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Clockwise: Justice B.K. Roberts, law library, Longmire (first law school building), B.K. Roberts Hall under construction, grade board in student lounge, law library, assignment board on first floor, Dean Ladd at 1972 dedication ceremony, law school's new sign, assignment board, Dean Morse and Dean Ladd, old Longmire library, Longmire building, when parking was not a problem, stairwell, law library, Longmire lecture hall, Dean Morse speaks to Judge Rawls at graduation ceremonies, 1976.

## LAW SCHOOL OPEN 10 YEARS

by Elora Harwood

Ten years ago this September the FSU College of Law opened its doors to its charter class.

The 116 students who enrolled that fall were a diversified group, ranging from Hank Taylor--a private detective from Alaska--to Bob Bickel--a bright young graduate of the University of South Florida and the recipient of the first law scholarship.

Undergraduate degrees ranged from English Literature to Engineering, ages from the early 20s to middle 40s. But their common goal and shared experiences created a closeness and camaraderie that distinguished the charter class from any subsequent class.

Dean Mason Ladd, who had served as Dean of the University of Iowa College of Law for 26 years, was eventually convinced by the Advisory Committee to forego his intended retirement and assume the leadership of the new College of Law.

He arrived in Tallahassee in early 1966 and began to recruit the first faculty members. The total faculty and administration of the new law school consisted of Dean Ladd; Assistant Dean Ronald Anderson; faculty members Ray Phillips,

Pete Millett and David Dickson; law librarian Betty Leeman; two secretaries, and a clerk typist. Three additional faculty members arrived the following fall: Gilbert Finnell, Charles Ehrhardt, and Anthony Palizzi.

Due to limited funds, Dean Ladd realized that he could not offer the high salaries necessary to attract experienced professors, so he sought young aspirant teachers with excellent academic credentials. This practice has been continued in the recruitment of new faculty members, although in recent years several experienced, well-known professors also have been attracted to Florida State as full-time or visiting faculty members.

The faculty has gradually increased to a total of 25 full-time professors, including two women.

Of the original 1966 faculty, only David Dickson has remained with the College of Law. Dean Ladd returned to Iowa in 1969, and Joshua Morse arrived in July of that year to assume the position of Dean. Ronald Anderson is now in Colorado, and Professor Ray Phillips is currently on the faculty of the University of Georgia School of Law at Athens.

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# ORGANIZATIONS

## S.B.A

With the SBA elections held in May came the passage of an SBA Constitutional Amendment and the induction of a new Executive Council. The Constitutional Amendment is designed to give the SBA greater managerial continuity by extending the terms of the Executive Council from six months to one year. This amendment is to have prospective effect and will not apply to the newly elected Executive Council composed of Jim Cunningham, President; Elaine Holmes, Vice President; Biff Marshall, Treasurer; Allan Donahue, Secretary; Jackie Eaton Thomas, second-year Rep; Bob Tirelli, third-year Rep; and Chris Weiss, ABA-LSD Representative.

The newly elected Executive Council plans to adhere to the long-standing SBA tradition of providing FSU law students with numerous and diverse social functions. In addition to facilitating the social interaction of the law students, the Executive Council plans to work towards establishing the Order of the Coif at the law school and revitalizing the SBA blood-bank.

## S.A.L.S.A.

The Spanish-American Law Student Association was founded in 1972 to serve the needs of students of Latin descent at the FSU College of Law and the growing Spanish community in Florida. We seek to fulfill these goals by making Spanish-Americans aware of educational opportunities at the College of Law, by fostering professional exchanges with our alumni and guest speakers, and by our participation in international programs such as the highly successful Operation Amigo and Florida International University's International Week.

We expect to be able to continue our guest lecturer series, which in the past has included, to name but a few, Miami attorneys Roberto Godoy and Mario Goderich, economists Dr. Jorge Zayas and Raul Moncarz and Commissioner of Education Ralph Turlington.

One of our most important functions is the orientation of freshmen during their trying first year. This is achieved in a largely informal atmosphere, mostly through the establishment of bonds of friendship between the freshmen and the upperclassmen on an individual basis.

## O.W.L.S.

The Organization for Women Law Students (OWLS), now in its second year of operation as an official campus organization, welcomes all incoming students, and likewise extends an invitation to every student, alumna, professor, and staffperson—new and old, female and male—to attend one of our bimonthly dinner meetings.

OWLS, through a variety of activities and resources, hopes to create a heightened consciousness among law school inhabitants regarding women in the law, as well as women affected by the law. OWLS-sponsored activities of last year included a day trip to the Florida State Prison for Women at Lowell; bimonthly speakers; films; and attendance at both the national and regional conferences on Women and the Law. These same activities are also scheduled for this year.

OWLS sponsors a spring fair and auction—ostensibly to raise money (over \$800 this past year), but also to provide a day of fun and frivolity. The most popular game, perhaps, was a contest of throwing sponges at the legal writing instructors, while auction items included everything from dinners at professors' homes to a car wash from the Dean.

The Sojourner Truth award was initiated this past year to honor that person selected by the law school as best exemplifying the outstanding life of Sojourner Truth. Ms. Joyce Davis, a recent graduate, was the first recipient.

## B.A.L.S.A.

The Black American Law Student Association (BALSA) welcomes incoming students to the FSU College of Law. BALSA presently consists of 16 active members. Affiliate membership is open to all FSU law students interested in minority group problems. Associate membership is open to any member of the legal profession or Florida State University student.

BALSA is concerned with promoting and increasing the enrollment of Black law students and assuring that the students competently complete their legal education. The problems which will be encountered by Black law students is understood by BALSA and they try to minimize these potential problems.

To help make the Black students' legal education successful and relatively enduring, BALSA is sponsoring a special program entitled "Mini-Cleo." Mini-Cleo is designed to give Blacks an advanced preparation for law school and is tailored to meet the needs of incoming students.

BALSA has also set up a tutorial program to run throughout the year. First year courses will be tutored by the Black attorneys in Tallahassee known as the BARRISTERS.



## Placement Office Expands Has New Director

The law school's placement office, under the direction of Susan Hillberg, exists to assist law students in formulating and implementing professional career objectives.

Located in Room 332 of the law school building, the placement office functions as a clearinghouse for information about law and law-related employment opportunities.

The Placement Office also maintains a bulletin board on the first floor of the law school to advise students of job openings.

According to Hillberg, the tightening job market makes early planning a must. "Students should start working with the placement office in their first year of law school," she said. "We have a great deal of information—books, pamphlets, brochures, and the like—about positions with federal and state government, as well as with private firms."

The placement office maintains a large file of sample resumes and can help students prepare an effective resume. Hillberg has prepared a pamphlet for the students about the contents of a resume, several sample resumes and information on printing costs. Also available is a similar pamphlet on cover letters.

The placement office also offers advice on the interviewing process. It sponsored an evening workshop last fall, conducted by Professors Joseph Jacobs, H. P. Southerland and Robert Kennedy, on interviewing techniques for private law firms. The workshop will be repeated yearly.

"We also plan to bring representatives from law firms and governmental agencies to the law school to talk about the kinds of legal work newly hired lawyers will be expected to perform," Hillberg said.

An Alumni Assistance Program has been recently implemented. Alumni in various cities have agreed to participate. They will be offering advice and information to the student or graduate on the legal market in their town. This is not a job-finding service, the objective is to provide information about the availability of jobs in the particular location. Upon request, students will be provided with a list of the participating alumni. Then it will be

up to the student to contact the alumni and set up an appointment.

The placement office also arranges interviews with a variety of employers. "Fall is the traditional interviewing time," Hillberg said. "We hope to have at least 20 law firms and agencies on campus in the fall."

Hillberg said that in the past only a few law firms actually came to the law school to interview. "That is changing now," Hillberg said, "as our reputation grows."

"We have over 1,000 alumni, most of them in practice in Florida, and that's a good advertisement. The Law Review has also helped to make prospective employers aware of Florida State University," she said.

Hillberg said that employers are increasingly filling their employment needs from the ranks of summer clerks. "This is probably the most important development for students to be aware of," she said. "The majority of students at Florida State University have traditionally finished law school in two and one-half years, without taking a summer break. But with the hiring situation the way it is, students can't afford to overlook the desirability of spending at least one summer working full time for a law firm or governmental agency. The number of Florida State University students who receive job offers before they graduate as a result of summer clerkships is steadily growing."

"Students interested in clerking with a federal agency during the summer are cautioned that the application deadline is often nine months in advance," said Hillberg. Most judicial clerkships, especially the better paying federal positions, are filled one year ahead of the employment date, she said. Salaries for summer clerkships with private law firms range as high as \$250 per week with the average salary being between \$500 and \$700 per month.

Hillberg said that State Attorney and Public Defender offices prefer to hire students who have participated in the internship program while in law school.

Hillberg said that the services of the Placement Office are also available to Florida State University graduates. A bi-monthly job bulletin, containing listings of employment opportunities, is available upon request.



## FROM THE DEAN...

By Joshua M. Morse III

With this year's entering class of 182 students, the FSU College of Law begins its tenth year of service to legal education and to the legal profession.

We have over 1,000 alumni now, almost all of whom are successfully engaged in law practice or law-related activities.

These 10 years have seen the creation of a law school—which some viewed as an impossibility in itself—and a subsequent steady growth toward excellence in legal education. A few of the milestones have been AALS and ABA accreditation in an unusually short time; the construction and occupancy of B.K. Roberts Hall; the acquisition of an adequate and steadily improving library collection; the founding of a quality law review, moot court program, and other student organizations; and a considerable growth in faculty—both quantitative and qualitative.

But much remains to be done. This year the Legislature mandated that our budget allocations were to be increased to include amounts to bring faculty salaries in line with those of the faculty at the University of Florida and with other law schools of comparable size. Yet adequate funds were not provided by the University to accomplish this goal. Our first priority was to increase faculty salaries, and our salary structure now is better than at any previous time. But these sorely needed salary increases resulted in a drastic reduction of other allocations in the expense and OPS (other personal services) budget categories. In consequence, we were unable to retain Professor Toby Simon and we were unable to rehire Vincent Panella to assist in the legal writing program. We will not be able to hire any adjunct or visiting faculty members this year. In addition, the lack of OPS funding means that we will not be able to provide funds for research assistants, moot court, law review stipends, or to pay student instructors in the legal writing program. The amount of expense funds allocated amounts to almost \$4,000 less than expenditures for the past year. Travel, telephone, and office supply expense will have to be cut to the bone for us to operate within this year's allocations.

As I indicated in the last issue of *Obiter Dictum*, the University has finally authorized us to engage in fund-raising activities on our own, and we are presently in the process of organizing our first full-fledged fund raising drive in which we shall be appealing directly to you—the alumni of this school—for help so that vital and much needed programs at this institution can continue.

I firmly believe that the alumni of FSU—perhaps more so than alumni of older, more established schools—are intensely interested in and willing to support this institution. This is the sense I have gathered from talking to many of you recently at alumni functions at West Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, and Miami, and from other almost daily contacts I have had with you. What has been missing thus far, I believe, is a vehicle for channeling your support directly to the College of Law, and we are now in a position to remedy that lack.

The week end of November 20-21 has been chosen for the reunion of the 116 members of our charter class. On November 20, the FSU Seminoles will play Virginia Tech here in Tallahassee. Before the game, the College of Law will host a cocktail party here at the law school for all alumni. I hope to see as many of you as possible at that time.

## Class Notes

### CLASS OF '68-'70

**ROBERT NIRO** (June, 69) is employed by the State of Florida in the Division of Bond Finance here in Tallahassee.

**WILLIAM COOPER** (June, 69) is in Jacksonville practicing law with the firm of Kent, Sears, Durden & Kent.

**JOHN FROST** (December, 68) is a partner in Holland & Knight, working in their Bartow offices.

**DAVID JOHNSON** (December, 69) is a partner in the Punta Gorda firm, Wotitzky, Wotitzky, Johnson, Mandell & Batsel.

**DAVID MULOCK** (June, 69) is a member of the law firm of Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler in their Tampa offices.

**JAMES FEIBER, JR.** (March, 69) is self-employed in a general practice in Gainesville.

**DOUGLAS MORFORD** (March, 69) is associated with the Jacksonville firm, Ulmer, Murchison, Ashby & Ball.

**PETER MILLER** (December, 69) is a member of the firm Miller, Perry and Miller in Palatka.

**JAMES McCONNAUGHAY** (June, 69) has formed a partnership in Tallahassee with three other attorneys.

**PATRICIA S. WARREN** (August, 69) has a practice in Fort Walton.

### CLASS OF '70

**DONALD GIFFORD** (June) and **NORMAN STALLINGS, JR.** (June, 74) practice in Tampa with the firm of Shackelford, Farrior, Stallings & Evans.

**WILLIAM MUENCH** (August) and **THOMAS DANAHER** (December, 73) have formed a partnership in Jacksonville.

**ELLA JANE P. DAVIS** (June) is self-employed in Tallahassee.

**JOSEPH SHEFFIELD** (June) and **JOHN ROBERTS** (June, 69) have offices in Marianna under the name Roberts and Sheffield.

**D. EDISON SESSOMS** (June) works for the Veterans Administration in Jacksonville.

**DOUG LYONS** (June) is a member of the Miami firm, Helliwell, Melrose & De Wolf.

**MICHAEL WOODS** (December) is self-employed in a general practice in Orlando.

**JEROME NOVEY** (June) and **ED BLANTON** (June) have a partnership, Novey and Blanton, here in Tallahassee.

**BRUCE BUCKLEY** (June) works for the State of Florida in the Department of Administration in Tallahassee.

**MICHAEL HUGHES** (December) is a member of Knight, Kincaid, Pucher & Harris in Jacksonville.

**MALCOLM MICKLER III** (March) works in the firm of Gibbons, Tucker, McEwen, Smith, Cofer & Taub in Tampa.

### CLASS OF '71

**JAMES SHOOK** (August) has announced that he has withdrawn from the firm of Victor Musleh to enter solo practice.

**DOAK CAMPBELL III** (August) is a member of the Tallahassee law firm of McClure, Wiggington, Campbell & Owens.

**SAMUEL NEEL** (June) and **EDWARD MCGINTY** (March, 72) are associated with Fowler, White, Gillen, Boggs, Villareal and Banker in Tampa.

**W. O. MEHRTENS, JR.** (August) is associated with Smathers & Thompson in Miami.

**DAVID TOWNSEND** (December) works in Tampa with the law firm of Albritton, Sessums & DiDio.

**WILLIAM CLIFTON** (March) and **JOHN ANTOON** (June) have offices in Cocoa under the firm name of Antoon & Clifton.

**ROGER O'HALLORAN** (August) works in the law offices of Max P. Engel in Fort Myers.

**RICHARD WELTY** (December) is in solo practice in Starke.

**CHARLES TABSCOTT** (March) is an Assistant Public Defender in Orlando.

**TED ALAN STOKES** (December) is self-employed in Milton.

### CLASS OF '72

**KERRY NAHOOM** (June), former Assistant U.S. Attorney, has announced his partnership of Bassett & Nahoom in Ft. Lauderdale.

**RALPH ERIKSSON** (June) is an Assistant State Attorney in Sanford.

**GARY PAJICIC** (March) and **GREG JOHNSON** (December, 1974) are associated with the Jacksonville firm of Pajicic & Pajicic.

**JOHN CECHMAN** (March) is associated with the Ft. Myers firm of Goldberg, Rubinstein & Buckley.

**KENNETH CONNER** (March) practices law in the firm of Gibson & Conner in Lake Wales.

**LYMAN FLETCHER** (March) is self-employed in Jacksonville.

**WAYNE RUBINAS** (December) and **CHESTER TROW** (December, 74) are associated with Pattillo, MacKay & McKeever in Ocala.

**GARY SMIGIEL** (August) and **MARGARET JOST** (March, 75) are Assistant State Attorneys in Daytona.

**ALBERT GRINSTED** (December) is a solo practitioner in Shalimar.

**LAWRENCE M. KUPFER** (March) has formed a partnership under the name of Hoffman & Kupfer in Ft. Lauderdale.

### CLASS OF '73

**WILLIAM DYKEMAN** (August) is a partner in the firm of Clay, Dykeman, Gartland & Watts in Lexington, Kentucky.

**EDWARD ALMEYDA** (June) is working with the law firm of Errol Cornell in Coral Gables.

**ROBERT PIERCE** (December) has just received his LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Florida and is self-employed in Tallahassee.

**GLENN SMITH** (March) is associated with Ruden, Barnett, McClosky, Schuster & Schmerer in Ft. Lauderdale.

**RICHARD FRIEDLAND** (March) is working in Miami with the U.S. Customs Service.

**ROBERT MICK** (June) has been associated with Henry & Buchanan in Tallahassee.

**HAROLD PEEK, JR.** (March) is self-employed in Niceville.

**G. RUSSELL PETERSEN** (December) is a member of the firm of Sullivan, Cobb & Peterson in Vero Beach.

**GREGORY GAY** (March) has formed a partnership under the name Chase & Gay in New Port Richey.

**OLEN MEREDITH** (December) has a general practice in St. Augustine.

**THOMAS ICARD, JR.** (March) is associated with the Tampa firm, Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler.

**G. J. MCDOLE** (December) is working as an attorney with the City of Daytona Beach.

**WALLACE CAMPBELL** (December) is a major in the Marine Corps in the Office of Staff Judge Advocate, stationed in San Diego.

### CLASS OF '74

**BUCK DRAKE** (June) has completed his graduate studies in accounting at FSU and will be joining the Price Waterhouse accounting firm in Miami. Formerly he was employed by the Comptroller's office.

**TOM LANG** (December) and **CARL MOTES** (June) are associated with Maguire, Voorhis & Wells in Orlando.

**CHARLES SIEMON** (December) works in Chicago with the firm of Ross, Hardies, O'Keefe, Babcock & Parsons.

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# LAW SCHOOL

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Others who served on the faculty for a considerable time include Professor Ray McGuire, now on the faculty of the University of Maine College of Law, Ed Grenwald, who now practices law in Atlanta, and Larry Shiekman, who is with the firm of Pepper, Hamilton and Scheetz in Philadelphia. Pete Fannon, who served as Assistant Dean from September 1972 to September 1974, now holds the position of Assistant Director for Programs with The Florida Bar.

From 1966 to September 1971, the College of Law was housed in the Longmire Building on the FSU main campus. The quiet, established atmosphere of Longmire, with its high ceilings and dark paneled walls, provided an aura of tradition for the neophyte school. The office of the Dean was located on the second floor along with the one classroom in which students met all of their classes. The library occupied a small space in the basement under extremely crowded conditions. As its holdings grew, it became necessary to place stacks in the hallways. One small lounge provided a few study tables for students.

In September 1971, only a week before classes were to start, the College of Law packed up boxes and moved into its new building. Some of the floors were still uncarpeted and not all of the furniture had arrived, but faculty and staff gladly expanded into the new spacious building and settled down for the opening of the fall quarter. After five years of the continued growth of the library, student organizations and new programs, the new building is becoming crowded and plans are being developed for still further expansion of facilities.

When the new College of Law began seeking applicants in the summer of 1966, the requirements for admission were designed to attract students to a school whose reputation was unknown. The average LSAT score of the charter class was 519 and the average grade point average was 2.40. A student with a score ranging from 450 to 500 was actively sought for admission, and

scholarships were awarded to those students whose scores were above the 575-600 range.

Requirements have been forced upward by the increased number of applications for admission. The 183 entering students for Fall 1975 were selected from 1,478 applicants. This class included 21 minority students and 52 female students as compared to the charter class, which included no minorities and only three female students. The average grade point average for this class was 3.22 and the average LSAT score was 598. These scores have increased steadily with each entering class.

One thing the law school has had an abundance of is dedication ceremonies. The first dedication for the new law school occurred in November of 1966, followed by a dinner for 500 dignitaries and friends. In May of 1972, the dedication of the new College of Law building took place. Justice Byron White of the United States Supreme Court was the principal speaker at the ceremony, and Governor Reubin Askew was the main speaker at the banquet that evening. The last dedication was in November of 1974, when the law school was named for one of its principal founders, Justice B. K. Roberts of the Florida Supreme Court. In November of this year, the law school will once again be the scene of festivities as the College of Law observes its tenth anniversary.

As of August 1976, the alumni of the College of Law numbered 1,047. The number of female graduates has reached a total of 91. Alumni are now employed as practicing attorneys, law clerks, and judges, and some have entered politics. Approximately one-third of the total alumni (345) have remained in the Tallahassee area in state government or private practice. Others are scattered throughout 38 of the 50 states, and one graduate is practicing in the Virgin Islands.

## SUMMER VISITOR

A member of the Jesuit Order taught professional responsibility and trial practice at FSU's College of Law this summer. Fred Kammer, a former staff attorney for Atlanta's Legal Aid Society, was a visiting professor here for the first half of the 1976 summer quarter.

Kammer, ordained as a Jesuit priest in June, received his law degree from Yale in 1972. Kammer was the Director of the Barristers' Union, which is Yale's student-run organization for intramural trial practice competition and is generally recognized as one of the best law school trial practice programs in the country. Students at FSU benefited from his expertise when they participated in his trial practice course. Although the summer session was only four and one half weeks long, Kammer organized four trials. The video-taped trials were complete with judges in judicial robes. All rules and formalities of courtroom practice were observed.

Kammer considers ethics an important field of study, especially since Watergate. Kammer's special concern is the conflicting duties described in the canons of ethics that make it difficult for an attorney to decide whether his duty is to his clients, the court, or the truth. "I am surprised how many serious questions the students have about the legal profession," Kammer was quoted as saying in an article which appeared in the July 30th edition of the Tallahassee Democrat. "They are not as protective of the law field as students 20 years ago or lawyers today."

Kammer described his first two of 6 years in the seminary as "a monastic existence." He added, though, that Jesuit training has changed since then; life is less rigid and disciplined.

Kammer has returned to the University of Chicago to finish his master's of divinity thesis.



*Phi Delta Phi's Farewell Picnic for Dean Ladd, 1973.*

Can you guess the "old timers" (members of the 1971 entering class): l to r, Tom Guilday, Wally Campbell, George Tragos, Bill Wiley, Dean Ladd, Jarret Oeltjen, William VanDerCreek, Charles Ehrhardt, Charles Gardner and Ed Stacker.

## WRITING AWARDS

Students recently won prizes for their papers submitted in national and regional competition.

Bob Smith won second place and a \$500 prize in the 1976 Student Essay Contest sponsored by the Federation of Insurance Counsel Foundation.

Ed Nickinson was the second place winner in the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute contest. His paper concerned "The Reliable Transfer Case."

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Eleanor Mitchell for her appointment by Governor Reubin Askew as his assistant general counsel. Mitchell graduated in December 1975 from the College of Law. She was previously employed by the Supreme Court as a law clerk to Justices Alan Sundberg and Joseph Boyd. In addition to her J.D. degree, she earned the equivalent of a master's degree in international law from Johns Hopkins University.

**ATTENTION ALUMNI Attending the FSU vs. U. of F. Football Game: The S.B.A. will sponsor a pre-game warm up with beer, wine and hotdogs at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 16th on the Law School lawn. All alumni invited.**

# FACULTY



**Edmonds**

Professor Thomas Edmonds has returned to FSU after a one-year visitorship at the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California. Edmonds, who has been with the law school since 1970, served as Associate Dean during 1974-75.

Edmonds received his LL.B. in 1965 from Duke University. He worked as an associate for the Orlando law firm of Anderson, Rush, Dean & Lowndes before

## RETURN

becoming an Associate Professor at the University of Mississippi School of Law.

"A visitorship periodically is healthy and refreshing," said Edmonds. He finds it an advantage to see how other law schools function and to observe first-hand the changes that are occurring in legal education in other sections of the country. In addition to McGeorge, Edmonds taught for one year as a visitor at Duke University in 1968-69.

Edmonds will be handling the Prosecutor Intern Program in addition to teaching Clinical Orientation and Torts in the fall and winter. Spring quarter he is scheduled to teach Commercial Law I.



**Dore**

Associate Professor Patricia Dore spent last year freezing in Pittsburgh at Duquesne University School of Law. She had received her J.D. in 1969 from Duquesne and returned to teach and do research in the public law area. In addition to the J.D. degree, Dore was a Danforth fellow at Yale where she was awarded an LL.M.

Dore has been actively involved in the law school, the community and various causes. She has been faculty advisor to the Women's Caucus, minority

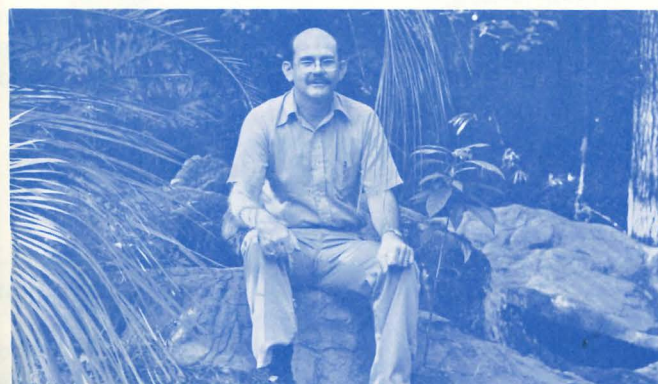
students and the PAD Legal Fraternity. She has worked at both FSU and University of Florida on the CLEO Summer Institute.

In 1971 Dore was appointed by Governor Askew to the Florida Commission on Human Relations, on which she served until she left for Pittsburgh.

Dore was also a consultant to the Governor in 1972 on the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Federal Constitution. During every legislative session since 1972 Dore has been speaking about and lobbying for the ratification of the ERA. The upcoming 1977 session will be no exception as Dore is already preparing for what she calls "the final effort."

Another area of interest to Dore is the Florida Administrative Procedure Act. She serves as a consultant to the Law Revision Council on the new APA; and since it was enacted into law, she has participated in seminars and symposia around the state on the meaning and impact of the new APA. She also has designed a unique course combining principles of statutory construction and substantive law, to teach the new Administrative Procedure Act.

Dore will be teaching Constitutional Law, Florida Administrative Practice, Employee Rights and a Constitutional Law Problems Seminar.



**George**

Professor Lawrence C. George has been with the Florida State University faculty since 1970. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago at the relatively tender age of 19, then matriculated at the Yale Law School. At the time of his admission to the California Bar, he began aiming at a longevity record for membership in that semi-selective organization, having been informed that his age (22) at the time of admission gave him a head start over other living contenders.

George began his professional career as law clerk to

a colorful judge on the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. Then, under threat of conscription, he took a commission in the Air Force, and was stationed for three years in Phoenix, Arizona, where he imbibed the alkaline doctrines of Senator Barry Goldwater and processed minor courts-martial, Davis-Bacon Act violations, reviewed small procurement contracts, and even "planned estates" for servicemen with no assets.

After his discharge from the Air Force, Professor George entered the general practice of law in the collegiate community of Claremont, California. He persisted in that vocation for seven years, in partnership with an older stalwart who once ran for Congress against R.M. Nixon. Supported by the effects of smog upon a large and decrepit retirement community, the firm undertook an interesting variety of *pro bono* and consumer causes. A tort action against G.M. based upon the lethal design of the 1959 Cadillac tailfin resulted in a substantial settlement, and mention in Ralph Nader's "Unsafe at Any Speed," despite the fact that the client had rear-ended the offensive vehicle with his motorcycle. In another case, George initiated a national class action against the same defendant to compel it to recall all its 1960-65 Chevrolet and GMC

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## BOARD OF VISITORS

Set up in 1973, the FSU law school's Board of Visitors gives advice and support to Dean Joshua Morse and the faculty on the administration of current and future programs. Additionally, members of the board serve as opinion molders to interpret law school policies and programs for specific groups.

The visitors do not duplicate or displace the role of the Alumni Association. Instead, the Board consists of persons who otherwise would have no contact with the law school. No alumni are members of the Board.

Presently the Board of Visitors consists of 19 attorneys, 17 of whom are from Florida. The Board's two newest members are from out of state. These members are elected for terms of one to three years. At the last meeting, Earl Hadlow was elected President and Charles Ehrhardt the new Secretary.

Annually, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association meet jointly to discuss matters affecting the law school. This meeting took place this year on the weekend of March 12th and 13th.

The newly elected members of the Board are William Kenney, former vice president and general counsel for the Shell Oil Company and a periodic instructor of law at the FSU law school, and D. Robert Owen, a member of the New York city-based firm of Patterson, Belknap & Webb.

Kenney, who is retired and lives at Hilton Head, South Carolina, is a member of the bars of Illinois, Missouri, New York and Texas and has practiced before the U.S. Supreme Court. Owen, a 1952 Princeton graduate, received his J.D. from the University of Texas and previously worked as a deputy assistant attorney general for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Board member William Reece Smith, a partner in the Tampa firm of Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler, has been recently chosen as interim president at the University of South Florida.

## Distinguished Graduate

In this and future issues of the *Obiter Dictum*, a section on graduates in the news will be featured. This issue's graduate is Nickolas P. Geeker, recently confirmed by the Senate Judiciary Committee as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Florida.

Geeker is a member of the charter class, graduating in June of 1969. Upon graduation he began working as an associate for Merritt & Johnson in Pensacola. He then served three years as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge David Middlebrooks. His next position was as an Assistant State Attorney and then Assistant U.S. Attorney in Pensacola. He has been acting U.S. Attorney since his nomination in January 1976 by President Ford.



Donald J. Weidner

## NEW VISITING PROFESSOR

Donald J. Weidner will be a Visiting Professor at the law school for the 1976-77 academic year. He received his J.D. degree in 1969 from the University of Texas at Austin, where he was Project Editor of the Texas Law Review. Since that time, he has been an associate with the New York firm of Willkie, Farr and Gallagher, a Bigelow Teaching Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School, and a member of the faculty of the University of South Carolina Law School. While at South Carolina, he was a consultant on real estate matters for the South Carolina State Housing Authority. He comes to us on leave of absence from his present post at Cleveland State University Law School.

Weidner will be teaching courses in real estate finance, taxation of realty transactions, real estate syndications, business associations and land use planning. His prime area of interest, in which he has published several articles, is that of partnership taxation, with special interest in those issues that frequently arise in commercial real estate transactions. He has also taught courses in property, injunctions, legal method and government regulation of race relations.

Weidner is particularly involved in continuing legal education. He has spoken at numerous programs presented by bar associations and universities, and will be making a presentation on "Partnership Allocations" at the William and Mary Tax Conference to be held in Williamsburg, Virginia this December. "Participation in continuing legal education has been extremely important for me," explains Weidner. "To be a speaker requires you to keep up with the latest problems that are troubling the practitioner. To do that, you have to combine technical legal skills with a heavy dose of investigative reporting. Particularly in the areas of real estate finance and tax shelters, it is very difficult for an academic to find out about the deals that are being done and where the law will be going without the help of thoughtful and informed practitioners. Continuing legal education programs provide an excellent opportunity for cross-fertilization. You learn from your fellow speakers and from your audience."

Weidner's interests apart from law are primarily in squash, music, food and photography. Occasionally, he pens a short story.

# LEGAL WRITING PROGRAM

Building on the new nine-hour format, this year's legal writing program will expand the use of small sections and student instructors into the fall quarter.

Intensive review of the basic writing fundamentals has similarly been moved into the fall quarter. Initially, freshmen will receive approximately four weeks of intensive work in basic grammar and related skills, followed by a six-week block of instruction in research and library techniques.

Bob and Linda Wells have prepared six lectures to be delivered to the first-year class as a whole, covering all of the basic legal source materials, coupled with a series of practical exercises illustrating the use of these materials in a problem-solving context.

The basic text for the fall quarter will be Marjorie Rombauer's *Legal Problem Solving*, along with the now infamous *Harbrace College Handbook*. A number of short writing assignments will involve analyzing and

synthesizing legal materials and will necessitate use of the principles contained in the Rombauer book.

Strong emphasis is being placed this year on expeditious grading and return of all written assignments. In-class, non-graded exercises, rather than quizzes, will be used to cover the Harbrace materials.

The winter quarter will focus on preparation of memoranda and opinion letters. The progression will be from short, closed-end memos to more complex, open-end memos. The spring quarter will be the appellate advocacy quarter with preparation of briefs and oral arguments.

In response to the many excellent constructive suggestions for improving the program, instructors will be rotated at the end of each quarter, use of the White Book has been dispensed with, a detailed written syllabus will be distributed at the beginning of each quarter, and grading standards have been revised so that grades on written assignments will approximate law school grades generally.

## Library crisis relieved

The Florida Legislature helped relieve last year's dire book budget problems of the Law Library by requiring "the Board of Regents...[to] allocate...\$175,000 for the purpose of law books ...which shall be equally matched by ...[the] university." Thus, in 1976-77, the Law Library book budget will be \$350,000. This is almost three times last fiscal year's initial allocation, more than twice last year's ultimate expenditures for books, and the largest book budget ever allocated to the Florida State University Law Library.

Other aspects of the Law Library budget probably fared as well as could be expected, considering the fiscal constraints imposed on total University funding. Full-time staff size will remain unchanged. Student help dollars (OPS) remain at the same level, but available person hours will decline by 2.5 percent because of an increase in the required minimum wage. No separate equipment funds were provided; the expense budget—for expenditures other than personnel, books, and equipment—is unchanged. This may be good in that most departments suffered budget cuts of ten to twenty percent; it is bad in that the staff and expense required to process a book budget more than double last year's has not been increased proportionately.

Many alumni helped by making individual contributions to the Law Library and by contacting their legislators; members of the student body were also most effective in pleading the cause of the Law Library to the University administration.

## George (cont. from page 5)

¾-ton trucks, and replace the wheels thereon. In a mere seven years, the purpose of the suit was accomplished, and now Professor George watches the California Reporter Advance sheets with more than academic interest as the California Supreme Court ponders the issue of fees appropriate to such a Herculean effort.

At the FSU College of Law, George has taught a variety of subjects, but most frequently Civil Procedure.

## '76 Entering class

On September 20, the College of Law opened its doors to one its largest entering classes. Two hundred students were expected to register.

### INCREASE IN CREDENTIALS:

The average LSAT score for the entering class and the undergraduate grade point average have increased. The admissions office received 1406 applications this year, a decrease from 1478 applications received for the 1975 entering class. Jo Standley, admissions secretary, explained: "The decrease in applications is probably due to the new April 1st application deadline and the elimination of April and July LSAT scores for consideration for the 1976-77 academic year." This application deadline was moved up 2 to 3 months from previous years.

### WOMEN AND MINORITIES:

The number of minority students in the first-year class is down from last year. Forty-eight women are expected to be enrolled, making up a total of one-fourth of the class. Ten first-year students are in the minority classification.

### FLORIDA RESIDENTS:

The vast majority of the students are from Florida universities. The backgrounds are quite diverse, with degrees ranging from engineering to home economics.

## BLIND GRADING SYSTEM

by Paula Fruchey

The blind anonymous grading system—BAGS—was introduced at the law school during the past Winter quarter.

Assistant Professor David Powell, who implemented the system at Dean Joshua Morse's request, feels that BAGS adds credibility to the grading process. Unlike student social security numbers, BAGS numbers are not available to faculty members. Use of BAGS in lieu of social security numbers helps insure that a student's identity is not known to a professor until after examination grades have been turned in and posted.

Changes in exam grades as a result of class participation or other work can still be made, but such changes must be separately identified. BAGS does not apply to Legal Writing small sections or to seminars.

# MEET THE STAFF

This page is dedicated to the devotion and energy of the law school staff. These are the people who, behind the scenes, keep the law school running.



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## B. K. ROBERTS RETIRES



B.K. Roberts discusses a case with 1974 SBA President, Diane Grubbs.

After 27 years of dedicated service to the people and state of Florida, B. K. Roberts will retire from the Florida Supreme Court at the end of this year. Justice Roberts, the senior statewide public official, feels it is time to step aside and give the younger members and judges of the Bar a chance to shape our judicial system.

Roberts, who left a financially successful law practice to be a justice, described the pay for the job as "only adequate." "Satisfaction that proceeds from a consciousness of duty faithfully performed is the only real reward."

His illustrious career started at the age of 14 when he was awarded a first grade teacher's certificate. Some of his past accomplishments include creating in 1963 the Public Defender System in Florida, the first statewide system in the nation and one that is often used as a model by other states. Elected Chief Justice three times, Roberts was the youngest Chief Justice in the nation when he was first elected in 1952. Additionally, he initiated before the 1953-54 Legislature the program for the Florida District Courts of Appeal.

In 1974, the College of Law was named B. K. Roberts Hall in recognition of his leadership in its founding.

Having worked every day since the age of 14, Roberts plans to continue working after retiring from the Bench. "I'd be lost without work," he explained. Justice Roberts expects to begin a new career in business or as a practicing attorney.

After 27 years, Justice B. K. Roberts has more than served the people, but his fairness and dedication will be missed.

## Class Notes

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**MICHAEL RUDICELL** (March) is a judicial aide for the Second District Court of Appeal in Lakeland.

**BILL BRYANT, JR.** (March) has left Jacksonville to work in Washington, D.C. with the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Antitrust Division.

**RICK SCHERLING** (June) is an Assistant State Attorney in Pensacola.

**NICHOLAS FRIEDMAN** (December) handles Bar disciplinary matters for The Florida Bar in Miami.

**PERRY DOUGLAS WEST** is a solo practitioner in Cocoa.

**WILLIAM SAPP** (March) has formed a partnership in Tallahassee under the name of Woodbery & Sapp.

**OWEN GOODWYNE** (June) and **MICHAEL EGAN** (June, 75) are working in Tallahassee with Bill Roberts' firm.

**BRUCE BLACKWELL** (December) is employed in the Legal Department of Southern Bell Telephone Company located in Atlanta.

### CLASS OF '75

**JANE RIGLER** (March) is employed by Public Employees Relations Commission here in Tallahassee.

**MANNY VEGA** has been associated since April with the law firm of Luis Stabinski in Miami.

**RICHARD BENTON** (December) is associated with the recently formed firm of Smith, Young & Blue in Tallahassee.

**BRENT GREEN** (June) has left his position with the Florida Department of Commerce to join the Army JAG program and will be stationed in Germany.

**ROBERT KIMMEL** (December) has formed a partnership under the name Hipsh & Kimmel in Pensacola.

**BOB HIGHTOWER** (March) has completed his LL. M. in Taxation at New York University and is employed by the Ausley, McMullen, McGehee, Carothers & Proctor law firm in Tallahassee.

**BETTY STEFFENS** (March) is in Tallahassee working as an Assistant Attorney General in the Dept. of Legal Affairs.

**ED "Fast Eddy" GARRISON** (December) known for his ability to take law exams quickly, has been employed by the State Attorney's office in the felony division in West Palm Beach.

**DAVID ACKERMAN** (December) is living in Pensacola working with the Office of the Public Defender.

**RICHARD WILSON** (December) has left the A.G.'s office to join the Office of the State Attorney in Orlando.

**DOUG SPANGLER** (March) is in Tallahassee with the firm of Michaels & Spangler.

**LESLIE TELFORD** (December) is associated with the Sarasota firm of Nelson, Hesse, Cyril & Weber.

**MARC SUSSMAN** (March) is employed by the IRS in West Palm Beach.

### CLASS OF '76

**RALPH MARTINEZ** (June) is working in Orlando with Gurney, Gurney & Handley.

**RANDY MURRELL** (June) is with the Public Defender's Office in Pensacola.

**JEFF BASSETT** (June) is in Panama City working with the firm Barron, Redding, Boggs & Hughes.

**CLYDE ATKINS, JR.** (June) is living in Ocala and working with the firm of Ayres, Cluster, Curry, Meffert and McCall.

**LINDA HANNA** (June) has become associated with the Tampa firm of Trenam, Simmons, Keonker, Scharf & Barkin.

**STEVE WEINBAUM** (June) will be working in the State Attorney's Office in Jacksonville.

**CATHY LAIMINGER** (June) is working with the Public Defender's Office in Tallahassee.

**WILLIAM SLICKER** (March) is a judicial clerk for the Second District Court of Appeal in Lakeland.

**MARIE JANIEWSKI** (June), winner of a Reggie Fellowship, is in Jacksonville working with the Duval County Legal Aid Association.

**TONY CLEVELAND** (March) and **BRUCE LEINBACK** (March) are practicing labor law with the Public Employee Relations Commission in Tallahassee.

**TOM JONES** (March) and **LYNN KILPATRICK** (June) are working with the Tallahassee firm, Thompson, Wadsworth, Messer, Turner & Rhodes.

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