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CAVEAT

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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SBA ELECTIONS

PREZ CORNER

SBA ELECTIONS: Each year at this time, the election of SBA officers and class representatives for the following year takes place. Elections for the following positions will be held: President, Day Vice President, Night Vice President, two 2nd yr. day reps, two 2nd yr. night reps, two 3rd yr. day reps, two 3rd yr. night reps, two 4th yr. night reps, and American Bar Assn/ Law Students Division reps (one day and one night). The SBA is responsible for selecting students for the various Faculty Student Council committees (Evaluations, Admissions, Budget, Curriculum, Hiring, Academic Standards) and the Caveat Editor(s). The SBA is an organization designed to be a student advocate at GGU on issues that come up during the year which concern students. In addition, the SBA plans social activities for students(exs., SBA picnic held each fall and disco dance held this spring). The SBA also functions as a service organization (exs., booksale, fall orientation, Y passes, raising scholarship monies). The role of the class reps is to communicate concerns of their classmates to SBA and administration, to inform classmates of events at GGU, and to seek out opinions concerning various issues. The officers perform organizational duties as well as working with the administration towards the resolution of student concerns with the SBA class reps. The SBA Pres. is also a member of the GGU Board of Trustees and the Faculty Student Council. The SBA pres. receives a full tuition remission during the year s/he serves. Below is the nomination and election procedure:

- 1. Nominations-** At the top of a sheet of paper put a sentence that says "I nominate _____ for (2nd yr. night) SBA rep. (the year you put down is the class you will be in next year). Then have ten students sign the petition. (for class rep- you need signatures from students in your class. day or night vice pres- you need signatures from day and night students respectively depending on which you are running for. All other officers may obtain signatures from any GGU student.) Petitions must be turned in by 7:00 p.m. Thurs., March 22nd. Put petitions in SBA box in Faculty Center on 2nd floor or in SBA box outside door of SBA office on the mezzanine.
- 2. Candidate statements:** You will also need to write a campaign statement to be published in the Caveat. This is due by 7 p.m. Thur, 3-22 also, the same time as the nomination petitions are due. Put the statements in the Caveat box in the Faculty Center (sooner than this date if possible).
- 3. Campaigning-** Campaigning will begin Monday March 26th. We will schedule a candidate's forum that week.
- 4. Voting:** Voting will start the week of April 2nd.

Action Alert

FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES: Financial Aid Applications for Summer, 1979 and academic year 1979-1980, are available in the Financial Aid Office Room 100.

Deadline Dates

Summer '79	April 19, 1979
Academic Year '79-'80 (Fall '79-Spring '80)	May 4, 1979

SCHOLARSHIP: Sponsored by Lawyer's Wives of Sacramento County. Qualifications: Resident of Sacramento County, Second Year Day Student or Second and Third Year Evening Law Student. Deadline: March 20, 1979. Award Notification: April 16, 1979. See Financial Aid Office, Rm 100 for forms and details.

July, 1979 BAR applications: Limited supply now available from the office of the registrar. A licensed finger-print service will soon be commissioned for one or two days of "on-campus" finger-printing. Watch the CAVEAT and the Calif. Bar information bulletin board for details.



The duties of the ABA/LSD reps are to promote membership in the division; to promote division programs, scholarships, grants and competitions; serve as liaison between the division and GGU student members, administration and school organizations; make reports to the Circuit Governor; attend the Fall, Spring, and Annual (summer) meetings of the division. You must be a member of the ABA/Law Student Division and have at least one year of law school remaining to run.

If you have any questions concerning SBA functions, responsibilities of officers and reps, or election procedures, contact your SBA rep or officer or call Alice at 863-7880.

NEW YMCA PASS PICK-UP HOURS: M-F noon-12:30, 2:30-3:00 p.m.; Mon, Tues, Thurs. 6:15-6:45 p.m. The passes may be used at the Y during the following hours: M-F 7-10:30 a.m., 2-4 p.m., 6:30-9:00 p.m., Sat. noon-4p.m.

SBA PROJECTS: During the remainder of the semester the SBA will be working on the following projects:

1. Faculty Evaluations by students
2. selection of student members for Hiring and Curriculum committees and Caveat Editor(s) for next year and revision of committee selection procedures
3. constitutional by-laws revision
4. revision of budget procedures.

Any students who have suggestions or would like to participate on these projects, contact me immediately. Also, if there are other concerns you would like addressed by the SBA let me know.

Alice M. Montgomery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION: Students who are working for a Professor or Professors and submit time cards for pay.

On many occasions we have asked the Payroll Dept. to make an exception and accept late time cards from you. Will you please note that all time cards are due by 12 noon on the following days for the Spring & Summer Semesters:

<u>Friday, March 23</u> for March 9-23	to be paid on March 30
<u>Friday, April 6</u> for March 26-April 6	" " " " April 13
<u>Monday, April 23</u> for April 9-23	" " " " April 30
<u>Tuesday, May 8</u> for April 24-May 8	" " " " May 15
<u>Wednesday, May 23</u> for May 9-23	" " " " May 31
<u>Friday, June 8</u> for May 24-June 6	" " " " June 15
<u>Friday, June 22</u> for June 11-22	" " " " June 29
<u>Friday, July 6</u> for June 25-July 6	" " " " July 13
<u>Tuesday, July 24</u> for July 9-24	" " " " July 31
<u>Wednesday, August 8</u> for July 25-August 8	" " " " August 15
<u>Friday, August 24</u> for August 8-24	" " " " August 31

Any time cards turned in after 12 noon will not be processed for payment until the following pay period. Turn in all time cards to Barb Goldsmith in the Deans' office. Your cooperation is most appreciated. Thank you.

Mary Selvy and Barbara Goldsmith
Payroll Dept.

I am pleased to introduce to you three (3) new faculty secretaries: Alice Martin, located in Room 210, Law Faculty East; * Mary Kitchen, located on 55 New Montgomery St., 7th Fl. Law Faculty West; ** Debbie Wood, located on 55 New Montgomery St., 7th Fl. Law Faculty West.

* Alice is full time temporary and will probably apply for her position on a permanent basis later this month.

**Mary Kitchen is part time temporary and will be applying for her position on a permanent basis beginning April 1, 1979.

Please welcome these industrious women to GGU and we ask for your patience in expediting your requests during their training period. Thank you.

JOIN CALIFORNIA STATE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION:

The C.S.S.B.A. is the only statewide law student organization which represents the interests of all law students in the State of California. Membership in the organization costs only one dollar per year; and yet, it entitles you to special low cost health insurance and special educational materials to assist you during your law school experience. Furthermore, the individual student is given the direct opportunity to participate in the educational and legislative efforts of the Association by joining one of its committees. If interested, mail: Name, Address, Telephone, Law School Attending, Legal Areas of Interest, and Membership dues (\$1.00 payable to C.S.S.B.A.) to C.S.S.B.A., 1333 Front St., San Diego, CA 92101

COMMITTEE-SELECTION COMMITTEE: This committee of the SBA is presently committed to reviewing procedures used for the selection of the student members of the seven FSC committees. To make our job less onerous we would like to hear complaints and recommendations from students concerning the procedures, especially from students involved in last year's selections. Contact Sandy van Broek, Marc Nissenbaum, or Alice Montgomery.

FSC COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Our last faculty applicant will be at the school on Monday, March 12, 1979. His name is Allan Brotsky. He will be available for interviews from 10:00 a.m. until noon in Room 314. His presentation will follow. Please try to attend.
Hiring Committee

ANNUAL WORLD SERIES OF POKER COMPETITION: That's right! GGU's annual World Series of Poker will be held Sunday, March 25, location(s) to be announced. The rules are basically the same as in the Las Vegas World Series of Poker. The game is Texas Hold'em, and its winner take all. All GGU students, faculty, and employees are eligible to enter. The entry fee is \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the tourney. For sign-up sheets and more details see the coffee machine on the second floor of the old building. Sponsored by the M.O.L.E.S.

THE NATIONAL LAND USE CONFERENCE ON GROWTH MANAGEMENT will be holding registration for over 100 people in the lobby and hallway near the new auditorium, on Wednesday, March 14 starting at 8:00 a.m.

In order to hold congestion at a minimum, it is requested that students use the stairs and old elevator rather than the new elevators and second floor hallway for access to classes. Thanks for your cooperation.
Priscilla Camp

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DISCO! Saturday, March 17, 1979, 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m., Longshoreman's Hall (Fisher-man's Wharf), \$3.00/person. Bar, Beer and Wine. Benefits GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY CHILD CARE CENTER.

LAW PLACEMENT NEWS:

Attention ALL law students. This is what you have been waiting for, whether you know it or not.

Starting on Wednesday, March 7th, we will be presenting panel discussions for 7 consecutive Wednesdays on various aspects of the practice of law.

I have purposely planned these panels for 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. in the hope of attracting as many students as possible. Bring your lunch, if this is your lunch hour, because we're going to keep these panels pretty casual. There will be a minimum of three attorneys on most of the panels and they all seem to be enthusiastic about telling you how they got their jobs and what those jobs entail. Don't miss this opportunity to get a lot of information painlessly.

Here's the roster. (There will be flyers in the hallway on the second floor to remind you of coming events.)

In Auditorium B (yes, I know about the problems there, but bear with us):

March 7th	Small and Medium Sized Firm Practice
March 14th	What to Do Now to Get Hired After You Take The Bar Exam-3rd Year Students N.B.
March 21st	In-House Counsel
March 27th	Showing of CYLA film "Making It On Your Own" at 11 a.m.
	Warm up to:
March 28th	Solo Practice
April 4th	Large Firm Practice
April 11th	Working for the Government-P.D., D.A., U.S. Attorney
April 18th	Post Grad. Judicial Clerkships

This is a one-time event this year. Seize the moment.
Laura

O P E D

There still remains time to make changes in the Writing and Research Program to enable the freshman law class to devote an equitable amount of time to their substantive law program, as well as complete their two credit Writing and Research class.

We submit that the old rule of thumb of three hours out of class time spent for each hour in class would be a valuable criterion in the preparation of this last assignment. The assignment will finally be introduced on Thursday, 3-8-79. Students are allowed two weeks to complete an outline of their appellate brief.

This will mean that within approximately twelve hours, students will be expected to review the lower court transcript, do all the research and completely organize the brief. Within the three weeks following this, (eighteen hours outside class time) the final draft must be completed.

Tutors have informed us that the appellate brief will demand much more time than our previous assignments. Because some of us have spent forty to fifty hours on our recent points and authorities memorandum and the legal memo of last semester, it is apparent that the time necessary to complete the brief will grossly interfere with other courses.

Since all students are competing for grades, and time is of the essence in law school, some standard must be devised in order that class assignments are equitable in both time necessary to complete and in the difficulty of the subject matter.

In the Points and Authorities assignment, we found it grossly unfair that some classes were given topics familiar to a first semester law student to enable them to complete their assignments with relative ease. In other Research and Writing sections, the topics assigned required a great amount of time to simply become familiarized with the subject matter before research was even commenced.

This problem is further complicated by the fact that the tutors themselves are not adequately briefed or knowledgeable regarding the nature and subject matter of the assignment in order to give adequate direction to students at the commencement of an assignment. As a result, they are often unable to answer student's questions that arise, and frequently change answers previously given.

Information should not be delivered in "drips and drabs". Fruitless and frustrating hours of research are wasted because tutors are not allowed to disclose information which is considered "secret".

Should this pattern continue, it will be near impossible to complete an adequate brief even in the anticipated exorbitant amount of time necessary.

We realize that GGU has been attempting to upgrade the Writing and Research program. We are concerned that the final assignment will demand such an inordinate amount of time that our fourteen hours of substantive law will be adversely affected. This is unfair to both first year law students and the professors teaching the substantive law.

We feel that the last quarter of the year should be geared toward preparation for final exams. We are not opposed to a reasonable Writing and Research assignment that would demand time in proportion to the two units of credit earned.

Concerned First Year Students

Dear Caveat Editors:

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the letter from Concerned First Year Students.

The Writing and Research schedule for 1978-1979 is essentially the same as last year's. A major consideration in scheduling W & R is to set completion dates for the final assignments well in advance of the examination period. In the Fall semester, the last assignment was due on Monday of the twelfth week of classes. A concerned group of first year students called a meeting in the Fall to complain that assignments were not sufficiently spaced out over the entire semester. In response to that complaint, the Spring semester assignments were allocated over a 14-week, rather than a 12-week, period.

The schedule for the Spring semester was handed out in the first week of classes to enable students to plan their study schedules. Participation in other law school activities, subsequently scheduled, is at the discretion of each student, but extra-curricular activities cannot form the basis for last-minute schedule changes.

We have reviewed the Spring assignments, their point value and the amount of time allocated for their completion. Use of the formula of 3 hours out of class for each hour in class indicates that the time necessary to complete each assignment is reasonable.

Despite our perceptions of what is a "reasonable" amount of time to produce an acceptable written product, we are not able to control the amount of time self-induced pressures cause students to spend on assignments. We sympathize with the difficulty of learning "when to stop," but there is simply no way to learn this important aspect of writing and research except through experience.

The fact situations used for Writing and Research assignments are diverse. Efforts are always made to equalize assignment difficulty over the entire year rather than for each assignment.

No attempt is being made to withhold vital information regarding assignments. However, the purpose of the Writing and Research course is to provide the students with a maximum learning experience in legal research. The tutors available to guide and instruct the students rather than merely to provide the answers.

Finally, we cannot agree that the tutors are "not adequately briefed or knowledgeable regarding ... the assignments." Each tutor expends enormous time and energy in preparation for classes, researching the assignments, individually counseling students, and correcting the final papers. There is no expectation that tutors will be expert in the substantive areas of law covered in the assignments. There is no expectation that tutors will have the answer to every question raised because the content of a writing and research class does not lend itself to pat answers.

The expectation that tutors will be concerned, knowledgeable guides in the methods of legal research and writing has, in our opinion, been more than adequately met by this year's group of tutors.

Sincerely,
Nancy Carol Carter
Karen D. Kadushin

LETTERS

The following letter was written in response to the recent mass resignation of the faculty office secretarial staff. -Ed.

Dear Linda Palmer, Dan Jones, and Jean Thomas:

The law has almost a total monopoly on grievance resolution. Law professors, therefore, would be expected to be expert in the art and practice of said grievance resolution in order that they might train students to practice those skills. I cry for the failure of Golden Gate faculty members unable even to resolve the grievances of their own secretarial staff. This schizophrenic split between teaching the law (i.e. grievance resolution) theoretically and practicing the law daily in reality frightens me. When I first entered law school in September 1977 I felt your pain and frustration. I asked you how you processed your grievances, since you had no union. You told me that you had no way to process your grievances and that the last person who tried to start a union was fired for that among other reasons. I found it hard to believe that a law school teaching Labor Law could have no union. Later in speaking with others I found (by unconfirmed rumor) that some professors had tried to start a union among the faculty and that they also do not work here any-

If professors of law choose to stick their heads in the sand to watch hypothetical cars fall up for tort questions and count the number of farts dancing on the top of pins rather than learn to handle simple housekeeping conflicts in a faculty office, I have some serious questions about their ability to teach us anything useful in the real world of conflict-resolution. The proper solution to this problem is not a mass exodus of secretaries and a published list of condemned named offending faculty members. The proper solution to this problem is the LAW. The law says that Golden Gate University is covered by National Labor Relations Board grievance processes within a recognised labor/management contract or memorandum of understanding. Adults process their grievances through civil labor/management grievance processes not through childish name calling and running to the Dean's office. Why don't you all grow up? Where is the faculty union? Where is the secretary union? Why not rehire Linda, Dan and Jean and process their grievances properly through their union. If the law faculty can not resolve such simple grievances, then their conflict-resolution monopoly is not justified and their teaching ability is dubious.

Yours truly,
Francis Lish

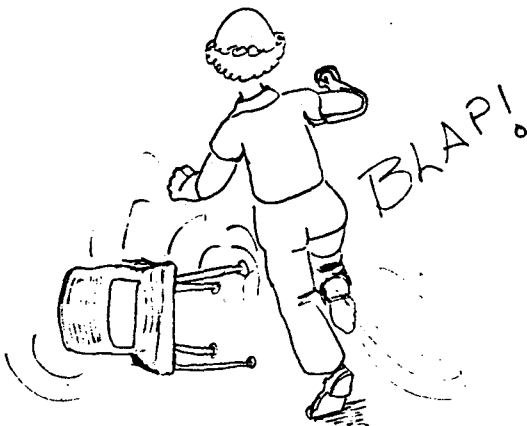
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