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# CAVEAT



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AVISO

ID cards will continue to be updated in the Dean's Office, Room 200, through the second week of September.

Late registration is being conducted in Room 200, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., until September 8.

September 8 is the last day to register. The last day to add classes, with the exception of externships, clinics, and Law Review, is September 8.

Last day to drop classes is the week before final exams.

### THE PICNIC

The Annual Fall Picnic will take place Sunday, September 24, in Marx Meadow, Golden Gate Park, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. SBA will supply basic materials: hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, potato salad, and drinks. Each person is requested to bring one "potluck" dish that can serve four people. (Vegetarian dishes are preferred.)

Watch for maps and other notices, and SAVE THAT DATE!

### CORRECTION

If you are interested in the work/study job concerning the Alternatives for Resolving Disputes conference, do not contact Carole Levene. Do contact Jonathan Adler, through Dean Judy's office.

### LAW REVIEW SOLICITS MANUSCRIPTS

The Law Review staff has begun work on Volume 9, with the expectation of publishing two issues in the spring. Each issue will be specialized, in that one will survey decisions handed down by the Ninth Circuit, and the other will focus entirely on legal problems affecting women.

Known respectively as the Survey Issue and the Women's Issue, each operates fairly autonomously from the other, with separate writing and editorial staffs. Each is open to the receipt of manuscripts from non-law review writers--professors, attorneys, or students--provided the material is germane to the subject matter of the issue. Writers interested in the possibility of publication in this way should contact Fran Leonard, Women's Issue, or Jamie Elmer, Survey, before beginning an article, to avoid disappointment through misunderstanding.

**CHILD CARE COMMITTEE:** The Child Care Committee is gearing up this year in anticipation of the opening of the Holly Baumann Child Care Center at GGU. The projected opening date is January, 1979. The participation of interested students, faculty, and staff--particularly those who are parents--is urgently needed. We encourage you to attend our second Committee meeting, which will be held on Friday, September 8, at 12:00 PM, in Marge Holmes' office.

## NLG

### COUNTERORIENTATION

The National Lawyers Guild, Golden Gate University chapter, will conduct a COUNTERORIENTATION Wednesday, September 6, at noon in room 207 and again at 5:30 in Room 505.

Though COUNTERORIENTATION has been designed to give first-year students an alternative perspective on law school, it will serve also to re-acquaint continuing students with the Guild and its activities.

Briefly, the National Lawyers Guild is composed of legal workers who identify with the American Left. Over the years the NLG has lent its support to the struggles for workers' rights, for equality for minorities and women, and against all forms of political repression.

At COUNTERORIENTATION Guild members will address the issue of political aspects of first year law study. The advantages of outside legal activity in terms of helping to infuse study with both a human and political element will also be discussed.

As a natural outgrowth of this discussion representatives from the Guild will outline the various Guild projects that are open to student participation. Finally, an NLG member and third year student at GGU will offer a brief run-down on "Politics at Golden Gate."

All students and faculty are welcome to attend. So bring a lunch (or dinner, as the case may be!) or just feast on the wine and cheese that will be provided, but plan to attend COUNTERORIENTATION.

## DEMONSTRATION

**DEMONSTRATION AT STATE BAR FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** On Saturday, September 9, the California Bar will be holding its annual conference. The Bay Area National Lawyer's Guild is calling on all supporters of affirmative action to come protest the virtual elimination of special admissions programs in California's law schools.

Contrary to the intimations in the public media, the Bakke decision is being used as a convenient excuse to cut-back affirmative action. Bakke does not mean that affirmative action must be cut, but it will be without a clear indication that these cuts will not be quietly accepted by either people in the legal profession or by third-world communities. Most California law deans will be present at the conference. Come show them, as well as the state bar, your support for the expansion of affirmative action.

Saturday, September 9, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hilton Hotel, Mason and O'farrell Sts., S.F.

DEAR READERS . . .

Puh-leeze submit articles, letters, notices, and miscellanea to the Caveat, but TYPED DOUBLE-SPACED, not handwritten, if at all possible. The library lights are bad enough on my eyes. Thanks. /s/ The Typist.

# SBA ELECTIONS

## SBA CANDIDATES

The following unedited statements were submitted by candidates for SBA. Watch the walls for further election news, including dates.

### First Year: Section A

#### MARK NISSENBAUM

My name is Mark Nissenbaum and I would like to be your Student Bar Association representative for the freshman class. I am thirty years old and come from Philadelphia, where I attended Temple University. I graduated last May with a degree in Political Science. I am a recovered heroin addict who graduated from Gaudenzia House in June of 1974. I have been free of drugs now for seven years and during that time I worked as a counselor in both inpatient and outpatient drug programs. In undergrad school I was unable to become involved in student government because of my heavy commitment to drug counseling, but I would like the opportunity to do so now.

I do not believe that a student in their second week of school can realistically discover what the major problems in the school are. For this reason I will not offer a specific platform. I believe that our student rep should first find out how the school operates before raising issues. I pledge to work hard for the student body as a whole and especially hard for the freshman class. In our orientation the Dean commented on how the freshman class comprises almost one half of the total school and how important our class is to the school. I believe that one of the functions of our student rep should be to make sure the rest of the school remembers our importance. With the opening of the new building and the continued growth of the school I believe that our school will go through many important changes during the time we are here. I feel it is important that our class have a strong advocate in the student bar.

I do not want to make promises that I cannot keep. The only promises I will make are that I will work hard for you and that I will make myself as accessible to you as I can.

#### MICHAEL C. BERCH

I have lived in the Bay Area for about eight years, and I studied Journalism and Computer Science at U.C. Berkeley. My career interests include automated legal research and management information systems.

The first year class represents a wide spectrum of interests, backgrounds and skills. Because of our size and diversity, the first year class should be deeply involved in determining some of the directions Golden Gate will be going in the next few years.

Please come and meet me--let's talk about some of the issues and concerns of our class. Thank you.

### First Year: Section B

#### ALAN GORDON

My name is Alan Gordon. Why I'm running for student bar rep I'm not exactly sure. It would be semi-stupid to make believe I have some sort of great program to make law school an enjoyable, enriching experience with no stress, headaches, or exams. To be quite honest, I have no more of an idea about what goes on around here than anyone else. As a not quite one month law student I have enough trouble understanding what our professors want of us let alone figuring out how to make the university more receptive to our problems. I am, however, willing to make the effort to understand whatever the issues at large may be and spend the time to resolve them I am home every night and will be more than happy to hear any problems you may have and promise to bring them before the proper authorities.

I believe past experience qualifies me for the post. I am from Atlanta, Ga., and have worked in the legal department of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources since 1972, investigating and writing new statutes for the Southern Inter-State Nuclear Board. In addition I have worked extensively with the Clamshell Alliance out of Seabrook, New Hampshire, the Catfish Alliance in Barnswell, S.C., and am a charter member of Georgians Against Nuclear Energy.

My prior education includes B.A.s in history and political science at Emory University in Atlanta, an M.A. in political administration and a year of graduate work in history at Oxford University. Though I realize none of this is a guarantee of anything, I sincerely hope you will give me a chance to serve you.

#### MARY CANNING

My name is Mary Canning. I am a first year student and I am interested in being a representative for the Student Bar Association. Golden Gate has such a unique reputation for its rapid development and implementation of special programs especially designed to meet students' needs, that it is difficult to remain uninvolved and unenthusiastic.

I have been very active in Berkeley campus and community politics as well as Oakland community politics for the last five years. Of particular interest is the position I held as student/faculty liaison and aide to the ombudsperson on the U.C. Berkeley campus. This particular experience, I believe, has helped to equip me with an awareness and a manner for which the position of representative for SBA might call. I think it is important to have an awareness of those unmet needs of students and an approachable manner, as well as a flexible schedule. I believe my enthusiasm, desire, and background will enable me to perform in this particular position as well as possible and in the manner it dictates.

BILL CREWS, the third Section B candidate, did not submit a statement.

### First Year: Evening

#### STEVEN RUNCHEY

Are you a Night Law Student? If so, please consider the following:

ISSUE: Who will I select to represent me in the Student Bar Association?

RULE: Selection of a candidate should be based upon what that candidate will do if elected.

ANALYSIS: Assuming Steven Runchey is elected, what will he do? First, he will be available before and after class Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday for questions concerning the latest developments in the Student Bar Association. Second, he will post a blank topic sheet for signatures outside room 205 concerning Saturday meetings with Professor Rosenak in Contracts. Finally, he will seek new and better ways to serve you and your interest as night students. On the other hand, assuming Steven Runchey is not elected, he will not perform any of the above functions.

CONCLUSION: Vote Steven Runchey for first year representative of our night class.

NOTE: I will truly appreciate your vote.

#### DENNIS LEMING

Being a first year student, my primary interests are focused on making that first year transition a more pleasant experience.

Perhaps one solution would be to initiate a host system--where a second or third year student would be assigned a small group of new students, to answer the myriad of questions.

If a host system proves to be impractical, at least a questionnaire could be circulated among new students requesting information concerning: carpools needed or offered, roommates, local phone numbers, etc. Of course, participation in such a survey would be optional, but I believe most would find it beneficial to their adjustment.

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Having spent eight years in the federal civil service, the last five as a GS-13 air traffic controller, I feel qualified to deal with bureaucracy. Results do take time, so now is the time to act.

**COLLEEN HOY**

Law school is too far removed from the practice of law. Bridging that gap should begin as early as the first year of law school.

I work for the Barristers Club of San Francisco, which is the young lawyers' section of the Bar Association. The Barristers Club Tutorial Program at GGU is the only link between the students at this school and San Francisco practitioners. I think it is important to implement more programs which will provide opportunities for contact between students and lawyers. An example of this is the Barristers' job-counselling program recently organized for third year law students at USF. Because of the intense competition in the job market, students at GGU could significantly benefit from a similar program.

As a member of the SBA, I can see one of my functions as a liaison to the Bar Association of San Francisco, and I believe GGU students would benefit from my participation.

THOMAS LEATHERS, the fourth Night Section candidate, did not submit a statement.



# LETTERS

Dear Editors:

The staff of the Women's Issue, Law Review, wishes to congratulate you as you begin your year of hassle, deadlines and pressure.

We hope, however, that the Caveat will continue to observe the school policy, as does Law Review, of avoiding the use of gender discriminatory terms such as the one appearing in your first issue, where Caveat solicited a salesman. Personal pronoun, too, should be automatically broadened at the editing stage to "his or her," and so forth. This isn't difficult editing, and is in line with most modern publications.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this.

/s/ eleven members of the Staff,  
Women's Issue #2

(Jeff Kerwin replies: We appreciate the tone of the comment and admire the stylish strength of the writing, but we must confess a professional distaste for such neologisms as "salesperson." We are open to suggestions for less awkward usages and will try ourselves to promote nondiscriminatory, felicitous and precise language. The same problem of awkwardness dogs the "his or her" or "he/she" question. We are experimenting with a policy of alternate use of "he" and "she," giving each equal play whenever the construction requires the use of a singular pronoun, as well as using the neutral "they" whenever possible. In this vein, we suggest substituting "chair" for "chairperson." As Orwell notes, language can corrupt thought as easily as thought corrupts language, and such questions as these deserve consideration.)

# SCHEDULE

## COMM. STATEMENT

I am writing on behalf of the student members of the scheduling committee. We are concerned that the Golden Gate Community realize what work we did this summer as well as the limitations and problems we encountered. We also have some specific recommendations to make that we feel will improve the entire scheduling process.

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### SPECIAL FSC MEETING

Normally FSC meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month. This month, however, an additional meeting will take place Thursday, September 7, at 3 p.m. in Room 407, for the sole purpose of discussing the composition of the Evaluation Committee.

### FACULTY APPOINTMENTS TO FSC COMMITTEES

Janice Kosel, FSC chair, announced the roster of faculty members on FSC committees last week. A single asterisk indicates "Chair," and a double means "Member ex officio."

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Marc Stickgold*	Allan Cadgene
Bob Calhoun	Tony Pagano
Roger Bernhardt	Judy McKelvey*
Marge Holmes**	
Thelton Henderson**	<u>Admissions</u>
	Neil Levy
<u>Hiring</u>	Lani Bader*
Myron Moskovitz	Thelton Henderson
Barbara Rhine	
Mike DeVito*	<u>Counseling Competition</u>
Judy McKelvey**	Bernie Segal
<u>Curriculum</u>	<u>Moot Court Board</u>
Charles Smith	Ted Rosenak
Larry Jones	
Bill Weiner*	<u>Speakers Bureau</u>
Rosezella Canty-Letsome**	Mort Cohen
<u>Academic Standards</u>	<u>Law Review</u>
Mike Golden	Nancy Carter
Allan Cadgene	Joyce Harmon
Nancy Carter*	
Drucilla Ramey**	
<u>Evaluations</u>	
Mike Golden*	

**PLACEMENT OFFICE:** The office is considering organizing a Spanish language course for law students interested in qualifying for the numerous jobs (many in legal aid) which require bilingual Spanish/English. If you're interested in such a class, come to the placement office on Wednesday, September 10 at noon. If you can't make the meeting, leave a message at the office, as Laura needs to get a sense of how many people support this idea.

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**NEWS RE PEREZ:** According to Ms. Scott at the Committee of Bar Examiners, the State Bar of California is once again certifying law students. This will continue until the California Supreme Court comes down with a decision in the Perez case.

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**BOOK SALE CHECKS:** Checks from the booksale are in the mail. If you haven't received your check by Monday, it could be that your check is being held up because you have not picked up your unsold books. See Alice Montgomery, Sheila Gaughan, or Ralph Eliseo at the SBA meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at 5:00 PM to let them know when you will pick up your books.

## PREZ'S CORNER

IF YOU HAVE SOME THINGS TO SAY ABOUT GGU'S CLINIC PROGRAM, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE: Sign-ups are now up on the vending machines for Clinic Committee. This committee will be composed of 3 faculty and 3 student members. This committee will be a reporting committee to the FSC curriculum committee. Faculty members are Marc Stickgold (chair) Roger Bernhardt, and Bob Calhoun. Committee functions will be to explore and review the nature of the clinic and legal externships programs at GGU. The committee will consider such things as maximum number of units, years clinic can be taken, which courses count towards general clinic, etc. The work of the committee will be completed by the end of fall semester, tentatively by the first week of November. Members should count one meeting a week for 1-2 hours. Deadline for sign-up is this Thurs. 9 p.m. September 9, 1978.

**YMCA PASSES:** We're still working on getting them. There is disagreement among the YMCA membership committee as to whether group membership passes in general should be given, and as a result of this all yearly group memberships have been suspended until the committee decides what their policy will be. They are giving out a 3 month off hours pass (where you can only use their facilities during certain hours) but which groups get them is up to the YMCA's discretion and the person who has the authority to approve this special pass for the law school will not be back until this Thursday, Sept. 7th. The woman Rickie Rosen and I talked to at the Y is on the membership committee and she was very supportive of our getting the special passes and will put in a good word for us. Marge Holmes, the Associate Dean and myself will write letters urging them to continue their group membership program and Rickie Rosen and myself will appear before the committee if necessary to persuade them to continue their program. So, hold tight we're working on getting the passes, we'll know Thurs. whether we will be able to get the special 3 month pass, and don't panic- we should be able to work something out. The SBA appropriated the money for the Y passes at their Tuesday meeting and I already have the check made out to give the Y for the passes, so all we're waiting on is word from the Y.

**ELECTIONS:** Elections for 1st year SBA reps (day and evening) and 1 2nd year day rep position will take place this Wed. and Thurs. from noon-1:30 p.m., 2:45 -3:45, 6:00 - 6:50 p.m., and 7:45-8:15 p.m.

**PICNIC:** We still need people to help with various things for the SBA student-faculty picnic. If you have just a few hours you can spare to help us organize it, please leave a note in the SBA box immediately in the Faculty Center on the second floor.

**COMMITTEE SELECTIONS:** Committee selections will take place this week and next week. Our committee selection procedures have a provision that to whatever extent the faculty gives students input into the selection of faculty members for the various FSC committees we will reciprocate. Accordingly it was decided at the last SBA meeting that we would allow various faculty members to sit in on the student interviews and after interviews are completed they will give any comments they have about candidates to the student interviewers. They will not ask questions during the interviews and they will not take part in the final decision as to student members of the committees. I met with the Dean and the FSC chair to select the faculty members for the various FSC committees and gave them my input and that of other students I had spoken to as to our choices for faculty membership on the committees. The SBA decided that this procedure would be followed this year only and that this was not necessarily a permanent arrangement. Before committee selections next year the SBA will decide if they want to continue this reciprocity arrangement for committee selections. The faculty members who will sit in on the student interviews will be Janice Kosel, the FSC chair, and the faculty member who will be the chair of the FSC committee for which the interviews are being conducted.

**THE NEXT SBA MEETING WILL BE TUES, SEPT. 12th, 5:00 p.m.,** room to be announced. We will be discussing budget appropriation procedures as well as appropriating money for the SBA picnic.

## ... SCHEDULING COMMITTEE STATEMENT

First of all, I sympathize with all students who are trying to put together a schedule based on their needs, the school's needs and the Committee of Bar Examiners needs. At most law schools this is simply accomplished by attending class four or five weekdays and some weekends. However, here, in response to different student complaints during the last year the administration asked that students be added to the scheduling committee. Unfortunately this year that committee was not established until after spring finals. One student was chosen from each year (day and night) except for the first year, to represent the needs/wishes of their class.

We, on the committee, have not been totally ecstatic about some of the procedures and problems we encountered but as we encountered them we griped and talked and managed to resolve at least some of them.

When we entered the scene early in June some things were already givens. These were: (1) full-time faculty K's. These indicated which professors would teach which courses, which semester and which section. (2) first-year courses were set, as were the rooms they necessarily had to occupy due to the number of students in these classes. (3) rooms available. Although there was some very limited flexibility in this area. (4) The more popular part-time faculty's day and time availability (5) hours in the day and finally (6) days in the week. Obviously that's a lot of givens. Within this framework then, we began to shape this year's schedule. We had some general guidelines we developed and tried to follow. For instance, if we had to schedule a conflict between two courses we tried to, in order of preference (1) put 2nd and 3rd year courses opposite a 1st year course, (2) put what are traditionally 2nd year courses opposite traditional 3rd year courses or failing both of these (3) conflict courses that bore little relation to one another and would therefore probably appeal to different groups of people. For the most part we worked on trying to put together individual schedules that give maximum credits with the fewest number of class attendance days. During this juggling we drew up several tentative schedules which we "tried out" on as many of our class mates as we could. This need for test-runs and feedback was part of the reason for the delay in producing the final schedule. We got a lot of administrative support during this phase and some faculty even juggled their K's to accommodate student wishes.

We also got together a fairly complete list of courses that "float" from day to night as well as courses offered only in certain semesters each year. This has yet to be put out and we feel that not having it at registration was a real handicap to people in their 2nd and 3rd years trying to plan ahead.

In retrospect of course it's easy to see how things could have been expedited but there is also the reality that as more people are included in this kind of democratic process more time will be needed in order to avoid going past the legitimate concerns of any one person.

Finally; our recommendations: (1) that the scheduling committee become a year long standing committee with representation on the curriculum committee. This is necessary in order to begin the process earlier and to better understand the policies behind scheduling choices (2) that there be faculty representation on the scheduling committee so that students and faculty can come to some clearer understanding of each other's needs. (3) that the student body fill out scheduling questionnaires as a part of spring registration so that we can have that data prior to the faculty K negotiations and finally that (4) the scheduling committee be available to hear student or faculty problems on specific issues as they arise.

There is no way for any one schedule to perfectly satisfy the needs of a student or faculty body as large and diverse as Golden Gate's. However, we can go a long way toward that perfect schedule by dealing with each specific issue that comes up quickly and constructively.

Margaret Petrie