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CAVEAT

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SCHOOL OF LAW

INTRODUCTORY ISSUE

FIRST YEAR CLASS LARGEST IN HISTORY

By HARVIE RUTH SCHNITZER
Associate Editor

This year's entering class of first-year students at Golden Gate University's School of Law is the largest in university history, with 271 students enrolled in the school's three divisions, reports Kimberly Willis, admissions director for the law school. The number shows an increase of 93

students over last year's entering class of 178 students.

Willis wasn't sure how to explain the increase over last year's class. "At Law Services, they say it's the stock market crash and L.A. Law. Who am I, with four months under my belt as admissions director, to say anything different?" She did concede that
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CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR SBA BOARD

Candidates are needed for class representatives who will be elected on September 26, 27 and 28. Reps will be members of the SBA Board of Governors and serve as liaisons between their individual classes and the Board. As voting council members, they will have an active voice in formulating SBA policies, planning events, making budget
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CAVEAT'S NEW LOOK

by RUTH G. HOLLOWAY-GARCIA
Editor

Welcome to those of you who are just starting to attend law school. Good Luck. Welcome to those who have just completed their first year successfully. Congratulations. And welcome back to those of you who are in your final year. Did you ever think it would come?

As well as the new class of first years, there will be another new face at Golden Gate, but still an old friend. Starting with the September issue, the Caveat will take on a new appearance. It will no longer be published in the newspaper format, but will be published as a news magazine or journal. I hope this change will be an acceptable one to our readers. The reason for the change is simple: This new format is easier to program, offers

many more options and flexibility in publishing and costs less, but looks just as good if not better than the newspaper format.

Depending upon the number of articles received, the magazine will be either 24 or 32 pages in size. Shari Steiner at Tex & Grafix located at 71 Stevenson, S.F. (in the Copymat shop, down the alley from the school) has been very instrumental in assisting us to make this change. The Caveat has awarded her the contract for typesetting the news journal. So if you can not get hold of one of us on the Editorial staff and you have a question about how to format your article on either an IBM or
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FIRST YEAR CLASS

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GGU's recruiting policy may have helped spur the increase in admitted students.

"The difference between us (and other law schools) is that the dean views recruiting and admissions as an important part of the school. There is a real push toward recruiting, and it is an important part of the entire admissions process," Willis said, adding that recruiting is being increased for next year.

This year's full-time day program, with 196 students, shows a marked increase over last year's 110 students. However, the part time day program shows only a slight increase over last year, with 15 students this year compared to 11 in 1988. The 1989 part-time evening program, with 60 students, shows only a slight increase over the 57 enrolled in 1988.

GGU also experienced an increase in the total number of applications received, with 1,436 this year compared to 1,157 in 1988. But Willis says the increase in enrollments is due largely to the fact that a higher percentage of accepted students enrolled than was originally predicted.

"In the earlier part of the admissions cycle, we did go to our waiting list, but were not able to do this later in the cycle," Willis explained. "This year, though, because of the unexpected increase, we did do something different. We sent a letter to the first quartile of the waiting list, explaining the 30-percent increase in the number of acceptances and offering to roll their applications over for mid-year admission. We hope this will make a difference; there were some very qualified people on the waiting list and this is an approach quite different from any we have taken before.

"We're hoping for an increase in mid-year admissions because of this. Very few law schools in the country have mid year admission; and most people function on an academic year. But this year's number have been so out of the ordinary...who knows?" Willis said.

Willis said the university realized the increase was coming when they discovered by early July (when second deposits were due) that the two full-time day sections would have more than 100 students each. In an effort to maintain GGU's academic standards, the dean made the decision and got approval from the university to add a third full-time day section, Willis said. "We actually had all the extra faculty firmed up in a week or so, which is

pretty amazing when you think about it."

This year's class is quite diverse, nothing unusual for Golden Gate University. "At Golden Gate, we get a lot of people coming who have been working, who are parents, who are older. This class is indicative of what goes on at Golden Gate...it's sort of a hodge-podge of all different types."

This year's "hodge-podge" is 44 percent female and 56 percent male, nearly identical to last year. The student age range is 20 to 55, and 17 percent of the students are minorities, down five percent from last year's 22 percent.

"It's a diverse class in terms of experience, age, and location. We get a lot of folks from back east and from all over the country -- and from outside the country, too," Willis said.

ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

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decisions and acting on timely issues which they or other council members bring before the Board.

Slots to be filled include; four 1st year reps (2 from day class and 2 from evening), one 2nd year day rep, two 3rd year reps (1 day and 1 night).

Interested students wanting more information may leave a message including a phone number in the SBA mailbox on 2nd floor in Faculty Center-West. One of the election committee members will be glad to discuss any questions concerning the job.

Students who wish to throw their hat in the ring must type a "Statement of Candidacy" and submit it to the election committee no later than September 22. The statement should be no longer than one page or less in length, include a short bio, and objectives or reasons why they are seeking to be elected. Statements should be appropriate for reprinting.

Candidates may use a variety of campaign methods - posters, presentations in class with the instructor's consent, etc.

Watch for additional information in the Law School News and on bulletin boards.

NEW LOOK

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Her number is 415-896-6780, but only contact her as a last resort.

The following sections will appear in every issue (provided there is copy to fill the section) along with the feature stories:

Letters to the Editor:

I think this one is pretty self explanatory, however, there are some guidelines that must be followed:

1. It must be no more than 500 to 1000 words in length.
2. It may express a difference of opinion, but it may not reflect an attack upon the person.
3. It will receive the minimum amount of editing, so check for spelling or punctuation.
4. It can not contain any inappropriate language. I, as the editor, will determine when the language is inappropriate. An example of this would be obscenities, or remarks that may be interpreted as being either racist or sexist in nature. I think that all of us are capable of expressing

ourselves without resorting to the above-forementioned language.

Editorial:

This section will give the readers an opportunity to express their opinions, as well as the editorial staff, on issues of the day. *This will not be considered an article got which you will receive payment.* The reason being, is that it will only reflect your opinion, and it is unlikely that any research will be done in providing us with your thoughts on any given subject. Again, as with the **Letters to the Editor**, the same guidelines will apply.

Writers Needed: Payment for Articles Published.

SBA Update:

This section will contain information about upcoming events sponsored by

Letters to the Editor and Editorials -- Express your opinions

the SBA (Student Bar Association), minutes of the last meeting held, and when the next meeting, or meetings, will be held in the following month. It is also a forum available to the SBA governing body for addressing its constituency.

Supreme Court Watch:

This section will offer a forum to those who are interesting in reviewing recent State and Federal Supreme Court decisions, and who are willing to write a synopsis of the decision, and explain to the **Caveat** readers how a particular decision will affect future legal decisions, and/or legislative action. **This section will grant payment for articles published.**

Profile:

This section will provide an in depth look at people or issues of interest.

Legal Career Opportunities:

If successful, this section will serve as a classified ad page for jobs available in the legal community, advice and information from Tony Bastone's office, and information in general on the subject of legal career opportunities.

Etcetera...:

This section will contain those articles to which no other section can lay claim. In other words, cartoons, funny stories, or personal anecdotes will most likely be found here, as well as anything else that doesn't fit elsewhere.

Please let us know, by writing a "Letter to the Editor", how you like this change in format. Drop it either in the **Caveat** mailbox on the second floor in the Student Lounge (Rm 223) or in the envelope marked **Caveat** on the door of the **Caveat** office located in the lower level of the Law Library.

Faculty Corner:

This section will contain articles, information, and opinions written and submitted by either the faculty and/or the administration staff.

Club Calendar:

This section provides the Clubs on Campus with an opportunity to publish information about themselves, as well as events sponsored by them coming up in the near future.

Please keep information submitted to 500 words or less, since we have so many clubs on campus.

It would help improve membership if each club on campus would submit an article about its goals for the upcoming year, who its contact person is, and when the club's meetings are held, before **September 27, 1989**. This deadline is for articles to appear in the October issue distributed the last week of the month.

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SBA WELCOME

By LINDA NEWLAND
SBA President

The Student Bar Association welcomes you to a new and productive year at Golden Gate University. All law school students are automatically members and the SBA encourages you to participate in the many activities which will be planned for the coming year.

Law school campus organizations are assigned a budget allotment from SBA funds which are derived from your \$12 per semester dues assessment.

The SBA is comprised of five executive officers and representatives from each class - both day, evening and mid-year admits. The Board of Governors wishes to be responsive to your needs and solicits your participation, not only in activities, but also in giving us suggestions and voicing your concerns to your elected representatives.

Upcoming events for September include the annual Faculty Student Picnic to be held on Angel Island, September 24. This gives new students an opportunity to meet fellow classmates and faculty members in an informal setting and have some fun. SBA furnishes all the drinks and food, while you must pay for ferry transportation to get there. Please see accompanying article in this edition.

An election for first year SBA class representatives, two each from day and evening classes, will be held on September 26, 27, and 28. Additionally, second

year day, and third year day and evening representatives need to be elected. Please read the article on elections in this issue.

YMCA tickets are available through the SBA for \$2 per visit. Please pay by check at the SBA office during office hours which are posted on the SBA bulletin board near the law library entrance.

All students are encouraged to become acquainted with their elected representatives and voice concerns to them.

Student Bar Association -- Your voice on campus

Students are welcome at SBA council meetings held twice a month, but grievances are to be brought to the council's attention through the appropriate elected representative.

Announcements of upcoming events will be made in the following manner: SBA bulletin board, 2nd and 3rd floor bulletin boards, the **Caveat**, the weekly edition of the Law School News, and announced in the individual classes.

Correspondence to the SBA may be left in the mailbox in Rm 223 or in the envelope on the SBA office door (northwest corner of law library, lower level). Remember, your Council is here to serve you. Please participate and let us hear from you!

CLUBS

ATTENTION ALL CLUB OFFICERS
Ongoing Clubs
New, Proposed Clubs

Proposed budgets for the 1989-90 school term must be submitted to the SBA Budget Committee not later than September 14. This is a firm date. Thereafter, appointments will be assigned for a Budget Committee hearing which will be held the following week. The club officer in charge of requesting funds from the SBA must be at that hearing.

To be eligible for funds, all clubs must submit the following:

1. Purpose of the organization.
2. Number of members.
3. List of officers, phone numbers and addresses.
4. Projected calendar of events with approximate costs and an explanation of how the events benefit the student body as a whole.

The above is required of newly-proposed clubs as well as ongoing clubs. Clubs not meeting the deadline will have to receive their funding through special requests at an SBA meeting and there is no guarantee that there will be funds available.

Budget requests should be addressed to John Karris, Treasurer, and deposited in the SBA mailbox, Rm 223.

Organizations are reminded that they must not discriminate on the basis of national origin, religion, race, sexual orientation, gender or handicap. Any student organization found discriminating on the basis of any of these factors shall not receive or shall lose all remaining funds awarded by the SBA.

ANNUAL PICNIC

The Annual Faculty-Student Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 24 on Angel Island State Park (an island in San Francisco Bay).

The Student Bar Association will provide free food and drinks for students and their family or guest. Students must pay for their own ferry transportation.

Festivities starting upon the students' arrival by ferry include: a grudge softball game between a faculty and student team, a four mile hike around the island or to the top of Mt. Livermore encompassing spectacular views of the cities surrounding the Bay, fishing and snoozing or just socializing with friends. Bikes may be transported on the ferries and are great for circumnavigating the island on a mostly paved road.

Transportation will be provided by either the Red and White Fleet ferry from Fisherman's Wharf (546-2800), leaving at 10AM and returning at 3PM, or from Tiburon on an hourly basis (388-6770). Last Tiburon ferry at 5:30PM. Red and White fare is \$5.50 round trip for adults and \$3 for ages 5-11. The Tiburon ferry is \$4 round trip and \$3 for ages 5-11 with one child, under 5, free.

Bus transportation and car pools on the Marin side are being organized. Please see below and watch for posters on bulletin boards for more specific transportation information.

Transportation Information

If you are planning to attend the SBA picnic on Angel Island, and you are want to use the Tiburon Ferry, because it leaves at 5:30 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m., you should know that the town of Tiburon/Belvedere likes money. They charge for downtown parking even on the weekends, unless you have a sticker.

Here are some alternatives to this idea:

Golden Gate Transit runs on the weekends. From San Francisco, you can take the #10 to downtown Tiburon for \$2.20 each way per person. If necessary, drive to Marin to catch the #10, but not from San Francisco, the Golden Gate bridge toll is \$2.00. From Marin, the cost is only a \$1.00 each way.

For more information, call Golden Gate Transit (415) 332-6600

An even better idea, one that might be more fun, is to arrange to carpool. If you have a car, or wish to be a passenger in a carpool (Marin only), check this information on your RSVP form (sample below), along with whether you will be a driver or a passenger.

Mark Harrold, SBA Vice-President (night division), will be coordinating the carpool effort.

Since we have a great number of law school students this year, the SBA needs to know how many are attending so adequate food and drink can be purchased. It is very important that you fill out the RSVP form below (or make your own) and deposit it in the drop box on the library counter downstairs BEFORE September 19.

See you there!

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FIRST EDITORIAL

It will probably come as no surprise that the first editorial is being written by the editor of the **Caveat**, however, its content may spark some kind of response from all of you. I hope it will be a positive one, because it is expressed with that intention in mind.

Last year, the election participation was abysmal. Few chose to run for office; over 50% of the candidates elected were write-ins. The voter turn-out was equally depressing. Granted, there were some mix-ups and delays, but that does not explain the lack participation totally. I'm afraid this trend of non-involvement may continue; I hope you all prove me wrong.

The SBA (Student Bar Association) and the **Caveat** are a reflection of the Law School student body. Both will only demonstrate excellence by your participation. The SBA representatives need your participation, so volunteer to serve on a committee and take part in the events sponsored by the SBA.

When you have an idea or a complaint, don't just voice it to

your friends, and then wonder why nothing is ever done to improve or change a situation. Inform you SBA representative and keep informed of what action is being taken. Don't hesitate to speak to Linda Newland, your SBA president. She has a willing ear and is interested in what you have to say.

The same concept applies to the **Caveat**, as well. The editorial staff is qualified and willing to provide its talent towards making the **Caveat** a news journal worth reading, but it needs your input. Tell us what you want to read about in the **Caveat**, don't just say that there is nothing of interest in it. Volunteer to write for the

Caveat. After all, we can write some of the articles, but essentially, the bulk of the articles must come from outside sources, namely the law school student body.

The success of both the SBA and the **Caveat** will depend upon your level of participation. Both Linda Newland and the Board of Trustees are there to serve you. Likewise, the editorial staff is here to provide assistance to those who wish to write articles for the **Caveat**.

Please help make the 1989-90 school year one of the best this law school has ever had.
Ruth G. Holloway-Garcia

Editor

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SBA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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Vice-President, Night
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3rd Year Night (Fall)
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3rd Year Night (Spring)
Richard Paris, 4th Year
Jill Hartouniahn, MYA Day
Patrick Perkins, MYA Night

● CAVEAT WRITERS NEEDED

by RUTH G. HOLLOWAY -
GARCIA

Editor

In order for the **Caveat** to be a successful news journal, it needs top quality articles. It would be a shame if all of its articles or a great portion of its articles are written by those outside of the Law School. Therefore, I appeal to those of you with a talent in writing, which I hope would apply to most of you in law school, to come forward and either become a staff writer on the **Caveat**, or at least consider writing free-lance.

● What do I mean by Staff writers and Free-lance writers? The following will provide a definition of each:

Staff Writer: This is a person willing to attend staff meetings held at noon on the third Wednesday of each month (no meeting will be held in the months of December and May). He or she will be willing to write at least 6-8 articles for the **Caveat**, or at least one article of good size every month.

● Since the article will be agreed upon by the editorial staff and the writer in advance, the article will be published and the writer will receive payment for the article. We need at least 8-10 Staff Writers.

Free-lance Writer: A free-lance writer will not be required to attend the monthly staff meetings, although he or she is certainly welcome to attend. They will not be required to write a set number of articles, nor will they be required to clear the article with the editor in advance. However, articles written by free-lance writers will be accepted upon consignment. This means if published, the writer gets paid; if not, no payment will be forthcoming.

Formatting requirements: The article must be placed upon either an IBM (Word Perfect) or Macintosh (Microsoft Word) floppy disk in ASCII format. (IBM is preferred.) It will be returned to you once it is no longer needed. The disk must be accompanied by a printed copy of the article for proof reading. We will provide instructions on creating an ASCII file in Word Perfect or Microsoft Word.

The only corrections that will be made are for spelling, grammar, punctuation and size. It must be placed upon U.S. letter page set-up (8 1/2" X 11") with one inch margins and double spacing. Unless cleared with the editor, no article should be more than six pages in length, using a 12-point font.

Payment Schedule: There are three full columns to each page in the news magazine. The **Caveat** will pay \$5.00 for each half-column completed. You must complete more than half of a half-column to receive payment for a full half-column. However, the **maximum payment** for an article is \$30.00

Payment will be issued after publication of the news magazine in which your article or articles appear. It will be in the form of a check made out against the **Caveat** account held at Wells Fargo Bank, and it will not reflect any tax deductions.

What constitutes a payable article: It must be an article which reflects research and original writing. It can not be an editorial, or a rehash of someone else's article. All writers are responsible for giving credit where credit is due when quoting from other sources. Check with Harvie Schnitzer if you have any questions as to how this should be done.

Please contact me at the **Caveat** either by phoning 442-7586 or by leaving a message on the message board in the Law Library, if you are interested in writing for the **Caveat**.

The deadline for articles for the next month's issue is the last Wednesday of the previous month.

CAREER

LEGAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, September 19, 1989

Kornfield, Paul & Bupp
Oakland

Candidates: 2nd & 3rd year students & recent grads

Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, September 28, 1989

Baker & McKenzie
S.F.

Candidates: 2nd & 3rd year students

Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11, 1989

Touche Ross & Co.
S.F.

Candidates: 3rd year students, recent grads, LL.M. candidates & grads

Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17, 1989

Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi
S.F.

Candidates: 3rd year students & recent grads,

Time: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, October 25, 1989

Miller, Starr & Regalia
Oakland

Candidates: 2nd year students

Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8, 1989

Borton, Petrini & Conron

S.F., L.A., Bakersfield, Sacramento, San Diego, Newport Beach, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo, Visalia, Fresno, Modesto, Ventura, San Jose, Walnut Creek, San Bernardino

Candidates: 3rd year students Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

NON-INTERVIEWING LEGAL EMPLOYERS REQUESTING STUDENTS' RESUMES -- ADDENDUM
FALL, 1989

Alaska:

Bradbury, Bliss & Riordan
Anchorage

California:

Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison
Los Angeles

Christensen, White, Miller, Fine & Jacobs
Los Angeles

Morris, Polich & Purdy
Los Angeles

Pettit & Martin
Los Angeles

Shearman & Sterling

San Francisco & Los Angeles

Colorado:

Davis, Graham & Stubbs
Denver

District of Columbia:

Federal Trade Commission
Washington

Florida:

Akerman, Senterfitt & Eldson
Orlando

Michigan:

Dykema Gosset
Detroit

Minnesota:

Leonard, Street & Deinard
Minneapolis

New York:

Cravath, Swaine & Moore
New York

Virginia:

U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps
Ft. Belvoir

ANNUAL CAREER PANEL & INTERVIEWING WORKSHOP

Sponsored by the Asian American Bar Association's Employment Committee, this year's event will be Saturday, September 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Golden Gate will be the host school this year. The program will be compact yet very comprehensive.

NEW LAW SCHOOL VISITING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NAMED

Two new members were recently elected to Golden Gate University School of Law's Law School Visiting Committee.

Mary Coffman Viviano, JD '77, University of Michigan Law School and presently serving as Executive Director of the Public Interest Clearing House, was named to the committee, as was Robert E. Cartwright, Jr., JD '82, Golden Gate University Law School, and presently an attorney with Cartwright, Slobodin, Bokelman, Borowsky, Wartnick, Moore & Harris.

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