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# CAVEAT



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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

## SBA to Choose Committee Members

This week the student members of the Budget, Academic Standards, Evaluations and Admissions committees will be chosen. If you signed up to be interviewed for one of these committees, please note the following interview schedule:

Academic Standards: Tuesday, Sept. 20  
2:45 to 5:30, Room 207

Evaluations: Wednesday, Sept. 21  
2:45 to 5:00, Room 203

Budget: Monday, Sept. 19  
2:45 to 5:30, Room 207

Admissions: Saturday, Sept. 24  
9 AM to 4 PM, Room 209

Those people being interviewed will be notified by phone or by mail of the exact time of their appointment. Individual interviews will take about 10 minutes each. Applicants are encouraged to bring a few copies of a written statement to the interview stating why they would like to be a committee member. If you aren't notified of your time or can't attend the interview, check the SBA bulletin board for information on whom to call.

This year for the first time, the selection will be done by all interested students, not merely the SBA board of governors. Any students wishing to participate in the interviewing and selection process are encouraged to attend one or more of these sessions. In order to vote on the final selections for a committee you must attend all the interviews for that particular committee. You may not participate in the interviewing and selection process for a committee for which you are trying out. You may, however, interview and help select applicants for other committees.

After the committees are chosen, one student from each of them will be designated by the selectors to be the FSC rep from that committee. That position entails an additional time commitment. The four students (one from each committee) chosen for that will join the three other students already chosen and all of the full-time faculty members at periodic meetings throughout the year where many aspects of school policy are decided.

## Clinic Column

"WHAT IS CLINIC?"

In the next few weeks we will explore the details of the various programs at GGU which fall under the "Clinic" label. The clinical programs are a recognition that actual experience doing legal work while still in law school provides a unique learning opportunity which supplements traditional classroom work. GGU's programs fall generally under 4 categories. The General Clinic allows students to obtain credit for a very wide range of law jobs. The Judicial Clinic allows credit for work with a trial or appellate judge. Special Clinic includes a number of special programs offered from time to time and which generally specialize in a particular legal area and have more intensive supervision. Listings of such special clinics either presently offered, or offered in the last few years, include the Labor Law Clinic, the Landlord Tenant Clinic, and the Arbitration Clinic. Finally, externships are full-time (40 hours per week) in carefully selected jobs where the student obtains 10 credits and is expected to devote substantially his/her time for the semester to the externship placement. This column will discuss the range and nature of clinic opportunities in each of the 4 program categories, the academic requirements and credit arrangements, and it will also invite your suggestions and assistance in developing new and better programs in the future.

## SBA Meeting

The SBA meeting was held on Wednesday, Sept. 14. The following topics were discussed:

YMCA Passes: Ricky Rosen said that he and his group are hoping to collect \$100 from student donations plus \$150 from faculty memberships for the YMCA passes.

Student Directory: Beth Price said we could have one for \$250 if we do our own typesetting and layout. Concern was expressed for students' privacy. Others felt that the student locator in the Dean's Office was good enough although under-publicized.

Budgets: Deadline has been extended to Monday, Sept. 19. Get budgets to Don Roszel or SBA box. There will be an SBA meeting no sooner than 9/27 dealing only with budget requests. The Caveat will publish the requests in next week's edition.

Election Results: See announcement in this week's Caveat. Carole Levine, first year night rep, criticized the process by which her class was told of the elections. There was little or no information given them concerning the function of the SBA or the responsibilities involved in being a rep. There was only one night for them to vote and this was the same night the campaign statements came out.

Listed below are several new placements which have come into the Clinic office this week.

- MASS COMMUNICATIONS: Reporter's Committee for Freedom of Press. Externship Program.
- JUVENILE LAW: Youth Law Center. Externship Program. Work study possible.
- GAY RIGHTS: Gay Legal Counsel Clinic
- CONSUMER FRAUD: Contra Costa County District Attorney Consumer Fraud Division.
- SENIOR CITIZENS LAW: Legal Assistance to the Elderly. Externship Program - Clinic Positions. Spring semester.
- PRIVATE PRACTICE: Personal Injury firm. Pleasant Hill. Paid position is possible.
- General Practice - emphasis on civil - San Francisco.

Anyone interested in any of these placements for this or next semester please contact the Clinic office, extension 326.

# Letters

## FIRST YEAR SCHEDULING GRIPES

Dear Editor:

I'd like to submit a slightly less generous evaluation of class scheduling (specifically first year class scheduling) than the one previously printed in the Caveat. I understand that GG is not really only two rooms in an office building on Mission Street in downtown San Francisco. That is why I chose to go to school here. I see no reason therefore to create a wasteful class schedule that simulates my elementary school through high school experience. I feel mature enough to decide upon my own study periods (which is all I can assume a three hour break in the middle of the day is meant to be). I see no reason to make sure that poor students who can't get financial aid can't get part-time jobs either. We could be attending school from 9:15 to 12 noon four days a week. Frankly our campus is not yet so lovely that I want to spend my spare 1½ hour and 3 hour breaks here every day. I hope that the proposed scheduling committee will concern itself with the first year schedule as well as the second and third year schedule.

First year student  
(Name withheld on request)

(SBA MEETING, continued from page 1)

Committee Selections: See article elsewhere in Caveat.

SBA Picnic: October 23 somewhere in the East Bay.

FSC Scheduling Committee: See scheduling survey article, this issue.

Book Sale: Gross was \$6473. Net profit was \$333. The SBA passed a resolution by affirmation as follows:

Whereas the used text book sale has recently been concluded, and  
Whereas that sale has been a financial success with a net profit of \$333 on gross receipts of \$6475, and  
Whereas that sale has provided a valuable service to the law school student community, and  
Whereas the success of the sale and the value of the service are due in large part to the unstinting efforts of Ruth Ratzlaff and Georgia Schwaar,  
Therefore be it resolved that the Student Bar Association, on behalf of the student body, expresses its gratitude to Ruth Ratzlaff and Georgia Schwaar for a job well done.

## Caveat Editorial

by Mark Derzon

This year for the first time, student members of the various committees will be selected by the general student body rather than merely the SBA board of governors. Hardly a day goes by that I don't hear someone complain about how the SBA is fucking up, and most of these complaints are valid. Attendance at SBA meetings is poor. The election was a joke. Many people don't even know what the SBA is. Here is a chance for anyone to find out what it is all about and vote people onto these committees who will diligently represent the student body. The Caveat encourages all students to attend these interviews and be a part of the selection process.

## STUDENT DEFENDS JAIN

In response to the article concerning Mr. Paul Jain on the front page of the Caveat's August 29th issue, I would like to go on record as having had nothing but satisfactory dealings with Mr. Jain, in his capacity as Financial Aid Director for GGU.

Mr. Jain is a professional person and conducts the business of his office accordingly. Certainly, it must be recognized that the position of financial aide director is a thankless one. If a student receives the financial assistance he or she needs, the student is, most likely, not heard from again until the inc tion of the next academic year. If, however, a student's needs cannot be accomodated by the financial aide of- fice, for whatever reason, the director must deal with the student's dissatisfaction as best he can, while owrking within the framework of limited resources. Un- fortunately, the latter occurence is that which is most frequently enunciated.

I am a 2nd year law student and have received a sub-stantial NDSL loan each year since attending GGU. In my personal dealings with Mr. Jain, I have found him to be efficient, hard working and always courteous. I have also received an emergency loan from GGU which Mr. Jain arranged with sufficient expediency to enable me to deal with my specific financial problem and avoid serious repercussions.

As to the incident involving Mr. Leon Atlas, I do not know the details. However, with reference exclusively

to the Caveat article and the letter addressed to Dean McKelvey, reproduced therein; I can only establish that a counselor for the JVS, upon the insistence of a GGU student, wrote Dean McKelvey. The letter made mention of an incident, apparently a misunderstanding, involving Mr. Jain in his capacity as financial aide director. Con- tained in the letter is the statement, "I had no idea what Mr. Jain was referring to." Well, indeed, from what the editors of the Caveat have provided in terms of details, I have even less of an idea of what actually happened.

Certainly, the financing of an education is of major con- cern to all students. It is no secret that available funds are somewhat less than ample. To compound this dilemma, many students have declared bankruptcy upon graduation, to avoid payments of their outstanding loans and consequently, the federal pursestrings have been pulled even tauter.

I only want to point out that we are dealing here with a very sensitive area, which requires personnel with a high degree of professionalism and patience to even at- tempt to satisfy each individual's needs. Mr. Jain is such a person, as he has so demonstrated in his deal- ings with me. Surely there must be other GG students who have received satisfactory treatment from Mr. Jain and his office -- now's your chance to be heard.

Paul Fitzgerald

The Caveat will no longer print advertisements for profit-making organizations on our Announce- ments page. All such ads will be located in a Classified Section of the Caveat and will be subject to a per line rate of \$1.25 per line.

Your Editors

# announcements

## BATTLE OF HASTINGS, 1977 CANCELLED

Due to a conflict with Willy McCovey Day, the softball game between the GGU Allstars and the Hastings Intramural chumps has been cancelled.

## NLG SLIDE PRESENTATIONS

Two members of the NLG Middle East delegation, Gurdy Menicucci and Malea Kiblan, will present a slide show and answer questions about their Middle East delegation. Tuesday, Sept. 27 at noon in the Auditorium.

Pippa Franks will be showing slides and answering questions on SOWETO and the uprising of 1976 in South Africa. Thursday, Sept. 22 at noon in the Auditorium.

## LEGAL RESEARCH

Gil Graham, who has been attorney for the International Hotel tenants is now running for SF City Attorney. Any law students interested in doing some legal research to assist this campaign should see Roger Bernhardt in the faculty center.

## LESBIANS IN LAW

GGU chapter of L.I.L. is having their first annual softball/pot luck on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 3 PM (for softball), 6 PM (for pot luck). Meet at 142 Carmel Street, S.F. See map in women's lounge or call Cathy at 665-1038. Friends and lovers of GGU students are welcome. Sign up for pot luck in lounge.

## DAY OF PROTEST AGAINST BAKKE DECISION

Monday, October 3 will be a day of SIMULTANEOUS STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS against the Bakke decision. Details concerning the demonstration will appear in next week's Caveat and are presently available from the bulletin bds.

## ESSAY CONTEST ON BIAS

The ABA's Ross Essay Contest this year will concern bias and the law. The prize is \$5000 and the contest is open to all members of the ABA including its law students division. The entries can concern discrimination in any form: race, sex, religion, class, etc. It can also concern discrimination through the failure to distinguish unlike groups. Word limit is 5000 words. For further information and forms write: Ross Essay Competition, ABA Journal, 77 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60606.

D.C.

## ELECTION RESULTS

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First year night reps: Chuck Crane, Carole Levine  
Day section B rep : Ann Van Balen  
Day section A rep : There will be a run-off election on Monday, Sept. 19th between Ed Garson and Melinda Power.  
Night Vice President: Frank Free

The full results are posted on the SBA bulletin board.

## on bread & water

WORK STUDY CALCULATIONS: WHAT YOU REALLY GET

Work Study awards are calculated on the basis of \$3.50 an hour for fifteen hours a week. By dividing your total award by 3.50 and again by dividing it by 15 you will end up with the number of weeks in the semester that your work-study award will last.

Students who received the full award for fall semester (\$1050) don't get excited yet. You will notice that this gives you 20 weeks of work-study. Unfortunately, law students are only allowed to collect work-study for 18 weeks (8/15-12/20). So at 15 hours per week you will receive only \$945. Most students will not even earn this since most choose not to work during finals.

If you will have a surplus and need that money, you can work up to 19 hours a week. But even if you did this all semester you will not be able to earn your full award unless you work right up to the day of your final.

The surplus goes back into the general fund and is re-allocated second semester among all students. However, Paul Jain says that students who want their fall surplus transferred to their spring work-study award should write him a letter requesting that this be done. So if there is any doubt in your mind that you will not earn your entire award this semester (anything could happen), notify Paul Jain in writing that you want your surplus transferred.

This, of course, will only help those of us whose spring award is skimpy. If your second semester award is another full 20 weeks, you will probably not be able to transfer the surplus to it under present financial aid policies. If this turns out to be your situation, talk to Paul Jain. There may be another solution. While work-study funds are limited, the financial aid office has considerable discretion in their allocation.

Kathy Reilley

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The next Women's Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at 12:00 noon in Room 207.

## PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FINAL EXAM

The final exam for Pursley's Professional Responsibility class will be on October 21 on the 4th floor from 7 to 9 PM.

## HOMOSEXUALS AND THE LAW

A 10-week, 2 unit course is starting this week and is still open for enrollment. The class meets on Tuesdays from 3:50 to 6:30 in Room 209. All interested students should try and come this week.

## COME GET YOUR MONEY

SBA Book Exchange book sellers' checks will be available to be picked up from 12 to 12:30 PM on Wednesday, Sept. 21 and from 6:15 to 6:45 PM on Monday, Sept. 26 in the 2nd floor lounge. If you sold books to the SBA last month, you can now get paid.

# NLG CONVENTION, 1977

by Don Castleberry

"NLG 40" was the theme of the 40th anniversary convention of the National Lawyers Guild held in Seattle August 18th through 21st. The Convention dealt with ongoing Guild projects, world-wide progressive struggles, and the ways that the NLG could best operate in dialectically influencing and being influenced by these struggles. The Convention was characterized by principled political debate as well as by great camaraderie and fun amongst the reggae music and late night swims.

A number of factors made the Seattle convention an important milestone. The Guild became the first organization in the U.S. since the 1961 blockade to be addressed by an official Cuban delegation. Dr. Enrique Marimon Roca, Justice of the Cuban Supreme Court, spoke on constitutional protections for the accused and other criminal justice concerns in Cuba. Anna Maria Navarro and Maria Yolanda Ferrer of the Cuban Federation of Women spoke of the role and status of women in Cuban society, and of the new Cuban Family Code.

Also speaking was Rahman Hassan, Deputy Palestine Liberation Organization Representative to the UN. His talk concerned the plight of the Palestinian people and he asked for unity with their struggle.

A particularly high point of the convention was the passage of the controversial Middle East Resolution, which in final form resolved that the NLG:

- 1) call for the cessation of all Israeli settlement in the occupied territories and effect a complete withdrawal from all territories occupied in 1967;
- 2) recognizes the right of self-determination and national independence for the Palestinian people;
- 3) recognizes the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and its right to participate on an equal footing as a principal party in any discussion of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict;
- 4) recognizes the right of return or compensation for all Palestinians displaced or dispossessed in the creation of Israel in 1948 pursuant to UN Resolution #194;
- 5) calls for the elimination in all states in the Middle East of laws, institutions, regulations and practices which have the purpose or effect of discriminating on the basis of religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual preference or race;
- 6) calls on the PLO and Israel to commit themselves to the exchange of mutual recognition between an independent sovereign Palestinian state and the state of Israel and commit themselves to a program of peace.

In the face of threats of withdrawal of a substantial number of members and resources from the Guild if such a resolution was passed, the prototype of the above resolution was nevertheless introduced. Intensive education and negotiation was the framework in which contending political viewpoints were put forth and argued. Points of separation between alternative resolutions were pinpointed and resolved. Finally, the New York delegation which had been bound by its chapter to vote against any resolution, voted to unbind itself. The resolution was passed and the threats dissolved. Instrumental to its passage was the report of current conditions of Palestinians in the Middle East given by a 10 member Guild delegation recently returned from a three week fact-finding visit as guests of the PLO and an Israeli kibbutz.

The Seattle convention was also the first at which the slate for national officers put forward by the National Nominating Committee (NNC) did not run unopposed. The

recently formed Anti-Imperialist Caucus running under the slogans of "Build a Fighting Guild", "Oppose the Two Super Powers", and "Oppose the CPUSA" put forth a slate of candidates for the national offices. While some Guild members feared disruptive splits damaging the over-all functioning of the NLG, most members did within the parameters of principled political debate. Some opposition to the NNC slate came from another direction. One group claimed that neither slate could supply strong progressive leadership without slipping into complacent liberalism and therefore proposed abstaining from elections. They drew little support. The NNC slate: Hank di Suvero, President, John Quigley, Vice-President, and Judy Mead, Treasurer was elected with a wide margin -- a rejection by Guild members of what was felt to be the narrow sectarianism in the politics of the Anti-Imperialist Caucus.

An unanticipated controversy over Atlanta, Georgia as the site for the next National Executive Board meeting arose. Georgia has not ratified the ERA and is thus one of the states being boycotted by NOW. Washington, D.C. was later selected as the NEB site.

Through all the workshops, plenaries, films, parties, three lessons about our work in the Guild emerged. The first is that we must take ourselves and our work seriously. As progressive legal workers and students we are frequently demoralized by the overwhelming bourgeois environments in which we must function day to day. As students we have to stay on top of the legalistic metaphysics and liberal apologetics that we know so well in law school. When faced with the unlimited resources of prosecutorial repression and the wealth and "prestige" of the ABA we minimize our potential and actual effect. We should remember that the NLG was formed in opposition to the ABA's racism, sexism and classism and that we have had great successes in struggling against these. This fact has led to the great regard with which the Guild and its pronouncements are held in the Third World and in socialist countries. We should not hold ourselves in any less esteem. The second lesson learned from the convention is that we have the necessary skills and dedication to win. The self-discipline and principled behavior expressed in the work sessions of the convention led to the successful resolution of every critical issue considered. The third lesson is the most important. The determining factors of struggle are not in conventions, it is in those sisters and brothers in the streets, the schools, the work places and the communities that are walking point. The world wide respect that the NLG engenders does not come from our conventions but from our participation as sisters and brothers in day to day struggles and the use of our skills to further these struggles.

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## Scheduling Survey

A Survey of second and third year law students concerning the scheduling of spring semester '78 classes will be distributed this week. The purpose of the survey is to determine student satisfaction/dissatisfaction with the current spring schedule. The results of the survey will be used as a basis for presenting proposed changes in the spring semester schedule, if the data so indicates.

The coordinators of the SBA sanctioned survey have stressed the importance of having a high rate of participation on the part of second and third year students. A high rate of response to the survey will, at a minimum, demonstrate to the administration that students have a genuine concern in participating in the scheduling process. However, the immediate goal of this survey is to determine whether or not there exists a need to change or modify the current spring schedule.

The survey will be distributed in all second and third year day and night classes beginning Monday, September 19. Completed surveys can be turned in at several central locations to be announced.