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# CTLA Seminar to be held

The Criminal Trial Lawyers Association of Northern California will hold its annual one-day Criminal Law Seminar Sept. 29 in the S.F. Hilton, says Harriet Ross. president of the Association. The seminar will emphasize the use of successful methods in defensive criminal cases.

The speakers, from the medical, psychaitric and legal fields, will include:

Robert Nicco, Chief Trial Attorney, San Francisco Public Defender's Office; Dr. Martin Blinder, psychiatrist; Melvin Belli San Francisco attorney; Dr. Charles Hine, Professor of Preventive Medicine and Toxicology, University of California medical School: Attorney Charles Garry.

State Court of Appeals Judge Robert Kane Dr. Frank Barron, University of California Santa Cruz; Professor of Psychology, Robert Talbot, Associate Professor, University of San Francisco; and others.

# State Bar Watergate Inquiry

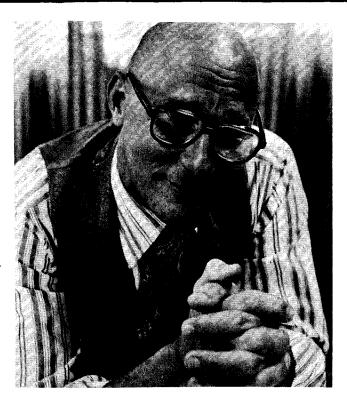
State Bar President Leonard S. Janofsky yesterday reemphasized his earlier statement that the State Bar has not commenced formal disciplinary proceedings with respect to any member of the State Bar arising out of the Watergate affair.

Janofsky did state, however, that some months ago the State Bar staff began an "inquiry" into the conduct of six State Bar members who have testified or have been mentioned in the Watergate hearings. The attorneys are John D. Ehrlichman, Herbert W. Kalmbach, Robert C. Mardian, Richard M. Nixon, Donald H. Segretti, and Gordon C. Strachan.

The State Bar chief made his announcement at a press conference yesterday morning at the Los Angeles Press Club.

Recent speculation in the media, and numerous requests for information from lawyers, newsmen and others have raised menced formal proceedings against Calif-

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# An Interview with the Dean

In the spring of 1973 Dean Bader sent out a memo that abolished the Faculty-Student Committee. The Committee had been the main policy-making and administrative representative body in the law school. It was composed of an equal number of students and faculty along with the dean. The questions below were aimed at exploring Dean Bader's reasons for abolishing the committee.

Question: In actuality, has the faculty taken away much of the power that the administration used to have?

Bader: The abstract question of wherethe power within the whole institution resides is quite clearly the board of trustees. By in large the way the institution is run is that the board delegates the questions of academic and pedalogical concern to the the question whether the State Bar had com-president, who in turn delegates them to the operative heads of the various academic

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# Black Bar Frustration

San Francisco-Three out of four black law school graduates fail to pass the bar examination, an official of a black attorneys organization stated.

Jim Montgomery, spokesman for the National Bar Association, said the group plans "to try to deal with developing alternatives to the bar exam." He made his comment at the outset of the national convention which is underway here.

"The system is designed to exclude those the examiner wants to exclude," Montgomery said. "The exam is not designed to test the proficiency of the

black lawyer."

Edward F. Bell, of Detroit, said legal action has been taken in South Carolina and Georgia challenging the bar examination for admission to practice.

Similar legal attacks on the examination have been filed in California by the Public Advocates, Inc. on behalf of minority race law students.

"One bar examiner bent on mischief can ruin the future careers of hundreds of of applicants," Bell said. He said a system allowing successful law school graduates to practice without the bar examination would be preferable to the present system.

# Watergate

ornia lawyers who have either testified or been the subject of comments before the Ervin Committee.

"The Board of Governors of the State Bar has engaged in thorough soul-searching on

this subject," said Janofsky.

"We have had to weigh the importance of recognizing the legitimate public interest in knowing what the State Bar is doing against the possibility that we may give the impression of having prejudged some of our members, or that we will be charged with political motives. On balance, we have concluded that more good than harm will come from making a public comment respect to this matter at this time.

"Ordinarily the State Bar cannot properly respond to inquiries about possible disciplinary proceedings until public discipline has been imposed by the Disciplinary Board or a recommendation for discipline has been

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ABERLONE, ROSE OF Being an Entry for an Index

With cross-references to Sherwood v. Walker, 66 Mich. 568, 33 N. W. 919, 11 Am. St. Rep. 531 (1887), and to the Christabel<sup>o</sup> of Mr. Samuel Taylor Coleridge—not to mention Mr. Ogden Nash, in a tight spot.

#### By BRAINERD CURRIE

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I

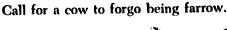
T is the middle of night on the Greenfield farm And the creatures are huddled to keep them from harm.

Ah mel—Ah moo! Respectively their quidsome balm How mournfully they chew!

And one there is who stands apart With hanging head and heavy heart. Have pity on her sore distress, This norm of bovine loveliness. Her gentle limbs, her hornless brow Proclaim no ordinary cow: Fair as a pasture sweet with hay Mown in the very month of Mayli Nay, fairer yet! And yet more fair! She stands alone, the short black hair Heaving sometimes on her breast, Shunned and despised by all the rest. If one should ask her why she doth grieve She would answer sadly, "I can't conceive." Her shame is a weary weight like stone For Rose the Second of Aberlone.

Her sire is of a noble line
Of most aristocratic kine:
Angus of Aberdeen, black and polled;
Their name is proud and their get pure gold.
Their procreation hath won renown,
But Rose the Second hath let them down.
Her forebears have labored for bitter meed,
For Rose is barren and will not breed.

Now the gate that is strait and the way that is narrow.





Withal, her delicate condition, Compassion for poor Hi's contrition, And eke the burning sun at noon Made Rose to fall down in a swoon. O take her up tenderly, lift her with carel For Rose the Third is en ventre sa mere.

#### TII

But they reckoned without the banker, Sherwood. Now, one would have thought that the gauchest cur would

Withdraw from this tender and moving scene. But the banker's heart was little and mean. He twirled his moustache and his bill of sale, And the words he uttered turned Walker pale: "I am come to claim such as is mine own—To wit, Rose Second of Aberlone!"

Full long in speechless thought Hi stood, Then made reply as best he could:

"I wot not what to wit may mean,
But thou wost who is right, I ween.
And if thou thinkest to seize my Rose
Thou has lost thy wit, and I'll punch thy nose.
I wist there was some mistake, iwis,
And now let there be an end of this.
I said I was selling, but now I ain't—
For Rose is, mirabile dictu, enceinte.
You bought but a leathern bag of bone,
Not Rose the Second of Aberlone."

Then Sherwood waxed exceeding wroth: "Thy prating irks me, by my troth! Such sophistries I must abhor; I'll hie me to a man of law, And though to litigate I'm loth, Ere night befalls I'll hale you both Before a justice of the peace, And thou shalt answer for his fees. I'll take this chit that theu hast written, I'll take it to the highest witan; I'll wage my law, I'll have my cow, I'll gain my gree, and that's a vow!" With that he went off withershins, Leaving Hi's world in smithereens.

Bethink how Rose's heart was thrilled And how her being was fulfilled, How mad with ectasy she went When she was found parturient—With what delirious elation She heard the news of her foetation! Ah! that were paradise enow For any merely mortal cow; But her penitent destiny has in store For gentle Rose one triumph more: 'T is surely the animal seventh heaven To be the res in a writ of replevin; To be enshrined in a casebook—truly, This is the bovid ultima Thule. Prepare then the forensic lists.

made to the Supreme Court. This rule of confidentiality may be waived by the Board of Governors only under extraordinary circumstances.

"This rule encourages individuals to come forward on a confidential basis with information regarding possible misconduct of lawyers and thus it serves to open some sources of information which might not be otherwise available.

"Additionally, public disclosure that a lawyer is under investigation may do great harm to his reputation and to his practice even though the investigation later proves that there is no foundation to the compliant. The rule therefore serves to protect the innocent.

"Because of the general knowledge about the events of Watergate and the public assertion of misconduct by some lawyers, the Board has concluded that the rule of confidentiality should be partially waived."

"The State Bar staff will continue to monitor the evidence being developed by the Ervin Committee. It has communicated with the Committee and with prosecuting authorities involved in various aspects of the case. It will seek a transcript of the testimony before that committee. It has sought and will continue to seek any and information from whatever source in the area of its concern.

Janofsky pointed out that the State Bar has no legal authority to prosecute crimi= nal actions. "In fact," he said, "it must refrain from any conduct which may interfere with or prejudice criminal proceed—ings. It does, however, have disciplinary functions to perform with respect to members who may have engaged in illegal or improper conduct."

"The State Bar," he said, "intends to discharge its responsibilities fully and fairly, and as promptly as circumstances will permit.

"I want to emphasize strongly," he said,
"that the Bar has not prejudged any individual as to guilt or innocence; it has not determined that formal proceedings should be instituted; and it does not intend to imply by this statement that it has done either. Any judgment as to guilt or innocence can only be made at the conclusion of appropriate proceedings conducted in accordance with California law."

He added that it would be inappropriate and unfair for the State Bar or any of its personnel to comment further at this time. And chief of the protagonists Shall be that procreant paragon, Rose the Second of Aberlone.

A constable took her in custody
On a writ that was issued by some J. P.,
Who decently weighed her privily
To see what the bill of costs should be,
And to make right sure that no legal fiction
Should interfere with his jurisdiction.
She weigheth full an hundred stone,
Augmented Rose of Aberlone.

The J. P. gave poor Hi short shrift. "This chattel's title has passed," he sniffed. "Judgment for plaintiff! A deal's a deal!"

Then Hiram straightway took appeal To the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, Only to be rebuffed again.

But his lawyer was not a whit dismayed: He asked that a modest refresher be paid, And then he bade Hiram be of good cheer. "In the circumstances our course is clear: For the pearl of justice we'll fish again! To the Supreme Court of Michigan We'll take our honest and upright cause; We'll confound old Reilly9 and give him pause. What a bill of exceptions we'll contrive— Assignments of error a score and five! We'll file a brief that will knock his eye out! We live under law, not Jennison's 10 fiat! We'll argue the rule and the policy too, As any attorney is bound to do; We'll rely on basic principle, And perhaps be a wee bit technical; We'll invoke both logic and history. And, if need be, appeal to sympathy; We'll quote full pages from Chancellor Kent, And refer to many a precedent; And should we be short on authority, We'll construct a little analogy; We'll lean on the wisdom of Joseph Story, And pound the rostrum and wave Old Glory; We'll balance the equities pro and con, And when we are through the case will be won."

Oh! What will be the judgment's tone? What fate for Rose of Aberlone?

#### IV

The briefs are in, the case submitted. The lawyers on both sides acquitted Themselves with nice distinction, <sup>11</sup> just As earnest counsel ever must In fealty to their sacred trust. Their arguments had an intensity Befitting the issue's immensity; And now they linger with cooling zeal To learn the upshot of Hi's appeal.

### More Dean

Question: The catalog also mentions that this school is less of an institution and more of a community, the common end being producing perceptive and well-trained lawyers. Do democratic principles apply in such a community?

Bader: I would hope so. That was the reason the F.S.C. was created. It was my feeling then, and I think it still is now, that ideally and realistically, institutions ought to be perceived by all those people who participate in them as a community. One of the things I felt at the time the F.S. C. was created was that in a great many institutions people do not perceive of themselves as members of the community. They tend to play roles they have assigned to themselves. That is, students tend to perceive themselves in a role as students and raculty tend to percieve themselves in a role as faculty, and by in large people tend to play the roles that people give them. My feeling is that if you took these people and brought them together in way in which those kinds of roles were erroded, that they would not percieve themselves in that way.

Question: What is your reaction to the view that we should have 33-40% student representation on all functioning adminstrative bodies?

Bader: The primary work of the law school is done in committees, and I think that nobody seems concerned with those. My conclusion is that people are more concerned with the process than substance.

One of the things that has gotten us in all this trouble is all this concern with process. You're a very rational guy. I have a hunch that we could very easily resolve a problem in a rational and constructive way. problem seemed to be a question of dynamics. It doesn't seem to be a problem when you and I talk, and I don't know what to say about it. The F.S.C. spent more time arguing about whether a motion to overrule the chairman should take a fifty percent vote or a two-thirds vote, or about whether a motion amounted to a reconsideration of a previously defeated motion--everyone thumbing through their rule books--than in any constructive work.

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In a cow one condones a trifle of loose
Morality if she will just reproduce.
The stars in their courses deliver us
From the cow that is non-frugiferous!
If a heifer aspires to a niche on high
She must certainly plan to fructify,
And when she reaches puberty
Must concentrate on uberty.
No honor is there for the boss of that ilk
That produceth no young and giveth no milk;
And this is the reason her kith make moan
For Rose the Second of Aberlone.

Nor maid nor mother, she stands forlorn,
The tragic object of pity and scorn,
Her very beauty a mockery
Of all that a proper cow should be.
Rue and hemlock! Sorrow and shame!
She bears a noble and fertile name,
But her lot is woe, unleavened by weal:
She bears the name, but she bears no veal.
She is hardly worth the price of her feed,
For Rose is barren and will not breed.
In a world of logic she finds no room;
The curse of Verwekoe\* hath sealed her doom.

Hiram Walker (no kin, I'm sure,
To the proximate cause of the water cure)—
Hiram Walker, of Walkerville,
Hiram Walker, of Greenfield lord—
Here was a wight with an eye on the till!
Quoth he to himself, "I can't afford
To yield me to sentiments weak and rash;
The critter's no 'count, and I need the cash.
The rule is laid down from time immemorial
That a cow must have qualities more than
pictorial."

And so he hath sold her to Banker Sherwood, His eyes cast down, for a glance at her would Have melted a heart of the hardest stone. 0 weep for the Rose of Aberlone! Sold like a carcase, as if for beef! From the pain of that there is no relief. Five and a half mean cents per pound (What will it be when the meat is ground?). Allow two score and ten for shrink! What would her sainted fathers think? The deal is closed, the parties bound; Will her loins be lean, will her steaks be round? Sold for a pittance, and sold incog-Lot 56 in a catalogue! Insult and injury! Humiliation! This is no end for a cow of her station! Said Walker to Sherwood, "I wait your pleasure. Take her and welcome. And for good measure I'll throw in a halter [What callous mirth!] Just to insure you your money's worth!" At this there escaped a hapless groan From Rose the Second of Aberlone.

### Bader

Dean Lani J. Bader; Man of Mystery?, Machievellian Manipulator par excellence? Too many students at Golden Gate who know of the dean through the various rumors of his dealings and deals, it may indeed appear that the Dean really is nothing more than a two-dimensional bogey-man bent on making the student's life here as miserable as possible.

However, such is not the case. The Caveat, offers the following points of biographical information about the Dean in an effort to answer the quest, on "What makes Lani run?" (and perhaps incidentally to point out some of the Dean's more human characteristics): The Dean originally comes from Hawaii and at an early age aspired to be a world championship surfer. However, this ambition was never to be realized. Following a mundane course, he attended a Midwestern school as an undergraduate. Quickly tiring of being a student he soon dropped out of school in order to bum around Alaska for a period of time. All this at a time when the term "drop out" had barely been coined.

Since that time the Dean has worked for a Wall Street Firm in New York and as a deck hand on a Puget Sound Tug-boat--not exactly the stereotype of a Law School Dean but then again somehow curiously appropos for an institution such as Golden Gate.

### Dean

departments, who in turn delegate them to the faculty. Without talking about the question of student participation I think that idealy the faculty is where questions of that nature should reside. I supposet that to some extent this is more common in law schools than in most other kinds of academic institutions. Faculties in law schools are by in large very, very powerful, to the extent that they have actually been given through the chain of power the ability to make and implement policy and implement policy and concern themselves with the school.

Question: In the 1973-1974 G.G.U. Law School Bulletin on page six, the faculty is declared to be"...the formal body respons(continued on page 4)

II

Go, lovely Rose, to your degradation!
Go, and go with you the tears of a nation!
Methinks there ought to have been some bard
To witness that scene in King's cattle-yard—
Some bard who could justly, in verse or in
prose,

Make immortal the flowering of Aberlone's Rose.

They took her, that October morn,
Before the dew was off the corn,
To the cattle-yard with its sinister scale,
The better to finish the dreadful sale.
She was put in charge of good George Graham
(Were there cows to be weighed? Well, he would weigh 'em).

Never had coat such glossy sheen;
She was less a cow than an exiled queen.
She walked with dignity and pride,
And as good George Graham stroked her side
He descried a slight rotundity
Evincing, he fancied, fecundity!
And he read in her mute, appealing eyes
A message that caused him glad surprise;
He caught his breath, and must not be blamed
If his voice was broken as he exclaimed,
"Rose, you're about to become a mother!"
She blushed and replied, "Ich kann nicht udder."

Then summoned he Walker of Walkerville, Who galloped his hardest o'er dale and hill. Who wanted to know what she did weigh, And what the deuce? wherefore, and why the delay? George touched his forelock and muttered an oath; Then, controlling himself, as follows he quoth: "Hold, Hiram! We wag on too fast by half, For Rose is, unless I'm mistaken, with calf!" Behold then Hiram, most contrite of men!

He apologized to her again and again; He assured her that his heart was riven, And she assured him that all was forgiven. "But how did you do it, my Rose, my bloom? And who is the father—or should I say whom?" I did it for you," she said, "my liege, I did it for you—and noblesse oblige!"

A star had set, a star hath risen!
Her spirit, loosed from out its prison,
Free from danger, free from fear,
Soars and sings for all to hear,
Flush with the knowledge of strong fertility,
Free from the stigma of fell sterility!
Vindication! O come, rejoice!
Obbligato for Rose's voice!
Hers is the bliss for which she longed.
In her all womankind was wronged;
'T was not she who lacked testosterone—
Not Rose the Second of Aberlone!

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## Dean

ible for making policy for long and short range academic planning...". Just what is outside the scope of academic planning?

Bader: The statement in the catalog is simply intended to imply that the primary body responsible for the functioning of the law school is the faculty. Don't dignify "academic planning" in quotes too much. I mean don't go on the assumption that one has to determine very neatly what the statement means. As far as I'm concerned the body essentially responsible for the functioning of the law school is the faculty. (continued on page 6)

THE CAVEAT needs help! If you'd like to give us a hand, leave your name and phone number in THE CAVEAT mailbox, located in the Faculty Center.

Now, one of the Bench's keenest students
Of animal law and jurisprudence
Was Michigan's Mr. Justice Morse.
If a case involved a hind or a horse
They would call on him—for that was his forte—
To deliver the judgment of the court.
He knew far better than any jury
The ways of domitae naturae;
And when it came to the genus Bos
There was no sounder man than Justice Morse.
And thus 't was fitting that he deliver
The opinion in this cause celebre.

"Now that this case has reached its end, I Shall endeavor," Judge Morse began, "To recount the ratio decidendi, Avoiding dicta as best I can. The question that is really crucial Is whether the mistake so mutual Quoad this ruminant's condition Is such as justifies rescission. That there was mistake there is no moot, But does it go to the matter's root? Or was the supposed sterility Mere matter of quality, i. e., An attribute or characteristic Below the level of facts juristic? Was it simply a trait or accident Inducing and not impairing consent? Did it go to the substance at all, at all, Or was it merely collateral? Did it hamper unduly the parties' wills, Or the exercise of their dickering skills? In short, did it have anything to do With the requisite mental rendezvous?

"Now, there's a distinction, as I've been taught, Twixt a cow that's pregnant and one that's not. In fact, the fallacy is arrant That places a potential parent In even the same taxonomy With that drain on our economy That we deprecate by all that's holy-The wretched beast that's sine prole. In my submission, pullulation Is the vital force of all creation— A concept I shall not enlarge on Except in an essay in the margin. Why, a creature acarpous is incomplete, Like to a verse that has no feet: Like to an ocean without a breeze, Like to a dog that has no fleas;

Litigation, n. A machine which you go into as a pig and come out of as a sausage.

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### Dean

Question: Do you think that the reason the F.S.C. was non-productive was due to the size of the body, or to the fact that it didn't meet more often, or purely to the student members?

Bader: I don't think the meetings, being weekly, or bi-weekly, or monthly, had anything to do with it. I would not blame the failure of the F.S.C. on the students only. I think the structure rather than the member content was bad. The structure so disenchanted people that they wouldn't want to participate, it turned people off. More important, it didn't seem to be able to solve its own problems. We had a meeting during the summer, a very good and productive meeting. At that time we had all sorts of suggestions about what could be done. questions on the agenda at the first regular F.S.C. meeting were never gotten to because of all the haggling over process. You simply have to start over again.

Question: Do you have any feeling about the absolute size? Do you feel the F.S.C. was too big?

Bader: I don't know. I do think I would certainly agree that large groups are less efficient than small groups. I think you have to consider the whole process of participation is to some extent facilitative of an inefficient body. In other words no one would run General Motors by commit-

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Like to the works without the watch, Like to the soda without the Scotch; Like a delusion without a snare, Or a poker hand without a pair; Like Louis XV without DuBarry, Or like the White House without a Harry; Like a ferry without a concertina, A coloratura without Rosina; Like to spaghetti without Chianti, Or like Don Quixote sans Rosinante; Like to a satrap without a minion, A judgment without a dissenting opinion! A cow in which that condition is regnant Is what might be called a negative pregnant. But what a significant difference When a cow has secured her deliverance— When she proves that she can become a mother! If a man buy one, shall he have the other? I have viewed the premise, and do discern That here is no scrub but a going concern. This is an operative boner— As it were, an error in persona. It's a case of mistaken identities— Of udderly different entities! (I fear I've been frightfully peripatetic, But that is the way of the muse nomothetic.) Thou, Jennison, Judge of the Circuit, errest! The judgment for plaintiff must be reversed!"

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'T is the middle of night before the exam,
And there's nothing to eat but a cold bit of ham.

Ah mel—Ah mool

Mark how the eager students cram, What coffee black they brew!

A dismal specter haunts this wake-The law of mutual mistake; And even the reluctant drone Must cope with Rose of Aberlone. She rules the cases, she stalks the page Even in this atomic age. In radioactive tracts of land, In hardly collectible notes of hand, In fiddles of dubious pedigree,17 In releases of liability, In zoning rules unknown to lessors, In weird conceits of law professors, In printers' bids and ailing kings, In all mutations and sorts of things, In many a hypothetical With characters alphabetical, In many a subtle and sly disguise There lurks the ghost of her sad brown eyes. That she will turn up in some set of facts is Almost as certain as death and taxes: For students of law must still atone For the shame of Rose of Aberlone.

### Dean

tee. I do think one of the things institutions ought to concern themselves with is faci-lition of students within the school, which is not necessarily conducive to the best academic process. You can't let considerations of pure productivity and efficiency dictate the size of your group. I don't know, I would hope you could have a group of maybe twenty or twenty-fice.

Question: Do you think it would help a group such as the F.S.C. if the members had tkaen a course in educational philosophy or theory sometime in their academic career?

Bader: I don't know, I'm not sure it would help. One of the things merged in the background of any question like that is the sort of ambiguous and vague role of a professional school. I suppose my answer is to say I doubt it because there are some very basic questions of philosophy and you can talk until you are blue in the face about educational philosophy and the fact is that you're talking about some very personal concerns.

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