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CTLA MEETING HERE TODAY

California Trial Lawyers Association Law Student Division will hold several meetings to provide general information regarding the organization's activities and purposes this week. Meetings will be held Monday, Feb. 11, 12-12:20 in Room 203; Monday evening, Feb. 11, 6:20-6:45; and Thursday, Feb. 14, 12-12:30. Additional information can be obtained any time from Very Goldwater, available evenings at 826-3712. Membership advantages include access to otherwise unavailable lectures and trial technique materials of the parent organization at greatly reduced student rates.

other positions still open

GANNON NEW L. REV. CHIEF

By Bob Brown

The Golden Gate Law Review is pleased to announce the selection of Peggy Gannon as Editor-in-Chief for the 1974-75 academic year.

Although the deadline for applications for editor positions has passed, because many people did not see the notices we are extending the deadline to Feb. 25, 1974. Applications are being accepted for Project Editors, Copy Editors and Business Editor.

Project Editors are in charge of a Law Review project from its inception to its successful conclusion as a Law Review article. Since

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JUDICIAL COUNCIL TO MEET

by Ralph Behr

The Judicial Council announced subsequent to its first meeting a policy outline and an open hearing a petition to reinstate the Speaker's Bureau.

The Judicial Council is established by the SBA Constitution as the forum which is empowered to decide on matters relating to the constitutionality of actions of the SBA, and grievances.

The tentative policy outline states the council intends to conduct open hearings without encumbrance of close rules of evidence and procedure. The Council, composed of Bernie Segal, Pat O'Brien (Dean of Students), and five student members will structure itself as an open forum for matters it considers.

Its first hearing is scheduled for 12:15 in room 205 on Tuesday February 12 to rule on the petition to reinstate the Speakers Bureau which the SBA abolished at its December meeting. All those interested are invited to attend.

AN APOLOGY

Some people thought our gibes at the Lawyer's Christian Fellowship in last week's Caveat were somehow an attack on Christianity. Such an idea is ridiculous. The whole point of our remarks was that the L.C.F. is a mockery of the inward beauties of the Christian Religion.

The Caveat sincerely apologizes to all who were offended.

--Editor

WANTED to purchase, a copy of the Uniform Commercial Code and Restatement of Contracts, Second.

567-5848

MONDAY, February 11, 1974

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY may be observed at the department store of your choice. We will have a holiday. While on the subject of holidays, it should be noted that Golden Gate Law School will observe Thanksgiving, 1974, with the rest of the nation, not the week before as promised in the 74-75 catalog. Nobody's perfect. Close though.

Our plethora of bulletin boards boggles the mind, but nonetheless, try to take a look at least weekly at the personal message board across from the Dean's office, and at the Dean's bulletin board on the other side. Also, if you have notices to post, try to put them on the appropriate board. We'll have hourly guided tours, discussing what's appropriate for those who are still confused.

For June graduates planning to take the California bar: Julia Couzens spoke to someone at the Committee of Bar Examiners who told her that the deadline for filing applications has not been established yet; we expect to have the applications in our office shortly after March 1st, but no date certain as yet. We'll put a lavish announcement on the Dean's bulletin board when they arrive.

The two typewriters for student use are located on the first and third floors.

Pat Ostini is back from having her baby, and will be establishing an Admissions Committee, composed of two students, two faculty and Pat and Naida probably. "Probably" modifies that whole sentence. There will be a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in serving on that committee.

Briefly back to Washington's birthday. It's Monday, February 18.

That's what I call a slow news day.

My best to Mildred & the children,

Mary



LETTERS



Editor:

There are a couple of points I would like to make in reference to the editorial on retakes and probation. One fact that wasn't mentioned in the editorial is that a person who has been kicked out of any law school has practically no chance of being admitted to another. So under the present system people who apply and are denied admission can try again the next year (as I did, for instance), and people who fail the bar once can take it again, but the possibilities of becoming a lawyer are virtually nil for someone who has been kicked out. The editorial says, "retakes and probation don't really help anyone."

This might be disputed by attorneys now practicing who would not have made it except for a policy allowing retakes and probation. The editorial seems to assume either that there are no such attorneys or that they are so bad that helping them doesn't count. And this is an editorial that denies being elitist.

One more point--to say that the practice of law is competitive, so we shouldn't worry about measures that make law school more competitive is like saying that life is full of viciousness so school should be too. I plan to be competitive as an attorney against my opponents, but I don't think that I'd be helped in that by developing a killer instinct against my friends in school.

Steve Martin



Editor:

The bar review companies are allowed to solicit and to advertise on GGU premises. They make claims and use statistics aimed at exploiting students' need and anxiety.

But there has been an apparently embarrassed silence regarding who is responsible for which results of the Fall 1973 California bar exam. It is time to call attention to this lack of candor, to put it charitably, on the part of

BRC, BAR, Yee and whoever else uses comparative statistics as a selling tool for their courses.

If those businesses will not forthwith voluntarily post meaningful statistics, they should henceforth be barred from using GGU premises to promote and transact their business. I have noticed no posted license entitling these people or their agents to conduct a commercial enterprise here.

This school's administration, both law and university levels, also should get on the ball. The faculty and administration frequently express concern about bar performance, thus encouraging students to sign up for the review courses. The Dean and President Butz should require conspicuous posting of review course results by a definite and early date following the State Bar's release of results. The statistical expertise of the business school should be called upon to establish and critique the purveyed statistics, at sales time as well as at post-mortem time. And not just once, but for each and every bar exam.

It's time to end the huckstering.

Jay H. Beckerman



Editor:

Without daring to argue the merits of a case which has generated far too much heat and too little light already, I'd just like to respond to the implication contained in some recent letters to the Caveat that the authors of those letters somehow knew what the majority of the student body was thinking on a particular issue or that the student body was united behind some particular cause. I don't know how anyone could know those things for sure unless a poll of some kind was taken, and I'm not aware one was. In the absence of such a sampling, it seems dangerous to assume unanimity of purpose or general ideological agreement among such a large group of people as we are. Perhaps we leave

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SBA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Judy Browne,
SBA President-elect

I'm hoping I'll be able to make deadlines to the Caveat on a regular basis and make this column a regular one. If I had to deal with style, however, I'm sure it would be a very painful task. As a consequence, this column is going to be a cross between a bad letter and a gossip column. Its intent is to convey information about what's happening at this school and what I've been doing as your SBA President.

Since I learned of my election, I've been chafing at the bit, anxious to get into the action. Several (like about eight) students have already complained to me about the Placement Center run by Peter Borromeo. Some hemming and hawing later I learned that Peter's presence is determined by the Dean of the Law School, and by Otto Butz, the President of the University. I spent about an hour talking to Peter about what the students consider his ineffectual endeavors to find jobs, the primary purpose of the Placement Center. He assures me that his public relations methods and "glad-handing" takes about 50 hours a week. He says he is most willing to take SBA Committee guidance in running our Placement Center. Therefore, the first thing to happen when I take office on February 19 or 20 is an open student grievance forum at noon to talk about the Placement Center. At that time, we'll set up an SBA Committee to work with Peter, suggesting policy and methodology for future placement Center guidance. This committee will also report back to the SBA on what and how Peter has been doing and how he is accepting student input. Peter's contract comes up for renewal in June and I expect there will be a strong student voice in the future handling of our Placement Center.

The next grievance forum will be the following week and will meet at both noon and at 5:30 pm to discuss the school's food service. I have spent considerable time talking to John Teitscheid, our boy wonder plant manager who set up the present arrange-

ment. He doesn't take kindly to criticism and I haven't been able to substantiate that any of my suggestions for improving food service (getting back food vending machines, with its attendant change machine and microwave oven at no additional cost to the school) will work because the Moveable Feast would then move out and he insists the night students want the Moveable Feast to remain at all costs.

There needs to be set up a small student committee willing to work maybe 30 hours over the course of a couple of weeks, reading the Moveable Feast contract, checking building requirements for a restaurant food service and looking into possible alternatives to the present condition. Until we have thorough data and can overcome general reluctance on the University managerial level to admit we know what we are talking about, we are not going to be able to resolve anything.

Now, as to corruption and self-dealing. I have submitted a proposal to the University Budget Committee to grant the SBA President a full tuition scholarship, something now enjoyed as part of the office by the Caveat editor and the Law Review editor. I firmly believe that a full tuition scholarship will attract a harder-working caliber of President to this office. If I cannot convince the Budget Committee, or you, that a full tuition scholarship is worthwhile, I will still continue as full-time SBA President and not get a part-time job, but it is crazy to assume the next SBA President will be able to afford to do likewise. If I hear enough complaints about my proposal, I'll set up a grievance forum on this issue as well, and abide by majority opinion.

As SBA President, I will be sitting in on faculty meetings. This February 12 the faculty meets to discuss and maybe decide on a new Dean. When I have any information on this subject, it will get back to you through this column.

If I don't hear from you, like most parasites, without a victim I cannot draw blood.

LETTERS

ourselves open to such assumptions because of our much-maligned "apathy", but, nevertheless, such generalizations remind me of Nixon's old 'Silent Majority' argument; and they offend me.

The personal opinions of writers to the Caveat are no more or less meaningful to me as opinions because their authors propound a particular ideology. Their force as arguments really suffers, though, when the authors use unsubstantiated (though not necessarily unsubstantiable) facts to give their opinions specious weight. The ultimate persuasiveness of an argument should lie in its logic, reasonableness, and grounding in facts (with special thanks to my W & R tutors) and not in the number of people who agree or disagree with the writer. So, letter writers, please tell me what and, if possible, how you think about your ideas. Don't bother to tell me how popular or unpopular you think your ideas are, and please don't try to tell me what I think and feel about your ideas. Even I won't know that until I've read what you have to say.

Jane Rogers



Editor:

According to the law school bulletin Caveat is sent to other law schools and law libraries. I sincerely hope that it is not. The level of our rag has reached the nadir of responsible journalism.

First of all, the proper function of an editor is to select material which, at least, will not offend the reader by its lack of intelligence. The 'poem' by NAME WITHHELD in the last issue would have been rejected by a high school newspaper. Do you print everything you receive?

As an aside, it is interesting to observe the passionate attachment to the First Amendment of those who have probably not (please correct me if I'm wrong) done anything else in the way

of protecting any other right guaranteed in the Constitution. It seems that it is possible that those who made the disturbance engaged in a temporary aberration from their usual work in defending the rights of many people, while those who protested the disturbance have never done anything besides organizing sports tourneys.

Secondly, and editor is not only supposed to use her or his discretion in selecting articles and poems that come to her or him for publication, but also to actively solicit items of interest. Since the editor is freed from the necessity of paying for her or his tuition, it should behoove her to spend some time in improving the quantity and quality of the articles she or he prints.

If you have a response to these comments, which I hope you will, please don't let it take the form of snide comments in brackets, which only serve to obfuscate the issues at hand.

Margaret Siegal

I never use brackets.—Ed.



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BLUMBERG'S EYE LOOK

by Martin Blumberg

Ah, well, another day another green, blue, and electric yellow dollar...Peter Alcantaria's wine selling business is going well, but he had to turn down an order from Mike DeVito (our resident gourmet) because Mike's wife has threatened to divorce him if he buys another case of wine for his wine cellar. Speaking of spirits, our regards to the person who brought a large bottle of Gallo wine (bought at Safeway no doubt) to a (rousing party attended by mucho political persons; despite "Fink" penned on the label, it was the first bottle finished. (Ummm-Gallo-haven't had that in a long time-stand in front of me while I pour a glass...))

The poor standings of the few male candidates in the election must mean that the women are more qualified. However my expert on statistics informs me that what really happened was that the men voted for women to show that they aren't MCP's, and the women will only vote for women (does that make them FMP's ?) Don't get me

wrong, I'm all for the women's movement, but sometimes I just can't figure out those persons involved in it. One woman still isn't speaking to me for agreeing with her views. She felt that women ought not to be stuck at home and have to take care of babies; they should be out pursuing careers. I merely agreed, saying that women have had it soft for generations and it was time for women to work to support men, while we flit about taking care of the house and babies like all good househusbands should! Next time I'll just disagree so that no ill feelings will result....

Some think the energy crisis has gone too far, so let me be the first to quash (love that word--it means to step on a big squishy bug.) the rumor that the elevator is deliberately slowed down during the noon hour. It's just that the hamsters that power it eat in the cafeteria at 11:00, and by noon they aren't feeling too well.

GOLDEN INTERVIEW

by David Dixon

Mike Golden was born and raised in San Francisco. He attended Lowell High School. He graduated from Pomona College in 1955 and then went into the Army as a lieutenant. In the Army he worked for the Counter Intelligence Corps for two years.

In 1960 he graduated from Stanford Law School. From Stanford he went to work as a law clerk for Mr. Justice Dunaway, then, in 1961, went to work for a large law firm in San Francisco. He stayed with them for three years and then, in 1964, came to teach at Golden Gate University. He is married with two children.

I know that this is entitled an interview with Mike Golden, but first I would like to take this opportunity to complain. I have never, in my life, met such a congregation of seemingly satisfied, non-neurotic professors in my life. The only person on the staff with any compulsions at all is Tony Pagano, who feels he must set off the emergency alarm every time he leaves Boalt Hall.

On the whole though, our teach-
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To those chronic complainers who feel that the frozen cottage cheese from the 5th floor raunchateria is too much to bear, relax. I have been informed that in restitution, they will serve milk and soda at 75° for the next week or so. It's nice to know that with all the troubles the world has, someone cares. I only wish I knew who.

The SBA was considering revival of the traditional custom of tarring and feathering an out-going dean, but they had to cancel when they realized that it might make Lani stay on.

To the first year students: remember the immortal words of Susie Creamcheese who said "You can freak out in Kansas, but it can't happen here." I can only hope she was right.

interview

ing staff is straight out of a psychiatrist's nightmare, Mike Golden being no exception to that rule.

A week ago, I interviewed Mike Golden, Mike is the man who is teaching Jurisdictions this semester. To me he looks like a rabbi gone plainclothes (and both my parents are English-Irish). Those who should know tell me he even talks like a rabbi.

Whether that has any importance or not, I know that he has got to be one of the nicest people I have ever met.

To begin the interview I asked for a recitation of all his vital life statistics. Those are what you see written at the beginning of this interview. From there we went to talk about his feelings interests and ideas, both about what he had done and perhaps planned to do.

Of course the first thing I pounced on was his work in the Counter Intelligence Corps of the old action army. While working for the C.I.C. he had been doing counter-subversive work. My first paranoid thought was that I had discovered an army plant at G.G. U. So I delicately probed to uncover the web of intrigue which most certainly had its focus in Mike Golden. Why, I asked, had he joined the C.I.C.? That he answered by saying that he did not want to end up in the infantry. What did he think of the C.I.C.? That it certainly was preferable to the infantry.

I gave up that line of questioning and found out that he had done his C.I.C. work in Germany. Germany he had found to be pleasant the work, he concluded, was perhaps useful but 9/10th paranoia. He has not been to Europe since then.

After the Army he went to Stanford Law School. Perhaps, I thought to myself, he had some driving ambition and felt that the best way to reach his goal would be

to become a lawyer.

Actually, his father had been a lawyer and, from about the age of five on, he had decided that he would be a lawyer. No long-drawn out decision making process or intellectual decision. He always knew he would and he did.

After leaving Stanford he clerked for Justice Dunaway for a year, then worked for a large San Francisco law firm for three years. Both jobs were characterized as 'interesting'.

For the past ten years (after this semester) he has taught at GGULS. Teaching, he says, is what he has found that he likes best. He expressed to me that he was very satisfied with teaching in general and teaching here in particular.

How about future goals? Perhaps he would like to go into politics, teach somewhere else, or become Dean? No, no, and no. He is happy doing what he's doing, where he's doing it and really is not interested in changing his position.

Other than teaching, he has few outside interests. In his office there is a chess board set up on top of one of his file cabinets. He is playing Myron and Myron is in big trouble, chesswise.

Also he is the Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco Legal Assistance Foundation and is on its Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The function of the foundation, as you might suspect from the name, is to provide legal services for the poor in San Francisco. It was this organization which obtained the court decision entitling nonresidents to welfare.

On the question of who he would like to see as the next dean--no comment. On the question of who he thinks will be the next dean--no comment.

Which only goes to prove that you don't have to be crazy to be a nice guy. I was beginning to wonder.



FILM CONTEST

Sponsored by Peter-Paul Alcantara

1. Name the picture in the actress was accidentally being burnt at the stake. The director bellowed, "Let her burn!" Name the actress and the director.
2. In this film the star had an oversized body cavity.
3. Name 3 great rulers of Hollywood studios.
4. Who ran the first censorship office in Hollywood?
5. "Everything must change to remain the same." From what film?
6. Newspaper magnate's mistress?
7. "Only a New Orleans pimp would carry fake pearl handle revolvers." Who said that?
8. This swashbuckler actor had a case in a French court, and his lawyer "approached" the French jurist. Indignant, the judge replied, "But Monsieur, unlike American judges, French judges take from only one side." Who was the actor?
9. Who was the greatest woman film director and producer?
10. In this film, the brute burns her face, and at the end of the film, she returns the favor.
11. Lillian Hellman, John Dos Passos, Archibald MacLeish, Virgil Thompson, Marc Blitzstein, and Ernest Hemingway all collaborated on this war film.
12. "The law must be engraved in our hearts. We must be prepared to go down into the dust and blood to preserve it for ourselves as well as our neighbor." Name the actor and the film.

Put entries in the 'Letters to the Editor' box in the hall or in the Caveat mailbox in the Faculty Center. Contest closes Noon, March 1, 1974.

PRIZES: The 6 record set Commemorating 50 years of film music and selected dialogue from 'Warner Brothers Greatest Films'.

1 bottle of French champagne.

1 copy of 'Music from the Films of Humphrey Bogart'.

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they are idea-persons as well as heads of their respective projects, their applications should consist of a project proposal as well as a resume and/or statement of qualifications.

Project proposals should include a statement of the basic idea, reasons for thinking the idea is suitable for Law Review, methodologies to be used, time required to complete, staff requirements (both number and special qualifications, if any) and a fairly complete outline of the subject matter of the proposed project.

Projects may be research or action oriented but all of them must result in a Law Review article of publishable quality.

Selection of staff members will be made after the new editorial board is complete. Watch for announcements in this paper and on the bulletin boards of the law school.

Everyone applying for a position as a Project Editor is encouraged to meet with Peggy and myself to discuss the proposed project.

Anyone wishing to obtain further information about the Golden Gate Law Review should call the Law Review office at extension 369 or call Peggy Gannon at 282-2479 or myself at 681-6361.

