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# THE LOYOLA BRIEF

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### LSD/ABA

#### **TANZMAN ACTIVE IN HER NEW ROLE AS CIRCUIT VICE-PRESIDENT**

Susan Tanzman, Loyola, recently returned from a meeting of the newly elected circuit V.P.s in Dallas Texas. Sue, now the spokesman (though unofficial) for that group, reports that one of the things accomplished was a revision of the national committee structure. There are now only ten national committees, each under the supervision of a circuit vice-president. Our circuit has two of these committees, one of which, The Urban Action Committee, will be based here in Los Angeles. Sue Tanzman and Ed Weiss (USC) will assume leadership of this committee which last year was headed by John Long of USC, the former circuit V.P.

The current issue of the **STUDENT LAWYER JOURNAL** (April, 1969) features an article by Susan Tanzman. She served as this year's chairman of the Pre-Law Committee and has had her yearly progress report printed in the LSD/ABA's official journal. *The Law Student - A New Image* (page 28) is being reprinted for Loyola students. Copies should be available in the library soon.

#### **AIMAR HEADS DALLAS BOUND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

At the recent 9th circuit conference, a Resolutions Committee was formed to prepare and present to the upcoming national LSD/ABA conference in Dallas a group of resolutions representing the view of the circuit schools. "By presenting a circuit approved group of proposals — there is a better opportunity to have these adopted into national policy," stated Loyola's Don Aimar, who was appointed chair-

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## **New Loyola Dean, Leo J. O'Brien, Gets First Exposure at Law Day Festivities**

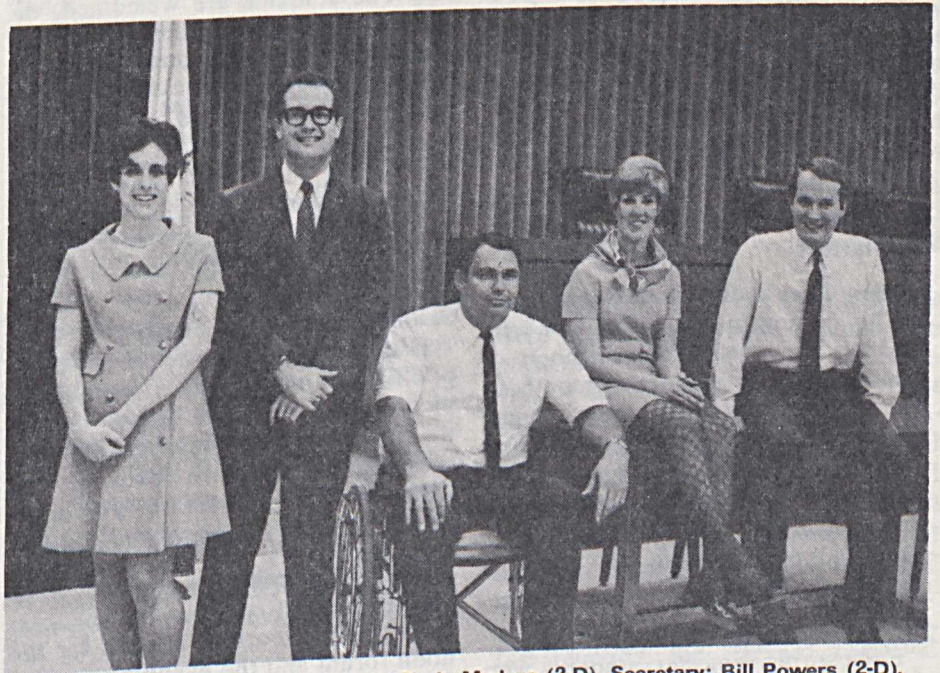
As Loyola celebrates Law Day this year, to be held on the afternoon of May 1, students will be in for a double opportunity.

First, it is a chance to hear Leo J. O'Brien, newly appointed Dean of the Law School. He will deliver an address in the Moot Court Room at 1:00 p.m. on the topic, "Legal Education in

the 1970's."

Second, there will be an occasion to meet Dean O'Brien in person and to mingle with members of the faculty and fellow students at a champagne reception in the library following the address.

All students are invited to attend both events.



Newly elected SBA executive board: Cindy Maduro (2-D), Secretary; Bill Powers (2-D), Day Vice-President; Mason Rose (3-N), President; Judy Bavetta (3-N), Night Vice-President; and Jim Stubenberg, Treasurer. These officers take the helm of Student Bar Association affairs on May 1, 1969.

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENT**

**By Mason H. Rose President, 1969-70 Loyola Student Bar Assn.**

I want to thank the 65% of the student body who care enough about their student government to come out, stand in line and vote. I am cer-

tain that the other four members you elected to the executive board are capable and energetic persons and  
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## HONOR SOCIETY ADMITS FOUR LAW STUDENTS

Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Jesuit Honor Society, this year elected to membership four graduating law students. Larry Feldman, Art Fields, Sam Garrett and Bill Bennett were presented with the gold key and certificate of membership at a dinner and reception held in their honor at the University campus on March 31. Reverend Casassa, President of the University, presented the awards.

Candidates for the society, whose Greek letter name stands for "Brotherhood of Honor Students," are chosen by the heads of the schools within the University and then voted upon by the general membership. The criteria for admission are scholarship, loyalty and service to the school.

## Presidents' comment

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that we can work together harmoniously during the next school year.

I hope the election results indicate a favorable consensus with at least some of the objectives professed during my campaign. I sincerely believe that each one of these objectives is obtainable, but it will require a concerted effort. We not only need your support, we need your participation.

The president, with the advice of the executive board, has the duty of appointing all committee chairmen. We are now accepting applications from students to serve as chairmen or members of the following standing committees:

### Student-Faculty Relations Committee

This committee, composed of four students, meets with four members of the faculty at least once a month to discuss current policies and problems. This is one of our most important committees and applications will be studied carefully. Many applications have already been received, so put down a second choice in case you are not chosen.

### Moot Court Committee

Each spring semester, students who have written briefs in Legal Writing II are given an opportunity to argue these briefs before three judges from the California courts. The committee members must line up the judges, publicize the event, and brief the participants. The chairman must have participated in Moot Court.

### Elections Committee

Members of this committee organize and supervise all student body

elections, amendments to the SBA constitution, and conduct polls of student opinion.

### Freshman Orientation Committee

This committee is responsible for presenting the orientation program conducted for incoming freshman in the week before school starts each fall. The students are welcomed, directed through registration, and briefed in seminar groups.

### Spring Dance Committee

Once a year, the SBA puts on a semi-formal dance for all students and faculty. Committee members must obtain the facility, interview bands, edit skits offered, and publicize the event.

### Senior Brochure Committee

Each year in the past, the SBA has published the brochure containing pictures and a resume of each senior in the graduating class. In view of the large expenditure involved, the value of this publication will again be examined by committee members.

### Speakers Committee

This committee lines up speakers on subjects of current interest for the noon forum and the evening speaking events.

### Alumni Relations Committee

Committee members do public relations work with alumni in order to stimulate alumni interest and make more job opportunities available.

### Community Services Committee

Funds will be allocated to this new committee and be made available for students with worthy projects in the area of community service.

### Minority Scholarship Committee

This new committee will be chaired by Ron Berman, its originator. Its main function will be fund raising. I am sure he could use the help of any one proficient in this area.

### Curriculum Committee

This new committee will work at expanding the elective program in the areas of student interest and investigate a tri-school elective program with USC and UCLA.

### Loyola Brief Staff

This group publishes The Loyola Brief, the student newspaper. It includes both editors and staff writers. The brief has made considerable progress this year, and we intend this progress to continue. This is our main source of communication, so much effort will be concentrated here.

Applications for committee positions can be delivered to any member of the executive board or deposited in the suggestion box in the coffee shop. Please type your application and state the reasons for your interest and your qualifications.

Help us make next year a productive one.

This is the final issue of the BRIEF for this year. The editors and staff extend thanks to our advertisers and to the Student Bar Assn. who, together, have enabled us to establish for the school a newspaper that looks like a newspaper and, hopefully, bears some of the other qualities of a good law school newspaper.—Ed.



## DOCTORS—BUT NOT DOCTOR-DOCTORS

This year's Loyola graduates will again receive the Juris Doctor degree (J.D.). And, for the first time, will graduate in vestments appropriate to the receipt of doctoral honors, i.e., gold tassel, doctoral robe, the whole bit.

Having worn such attributes of academic achievement on the occasion of receiving the J.D., Loyola grads may wear them again should they ever receive an honorary degree and (think—?) for receipt of a Master of Laws degree (L.L.M.). The new policy of allowing graduation with full doctoral honors thus confers some tangible, if only ostentatious utility. The present stand of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Professional Ethics prevents more.

In an excellent article in the March, 1969, STUDENT LAWYER JOURNAL the Standing Committee's recent announcement that "a lawyer holding a J.D. degree may not ethically use, either orally or, in print, the title 'Doctor', professionally or socially," is subjected to a critical examination. Bard, *The J.D. Degree—A Pyrrhic Victory*, 14 Student Lawyer J. of the A.B.A. 16 (1969).

The rationale for the Ethics Committee's quoted opinion is its interpretation of the Canon 27 proscription of self-laudation. The article is a well organized attack on both the opinion and its rationale; the latter, it is suggested, not being a self-laudation problem *per se* but one of holding oneself out as being better qualified than ones fellow practitioners, i.e., attorneys with only an L.L.B.

The article concludes that "the root of the problem is not the J.D. degree; it is the lack of uniform

standards of legal education and uniform standards for admission to the Bars of the several states." It is suggested that the Committee "will have no trouble with accepting 'doctor' for lawyers" once such uniformity is established appears, however, the equivalent of saying that we had better find comfort with "Mr." because this uniformity which would justify

## RAFFERTY SLATED FOR NOON FORUM

Dr. Max Rafferty will speak at Loyola on Wednesday, May 7th at noon in the Moot Court Room. His topic will be "Education and the Law."

the title "Dr." probably won't occur in our day. —STAFF

## LSCRRC AT LOYOLA

*"If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem."*

—Eldridge Cleaver

The Law Students Civil Rights Research Council organized an active chapter at Loyola April 16, 1969. LSCRRC is a national organization of law students representing 64 law schools. The thrust of its activities is the use of skills of law students to assist attorneys and various local and national organizations in the fields of civil liberties, civil rights and poverty law. Its largest single effort is a summer internship program which last summer placed 175, and this summer will place 275, law students with leading civil rights attorneys, community action groups and others. Last summer's interns worked on a broad range of problems including selective service, loyalty oaths, welfare law, tenant organizations, consumer protection, constitutional issues in pending Congressional legislation and, of course, the various subtle and not so subtle forms of racial discrimination.

LSCRRC at Loyola is now under the chairmanship of Jeffrey B. Harrison, III, who was appointed by the outgoing (but shy) chairman, Neal Wiener. LSCRRC, now planning its year-round operation, held its second

meeting April 23 and anticipates summer meetings as well as various activities during the next school year.

Two years ago, while Jeff Taylor was an LSCRRC intern with the ACLU in town, he worked on updating police malpractice information in Watts for the McCone commission. Jeff also involved a dozen or so liberty loyal Loyolans in taking depositions in the wake of the June 23, 1967, Century Plaza peace march. (Our library has a copy of the ACLU report based on these depositions, *Day of Protest, Night of Violence*.) J. P. Nave was a LSCRRC intern last summer. This summer, a number of Loyola students, including Al Sierra, Mike Barth, and Connor Nixon, will be working for LSCRRC.

At the April 16th meeting, members were urged not to underestimate the potentially extremely high effectiveness of law students in bringing about change. A report to the LSCRRC national convention at Boston, April 12-13, stated that nearly all of the civil rights-civil liberties test litigation in the past five or six years would not have been possible without LSCRRC interns and chapter members assisting in legal research for the cases. Just recently, the Harvard LSCRRC chapter participated in preparing the briefs in *Sission v. U.S.* in which District Court Judge Wyzanski held the 1967 Draft Law unconstitutional as depriving atheists, agnostics and persons whose personal morals are the basis of their objection to war of the equal protection of the law.

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## DEAR DEAN:

This comment, in the form of an open letter, was written for the BRIEF by a member of this year's graduating class. Although it is the opinion of only one person, the editors feel it represents a tone of disenchantment that is common among Loyola graduates. Hopefully, by bringing to light some of the sources of this disenchantment, it will provide some inducement to change the things that prevent Loyola from building the strong alumni association it needs.—Ed.

It is with hopeful anticipation that we note the arrival of our new dean, Leo J. O'Brien. He takes the helm of a law school which sorely needs the services of a strong, aggressive dean at a time when strong, aggressive deans seem to be a vanishing breed. USC is still searching for such an individual to head its law school. The disparity in alumni involvement and support between that enjoyed by the USC School of Law and our law school highlights one of the many problems here which our new dean, hopefully, will tackle. While it may not be common knowledge, it is nevertheless the sad truth that some alumni of this school contribute regularly to USC's law school and resolutely refuse to contribute a dime to Loyola's. A far larger number simply don't contribute, and little about the existing environment would presage a reversal of a longstanding trend of disaffection and alienation toward this school by its graduates.

Mr. O'Brien, we would expect, is committed to improving this school; and that task has been too long neglected. The examples of how dramatically a fresh administration, particularly a new dean, can raise an institution from obscurity to prominence are easily found. Near at hand we can look to the accomplishments of Dean Dochson of the USC Graduate School of Business Administration. The transition from somnolent

obscurity to the excitement of prominence involves changes which are invariably unpopular with those who like things as they are. And a successful transition will depend not only on the energies of the dean, but also on his ability to rally a disenchanted alumni in support of his plans. That in turn will depend on whether he is prepared to condition his requests for support upon a commitment to change those things which have alienated students of prior years, and which continue to do so with the present classes.

What are some of the irritants? By far the most pervasive is the general attitude of indifference or strained tolerance displayed by the school toward the student. A student who survives his three or four years is ordinarily a good learner to have made it that far, and he learns indifference and intolerance as well as any other subjects. When he leaves, he has learned to care little about what happens to Loyola even as Loyola cared little about him while he was here and less about him after he left.

Over the years he recalls that as a first-year student he was told emphatically that many of his fellows would not make it through. Over the years he learns, too, that the school doesn't care about that in general, much less him in particular. He recalls a patchwork of teaching philosophy and instructor attitudes, learning to his

dismay that not only is his grade in a given course highly dependent, in many instances, on who he had as an instructor for that course but so also is the level of knowledge that was imparted to him. He finishes many courses, having covered 100 pages of material in an 800 page book, with an uneasy feeling that the material in the remaining 700 pages just might be on the bar exam. He seldom knows what to expect on an examination and accepts his grade with resignation never knowing what he did wrong nor what he did right. Bad examination habits are honed to a fine point by the time he graduates, and if Beverly Rubens can't save him he is lost.

He recalls a haphazard, disconnected program of electives the hit-and-miss character of which quickly frustrated any silly notions he might have had about pursuing some specialty. Had he desired, for example, to substantially expand his knowledge of commercial law, he found that the courses, even if they were ever offered, weren't offered consistently enough to admit of any rational progression. In desperation he comforts himself with the belief that he is getting a "broad" exposure to the law, never quite stilling the inner voice which demands to know the connection between Primitive Law, Government Contracts and Land Use Controls.

As he nears graduation, he finds that his growing skepticism toward the school is shared by others. Those others, unfortunately, are the members of the many local law firms which won't interview at Loyola and won't talk to a Loyola student even if he offers to buy lunch. Other firms which interview the entire UCLA class elect to interview only the top 10% of his class, notwithstanding the fact that a greater percentage of Loyola graduates have passed the bar in the last



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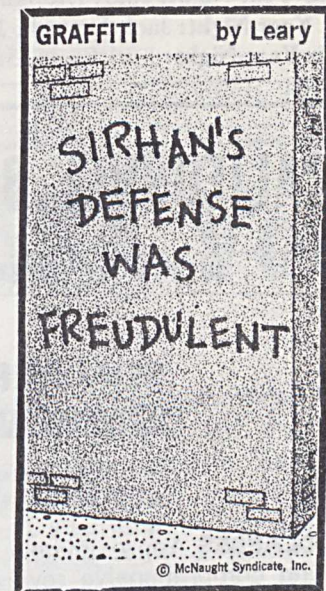
**DEAR DEAN (cont)**

three years than has been the case with either USC or UCLA. An explanation for the irony lies in no small part in the lack of any recognizable traditions at this school. Almost a half century old, blessed with a comparatively fine physical plant, the law school nevertheless lacks any substantial connection with its graduates in particular and the local legal community in general. While the editors of the State Bar Journal prepare the Law School News feature with a genuine curiosity as to whether there still is a law school at 1440 W. Ninth, the school cements relations with several local practitioners by telling them that their positions as part-time instructors are being eliminated (*would you believe*) three weeks before *they* are scheduled to start teaching. Awards are given with a fanfare that even a graverobber would fail to detect, students knowing neither of the existence of the award nor of its recipients.

All, of course, is not discouraging; the newly initiated Public Defender's

program, the District Attorney's program, etc. are encouraging steps. The long-overdue birth of a law review is another as is a placement office that not only functions as a placement office, but now even looks like one. Mr. O'Brien, we anticipate, will move forward with these and other programs which can expand the school's contact with the legal community and the community at large. Hopefully, he will also move to correct an environment where a lack of pride on the part of the school in its students is matched by a lack of pride on the part of the students in their school. None of us really want to hate Loyola.

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**Second Year-Day:** Ted Hancock (Sec. I)

Bill Francis (Sec. II)

**Third Year-Day:** Joe Bever  
Steve Freeburg, Bob Ryan

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man of this committee.

This year's conference will be held at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas on August 8-15. The purpose of the conclave is to elect national officers and formulate policy for the coming year. Both of our representatives, Sue Tanzman, ninth circuit vice-president, and Don Aimar, hope to attend the conference. Former circuit vice-president, John Long of USC, is seeking the national presidency for 1969-70, and support from his home circuit is seen as vital and necessary.

## PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR NOW UNDER WAY

The LSD/ABA Reps. are now planning a circuit-wide membership drive for the fall semester. Plans will be made during the coming months to have all member schools take an active part in this drive. It is hoped that all schools can have LSD/ABA booths as part of the registration procedure for this is the most effective way to reach the incoming first year classes. With a slight increase in all member schools, the ninth circuit can become the largest in the nation. The national membership is now 19,000.

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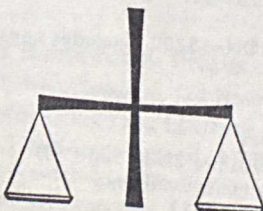
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