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CAVEAT

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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ELECTIONS

SBA ELECTIONS: A Candidates' Forum will be held today, April 2nd, noon-1:30 room 316 and 6-6:45 Auditorium A. Candidates for SBA officer and rep positions will be present to speak and answer questions. All candidates and students are urged to attend.

VOTING: Voting for SBA officer and rep positions will begin after the Candidates' Forum starting at 2:45 Monday and continuing until 8:30 p.m. Wed. Voting will take place before classes begin in the morning, during the lunch hour, after afternoon classes are over, before night classes begin, and during evening class break. The voting booth will be on the 3rd floor by the elevators. All students currently enrolled at GGU (including 3rd year and 4th year students) are entitled to vote. Run-off election voting will be held the following Mon-Wed for positions in which a candidate does not win by a majority vote. If you have any questions about voting or elections please give me a call at 863-7880.

SBA MEETING: Tuesday, 5 p.m., room 322. We will discuss budget proposal for funding student organizations (outlined in last week's Caveat) committee selections, and SBA farewell party. All officers and reps please attend.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: The summer schedule of classes is now posted on the Dean's bulletin board and on the door to the Dean's office.

Alice Montgomery

SBA CANDIDATES

SBA PRESIDENT
Willia J. Chapman
Daniel Hernandez
Edwin Joe
Francis Lish
Mark Liss
Michael Pitts

DAY VICE PRESIDENT
Richard Hechler
Mark Nissenbaum
Walter Riley

NIGHT VICE PRESIDENT
No Candidate

SBA TREASURER
Robert Saenz
Alan Scholz

SBA SECRETARY
Julie Pearlman

2nd YEAR DAY REP
Moss Jacobs
Mark Katzman
Steve Lau
Mary Theurwachter

2nd YEAR NIGHT REP
No Candidate

3rd YEAR NIGHT REP
Chuck Crane
Cheryl Isele

3rd YEAR DAY REP
No Candidate

ABA/LSD REP
Charlie Burns
Judy Middlesworth

4th YEAR NIGHT REP
Anne Hipshman
Diana Taylor

FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES: Financial Aid Applications for Summer, 1979 and academic year 1979-1980, are available in the Financial Aid Office Room 100.

Deadline Dates

Summer '79

April 19, 1979

Academic Year '79-'80
(Fall '79-Spring '80)

May 4, 1979

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIKING CLUB: There will be an organizational meeting for a Law School hiking club on Thursday, April 5, at 12:00 noon in room 312. There will be a slide show and discussion of plans for hiking, backpacking, and other outdoor activities this spring and summer.

CHILDCARE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP! Late last week, the Childcare Committee learned that their permit application has been denied. The administration has already met with the fire inspector to try to rectify these problems. The result of this meeting we hope to have today (Monday). However, due to some serious communication problems and the fluid state of affairs, we urge all students, clubs, organizations, faculty and staff to attend either of the following meetings:

Evening Students: TUES. APRIL 3, 6:00 p.m. RM 205
Day Students: TUES. APRIL 3, 3:00 p.m. RM 205

It is essential to the welfare of the Center that all concerned students and staff attend. We will then be able to give you a full update on the status of the Center.

THIRD ANNUAL WOMEN'S ASSOC. TALENT SHOW! Friday, April 6, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium B.

Can't sing? Can't Dance? Can't Even Tell Jokes? The Women's Assoc. wants YOU!! It's not too late to sign up!! If you have an act please put your name, phone number and approximate length of your act in the Talent Show Shoe box in the library. Dress rehearsal will be at 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 6 in Auditorium B, all acts should be there if possible. We also need people to volunteer to help bake and sell food at the bake sale.

Don't miss the social event of the season!

FSC MEETING: Thursday, April 5, 3:00 p.m., in room 326. Agenda: 1. Approval of the minutes 2. Dean's Announcements 3. Marc Stickgold continued discussion of the report of the clinic committee 4. Bill Weiner report of the curriculum committee.

PEACE CORPS/VISTA: Attention 3rd year students and others interested in the Peace Corps/Vista.

On Thursday, April 5th, a recruiter from Vista will be interviewing on campus. He is primarily interested in speaking with 3rd year students or anyone who could begin her or his one year of Vista service this summer or fall. Other students who have questions about working for Vista are encouraged to meet the recruiter, too.

Please read the literature in the Placement Office and sign up for an interview slot NOW.

FILM SHOWING: "Namibia: A People Armed", Monday April 9th at 12:00 noon in Auditorium B. Documentary on the struggle led by SWAPO for freedom in this Southern African Country. Sponsored by: SASC (Southern Africa Solidarity Committee).

WRITING CONTEST: The Inter-American Bar Association is offering a cash award of \$300 for the best paper presented by a law student on one of the following subjects:

1. Ownership, Use and Protection of the Continental Shelf
2. Human Rights and their Protection in the American countries
3. Legal Spects and Responsibilities of nations in

supporting environmental protection
Requirements for submission of papers are as follows:

Language: English, Spanish, Portuguese or French
Length: Not to exceed 4,500 words
Deadline: July 15, 1979
Number of copies: Original and three copies to be forwarded to: John O. Dahlgren, Secretary General, Inter-American Bar Association, 1730 K Street, N.W. Suite #315, Washington, D.C. 20006
Papers may be presented in typed or printed form, with covering page reflecting the title, name and address of author, Law School, and that it is submitted for the "Edwin D. Ford Memorial Award"-Inter-American Bar Association-XXI Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, August 25-31, 1979.

PAD BEER PARTY PLANNING MEETING: There will be a meeting of all interested PAD members who would like to help with the preparations for the upcoming SCHOOL BEER PARTY, April 13th, on Tuesday of this week, April 3rd, in the lobby of the second floor at 3 p.m. Please come support this event.

PAD-ABA/LSD SCHOOL BEER PARTY, FRIDAY, APRIL 13th: PAD and ABA/LSD cordially invite all members of the law school to attend the SCHOOL BEER PARTY on Friday, April 13th, at 3 P.M., in the Old Auditorium on the 5th floor. Drinks and edibles will be provided. Please bring your German gemurtlikeit!!

SENIOR CLASS NOTES

Nominations for class speaker at the June graduation ceremony are now being solicited. If you are interested in giving a speech or want to nominate someone from our class to speak, please put the name of the nominee on a piece of paper and drop in the box which will be on the law library counter. All nominations must be received by Wed. April 4. Next week we will hold an election.

Guest speaker for the ceremony has not yet been determined. At the time of this writing Justice Matthew Tobriner was checking his calendar.

Set aside Saturday April 21, for a day of fun and frivolity. The Senior Class Picnic and Free-for-all is getting organized. We have reserved Kirby Cove (Marin Headlands) which has a small beach and plenty of room to stretch your weary bodies. At this time we are hoping to get a square dance (country music) band so some energy can be burned off. Other suggestions are that we roast a pig. Both of these ideas will cost some money and take some energy to actualize. \$400 was allocated to the senior class by the SBA. These funds were requested to offset the cost of a graduation reception which would have been free to all those attending the ceremony. Because the search committee was unable to find a facility which had space for both a ceremony and reception for 1500 people, the reception will remain as originally planned by the administration--Free to graduating seniors and \$6.50 per guest. Maybe some of this \$400 could be used for the picnic. What do you say, gang? Also, be sure to invite your friends and family who have supported you through these gruesome years to the picnic. More to come next week.

LETTERS

To The Editor:

We were surprised and pleased to see members of the Office and Professional Employees Union, Local 3, leafletting GGU employees last Thursday morning.

Considering the low salaries, poor working conditions and lack of a mechanism for on-the-job problems (grievance procedure), we support the efforts of GGU employees to form a union to improve their working lives.

The employees at the University of San Francisco are represented by this union and have higher salaries and a sense of job security now. We wish good luck to the school employees in this organizing drive and offer whatever support we can to the organizing committee.

The National Lawyers Guild
Golden Gate University Chapter

THIRD WORLD COALITION SUPPORTS DANNY HERNANDEZ FOR SBA PRESIDENT

With the support of the student body, the T.W.C. has been successful in its efforts to place T.W. members in student governing positions. Our goals were to achieve a more pluralistic representation of the student body, focusing on F.S.C. policies and procedures affecting the students directly. The sincerity of this commitment is best exemplified by Danny Hernandez in his roles as 2nd year S.B.A. Day Rep., and the F.S.C. Representative of the Academic Standards Committee.

Danny's sensitivity to the concerns of the student body was represented by his successful lobby for retention of the 1.9 Academic Probation Policy. This policy guarantees all students a second chance to pursue their legal education. As S.B.A. rep, Danny's support for the Third World Coalition's Tutorial Program helped insure that funds were allocated for study aids - BRC tapes and BAR outlines - which are available to all first year students. Danny has demonstrated his willingness to accept the obligations of his positions, handling them in a responsible manner.

For the foregoing reasons, at its March 13th meeting the Third World Coalition unanimously voted to support Daniel Hernandez as a candidate for SBA President.

T.W.C.

To the Caveat:

I am a member of the ad-hoc building committee which grew out of the February "mass" meeting between students and Otto Butz, John Teitscheid, and Judy McKelvey. We, that is, five 1st year students, have been meeting weekly with the law school administration and most recently with Butz and Teitscheid as well.

I am offended by the statements of current SBA members and of those who have been active on SBA committees who are seeking office for next year and are politicking on a "lip service" platform. They speak particularly of the problems of the new building and how they will fight on our behalf. But where were/are they this year?

The February meeting between the administration and students was organized by first year students. En route to the meeting I spotted the SBA president in the hall and asked her to attend (which she did), believing the SBA might be spurred into action...

I was wrong.

A student-administration committee was suggested at that meeting and subsequently several of us got together to form "the Building Committee".

None of us has ever been contacted by any member of the SBA. None of the other students visible as organizers has ever been approached by anyone from the SBA.

I question, therefore, the potential effectiveness of these candidates if elected. The SBA should have been more actively involved in representing student concerns regarding the new building. Instead, they were singularly apathetic. I am wary of those who say they will represent "our" concerns and yet have not. I distrust lip-service.

Marilyn J. Endriss

Letters

To The Editor:

SUPPORT FOR HERNANDEZ - RILEY

I'm writing to register my support for the candidacies of Danny Hernandez for SEA President, and Walter Riley for Day Vice-President.

I've been involved in school politics here for two years, last year as Caveat editor and this year as Day Vice-President. (I guess I'm setting up my credentials in order to give expert testimony.) While at many other institutions student government is a joke as far as its potential value to students is, at GGU it has the potential for being a true center for student advocacy, and believe me, we continue to need strong student advocate/activists to protect our interests here. In assessing the candidates running this year I kept these concerns in mind and I looked for the candidates with the strongest backgrounds in advocacy and with the best organizational skills. This search did not so much eliminate any of those in the running (with the possible exception of Mike Pitts whose student advocacy was brought into question by his earlier defense of the tuition increase) as it did highlight Danny's and Walter's qualifications.

Hernandez is currently the only presidential candidate with direct experience on the SEA. On top of this he is the only person currently enrolled to serve simultaneously on the SEA and an FSC committee (Academic Standards). From personal knowledge of Danny I know that he will combine his GGU experience with the organizational abilities he acquired in his years working with Chavez in the United Farm Workers.

Walter Riley's attraction is not only his capability but the fact that he is an older student with a family. This kind of student has been underrepresented on the SPA which tends to be a bit dominated by the fresh-out-of-college crowd. Walter has not served on any FSC committee or on the SPA, but has had significant experience in school politics. Last spring, I worked with Walter on the Third World Coalition Proposals and saw his abilities in lobbying the faculty and addressing the Faculty Student Council on the proposals. In addition to this, I'm sure that Walter's two decades of experience in Black community organizations in Michigan and elsewhere in the U.S. will favorably rub-off on the SPA.

I'd like you all to know that this statement is completely unsolicited and I hope that Walter and Danny forgive my initiative (but I didn't want my sins visited on their heads). In addition, I beg Mark Nissenbaum's forgiveness for advancing his name as a write-in candidate for SEA Secretary even though he'd prefer to be Day Vice-President.

David Cooper

Dear Caveat:

I support Daniel Hernandez for President in the upcoming SBA election. Of all the candidates, most of whom are eminently qualified to represent the student body in the tiresome and difficult job of president, Danny appears to me to be the best choice. He has addressed in practical and realistic ways the important issues facing the student body, tuition increases, scholarship funding, the child care center, and effective advising and counseling of the first year students, and stands for a continuing, constructive affirmative action program. Though I have not always seen eye-to-eye with him politically on a number of issues this year in the SBA, I have been most impressed with Danny's personal integrity and his growing leadership capabilities. Danny's personable and honest manner with myself and his fellow students is an indication to me of the potential for his strong credibility with the faculty, administration and trustees, a trait any viable SBA president must have.

I have no doubt that despite our differences of opinion in regards my "conservative" bias towards budgeting and affirmative action procedures, Danny will be the person best to maintain a strong, constructive student position concerning these issues. Political orientation is truly of secondary importance as SBA president; personal integrity and commitment being the primary key to doing a good job. Therefore, I will vote for Daniel Hernandez, as he is in my opinion the person best qualified to successfully represent student interests next year as SBA President.

Sincerely,
David "Chuck" Rubinoff
Third Year Class Rep.

Dear Concerned First Year Students:

Do not be intimidated by the fact that the response letter to your complaints about Writing & Research class comes signed by Nancy Carol Carter M.L.S., J.D. and Karen D. Kadushin J.D. who have positions of present authority, more current initials after their names, and an averaged age advantage over you. They are still wrong and you and your gut feelings are right. That's a lucky thing too, because you are the leaders of tomorrow and will resolve the problems that have them stumped.

Once a forty year old store clerk told my fourteen year old daughter to pay closer attention, because she-the store clerk-was her superior. My daughter had the good sense to reply: "You are not my superior. You are simply older than I am. We will not know whether you are my superior or not until I am forty years old." My daughter is now working on her PhD in Psychology.

My Writing & Research class in 1977-78 was terrible, yet I had one of the better tutors. I am told that in the year before the class was so bad that the students went in a body to Judy McKelvey's house to demand their money back. The problem is that the school is cheap and won't spend the money for properly credentialed writing and research teachers. They hire third year students and give them two units of credit-little else. What do the tutors know? They are still trying to learn. Even fresh law professors right out of school who have had no seasoning in the experience of writing many legal documents would be no good.

Large New York law firms (according to Esquire magazine) find the quality of writing of the average law school graduate to be so bad that they have begun hiring English teachers to instruct their beginning lawyers. Is it any comfort to know that according to Juris Doctor ("Is Law School Education Obsolete?" by Joel Seligman in May 1978 issue, p. 16): "A revealing survey of 1960 and 1970 alumni opinion of 6 American Law Schools...found that while substantial majorities of law school graduates (61-96%)...believed that their school had placed great emphasis on learning to 'think like a lawyer', only 0-27% felt similar emphasis was placed on developing 'proficiency at legal writing' 0-5% on the ability to counsel and interview clients, and 0-6% on the ability to negotiate or arbitrate."

If you stop complaining about the inadequacies you know, the Golden Gate Law School will not have to confront its own areas of Law School Education Obsolescence. Your knowledge that your expectations from your Writing & Research class were not met is more real than Nancy Carol Carter and Karen D. Kadushin's verbal reassurances and opinions. You were there. You lost your time and your money. The school belongs to the Student Body. Your demands for an upgraded Writing and Research tutorial program are just and should be met. In a school governed by principles of Representational Democracy, your voice will be heard even to the Trustees level if necessary.

Yours truly,
Frances Lish

SBA FIGHTS BIAS



March 31, 1979

The SBA has joined a growing number of individuals and organizations who are protesting the apartheid regime in the Republic of South Africa by withdrawing its bank account from Crocker National Bank, one of several Bay Area banks which deal with that country. The Board of Governors relied on data gathered from the Committee to Oppose Bank Loans to South Africa and the \$top Banking on Apartheid Committee, as well as newspaper accounts of similar action by students at San Diego State and at several U.C. campi.

Mr. Thomas P. Wilcox
Chief Executive Officer
Crocker National Bank
Second Floor
1 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, Calif.
94104

The SBA bank account is modest, amounting to several thousand dollars at the beginning of each semester. It is hoped that others at GGU will add to this impact. Efforts are now underway to encourage individual students and the University to withdraw accounts from banks which lend money to South Africa.

Dear Sir:

On March 6, 1979 the Board of Governors of the Student Bar Association of Golden Gate University Law School voted to withdraw its checking account from Crocker Bank. We have taken this action to protest against your policy of making loans to the Republic of South Africa. Your loans within that country support the continuation of an oppressive political and economic system.

According to the sources cited above the banks to avoid are: Barclay's, Chartered Bank, Crocker National, First National Citibank, French Bank of California, Security Pacific National, United California Bank, Wells Fargo, and Bank of America

We realize that Crocker Bank has stated that its loans to South Africa are minimal and do not support government operations. Assuming that such claims are true, we have concluded that your distinctions make little difference.

Several SBA members expressed the concern of fellow students that they are subsisting on FISL loans financed by one of the offending banks. The banks all have a policy of not allowing students to switch during the course of their studies. Unless students can find other sources of aid they have no way to avoid dealing with such banks. Additionally, many of the smaller banks have stopped participating the FISL program, further limiting students' choices. Nevertheless it is proper and just for students to join the boycott to the extent of withdrawing their checking or savings accounts with an explanatory letter.

We will consider doing business with Crocker Bank again only if we hear a clear and definite statement that you have completely discontinued transactions, direct or indirect, with the apartheid regime in South Africa. We encourage you to evaluate your philosophy and your operation.

Those banks which the \$top Banking on Apartheid Committee has determined do not make loans to South Africa are: Central Bank, First Enterprise, Hibernia, Mechanics, Security National, Western Women's, and California Canadian. The last one mentioned has been selected by the SBA.

Yours truly,

Alice Montgomery
SBA President

For further information you can contact the SBA office or, the \$top Banking on Apartheid Committee, 2160 Lake St., S.F., 752-7766.

LAW LIBRARY NEWS

Further delays in the remodeling of the old building first floor have again forced revision of the date for the general library move from the law library lower floor. Latest estimates indicate that moving could not begin until mid-April at the earliest. Since law school classes end on April 21 and intensive study for final exams will be underway by that time, a decision has been made to postpone the major move until after exams. This means that law library treatises and state materials will not be unpacked this semester. As unpleasant as that prospect is, the provision of uninterrupted study time from late April through the exam period is seen as a higher priority. Arrangements are also being made to provide additional seating and study space for the exam period. Watch the Caveat for more information on the locations for the auxiliary study areas.

Nancy Carter

STUDENT MESSAGE BOARD: Please continue to check the student message board on the second floor periodically to be sure to find messages for you. Urgent messages from employers and family are often posted when not expected.

LAW LIBRARY DESIGNATED AS FEDERAL DEPOSITORY

The law library has successfully applied for designation as a depository for U.S. government publications. New legislation allows law libraries to receive selected federal publications free of charge, if the library absorbs processing and storage expenses. By taking advantage of this program, the law library will significantly increase its collection of federal research materials at a minimum cost.

NOTA BENE

The CAVEAT finds itself financially embarrassed as the year is ending. Remaining issues will be limited to four pages or less. Writers should keep their submissions short and to the point.

