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LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

January 26, 1987

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY • LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

Scheduled Events for the Week of January 26th

| Day | Event | Time | Room |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday | Western Law Center-Trust Fund Program Review | 9:00 - 11:30a | Casassa Rm. |
| | Defaro Meeting | 10:00 - 11:00 | FCR |
| | Faculty Appointments-Mr. Ellis Interview | 10:00 - 10:45 | DCR |
| | | 11:00 - 11:45 | DCR |
| | | 2:00 - 2:45 | DCR |
| | Luncheon | 12:00 - 12:30 | Casassa Rm. |
| | Presentation | 12:30 - 1:30 | Fac. Lounge |
| | Dean Cooney-Department Head Mt. | 3:00 - 4:30 | Casassa Rm. |
| Development-Scholarship Phon-a-thon | 6:00 - 9:00 | FCR | |
| Tuesday | Development-Scholarship Phon-a-thon | 6:00 - 9:00 | FCR |
| Wednesday | Mr. May-Civil Procedure Review | 8:30 - 10:30a | MH |
| | Mr. Solum-Clerkship Committee | 3:00 - 5:00 | FCR |
| | Public Interest Law Panel | 4:00 - 6:00 | Stu. Lounge |
| | Development-Scholarship Phon-a-thon | 6:00 - 9:00 | FCR |
| Thursday | Faculty Appointments-Mr. Bush | See Monday's Schedule | |
| | Amnesty International-Meeting | 4:00 - 5:00 | Room 6 |
| | Dean Ides-First Year Evening Students, Questions/Answers | 7:30 - 8:00p | MH |
| Friday | Development-Scholarship Phon-a-thon | 6:00 - 9:00 | FCR |
| Saturday | BALSA-Career Seminar/Mentor Program | 9:00 - 5:00 | MH, 1, 2, 3, 4 Stu. Lounge |
| | Scott Moot Court-Orientation for Spring Competition | 10:00 - 12:00 | H'70 |
| Sunday | None | | |
| Monday | Faculty Appointments-Ms. MacIntosh | See Monday's Schedule | |
| | Scott Moot Court-Board Meeting | 12:00 - 1:00 | Room 3 |
| | Development-Scholarship Phon-a-thon | 6:00 - 9:00 | FCR |

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ITEMS FOR THE SBA BULLETIN IS NOON EACH WEDNESDAY. ALL ITEMS MUST BE TURNED IN TO RHONDA TARTAGLIO IN ROOM 226 OF THE BURNS BUILDING FOR EDITING AND WORD PROCESSING BY COMMUNICATIONS. ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE FULL NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON SUBMITTING THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL FRAN PULLARA AT EXT. 1043 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

TO: Faculty and Students
 FROM: Arthur N. Frakt, Dean

The results of the July '87 bar are reasonably encouraging. Loyola's pass rate for first time takers was 64.7%, almost exactly at the state ABA average of 64.8%. We were fourth among the twelve private ABA accredited schools in California, and very close in performance to U.S.C. and U.C.L.A. Nevertheless, it is clear that a significant percentage of our graduates is not passing the California bar. We are hopeful that the mandated grading means and standard deviations will have a positive effect on bar passage along with our somewhat stricter admissions standards. We shall have some indication whether this is a realistic expectation with next July's bar exam.

Our registrar's office is preparing an exhaustive statistical analysis of our students' bar performance over the last four years. We should have some preliminary data by February, with complete information next summer.

In the meantime, I have reviewed the success/failure of our students in comparison to their law school GPAs, the only statistics readily available from the bar examiners.

I realize that some students are not comfortable with this information, but I continue to believe that students may benefit from knowing where they stand statistically with regard to planning their studies and realistically appraising their chances for success, and what they must do to improve them.

These statistics include both first time and multiple takers. For the most part, those with high GPAs who failed were first time takers, while those with low GPAs who passed tended to be repeaters.

| above 85 | total takers | (p) | (f) | % passing |
|----------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----------|
| above 85 | 45 | 42 | 3 | 93 |
| 84-84.99 | 25 | 24 | 1 | 96 |
| 83-83.99 | 29 | 27 | 2 | 93 |
| 82-82.99 | 34 | 27 | 7 | 79 |
| 81-81.99 | 43 | 27 | 16 | 62 |
| 80-80.99 | 38 | 23 | 15 | 60 |
| 79-79.99 | 34 | 16 | 18 | 47 |
| 78-78.99 | 43 | 14 | 29 | 33 |
| 77-77.99 | 50 | 9 | 41 | 18 |
| 76-76.99 | 40 | 7 | 33 | 17.5 |
| 75-75.99 | 23 | 2 | 21 | 9 |
| under 75 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 |

(Figures may be subject to some adjustment)

These figures are dramatic evidence of the very close relationship between law school grades and success at the bar examination. Obviously even the very best students must take the bar examination seriously and prepare for it diligently, and there is hope of eventual passage by students whose overall performance was only marginal to adequate; but students who are receiving a significant percentage of their grades in the mid- to high-70's should redouble their academic efforts.

I must also add that those students in the high-risk category would do well to consider the advisability of significant participation in extracurricular activities, externships and outside work if they find that such activities detract from the time available for their studies. Although outside activities may all be of great value, and may, in some cases, whet the student's appetite for greater efforts in his or her studies, unless performance on examinations is consistently at the B to B+ level the likelihood of bar passage is problematic.

Finally, both faculty and students must consider whether our disqualification and probation lines are set too low. We do no one any favor (and may be violating our ABA accreditation obligations) if we retain a student in school who has little chance of entering the legal profession.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Office of Refugee Services works in cooperation with the INS to give financial and social assistance to those granted refugee status. The Los Angeles Director is looking for volunteer assistance in helping clients with English tutoring, employment and rental problems, etc. Most of all, the clients need people to help "show them the ropes" in a new and often strange land. If you are interested in offering some of your time to this program, please contact Father Moodie in Rains 115.

COUNSELING PROGRAM

To arrange an initial counseling appointment, please call Stephanie Tainsky at 736-1122. If she is unable to take your call, a phone machine will pick up your message. Ms. Tainsky has sole access to the machine and will return your call within 24 hours. The only information about students shared with administration is demographic in nature and anonymous. Your confidentiality will be respected. If you want to talk about school, feelings, family, relationships, self - please call.

PROPERTY TUTORIAL BEGINS

Beginning Wednesday, January 28th, there will be a weekly Property tutorial for Prof. Stewart's class. It will meet from 3:15 to 4:15 in room 2.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEETING

Amnesty International is holding a meeting on Thursday, January 29 at 4:00 p.m. in room 6 of the Burns Building. Members will be discussing plans for a speaker event at Loyola. All faculty, students and staff are welcome to attend. For more information, call Geoff Chin at 208-0915 or leave a message in student mailbox #549.

VALENTINE'S DAY CARNATION SALE

Send that special someone a valentine to let them know how you feel! La Raza will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day carnation sale, where you can display your emotions for only \$1.50. Deliveries will be made on Thursday, February 12 to your sweetheart, friend, professor, or to the object of your desire. Orders will be taken in the quad the week before.

LOYOLA REPORTER

The deadline for the next issue of The Loyola Reporter is coming up very soon. Don't delay! Submit early!

The deadlines for the upcoming issues of the Loyola Reporter are as follows:

| Iss. | Articles due | Published |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| V | Jan. 30 | Feb. 9 |
| VI | Feb. 27 | Mar. 9 |
| VII | Mar. 20 | Apr. 1 |
| (special Libel & Slander insert) | | |
| VIII | Apr. 17 | Apr. 27 |

It is imperative that all staff members contact Mitch Jackman this week at (213) 736-1115, Box 73 Internal Mail, or student box #224. We need to set up some regular staff meetings as soon as possible.

VALENTINE'S DAY IS COMING!

Place a message to someone special for Valentine's Day in the Loyola Reporter. IT'S FREE! The deadline is Friday, January 30th. Submit them to internal mail, box 73. (The internal mail slot is in the Burns Building, 2nd floor.)

SUBMISSIONS FOR REPORTER

Do you have a great story, idea, article, photograph, cartoon, etc.? Then why not publish it in The Loyola Reporter! The Reporter is always looking for creative people interested in writing, editing or photography. Positions for next year's editorial board are still available. Come on and join our growing staff. Remember, you only have to contribute when you have the time. P.S. We need ideas for the April 1, 1987 Libel & Slander parody insert. Contact us at (213) 736-1115 or box 73, internal mail.

VITA PROGRAM

Need some tax experience? Want to learn how to prepare state and federal income tax returns? Want to help the community's low income and elderly citizens? Need some community service experience for your resume? Contact Mitch Jackman at the Loyola Reporter office (736-1115) or see an evening SBA representative right away. Find out about the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. You can learn how to prepare 1986 tax returns while benefitting the community, the law school, and yourself.

CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT

For information on the following programs, please contact the placement office.

The Public Interest Law Internship (PILI) is recruiting for their 1987 summer program. Students are paid \$3,000 to work for ten weeks in a number of Chicago-area public interest agencies.

The Asian Law Caucus Inc. in Oakland, CA is accepting applications for Summer 1987 clinical programs. The deadline for submitting letters and resumes is February 15, 1987.

The National Lawyers Guild is also accepting applications for their summer projects. Their application deadline is February 20, 1987.

The National Association for Law Placement's 1987 Apartment Exchange applications are now available. If you will be clerking in another city this summer, and are interested in renting or leasing an apartment, please stop in the Placement Center and fill out an application. Deadline is February 6, 1987.

ATTENTION FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS! For those of you who are interested in a first-year summer clerking job search, we are sponsoring a First-Year Job Search Workshop on February 21. This workshop will cover resources, resume preparation, and other areas of interest. Interested students are encouraged to fill out an R.S.V.P. form (available at your mailbox or in the Placement Center) and drop it off at the Placement Center.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

The Financial Aid Office will be closed on Thursday, January 29, in addition to Friday, January 30. The office staff will be attending a student aid conference. The Financial Aid Office will re-open on Monday, February 2nd.

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1987-'88:

The California Student Aid commission is late distributing SAAC forms this year. Because of this delay, the '87-'88 financial aid application deadlines listed in the Spring '87 registration pamphlet are being rescheduled.

Financial Aid is awarded on an annual basis. Aid can only be renewed upon annual reapplication and as long as a student continues to demonstrate financial need.

1987-88 financial aid applications will be processed in a two-fold manner: Summer

applicants and Fall/Spring applicants. To ensure maximum consideration for all possible avenues of funding, students are encouraged to begin the financial aid application process as soon as possible to comply with the required deadlines.

SCHOLARSHIPS

To be eligible for merit/need scholarships students must apply for financial aid and complete their applications by the Fall/Spring application deadline; dates are noted under the section pertaining to application procedure.

CALIFORNIA STATE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

(Deadline: Monday, March 2, 1987)

Fellowship awards are for partial tuition and fees based upon need and merit. Applicants are ranked competitively according to undergraduate grades, LSAT score, and consideration of disadvantaged background.

All students who are current recipients are required to apply for a renewal. In addition, all full-time day students who are not currently receiving State Graduate Fellowships are encouraged to apply if they are California residents and will be in their 2nd year of law school. Students must submit the Graduate Supplement along with the Student Aid Application for California (SAAC) by the deadline Monday, March 2. (Both forms are available in the Financial Aid Office.)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students who plan to request funding for Summer Session should notify the Financial Aid Office, in writing, *immediately*. By doing so, the Financial Aid Office can prepare an individually designed application packet for a student. This should help minimize some confusion with regard to the necessary forms required from the student.

Individually prepared Summer Session financial aid application packets will be available for pick-up beginning Monday, February 2, 1987. Deadline for submitting the Student Aid Application for California (SAAC) will be Monday, March 2, 1987; all other basic documents will be due in the Financial Aid Office by Monday, April 20, 1987 at 6:00 p.m.

Those students who are not planning to attend classes during Summer Session but would like to receive funding for the school work programs (i.e., research assistants or

other on-campus positions, and off-campus work-study positions), must comply with the deadlines outlined above. Students who are planning to apply for off-campus work-study positions must receive an eligibility award before accepting employment.

Summer graduates may apply for summer funding only; Fall graduates may apply for summer and fall funding; and non-graduates may apply for summer, fall, and spring funding.

Fall/Spring financial aid application packets, for students not applying for summer funding, will be available for pick up beginning Monday, March 23, 1987. Deadline for submitting the Student Aid Application for California will be Friday, April 17, 1987; all other basic documents will be due Wednesday, May 20, 1987 at 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE:

Applications will only be accepted in their entirety; all basic documents must be submitted at the same time and must be thorough and complete.

1986 federal tax returns must be prepared early enough to provide the Financial Aid Office with photocopies of signed tax returns with all schedules and attachments. This means that a student's financial aid award may be adversely affected if that student and/or his or her parent(s) file for an extension.

Applications submitted and/or completed after the set deadlines will not receive priority for available funds.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS

Workshops will be held to assist you with all of your financial aid questions as well as in filling out your forms.

| | | |
|-----------|--------|-------------|
| Mon. 2/9 | 12 - 1 | Fac. Conf. |
| Tue. 2/10 | 12 - 1 | Fac. Conf. |
| " " | 5 - 6 | Casassa Rm. |
| Wed. 2/11 | 12 - 1 | Fac. Conf. |
| Thur 2/12 | 5 - 6 | Casassa Rm. |

Before attending a workshop, please complete as much of the SAAC as possible. If you cannot attend a workshop but have questions, please feel free to go to the Financial Aid Office for assistance.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are Monday & Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Friday. Evening students may schedule appointments

for hours other than those noted.

NATIONAL DIRECT STUDENT LOANS (NDSL):

NDSL promissory notes for Spring semester will be available for students on Monday, January 26 and Tuesday, January 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

STUDENT WORKER CONTRACTS:

Any student who is currently working or planning to work on campus must have a valid Spring semester work contract. New contracts are now available in the Financial Aid Office for those students who previously notified the office of their working status. Timesheets will not be accepted from any student without a contract.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW: THE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO GOOD

*Wednesday, January 28th, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Student Lounge.*

Michael Bodaken, staff attorney, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, will discuss his work on many housing issues including those dealing with the homeless population in Los Angeles.

Brad Phillips, attorney with Munger, Tolles & Olsen, will discuss the challenge of combining pro bono work with a private firm case load.

Ron Vera, former MALDEF director and presently in private practice, will discuss the transition from public interest work to private law practice.

Linda Wong, director of Immigration Civil Rights Project, MALDEF, will discuss her work as an immigration specialist.