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Restructuring the FSC?

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY CUTS STUDENTS OUT

In what could be described as a clandestine meeting, twenty members of the faculty met in an undisclosed house in Berkeley to discuss the fate of the student members on the Faculty-Student Council (FSC). The meeting, which lasted six hours, culminated in a vote by the faculty present to propose restructuring the FSC.

At a faculty only retreat held in early May, a proposal was made to eliminate students from the FSC. Again at another faculty only meeting, the concept was set forth and the recent Berkeley meeting was set aside specifically for discussion of the disenfranchisement of students from the FSC.

The faculty, in a 13 to 7 vote, adopted a proposal that would abolish student participation from the Academic Standards Committee and confine the remaining student member's vote to specific issues concerning committees, such as Hiring and Admissions. However, committee matters are rarely discussed at the FSC meetings, therefore the student vote would be totally eliminated except for the SBA president. The SBA president will have to face the entire faculty alone, if their decision is allowed to go uncontested.

The student members of the FSC, however, do not recognize the action of the faculty. They feel the discussion should have been in front of the full FSC. With many critical issues facing the FSC next year, the students are concerned that decisions made without student input will make Golden Gate like any other law school.

SUMMER CAVEAT ISSUES

There will be two more issues of the CAVEAT published during the summer school session. The publishing dates will be July 9th and July 30th. The deadline for announcements for the July 9th issue is Wednesday, July 2nd and the deadline for the July 30th issue is Friday, July 25th. These dates are set and unless there is prior notice, they will not change. Please keep these dates in mind. Announcements received after the deadline will not be published.

WRITING & RESEARCH GRADES

Within ten (10) days after all grades have been posted, first year students may change either Spring or Fall Writing and Research grade to CREDIT/NO CREDIT. At Frank Koyle's request, the Academic Standards Committee is allowing students to change their fall grade after all the spring grades have been turned in. Rick felt it was not fair for students to have to decide whether they wanted the grade or not when they were not sure of their final grades. If you would like to change either semester, you must see the registrar even if you previously put in your request.

75th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE HELD

The Law School celebrated it's 75th anniversary by graduating a class of 220 on May 31. The Honorable Clinton White, Justice for the First District of the Court of Appeals was the keynote speaker.

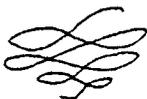
Justice White spoke on the challenges the graduates could expect to face as attorneys. He saw a great need for students not to lose sight of their role as leaders in the community. They will have to be accountable for future decisions. He traced the recent history of the country from political and social aspects. The decisions that were made, he said, were often the result of struggles by oppressed people.

Student speaker Robert Hayden focused his talk on the good and the bad that he had experienced at Golden Gate. While Robert had a lot of praise for the school and what it had done, he also expressed his belief that negative changes were occurring in the structure of the school and also similar changes in the roles that individuals play. He spoke of the changes he had witnessed in his years at the school, and how Golden Gate was slipping by the wayside and becoming more conservative in its beliefs.

Robert cited many examples of students being made scapegoats by the faculty for many of the schools failings, most notable, the decision by the faculty to disenfranchise the student members of the FSC.

From the Registrar's Office

- Item #1 - Yellow I.D. Cards will be updated during the week of June 16th thru June 20th in Room 215 of the Law School. Leave your card one day and pick it up the next day.
- Item #2 - Reminder: Pre-Registration for the Fall '80 semester is coming. It will be a by-mail process (for those who have gone away for the summer) and an in-person process for those people who are still in the Bay Area. We expect to begin the pre-registration in July, so any students not in town then are expected to leave their out of town address with the registrar. All "kits" will be mailed in July.
- Item #3 - CREDIT/NO CREDIT options will be available for ten (10) days after all grades are posted. Either you, or a friend of your's will have to keep an eye on the Registrar's bulletin board for the "go ahead" sign. As of this CAVEAT printing, only a few of the grades are still not in.



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