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# CAVEAT

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## AN INTERVIEW WITH THE DEAN: AALS ACCREDITATION

We were recently visited by an inspection team from the American Association of Law Schools and Dean Judith McKelvey flew to Washington, D.C. to appear before the accreditation committee on October 31. The report submitted to the accreditation committee by the inspection team was extremely favorable, but recommended certain conditions precedent to our receiving final approval. Although the inspection team was sufficiently impressed by the school to recommend that we be admitted to membership automatically as soon as we meet the conditions, the accreditation committee voted that we reapply for admission instead after we meet the conditions set forth in the report.

"After an initial moment of disappointment," the dean said in a recent interview, "I felt gratified by the extremely positive report of the inspection team. In their report they praise incessantly the spirit and achievements of our faculty, administration, staff and students. They also see us as a special kind of school and acknowledge our effectiveness as an institution of learning. It is very satisfying to know we are what we think we are."

The conditions set up by the inspection team include the letting of a contract for new facilities for the University, with documentation of increased room for the law school and the hiring of six more faculty members by the 1977-78 school year. The dean commented that the general consensus is that the conditions are not unreasonable. She stated, "We have known for a long time that the present physical facilities are inadequate for our needs, and plans for a new building are progressing steadily. Also, our faculty-student ratio of 41:1 is very high, and interested faculty are sorely pressed to find time for research activities. It would have been marvelous if AALS had accepted the inspection team's recommendations. I think it's generally agreed it was a good decision to file an application at this time. We now have a blue print for the future, we are in a position to make plans, we know the univeristy is supportive of our goals, and the pre-inspection improvements made in the law school and library are of lasting value. We can be very proud of our showing to the AALS. We have established to a prestigious national organization what we have known all along: we have created and are operating a very special, effective law school."

## COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The Committee on Academic Standards is in the process of re-evaluating its purpose and procedures. Specifically, the Committee will examine the feasibility of changes in automatic probation, discretionary probation, and the advisability of differential retention standards for third world students.

A number of groups have expressed interest in the retention policy of this school, and in the function of the Committee on Academic Standards. Therefore, the Committee will hold open meetings on Tuesday, November 18 and on Tuesday, November 25 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 207, for the purpose of hearing proposals of the SBA, the Affirmative Action Committee, The Women's Association, the Asian Students Association, and the Chicano Students Association. It is requested that each of these organizations appoint a representative to present the proposal, and that they let me know by November 14 if they wish to make such a presentation, so that we can make appropriate arrangements for time. If an individual does not feel that his or her point of view is represented by any group, that person should submit a written statement to the Committee at any time before Nov. 26. This is thought to be the fairest means of obtaining a great deal of input from a wide variety of sources.

In next week's CAVEAT, there will be a summary of the activities of the Committee, the relevant statistical data, the problems encountered, and some of the alternatives which have been considered. We ask that you read it carefully, so that we'll all have a point of reference from which to start. If you have questions before the hearings, please come in.

Mary Minkus

Are you missing a sweater, umbrella, book, or scarf? The faculty center has a huge collection of items left in classrooms and the hallway. Please claim them!!

CONSPIRACY CORNER

By Mark Derzon

The film "The Murder of Fred Hampton" was shown several weeks ago at GGU. The documentary is about the raid by the Chicago police on Fred Hampton's apartment on December 4, 1969. In that raid Fred Hampton and Mark Clark were shot to death.

Fred Hampton, born and raised in Illinois, became head of his local NAACP Youth Chapter when he was 17 years old. In 1968 he began organizing the Chicago chapter of the Black Panther Party, and by 1969 he was the chairman of the Illinois Black Panthers. He initiated the highly successful free breakfast for children program, and opened a free medical clinic. Fred Hampton was rapidly emerging as a powerful black leader in the late 1960's.

During this same time, the FBI began their "Counterintelligence Program" (COINTELPRO). They issued orders to their local offices to neutralize and disrupt various leftist organizations including the Black Panther Party. The program involved wiretaps, informers, and provocateurs. Apparently Fred Hampton's murder was in furtherance of one of COINTELPRO's stated objectives to "prevent the rise of a black messiah who could unify and electrify the Black Nationalist Movement."

As part of the FBI's counterintelligence program, William O'Neal, a black FBI agent, infiltrated the Panther Party as Fred Hampton's personal bodyguard. During the planning stages of the raid, O'Neal submitted the floor plan of the apartment, including the location of Hampton's bed to his superiors in the FBI. The cover story for the raid was a search for possible illegal weapons. If that were the real purpose the police could have flushed out the occupants with tear gas. Or through O'Neal they could have picked a time when the apartment would be unoccupied. A pathologist's report revealed that Hampton had been heavily drugged on the night of the raid. This explains why although nearly 100 shots were fired by the raiding party, Hampton was still asleep when the fatal slugs were fired into his head.

The movie examined how the official police version of the raid differed from the physical evidence. The police contend that they were fired on continuously during the siege and that three times they asked for a cease fire but failed to get it. The

official grand jury report on the incident states that only one bullet could possibly have been shot by the Panthers.

Recall that the head of the FBI in Chicago at that time was Charles Bates. Bates also oversaw the FBI's involvement with the SLA. There are some remarkable similarities between the raid in Chicago and the cremation in L.A. According to Christine Johnson, the last person to see the SLA victims alive, they also appeared to be drugged. No adequate warning was given to either the SLA or the Panthers to surrender. Massive overkill was used in both instances.

Also recall that Bates was the FBI agent originally in charge of the Watergate Break-in investigation. He was briefing L. Patrick Gray III, then acting director of the FBI on developments in that caper. (See Gray's testimony before the Senate Watergate Committee, August 3, 1973).

The members of the raiding party, the FBI men who coordinated it, and all others involved have been cleared of any criminal charges. The families of Hampton and Clark have filed a civil rights suit against these people. Perhaps this lawsuit will bring to the surface some of the criminal activities engaged in by the government in its attempt to silence opposing political views. For more information on the law suit: December 4th Committee  
53 W. Jackson Boulevard  
Room 1362

Chicago, Illinois 60604

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FILM REVIEWS BY JOHN FISHERROYAL FLASH

RICHARD LESTER, Director

What Richard Lester did to the France of Louis XIII in THE THREE MUSKETEERS (and its sequel THE FOUR MUSKETEERS), he has done to the England of Victoria and the Germany of Bismark in ROYAL FLASH. The film is a historical comedy starring Malcolm McDowell as Harry Falshman, a British was hero that became one by mistake, but who is quite willing to reap the benefits of being one. These include being able to hobnob with the upper crust of Victorian society at their exclusive clubs, which happen to get raided from time to time.

It is while fleeing one such raid that our hero encounters Lola Montes (Florinda Bolkan) and Otto Von Bismark (Oliver Reed). Each will have their own plans for him. Most of the film deals with Flashman's resemblance to the prospective groom in an impending marriage between the heads of two minor (to p.5)

THE ADMISSIONS LETTER CONTROVERSY : WHAT DO YOU THINK?

When a person requests admissions information from GGU s/he receives several pieces of material. Everyone receives a bulletin and application. Potential applicants who are members of a minority group also receive a letter from the Affirmative Action Committee. Women students have been receiving a letter from the Women's Association and a list of women students who could be contacted.

Recently, one woman who received this material was offended and complained to a trustee of the university who was also offended. A copy of the letter which is sent out is included below. The specific statements deemed offensive were the one beginning "Many traditional schools . . ." and the opening sentence of the next to last paragraph of the letter.

However, the list of women willing to be contacted by potential applicants seems to be the thing considered most offensive or "coercive." Each woman on the list designated the areas she felt she had the most knowledge of and was willing to talk with potential women applicants about. The designations specifically complained of were activist/radical, lesbian, and bisexual woman.

The Women's Association plans to set up a meeting with Dr. Butz, president of the University. We hope the student body will support us on this issue.

The Women's Assoc.

**WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
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Dear Sister,

Hello! We are happy to know that you are considering applying to Golden Gate. Most of us are not too far away from your position so we can appreciate some of your feelings. It is our hope that this letter will give you some idea of what this school is like and let you know that there are sisters here who want to give you support and encouragement.

Golden Gate is an urban based school located in downtown San Francisco. The atmosphere is relaxed and supportive. The professors are open and congenial, encouraging classroom participation and are readily accessible outside of class rather than imbued with the traditional hyped competitiveness. Most professors are sensitive to sexism in the law and this is reflected in their language and attitudes in the classroom. The dean and associate dean of the law school are both women. Every administrative position except one is filled by a woman including the head librarian, registrar, and director of admissions. Students come from a wide age range (21-46 for women) and background. Many people work full or part time. The Golden Gate clinical program allows you the opportunity to obtain practical experience for credit and pay. This year's class is 39% women and the impact of so many women encourages women to play an active and equal role in all aspects of the school.

Because student opinion plays a greater role at Golden Gate than at other law schools, we are able to be an effective force in school politics. The president of the Student Bar Association is a woman as is the editor of the newspaper. In addition the Women's Association sponsored the Western Regional Conference of Women and the Law last year. This year we sponsored a conference on Women in the Courtroom which brought together several hundred women judges, legal workers, law students and lawyers.

Don't be discouraged by rumors of extraordinarily high requirements for law school admission. While standards are rising for admission, an applicant with approximately a 620 LSAT and a grade point average of approximately 3.0 ("B") has a good chance of being admitted to Golden Gate. If your scores are below this level but you have special abilities or unusual backgrounds, you will also be sympathetically considered. This is especially true for those who have been out of school for several years. Golden Gate recognizes that grades from years back may have little meaning to a person's potential today. Minority students receive special focus, so minority status should be clearly indicated on the front of your application. Because there are so many applicants to law school these days, it is wise to apply to several to give yourself the best chance for acceptance.

You may be feeling a bit overwhelmed by the whole application process. We have all been through it and would like to share some thoughts and ideas with you to hopefully make the process less mysterious. The most important aspect of your application is the personal statement. In a sense what you are asked to do is to show what a special person (and potential lawyer) you are, a task particularly difficult for many women. Involvement is the key issue. Many traditional schools discriminate against strong political backgrounds but Golden Gate has a very open policy. The school accepts a balance of students so women from all backgrounds are considered. It is crucial to talk about why you chose to study law and what about you as a person and your experiences would make you a great lawyer. No matter what you have been doing the past few years (undergraduate school, raising a family, business work, community activities, politics) talk about the creative parts of your life and work, your intellectual development, and achievements in all areas. Don't be shy. Tell them in a strong straightforward way that because of your interests and experiences you are just the person the admissions committee is looking for. What do you intend to do with your degree--women's rights, corporation law--whatever? Present a clear idea of what you realistically want from law and why. Parts of your life may not seem to add up to a direction towards law but show more of who you are as a person. You might add a brief statement about your interest in sports, art, music, etc.

Crucial to the application procedure is to not get lost in the shuffle of paper work. Keep a careful record of who has received transcripts and the LSDAS report. LSDAS will send a card notifying their receipt of each transcript. Keep track of all this information. Check and double check to make sure that all vital information about you is in the right place.

Included with this letter is a list of women's names and their special interests. We want to encourage you to contact us for more information, advice, and moral support. We've all been through the application process and remember the anxiety of not too long ago. We are in the process of setting up an ongoing established time and place to assist women in applying for law school. For more information contact one of the women on the list or the admissions office.

We want to offer to you whatever assistance and support we can. The large percentage of women at Golden Gate makes it a good place for women to be. We hope you'll join us.

FILM REVIEWS BY JOHN FISHER, con't

principalities. Bismark needs the marriage to go through in order to realize his dream of uniting the German states into a Reich, but, as he explains to Flashman, the groom has the clap and a stand-in (and a lay in) will be needed until the real groom is recovered. Bismark's real plans are more sinister, but Lester's broad comedy pulls Flashman through without any real harm being done.

Flashman seems to be a familiar role for McDowell since it combines parts of two previous parts that he has played - the upper class British schoolboy in Lindsay Anderson's IF and the criminal-victim in Stanley Kubrick's A CLOCKWORK ORANGE. Lester seems to be at home in presenting history as a farce.

History of a different sort appears in GIVE 'EM HELL, HARRY!, a filmed performance of the stage play. James Whitmore as Harry S. Truman is the only performer in the film which is a two-hour monologue tracing the career of Truman from its roots in Missouri in the twenties to the days in the White House. Whitmore displays emotion by flaring his nostrils and by sticking out his jaw, but whether this is really Truman or only Whitmore is best left to those who remember when HST was President. The decision to drop the atomic bomb, to fire MacArthur, to seize the steel mills, to oppose McCarthy, and to champion the cause of blacks in a day when the KKK still controlled large parts of Missouri. (Truman's margin of victory in the 1940 Democratic primary in Missouri for the Senate was largely supplied by Black voters) are all presented.

Truman left office as one of the least popular Presidents in history, but this film points out how tarnished images may be restored. A year ago another tarnished image was shipped off to San Clemente, and if recent editions of Times and Newsweek are any indication, somebody is already hard at work applying the polish.

GIVE 'EM HELL, HARRY! presents within the confines of the stage a figure that was a President and manages to bring out the human being within all those overcoats of political gloss. The only bad point of the film arises when one starts comparing HST to the current group of mediocrities that are seeking his old job.

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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES  
NINE MILLION DOLLAR BUILDING PROGRAM

GGU is launching a nine-million-dollar construction and remodeling project on its San Francisco campus, it was announced by university president Otto W. Butz.

The \$9 million includes construction of an eight-story education facility adjacent to and structurally integrated with the university's existing building at 536 Mission Street. The new structure will house the university's classrooms, its general and law libraries, faculty and administrative offices, a moot courtroom, and a 600 seat auditorium.

More than \$2 million of the \$9 million needed to finance the construction have already been raised from gifts and operating revenues, Butz stated. Included are major gifts from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation Hospitals, and several individuals.

GGU has occupied its present location, a restored warehouse, since 1965. The doubling of the university's enrollments over the past five years, to the current total of some 9,000 students, has created an increasingly acute space shortage.

"Assignable space per student at the S.F. campus is currently 17 square feet. This compares with 192 square feet per student on the campuses of the University of California system, 169 feet in California's private institutions, and 80 square feet among the California State University and College campuses," Dr. Butz said.

"Our space utilization has for some time been close to 100%. The need for the new facility is therefore critical, and we cannot postpone a comprehensive solution to our space problem any longer."

Completion of the new facility is scheduled for the winter of 1978-79. The precise date for the beginning of construction, Butz indicated, will be adjusted to the progress of the university's fund-raising program under the volunteer chairmanship of Harry R. Lange, retired vice president of Cutter Laboratories and a long-time member of GGU's board of trustees.

"Over the past three-quarters of a century, GGU has established itself as one of the major centers for the study of management, public administration and law on the West Coast. Completion of the new building will enable us to consolidate this success and build upon it further -- both in terms of additional academic and professional programs and in the number of students we are able to serve," Butz concluded.

SBA BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

CAVEAT	\$600
NLG	250
WOMEN'S ASSOC.	300
PAD	250
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION	300
SPORTS COMMITTEE	190

We regret that we were unable to allocate the full amounts requested but we have very limited funds. Because of the overwhelming requests for money and our limited reserves, it may soon be necessary to raise the SBA membership fees.

Lynda Brothers  
SBA President

ACTIVITIES AT GGU THIS WEEKTUESDAY

PRIVATE PRACTICE, a 6 attorney panel discussing all aspects of setting up and conducting a private practice, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 4 to 6 p.m. in Room 207. Brought to you by the Placement office.

WEDNESDAY

TUTORIAL, There will be two seminars held on pleadings and practice and exam-writing due to the great amount of interest of women students. The first will be Wednesday, Nov.12 from 5:30 to 6:50. The second will be Wednesday, Nov.19 at the same time. Both are scheduled to be held in room 205. The time will be devoted to a lecture and questions and answers. Because of the limited availability of the room, the test each week will have to be on a take-home basis. If you need a ride from the East Bay, contact Marylou at 848-7125.

SPORTS, Intramural sports program presents a FREE Co-ed swim from 3:30 to 4:30 at the YWCA pool on Mason and Sutter, this Wednesday November 12th. Everyone welcome. Caps Required. Sign-up sheet on second floor coke machine. Also, there will be free volleyball Nov.19th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the YWCA. For further info call Rita Whalen:564-9563.

THURSDAY

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL Internationally-known attorney Antonio Garrigues Walker will assess the impact of the recent transfer of power in Spain on the political and economic future of his country at a World Affairs Council Forum on Wed., Nov. 12, at 5:45 p.m., 406 Sutter St. S.F., phone 982-2541 for info.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING: This Thursday, 3:00 p.m. in Room 205. Please give all agenda items to Joan Wetherall.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

REPRESSION IN AMERICA, This weekend in Berkeley there will be a conference on Repression in America. It will be held at Martin Luther King Jr. High 1781 Rose St., and is sponsored by Bay Area Campaign for Democratic Freedoms. Among the speakers on Friday are Philip Agee, ex-CIA operative and author, Elaine Brown of the Black Panther Party, and Don Freed, co-author of "Executive Action" and author of "The Killing of RFK". There will be workshops on Saturday morning and afternoon and speakers Saturday night. Among the speakers on Saturday are David DuBois of the Black Panther Party, Charles Garry, attorney for the San Quentin six Ken Meade, California State Assemblyman, Leonard Weinglass, attorney for Emily Harris. Contact 444-7411 ext.95 for more information .