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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Many students have expressed their concern as to what was ultimately resolved out of meetings with the Academic Standards Committee this summer. The Committee's basic decision, as explained by the Dean was to retain the Third World Students, but that the students had not demonstrated sufficient competence in first year to continue to the second year. Although no formal results are available at this time, at least five of the original night first year third world students were readmitted to the law school on probationary status. For reasons of confidentiality, the Dean could not disclose the disposition of the individual cases or particular individual involved. The day students were given the option of either re-examination and not being enrolled, or registering and retaking the first year classes in which they received grades of C- or less. They will not be allowed to receive a grade higher than a C. In addition, the night students were not allowed to enroll in any new classes but were given the option of repeating Writing and Research (first year) the first semester and enrolling in Writing and Research (second year) the second semester, or repeating classes they had already passed but not being allowed to receive a higher grade.

A number of questions are still unanswered in the aftermath of the discussions that occurred this summer between the Academic Standards Committee and all the concerned students who participated. What was the Academic Standards Committee's policy in retaining third world students? Was this policy applied only to first year students? Third world students? All students? There are many questions, but at this point not many answers.

BAY AREA LAW SCHOOL LIBRARIES' EXCLUSIONARY POLICIES

Although the law library at GGU offers a collection that meets most student research needs, some students find it more convenient to study at other law libraries during the evening and weekend hours. Some problems have arisen when other libraries refuse to accommodate outside students by invoking exclusionary policies or limiting check-out privileges. There is a continuing effort to work out these problems with the law libraries involved. Any GGU student who encounters an exclusionary policy in another library and wishes to pursue the matter should contact Nancy Carol Carter, Director of Law Library Services.

Nancy Carol Carter



LANDMARK CREDIT PROTECTION BILL SIGNED INTO LAW

Anti-credit discrimination legislation authored by Assembly Majority Floor Leader, Howard L. Berman (D. Beverly Hills), was signed by the Governor August 25, 1975. AB 181, the Women and Singles' Credit Protection Act, which will become effective on January 1, 1976, strengthens the prohibition against discrimination against women in the granting of credit, extends all protections to single people, allows class action suits and attorneys fees for persons discriminated against, levies stiff penalties on creditors who violate the provisions of the Act, and imposes strong civil penalties on creditors who violate injunctions against discrimination in any aspect of a credit transaction.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT GGU

Julie Guggenheim, Law Faculty Secretary, arrived at GGU in Feb. 1975. Julie received her B.A. in Art, and also has a secretarial diploma. She really likes the amiable atmosphere at GGU.

Nancy Messerer, Admissions Assistant, holds a B.A. from U.C. Berkeley in Psychology. Nancy is a first year night student at GGU, and her interests (besides law) include feminism, classical music, astrology and tap dancing.



(left to right: Julie, Mary Jo, Gina)
front: Nancy

Gina Pournelle, Office Manager of the Faculty Center, was an anthropology, zoology major at San Diego State. Gina worked in tuna research at Scripps Institute of Oceanography in La Jolla, and has operated a beach resort in Costa Rica. Her interests range from flying and sailing to yoga, ESP, and ham radio. Gina is also a devoted nature and wildlife conservationist and hopes to become a veterinarian.

Mary Jo Schafer, Secretary to the Dean, School of Law, holds a B.A. from the University of Denver in Political Science and has done graduate work at the University of Texas in Public Administration. Mary Jo started her position in June. Special interests include sailing and parapsychology.

LAW PLACEMENT CENTER

Director: Wally Allen
Location: Room 222, Faculty Center
391-7800 Ext. 365

CENTER FUNCTIONS

The Placement Center performs three main functions: first, the director, working closely with students beginning in their first year, and with graduates, advises and assists in preparatory activities leading to in-school clerkship/intern placement and graduate employment; second, the director continuously seeks law related opportunities for students and graduates; third, the director maintains current job listings, referral and resource information for students and graduates.

CENTER PROCEDURES

The Placement Center is available for use by all graduates of Golden Gate University School of Law, and by all students admitted to and currently in attendance at GGU School of Law. Those who wish to use the Center complete a Placement Registration form once a year. The Center handles only law related positions; all other positions are handled by the general University Placement office located on the first floor mezzanine.

Information on specific listings on the Placement Bulletin Board is provided by the director. For additional information on listed positions or for general placement assistance, students and graduates either drop in the Center or make an appointment.

CENTER HOURS/APPOINTMENTS

The Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9:15 a.m. to 6:45 p.m., and on Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. In addition, appointments are scheduled after 6:45 p.m. for those unable to be present during the day.

Most students and graduates visit on a drop-in basis; those making appointments have priority.

The Center is a one-person office. When the director is away from the Center visiting firms and agencies or attending meetings, etc., the office usually remains open for student and graduate use.

The Affirmative Action Committee would like to extend its thanks to the many people who helped insure the retention of the first year third world students who were formerly disqualified from the law school. A special note of thanks is extended to the Women's Association; the National Lawyer's Guild; the Balso chapter of Hastings, U.S.F. and Santa Clara as well as the many lawyers, law students, and community people who signed petitions, attended meetings, and expressed their overall concern. The problem of the lack of minority representation in the legal profession is far from being resolved but the commitment evidenced this summer demonstrated the kind of concern needed to solve the problem.

Phil Smith



CONSPIRACY CORNER

By Mark Derzon

The case of The United States v. Daniel Ellsberg had some interesting developments in it. All charges against Ellsberg were dropped because of general misconduct by the prosecution.

First there were the accusations that President Nixon offered the recently deceased J. Edgar Hoover's old job to the presiding judge in the case, Mathew Byrne. All that came out of those charges was that Nixon had met with Byrne. To my knowledge what was said at that meeting has never been revealed.

The main reason for Byrne throwing out the case was the attempted theft of Ellsberg's psychiatric records from the office of Dr. Fielding.

It was the same old Hunt - Liddy team again. It seems that sometime before the break-in, E. Howard took a picture of G. Gordon posing in front of Fielding's building. Then when he turned the camera back in to the F.B.I., he forgot to take the film out. Somehow the pictures ended up in Judge Byrne's courtroom, and Daniel Ellsberg ended up a national hero back at his Marin County pad.

Another fact of the break-in. After gaining entry to Fielding's office, a crow-bar like instrument was used to pry open the E filing cabinet. The drawer was overturned, and all the papers in it were strewn about the office. Maybe they dumped it in a fit of rage upon discovering that, like most doctors, the filing system was coded. At any rate, they stopped looking before they even found Ellsberg's file.

This "burglary" was as sloppy as the Watergate. Why they did everything but leave their name and phone number at the scene of the crime. These same two people broke into ambassadors' offices many times. They never stopped to take souvenir pictures. When they burglarized foreign consulates they never had to use a crowbar to open a file drawer. Any boyscout could pop one open with a pocket knife, without leaving a scratch. This job looked more like it was done by a couple of angry gorillas than by two of the most expert surreptitious enterers around.

From the facts in this case I can only conclude that they purposely got caught. Why? I won't speculate here.



Views expressed in CAVEAT are not necessarily those of the law school nor of the Student Bar Association.

Staff meetings are held in the CAVEAT office in the law library mezzanine each Thursday at 3:00 p.m. We welcome and solicit contributions and help. If you are interested in contributing an article, voicing an opinion, or helping out on the staff, please contact Dianne Niethamer, either by leaving your name and phone number in the CAVEAT box in the faculty center, dropping by the CAVEAT/SBA office in the law library, or phoning Dianne at 465-0916 eves and 391-7800 Ext.370 days. We would especially like to hear from first year students and night students.

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INTERMURAL SPORTS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE NEXT
TUESDAY, SEPT. 9, ROOM 207.
Please attend or contact Rita
Whalen 564-9563

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 NOON
ROOM 404

FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

AALS

In addition to our American Bar Association and State Bar accreditation, GGU law school is currently being considered for accreditation by the American Association of Law Schools (AALS). The AALS accreditation team will be visiting GGU on September 15th, 16th, and 17th. Three inspectors will be attending classes and talking to students, faculty, and the administration on these days.

Supreme Court Clerkships

Everyone who is interested in being a student clerk for the California Supreme Court is required to submit a writing sample. The problem, upon which the writing sample must be based, will be available beginning Monday, September 8th in the Dean's Office and must be returned to the Dean's Office no later than Monday, Sept. 15th at 5 p.m.

PLACEMENT - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

An opportunity to discuss, share ideas with Wally about job possibilities as clerks during the year and the summer, as well as the graduate outlook; resume preparation; the search, contacting and follow-up; available placement center resources; speakers' forums, etc...

2nd Year -- Wednesday, Sept. 10
12:15 to 1:00, Rm. 205
3rd Year -- Thursday, Sept. 11
12:15 to 1:00, Rm. 205
Night -- Thursday, Sept. 11
6:00 to 6:40, Rm. 203

NLG NEWS

Sunday, September 14 : NLG Picnic,
Time and place will be announced
on the Guild bulletin board.

Tuesday, September 16 : Forum on
Alternative Forms of Practice.
Noon, Room 205

Saturday, September 27 : NLG Fall
Student Extravaganza. All day
affair at Hastings, includes
Speakers, Workshops and a Party.

RESOLUTION RE: STUDENT PRIVACY

Whereas numerous political organizations, backing specific candidates for public office wish to solicit law student participation in the campaigns,

Whereas numerous private enterprises, particularly those involved in the sale of life insurance, wish to hold seminars on campus, and

Whereas it is the policy of the Student Bar Association to preserve the privacy of its individual members and to preserve the neutrality with respect to such enterprises and campaigns,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that any person wishing to so reach students, do so without any participation of the SBA.

Passed Unanimously

Student Bar Association
August 29, 1975