

## Law Students Post Are Advising 11/3/71 Folsom Inmates

FOLSOM, Calif. (AP)—With experience as their only reward, a group of students is providing free legal advice to convicts in Folsom Prison.

"A lot of prisoners just want to talk," says Steve Parshall, 25, one of 20 McGeorge School of Law students who each spend one day a month at the maximum-security prison.

"Others want us to file writs and civil suits. Some just want general legal advice."

"If there's no help, you just drag along and hope," says Larry Santifer, 30, an inmate who hopes the legal advice program may help free him on parole by 1974. "Here there is some daylight."

Parshall has met once with Santifer, listening to how he has spent most of his adult life in prison and asking dozens of questions.

Santifer said he was jailed on a bad check conviction in his native Arkansas. He was released, then in 1968 was extradited from California to Arkansas on charges of armed robbery and assault with intent to kill.

He later escaped, returned to California, was convicted of an armed robbery in California and was sentenced to Folsom for five years to life.

Now he's due for parole in 1974—but not freedom. Santifer is to be released so he can return to Arkansas to face four consecutive sentences totaling 108 years. He wants to stay in California—even if it means staying in prison.

"His question is whether Arkansas has lost jurisdiction over him," says Parshall, who is digging through lawbooks and discussing the case with other students and teachers at his Sacramento school. Then he'll write Santifer with the results of his study and any recommendations.

The third Saturday in each month, Parshall and his classmates return to Folsom for another round of face-to-face meetings with other inmates who want advice. Parshall says more than 100 men are on the waiting list.

"We research the legal problem and give them an opinion," says Kenneth Wells, Sacramento County public defender who runs the program. "The inmates use it whatever way they can."