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CAVEAT!

A major new program

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TWC tutorial seeks volunteers

The Third World Coalition tutorial program is looking for upper class students to serve as tutors for first year students. Some work studey is available, but volunteers are also needed.

Tutors should be prepared to maintain an active role in the tutorial relationship in order to keep its potential from being undercut by scheduling problems, uncertainties of students as to just what they need, or normal first-year "blahs."

If you are interested or would like more information concerning the program and its responsibilities get in touch with Faith Tsuchiya (days) at extension 7587/88, or Sandra Kirkpatrick (nights) at 232-5758.

Application forms will be available in the SBA office on Tuesday, September 4. Deadline for applications will be Friday, September 14.

Enrollment!

Students and university personnel are reminded that parent enrollment will begin September 5 and 6, 12:00--1:30 p.m. in room 310. Information will be available and staff members will be on hand.

In addition, the center is seeking the following donations, which are need by September 12: one record player; two adult-size rocking chairs; bibs; washcloths; twin-size sheets; hand and bath size towels; old clothes (adult and child size); wooden fruit or vegetable crates; wooden spoons; kitchen utensils; silverware, cups, dishes, and bowls (30 each); truck and auto tires; about eight adult size button-up shirts (short-sleeved preferred); baby food jars, any size, any amount.

New ID Cards

ID cards for first-year students are now available in the law school registrar's office. They are the plastic cards which serve as general student ID cards, as library cards, and for check cashing.

Second-year and later cards may be left with the registrar's office for two-day updating service.

Got a stamp?

Reg survey results

Six hundred and fifty members of the student body responded to a questionnaire geared to improving registration, making it relatively easy for the registrar's office to determine that close to one-half of GGU law students prefer a totally by-mail registration process. Some students qualified their answers carefully, while others used the check-off boxes to expedite their reply. Thank you, one and all, for bothering.

The present type of registration process being employed by the law school, pre-enrollment by mail and final registration in person, ranked a close second choice among our students, but, according to the questionnaire answers, the registrar's office must speed up the waiting lines, have a separate express line for those students who have "no changes" to make, and schedule registration according to alphabetical categorization by last name. We will do these things in the spring 1980 semester, and we will continue to lobby for a more mechanized system (including CRTs and our own computer hardware) to expedite the registration process. Student response counts!

Following are the nearly exact percentages of answers to the question, "If it were done correctly and fairly, which type of registration process would you most want to participate in at the Golden Gate University School of Law?"

Student body size: approximately 800; questionnaire responses: 650.

1. TOTALLY BY MAIL
(Pre-enrollment and final reg, including payment)..... 48%
2. PRELIM BY MAIL; FINAL IN PERSON
(As presently)..... 39%
3. PRELIM BY PHONE; FINAL BY MAIL
(Telephone in reservations; payment by mail)..... 5%
3. TOTALLY IN PERSON
(Pre-enroll, final reg, payment all at school)..... 5%
5. OTHER
(Miscellaneous other suggestions; filed with registrar).. 3%

Wally Walker

Public interest specialists

The Public Interest Law Consortium, comprised of Golden Gate, USF, Hastings and Santa Clara, has begun a program which will offer a specific curriculum, seminars, an educational clearinghouse, a yearly conference and serious scholarship money to persons interested in the public law field (including, for example, family law, poverty law, administrative law, labor law, public defending, environmental law, housing law).

Persons who complete the program, which will amount to a major field of study throughout law school, will end with a diploma announcing them as specialists in public interest law, which is expected to be of significant advantage to those seeking entry-level jobs in the public interest field.

The Consortium program will have three main parts. The public interest scholarship major will consist of nine electives in the field, including one, a public interest law seminar, aimed specifically at and required of participants. Public interest majors will be able to take the electives at any of the participating schools (except Hastings, which is in the consortium but the administration of which seems curiously lukewarm toward clinic-type programs). In the future, information on public interest majors will go out to first year students even before they register. While they will still face the standard first-year curriculum, they can begin planning for the P.I. major, and can perhaps contribute some time to part two.

The second part of the program will be the Public Interest Law Clearinghouse, which will consist of a library of materials oriented specifically to P.I. majors, and a publication. The latter will be a newsletter, amounting almost to a law review. It will be carried on by volunteers (or with work study money) and participation will be required of P.I. majors (none of which should be confused with the various services of Commerce Clearing House, a commercial loose-leaf service). It is contemplated that even first year students who can find a little time will be able to participate to some extent, thus gaining a valuable overall sense of what the program is about.

Women's Association

The Women's Association will hold its first general meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 5 at 3 p.m. The room has not been announced but will be posted, along with a tentative agenda, on the bulletin board near room 223.

The Association particularly encourages night division women to attend if at all possible. There will be meetings scheduled later in the year at more convenient time for them.

The third part is money. HEW is making three scholarships available to the consortium, with GG, Santa Clara and USF each getting one, consisting of \$3900 tuition and a \$3900 stipend. Each school will make its award as it sees fit.

Current plans call for Golden Gate to select five second-year day (third-year night) students and five third-year day (fourth-year night) students for our initial participation, and our scholarship will be awarded to one of the latter group in the near future.

In addition to the above there will be a yearly conference, currently scheduled for the weekend of October 19-20 at Santa Clara, which will be free to participating students.

Anyone interested who missed the informational meetings held last week should get in touch with Marge Holmes immediately.

Caveat staff

As reported elsewhere, the SBA has decided to open interviews for all Caveat staff positions. Current plans call for two editorial assistants and one advertising and business rep to be selected.

The editorial staff jobs will entail working on the content of the paper itself, including writing, reporting, interviewing, developing feature material, and whatever comes along. In addition staff members will learn the mechanics of assembling each week's Caveat for the printer provided that the work in progress in the supposed Caveat office ever concludes).

Experience is of course helpful but not necessarily required. The main value of newspaper experience would be having learned that writing under deadline is not the nurturing of a tender blossom but the crafting of a product out of recalcitrant material--English--for immediate consumption and discard.

The advertising rep will solicit advertising and do the associated paperwork to get us paid for it.

The editorial jobs carry a tuition remission of eight units apiece. The advertising salesperson will receive a 25% commission on what she or he brings in.

Anyone interested should make him- or herself known to Danny Hernandez or myself. (By the time this is published there should be a Caveat mailbox in the library.) Please include your class schedule so that we can schedule interviews. If you have a resume bring it along, but don't write one up for the purpose. A general writing sample would, however, be very helpful.

BA elections

All students should be aware of the upcoming elections to fill vacancies in SBA offices, and first-year students in particular should be considering their choices for first-year reps. There are two day division reps to be elected from the first year (one from each section) and two from the night division. In addition there are two more representative spots open due to resignations or changes from night to day division, and an opening for night vice president.

The election committee of the SBA will be publicizing nominating procedures, and also the procedures and rules by which candidates are entitled to put a statement on their own behalf in the Caveat. It is currently hoped that nominations can begin this week, with statements being published in the issue of September 10.

Women and law w/s

The Women and the Law Conference has two work study positions available: one is for a typist and the other for someone to do typing and clerical work with an emphasis on publicity and registration. Those women and men interested should contact Lori Wider at the conference office (442-7258) or leave a message on the conference bulletin board.

WOMEN AND THE LAW COMMITTEES

The following Women and the Law Conference committees will be meeting the first week of September:

- Tuesday, Sept. 9: Publications, 4:00 p.m.
 Fundraising, 5:00 p.m.
 Programming, 5:30 p.m.
 Entertainment, 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 5: Core Committee, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 6: Publicity, 5:30 p.m.

Please see bulletin board outside conference office (mezzanine) for room numbers.

THIRD WORLD COALITION ELECTIONS

The Third World Coalition will be holding its annual election for the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer. Anyone interested and wanting more information on the positions should contact Sandra Kirkpatrick at 232-5758. The following dates are important:

- Friday, Sept. 7: Deadline for declaring
 candidacy
- Tuesday, Sept. 11: "Meet the Candidates"
 5:30 p.m., room to be
 announced
- Tuesday, Sept. 18: Elections
 5:30 p.m., room to be
 announced

Now hear this

To the editor:

Every year I deal with students who have missed a class of mine (or will miss one) and want to find out what happened while they were gone. Sometimes they are lucky enough to know a colleague in the class who tape recorded it so that they can listen to the tape, but it is all too haphazard. The SBA could be really useful here by getting one student in each class to take responsibility for having the class taped and having the tape kept in an available place (preferably with some tape recorders around) for others to listen to at their convenience. It wouldn't be necessary to have a gigantic tape library, since tapes need only to be saved about a week or so before being reused.

This would also let students who are attending a class participate more because it would reduce the need to concentrate on note-taking during the class, since that could be done later, if necessary, by listening to the tape. It would let people who learn better in the morning "take" their afternoon class then, when they are better able to profit from it. And it would let those who don't like to have to go to class at all do so and then catch up later on if that works better for them. (I've never found much value in filling up classroom seats with lots of people who really don't want to be there.)

The only inconvenience it would have for me is that it would be somewhat harder for me to deny having said something if it's on tape. But I think I can find a way around that anyway.

Roger Bernhardt

Litigate with Bader

Lani Bader is seeking a student to work as a litigation assistant in a suit to be filed very soon against a corporation. The issue is the rights of minority shareholders vis-a-vis a proposed change of state of incorporation (from California to Delaware), and will involve constitutional and choice-of-law questions.

Since declaratory relief is being sought, the suit, which will be in state court, will have an early hearing. Tentative estimates are for a complaint within a week or so, arguments within a month, and a probable outcome within six months.

Two units are available, and persons interested should contact Lani in the faculty center.

Passes, budget, apartheid

Thursday night's SBA meeting received some encouraging news about Y passes, but in the absence of a quorum sufficient to authorize the major expenditure required (and in the presence of unresolved doubts of some members) took no final action.

Steve Atkins, delegated by the last meeting to investigate, reported that the woman now handling memberships for the Embarcadero YMCA was entirely amenable to the idea of our issuing some sort of daily pass for a limited time period (morning, afternoon or evening) which would refer to a permanent pass owned by us which would not leave the school. Rather than handing out the pass itself we would, in effect, hand out some sort of chit which would represent the pass for a limited time only, and then be discarded, thus obviating the problem of passes that don't get returned. One pass owned by us would be guaranteed to generate three use periods a day for separate people.

While this agreeable response was a happy surprise, several representatives questioned whether the people who actually administer the hour-to-hour use of the Y would be equally agreeable, and at least one, night representative Chuck Crane, was frankly dubious about the required expenditure for a program of no benefit to the night division. He agreed, however, to point out to night students that the system being discussed might offer some utility to night students for the first time, and to report their reaction.

A year's pass currently costs \$105, and is about to go up to \$120. Passes purchased by the quarter are \$35, and will go up to \$40. A block of ten full-year passes at the current rate would therefore amount to \$1050, a significant fraction of the whole SBA budget, especially at a time when we have not heard from the University about this year's initial receipts of SBA dues, much less gotten the money.

Various alternative arrangements for the purchase of passes were discussed (fewer passes, perhaps by the quarter), and questions were also raised as to how even the simplified bookkeeping contemplated could be handled at this end without tying someone down to the SBA office. (No one is currently available for such duty.)

The matter was laid over until next week.

ABA/LSD

ABA Law Students Division representative Charlie Burns reported on the advantages of ABA/LSD membership, of which the most significant to the school as a whole is the availability of ABA matching funds money to help finance local projects--provided the school has 30% or better ABA/LSD membership. (Golden Gate has about 20% currently.) Also available: the opportunity to compete in the national client counseling competition and the national appellate advo-

cacy competition, besides various individual benefits (subscriptions, discounts on educational matter, insurance).

COMMITTEE SELECTION

Walter Riley, coordinating the arrangement of small groups to interview and select members for the student faculty committees, reported that signups by applicants were coming in slowly, partly because the last Caveat was late with the announcement and partly because the list must be posted at the SBA office in the library basement (rather than on the second floor as was done last year). He recommended that the period for signup be extended one week, and this was agreed upon. Deadline is now 4:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6.

BUDGET

Chuck Crane reported for the budget committee that the budget request forms on which organizations seek money from the SBA will need only slight modification and should be ready by next week. The forms have proved to be fairly simple, suggesting that last year's procedural debates sprang from some other source.

APARTHEID

Sandy Van Brock addressed the SBA on the question of patronizing or declining to patronize banks which do business with the current government of South Africa. (The Stop Banking on Apartheid Committee.) He recalled that the SBA had last year withdrawn its funds from its then-current bank because of this issue, and hoped that SBA support would continue. The ongoing effort is now two-pronged: to encourage individual members (and students at large) to withdraw their individual accounts from such banks (when they are not locked in by FISL regulations), and to attempt to get the University to move its accounts. Sandy referred to a letter from Crocker (from which the SBA withdrew its funds) in which the bank acknowledged the SBA's concern and suggested different ways of viewing Crocker's involvement in South Africa, and also recounted objections raised by the University along similar lines, having to do with the potential harm to black people of a complete withdrawal of funds from South Africa, the possibility of exerting some influence through the banking presence there, etc. It was pointed out that numerous concerned Americans and organizations have rejected the proposed reasoning as spurious.

Persons seeking information on the whole question can inquire at the SBA office or the Stop Banking on Apartheid Committee, 2160 Lake Street, San Francisco (752-7766).

NEXT

The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5, either in the moot court room or the conference room of the library basement.