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# CAVEAT

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## ABA/LSD sponsors Work-A-Day program

by Mark Figueiredo  
Special to the *Caveat*

The American Bar Association/Law School Division is proud to sponsor the Work-A-Day Program. This charitable endeavor coordinates the volunteer efforts of law students across the nation. Last year, over 6000 law students participated in the program. This year, 29 January 1994 is the designated day law students can volunteer their abilities toward a chosen charity. The ABA/LSD has asked other student organizations to participate in this worthwhile cause, and virtually every club responded and positively.

The Work-A-Day Program serves an important social function, promoting student cohesion and interaction with the community. It is also richly rewarding to the volunteers and beneficial to the needy. By 29 January each student organization will have selected a charity. Any charity from the nationally recognized, such as the Salvation Army, to the obscure, such as a local homeless shelter, can be selected for the program. Individuals will be asked to support the charity chosen by their student organization.

If you do not belong to a select student organization such as the ABA/LSD, the International Law Society, or Delta Theta Phi (etc.) you can volunteer through the Student Bar Association. Additionally, arrangements can be made if you would like to volunteer for a charity other than those chosen by a student organization.

Volunteers will spend the day assisting the charity. At the day's end, a dinner will be coordinated for all participating students within the area. This year, the Work-A-Day Program looks to be a bigger success than last year, and we cordially invite you to be a part of the action.

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## *Caveat Faculty Profile:*

### David Benjamin Oppenheimer

by Thomas E. Lutzenberger  
*Caveat* Staff

David Oppenheimer, Associate Professor of Law, currently teaches Torts and Civil Procedure. After getting his B.A. from the University Without Walls, he completed his J.D. at Harvard Law School.

Beginning his career as a prosecutor for the State of California, Professor Oppenheimer brought the first sexual harassment case to trial in California in 1982. In addition, his work covered the gamut from convening public hearings on Ku Klux Klan activities to disability to housing discrimination.

In academia, Oppenheimer taught at both the University of San Francisco and John F. Kennedy University. Additionally, he began an employment discrimination clinic at University of California Berkeley at Boalt Hall. When comparing the law students from Golden Gate and other schools Professor Oppenheimer is quick to point out the differences between night and day students. He adds, "generally, Golden Gate's students have been more enthusiastic [than others], and [as well as more] concerned with the social responsibility of lawyers. So far I have been very pleased with the caliber of my students, their level of preparation, the depth of their intellectual inquiry, and their enthusiasm for even the subject of civil procedure."

Changes at Golden Gate University that Professor Oppenheimer would like to see include a new facility that places faculty offices in the same building as the student activity areas, classrooms, and the library. "It's important that the professors be accessible," Professor

Oppenheimer adds, "And it is unfortunate that [space limitations do not allow faculty and students to be in the same building.]"

Oppenheimer has found himself working alongside a former mentor of his, Visiting Professor and former Chief Justice, Rose Bird, of the California Supreme Court, with whom Oppenheimer formerly clerked. He remembers his experience of that period vividly. "It was an interesting time and working for her was wonderful. I arrived before the first of her confirmation elections that involved vicious campaigning, and I remained until the conclusion of the public hearings held at her request, to clear her name from false reports. The reports had accused her and two other Justices of holding back decisions on controversial cases until the election was over. Those hearings were here at Golden Gate University."

Oppenheimer adds, "We are incredibly fortunate to have (former Chief Justice Rose Bird) here at Golden Gate University."

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# S.B.A. BEAT

by Timothy Roscoe Carter  
S.B.A. Correspondent

On November 1st and 2nd Golden Gate law students voted 109 to 60 to reject a referendum to increase student fees from \$12.00 per semester to \$20.00 per semester. The Student Bar Association had voted unanimously on October 15 to send the referendum to the students.

At the SBA's November 1 meeting, President Alex Lubarsky asked SBA members working election tables to explain the merits of the referendum to students who ask why it was being presented. This idea was strongly opposed by Jeremy Blank, 3rd Year Representative, who lead the drive to increase the fees. Blank believed that SBA members should campaign for the referendum, but felt that it violated election ethics to campaign at the election site. No vote was taken, but most SBA members seemed to agree with Blank.

Paul Kurokawa, Judicial Committee Chair, submitted to the SBA the Judicial Committee's Recommendations for constitutional revisions. Amendments to the constitution must be approved by a majority vote of the student body. However, revisions may be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors. The proposed revisions include more explicit guidelines for the impeachment of Representatives who fail to attend meetings, the elimination of an appeal of Judicial Committee decisions, and the nomination of the Judicial Committee Chair by the President.

Currently, all disputes decided by the Judicial Committee may be appealed to the Board of Governors. The proposed revisions would eliminate mention of a right to appeal and make the Judicial Committee "final authority" on all disputes it has the power to hear.

Tracey Mlodozenic, Vice President Day, and Lawrence Kaldor, Mid Year Admit Representative, reported that drop folders, rather than cubbyholes, would have to be used for the mailboxes in the new student lounge due to requirements giving equal access to disabled students.

Dean Pagano spoke at the November 1 meeting and provided beer and pizza for those present. Most of his discussions with the students concerned the furnishing of the student lounge. He brought pictures of the type of chairs being considered. Kaldor made a motion to approve "something that looks like that." Marie Davidson, Treasurer, made a motion to table, saying that Kaldor's motion was too indefinite. The motion to table passed.

The Caveat sent an editor to the November 1 meeting. However, SBA did not take up issues that it planned to discuss relating to the Caveat.

The Budget Committee failed to meet quorum for its scheduled November 8 meeting.

A representative of 24-Hour Nautilus Fitness Centers attended the November 15 SBA meeting and pitched a deal to sell the SBA 100 four-month memberships, good at any Bay Area location, for \$77.50 each. SBA members seemed to like the offer, but were purchasing a block of 100. Lubarsky asked if the SBA could get the same deal for 50 memberships. The Nautilus representative said that it would have to be approved, but indicated that it could be done. Stacey Kepness, 3rd Year Representative, made a motion that the SBA should purchase 50 four-month Nautilus memberships for \$77.50 each. The motion passed. The only nay vote was Kaldor, who said that SBA should try to negotiate a better deal.

President Stoffer attended the November 15 meeting and spoke about the University's efforts to improve the image of the Law School. He said, "Institutions

gain in public reputation what they deserve," but went on to say that there can often be a lagtime of about ten years in an appropriate change in reputation. He praised the work of Dean Pagano, saying that he had told Pagano, "You're not the kind of guy I'd like to spend the weekend with, but the results are on your side." He also said that the Law School needs its own building.

Kaldor reported that Dean Pagano had ordered sample chairs for the student lounge.

When Lubarsky asked the Representatives to state what their goals are and what progress they had made on them, Patrick White, 2nd Year Night Representative, stated, "Basically I'm goalless."

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*The November Caveat is the last issue for this semester. Look for us again in January. GOOD LUCK TO ALL DURING FINALS!!*

*The Caveat staff wishes everyone Happy Holidays and a Wonderful New Year!*

## THE CAVEAT

Published by the students at Golden Gate School of Law, the *Caveat* mission is to provide a forum for the law school community. Opinions expressed in bylined articles are those of their authors, and do not necessarily represent the opinions of the editorial staff, the Student Bar Association, or the School of Law.

Submit to the *Caveat!* The submissions envelope is on the door of room 223. The deadline is the 15th of every month. Submissions to the *Caveat* are subject to editing for grammar, punctuation, and space considerations.

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## JUMPING THE BROOM:

LEGALS sponsors pre-finals break to provide stress relief for all

by Caren Jenkins

Special to the *Caveat*

Join us Saturday afternoon, December 4, 1994, for a hilarious theater experience! All students, faculty, staff, family and friends of Golden Gate are invited to participate.

LEGALS purchased all seats at Theatre Rhinoceros for the 5 PM performance of "Jumping the Broom" — a romantic comedy about the conflicts, contradictions and creativity of lesbian and gay weddings. Touching, political and often hilarious, the presentation is a romantic tour through the problems, paradoxes and paperwork involved when gay or lesbian couples choose to publicly validate their unions.

The performance was chosen for its perfect timing in the grand scheme of

finals—the day after the last day of classes and three days before the first finals. That time of the semester everyone needs to take time for a good hearty laugh. Tickets are \$18 each. Order forms are available through any LEGALS member or from the LEGALS bulletin board on the 3rd floor.

All proceeds from the performance will go toward LEGALS' Spring Symposium focusing on changing laws affecting lesbian and gay couples. The symposium is tentatively scheduled for March 1, 1994. Topics being considered for discussion are marriage, adoption, power of attorney for health care, and the like.

"Jumping the Broom" is the perfect fundraising event for the symposium! Please join us. For further information, call Caren at (510) 521-0515.

## Jewish Law School Association hosts dinner

by Andy Olshin

Special to the *Caveat*

On Friday evening 12 November, Golden Gate's Jewish Law School Association joined other Bay Area Jewish professional and graduate students for a Shabbat dinner. Organized by the Jewish Graduate and Professional Students, the pot-luck dinner was hosted by Golden Gate first year law student Sharon Anolik.

The pot-luck extravaganza allowed twenty-five young Jewish students to socialize and establish ties within the community. Additionally, the dinner provided attendees with home cooked meals representing all the classic Jewish dishes.

Future dinners and other events are planned. For more information please see the Jewish Law Student Association's bulletin board on the third floor of the law school.

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# More Organization Profiles...

*From everybody's favorite pro-active campus*

## **LEGALS:** speaking of pro-active...

by Eric G. Young  
Special to the *Caveat*

Lesbian/Gay Law Students, or LEGALS, began in 1988 at Golden Gate as the result of the merger of Lesbians in Law and the Stonewall Law Caucus. Since then, LEGALS has become one of the most active and energetic groups on campus.

Each year, LEGALS hosts a Fall Bake Sale. The proceeds from this are used to assist various organization struggling for gay, lesbian, and bisexual rights. The money raised last year helped fight against the Oregon and Colorado initiatives, and this year, the proceeds were sent to the legal defense fund for Sherry Bottoms, a lesbian whose young son was taken from her by a Virginia judge.

In addition to the Bake Sale, LEGALS also hosts an annual Spring Symposium. Last year, our topic was "Gays in the Military," and it was one of the most well-attended events on campus. This spring, our Symposium will focus on "Gay Families," and it will included discussions ranging from gay marriage to health care rights for same-sex couples.

However, LEGALS does not believe in merely repeating the same events year after year. We have greatly expanded our activities. On 22 October, we held our first annual Student/Alumni Mixer to commemorate the creation of the Zamperini/Burchell Scholarship Fund, one of the first scholarships designed solely for gay, lesbian, or bisexual students. We are also starting an off-campus volunteer program to strengthen and improve our ties to the larger gay and lesbian community, and we will soon begin work on an Alumni Newsletter.

While this year has been an intensely challenging one for LEGALS, we feel we have risen to the occasion through spirit and hard work, and we look forward to an ever-expanding future at Golden Gate.

## International Law Society: for those with global aspirations...

by Mark Figueirdo  
Special to the *Caveat*

The International Law Society (ILS) began this year as the International Law Association (ILA). To clear up any confusion amongst those of you who have seen ILS as well as ILA announcements, be advised that we are the same organization. The name change was to simplify matters with our parent affiliation, the International Law Students Association (ILSA) which has always referred to us as the ILS. The ILS officers are: President Jean Lombard; Vice-President Sheila Sharei; Treasurer Jacquie Serrao; and Secretary Mark Figueiredo.

Now that you are clear on WHO we are, you might be wondering WHAT we do. Well, the ILS exists to afford law students an opportunity to explore academic and employment offerings in the field of International Law. To further this goal, the ILS, at our 30 September meeting, had students speak about their past experiences in various summer programs abroad. Alison Dixon, Marty Courson, Steve Davidson, Jacqui Serrao, and Tanya Prioste spoke about all aspects of studying law during a summer in another country. The benefits from this type of endeavor included the quality of academic offerings, low costs, the abundant availability of financial aid, very liberal grading, and the opportunity to travel. There were no cognizable disadvantages from participating in any of the programs.

Also at the meeting, the ILS announced the STEP Program. Through this program, interested students can spend a summer abroad working for a European law firm. If you would like to participate in the STEP Program, contact the ILS now! The ILS is also involved in an on-going speaker series. On 20 October, Valerie Votchal, a Russian psychologist and dispute negotiator, spoke on the emerging laws in the former Soviet Union and on the rapid development of dispute resolution alternatives such as arbitration, negotiation, and mediation. On 26 October the ILS is planning to have a speaker discuss the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Aside from the legal purposes, the ILS along with the ABA-LSD and Phi Delta Phi co-sponsored a highly successful Happy Hour - Welcome Party at the beginning of the year. We are also planning a jubilant end-of-the-year event to rival last year's incredible Mexican Bus Party.

Such event sponsored by the ILS can be paid for only through the use of membership dues and fund raising, such as our beginning of the year Book Sale. Membership dues are \$15 per academic year. We welcome new members at any time. If you are interested in international law or are intrigued by what the ILS does, please stop by one of our meetings. We look forward to doing good things this year and we hope that your will want to be a part of it.

### WANT TO LEARN JAPANESE?

THE NIPPON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION gives free lessons every Tuesday at noon on the 4th floor. Free materials are provided. Don't forget to say,  
*"Domo Arigato!"*

## **PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION**

by Eva Pappadopoulos  
Special to the *Caveat*

The Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) is a non-profit student organization established to foster interest and dedication in the pursuit of legal public interest careers. PILF is designed to provide resources and networking opportunities for law students who wish to use their law degree in support of the disadvantaged and underrepresented.

There are several advantages provided by PILF to GGU students. First, GGU law students who are committed to public interest work will find a strong community support network through their membership with PILF. The organization's affiliation with the Public Interest Clearinghouse provides students with job listings and an essential link to the Bay Area network of public interest law. Second, PILF maintains a grant program for students' summer internships in public interest law. These grants allow students to gain work experience in their field through internships that otherwise would be unpaid. Third, PILF's Loan Assistance Program provides financial assistance to graduates who accept low paying, positions out of concern for the public interest. Funding comes from the interest from a \$100,000 endowment from GGU, student fees, and faculty and student pledges. Approximately \$116,000 has been collected through PILF's efforts.

Golden Gate University's PILF is a member of the National Association of Public Interest Law (NAPIL) and is associated with the Northern California Loan Forgiveness Council and the Public Interest Clearinghouse. For more information, come to our meetings or leave a message at the PILF mailbox on the 14th floor of 49 Stevenson.

### Question and Answer:

#### 1. What's this I've heard about about loan repayment assistance?

Every year PILF conducts major fundraising efforts to help support the Public Interest Loan Assistance Program. In the past, PILF has raised up to \$5000 in one year, composed mainly of student and faculty pledges. This money goes directly to the PILAP fund. Every GGU alumni/ae who takes a position in public interest law is eligible for a grant to help pay back their hefty law school loans.

Grants are awarded based on three criteria: First, financial need. Second, a public interest position. And third, past involvement in community and fundraising activities with PILF at GGU. What goes around comes around! Applications are reviewed by a committee comprised of students and faculty, including Dean Hughes. Applications are available at Dean Hughes' office on the 15th floor of 49 Stevenson. The Committee will be reviewing applications at the end of November, 1993. Last year PILF awarded grants to eight recipients.

#### 2. Does PILF give grants for summer internships?

PILF's parent organization, the National Association for Public Interest Law, awards a grant every year to finance student summer interships. The size of this grant depends on how much money PILF raises during the school year. It is difficult to find paid summer internships at non-profit organizations.

#### 3. What has PILF done this semester?

Our bakesale raised \$180, we sent PILF chapter Vice President Olivia Wein to the annual NAPIL convention (with the help of a gift from the Dean's Office), and we sponsored three speakers: Professor Susan Rutberg, Criminal Defender; Professor Marcy Seville, Director of the Women's Employment Rights Clinic; Professor Cliff Retchsaffen, Director of the Environmental Law Clinic.

#### 4. What will PILF be doing this Spring?

Activities planned for next semester include fundraising events, including a pledge drive in early February, and a debates entitled "Pro Bono Mandate: Should pro bono work be mandatory for law students and lawyers?"

## **Corporate Law Students Association**

by Gino Biandini  
Special to the *Caveat*

Begun during the spring of 1993, the Corporate Law Student Association (CLSA) currently has twenty-nine members with interests ranging from intellectual property and securities, to environmental regulation and water rights.

The Corporate Law Students Association's goals are twofold. First, it hopes promote the learning experience by providing and supervising writing and research projects geared toward the interests of our members. Second, it hopes to use what is written by its members to establish contacts in the legal community.

If you are interested in membership, feel free to call Gino Biandini at (415) 738-2663.

## **P.A.D. is in the community**

by Marc Cerda, Phi Alpha Delta  
Special to the *Caveat*

Thursday, 28 October was a scary good time at the Hamilton Homeless Family Shelter in the Haight.

Phi Alpha Delta's 2nd Annual Halloween Party for Homeless Kids was attended by over 20 costumed law students from both the University of San Francisco and Golden Gate University.

Children bobbed for apples, ran relay races, and decorated homemade masks and cupcakes. Prizes and candy were donated by the students.

The highlight of the party was observing over forty eager kids clobber the daylight out of a vampire-shaped pinata at the end of the evening. Except for the little girl who was scared silly by one student dressed as Ross Perot, everyone had a terrific time.

Each family seemed extremely grateful to the law students for taking the time out to make Halloween 1993 a time to remember.

# Is BAR/BRI Really Enough For The MBE?

- ✓ **FACT:** The overwhelming majority of students taking the California Bar Exam last year were enrolled in BAR/BRI.

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- ✓ **FACT:** The Pass Rate on the California Bar Exam plummeted to 44% last year!

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- ✓ **FACT:** The reason for the dramatic drop in the California Pass Rate was primarily due to low MBE scores!

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- ✓ **FACT:** The Mean Raw Score on the 1992 Multistate Bar Exam was only 124 correct.\*

\*Statistics based on February, 1993 California Bar Exam.



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## The Federalist Society

by Sean Brearcliffe  
Special to the *Caveat*

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies was founded as a national organization eleven years ago by law students at Yale, Harvard, Stanford, and the University of Chicago. The group was formed to organize legal and public policy thought and engage it in the losing battle to preserve the identity of our Republic.

The Federalist Society has come to represent conservative and libertarian lawyers, judges, economists, and politicians across the country, and law students on over 122 campuses, and to involve itself in nearly every significant question of the day. The Golden Gate University chapter is equally dedicated to conservative and libertarian ends. The most recent incarnation of The Federalist Society at Golden Gate has hosted a small gathering to hear Dr. Michael Greve from the Center for Individual Rights in Washington, D.C., discuss private property rights, takings, and developments in First and Second Amendment jurisprudence.

The Federalist Society members have also been able to attend luncheons hosted by the San Francisco Lawyers' chapter of The Federalist Society. Guests-of-honor have included the last great U.S. Attorney General, Hon. Edwin Meese III, immigration policy expert Linda Chavez, and David Brock, the author of *The Real Anita Hill*, which exposed the perjury of that now infamous law professor.

The Golden Gate Federalists do not hold bake-sales, car washes, or mixers. The group seeks to inform its members and the student body at large, to stimulate critical thought, and to challenge the prevailing legal and policy orthodoxy that has infected our society since the New Deal.

For more of the *raison d'être* of The Federalist Society, look to its law review, The Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy (copies in the library), read its national quarterly newsletter, "The Federalist Paper." For more information, call Sean Brearcliffe (510) 357-5471.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Open Letter to Dean Pagano and the Golden Gate Community:

I would like to take this time to apologize to Dean Pagano and the Golden Gate Community for a comment that was published in the last issue of the *Caveat* under the "SBA Report" section.

The comment was to the effect that Dean Pagano had refused to pay for the LEGALS Alumni Mixer. I made this statement, which was reported out of context, at the October 18th SBA meeting about my concern for the school's handling of alumni relations. Mark Figuerido, the second-year day representative had just stated that his goal for the year was to improve alumni contacts and relations. In response, I reported that I had learned earlier that day from someone who I had understood to be Dean Pagano's representative, that the school would pay nothing toward the LEGALS Alumni mixer and Zamperini/Burchell Scholarship celebration. I was embarrassed, upset and hurt because I had been assured for weeks (and as a result assured fellow LEGALS members who had personally incurred expenses) that all reasonable expenditures would be covered.

As it turns out, there are two entities which maintain alumni relations. Golden Gate Law School's alumni services office and the Golden Gate Alumni Relations Office are two separate entities which sometimes, but not all the time, work in tandem. Each has their own funding sources. The entity I was dealing with was Golden Gate University's Alumni Relations Office which is not even located on campus. This was a case of the right hand not knowing if the left hand would pay. Dean Pagano actually saved the mixer by paying for two-thirds of it out of his own pocket. I can imagine his upset at reading about my comments the week after he not only paid for most of the catering expenses but pledged \$250 to the Zamperini/Burchell Scholarship fund.

I am happy to report that as a direct result of Dean Pagano's generosity, the Zamperini/Burchell scholarship fund raised over \$700 on October 22nd and LEGALS now has an updated alumni roster and future contacts with Golden Gate Alumni. Overall, the mixer was a tremendous success.

Dean Pagano, I am terribly sorry for my failure to investigate the misunderstanding before reporting it to the SBA. Thank you for your quick response to a potential crisis and your magnanimity.

Sincerely yours,  
Stacey Camillo, Co-chair Legals

Oppenheimer, *continued from page 1*

Always one for law school professors being more accessible to their students, Professor Oppenheimer can sympathize sincerely with the anxiety of finals. Some of his greatest fears at the end of the semester were oversleeping, being in the wrong exam room, realizing he hadn't studied enough, and realizing that he had studied too much and it didn't matter in the end. In addition, his time at Harvard had its own individual tempering. "It was very frightening, in part for the obvious reason that law was a much more difficult area than what I had studied before, but also because Harvard was such a competitive place. Grades, there, were impor-

tant in terms of status; I found many of my friends had been lying about their grades in order to maintain the high opinion of themselves among others. I can't imagine the same thing happening at Golden Gate. It is much more humane and cooperative than Harvard."

In addition to teaching, Professor Oppenheimer serves on both the Board of Directors, and the Legal Committee, of the American Civil Liberties Union for Northern California. For students hoping to do work with the ACLU, Professor Oppenheimer states, "There are only a few clerk positions at the ACLU, since it has a very small legal staff, but working for them will enhance a student's prospects for later jobs."

# S.B.A. PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

by Alex Lubarsky  
Special to the *Caveat*

## HOLDING OFFICE HOURS

I'm holding office hours again.  
The same old thing  
I'm alone  
a few wrong numbers,  
a dancing cockroach,  
and a kneeful of crushed ice from a spilt twenty-five cent Coke  
share in my stillness.

I remain engrossed at the monolith slate window  
which displays a growing silver army of crystalline micro speckles  
each comfortably nestled into its temporary home  
amidst a cacophony of soothing sizzling wetness.

I snap out  
I get up  
I put the garbage out  
I thumb through a second hand Gilbert's  
I get to page three and snap back in

I spiral into that chameleon choreographed image of  
a not too far off stucco wilderness which could be mine.  
I stay stone- yet swirl,  
happily transfixed for a moment  
a startled heartbeat launch  
I toy with page four.

*(The SBA officers and I strongly urge students to take advantage of the SBA office hours as posted on the SBA and third floor bulletin boards.)*

Assistant Editor Wendy Giblin prowled the law school hallways asking unsuspecting students,

"What has been your worst exam-taking experience?"

"My wife went into labor a month prematurely — the night before the LSAT. She was in labor for twenty hours! I had to stay up all night and go straight to the test. My mind wasn't on the test because my daughter was in intensive care."

--Charles Ward, Second-year.

"During my Criminal Law exam last

summer, I broke out in hives. I started itching on my arms, legs and stomach. It was really distracting, so I tried to hurry through the exam. I ended up getting a 'C' on it."

--Lana Spikener, First-year MYA student.

"I began suffering from flu symptoms during my torts exam last semester. Maybe it was anxiety, but the symptoms didn't go away for three days. I guess I'll never know what caused them."

--Patty Walman, First-year MYA.

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# Editor's Notebook

We thank all of those organizations who submitted overviews of their purpose and activities. Please keep us informed of your future events.

In addition to reporting "the news," newspapers seek to encourage debate within the community and to provide a forum for readers to voice their concerns. The *Caveat* is no less dedicated to that end than is the *Chronicle* or the *Bay Guardian*. As such, the *Caveat* welcomes article or letter submissions tackling any subject that may be of interest to the law school community.

Many say that Golden Gate does not have any feeling of student community. The poor turn-out for the S.B.A. fee raise referendum supports this criticism — only 169 students bothered to vote.

The exchanging of ideas through a newspaper forum will help build a community. The *Caveat* hopes that readers will take interest in this undertaking and send us a letter the next time they are outraged by something within or outside of the law school.

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Coming in January...

The *Caveat* Entertainment Section covering the latest goings on in San Francisco.