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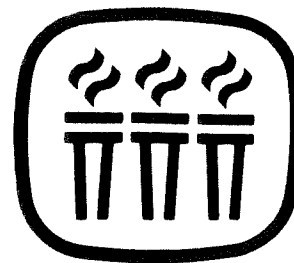
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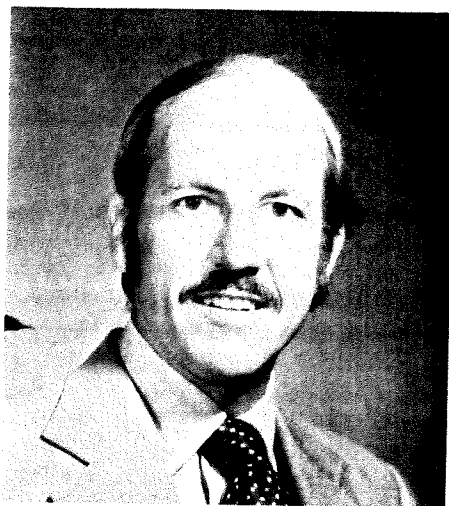
## From the Dean

In the last edition of the Newsletter, I wrote about the building addition plans. We have progressed to the bidding stage, with bids to be opened in early January. Prospective contractors are bidding on the library addition and modest renovations to the B.K. Roberts Hall as the base item. Bids on more extensive renovations are being advertised as alternates. Until the contract is let, we will not know how much renovation will be accomplished. In the next Newsletter, I should be able to furnish you full details, including diagrams and pictures.

In the vernacular, the building is the good news. The bad news is that because of the revenue shortfall, the state is "calling back" money from the 1981-82 budget. The College will suffer the loss of budgeted funds and our hopes for several planned program improvements cannot, immediately, become a reality. The differences between quality legal education, excellent legal education and adequate legal education are difficult to quantify in dollars. That the differences exist beyond dispute. That dollars are related to the differences is equally beyond dispute. We have, especially with the addition of the new building, the opportunity to be more than adequate. Hopefully, we are already more than merely adequate. A few dollars has made the difference. Loss of those few dollars will reduce the quality of our effort. Loss of the prospect of improvement will lose us more.

I know that you share the ambition of this College to remain a place of quality legal education and, ultimately, a place for excellent legal education. If it is to happen, we need your help. We have asked you for a

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Professor Ronald L. Carlson, guest lecturer at the first annual Mason Ladd Memorial Lecture Series.

## Carlson Launches Ladd Memorial Lecture Series

Professor Ronald L. Carlson of the Washington University School of Law was guest lecturer at the first annual Mason Ladd Memorial Lecture Series held at the College of Law in October.

Carlson, who spiced his lectures with amusing anecdotes of excessive ingenuity by practitioners and sobering examples of seeming injustice within the judicial system, spoke on two occasions to large audiences of College of Law students and faculty and the public at large.

The lecture series was begun to honor the memory of FSU College of Law Founding Dean Mason Ladd. A longtime friend of Ladd and co-author with him of the casebook *Cases and Materials on Evidence*, Carlson was an ideal choice to launch the series.

The topics of Carlson's lectures were "Creativity, Competence, and Other Challenges: The Role of the Lawyer in the 1980's" and "The

## From the Board

Your Alumni Association is making a determined effort to become a truly viable force in the life of the College of Law. To that end, Dean Slagle and Associate Dean Pat Russo, who is in charge of Alumni Affairs, have made a serious commitment to improved alumni relations.

In February the Alumni Association is planning a "Bridge the Gap" Seminar for graduating seniors. In conjunction with that event, we will have an Alumni Board meeting to plan future events.

Also, plans are underway for an Alumni Weekend in Tallahassee next fall. I hope this will become an annual event. As soon as a date is finalized we will notify you so that plans can be made well in advance. The weekend will include CLE activities, social activities, Moot Court, Law Review and class reunions, as well as a "Noles" home game.

Your participation in activities of the College of Law is invited. Dean Slagle, Associate Dean Russo or I would like to hear from you with your ideas and suggestions. Please write or call to share your thoughts and concerns.

Mel R. Martinez, President

Federalizing of American Courtroom Practice." Receptions for students and faculty were held after both lectures.

Carlson received his J.D. degree from Northwestern University and his LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center. He has been in private practice and has taught at the University of Iowa, Wayne State University and the University of Texas. In addition, he has authored several articles and textbooks and has served on a number of professional committees.

## Graduates from the Class of '81 Elected to The Order of the Coif

Eighteen graduates from the Class of '81 have been elected to the Florida State University College of Law Chapter of The Order of the Coif, the only national honor society for law students.

Elected by members of the chapter are: Patricia H. Alexander, Robert Beitler, William B. Brannon, Diane Weaver, Douglas A. Daniels, Ronald C. Glickman, Patricia B. Leary, Kristine (McAney) Lee, Robert C. Martin, Rosemary O'Shea, Carolyn S. Pepple, Debra L. Romanello, Peggy Sanford, Howard S. Shapiro, Joyce Siemon, Jill (Miller) Theg, Barbara A. Wiggins, and Joe Allen Wild.

To qualify for election to Coif, students must graduate in the top 10 percent of their class, complete 75 percent of their course work in graded classes and contribute to the common good of the College of Law and the legal community.

The F.S.U. College of Law and the University of Florida Spessard L. Holland Law Center are the only law schools in Florida with Order of the Coif chapters.

## Library Construction Will Open for Bids

On Thursday, January 7, 1982, bids for the construction of the new Law Library and renovation of present Law Library space will be opened in the College of Law building. Shepard Associates, architects for the project, have been working with Dean Slagle, Professor Schroeder, Director of the Library, the Faculty Planning Committee and the Law Library Planning Committee concerning the project. The new building, located to the west of the present building, will be dedicated solely to library use and present library space will be renovated and turned into classroom, office and student lounge space. The present student lounge will be converted into office and seminar room space.

The new library will contain over 100 seats located at carrels, tables, lounge seating, and conference rooms, as well as over 50 seats at special work areas, such as microfilm readers, computer terminals, index tables. The library will have 12 small multi-purpose rooms capable of accommodating two to five people and three larger conference rooms accommodating ten

Order of the Coif members for the three classes prior to the Class of '81 include: Class of '80—Jeffrey H. Abrams, James E. Armstrong, Thomas K. Equels, Mark J. Freund, Barry Kling, Hywel Leonard, Mary Jane Lord, Steven H. Malone, William R. Mayer, Patricia A. Paterson, Mark J. Patterson, Stephen P. Preisser, Claire D. Schubert, Geoffrey B. Schwartz, Marjorie E. Smith, James D. Wright, and Nancy E. Wright; the Class of '79—James L. Bacchus, Scott C. Christiansen, Elizabeth J. Daniels, David S. Dee, Charles L. Early, Jr., Miranda Franks, Christopher L. Griffin, Patricia S. Grinstead, L. Kathleen Horton, Vicki Gordon Kaufman, Paul Liepshutz, Fred J. Lotterhos, III, Robert Eric Rice, Bonnie K. Roberts, William McVey Smith, and Mary Lee Sweet; and the Class of '78—Robert E. Aylward, F. Scott Boyd, Gerald B. Cope, Jr., William S. Dufoe, Alix Thornton Ehlers, Richard W. Glenn, Kristine E. Knab, Byrd F. Marshall, Jr., Mary Jane Matheny, John H. Mueller, Norman L. Schroeder, II, Christopher J. Smith, Walter B. Smith and Robert Q. Williams.

to twelve persons. Library stacks will be able to accommodate 150,000 to 225,000 volumes with the ability to expand that capacity by 25,000 to 40,000 volumes in the present phase of the building and to increase that amount substantially in a second phase of construction that would add a fourth floor to the new building. All table, study, carrel and individual office spaces within the building will be provided with computer conduits for subsequent computerization. Each conference room and larger multi-purpose room will have the ability to receive television signals played from a central site within the library audiovisual and circulation areas. Two separate rooms have been designated for LEXIS and WESTLAW training purposes. There will be a separate rare book room for a small but growing rare book collection.

The total square footage in the new Law Library space will be approximately 35,000 square feet, more than double the size of the present Law Library space. The design and

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contribution to the College. Private funds are important, but cannot be a reason for an erosion of our appropriated funds. We also need your help to protect our appropriated funds. We need you to speak out about the need to have adequate funding for this College's educational program. Your daily activities prove that this College has played a meaningful role in improving the quality of legal services in this State. Public legal education was your beginning and, for many of you, your only opportunity. That opportunity for others is in jeopardy. That opportunity is, we believe, while admitting the bias and prejudice resulting from our employment, important. Public legal education does cost. Public legal education is an important promise to many persons. We believe, and hope you share our belief, that the promise, and what must be delivered, is quality legal education, not barely adequate legal education. Please give us your help in making that promise a reality.

## Association Board, Officers Are Elected

Four alumni were elected to the Florida State University College of Law Alumni Association Board during the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 31, 1981. Those members, whose terms will end in 1984, are: Donald A. Gifford, Tampa; Terrence J. Russell, Ft. Lauderdale; J. Wayne Hogan, Jacksonville; and Kenneth L. Connor, Lake Wales.

Officers for the upcoming year are: President, Mel R. Martinez, Orlando; President-Elect, John W. Frost, II, Bartow; and Secretary, David W. Wilcox, Bradenton.

## Apology

In the last issue of the Newsletter, Representative Christian Meffert's name was misspelled. We apologize for the error and express our appreciation for Representative Meffert's understanding.

# Articles of Association for the College of Law Alumni Association

In order that our alumni might have a better understanding of the College of Law Alumni Association, the Articles of Association are included in this issue. The Articles of Association were adopted unanimously October 18, 1980, during the Annual Meeting of the College of Law Alumni Association.

## THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### Articles of Association

The name of this organization shall be the Florida State University College of Law Alumni Association, which shall be referred to as the "College of Law Alumni Association," or hereafter in these Articles, as "the Association."

The Association will be chartered as an affiliate of the Florida State University Alumni Association and will be governed by the following Articles of Association:

#### Article I PURPOSE

The College of Law Alumni Association is organized to:

- (1) provide a framework for alumni of a common interest to meet formally or informally for educational, professional, or other alumni-oriented purposes; and,
- (2) provide an advisory service to the College of Law of the University, and to the College of Law alumni; and,
- (3) stimulate continued interest in and financial support for the College of Law at The Florida State University.

#### Article II MEMBERSHIP

All alumni of the College of Law shall automatically be members of this Association. Honorary members may be selected by the Board, but shall not be eligible to hold office or become Board members. The Dean of the College of Law shall be an honorary member of the Association and ex-officio member of the Board.

#### Article III ORGANIZATION

##### A. Board of Directors

The College of Law Alumni Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors, composed of twelve active members of the Association, and the officers of the Association. The directors shall be elected for a three-year term of office, with terms staggered so that four directors retire from the Board and four new directors are elected annually. A simple majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for conducting business.

##### B. Officers

The officers of the Association shall be a President, a President-Elect and a Secretary, each to be elected for a term of one year.

1. The President shall coordinate the scheduling of Board and Association meetings, preside at those meetings, and execute all Board decisions.
2. The President-Elect shall preside at the request of, or in the absence of, the President and otherwise assist the President as requested. The President-Elect shall succeed to the office of President at the close of the annual meeting marking the end of his term as President-Elect, or upon a vacancy occurring in the office of the President.
3. The Secretary shall maintain Board and Association records and maintain accurate minutes of all meetings.

#### Article IV ELECTIONS

##### A. Nominating Committee

Not later than August 1 of each year, the President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of the President, the President-Elect and two additional Board members. This committee shall nominate a President-Elect, Secretary and four new Board members for election to office at the annual meeting.

##### B. Balloting

1. Not later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting, the President shall cause to be mailed to all Association members a ballot containing the names of those nominated, which shall also permit voting for eligible write-in candidates. Balloting shall be by mail or by delivery to a location at the College of Law stated on the ballot prior to commencement of the annual meeting.

2. Election to the office of President-Elect and Secretary shall be by majority of the ballots cast for those offices.

3. The four candidates for Director receiving the highest number of votes for that office shall be elected.

4. Run-offs shall be decided by vote of those members present at the annual meeting of the Association.

5. Those elected shall assume office at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

##### C. Vacancies

Any vacancy in any office or Board position shall be filled by vote of the majority of the remaining Board members. Balloting may occur at the next meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy, or by telephone or mail ballot conducted by the President.

#### Article V MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Association and of the Board shall be held in Tallahassee during the University's Homecoming weekend. Additional meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President acting alone or on request of six or more of the Directors. Additional meetings of the membership of the Association may be called by the Board of Directors.

#### Article VI BY-LAWS

Such By-Laws as deemed necessary to the work of the Association may be adopted, amended, or deleted by a majority vote of the entire Board of Directors.

#### Article VII AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Association may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the entire Board of Directors. These Articles may also be amended by approval of two-thirds of the membership voting in a properly constituted ballot. A petition signed by 20 or more members of the Association and submitted to the President on or before 45 days before the annual meeting shall be sufficient to place a proposed amendment on the annual ballot.

## Publication

**Joshua M. Morse, III**—an article, "Nonpayment of Production Royalties Under a Producers 88 Lease: A Legislative Prescription to Cure a New Disease," *Fla. St. U.L. Rev.* 447 (1981).

## Public Service

**Mildred Ravenell**—receipt of the President's Teaching Award for excellence in teaching for the 1980-81 academic year. Participant in a continuing legal education program on the Economic Tax Recovery Act of 1981, College of Law.

**David F. Powell**—participant in a continuing legal education program on the Economic Tax Recovery Act of 1981, College of Law.

## College CLE Tax Program is a Success

The College of Law is extremely pleased with the participation by Alumni during the Tax Continuing Legal Education Program held at the College during Homecoming, October 30-31.

Areas covered during the seminar included: New business tax incentives; real estate investment in the '80s; tax breaks for individuals; the estate and gift tax changes; retirement planning in the '80s; and foreign tax developments.

Program speakers included three faculty members: Associate Professor Joseph W. Jacobs, who teaches several courses in the tax area; Associate Professor David F. Powell, who teaches estate and gift taxation; and Associate Professor Mildred W. Ravenell, who teaches several courses in taxation. Stephen A. Bennett, an associate with Greene, Mann, Rowe, Stanton, Mastry & Burton, St. Petersburg, lectured on real estate taxation. Bennett specializes in complex commercial real estate transactions in his practice. Another speaker, Domenick R. Lioce, who is an associate in the West Palm Beach office of the law firm Shutts & Bowen, spoke on retirement planning. Lioce specializes in taxation, corporate and banking law, real estate, and estate planning. Both Bennett and Lioce are graduates of the College of Law. Assistant Profes-

**Joseph W. Jacobs**—participant in a continuing legal education program on the Economic Tax Recovery Act of 1981, College of Law.

**Steven M. Goldstein**—appointed vice chairperson of the Legal Aid Committee of The Florida Bar and appointed by Chief Justice Alan Sundberg to serve on a state-wide committee charged with the responsibility of nominating individuals for the Chief Justice's Pro Bono award. Co-counsel, *Godboldt v. Pingree*, class action challenging the H.R.S. practice of setting the standard of need, for purposes of AFDC (welfare) and medicaid eligibility, at an amount less than the full money value required to provide basic and special needs. Preliminary injunction entered. And co-counsel, *Douglas v. Wainwright*,

federal habeas appeal in the 11th circuit on behalf of an individual sentenced to death. In re *The Center for Participant Education at Florida State University*; negotiation on behalf of the center when certain course instructors were asked by the University to sign statements affirming that they would not advocate or encourage sexual relations between unmarried individuals. The University request was prompted by the Trask-Bush proviso language to the appropriations bill. The University subsequently agreed not to require any such affirmation.

**Patricia V. Russo**—an invited paper, "Trends in Medical Malpractice," ABA Health Forum, Atlanta, November.

## Calendar of Events

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| January         | 11    | Classes Resume, Spring Semester  |
| February        | 12    | Bridge the Gap Seminar, Tallahassee, Sponsored by the Alumni Association for Seniors—Followed by a Keg Party |
| February        | 13    | 1982 Job Fair, Tampa   |
| February        | 13    | Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting, Tallahassee   |
| February        | 13    | Florida State vs. Memphis State Basketball Game, Tallahassee   |
| March           | 11-12 | Spring Break   |
| April           | 19-30 | Examination Period   |
| May             | 1     | Graduation   |
| June 27-July 31 |       | Summer Program in Law at Oxford, '82 (Contact Asst. Dean Ed Schroeder for More Information)                  |

sor David M. Hudson, University of Florida Graduate Tax Program, spoke on foreign tax developments.

We wish to thank those who attended the seminar for their enthusiastic reviews of the program. Based on this experience, we plan to offer another Tax CLE program, as well as a CLE program in another area, during Fall 1982. Course registration forms will be mailed to you over the summer to provide additional information. We would enjoy hearing from any of you concerning course content for future CLE programs.

## Do We Have Your Correct Address?

To ensure that the College of Law has your correct address, please write promptly regarding any address change to the Alumni Office, College of Law, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306. In addition to your change of address, please include your telephone number(s).

## Class Notes

### Class of '69

**John W. Frost, II**, formerly a partner in the firm of Holland and Knight, announces the opening of the office for the practice of law under the name of Frost, Purcell & Lilly, P.A., 250 N. Central Ave., P.O. Box 2188, Bartow 33830, 813/533-0314.

### Class of '73

**John Marshall Kest and Mel R. Martinez** announce that **W. D. Frederick, Jr.** has withdrawn from the firm of Frederick, Wooten and Honeywell and that the firm will continue to practice under the firm name of Wooten, Honeywell, Kest and Martinez, 236 S. Lucerne Circle, Orlando 32801, 305/843-7060.

### Class of '74

**Dean C. Marriott** is a planner with the E.C. Jordan Co., 562 Congress St., Portland, ME 04112, 207/775-5401.

### Class of '76

**R. Kent Lilly**, formerly a partner in the firm of Curtis and Lilly, announces the opening of the office for the practice of law under the name of Frost, Purcell and Lilly, P.A., 250 N. Central Ave., P.O. Box 2188, Bartow 33830, 813/533-0314.

**Randolph P. Murrell**, formerly with the Office of the Public Defender in Tallahassee, is now an associate with the firm of Fuller, Johnson and Harrison, 300 E. Park Ave., P.O. Box 1739, Tallahassee 32302, 904/224-4663.

**Dale Durrance** is a county judge, criminal division, in Bartow. His address is P.O. Box 928, Bartow 33830, 813/533-0961.

**Rafael E. Martinez** has become a member of the firm of Gurney, Gurney & Handley, P.A., 203 N. Magnolia Ave., P.O. Box 1273, Orlando 32802, 305/843-9500.

**Charles Jeffrey Duke** is an assistant public defender of McKean County, Solicitor for Otto Township and serves on the Board of Directors of

Legal Services of Northwestern Pennsylvania. He also has a general practice, Pecora and Duke, 222 W. Washington St., P.O. Box 448, Bradford, PA 16701, 814/362-3896.

**Carolyn K. Fulmer**, assistant county attorney, has been named by Governor Graham to fill a vacancy on the Polk County Court. Assistant county attorney since 1976, Mrs. Fulmer will fill the judgeship left open by the recent appointment of Judge Edward Threadgill to the 10th Circuit.

### Class of '78

**Andrew L. Granger** has accepted a position with the firm of Lyle & Skipper, Fortune Federal Bldg., 2600 Ninth Street N., St. Petersburg 33704, 813/895-1991.

### Class of '79

**Keith E. Paterson** is an associate with the firm of Rosner & Feltman, 235 Moore St., Hackensack, NJ 07834, 201/487-4500.

**David W. Wilcox** has returned to the firm of Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm & Furen, P.A. from his former post as assistant general counsel to Governor Bob Graham. He will be resident in the firm's Bradenton office located at First City Center, 1301 Sixth Ave. W., Suite 507, Bradenton 33505, 813/748-4924.

### Class of '80

**M.D. Shawn Ettingoff** is associated with the firm of Mathews, Osborne, Ehrlich, McNatt, Gobelman & Cobb, 1500 American Heritage Life Bldg., Jacksonville 32202, 904/354-0624.

**Jeffrey H. Abrams** is now an associate with the firm of Roberts, Miller, Baggett, LaFace, Richard & Wiser, 101 E. College Ave., P. O. Drawer 1838, Tallahassee 32302, 904/222-6891.

**Kenneth W. Shapiro** announces the opening of his law office in the Gulfstream Bldg., Suite 215, 8751 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation 33324, 305/475-3155 and 945-4448.



Judge Gavin K. Letts, Chief Judge, Fourth District Court of Appeals, was the guest speaker at the December 1981 Commencement Exercises of the College of Law. Twenty-nine members of the December class participated in the ceremony in Opperman Music Hall on Saturday, December 19, at 10:00 A.M. Following the graduation exercises, graduates, families and friends were entertained at a reception held at the Top of the Capitol.

**Leanne J. Frank** is now a research assistant to Judge Norman Hendry, 3rd D.C.A., P.O. Box 650307, Miami 33165, 305/554-2909.

**Marjorie E. Smith** is associated with the firm of Reinman, Harrell, Silberhorn, Moule, Boyd & Graham, P.A., P.O. Drawer 639, Melbourne 32901, 305/724-4450.

### Class of '81

**Vicki L. Smith** (formerly Sloan) is an assistant state attorney in Orlando. Her address is 250 N. Orange Ave., Orlando 32801, 305/420-3794.

**Joyce M. Siemon** has recently become associated with the firm of Greenberg, Traurig, Askew, Hoffman, Lipoff, Quentel & Wolff, P.A., Brickell Concours, 1401 Brickell Ave., Miami 33131, 305/579-0559.

**Jane deChantal Corcoran** is corporate counsel with the Storer Broadcasting Co., 1177 Kane Concourse, Miami Beach 33154, 305/866-0211.

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 location of the new Law Library building is such as to make it an integral part of the overall College of Law physical plant.

In the renovated space, student offices, such as Law Review, will be relocated in present Law Library office space and the second floor of the present Law Library will become the student lounge. The third floor of the present Law Library will be renovated and turned into space for ten faculty offices, two secretarial work pools and a duplicating center, a 60 person classroom and a new faculty library. The present student lounge will be converted into administrative and other support offices, the registrar and records office, as well as a 30 person seminar/conference room. The third floor classroom and present faculty lounge/library will be reconfigured and become the shell for future construction of a practice courtroom.

Bids for the construction and renovation work will be opened in the College of Law on Thursday, January 7, at 3:00 PM. Construction is expected to begin shortly thereafter and should be completed by December 1983.

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## Alumni Information Sheet

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Month/year of graduation from College of Law \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Area code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of organization/firm \_\_\_\_\_

Business address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Business telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Area code \_\_\_\_\_

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Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Professional status (attorney, corporate counsel, banker, etc.)  
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Area(s) of law practiced: \_\_\_\_\_

Bars of which a member: \_\_\_\_\_

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