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RENTERS' TAX CREDIT

by Mark Sheppard

FREE MONEY!!! Yes, that's what this year's California State Income Tax should be called. Everyone who rented an apartment or house in California on March 1, 1973 is entitled to a tax credit which is refundable even if you had no income. Earn zero, have zero withheld, and have \$25 refunded to you. Further, this year there is a Special Tax Credit. Both the Special and renter's credit vary with income. Remember, you must file a return to get a refund.

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MILITARY LAW PROJECT

By Margie Siegal

Many people lost interest in military "law" after the official end of the Vietnam War. Unfortunately the military is still alive and kicking. It is also still oppressing the individual soldier, and jailing those who organize for their rights.

In addition to the plight of those still in the military, there are thousands of veterans whose problems did not end after they got out of the service. Those given less than honorable discharges (many for opposing the Green Machine) are discriminated against in many areas, notably in getting jobs.

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ANOTHER DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

by Philip Smith

Entering his first year of teaching full time at G.G.U., Theodore Rosenak teaches Contracts and Evidence. You've probably seen him entering or exiting his office, as it is located adjacent to hallway. Ted is the bearded, vested, faculty type who can always be found by following the scent of latakia! There he was in his usual position-behind his desk smoking his pipe.

Question: What sign are you?

Rosenak: Leo.

Question: I understand one of your pasttimes is writing fiction?

Rosenak: I did/ I was never very good at it, but I like to write. I've even written a couple of novels; none of which will ever become The Great American Epic! I guess because I'm not that good of a writer, but I have published a few things. I really like to write poetry.

Question: Do you enjoy teaching?

Rosenak: I enjoy teaching but I really can't say it's what I've always wanted to do. I like to do a lot things, teaching being one. It gives me a chance to impart what I consider to be a practical view of the subject matter to students.

When I came to the faculty after 15 years of practicing law, people expected a somewhat practical approach from me. I think my legal experience gave me a wider view of what is practical than others. I think learning where to find the courthouse isn't very practical-it's really an insult to your intelligence! There are a much

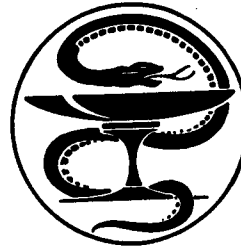
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OFFICIAL S.B.A. ELECTION RETURNS

The following are the official results of the recent S.B.A. General Election:

Proposed Amendments

	YES	NO
1. 133	31	
2. 117	42	
3. 25	44	
4. 135	31	
5. 130	44	



SBA President

Judy Browne* 116
Judy Pressman 72
Chris Cole 27
Ron Kagan 15

Vice-President

<u>Day</u>	<u>Night</u>
Gina Rieger 90	Steve Martin* 22
Delia Chilgren 54	Lisa Macchia 4
Jay Glimme 46	

Treasurer

Karen Campbell* 109
Tim Murphy 93
Arthur Reed 7

Secretary

Randy Padgett* 37
Fran Braverman 3
Del Johns 3

2nd year Reps.

day
Lynda Brothers* 64
Bob Baker* 52
Andrew Allen 16

2nd year Reps.

Night

Marge Holmes* 19
Lisa Macchia* 10
Jane Padway 3
Jeff Korber 1

3rd year Reps.

Day

Ann Menasche* 42
Leonard Abel* 37

4th Year Night Rep.
Alonza Bean* 1

Night

Deborah Spector* 8
Michael Jonas* 5

*elected





LETTERS

Editor:

Although I am aware of the fact that a run-off election is guaranteed under the S.B.A. Constitution, I have chosen to withdraw from the V.P. run-offs because I believe that GGU students have already expressed their endorsement of the Judy Browne slate in the recent election.

I plan to remain active in the Women's Association and to continue my efforts on the Finance Committee for this year's Conference on Women and the Law.

My thanks to those who gave me their votes and my congratulations to Gina Rieger.

Delia Chilgren



Editor:

Re your 1-28-74 editorial, what say you to the observation that Golden Gate students seem to have better cumulative statistics than ^{HASTINGS} students after second attempt at the California bar?

Anyhow, congratulations on resisting the impulse to editorialize in each and every Caveat on the mere ground that it is there.

Jay H. Beckerman

Perhaps our grads are suffering under less handicap of surprise at finding themselves taking it again. --Ed.



LOST Black and tan male Afghan hound, two years old. near Golden Gate Park. REWARD phone 626-6381

885-2679, ask for Peter Alcantara.

Editor:

Please permit me this small space in your wonderful newspaper to describe the newest phenomenon on our fine campus.

Yea, that cluster of young men and women who populate and in fact seem even to copulate in our more energetic first and second year classes.

That universe of friendly, tolerant, open, industrious, even handed, and just society of souls.

Those bright, intelligent, high scoring, single-minded, brave group of scholars.

Yea, those free speaking, melodious young persons, whose voices can be heard near and far,

But with words that scrape the walls, mar the woodwork, dent the concrete, and bend the pipes; that gibberish, howwash, trash, and just plain old crap.

They are jerks, idiots, bumpkins, imbeciles; those intolerant assholes, who lack the insight, intelligence, or grace to observe the First Amendment.

Those vile vipers, creeping leeches, bloodsucking bloodletters:

Not since the days of the Munich Beer Hall Putsch have we had such courageous liberalism.

Leftwing thugs.

NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST



BLUMBERG'S EYE LOOK

by Martin Blumberg

It looks as though the election is over, and the secret ballots have been counted. Why the announcement of the results has been put off so long as "secret" we don't know, but the cloak of secrecy has been laid down and trampled upon as the electioneers counted the slashes and hacks on the ballots in the hallway.

The purported S.B.A. president said her first official acts will be to hold a mass exorcism for the bedevilled masses who wanted to hear the Junta speak, and then to procure a new chain for Jae Greer's nose ring.

Tom Goetzl's rapidly changing face has the faculty in a state of confusion. Whenever he arrives with a new change, they think that it is a new candidate for dean; actually he just wanted to look less like his posters.

To those art fans, (both of you) who appreciate finer things, Myron is rumored to be preparing a new set of photos for the walls of his office - speaking of offices (who us?), the rumors of plumbers moving into Peter Borromeo's office are not true. It's really the faculty roster service.

Congratulations to Lani Bader who has accepted a position as Professor of Ethics and Professional Tact at Lincoln Law School. I can't think of a more qualified person, except - maybe Tony Pagano.....

I suppose that we should leave with Larry Jone's comment made in his torts class that there is no such thing as no fault earthquake insurance. Students hope he continues to pursue his budding baseball career.

TAX CREDIT

For example, a single person earned \$3500 last year and had \$8 withheld. The tax is \$30. One personal exemption, \$25, leaves a tax liability of \$5. The Special tax credit is 100% for incomes under \$4000, so there is a net tax liability of zero.

The renter's credit is \$25 and \$8 was withheld for total credit of \$33, as against a liability of zero - the entire \$33 will therefore be refunded by the State.

Renter's Credit

income	credit
\$0 to 4999	\$25
5000 to 5999	30
6000 to 6999	35
7000 to 7999	40
8000 and over	45

Special Credit

single	married	credit
\$4000 and less	\$8000 and less	100%
4001-7500	8001-15000	35%
7501-10000	15001-20000	30%

Page 2 of the tax return booklet has instructions for those who file only for the renter's credit.



MILITARY

Lawyers and law students can aid GI's and veterans in their struggles for just treatment in many ways. People skilled in law can help in GI organizing, defense, veteran's counselling, and military discharge upgrading. If you are interested, call the Military Law Project of the National Lawyer's Guild or the Discharge Upgrading Project, 824-8508 in San Francisco or 658-7806 in the East Bay.

INTERVIEW

wider range of things to me than most people think are practical, and this attitude, this way of looking at things is what I hope to teach above and beyond the substantive material.

Question: This is not conventional view, is it?

Rosenak: I know. If you practice for one year you might well have the view that's knowing a specific rule is practical. If you practice for a longer time, or you intend to practice for forty years these things change. What it boils down to is what is going to stand a lawyer in good stead over a period of years; whose work is going to influence the lives of people.

Question: what did you find enjoyable about private practice, and would you ultimately like to return?

Rosenak: I was a solo practitioner, I really didn't specialize in any type of law. It was really the entire constellation of the particular legal situation that really motivated me to get into a particular case, or turned me off. Things like who my client was, what the nature of the problem was, who the prosecuting attorney...

I enjoyed my practice and in some areas I like to think I was a very good lawyer. When I left my practice, it was not because I couldn't hack it, it was really because I wanted to do something else.what I'm doing now.

Question: I understand you were both a Fulbright Scholar at the London School of Economics and a P.H.D. Candidate at U.C.B.. How do you feel Economics is applicable to the legal profession or to law in general?

Rosenak: I enjoyed London. How much Economics I learned is debateable, but I wrote a novel while I was there for a year.

Getting back to the question, I think Economics, as well as all Social sciences are useful tools to be applied to real life situations. They can help a lawyer figure out how to do what he wants to do. One good example is the minimum wage law. If we start out with assumption that there are some bad guys

and they want working people to earn less money that's one thing. But let's just suppose we're dealing with good guys; someone who wants to improve the lot of working people. Now that person is going to assume, if he hasn't thought much about it, that the best way to do that is to be in favor of the minimum wage law, for example. Well if he looks at it from an Economic standpoint he may see that it hurts poor

people. He may find, through an economic study, that the minimum wage law is supported by big unions as a way of protecting the high income of union members and that it hurts poor people. This is one of the functions of education is to come up with temporary solutions based upon more careful analysis.

Question: You're being considered for the Deanship, if selected, what would you like to accomplish in the position?

Rosenak: Let me say this in avoidance of your question. My main interest is in academic areas I see the school as relating to the students as well as the community at large. I don't see those as a dichotomy but as complementary to each other. I want to make it better! Question: What do you feel is your highest personal accomplishment or what would you like to do?

Rosenak: A lot of things. I would like to teach well. I would like to have some influence on the curriculum of the school. I would really like to do some sculpting. I enjoy the tactile sensations of forms both to touch and observe. I enjoy painting. I don't look in a goal-oriented manner. It's primarily a daily experience. Like I'm looking forward to having lunch, you know!

Question: What's for lunch?

Rosenak: A bowl of soup--upstairs...



Prison, n. A place of punishments and rewards. The poet assures us that—

"Stone walls do not a prison make,"

but a combination of the stone wall, the political parasite and the moral instructor is no garden of sweets.

BOYCOTT GALLO

CHRISTIAN LAWYERS

"The Lawyer's Christian Fellowship exists as a professional association of lawyers who recognize Jesus the Christ as the Son of God and who collectively and individually acknowledge Him as the final and Supreme Advocate who will alone plead our case before the judgment seat of God when we are called Home to our Almighty Father."

OBJECTIVES (among others)

"To encourage prayer for all persons connected with the legal profession. We will remember in our prayer The President and Vice President of our Nation, the Governor of our State, and all those in positions of Authority over us."

If you are interested in being pious in public, if you enjoy saying and hearing platitudes, if the spirit of pedestrianism and of Babbitry burns hot in your breast, then write to - Lawyers' Christian Fellowship, 393 1/2 East Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43209



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