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GOLDEN GATE BIOGRAPHY

CALIFORNIA'S GRAND DISSENTER - PART I

Mr. Justice Jessie W. Carter, a member of the Supreme Court of California for twenty years, is, perhaps, the most illustrious alumnus of the Golden Gate School of Law.

Mr. Justice Carter was a native of California, born in Trinity County on December 19, 1888. It has been said that his early background had a deep influence on his philosophy of law. His eagerness for knowledge at an early age developed into an amazing memory which he used successfully as a powerful weapon for the law, as he saw it. His quest for more learning was soon to force him to leave his rural home and travel to San Francisco where there were institutions of higher learning.

Justice Carter attended night school at Golden Gate School of Law. His necessary funds were derived from work at the old United Railroads of San Francisco. He graduated in 1913 and was admitted to the California Bar that same year. During his career as a practicing attorney he tried over 1,000 cases in Superior Courts and handled 300 cases on appeal. He held several positions for county and municipal governments. Mr. Justice Carter was a member of the first board of governors for the State Bar of California and was a vice-president of that organization for two years running. In 1939 Mr. Justice Carter was appointed Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court.

In 1956 Mr. Justice Carter was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Golden Gate School of Law, because his career had "been dedicated to sustaining the right of the individual and to preserving, in administration of justice, the great principle of Magna Carta, 'To none will we well, deny or delay right or justice,' " and because of his "vigorous opinions as a member of the Supreme Court have well earned and worthily sustained to be included in that select number of judges upon whom the accolade of 'Great Dissenter' has been bestowed."

NAME THE PAPER CONTEST

The "Name the New Golden Gate Law School Newspaper Contest" was won by 3rd year student Pano Stevens. Mr. Stevens, Vice-President of the Student Bar Association, is donating his prize to the student library.

The Staff greatly appreciates the time and effort taken by every student who proposed a name for our newspaper. Thank you.

WELCOME ABOARD

A hearty welcome to our 27 new students and a special welcome to those who are from out-of-state to our burgeoning metropolis. We are looking forward to working with you and hope your stay will be both productive and rewarding.

THE STAFF

PROGRESS FROM P.A.D.

Our interests in establishing a chapter of the national legal fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta, here at Golden Gate School of Law are more certain of fruition. Al Cunningham, and Joe Mehrten have come into contact with representatives of the national office of P.A.D.; the information from the legal fraternity and our own particular needs have been synthesized by these student leaders and are now before the school's administration for their ratification.

The student response has been one of overwhelming enthusiasm. The legal fraternity has many services which we can use. It will now be up to us, with the administration's approval, to make it work for the benefit of the Golden Gate School of Law. Any student desiring information on P.A.D. will find it on the second floor bulletin board or may contact Joe Mehrten, Jerry Edelman, or Gary Eggert.

THREE YEAR PROGRAM? ?

John A. Garfinkel, Dean of Golden Gate School of Law, and Russell T. Sharp, President, Golden Gate College, attended the Council of the Section of Legal Education of the American Bar Association meeting in Chicago on February 19, 1966. Their objective was to obtain approval of an "expanded law program" for Golden Gate School of Law. We hope to be able to give an account of the results of this meeting in our March issue.

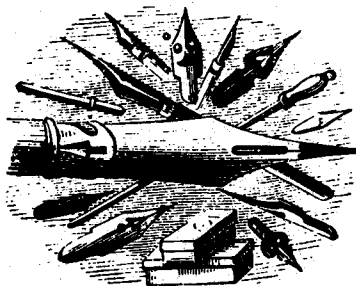
GADFLY

Recent articles in law school and professional publications indicate a rising trend of opinion favoring replacement of the L.L.B. degree with the J.D. degree as the first professional degree in law. Recommendations for favorable consideration of such a change have been made by both the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, and the Graduate Study Committee of the Association of American Law Schools. Professor Robert McKay of New York University School of Law, who was chairman of the latter group, predicts that in 1966 there will be nearly fifty schools who will award the J.D. degree to all or nearly all of their graduates.

Although the reasons for the change are numerous, they seem to fall into two main categories: the J.D. degree will enhance the prestige of the law school and its graduates by placing them on an equal level with graduates of medical and dental schools who receive professional doctorates; the J.D. degree could mean a higher pay scale for those graduates entering governmental service, and whose salary scale will be based on the degree they hold.

Why hasn't the change been made before? There are several reasons. In the past, graduates have not been aware of the significant difference between the degrees until they had entered practice. They were either content to accept without question the degree awarded them by the institution they attended, or they had no views or had not made known their views to the law faculties and to university administrators. Law school administrations, on the other

Letters to the Editor



This space is reserved each month for comments from members of the faculty and the student body on subjects related to the legal profession, Golden Gate School of Law, or articles that have appeared in the CAVEAT. All letters should be signed, and the students year in school noted. Letters may be left with one of the secretaries in the library or deposited in the box on the second floor.

hand, tend to wait and look for a precedent. Many law school faculties have argued that their institution should wait until the leading law schools in the country, or at least those in their area, have made the change.

The CAVEAT feels this issue warrants the serious consideration of students and faculty alike, and encourages comments from either group.

S. B. A. NOTES



BASEBALL FLING DUNGEON FOR LOUNGE

Your representatives, after a lengthy obstreperous debate, approved a "trip to Candlestick" as this year's Spring Affair. A committee was appointed to prepare the itinerary and study costs. They also approved a grant to subsidize the newspaper over the next two months and a grant to transform a "dungeon" into a student lounge and rendezvous. This grant is, of course, contingent upon administrative approval of the proposal.

Upstairs telephones, dependable vending machines, additional bulletin board for SBA use, and other grievances were also considered and corrective measures are currently being pursued.

The tentative agenda for the month of March will include reports from the Candlestick Park Committee, the publications committee on the feasibility of a student orientation handbook, and the instructors evaluation committee.

Your class representatives were elected to serve you - give them your suggestions.



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