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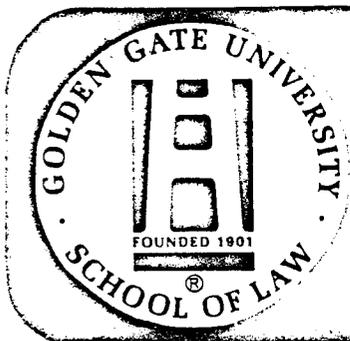
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CAVEAT

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F s C NEWS

by Leslie Tick

In her report to the FSC (which now consists of all faculty members and 1 student) on January 15, 1981, Dean Judith McKelvey insisted that it is not true that the University wants to "wipe out" the Child Development Center (CDC). She went on to explain that the University sees the CDC as being very valuable, especially as a recruiting tool. She urged all students and faculty to take a position against its dissolution. The FSC resolved that the deadline for the CDC to balance its budget should be extended and that a statement be drafted in support of the center, emphasizing its importance to Golden Gate. The Dean has asked that the CDC issue once again be put on the agenda of the next Board of Trustees' Finance Committee meeting scheduled for January 23.

The Dean expressed serious concern about GGU's recent 55% Bar pass rate and outlined her plan for a study of the problem and a revision of the Law School's academic standards. She announced that two members of the Academic Standards Committee, Tony Pagano and Bob Calhoun, are on leave this semester. They will be replaced by Mike Golden and Alan Brotsky, with Henry McGee acting as consultant. She went on to outline a plan whereby a revised FSC, consisting of the faculty and Dean, will study the academic standards problem and decide on appropriate change. Students will have input in this process but no voting power. The Dean will be accepting written suggestions for proposed standards until January 22. On February 5, she will issue a draft of new standards. On February 12, there will be an FSC meeting with the hours of 4-6 p.m. reserved for student discussion of the proposed draft. On February 19, the faculty will meet to discuss the suggestions. On March 5, Dean McKelvey will submit a final draft to the faculty, and on March 7, they will vote on the final draft. All faculty meetings will be closed to students.

Ed Tom, Admissions Director, reported that he has been recruiting students nationally for the past eight weeks and has visited over 40 schools and participated in three regional programs in his quest for superior applicants. Mr. Tom said he is pleased to report that most students he spoke with had heard of Golden Gate and were especially impressed with our litigation programs. His future recruiting plans include the development of contacts in the corporate area and the establishment of an alumni network. Mr. Tom is in the process of "radically revising" the school bulletin. He has discovered that the majority of law school applicants first hear of GGU from the bulletin.

Jan Kosel reported that the Evaluations Committee is considering the tenure of law librarian Nancy Carter, and that the return of student evaluation forms has been disappointingly low.

The question of whether there should be a separate tenured teaching position for the director of the Writing and Research program was tabled until February 12.

Bill Hing reported on the progress of the Immigration Clinic. The Clinic is in full operation and has already won some very important cases. Funding for the Clinic, located at 609 Mission, came from a grant, and office furniture was purchased inexpensively from such diverse parties as the Bank of Amerika and a Buddhist temple in Chinatown. The FSC voted unanimously to commend Prof. Hing for his work with the Clinic.

Amy Locks, reporting for the SBA, described the search for a new editor for the Caveat, and commended the ad hoc committee of volunteers for their work on this semester's first issue. She explained the conflict surrounding the SBA fee increase and announced the formation of a student committee to study the Child Development Center issue and make recommendations to the

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Job Announcements

SUMMER JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP

The Central Legal Staff of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth District is soliciting applications for its summer 1981 extern program. Please see the Judicial Externship Board outside the Law Dean's office. Check with Marge Homes if you need additional information.

INTERNSHIPS IN THE S.F. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Full time and part time positions are available in the San Francisco District Attorney's office.

Contact Bernard Walter, Deputy D.A. or Gerald Koelling, Assistant D.A., at 553-1752.

Attention Second Year Students

The San Francisco and Oakland regions of the National Labor Relations Board is now recruiting for summer legal intern positions. Deadline is February 25. Drop your applications off at Room 205.

The National Lawyers Guild Chapter urges work-study students seeking valuable legal experience to contact the San Francisco office for jobs in the following areas: criminal defense, labor law, immigration, housing and community law. The number is 285-5066.

Bob Mueller
Charma Pipersky

GRADUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Graduation Committee meets today, Monday, January 26, at 4:00 p.m. in room P-5.

Preliminary agenda items include approving the invitational letter to be sent to potential speakers, making a final decision about the fee structure for graduation and the reception which follows and finalizing plans to order caps and gowns.

All graduating students are welcome to attend these meetings.

Registrar's News

Student ID Cards:

If you have not had your yellow ID card updated, or if you need a new one, visit the law school Registrar's office immediately. Since the university has only one ID card machine, late updates will take two days: leave your card today; pick it up in two working days.

Credit/No Credit Deadline:

Most of the grades for the Fall, 1980 semester are posted on the Registrar's bulleting board on the second floor. You will have until the end of the month, Friday, January 30, 1981, to decide if you want to exercise the "Credit/No Credit" option for elective courses. Please be advised that requests will not be honored after the deadline, with the exception of those that are affected by late grades from professors.

Writing & Research Credit/No Credit:

A unique opportunity is afforded those students who may elect to utilize the "Credit/No Credit" option for Writing & Research grades. First-year students are encouraged to wait until they receive both fall, 1980, and spring, 1981, grades before deciding. At the end of the Spring, 1981, semester students may change one or both grades to "Credit/No Credit"... OR they can leave both as letter grades.

Applications:

We have received a new supply of the P.R. Multistate exam booklets and applications. Please see one of the registrars in Room 215 (student counter) for your kit.

Special Programs Deadline:

A fully registered student who wishes to enroll in a "Special Program" at the GGU School of Law (i.e., Clinic, Externship, Selected Legal Problems) can do so by filling out an official Add/Drop Program Change form before the end of the sixth week of the Spring, 1981, semester. The deadline is February 20.

Registrar's Thank You To Prompt Profs:

The Registrar's office takes this opportunity to thank the law professors whose grades were turned in on or before the due date.

life is rough

by Cindy Ossias

The night was young, the electric blanket was turned to 5, and I was hot from the bath. I grabbed my Property book and slid between the warm sheets, curling my toes with pleasure. The perfectly propped pillows sighed as I sank into them. With relish, I opened to page 660, read the first line of Trustees of Columbia College v. Lunch and fell asleep.

The scene was a courtroom at City Hall; the judge was a hard-ass, pure and simple. He showed no mercy in bearing down on the students seated at the long blond table who'd come all dressed up to look like attorneys. (They even sounded to this first year student as if they knew what they were talking about.)

The young man with the skinny black silk tie convinced this juror in his opening statement that the State had a prima facie bribery case against Police Officer Jane Anderson. Another young man, in a dashing brown pin-striped three-piecer, quickly convinced me otherwise. (I fear I am easily influenced...)

Segal, J.'s glasses sat low on his enviable nose. He glared over the horned-rims at the District Attorney with the Brooklyn accent. As the first witness for the prosecution was examined, the judge sustained objection after objection made by the defense.

"Lay a foundation for the phone call, Mr. C_____."

"Yes, your honor."

The witness was the "sleazy fixer" lawyer who offered the bribe. The cross-examiner used his best abrasive manner to erode Albert Edwards' testimony that he'd never ever do a nasty thing like discuss a bribe with a client.

Defense attorney: "Were you ...
CROSSING YOUR FINGERS BEHIND YOUR
BACK?"

D.A.: "Objection, your honor."

Judge: "Overruled."

Defense attorney: "Did you...CROSS
YOUR HEART AND HOPE TO DIE?"

D.A.: "Your honor, I object! He's badgering the witness."

Judge: "OVERRULED."

The judge repeatedly overruled the D.A.'s objections.

The shyster's client was priceless: Bobby Blue Gifford, accused cocaine dealer/ex-shoplifter who'd killed his wife in self-defense years earlier.

"Do you like the police, Mr. Gifford?"

"Well, I'm not too fond of them."

"Did you call Officer Anderson a pig?"

"I believe, in the heat of anger, I once did call her a pig."

My turn! I spat out my gum, stifled a nervous giggle, and took the stand now as Sally Dunn, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Fourth District, State of Columbia courtroom and long-time friend of the defendant. I became the hard-ass, refusing to allow my competence and omniscience to be compromised. Yes, I saw Jane enter the courtroom and not leave to take a bribe in the hallway. Yes, Mr. Edwards is a crook and a creep and I wouldn't want him to be my lawyer. Yes, I can sign an officer in on my roster, watch the door, exchange pleasantries, and note the time, all in the space of 15 seconds. Need you ask?!

Finally, Officer Anderson testified in her own behalf. At the Preliminary Hearing, she'd sworn she "saw Bobby Blue slip something under the front seat," but at the Suppression Hearing, she'd only recalled having a "gut feeling." Sounds fishy to me...

Mr. C_____, of the fifth paragraph, showed a true flair for the dramatic in presenting the State's closing arguments. Eloquent. Beautiful. Guilty as charged.

The abrasive defense attorney, re-instilling our faith in the presumption of innocence, did justice to his tasteful yet dynamic St. Laurent tie. ("If Officer Anderson were your daughter, would you want her to...") You win. We give up. Not guilty.

But wait! Here comes the D.A. again:

"This police officer, sworn to uphold the law, is corrupt -- corrupt -- CORRUPT!"

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Guilty --- guilty --- GUILTY!!!

I felt myself falling into an abyss as I awoke panic-stricken clutching at the bed. My Property book was on the floor; the clock read 12:30, and my goose was cooked for tomorrow. Never again, I told myself, will I drink Peppermint Schnapps in the bathtub...

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

The WA is looking for someone to attend FSC meetings and represent the Association's views. Please contact the WA if you are interested.

The WA is looking for someone to staff the office. If you have an hour to volunteer on a regular, weekly basis, add your name to the schedule sign up sheet on the Mezzanine WA door.

Any women who would like to attend the 12th National Women and the Law Conference, being given in Boston this April, should contact Pat Warner at the WA office

The Women's Association has tentatively set Sunday, February 8, as the date for the upcoming pot-luck dinner. (Meeting at 5:30, dinner at 6:30) Location tba. If anyone would like to offer their home, please leave a message on the WA board on the Mezzanine.

MACE CLASSES DELAYED

Our regular instructor for the tear gas personal defense classes will not be available through February. We will attempt to get an alternate instructor for one or two classes in February. We will schedule at least one class in March and April. Dates will be announced in the Caveat and the Gateway.

Frank Curcio
Security Task Force

THANKS

The Student Bar Association wants to thank all those who participated and assisted in the SBA Booksale.

Tom Norton

Mr. Taback Goes To Washington

"What are you so concerned about? The Presidency has a tendency to make moderates out of the most outspoken candidates." Oh yea? What about the Supreme Court? He'll get three or four appointments! "Don't worry. Same thing goes: look at Burger." Christ, you look at Burger. The very sight of that slime makes my bile spew. "Today we'll discuss the Sixth Amendment and the retroactivity of judicial decisions relating to prisoners' Constitutional rights being violated." I'm lying awake in bed trying to study the rights of the accused and limitations on the police, but I'm worried. I feel like I'm wasting my time wrestling with these concepts while Ronald Reagan is about to make the likes of Nixon and Mitchell look like Lucy Ricardo and Ethel Mertz in comparison. "But Harris, he's only one person, and besides, the corporations control the whole country anyway. What difference will Reagan make? Don't be so paranoid." Those words haunt me. Somewhere, sometime, I'm sure a relative of mine was told those very words when Adolph Hitler took over the 'reigns of government.' I hope they didn't believe it for a second. I don't.

(And damn all Editors! Cindy somehow managed to get funds from the school's administrators to send a Caveat reporter to Washington to cover the Reagan beat. The other day at the office, we drew straws to see who loses. Damn Cindy! By the time this is printed, I'll be in Washington sacrificing my morals to the White House scene. If that's not a hard-luck story, I don't know what is. Well, the Caveat will receive my reports periodically, but I won't guarantee that they'll be what you guys want to see. So there.)

Harris Taback

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Board of Trustees. Mike Golden urged the Caveat editors to exercise self-restraint.

A motion was made to require that all motions before the FSC be submitted in writing to the Chair at least 48 hours before each meeting. Despite objections that this would preclude last minute issues from being considered, the motion was passed.

Second Year Apathy

by Sara Ellen Becker

He told us Monday was his long day. To emphasize its length, he added that he could no longer rely on marijuana to void the intermittent hours between his classes. Buddy and I ooned and aahed incredulously, knowing how much he loved the stuff. He explained he was buckling down in an attempt to ameliorate his gpa this semester and break past a 3.0. We were unable to offer a response.

Buddy looked dumbfounded, I felt dazed, and he thought we were bored. He announced, "You may go now." How pedantic, I thought. Nope, Nope, not pedantic at all, I realized. This guy, neck branded with a couple of amoeba-like hickies, was trying to cover up and redeem himself for conversation that he thought had bored us. We pushed past the second floor doors. "Watch out for those high door knobs in the future, guy," I yelled back over my left shoulder.

Buddy said her pause had been due to speculation about whether this fellow was already the proud possessor of a 3.0 gpa or whether his hopes were set way too high. "I know, I know," I chortled, clogs clomping down the cement stairs. I had paused at the same time with the same query. I'm looking forward to grade fade, I thought, as I steered Buddy by the elbow toward Ecker Alley. "American Pie?" I suggested. "Sure."

Close friends speak in grunts. I dropped one off at the Bart station the other night. Banter took the back seat, and Pi Alpha Delta parley took its place. We all pulled up to the curb, and it went as follows:

"OK"
"Bye."
"Good time."
"Again?"
"Soon."
"Call?"
"Ugh."



Law professors are more explicit. "Better do it quick," one threatened. "We're going to change that policy around here." The well-intentioned professor continued angrily. "That's why the top quartile can't even pass the Bar. They aren't really in the top quartile when they've been allowed to take a course pass/fail after the grades have come out. No other school permits that. Golden Gate students lack motivation." I sighed, so content to have passed Tax, and so grateful to be among the last bastion of the chosen ones permitted to transform an ugly grade into the nondescript "CR."

I closed the blue door on the red professor and made my way to the Registrar's office ... quickly.

DEFEND AND PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST ASSAULT

Golden Gate University is sponsoring a two hour workshop for men and women addressing the problems of verbal, physical, and emotional assaults. The course will consist of films, demonstrations, and discussion. The class will be presented by Beth Doolittle of the Women's Protection Program.

NLG PROGRAM MEETING

The National Lawyers Guild (GGU Chapter) Program Committee will meet Thursday, January 29, at noon in Room P-5. Amy Locks, and GGU alum Melinda Powers, will seek approval of a presentation on the Pontiac Brothers the first week of February. Other Guild members with suggestions about future programs are welcome to attend.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

\$5.00 check or money order must accompany this form.

Make checks payable to Golden Gate University.

Registration must be received by March 1, 1981.

Self Protection Workshop
March 23, 1981
4:15 - 6:30
Your employer: _____

Mail to: Director of Facilities
Golden Gate University
536 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA. 94105

Letters to the Editor

I understand that Barbara Goldsmith recently left her position as administrative assistant to Dean McKelvey.

Barbara was a wonderful friend of students during her years at Golden Gate. It's unfortunate that her friends didn't have an opportunity to say goodbye to her.

Barbara, your warm presence and generous support to students (including me) will be missed.

I'm sure I speak for all of your friends in the Law School community when I say that we'll remember you with affection, and that we wish you a rewarding and happy future.

Pat Warner

Please consider prohibiting eating in the library. It is a place to study...that suggests QUIET. How can one concentrate when a person in the next carrel is crunching and crunching and crunching on a carrot? The carrot is followed by plastic and paper bag noises, smacking and an apple! There are places for everything, aren't there?

JH

We protest Prof. DeVito's tardiness in submitting grades.

The grading of exams and timely submission of grades to the Registrar are integral to the fulfillment of the job of professor. This responsibility should attach to tenured as well as non-tenured professors.

Law students are constantly confronted with deadline requirements that must be met in order to avoid penalties. It is our feeling that professors who do not meet their deadlines for submission of grades should be reprimanded by the imposition of fines.

The 'new' Caveat has adopted a policy of printing only those Letters to the Editor with names attached (initials unacceptable). The above are the last letters of their kind to be published.

We'd like to institute a "Personals" column, for those of you who prefer the written to the spoke word. Remember: Valentine's Day is looming ahead in the NEAR future. Send us your love messages ... or whatever.

(The following letter is reprinted from the National Network of Law School Registrars and Admissions Officers Newsletter.)

I liken the grading of 100 final exams to that of a law student taking the exam in the first place, or to an administrator figuring out next year's schedule of classes: hectic, hairpulling, miserable; a true agony.

We can all appreciate the heavy burden.

But what if a whole class decided at once to not take a professor's examination? Would the incensed professor grade or punish that class? What if a certain Dean decided graduation to be too laborious: Should the conferring of the degrees be canceled?

Full responsibility for any negative consequences resulting from LATE GRADES should squarely rest upon the shoulders of the tardy professors, who should then be fined one hundred dollars for each working day the grades remain outstanding. If a poll were taken, I feel that only the chronically late profs (and their shrinkingly few supporters) would vote against such a suicide preventative.

-SEAN CALLAHAN, III
Former law school officer

IMPORTANT

NDSL LOAN CHECKS

The National Direct Student Loan checks for the Spring semester will be available from February 5, 1981 through February 13, 1981 at the Cashier's Window between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

All the recipients are required to come in to sign the appropriate documents even if the loan is to be applied to their spring semester tuition balance.

Note: The Caveat staff respectfully requests all memos, announcements, and articles submitted for publication to be typed, double-spaced (ready for editing). This will facilitate an all too encumbered operation. Thank you.