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This note places a capstone on a year replete with progress and accomplishment. Our enterprise has produced a publication that will provoke debate, challenge academic discourse, and mark our place in the *Journal's* continuing legacy. Volume V's articles explore rape shield statutes, the European Union Constitution, North American environmental policy, the definition of family, the federal restriction of civil liberties, the religious oppression of women, and the stigma attached to mental illness. Our goal was to provide a forum for undergraduate scholarship on a national level; the diversity and excellence of these articles proves the value and potential of this endeavor.

Our *Journal's* innovation in the field of Law & Society continues to spark interest and draw subscriptions from law schools around the country. As our readership expands from law libraries such as Yale, Stanford, NYU, Cornell, and Berkeley (Boalt Hall) to law schools such as Northwestern, our reach and influence grows. This success renews our commitment – and intensifies our responsibility – to cultivate noteworthy authorship.

As an undergraduate publication, the *Journal* experiences a constant ebb and flow of editors, ideas, and styles. Over the past five years, the *Journal* has witnessed its share of extraordinary Editorial Boards; marking the anniversary of our fifth volume and drawing from the lessons of the past, we hope our year can act as a valuable foundation for the next five. Our contribution to this legacy has been marked by a concerted effort to solidify our relationship with the Santa Barbara legal community, create new networks of fundraising within our university, and further streamline our editorial process. This mark, this contribution we leave, would not have been possible without the constant and personal support of the Santa Barbara County Bar Foundation.

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