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SBA Meeting

STUDENT ASSOCIATION TO MOVE ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION;
REPORT ON TUITION INCREASE

The Student Bar Association met on Thursday last week. The major part of the business involved planning for a general open meeting of students and teachers to discuss the future of affirmative action in the law school. Other important business included the hearing of reports from student representatives on the FSC Committees, the passing of a resolution condemning State Senator Briggs' efforts against homosexuals, and the discussion of possible SBA moves to counter the problem of tardy submission of exam grades.

Affirmative Action: There will be at least one general meeting on Thursday February 23 concerning proposals for AA. This meeting will be during lunch and it is possible that a second meeting may be organized the same day at a time convenient for night students. The Affirmative Action Committee is doing the prep work for the meeting, and will print a report in the Caveat of important considerations involving AA before the meeting(s).

Late Grades and Academic Standards: Ruth Ratzlaff from the A. S. Committee took questions from the SBA on the problems involved in the late submission of grades by teachers. Apparently teacher sentiment on the matter is against having a deadline at all, or else moving the present deadline of January 10 to a later date. People at the meeting felt that moving the deadline might be acceptable as long as there was a complementary change in the registration deadlines to accommodate students who may choose to drop out on the basis of their Fall grades. The Association also considered possible sanctions that the school could impose to make any deadlines more meaningful. Ruth will write up a resolution on behalf of the SBA to be submitted (upon SBA approval) to the Committee and/or the FSC.

FSC Hiring Committee: The Committee has narrowed the number of candidates for the three open faculty positions to ten people whose names are being kept confidential. The FSC as a whole will decide on whom the three will be at its February 16 meeting. Student members of the FSC will meet earlier that day to discuss their voting sentiments.

\$112 Tuition and the Budget Committee: Gail White of the Budget Committee and SBA president Richard Wright reported that figures for the Law School's indirect costs were given to the Budget Committee for their OK only a day and a half before the Trustees meeting. Richard said that he requested the Board to consider delaying one month but that after University President Otto Butz denounced the delay the Board voted to ok the increase at that meeting. Richard said that Butz's grounds for not delaying were that students needed to learn that they were not running the school and that they could do nothing about the increase anyway. Gail reported that if the figures she has received are correct, the \$112 tuition may be justified. There is, however, presently no way for students to determine whether the figures charged to the law school for "indirect costs" is an accurate reflection of the value of the services for which we're charged. The student committee members will write a detailed report for next week's Caveat. The SBA also discussed ways to mitigate the damage of the increase through loans and grants.

Curriculum Committee: Beth Price told of her report to the FSC that the Erie Doctrine was not in the school's curriculum. The FSC has referred the matter to the Curriculum Committee to iron out.

Briggs Amendment: Melinda Power's resolution that the SBA condemn State Senator Briggs' proposed Amendment to the California Constitution and bills before the legislature on the ground that they perpetuate the oppression of gay women and men. The SBA approved without opposition. A copy of the resolution will be sent to Briggs and the appropriate legislative committees.

Response on Evaluations

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, Evaluations Committee chairperson Mike DeVito and Dean Judy McKelvey met with a group of students to discuss Evaluations procedures at the school. The meeting was arranged by the Coalition of Concerned Law Students

The meeting was organized on a question - answer format with students asking and Mike and Judy fielding.

Most questions involved the degree of student influence on the retention-evaluation process. The basic nature of Mike's and Judy's responses was to concede that there were problems in the present process (even conceding that the peer evaluations were terrorizing), but that there were justifiable reasons behind all the procedures. In response to inquiries about the weight of student evaluations, Mike and Judy explained that no definite weight could be given them in light of other factors that members weigh, that student evaluations are important when they are extremely good or extremely bad, and that the evaluations were most important in establishing whether the teachers were "communicating". Some students remarked that they knew of professors with poor evaluations who received tenure. Judy denied this.

Students remarked that as constituted there is no way to guarantee that evaluations would not be used capriciously.

When asked why there were no more students than 2 on the committee (there used to be 4), Mike said that some teachers would prefer to see no students and that the Arbitration Report in Bernie Segal's tenure hearing had criticized the pressure of students. When asked why they have any students at all, Mike said it could be for reasons of political expediency. It was further explained that there conflicts of interests with students voting on retention, and that they might vote on matters on the basis of dislike of or preference for a specific teacher. One student responded saying that she could not distinguish that from the ways tenured faculty arrived at their

Faculty Student Council Meeting

Last Tuesday, January 31, the Faculty Student Committee met. Major work included discussing a professor hiring offer, and the disposing of the problem that the Erie Doctrine is absent from the curriculum. The Committee also briefly discussed the tuition increase.

Beth Price, student member of the Curriculum Committee, pointed out that when Conflicts was removed as a requirement for the Bar, the Erie Doctrine was removed from the required curriculum. After much discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the Curriculum Committee for study and recommendations.

The hiring offer discussion was confidential - hence no report.

Toward the end of the meeting Prof. Tony Pagano expressed his indignation at the highly rapid nature of the tuition increase. Teachers indicated that they were not consulted nor informed until the raise was a fait accompli. Some faculty expressed their concern that the raise had pedagogical implications in terms of the quality of the student body. Dean Judy told the Committee that she did not receive the figures for indirect costs until two weeks before the Board of Trustees meeting and that it was necessary to decide the tuition at the January meeting so that the increased figure could be put into the 78-79 school catalogue.

decision on the same matters.

Concerning the absence of non-tenured faculty on the Evaluations Committee, Mike again pleaded conflict of interests.

Some people (including this reporter) asked whether it might not be intimidating for the 2 students on the committee to report back on the goings on in the committee. Judy directed this question to Connie Tavel, student

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committee member who indicated that she would not feel free to "blow the whistle" if things were out of order. Judy's response was that it was the same for her. Mike said that he'd feel free to blow the whistle even if the confidentiality lid were on.

When asked about what happened to Laurie Deutsch, both Mike and Judy explained that they could not talk about that since Laurie declined to waive confidentiality. They did say that Laurie resigned and was writing a notice for the Caveat.

When students mentioned that the process seemed closed to scrutiny, Mike tried to assure people that the Committee's operation was not "Machiavellian".

On the positive side, Mike and Connie have gathered the written Committee procedures into one place. Until two weeks ago they could only be found by going over the FSC reports for the past few years.

Letters

ANOTHER DULL LETTER

Dear Editors:

THE RISE IN COSTS AND THE DECLINE IN SPINES! Defeat! After enduring an entire year and more of minor irritations at GGU I thought that nothing could make me stoop so low as to add my own contribution to the Caveat's renowned collection of dull letters to the editor. But the proposed tuition increase is my nemesis. If my tuition must go to "maintaining" a building I shall never use in its present uncompleted state, may I at least suggest that my increase be used to finance another purchase of the excellent new chairs we now have in the library. Not only will they encourage no one to use the new facilities, ensuring that they remain pristine, they will also increase the marketability of GGU graduates who will receive desirable physical disabilities from long hours in these orthopedic wonders. A diploma from Golden Gate is not a sufficient handicap, only physical deformity will do.

Jonathan H. Erb
Second Year Law Student

ON APATHY

Editor:

APATHY: "Indifference to what appeals to feelings or interest, or prompts to action; listlessness." (Webster's New International Dictionary, 2d ed.) That term, in this writer's opinion, is a proper one to apply to the majority of students at G.G.U. Law School. The foregoing, given the number of important issues that confront us and which should "appeal to our interest, or prompt us to action", is a sad, disquieting fact. Sad, because we have either failed or refused to recognize that critical issues affecting our interests DO exist, and disquieting, because we, of all people, should be able to spot critical issues, define them, and work towards effective solutions to the problems surrounding the issues.

Problems? Yes, there are many problems and issues which do have a profound effect on our morale, our pocketbooks, and on our position, vis-a-vis access and influence, at this school. In case you are not aware of these problems and issues, I will list just a few.

1. Scheduling problems;
2. Tuition (19%!!!) increase;
3. Full tuition for Clinic Credit;
4. Ineffective S.B.A.;
5. Problems w/the Evaluations Committee

The foregoing, just a few of the many problems confronting us, will not go away with a simple "huff and a puff." They demand OUR attention, our collective attention, and they demand it NOW. I commend the fledgling "Coalition of Concerned Law Students" and wholeheartedly endorse and join them. I urge all 800+ students of the Law School to take a similar interest. We must take action now to advocate on behalf of our own best interests. If we are unable to do that, then we will never be worthy of advocating on behalf of others.

Larry W. Bittner

SOUTH of MARKET GOURMET

by David Cooper

JESSICA STONE'S: New Management, Same Good Food.

Jessica Stone's Sandwich Shop at 57 Jessie Street is the closest place to eat. Just go out the school's back door, turn left and walk past the construction. Jessica's has been a San Francisco institution for a few years now. It received a favorable review in S.F. Free & Easy a few years back. As GGU started tearing down the structures next door to build the new building, the sandwich place lost most of its business due to the wafting clouds of asbestos. The old owners sold it to Frank Martinez who has been running it since the summer. Jessica has been famous for its homemade bread -- sizeable rolls baked daily. I was worried that under new management this tradition would end. In fact, my fears were groundless. The rolls (whole wheat, onion, white) are as good as they've ever been. Although the sandwiches are 10c or so more expensive than some other sandwich places, they are emphatically worth it. Roast turkey, baked ham, and roast beef sandwiches are \$1.95. Tuna and chicken salad sandwiches are \$1.65.

Jessica's is presently available to day students only; hours are 11 am to 3 pm, M-F. But Frank tells me that when the new building opens he'll be open three nights a week for night students.

For vegetarians, Jessie's is a good deal. Besides the Jack and American cheese sandwiches (\$1.45), the place carries an assortment of vegetarian soups: Vegetable, Lima Bean, Tomato (75c). Other soups they carry that are not vegetarian include Minestrone and Chicken Noodle among others. Most (if not all) of the soups are homemade.

While Frank has not changed any of Jessica's traditional offerings, he has added Burritos (\$1.95) to their repertoire. These are quite big and come either vegetarian (stuffed with rice and refried beans) or meat (rice, refried beans and ground beef).

Now, best thing of all, for the rest of the month of February, Jessica's is having a "back to school" special. If two GGU students come in together, their second sandwich is half price. But remember, you have to ask for the discount.

Miscellaneous S of M Gourmet News: Herb (who's he?) Caen seems unable to avoid GGULS folks lately. Two weeks ago he quoted Caveat sometime columnist Cal Zamansky (misspelled his name though, but who are we to criticize?) And this past Thursday he mentioned Myron Moskovitz (again misspelling the name). Apparently, a Berkeley professor friend of Myron's was asked why "all the Jews I've ever known are so interested in talking about food?" Professor Tussman replied, "I guess it's because history has taught us that the next meal may be our last." Is my mezuzah showing?

Editorial

by David Cooper

I'm tired of writing and what I want to say seems obvious to me. Still I'll say it because even the obvious must be said.

\$112 per credit is not just an issue of rising tuition and how bad it is that we have to pay it if we do. \$112 per credit is not just an issue of an absence of teacher or student input into the budget process. \$112 is not just an issue of paying off a mortgage, paying for a building, or paying for maintenance. It is not just an issue of form and process, but one of substance. It is a question of the total direction of the school.

Who the hell wants to go to any school while paying this kind of money? If not most of us white middle class folks, certainly not third-world and working class students. Certainly not most working women with kids. Well, maybe the budget process doesn't care a dime whether the student body has a pluralistic profile, but the law school's increasing prominence has been precisely due to its attraction to people who could have studied or taught elsewhere, but came here because it offered an alternative, because its student profile seemed to put forward of promise of increasing pluralism in the numbers of women and in the numbers of people who would be opening progressive paths through the legal profession.

announcements

NADER RAIDER COMING

Craig Kube from Ralph Nader's office in Washington who was supposed to be here last week will be at the school at Noon on Thursday February 9, in room 203. He is currently touring California to visit selected law schools in promoting a new Nader project, the Equal Justice Foundation. The Foundation is to be a grass roots public interest organization whose primary focus will be to improve public access to justice.

COALITION OF CONCERNED LAW STUDENTS

Meeting on TUESDAY, Feb. 7 at 12:30, room 205. Last week we discussed actions we might encourage people to take in regard to stopping or reducing the tuition increase. We're also working on Evaluations procedures.

To do all this we've organized ourselves into 2 task forces. Most people are working on tuition. Others are working on evaluations. Tuesday we'll organize a third task force on Scheduling. Anyone interested in getting some work done on any of these areas come to Tuesday's meeting.

GRADUATING STUDENTS CONCERNED WITH TUITION HIKE

There will be a meeting on Thursday, February 8 for graduating students to talk about our role concerning the tuition increase. If you have any questions, ask Mary Gerber, Martin Staubus, or Cindy Duncan.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 1978 GRADUATES

Any graduating students who have not already done so, should immediately submit a graduation application. The form can be obtained from the law school registrar.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SACRAMENTOANS

Lawyers Wives of Sacramento County is awarding a scholarship this spring. To qualify a student must be a third year night or second year day student and have been a resident of Sacramento County for more than a year. Application deadline is February 28. If you qualify and are interested, see the scholarship file in Sharon's office.

PRISON/JAIL WORKSHOP IN SAN DIEGO

A workshop on prison and jail projects at law schools is currently being planned as part of the ABA/LSD 9th Circuit Conference in San Diego, California (February 24-29th, 1978).

The workshop is intended as an opportunity for law students who are currently members of prisoner assistance projects and law students who are interested in joining or forming such projects to meet and share information.

For more info. contact: Warren S. Bloomberg
2020 Main St. #17, Santa Clara,
Ca. 95050
(408) 296-1476 (eves. or wknds.)

JUDGE DEARMAN TO SPEAK

Judge John Dearman will speak on Friday, February 10, in the Auditorium at 12:15 pm. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to hear him.

Third World Coalition

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Women's Association will meet at 12:30 on Wednesday, February 8th in Room 205. Please add items for the agenda to the list in the Women's Lounge.

BARRISTER CLUB TUTORIAL PROGRAM

All students who want to take part in the Barristers Club Tutorial Program should attend an organizational meeting on Monday, February 6 from 5 to 5:30 in Room 205. Subject matter to be covered and class size will be determined at this meeting. If you cannot attend, please send a representative to speak on your behalf.

ABA/LSD NEWS

There will be a general meeting of the ABA/LSD on Wed., February 8 at 3:00 in Room 209. All members are urged to attend. Please note that non-members are welcome.

Roger Linn, Governor of the 9th Circuit of the ABA/LSD will be visiting GGU that day, and he will speak at the meeting and answer questions.

Everyone should attend if possible, and this meeting is a must for anyone interested in (1) applying for a liaison position with the ABA. (2) running for office in the 9th Circuit. or (3) running ABA/LSD Representative for GGU next year.

1st year students and second year students are especially encouraged to run for office now.

CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION

As reported last week a meeting of those interested in participating in the Client Counseling Competition will be held Tuesday, February 7 at 5:00. However, the location has been changed from Prof. Bernhardt's office to Room 205.

The competition will give students an opportunity to experience an important real life dimension of being an attorney -- dealing effectively with people and their problems.

Winners from the regional competition in San Diego go on to the finals at N.Y.U.

POSITION OPEN

Business Manager/Associate Editor on the staff of the GGU Alumni Forum publication. Responsibilities include article writing, proof reading, production details, and various administrative nittae grittae. Ability (and equipment) to take photographs helpful.

Please drop some sort of resume - including a short sample of journalistic-type prose, if possible - into the Alumni Forum box in the Faculty Center.

Important: include phone number where you may be reached evenings. Deadline to apply is February 10.

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FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

Find out about the workshops given by BRC/CES aimed at getting you through exams. Talk to one of the LAW REPS at the display table during the noon hour.



PINBALL! PINBALL!

A record number of students have signed up for the First Annual Gary Reing Memorial Pinball Tournament (sponsored by the M.O.L.E.s). Those 35 people will be vying for the coveted "Silver Flipper" engraved trophy to be awarded the winner. This year, there will also be a special trophy awarded to the top female finisher in the contest. The M.O.L.E.s have created that special award in order to encourage women to participate in pinball, an activity which for many years was confined almost exclusively to men.

Contestants may play their preliminary rounds at either of the following two times:

- 1) 8PM Wednesday, February 8, at Pat O'Sheas bar, located at 2nd and Geary.
- 2) Noon Thursday, February 9, at the Fun Terminal, located at 120 1st St., across from the bus terminal.

All matches will be played on the game, "Cleopatra". The format of the tournament will be single elimination match play. Players will be randomly paired up to play three - game matches. Losers are eliminated, and winners advance to the next round. At the end of these two preliminary rounds we will have narrowed the field to about four finalists. The finals will be held sometime during the following week. The Caveat spoke with Tournament director Mark Derzon (M.O.L.E). He had this to say. "A number of people expressed their desire that the tournament be held at some neutral site. Cleopatra is a brand new Gottlieb machine. It was installed at O'Sheas only one week ago, and it's been at Fun Terminal for a very short time also. I am sure that everyone will be satisfied with this choice."

All contestants (including those that didn't sign up but still wish to enter), show up at either of the two times, and bring some quarters. The Caveat wishes good luck to all of the entrants.

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