

11-25-1978

Caveat, November 25, 1978

Follow this and additional works at: <http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/caveat>

 Part of the [Legal Education Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

"Caveat, November 25, 1978" (1978). *Caveat*. Paper 140.
<http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/caveat/140>

This Newsletter or Magazine is brought to you for free and open access by the Other Law School Publications at GGU Law Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Caveat by an authorized administrator of GGU Law Digital Commons. For more information, please contact jfischer@ggu.edu.

CAVEAT

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Vol. XIV, No. 14

November 25, 1978

COALITION RESPONSE ON RETENTION VOTE

Just before presstime on Wednesday, The Caveat learned that on Tuesday, November 21, the Evaluations Committee of the Faculty Student Council took a tentative vote not to retain Charles Smith as a professor in the law school. The Caveat has received a copy of the following letter from the Third World Coalition which was read to the Committee at Tuesday's meeting. The letter was addressed to Mike Golden, chair of the committee.

November 21, 1978

Dear Mike:

I am writing on behalf of the Third World Coalition. We understand from past experience that November and December is an important period for the Evaluations Committee's decisions on retention of faculty. Although we have not spoken with Charles Smith about this matter, we wish to communicate to the Committee our feelings concerning his retention.

We take a particular interest in Charles' retention because he is the first third-world full-time faculty member this law school has hired.

Last Spring, we launched a campaign to make affirmative action a fact rather than a slogan at Golden Gate. Regardless of our successes or failures in that effort, we hope that we at least helped the staff learn that affirmative action is to be more than tokenism; it must extend beyond the admission of third-world and under-privileged people into the law school environment. Affirmative action in increasing the number of third-world students must go beyond the admissions process to the financial aid and supportive services process; affirmative action in increasing the number of third-world and women professors must go beyond the hiring process to the training process.

As far as we are able to see, the faculty and the administration has not taken this consideration under account with the great seriousness it deserves. Charles has not been given an opportunity to be trained in the courses he is teaching. The most striking example of this is the recent decision to leave Charles the Equity course this semester, a course which he has never taught before, which he was given little time to prepare in advance, and which he will never have the opportunity to teach here again. In light of the fact that students at GGU have come to expect a long-time Equity teacher as yourself to teach the course, it seems to us that such an assignment was designed to result in student disappointment with Charles' performance. Also, in light of many students' subtle and not so subtle racist attitudes and their lack of patience and concern with the problems of beginning instructors generally, we feel that Charles has had to work under a multiple burden.

We point these matters out not as an apology for Charles, but rather as an indictment of the lack of seriousness which this institution has taken in regard to the training of beginning third-world and women staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAND-OUT MATERIALS: In order to receive hand-out materials and course supplements, each student must show a copy of his/her registration form to verify that you are in fact enrolled in the course in which you are acquiring the materials. Only one hand-out per student, that is, no additional hand-outs will be given for a "friend".
Thank you, Mary Selvy.

CONSUMER PROTECTION COURSE: (Sheppard) Grading options: There will be a required paper which will be graded pass/fail. There will also be an optional exam which will be graded with a letter grade. Students who take the optional exam will receive a letter grade, based on paper and exam, for a final grade, which the students can choose to change to Credit/No Credit.

LESBIANS IN LAW: All Golden Gate Law School lesbians and friends are invited to an informal evening get-together on Friday, January 12, 1979 at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. More details will follow in the January Caveat.

CHILDCARE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Childcare Committee will hold its last meeting of the semester on Friday, December 1 at 12:15 in room 209. We will be discussing the final budget for the Childcare Center and fundraising projects for next semester. Come to the meeting so the Committee knows what you want. This is your childcare center! If you would like further information please call Frances at 239-0474 or Susan at 564-2098.

ATTENTION THIRD YEAR STUDENTS

If you tried to pre-register for courses during open pre-registration days and were informed that the classes you wanted were closed, contact the registrar, associate dean, or the dean. The registrar has stated that he and the associate dean are working on the problem. Your prompt response will give them support and encouragement.

We therefore recommend that Charles be retained and that he be assigned appropriate courses which will allow him an opportunity to grow in his courses and that he and other beginning instructors be provided with the kind of training which would allow their fullest potential as law professors to be realized and demonstrated.

It is the position of the Coalition that a decision not to retain Charles in the absence of the kind of training we have outlined, will indicate a lack of good faith by the faculty in taking its affirmative action responsibilities seriously.

We would appreciate it if you could read this letter to the Committee at an appropriate time in its deliberations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sandra Moreno Kirkpatrick
Chairperson, Third
World Coalition

PREZ CORNER

NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

SBA SPRING BOOKSALE: Due to popular demand, the SBA will conduct a used booksale the latter part of the first week of classes spring semester. Exact dates and times have not been determined yet. Check the Caveat and the walls for notices as soon as you come back in January. If any students would be interested in working at the booksale, please let me know now so I can coordinate the sale.

FACULTY/STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND: At Fall registration, students donated \$560 towards a student financial aid/scholarship fund. Last year faculty members pledged \$2,600 for this fund provided students matched this amount. I want to thank all the students who donated money during the fall semester. You were all very generous. Unfortunately, we still need a lot more money to match the faculty pledge if we are going to be able to convince the faculty to renew their pledges from last year. Plans are in their initial stages to have a fund-raising disco dance in the present library after we have moved into the new library facilities, but that may not be for some time. Therefore, we are again asking students to donate money during spring registration for the scholarship fund. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated.

SBA SPRING BUDGET REQUESTS: All student organizations and individuals who will be requesting money from the SBA for spring semester are expected to turn in a budget request by the end of the second week of spring semester. Organizations should start preparing this budget now or as soon as they come back in January. Call me if you have any questions 863-7880.

VOLLEYBALL GAME: There is a volleyball game set up at the Y today from 3-4. There is a sign-up sheet on the vending machine for students who wish to play in the game. Because of the time factor, only a limited number of students will be able to play each week. Each person who plays must have a pass. ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE Y PASSES ARE REQUESTED TO PLEASE RETURN THEIR PASSES IMMEDIATELY TODAY SO THAT OTHER STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE PASSES TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL TODAY. Just slip the passes under the door of the SBA office before 1 p.m. today. Thank you. Students who sign up for the game today, read the vending machine sign-up sheet for details. The number of games we will be able to play is dependent on how it goes today, so everyone's cooperation is requested. IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP ON ONE OF THE AVAILABLE SLOTS PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR A Y PASS. If you have your own individual membership, you are welcome to come and if you do have your own membership please do not ask for a Y pass- we want to save the passes for students who do not have passes. See details on sign-up for picking up your Y pass on Monday.

Alice M. Montgomery

1. Tuition for the Spring, 1979, Semester will be \$112.00 per unit.
2. No exam will be rescheduled except in case of emergency. This is a change of procedure from last semester. Please take this into account when registering for the Spring Semester.
3. Confirm your reservations on time! You must register (pay tuition and all fees) during the week of January 8-12, 1979. Those who do not may lose pre-registration choice of courses.
4. Graduating students: Applications for graduation during the current academic year are now due.
5. The absolute LAST DAY TO REGISTER (pay at least one-third tuition and fees) for Spring, 1979 Semester is January 19, 1979. No registration accepted after this date. Graduating students in particular should keep this very important date in mind. If you anticipate problems, monetary or otherwise, you should visit the Associate Dean or the Law School Registrar well in advance of the Jan. 19, 1979 deadline.
6. First year students: All 1st year students should participate in the pre-registration. First year students will completely fill out the actual registration form in preparation for the final registration period in January.

FINAL REGISTRATION will take place the week of January 8-12. These are the important dates to keep in mind:

- January 8-12: Register during this week. Changes (free drop/add) are made during this week. A drop/add fee of \$5.00 is effective Jan. 15.
- January 12: Last day to pay tuition without a late fee. Last day to confirm reservations made during the pre-registration period. Reservations not confirmed by Jan. 12 will be purged.
- January 15: Late fee of \$10.00 in effect. Open registration for Consortium students.
- January 19: Last day to register for Spring, 1979 Semester. Last day to add classes to existing program.

BECAUSE OF PRE-REGISTRATION THE FINAL REGISTRATION PERIOD IS BEING SHORTENED TO TWO WEEKS. YOU MUST COMPLETELY REGISTER (PAY TUITION AND FEES) BY JANUARY 19.

ATTENTION STUDENTS

SHARP POCKET CALCULATORS
Business - Scientific - Math.
32 Models to choose from -
Priced from \$10.95



BUSINESS EQUIPMENT COMPANY
(Right across the street)
531 Mission Street
392-1005

LOANS FOR WOMEN: The San Francisco Branch of the Association of American University Women makes loans of up to \$500.00 maximum for women who are within one (1) year of their degree or credential. The grant is to be returned one year after graduation and there is no interest charge. If the repay period extends beyond one year there is an interest charge of 1%. To apply, the candidate simply writes a letter stating her goals, background and need (financial). In addition to the above, the applicant must have a letter from the Registrar of the institution stating she is registered in her final year. It is also required that a letter from the Dean, attesting to the student's good standing, accompany the application letter. Contact Ms. Regina Murphy, 4900 Fulton St., Apt. 204, S.F. 94117.

Letters

Dear Caveat:

Following last week's pre-registration, it came to our attention that a large number of second year students will patently be denied admittance to the Remedies class offered Tuesday-Thursday, 10:45-12:00. We believe that if this situation is not corrected serious inequities will result.

By various estimates, all stemming from the registrar's office, there are 29-50 students currently on the waiting list for this class. That these numbers show a clear, substantial and unmet demand for the class is obvious. They further demonstrate the appropriateness of the class to the theoretical, typical second year schedule. Immediately following the Tuesday-Thursday section of Constitutional Law is a time slot now filled by the large Corporations class. The demand for Remedies should have been foreseen by the scheduling committee.

There is another very important reason why access to this class should be extended to those of us on the waiting list: there are essentially no other bar courses offered which most of us will not have taken by next semester. Most, if not all, of us are currently taking Evidence, precluding the need to take Bernie Segal's section next semester. Most of us will have completed Corporations by that time and those who have not, find that the spring section conflicts with Constitutional Law. This leaves Community Property offered on Wednesday and Fridays. It is outrageous that such a schedule could have been devised, one in which the only bar course available to us so conflicts with the ideal second year schedule as to make impossible a reasonable amount of time for working or internships.

It is imperative that we be able to choose long bar courses each semester. Several possible solutions come immediately to mind. Mike Golden's Remedies section could be enlarged to meet the demand. A second Remedies section could be taught in the same time slot by another instructor or by Mike Golden on Tuesday-Thursdays, 12:00-1:30 or 3:00-4:30. Gaps appear in the aggregate schedule at these times. It may be possible to amend the situation by offering another bar course, Wills and Trusts or Community Property, in the current Remedies slot so that the desirability of taking bar courses each semester can be effectuated.

We shall look forward to discussing this problem with you if need be, so that a reasonable resolution may be reached prior to the upcoming break.

Sincerely,
34 Student Signatures
(on file in Caveat Office)

Dear Caveat:

I find it somewhat disconcerting that the Student Body Association, by a 7 to 3 vote, has seen fit to allocate \$25 to the National Lawyer's Guild for "No on 6" support work.

I am in full appreciation of the function that the NLG and other activist oriented groups serve here on campus, but I do not believe that my student body fees should be allocated for specific positions on specific issues. At the SBA budget meeting, Nov. 4, it was suggested that the majority of the student body was opposed to Prop. 6 so this allocation seemed reasonable. It was also pointed out that the NLG was requesting this money for reimbursement rather than budgetary purposes. Whose been fooling who?

In the future I hope that the SBA will refrain from allocating money in support of specific issues, elective or otherwise. Giving away money to organizations for their operating budgets is one thing; but to earmark student body funds for after the fact promotion of specific positions on specific issues is just plain fiscal irresponsibility. I would also suggest that a more active interest in the SBA proceedings on the part of the rest of the student body would help prevent further mistakes of this nature. Thank you.

Dan McLean
1st year student

Dear Caveat:

I wish to register a complaint about the no smoking rule for our classrooms: the rule isn't enforced.

Although students do not smoke during classes (and I am speaking of my experiences in section A, room 205), many of them light up immediately after class and smoke before class in the room. Because of the lack of any ventilation in room 205, the room even by mid-morning becomes extremely stuffy (to use a euphemism) and hot. The smokers - a good many of them, not just two or three - add the last straw to the camel's back.

Several people in the class have spoken to these inconsiderate people to no avail. They either ignore a request to smoke in the hall or light up again a short time later.

There is now no place in the school outside the libraries where non-smokers can get away from the smoke. The little-ventilated hallway is often blue with haze, and now the classrooms provide no relief.

It is bad enough that the school has forced us into overcrowded, unventilated rooms and that this situation will last the entire year. For the school to add to that the non-enforcement of no smoking rules is incredibly frustrating.

Tangible sanctions (eg. fines?) should be instituted for those thoughtless individuals who insist on ruining the air in the classrooms.

Sincerely,
Nancy Lashnits

Friendly Home-Town Service

Terminal Drugs

501 MISSION

10% DISCOUNT

We have everything: cosmetics,
liquors, tobacco, cards, etc.



FSC MEETING

On Nov. 30 the Faculty Student Comm. will hold the last meeting of the fall semester, to consider raising the academic standards at Golden Gate. Presently, first year students must achieve a 1.75 FPA in order to continue, with the option to repeat any classes in which they receive a C- or below. Students with a GPA below 1.75 are required to repeat all classes in which they receive a C- or lower and cannot take more than 6 additional units per year. In our opinion this is the best policy since no student at GGU can flunk out during their first year.

After the first year a student must maintain a 1.9 GPA in order to continue to their 3rd year and must have obtained a 2.0 GPA by graduation.

This policy was established by the Academic Standards Comm. in 1975. The policy was based on the rationale that a proportion of 1st year students may have difficulty achieving a 2.0 GPA due to the problems of adjusting to the rigors of law school.

A proposal to raise the academic standards has already been rejected once this year by the Academic Standards Comm. However, the issue is being raised again by persistent faculty members despite the decision of the Academic Standards Comm. that the present policy is adequately suited to the needs of GGU students.

Figures indicate that a large percentage of those students who benefited from this policy and have successfully raised their GPA's are 3rd World Students. The proposed changes would have an adverse effect on incoming students, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

We urge all students to attend this important FSC meeting to show their support for the present progressive policy and to prevent its obliteration.

Daniel Hernandez
Julie Kurlander



MAKE-UP DAYS: The week of December 4 has been scheduled for make-up days, as follows:

Monday, Dec. 4	Labor Day (Mon. schedule)
Tuesday, Dec. 5	Thanksgiving (Thurs. schedule)
Wednesday, Dec. 6	Day after Thanksgiving (Fri. schedule)
Thursday, Dec. 7	All other make-ups, as scheduled by instructor

THE FOOD AND DRUG LAW INSTITUTE ESSAY CONTEST:

Possible topics: An analysis of past or present legislation dealing with areas regulated by the Food and Drug Administration—food, drugs, cosmetics, medical devices; An in depth analysis of one or several significant cases under either the Food and Drug Adm. or the Federal Trade Comm. in the area of food and drug law; An analysis of statutory or judicial "terms of art" in food and drug law, such as "misbranding", "adulteration", "new drug", "cosmetic"; any other similar and appropriate subject the student wishes to address. Awards: 1st place—\$1,500., 2nd place—\$1,000., 3rd place—\$500.

How to submit the paper: Double-spaced, type-written form and should be approx. 20 pages in length. Footnotes and bibliography should be appended as necessary.

Deadline: June 30, 1979

The Food and Drug Law Institute, 818 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Second Floor, Washington, D.C. 20006 (202) 833-1601

O P E D

LIBERTÉ, EGALITÉ, FRATERNITÉ by Aristide

The biggest topic of conversation for almost two weeks now has been Otto Butz's \$4950 dinner dance for the construction workers. Even the disclaimer that the tab came out of the building fund and not out of tuition money has mollified no one. Most of the folks I've talked to, think the dance was just another example of the administration's "Let them eat cake" attitude.

As for me, I always get my historical references mixed up. Why only last night I dreamed that as Madame De farge escorted Otto to the guillotine, a crazed John Teitscheid shouted from the Bastille, "Millions for the building fund but not one cent for scholarships."

Speaking of that pleasure palace rising next door, is there anyone out there who really believes we'll be in the new building at the beginning of the Spring semester? Of 1979?

Some third year day and fourth year night students think the building will be ready about the time of their fifth annual alumni luncheon.

And it looks as though not even a spanking new building can guarantee AALS accreditation to the law school. Up to now it looked as though the AALS accreditation would go smoothly. Last week, however, the Dean found out that the AALS executive committee recommended a denial of accreditation. The reasons the committee gave were that the faculty is too small, the faculty doesn't publish enough, the school is tuition-based, and the facilities aren't large enough. The AALS executive committee thinks that the new building isn't large enough either, and that the law school will outgrow it in about eight years.

We'll appeal, of course.



PLACEMENT NEWS

An attorney from Public Advocates will be interviewing second and third year students interested in externships and clinic jobs for spring and for summer. Ms. Blackwell will be on campus to discuss the details with you on Wednesday, Nov. 29. Please sign up for an appointment in the Placement center.

Touche Ross has rescheduled their presentation on working for a C.P.A. firm. Meet with their representative on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 5 p.m. in room 209. This will be an informative event for all law students who are interested in tax.

PHI ALPHA DELTA: The last meeting of the fall semester will be held Tuesday, Nov. 28th at 12:00 noon and 6:15 p.m. Check the bulletin board for the room number.

PAD would like to wish all the students the best of luck on their final exams!

FINANCIAL AID: A limited amount of scholarship funds are available and will be distributed in time for the Spring Semester. To be eligible students must have applied for financial aid through the Financial Aid Office and have been awarded a maximum amount given their circumstances. Students who have not already applied for financial aid for the Spring Semester must do so by December 1.