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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

The annual picnic will be held on Sunday, September 21 at Codornices Park in Berkeley. Directions last page.

The picnic will start at 11 am and last until the food, wine and beer run out; the faculty beat the students in softball; or the sun goes down, whichever comes first.

Either way, we intend to be there for a long time, and we are sure a good time will be had by all. We urge first

year students to abandon your books for one day, and come play with the rest of us. We would like to meet you.

As usual, we will supply the food and drink, but if you can think of anything to supplement the usual picnic fare, bring it along. We will sure to be content at days end.

Bring your spouse, your friends, your children and your bat, ball and glove. See you there!!

FSC STUDENTS MEET

At the time regularly scheduled for FSC meetings, students met last Thursday to continue ongoing discussion about student disenfranchisement from the FSC.

Amy Locks, SBA President, reported recent meetings she has had with various members of the faculty. She also noted that while the faculty's original reason for not having FSC meetings for the last two weeks was that they needed to get together as a group, the faculty has still not set up a meeting.

Tom Slocumb verbalized the concern of many students that while the status of students on the FSC is held in abeyance virtually no FSC committee work is being accomplished. Amy pointed out that with the exception of Academic Standards, faculty assignments to committees have not yet been made.

Meeting participants decided upon various proposals (which will be explored in upcoming editions of the CAVEAT), and the CAVEAT was asked to reprint, with corrections, the SBA proposals drafted last week. (See below)

The next student meeting will be held Thursday, September 18th, at 3:00 PM in Room 322.

SBA PROPOSAL:

1. The faculty shall reconvene and consider the issue of student participation on the FSC.
2. The hiring, evaluations, curriculum, admissions, academic standards, and budget committees shall commence their duties as soon as possible.
3. The FSC shall function with seven, fully franchized student representatives.
4. The Academic Standards Committee shall have two student members, one of whom shall be a full voting members of the FSC.
5. The first FSC meeting will be procedural -- to discuss student participation and the committee structure.

Marge Holmes Elected

Marge Holmes, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, was recently elected President of the California Women Lawyers.

She will be sworn in on September 26 at the State Bar by Chief Justice Rose Bird.

Marge stated that out of an approximate 75,000 attorneys statewide, 10,000 are women.

Placement

Law Placement Calendar for September, October, and November 1980.

September 18 - Steptoe and Johnson (Resume & writing sample.) Interviews first week in October.

October 1 - Department of the Army will be conducting interviews.

October 10 - U.S. Attorney General, Dept. of Justice Antitrust Division (Minority Job Conference)

October 13 - U.S. Marines Corps 3-5pm

October 15 - Internal Revenue Service General Counsel

October 16 - Alameda County DA Office (Second Year Students)

October 23, 24- Federal Communications Commission

23 - Graham & James (Los Angeles Law Firm) Resume and writing sample to Placement Office by 10/19 Second and third year students top 10 percent of class.

October 28 - Chevron Research Co. resumes (1981 graduates)

November 1 - Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Application)

If there are any questions regarding this schedule, please see Portia Stewart, Placement Director.

SBA BOOKSALE REFUNDS

Checks and unsold books from the SBA booksale are available now. Please pick them up in the SBA office.

Andrea Sevedra, second year day, took some of the donated books to Vacaville state prison. Other prisons will also be receiving donated books.

Attention Profs

The Caveat would like professors to submit news items about awards received, honors, publication, and offices held. They would be of great interest to the students.

T-Shirts On Sale

Golden Gate University T-shirts are on sale for \$7.00. The money will benefit the child care center. See Charma Pipersky or John Richardson or buy one directly from the child care center.

Take a Culture Break

To celebrate the publication of her new book "Embroidering Our Heritage," Judy Chicago will be at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Museum's fourth floor Rotunda for an autographing and question and answer period. The Museum is open and free to the public each Thursday evening. For further information contact D.B. Finnegan, 863-8800.

Scholarship Funds

A list of students with unmet financial needs has been compiled by the Financial Aid Office. If you applied for financial aid and want to know if your name is on the list, see Marge Holmes.

Students who did not receive aid thru the University financial aid office may submit a petition to the scholarship committee. Include a statement explaining your circumstances, and an income/expense statement. These petitions MUST be received in the Dean's office by September 22, at 6:30 pm, in order to be considered at the next meeting.

Student Excluded

A first-year student who was accused of cheating on two exams last year has declined to register for the fall 1980 semester rather than face charges brought by the law school administration which could have led to expulsion.

The dean's office informed the student last week that because he failed to exercise his right to a hearing on the charges, he could not register for this or any future semester, nor make use of university facilities.

The student had been accused by other students of cheating on his property midterm, when he stayed ten to twenty minutes beyond the end, writing in an exam book in the classroom. Partly as a result of complaints about this practice, exam procedures were modified and proctors hired to reduce the likelihood of students staying beyond the deadline.

Although students reported the incident to the professor, no names were mentioned. The student's identity remained unknown until mid-spring, when one student revealed the name to the professor whose exam it was. Others confirmed the student's identity.

When the administration investigated the matter, the student stood accused of: taking a portion of the property midterm home with him, contrary to instructions; removing a copy of a professor's previous final exams from the library reserve room without permission; and bringing unauthorized materials to the final exam in property.

Five students made complaints to professors. Two professors invited the student to appear and explain.

All five students were interviewed. The student was invited to discuss his side of the story. When the explanations were unsatisfactory, the dean's office was notified.

During the summer, the dean's office told the student that it proposed to bring charges before a hearing panel in order to exclude him from the school. The student did not respond to inquiries from the school on whether he wanted to invoke his right to a hearing.

When the deadline for registration passed, and no response from the student had been received, the student was

informed by letter that he would not be permitted to register or use university facilities.

The dean's office said late last week that it considered the matter closed. A spokesperson said that academic honesty depends on student help. If students care, faculty and administrators will respond.

Library Lobby Noise

It seems there was a suggestion in the library suggestion box to the effect that something should be done about the excessive noise in the lobby outside the library doors. We thought Nancy Carter's answer would be of great interest to all, since we all are probably guilty of being a little too noisy at times.

In response to the noise question, Nancy said, "there is already a huge sign which is totally ignored - frankly, I am pretty cynical about the value of more signs. We have been requesting modifications to the entrance area since we moved into the building eighteen months ago - our suggestions: (1) a second set of glass doors, (2) glassed-in area around entrance and circulation desk, (3) carpets and "soft sculpture" wall hangings in the hallway to absorb some of the noise.

Unfortunately, the library itself has no budget or even control (of the hall area) to make these major improvements -- we raise the subject frequently, but we are dependent on the main University for actually making the changes.

Meanwhile, the library staff does what it can in asking people to move away from the entrance to talk -- knowing all the while that it is only a partial solution.

Professional Responsibility

Applications for the Professional Responsibility Exam are available in Room 215. Deadline for timely filing is October 3, for test to be given on November 14.

Public Interest Law Program

Are you interested in a career representing the poor, consumers, workers, the disabled, minorities, prisoners, the elderly, women, gays, children or veterans? The Public Interest Law Program, which is sponsored by a consortium consisting of Golden Gate, Hastings, University of San Francisco and the University of Santa Clara, helps students prepare for a public interest career by coordinating academic coursework with work experience to provide participants with the in-depth understanding of public interest work they will need before they become attorneys. While last year the program was limited to ten people per school, this year, any second year law student in good academic standing may participate.

In order to graduate from the Public Interest Law Program, students must fulfill the following requirements: 1) take twelve elective units of classes designated by each school as public interest courses; 2) take the public interest seminar, a course designed to examine public interest history, theories, cases and alternatives to litigation; 3) work seventy-five hours at the Public Interest Clearinghouse. Here, students research a subject area of public interest law, e.g. law of the elderly, and report on the major issues, cases legislation, groups and people involved in this area for the Clearinghouse newsletter; 4) participate in a public interest clinic for at least one hundred and fifty hours.

This year, we have clinicals at Equal Rights Advocates, Bay Area Child Care Law Project, Catholic Social Services, Disability Law Resource Center, KPIX, Legal Assistance to the Elderly, MALDEF, Older Women's League Education Fund, Mid-Penninsula Support Network, San Francisco Tenants Union, Swords to Plowshares, the State Task Force on Cooperatives, and various public interest attorneys.

If you are interested in becoming a Public Interest Program student, please contact your Dean's office or Trina Ostrander at the Clearinghouse, 333 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 557-4014. If you are a third year student who is interested in the program, but you are unsure about fulfilling the requirements, you should contact the Clearinghouse as special arrangements may be made for this year.

FIRST YEAR TRIALS

It was Sunday. I entered the elevator in the lobby and pushed the "two" button. It did not light up, but that did not surprise me. For the past two weeks, the elevator buttons had chosen their own convenient times to light up when pushed. Often, the car stopped at floors whose buttons remained dark.

A man stepped in behind me and pressed "six". It lit up. As the doors closed, I said, "I wonder if it will stop at "two". (I am a friendly person.) He smiled, not sure of what I was talking about.

We zoomed to "six". (I was impressed. Never in the many times I had ridden it, had the elevator zoomed anywhere.) He stepped off. I pressed "two", hard, and hoped. The car and I zoomed to the library.

But I ~~was~~ not ready to go there yet. This was Labor Day weekend, a long one, and my first trip to the library on a Sunday. I had planned to exchange the Contracts and Torts books in my tote bag for the Civil Procedure and Criminal Law books languishing in the locker, I had appropriated on the second floor. It was clearly a case of specific intent: I needed to catch up on my course assignments.

As I punched "one", I recalled running out of Stress Formula B-Complex pills three days before. The car stopped at "one". I got out, walked upstairs to "two". The outer doors were locked, all three sets. I trudged back down, all the way to the library.

The librarian was sympathetic. "That is the way it is Sundays. Find the guard. Sometimes he takes pity...." I took the elevator to "one", looked for him, took it to "six", looked for him and took it back to "one".

Sticking my head out of the car, I asked a man sitting in the lobby (instead of the more comfortable

student lounge...), "Have you seen the guard?" A negative answer sent me back to the library. If I could not get into my locker, the trip in from Berkeley was a complete waste.

Was it written in the small print in my registration packet that only the library is open Sundays? If the elevators are so easily programmed to avoid certain floors on Sundays, why are they not as easily programmed to travel to every floor on weekdays? Can an omission qualify as an extreme and outrageous act in the intentional infliction of emotional distress?

I found myself ranting and raving to the librarian, still sympathetic. (Was he just being polite? Everyone in this school is so polite...)

This story has a happy ending. But there are three hundred stories in the first year class. This was only one of them....

First Year Elections

First year student representative elections will be held September 29, 30 and October 1, 1980. Nominations are now open.

Ten signatures are needed for each petition. Petitions must be in the SBA office by September 24 at 7 pm.

A representative will be chosen from each section (A,B, and night). A forum will be held prior to the election: Day students September 29 at noon, and evening evening students September 29 at 5:45, Room TBA.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

FIRST-YEAR WOMEN -- NOTE: The sessions for first-year women on developing study techniques and coping with stress have been rescheduled for Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 24TH, at NOON and 5:30. Check the Women's Association bulletin board for room numbers.

The Steering Committee would like to apologize for whatever confusion ensued as a result of the cancellation last week of the sessions.

The Women's Association and Dean's Office had both scheduled similar events for first-year students for the 10th. The Women's Association acceded to an eleventh hour request by the Dean's office to re-schedule our event, based upon Rick Koyle's assurance that the postponement would be adequately publicized in W&R sections.

Unfortunately, in a number of sections, the announcement was not made; with the result that several first-year women were understandably confused.

WOMEN STUDENTS-FACULTY PARTY -- DATE CORRECTION: Women, please also note that due to the ABA Conference, which

some of our women faculty are planning to attend, the annual WOMEN STUDENTS-FACULTY party at Professor Dru Ramey's house, originally scheduled for September 26th, has been re-scheduled for Friday, OCTOBER 17TH, at 8:00 PM. Professor Ramey's address may be obtained from Elizabeth Greene in the faculty center.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Presentation on D.E.S. LITIGATION -- Wednesday, OCTOBER 1ST, NOON, Room TBA. SF Attorney Nancy Hersh will speak on the products liability issues involved with D.E.S. litigation. Panelists will also include Nancy Adess of D.E.S. Action and Isabel Auerbach, a D.E.S. daughter.

THE LABOR STRUGGLE AT GGU -- Wednesday, OCTOBER 22ND, NOON, Room TBA. Stay tuned for upcoming CAVEAT announcements.

Pat Warner



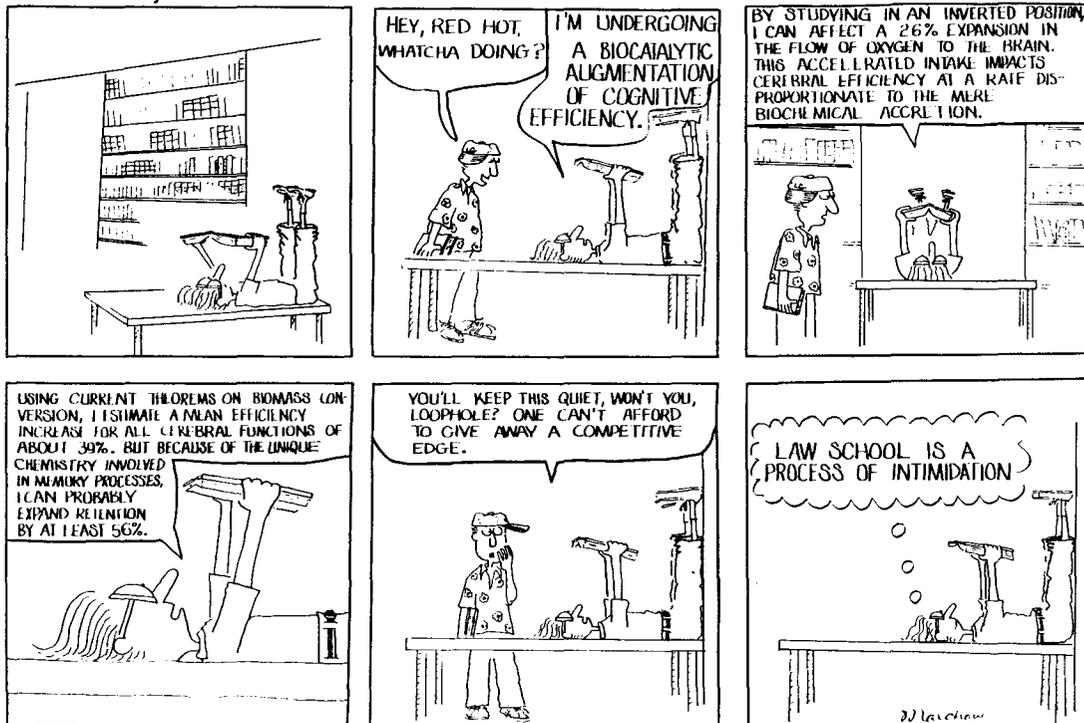
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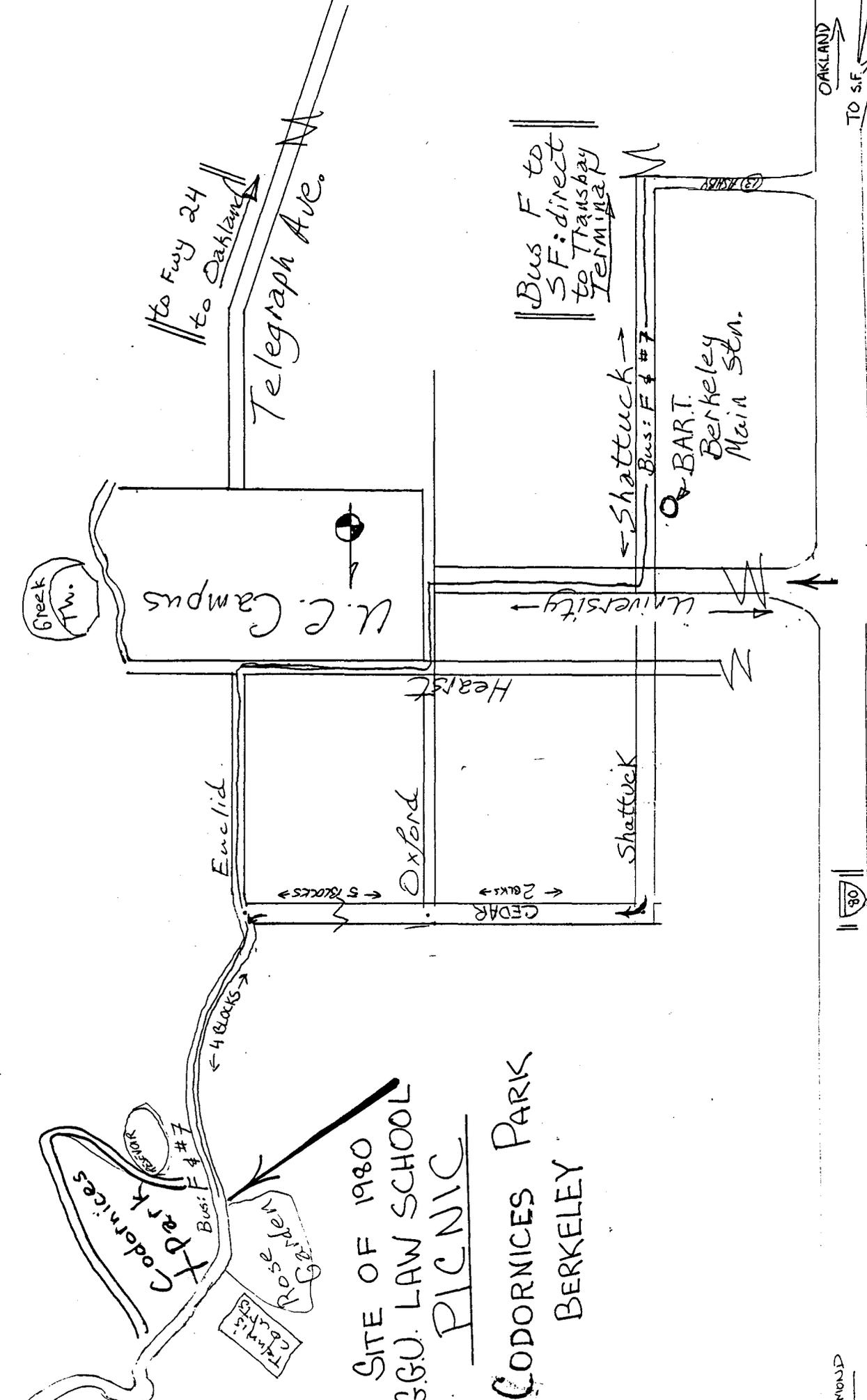
Any student currently enrolled in either Clinical Field Work (also called General Clinic) or a full-time Externship should be certain to submit necessary documentation as soon as possible. If the material is not submitted and approved prior to the conclusion of the sixth week of school (ending Friday, September 26), it is possible that some or all credit will be denied for the semester.

Every student in both programs must submit an Application for Clinic and Special programs, and the supervising attorney must submit a Supervising Attorney statement, or in the case of a full-time Externship, a letter in lieu of the statement providing all the necessary information.

A resume of the attorney is strongly recommended. Full copies of the policies on these two programs is available in the Faculty Center.

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