Edgar A. Jones Jr., assistant dean and associate professor of law, doffs his administrative and teaching duties, puts on judicial garb and steps out under the harsh glare of television lights.

The occasion: The TV show Traffic Court, Fridays at 6:30 p.m., when Dean Jones acts as judge.

He describes it as a "fascinating experience—it adds a new dimension to law teaching, that of the general public."

Jones feels it is a worthwhile endeavor because of its educational impact on the community, stressing traffic safety, and explaining traffic rules and a part of the law that comes closest to the average person.

He describes it as the largest class he's had. Some 800,000 persons tune in the show weekly.

The show is produced in close cooperation with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Board of Education.

The show itself has no set script. A basic fact situation is set up and the judge is expected in large part to "ad lib" his comments. The defendants and the witnesses, however, professional actors, do have a

fairly clear idea of what they will say, but still with some leeway of expression also.

There is always the unexpected. One week Jones had a young man who portrayed a student who had committed a traffic violation on his way to take his Agency examination at the Law School. Highly articulate in rehearsal, he just froze when he went on, said Jones, "as if he hadn't read his Agency cases."

The fact situations are set up at

a weekly conference, then Jones presides over rehearsals from 4 to 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6 p.m. on Friday afternoon, and then over the televised performance at 6:30 p.m.

When Judge Younger left the show because of judicial ethics problems ABC-TV contacted eight lawyers in the area with a view to selecting one of them to act as judge. The selection process resulted in an invitation to Dean Jones to take the bench.

## Alumni Notes

Ex-Uclans now serving as Deputies Public Defender of Los Angeles County include Daniel Finn, '54, Alvin Calof, '55, and Charles Gordon, '56.

Harold J. Delevie, '56, has a general practice at 1310 Wilshire, Los Angeles 17.

John R. Engman, '55, recently became associated with the firm of Hill, Farrer, and Burrill. He will concentrate on tax law.

Robert L. Meyer, '55, Donald J. Drew, '57, Everett W. McGuire, '57, and Ira Holroyd, '58, are specializ-

ing in eminent domain litigation as members of the legal staff of the Division of Highways, State of California.

Theodore K. Martin, '55, has been associated with the firm of O'Melveny and Myers since graduating in '55.

George Ritner, '56, has joined the legal staff of the Bank of America.

Sanford Demain, '57, recently appeared on Art Linkletter's "People Are Funny" television show.

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