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# CAVEAT



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## To Tinker or Not to Tinker...

By Elliot Smith, First Year, Section A

The Spring schedule for first-year section A students had classes beginning at approximately 9 AM each day and ending at either 3 or 4 PM. Most students were unhappy with that schedule, preferring all morning classes. Many students indicated that they have to work part-time to be able to afford the tuition and living expenses incurred during law school. Other section A students have pre-school children and would like to be able to spend some time with them and also reduce child-care expenses. Yet another large overlapping group has indicated they would prefer being able to study at home rather than in the crowded and noisy law library.

The first evidence of this dissatisfaction was a petition for all morning classes, signed by 68 (of approximately 90) section A students. The petition was then presented to Associate Dean Sharon Golub. Ms. Golub admitted that the schedule was not really very fair, and she had consulted with some professors and found some rooms such that the following changes could be made:

- 1) Monday classes would be from 1:30 PM to 4:00PM instead of 9AM to 4 PM.
- 2) Tuesday and Thursday classes would start at 10:45 AM and end at 3 PM, instead of 9 AM to 3 PM.
- 3) Wednesday and Friday classes would remain from 9 AM to 3 PM.

At this meeting it was pointed out by some students that these changes would still not permit students to work. Ms. Golub replied that this was a full-time law school. Student responses were that we did not want to have less classes, only classes at different times. Students noted that if a room was now open at 10:45 AM, then why not move the afternoon class to that slot instead of moving the 9:15 class later. Thus on those days students could attend classes from 9 - 12 instead of 10:45 - 3 PM. After some other suggestions were raised by students, Ms. Golub indicated it was up to the students to decide what they wanted of the alternatives, and that her suggestions were definitely agreeable to the professors and administration, and that rooms were available to implement her suggestions.

On Friday, October 21, a preferential ballot was held in section A regarding the various possibilities of change for the spring semester. Essentially all those proposals specifying all morning classes won by ratios of approximately eight to one. Subsequent information leaves the proposals as follows:

Monday - If tutors cannot change their schedules to implement all morning classes, all afternoon classes accepted as proposed by Ms. Golub.

Tuesday - Professor Jones cannot teach Tuesday morning. Property should then be moved from a 9:15 starting time to a 10:45 starting time as proposed by Ms. Golub.

Wednesday - No rooms are available to implement all morning classes unless the fifth floor auditorium is used. Professor Moscovitz has agreed to teach in the morning.

Thursday - Professor Jones agrees to teach at 10:45 AM instead of at 1:30 PM. Room 205 is available. 66 students (of 70) indicated they want class at

10:45 AM instead of 1:30 PM. If implemented, classes will begin at 9:15 AM and end at noon.

Friday - Professor Moskovitz has agreed to teach at 10:45 AM instead of at 1:30 PM. Room 205 is available. 68 students indicated they would want the class to meet earlier in the day.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday changes appear to be limited to those suggested by Ms. Golub, either due to instructor's preferences or lack of classroom space.

Changes for Thursday and Friday resulting in all morning classes are favored by the students, acceptable to the relevant professors, and the appropriate classroom space is available.

On Monday, October 24, 1977, I brought these Thursday and Friday preferences to the attention of Ms. Golub. The reply (and I paraphrase) was "There will be no more tinkering with the spring schedule."

A group of students will be meeting with Dean McKelvy and Ms. Golub on Wed., Nov. 2 at 10 AM to discuss the spring schedule. One more preferential ballot will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 1, contrasting the proposals accepted by the administration with a combination proposal which includes administration suggestions and all morning classes on Thursdays and Fridays.

Section A students are encouraged to "Tinker on Tuesday" as well as at any other time needed to promote interests they feel are important to them, regardless of the importance placed upon those interests by a "non-tinkering" administration.

## A Sign of the Times

by Ruth Edelstein

For those of us who console ourselves with the belief that "times are changing" in terms of consciousness around women and gay people -- BEWARE!!

A case in point: "In Search of Mr. Goodbar" is a highly acclaimed movie starring Diane Keaton. It tells the story, taken from a popular novel, of a "liberated" woman who wants sexual satisfaction and no relationships.

Keaton plays a woman who lusts after male objects because she is competing with her beautiful sister and can't have serious relationships because she has a congenital disease. (The idea being that serious relationships lead to marriage which inevitably leads to children which she can't have because they might inherit her illness.) So the story goes that our liberated heroine frequents bars, takes a lot of drugs, meets violent and aggressive men and takes them home. In daylight hours she teaches deaf children (statement on her compassion which is supposed to stand in clear contradiction to her night-time personality). She meets a Jewish social worker type who falls devotedly in love with her and is disgusted by her promiscuity; she rejects him; continues to seek meaningless sex and ends up raped and murdered.

(A preliminary question: Is this liberated? Personally I think not, but that's beside the point. The fact is that women, like men, should be allowed the license to have sexual relations without commitments and/or marriage.)

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After about an hour and a half of viewing Keaton's series of non-relationships ( she sleeps with men, goes to work, fights with her father, takes care of her sister, and has no friends at all), the movie climaxes. Keaton picks up a gay man in a bar. An earlier scene has shown this man in drag, fighting with his lover. The man allows himself to be picked up because he doesn't want to be gay and needs to prove that he's not. They return to her apartment; he can't get an erection and hates her for it, so he rapes and stabs her to death. The end....

The moral: 1) Women who step out of traditional modes of behavior (especially sexually) will be murdered for it. 2) Gay people are psychotic and can't be trusted. 3) Gay people hate being gay and will become violent if they are "discovered". 4) Liberated women love callousness and violence.

In the end, this film goes far beyond pornography or class D violent movies because it claims to be and has been received as a serious and honest film. The movie-going public thinks they are seeing a sophisticated film and instead they are presented with a misanthropic, homophobic, sexist, violent theme that can't help but leave them feeling that maybe she deserved it and that gay people are dangerous psychos.

It is relevant here to mention that in the book the heroine is murdered accidentally by a straight man who wants to spend the night, not by a gay psychopath who goes berserk. The question we need to ask ourselves here is why make that change, and the answer becomes self-evident: Any opportunity to stir up community anger (a la Anita Bryant) will be taken by the forces that be -- liberals included.

This film reeks of cynical and destructive stereotypes on every level. It becomes clear once again that traditional notions about women and sexuality are not only in force but are, so to speak, in vogue. We should not forget that the stereotypes on which this film is built are dangerous and that they affect us on a daily level. Without sounding paranoid, although perhaps paranoia is appropriate here, the attack on women and gay people is not only alive and well, but mounting.

## SBA Holds Meeting

SBA meeting was held last Wednesday. First Richard Wright read a letter he sent to the Dean regarding the committee selection procedures. The letter answers the charges made by the Dean (and also Mary Gerber & Connie Tavel in a recent letter to the Caveat) that the procedures were poor. It was decided that the SBA would set up new procedures for selecting committee members.

Ruth Ratzlaff reported that the Academic Standards Committee compiled a survey on first year grades over the past several years and found no grade inflation. This survey may also be conducted for upperdivision courses. David Rubinoff reported that the Admissions Committee does have an AA program. The guidelines are open and flexible, and the Bakke decision has had no effect on Golden Gate's admission procedure. Admission committee meetings are open to anyone and student input is wanted.

Richard Wright announced he would appoint a new Day Vice President to replace the vacancy created by Barbara Silverstein's resignation. The SBA Board of Governors will confirm his selection. Bill Benjamin was chosen as the 3rd student member of the Academic Standards Committee.

Richard Wright is working on setting up an election to decide whether SBA dues of \$2 per semester should be raised, and if so, by how much.

Next Meeting: November 9 at 4 PM.

## Letters

Dear Editor:

To my surprise I found today that 1/3 of the lockers near the one I share are unoccupied! (14 out of 41). Should law students have a greater chance at getting what they want and need, rather than have resources unused?

Georgia Schwaar

Dear Editor:

I would like to note at the outset that this letter is not meant to rebut the validity of Jenny Brown's comments on softball. In fact, her view of the unnecessary seriousness and competitiveness often placed onto sports by males seeking success on the turf as temporary banishment of feelings of inferiority is one I accept. But the vehemence with which this logical point is pursued seems wholly disproportionate to the lack of importance (in the face of 'important' world problems such as famine, discrimination, war, etc.) it deserves.

Serious propoundment of such trivial concerns reminds me of the needless, although logical, errudications so often produced in the wily towers of higher learning from which we graduated. I need only think about that far flung, esoteric, and ephemeral senior thesis (a rhetorical analysis of 19th and 20th century poetic criticism) I produced, with its resulting uselessness, to automatically question the intellectual fervor with which others pursue insignificant issues.

Yet it also becomes clear to me that we law students are all equally guilty of this aerial thought process which divorces us from the reality of life. Rather than pursuing arcane pigeon holes we become so entangled with law that it replaces reality and subsequently we forget what a park filled with flowers smells like, what the exhilaration of physical experiences brings, and the simple pleasure of a good novel. Unbeknownst, the Law Experience (classroom, library, reading, discussions, employment) fills our reality pushing out those 99.99% elements of life that are non-legal.

What I'm saying is that to be caught up in unimportant esoteric and platonic issues (be they proper softball behavior, rhetorical poetic criticism, or my life only as a lawyer) are symptoms of the same disease and which is really an abdication both to those problems of the world that demand immediate attention and to our souls which demand the pleasures of life.

Stuart Mackenzie

## PLACEMENT NEWS

Coast Guard: A Coast Guard representative will be here on Thursday, November 3 from 12 noon to 1 PM in Room 207 to discuss legal opportunities. Legal work entails environmental protection, international law, trial and appellate work, real estate, legal aid, admiralty and torts. All students welcome.

Student-Alum Program: Over 80 alums in the Bay Area have expressed a willingness to discuss their practices with students. Areas of law cover labor, criminal, arbitration, solo, family, tax, PI, corporate, etc. Do take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about these law areas as preparation for your future. Listings are in the placement office.

Night Students: The placement office will be open on Wed., November 2; Thursday, November 3; Monday, November 7; Tuesday, November 8, until 6:50 PM. If you need assistance with a resume, ideas about conducting a job search, any questions, etc., do stop by.

# announcements

## WOMEN FIGHT BACK NETWORK

A group of Bay Area, Sacramento and Sonoma County women have been brainstorming to form a Women Fight Back Network (WFBN) which will link groups doing women's work across the state.

As women we are under attack. Rulings on rape, abortion, lesbian custody effect our daily lives. A WFBN could enable us to co-relate our different struggles as women, educate and support each other concerning these struggles and form a strong statewide women's power base from which we can fight back.

The Network is planning demonstrations and workshops in the near future. There will be a large coordinating meeting on December 10 to discuss and disseminate information which will be held at the Pacific Center in Berkeley. Please come. For further information contact United Neighbors for Action at 654-0101 and ask for Elizabeth.

## W & R

Any upperdivision student who has not completed the required four units of Writing & Research should contact Sharon Golub immediately. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Kadushin at ext. 241.

## NLG STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 10 at 3:30 PM a meeting for planning future Guild activities at school will be held. Meet in front of NLG bulletin board on second floor.

If you have ideas, or even one idea, to contribute and cannot attend, please contact Paul Arons or Terry Koch or leave a note on the NLG board.

Watch this space for announcement of general membership meeting to be held soon.

## LEGAL SERVICES IN POOR COMMUNITIES

Slim Coleman, national coordinator of the Intercommunal Survival Committee (an organization of white people working in conjunction with the Black Panther Party) will talk on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 3 PM in Room 207. Coleman resides in Chicago where he is involved in litigation challenging that city's use of funds allocated for low-income housing and the Economic Development Commission's plans (or lack of) for job training for the unemployed. He is a founder of the Uptown People's Community Services Center; this includes a legal services program that handles black-lung and other claims for workers comp., housing, custody and other legal problems often found in poor and working class communities.

This talk and discussion is sponsored by the National Lawyers Guild Chapter at GGU.

## CORRECTION

The letter from Paul Jain quoted an hourly salary of \$3.30 for Work Study students. This should have read \$3.50.

## NEXT WEEK IN THE CAVEAT

See next week's Caveat for a review of the Lois Forer speech.

## P.A.D. CONCLAVE SCHEDULED

On Saturday, Nov. 5, there will be a conclave of all the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity Chapters in Northern California. Participants from Golden Gate, Boalt, Hastings, USF, Stanford, McGeorge and Davis will be there. There will be panel discussions on a variety of topics including professional programs such as speakers and job placement. It will be held at USF Law Faculty Center from 9 AM to 3 PM. Participants are welcome to come for any part of the day. Lunch-eon will be available at the school for about \$2.50. Anyone interested in attending, please call me at home, 339-2035, or leave me a note in the PAD box in the Faculty Center or on the student message board.

Joey Logsdon

## Clinic Column

Women (anyone) interested in applying for externships with Equal Rights Advocates should meet with Nancy Davis of ERA at noon, Wednesday, November 2 in Room 207. These placements require working 40 hours per week. The student will receive up to 10 credits for the semester.

In addition to assisting staff lawyers with major impact litigation on women's issues, the externs will participate in a training program developed by ERA. There will be a minimum of two Golden Gate students placed with Equal Rights Advocates next semester. Applications will be distributed at the meeting. All interested women are encouraged to attend.

## Legal Fictions

By Cal Zamansky

- If a person plans to kill another, but on the way to the intended murder site he begins to get cold feet - and in order to regain his nerve, he ingests a substantial amount of cocaine - Can he later be charged with "pre-medicated murder"?
- Is it true a Mattel Toy executive has been charged with assault - battery's not included?
- Can Ronald McDonald say, "Two all beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese." etc. faster than Bob Calhoun can say "Wanton willful disregard of human life, the probable and natural consequence of which is death"?
- Can a marriage contract be held not binding if one of the spouses shows "lack of consideration"?
- Is a landowner's right to air space over his property made more definitive if there are clouds on his title?
- In Wilcox v. Jeffery, King's Bench Division, 1951, the proprietor of a jazz magazine was convicted of aiding and abetting an illegal jazz concert featuring musician Coleman Hawkins, in England. Could he, therefore, be considered an accomplice to an illicit sax act?
- A well known property attorney is planning to start a haberdashery with the following grand-opening sale: "Anyone who buys a three-piece suit and pays for the jacket and pants will receive a 'free sample in the vested remainder'".

# on bread & water

Scholarship Services would like to announce a number of sources of financial aid to which students may be interested in applying for '78-'79 funding. It is the interested student's responsibility to write to the individual source for an application form.

1. Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP): This program is administered by the Financial Aid Office and is available in the form of grants for full-time law enforcement officers and of loans for pre-service students who will be employed by a publicly funded criminal justice agency. (The loan is cancellable at 25% per year for every year so employed.)

2. Hattie M. Strong Foundation, Inc.: Address: 1625 "I" Street N.W., Suite 409, Washington, D.C. 20006. This program offers second and third year students scholarships of \$1000 - \$2000. The application deadline is January 1.

3. Walter S. Barr Fellowship: Address: c/o the Horace Smith Fund, Box 131, Springfield, Mass. This program is available to residents of Hampden County, Mass.; support in the amount of \$1000. Application deadline is December 30.

4. Delta Gamma Foundation Fellowship: Address: c/o Grants & Loans Chairperson, Delta Gamma Foundation, 3250 Riverside Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43221. This program is available to alumnae of Delta Gamma in \$1000 grants and \$500 loans. Applicants accepted anytime.

5. Graduate Fellowships for Mexican or Native Americans: Address: Educational Testing Service, Box 200, Berkeley, CA 94704. This program offers a \$300/month stipend; \$300 allowance for books, supplies; full tuition and fees. Application deadline is January 15.

6. Graduate Fellowships for Puerto Ricans: Address: Educational Testing Service, Box 2822, Princeton, N.J. 08540. This program offers a \$300/month stipend; \$300 allowance for books and supplies; full tuition and fees. Deadline is January 15.

7. Mexican-American Business & Professional Scholarship Association: Address: P.O. Box 22292, Los Angeles, CA 90022. This program is available to Mexican/American students from the LA area. Support ranges from \$100 to \$1000 scholarships; also \$50 emergency loans. The deadline varies.

8. Youth Opportunities Foundation: Address: 8820 Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 208, Los Angeles, CA 90045. This program is available to Spanish-surnamed Californians in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$1000. The deadline varies.

9. American Association of University Women Fellowship Program: Address: Mary V. Hoch, Director, AAUW Fellowship Program, 2401 Virginia Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. This program is available to third year women in amounts that vary. Deadline is December 1st of the 2nd year.

10. Business & Professional Womens' Foundation Career Advancement Scholarships: Address: 2012 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, ATTN: Scholarship Director. This program is available to women over 25 years of age who are US citizens. Average support ranges from \$200 to \$400 but can go as high as \$1000. Applications accepted anytime; awards made in Nov. & Aug.

11. Clairol Loving Care Scholarships: Address: Scholarship Director, Business & Professional Womens' Foundation, 2012 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. This program is available to women over 30 years of age for varied grants. Applications accepted anytime; awards made in Nov. & Aug.

12. Grace Legendre Fellowships; Address: Ms. Mary C. Hastings, Chairperson, Fellowship Committee, Business & Professional Womens' Clubs, 15 South Morningside Drive, Birmingham, NY 13905. This program is available to women residents of NY state for \$1000 grants. The deadline is January 30.

Additional information on other financial aid sources with application deadlines in the spring will be printed in forthcoming Caveats. If any student is successful in receiving funds from any of these sources, please let Sharon Golub know so we can keep our files up to date. Good luck!

Karen Hawkins

## UNDER/UNEMPLOYMENT OF NEW LAWYERS

by David Cooper

A survey recently taken by the California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA) indicates that one in every five attorneys recently admitted to the State Bar is having significant difficulties in finding employment as a lawyer. The survey was sent out to all attorneys admitted to practice within the last five years. 8000 (35%) responded. The comprehensive questionnaire asked whether the respondent was employed as a lawyer and, if so, whether he or she felt "under-employed", i.e. getting insufficient work or having their legal training under-utilized.

The findings:

- Recent Bar admits have about a 4% unemployment rate.
- 15% of recent admits are underemployed.
- About 80% felt that the State Bar should address the problem.
- Over 72% believed the Bar should assist new attorneys in finding employment.
- Over 70% were dissatisfied with their law schools' placement services.

Wally Allen, Placement Director, tells the Caveat that the school knows of the employment situation of 87% of the class that graduated GCU Law School in 1976 (the year before last). Of them 58% were in legal related jobs by March following graduation and that number went up to 70% by August. "I feel that that figure will rise (further), it can take six months to a year to find a position."

Wally also said that the GCU Law School program was different from other schools. Whereas Hastings and other programs rely heavily on the on-campus interviews, GCU relies on exposing students to different areas of law through clinic, work-study, and such programs as the Student/Alumni Program. Also the school's program is oriented to the small law firm where the larger number of graduates end up.

## BRAIN TEASER

Who is this man?

- A. Spiderman
- B. John Ehrlichman
- C. Son of Sam
- D. Reggie Jackson
- E. That's no man, that's J. Lani Bader.

