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WOMEN AND THE LAW SERIES SLATED AT  
STANFORD -- RAMEY IS SPEAKER

"Women and the Law" will be the theme of the winter quarter Wednesday noon lecture series beginning January 28 at Stanford University in Palo Alto.

The programs, sponsored by the Center for Research on Women at Stanford, is free and will be held in Terman Auditorium.

Opening speaker will be Golden Gate's own Drucilla Ramey, who will discuss "An Overview of Constitutional Cases On Women's Rights."

Other topics and speakers will be:

° Feb. 4: "Women in the Trenches: Cases Women Bring" by Nancy Davis of Equal Rights Advocates, San Francisco.

° Feb. 11: "Current Issues in the Abortion Controversy" by Margaret Crosby, the lawyer who argued the case for abortion funding before the California Supreme Court for the American Civil Liberties Union.

° Feb. 18: "Sexual Harassment of Working Women" by Catherine MacKinnon, visiting professor at the Stanford Law School, author of a book by the same title.

° Feb. 25: "Women and the Judiciary" by Judge Marily Patel, the first woman appointed to the federal bench in the Northern District of California.

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SECURITY TASK FORCE REPORT

AND PROPOSALS PUBLISHED

The Security Task Force has issued its final report and proposals to President Butz and members of the GGU community.

A copy of the report has been placed on reserve in both the law library and the general library.

Students are encouraged to read the report and comment on the Task Force's proposals. Comments and inquiries may be directed to either Grace Donner in the Office of Student Services, Room 142, or Pat Warner, in the Women's Association Office, Mezzanine.

The Task Force has invited President Butz' formal response by Monday, January 19th.

WOMEN FACE PROBLEMS BEING ACCEPTED  
AS FULL MEMBERS OF LAW SCHOOL FACULTIES  
ABA STUDY SHOWS

While women appear to be making great strides towards integration into law school faculties, a number of barriers must be removed if they are to become full members of the law school community.

That is the conclusion of a report recently released by the American Bar Association's Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities. The study entitled "The Integration of Women Into Law Faculties" was funded by the National Institute of Education and New York Law School. Project members spent a year gathering information from the faculty, administration and students of selected schools.

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To the Faculty-Student Council:

Three things (at least) in the Academic Standards Committee's proposal regarding credit/no credit options for electives promote mediocrity:

1. Forcing students to choose before they get a grade whether to take a grade or credit rewards the good guessers about how they will perform in a particular class, not the good students;

And it is a guess. The classes a student thinks are hard and s/he will do poorly in are often the ones a student does best in because s/he has to work particularly hard to understand it. But it's hard-to-impossible to predict one's performance before the fact.

2. There is a lack of incentive to "go the extra mile" when a student knows s/he only needs to do "C" work to get a pass. It is always more challenging to go for the grade, and only take a credit if you don't get the grade.

3. Limiting the credit/no credit option to a certain number of hours in the law school career is a good idea. But to limit the option to one class a semester presupposes a balanced schedule. No one has a balanced schedule! Scheduling is not one of the school's strong points. Most students find they have to take all bar courses one semester, because all the electives they are interested in are given another semester -- or another year. They take mostly electives another semester.

Nancy M. Lashnits  
December, 1980 Grad

Editor's Note: Copies of the proposed changes in the law school's academic standards policy may be obtained at the SBA office. Also, the SBA is presenting a synopsis of the committee's proposals at a meeting Thursday, noon, in Room P-5.



(The following letter from Judge Henderson was addressed to attendees of a reception given by Balsa in honor of the former GGU professor's appointment to the bench. Balsa has passed the letter on to the Caveat.)

On November 25, 1980, you attended a reception held on my behalf by the Black American Law Student Association. The reception, I'm told, went well ... except for the fact that I did not show up.

I missed my own reception because I was hearing an important case involving a man's freedom and, perhaps, his life, and it was crucial to complete the hearing that evening.

I would still like to meet with those of you who were kind enough to show up on November 25th. To insure that I show up, however, I am scheduling the next reception in my chambers.

Please let me know if you can drop by for wine, beer and snacks on February 11, 1981, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., Room 18041, Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Sincerely,

Thelton E. Henderson  
United States District Judge

R.S.V.P. 556-3710, Jeanette Taylor

Dear Staff of the Caveat:

My compliments on the Jan. 12th issue -- superb!! I especially enjoyed the Ossias article and the memo on page six.

I would have typed this letter, but my fingers are still numb from finals last week.

Here's looking at the spring semester (through waning eyes)!

Best regards,

Lori Osborn, Editor  
The Gateway

### SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING COURSE

Begins January 26th

- 15 week course
- Mondays and Wednesdays  
5:30 to 6:30
- Open to all GGU students, staff and faculty
- Instructor: Women's Protection Program, associated with the Marin Rape Crisis Center
- \$30 per student
- Maximum enrollment: 30 people [Additional section will be added if demand exceeds class maximum]
- Course curriculum will focus on:
  - \* Street safety
  - \* Body awareness
  - \* In case of attack -- practical measures and information
  - \* Physical self-defense tactics, including participation in a simulated attack

#### TO REGISTER:

- (1) Sign up in Room 142 between January 19 and 23, or call 442-7235 (Grace Donner);
- (2) Come to the first class on January 26, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 500;
- (3) Payment will be collected at the first meeting.

The self-defense training course is sponsored jointly by the Women's Association and the Security Task Force.



#### NEW FACULTY ARRIVAL

Professor Rozella Canty-Letsome gave birth to a daughter (Rebecca) last week. The Caveat has been informed that both mother and daughter are doing well.

Wally Walker, Registrar, concurrently announced that Prof. Canty-Letsome's grades for Wills and Trusts would be delayed by about a week.

Congratulations Rozella, and welcome Rebecca!

The attitude of students towards women faculty members is one serious problem facing women law professors. Dr. Elizabeth Ashburn, director of the project, said, "Women tend to be viewed as less competent than their male counterparts." Ashburn pointed out that the students seem more likely to challenge women professors. This, she said, put additional performance pressures on those teachers and often had a "snowball" effect.

For example, Ashburn said, "We found women spent on the average 5 hours more a week in class preparation and 5 hours less per week on research and writing despite similar teaching loads. This becomes important when we recognize the increasing importance of publishing to the advancement of a law faculty member."

The study also found that presently most of the women are junior faculty members. According to Ashburn, "We don't know the attrition rate of women -- how many are leaving teaching as a result of this performance pressure. But we do know that the integration of women in law school faculties is not a foregone conclusion."

Copies of the study are available from the ABA's Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, 1800 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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◦ March 4: "Current and Future Issues in Employment Law" by Ass't Dean Victoria Diaz of Stanford Law School, who teaches a course on problems of women and minorities in employment.

◦ March 11: "Family and the Law" by Professor Carol Branch of King Hall, U.C. Davis, a member of the California Law Revision Commission on Family Law.

The series was initiated and developed by Professor Barbara Babcock of the Stanford Law School, who is a former U.S. assistant attorney general.

For more information about the series, please call 497-1994. Students desiring to form or join carpools to attend some of these lectures should leave a message for Charma Pipersky at the SBA office.

The Graduation Committee has tabulated the results of the survey which graduating students completed during spring registration, and made preliminary arrangements based upon the survey.

Graduation will be held at 2:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1981 at the MASONIC AUDITORIUM, 1111 California Street, San Francisco. A reception will follow "on campus."

The Committee is currently in the process of soliciting guest speakers for the occasion, having drawn its list of candidates from the names suggested by students in response to the survey. It is also investigating the cost of procuring caps and gowns for the occasion; again, an outgrowth of student response.

The Committee seeks suggestions for fund-raising or cost-cutting because current estimates place the graduation fee (including cap and gown and reception) at over \$40 per graduate.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for January 26th, at 4:00 p.m. in room P-5. Any graduating student is welcome to attend.

The Committee wants to publicly express its appreciation for Jill Danelski's efforts on behalf of all graduating students. Jill Danelski is Administrative Assistant to the Dean, having replaced Molly Stolmack, who resigned in August.

#### CALIFORNIA GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

##### APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The Financial Aid Office announces that applications for the State Graduate Fellowships for the academic year 1981-1982 are now available in Room 104.

These fellowships are limited to students beginning their first or second academic year of graduate or professional school, so only first year students may apply.

The deadline for submission of completed applications is February 12, 1981.

The Student Bar Association Caveat Committee finalized arrangements for the production of the weekly newspaper last Friday, January 15. In the words of Committee member Steve Bovarnick, "Seven people surfaced and committed themselves to bringing you all the news that's not so fit to print." These people are:

Cindy Ossias (managing editor/writer)  
Susan Bush (production/layout artist)  
Moss Jacobs (writer/critic)  
Joel Morgenstern (editor/proofreader)  
Charma Pipersky (staff person/editor)  
Leslie Tick (writer/reporter)  
Elizabeth Tippin (advertising/graphics)

The Caveat will be published weekly for the remainder of the semester -- the staff working on a collective basis. Managing editor Ossias expressed confidence that the paper, with sufficient ads, would be published in the more professional, newsprint format, within a few weeks.

This issue of the Caveat is brought to you by the SBA Caveat Committee: Steve Bovarnick, Chuck Greenfield, and Charma Pipersky.



#### EXAMS NOT MEANT FOR POSTERITY

The American Bar Association has informed us that examination booklets should be retained by ABA approved law schools for a period of one year only. Presently, we have four years on file. Therefore, please consider this as your notice that during your semester break (February 23-27) we will dispose of all old exam booklets. Should you wish to have your old booklets, please let me know by February 13.

Elizabeth Greene  
Faculty Center  
Office Manager

FREEDOM OF DIVORCE TO BE AFFIRMED IN  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

by Dean Randy H. Hamilton  
Grad. School of Public Admin.

A profound change in the divorce laws of the People's Republic of China took place on January 1, 1981. Divorces are mandated if there is a showing of "complete alienation of affections," or if one party insists on it despite the best efforts at mediation.

Divorce is not currently recognized in Chinese law as a right. A divorce may or may not be granted by the courts. In that vast country of a billion people, during the first seven months of 1980 only 2,131 applications for divorce were handled by the different judicial departments of Beijing. Only 1,208 were granted a divorce while the remainder were withdrawn after court mediation.

The revisions constituting the PRC's new marriage law reflect the improved status of Chinese women economically and in the family.

Under the old law the following, in priority order, are the reasons why divorce was granted during 1980:

- Constant quarrels between mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law over financial matters;
- Lack of mutual understanding before marriage;
- "Fickleness" of affection;
- Maltreatment;
- Political reasons;
- Mental disorders;
- A smattering of "other causes."

Chinese courts currently have the duty to mediate in cases where divorce is requested, but while mediation is "appreciated by the masses," it also makes divorce "more difficult." (See: Beijing Review #43, October 27, 1980.)

Li Cheng, head of the civil court of the Beijing Higher People's Court, in recent statements to the People's Congress justified the impending change by noting that "since marriage is based on mutual affection, freedom of marriage also implies freedom of divorce, and only when this is ensured can the two parties to an unhappy marriage be relieved of their suffering through the procedure of law."

The current system of court mediation is aimed at helping husband and wife reach a better understanding of each other's troubles and find a solution that is best for themselves, the children and the family. The new law recognizes that while society in the PRC has the responsibility to protect the rights and interests of women, children and the aged. The new law, however, recognizes for the first time in the PRC's history that "questions of affection cannot be solved by force."

The present marriage law, adopted in 1950, as a break with China's past in which women were held in semi-feudal state, gave legal protection to women's choice in marriage for the first time in the history of that ancient land. Between 1950 and 1953, there was a sharp rise (comparably) in divorce but the rate dropped steadily during the following decade. It rose again during the "cultural revolution," leading to what was considered a frivolous and irresponsible attitude towards love and matrimony among the young people who were the backbone of the cultural revolution.

The new marriage law (effective January 1, 1981) guarantees the rights and interests of women and children. It stipulates that the husband is not allowed to apply for divorce when his wife is pregnant and that the blood ties between parents and children do not end with the divorce of the parents. They will still be charged with the responsibility to "rear and educate the children."

The new marriage law completes a new cycle which began two years ago with new national laws concerning criminal law, civil codes new rules of evidence and new laws concerning trials in public as well as interna-

GRAD SURVEY RESULTS POSTED

The Graduation Committee has posted a summary of their survey on both the SBA bulletin board (on your left as you enter the law library) and on the SBA office door (in the basement of the law library).

COME AND GET YOUR MONEY --

OR YOUR UNSOLD BOOKS!

Tom Norton and Suzanne Maria, who have coordinated the spring semester SBA book-sale, announce the following times for students to pick up their checks and/or their unsold books:

- Tuesday January 20: 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday January 21: 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
and 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Thursday January 22: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Monies and books may be retrieved in Room P-5 (right where the booksale was held).

Just as in previous SBA-sponsored book-sales, those unsold books not retrieved by the last day (January 22), and for which the owner has not made other arrangements, become the property of the SBA and will be donated to prison law libraries.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Law Institute-American Bar Association (ALI-ABA) Committee on Continuing Professional Education recently announced that it has approved a limited number of full-tuition scholarships to allow deserving law students to attend the ALI-ABA Course of Study on Environmental Law to be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 12-14, 1981, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. This course is cosponsored by the Environmental Law Institute and the Smithsonian.

Only two students from Golden Gate will be permitted to apply -- although the Dean's Office was unclear at press time what criteria would be used to choose the lucky two.

A brochure describing the scholarship and the conference is available in the "Prize Competition Notebook" in Dean Sternberg's office. Students who wish to apply for the scholarship should make an appointment with Dean Holmes. The application deadline is Friday, January 23, 1981.

#### LAW PLACEMENT OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 20,

Federal OSHA Department  
General Talk  
Room 203, Noon

January 21,

City Attorney, S.F.  
Interviewing second and third year students for summer and permanent positions.  
Sign up sheet in room 205.

January 22,

Matthew Bender (Law Book Publishing Co.)  
Interviewing any year student for Spring and Summer positions.  
Sign up sheet in room 205

#### Attention Seniors!

Superior Court of San Mateo County is accepting applications for the position of Legal Research Assistant, for Sept. '81. Salary \$1632.00. Deadline Jan. 23.

#### Student Intern Position

Juvenile Division of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office seeks student interns for spring '81. Minimum of eight hours per week required.

#### CAVEAT DEADLINES

The deadlines for next week's issue of the Caveat is Wednesday, at 5:00 p.m. Announcements, stories and classified advertisements may be submitted in any of the following locations:

- o Caveat box in faculty center
- o Caveat cardboard box in the Library (near entrance, on literature table)
- o SBA office (message envelope on the door)
- o Caveat office on the mezzanine

Copy received after the Wednesday deadline will be printed, space permitting, if it is typed, single-spaced in 3 1/4 inch columns.