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# CAVEAT!

Did you say  
free beer?

(See inside)

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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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## SBA election - runoff in §A

The SBA has announced the following results in last week's elections:

First year rep, section A: *Farrell 21, Volkerts 21, Bradford 10.*

First year rep, section B: *Rhone 34, Lash 16.*

First year rep, night: *Mike Elzey 11 (write-in).*

Sarah Vizzard and Pat Warner were unopposed as third year day rep and night vice president respectively.

Run-off election for first year day rep from section A (between Farrell and Volkerts) will be held September 27 (Thursday) with voting from 12 to 1:30 and 2:35 to 3:15 on the third floor.

## Scholarships for unmet need

Marge Holmes has announced that a scholarship committee has been organized to distribute the funds that the school currently has available. At present, the chief criterion for eligibility is having an unmet need after having received your maximum award from the financial aid office. *If you have an unmet need on record, you will automatically be considered for these funds. Nothing more need be done.*

If there are compelling reasons why you did not go through the Financial Aid Office, or which lead you to believe your unmet need amount is in error, you must submit a petition to the Deans' Office by September 28 at 5 p.m. explaining your circumstances. Be advised that you have a heavy burden in convincing the committee that the unmet need figures should not be used.

The committee: Bob Calhoun, Dan Hernandez, Marge Holmes, Sandra Kirkpatrick, Judy McKelvey.

## Public interest list due

The Deans' Office has announced that a list of students accepted into the Public Interest Law program should be available early in the week of September 24. If not already announced by the time you're reading this it should be out soon. Announcement of the scholarship award may be delayed since the award has to be approved by the advisory board. In any event the money won't be available until October.

## Enrollments - have the good times gone?

When Yale loses students because enrollments drop, it can draw them from Harvard, which in turn can make good its losses by taking people who would otherwise have gone to, say, Chicago, which in turns dips a little lower into its applicant pool and makes up the deficit from somewhere else.

But what happens around the end of the line of dominoes? If you're an unaccredited school in California you begin to have trouble making the payroll. If you're Golden Gate you start thinking about reducing the size of your entering class -- especially if the ABA is already making rumbling noises about the credentials of your last entering class and your student

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## Caverrata rusticana

Hello . . . Caveat office.

*Is that the editor speaking?*

Yes.

*Editor of the Caveat?*

That's right.

*Well listen you doorknob the picnic is SEPTEMBER 29 not October like you said SEPTEMBER you know what it's going to be like out there in October it's going to be blowing hard enough to turn your hamburger inside out right in your hand probably pouring rain a person could catch pneumonia probably sue the school and everything which is why the picnic's in SEPTEMBER not October nobody in their right mind would hold a picnic in October so the least you can do is tell people the right date also how to get out there and a map of that part of the park would be nice nobody likes to be blundering into some lake or something looking for the picnic scaring the ducks and all they got feelings too you know and also what about the softball game and what kind of stuff do we still need if anything and mainly that it's SEPTEMBER 29 cause that's THIS SATURDAY so let's get organized! (Click)*

(Well, fair enough: see pages two and three.)

# Hum baby, hum baby, no hitter...

To begin with, please get the idea that this picnic is something we do for ourselves, not something a few of us do for the rest of us. A general attitude of willingness to join in doing whatever needs to be done will mean that no one will get stuck doing very much of anything. Because volunteers are requested for particular reasons below doesn't mean you can't come and contribute to whatever appeals to you.

## FOOD

Hamburgers (and soy burgers, which really are pretty good) are provided, along with condiments, beer, soft drinks and natural fruit juices. Deserts and salads are solicited on a potluck basis, with reimbursement available from the SBA for major contributions (of those items, or other entrees, or whatever your specialty is).

To be sure of having pure vegetarian dishes, you should probably bring your own.

**CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED:** large cooking and serving utensils: salad bowls, pots, large spoons, knives, serving forks, spatulas, etc. Persons who expect to volunteer to help with the cooking should bring the tools they're used to using. We also need large plastic cans for holding ice and beverages (20-30 gallon range), and we need to know in advance if any are available to forestall buying any.

## SOFTBALL

Now that 900 people have signed up to play in the faculty-student softball game (can we use the platoon system?) be advised that *priority will go to those who appear early to do some of the preliminary work* (including setting up the baseball diamond). "Early" here means before 10 a.m.

In general, early-arriving volunteers will be particularly helpful, since we'll need people to help unload, set up the barbecue, and also just to secure the location. Just showing up is fine--but letting Danny Hernandez know in advance you'll be there is even better.

Besides the faculty-student game, a first-year inter-sectional game seems to be in the works, and there is talk of yet another game for those who don't take their softball all that seriously.

## VOLLEYBALL

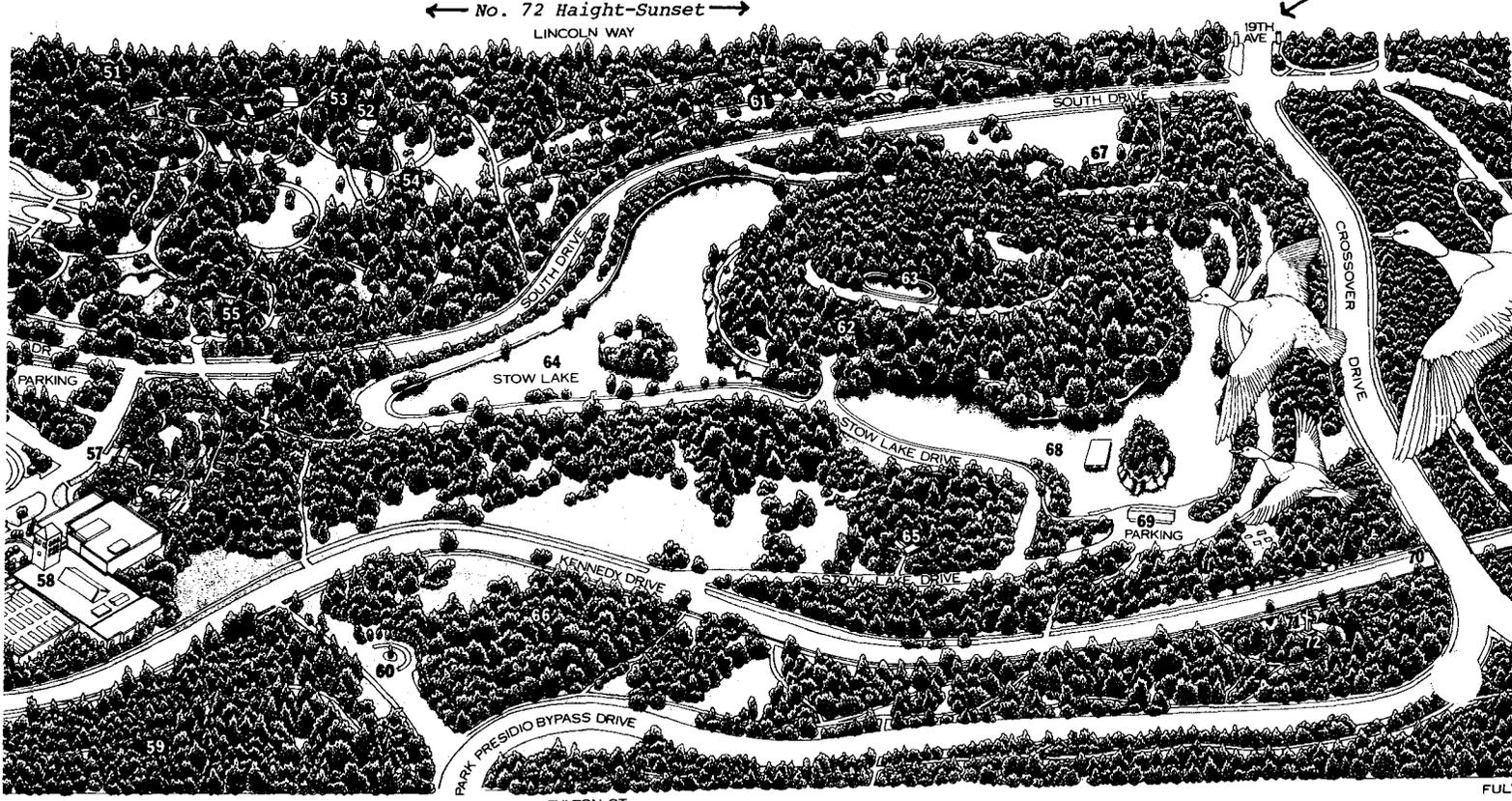
So far we have a committment for one net and ball, and more would be welcome. Volleyball is always sufficiently popular that we could probably keep at least one more game busy and perhaps two.

In addition to the above, Treasurer Bob Saenz is working on games for the younger kids.

← N Judah streetcar (two blocks south, parallels Lincoln) →

← No. 72 Haight-Sunset →

← No. 28 Nineteenth →



← No. 5 McAllister bus →

CAR POOLS

With BART shut down and the cost of transportation up, car pools are being set up to make it easier for everyone to be able to reach the picnic. Passengers will be expected to contribute to the cost of gas and tolls (if any) unless the driver decides otherwise.

Sign-up sheets are posted on the library announcement board, the SBA office in the library basement, the second floor SBA board, and the third floor bulletin board between rooms 316 and 318. Deadline for signups is Wednesday, September 26, 5 p.m., in order to give drivers and passengers time to make arrangements with one another. Lists of drivers and riders will be posted in the same places on Thursday.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The northern edge of the park is Fulton Street (at the bottom of the map) and the 5-McAllister trolley runs its whole length. You can get it on Market anywhere from the Ferry Building (its terminal) west to McAllister where it turns off.

The southern edge of the park is Lincoln Way. The 72-Haight Sunset runs out Lincoln to 37th, which is enough, as the map shows. It runs from Fifth and Market (terminal is actually on Fifth just south of Market) out Market to Haight thence out Haight toward the park. (Note that the 71-Haight Noriega starts from the same

place and runs the same route, but turns away from Lincoln at 22d Avenue, still a fair walk away.)

The N-Judah streetcar runs all the way out Judah to the Ocean, parallel to and two short blocks south of Lincoln. Downtown terminal is at the East Bay Terminal (right by school) and you can get it anywhere on Market until it turns off at Duboce.

Numerous busses connect with the above, of course. Of crosstown busses there are two which run into the park itself. The 10-Monterey runs past the band shell-museum area (where Tut is), which is a fair walk away from the picnic, at least if you're carrying anything. (But you could get off at Lincoln or Fulton and transfer to one of the lines mentioned above.) The 28-Nineteenth Avenue runs through the park with stops at 25th Avenue on the north and 19th Avenue on the south; the former would be pretty close. Good connection from the Marina or Sea Cliff area at one end, outer nineteenth Avenue, City College area at the other.

Muni information is 673-MUNI; hang on -- they'll answer eventually. Also, the whole story on SF transit is to be found in the center of the San Francisco phone book, yellow pages 3-5 (both a map and route narrations). The map is pretty small, but if you squint long enough you can learn just about anything. Succeeding pages have GG transit and BART information, the latter still useless as of this writing.

*About the map: most of the numbers appearing hereon have no connection with us, but a couple are handy. 58, on the left hand edge, is the back side of the De Young (where Tut is). That's the area the No. 10 bus goes through. No. 83 on the right hand edge is Speedway Meadow. The western end is where we'll be. The round section that looks like a piece of track is a piece of track-- the dirt track surrounding the Park's athletic field. We're just through the bushes from the southeast corner. Note that this view is toward the south -- north is not at the top. If, from your seat on the Great Bird, you looked to the left you'd be looking downtown, toward school; to your right would be the ocean. The Gate bridge and Marin are behind you.*



Avenue stops



No. 28 Nineteenth Avenue stops →

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to faculty ratio, while the number of applications continues to drop.

Last Thursday's FSC meeting heard from Dean Judy McKelvey that the national ABA (not the California Bar Association) has indicated some uneasiness about the level of GPA we reached down to last year, and about the student/faculty ratio, currently 30.7:1. While the GPA issue was labeled a "red herring," on the grounds that every school in the country has some surprisingly low GPA somewhere in its entering class, Dean McKelvey assured the meeting that many law schools, some of them very large, are hearing the same complaint.

*The question of student/faculty ratio is undoubtedly real, however, and made more worrisome because the standards, and even sometimes the inspecting personnel, of the ABA and AALS increasingly overlap. The school has just finished an AALS mini-inspection which it is hoped will lead to AALS accreditation -- a valuable thing to have as the competition for applicants grows stiffer.*

Issues like these quickly provoke those who must deal with them into debate about fundamental questions of educational and political philosophy -- if the two can be separated -- and that was the case Thursday night. Unfortunately the provocation works equally well on those who are in the middle of the admissions process, either by being on the committee or in the office, and those whose grasp of the workings of that process is much less assured than their grasp of their own philosophy, and that was also the case.

Much of the meeting was consumed by queries directed at Admissions Director Janis Boster about details of our admitting process and assorted statistics. The former questions were complicated by the fact that persons who have worked on the teams which read files and make the initial yes or no decision were giving different answers than those who work in the office, which is entirely natural, since those who do the reading are not subject to any unified standard. There was general agreement, however, that we admit people who would not get in here, and perhaps not anywhere, if judged strictly on the numbers, and that we pride ourselves on the fact.

*The question is, what becomes of those people when the pressure is on to let the total enrollment shrink, reducing the size of the entering classes, both because the pool of applicants with respectable numbers is dwindling and also because that's one direct way to deal with the ratio problem when you can't currently afford to hire more full-time professors?*

Nobody has any answers yet. The meeting ended with the announcement by Mort Cohen that an interim committee on admissions policy would be appointed and directed to compile statistics, formulate recommendations and report to the next meeting in October.

It wasn't all humorless, however. Near the end Myron Moskovitz suggested that if, as had been argued, the ABA's concern with ratios is not about class sizes, but about freeing professors for scholarly writing, we certainly won't talk them out of it. It might, however, indicate something to them if the professors we have now, with the current ratio, simply published more, perhaps pursuant to a publication requirement. For all the enthusiasm that got he might as well have announced an extra 200 pages of reading for the next day.

-- C. E.

## Spanish classes -- and some talk about stress

Due to the wide range of backgrounds of those interested, Spanish for attorneys has become a two-section class.

The beginning class will be held Wednesdays and Fridays, noon to 1 p.m., room 300. The first meeting is Wednesday, September 26, and the \$30. fee will be due at that time.

Advanced students will meet with Rodolfo Villa Lobos on Tuesday, September 25, at noon in room 300 to discuss scheduling of that section.

If unsure what section you're in, please see me.

Upcoming speaker: Dr. Steve Purcell, chief resident at Langley Porter psychiatric unit of U.C. Medical Center. Steve will be speaking on Tuesday, October 2, addressing a variety of topics, including: handling stress while in law school, forensic psychiatry, the psychiatric side of domestic relations work, commitment proceedings. Watch the Caveat and bulletin boards for more details.

Laura Greenfield

## Lockers going dark

The following numbered lockers have not yet been made use of. If not in use by Wednesday, September 26, they will be reassigned.

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427	486	642	647	657	6
434	495	643	650	659	662
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## ABA / LSD Insurance

Charlie Burns, GGU's representative to the Law Students Division of the ABA, has placed brochures describing their group accident and sickness insurance plan in the Deans' Office, as well as claim forms. Students must be LSD members to subscribe.

## Meetings

### Women's Association

The Women's Association reminds students of the upcoming meeting Wednesday, September 26, at 3:00 p.m. in room 322. Main business is the selection of additional steering committee members, with first-year students encouraged to submit their names. In addition there will be time devoted to an informal get-together, with wine and light refreshments served.

### NLG

The National Lawyer's Guild will have a general meeting on Tuesday, September 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the moot courtroom on the sixth floor. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.