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JULIA SHOWING CAROL THE INTRICACIES OF A GPA
NEW REGISTRAR AT GGU

If you thought you noticed a new face in the Dean's office, you were right! Carol Goldman has joined the staff of the law school as the new registrar as of November 3. Carol is from Philadelphia, and has a B.A. in Sociology from Temple University. Carol was recently employed as Special Assistant to the Dean, Temple Law School, and is currently enrolled in a graduate foundation course in Accounting in the Business School at GGU on her way to a MBA degree.

Julia Eisen, the past registrar, is moving to Sacramento and will pursue a full-time career in art. She also intends to spend a lot of time cooking and refinishing her furniture. Julia has been registrar for four years, and when asked for a parting comment she responded, "Golden Gate is a really groovy place."

We are sorry to see Julia leave, but wish her well in her new pursuits. And, we offer a warm welcome to Carol, and hope her time at Golden Gate will be happy.

STUDENT/FACULTY BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Student/Faculty Budget Committee had its second meeting of the year on November 19. Organizational matters were taken up at the first meeting on October 23, so we were able to get quickly into substantive matters at our second meeting.

Of primary concern was to try to come up with ways to combat the explosive inflationary pressures which threaten the Law School. Unfortunately, Golden Gate Law School does not have access to an endowment fund or to any significant amount of alumni gifts to cushion the blow. The only source of funds available to the Law School is student fees and tuition.

It is obviously not possible to decrease services each year in order to absorb the incremental increase in operational expenses brought on by inflation. Basically, there are two short-term "solutions" to the problem: 1) to carefully control expenses to avoid wasteful expenditures and 2) to increase tuition. One of the ongoing functions of the Budget Committee will be to assist the administration in making sure that the funds available are spent in the most efficient manner. In addition, we are participating in discussions of tuition policies for the future. One of the primary objectives in this area is to avoid huge single year increases which come without warning.

Your student representatives on the Budget Committee would appreciate any ideas you might have for tuition policy or controlling expenses. One way to get your comments to us is to leave them in the SBA mailbox in the Faculty Center.

INFORMATION ON LEGAL PERIODICALS FROM THE REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

Students may not be aware that GGU Law Library has an exceptionally large collection of legal and law-related periodicals. The Law Library currently subscribes to 550 periodicals. In order to make the most effective use of this periodical collection there are a number of different indexes available for use in the law library.

INDEX TO LEGAL PERIODICALS is published monthly, with annual bound volumes. Articles are listed by subject and, occasionally by author. There is a table of cases which have been commented upon, plus a book review index. The bound volumes are located at the end of the law review section and unbound issues are on Reserve.

INDEX TO FOREIGN LEGAL PERIODICALS emphasizes periodicals from non-common law countries. The articles are arranged by subject, with additional geographical, author and book review indexes. This index is published quarterly, with the final issue being a bound, cumulative volume. The bound volumes are shelved at the end of the law review section and current issues are kept on Reserve.

INDEX TO PERIODICAL ARTICLES RELATED TO LAW indexes journals not included in the index to Legal Periodicals or Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals. Published quarterly, it is arranged by subject and also has an author index. Annual bound volumes are located at the end of the law review section, and unbound issues are on Reserve.

INDEX TO CALIFORNIA LEGAL PERIODICALS AND DOCUMENTS is published quarterly by the State Law Library with annual cumulations. The articles are indexed by subject, and there are author, case and statute indexes. This is kept on Reserve.

CONTENTS OF CURRENT LEGAL PERIODICALS reproduces title pages of selected law reviews. This is a monthly publication but the Library keeps only the latest issue since it duplicates most of the listings in the Index to Legal Periodicals. Kept on reserve.

SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX was a part of the Social Sciences and Humanities Index until March 1974. This indexes over 260 periodicals devoted to the various social science fields. The Law Library may not have many of these specialized periodicals. It is published quarterly with annual bound volumes. These bound volumes are located at the end of the law review section and the latest issues are kept on Reserve.

In addition, the Law Library photo copies the title pages of many periodicals as they are received. These title pages are not indexed but they still are the most current source for periodical information. The title pages are kept on reserve for one month after receipt of the periodical.

Joyce Harmon

NEW REFERENCE LIBRARIAN JOINS LIBRARY STAFF

Joyce Harmon joined the staff of the law library as the full-time reference librarian on October 17. Prior to this, she had worked in the law library doing reference and acquisitions work. Joyce is a third year law student, Research Editor of the Law Review, and has an M.L.S. degree from U.C. Berkeley. She enjoys working in the friendly, informal atmosphere of the Golden Gate Law Library and likes the challenges of legal reference work. Her "office" is located in the Reserve section of the library, and students are always welcome to come to her with their reference questions and research problems, plus any suggestions or complaints about the library that they may have.

LETTER TO WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS FROM THE SBA

Dear Justice Douglas:

It was with deep regret that the students of Golden Gate University Law School learned of your resignation last Wednesday and, more, especially, of the demanding and prolonged pain that prompted your action.

To say that your presence on the Court will be profoundly missed does no justice to the immeasurable contribution you have made to instilling humanity and compassion into our law and, hopefully, into our society. A dozen generations of law students, and all Americans who cherish the Bill of Rights, have looked and continue to look to your eloquent leadership in defense of our liberties against government encroachment. Whether speaking for the Court, in concurrence or in dissent, your opinions provide for many of us a stirring reaffirmation of what this country can and ought to be. They will not be soon forgotten.

With deep respect, the Student Bar Association of Golden Gate University wishes you renewed health and continued happiness for the future.

CONSPIRACY CORNER

By Mark Derzon

The "Repression in America" conference was held in Berkeley a week ago. The turnout was slim, but those present were privileged to hear from some very knowledgeable people on the instigations, manifestations, and possible solutions to repression.

Ron Dellums, congressman from Oakland, emphasized the necessity that Congress begin to assert more influence in the affairs of the country. He is a member of the House Committee to investigate intelligence and introduced the resolution holding Secretary of State Kissinger in contempt of Congress. Dellums said that the committee has uncovered some astonishing abuses of covert activity, but that he's amazed that Congress has repeatedly voted "not to know" certain information regarding involvement in assassination plots. The CIA, NSA, FBI, and other intelligence groups have virtually become a fourth branch of government, and Dellums feels that Congress must try to stop them.

Dellums praised William Douglas for his liberal attitude on the Supreme Court and thanked him for "hanging on as long as he could". He stated that women's groups would ask Ford to appoint a woman to the vacated seat, and that blacks would ask for a black, but that in his view the Senate should flatly refuse confirmation of any nomination of Ford's. He said that we don't want a fascist woman or black on the Supreme Court any more than any other fascist, and that it is fundamentally wrong for a non-elected president, hand-picked by Richard Nixon to choose who's going to sit for a life-long term on the nation's highest court.

Dellums strongly endorsed Fred Harris of Oklahoma for the presidency in 1976.

Another participant at the conference was Marilyn Katz. She was a member of SDS in the 60's when the group was infiltrated by Louis Tackwood, an agent provocateur for the LAPD Criminal Conspiracy Squad. Tackwood has since surfaced, and Katz and Tackwood have co-authored a book called "The Glasshouse Tapes". Marilyn Katz is presently coordinating a citizen's effort to investigate the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA).

LEAA was created by Title I of the Safe Streets Act of 1968 and was renewed by Congress in 1973. The original intent of LEAA was to provide billions of dollars in federal funds to fight the rising crime rate. They were to be dispersed to police, courts, prisons, and other projects in an effort to combat crime. In reality almost all of the grants made by LEAA were for computerizing dossiers on individual citizens and in militarizing local police forces. These funds have established a central data bank administered by the FBI and under the Attorney General's jurisdiction. There are no safeguards in the system, and its potential for abuse is awesome.

The transfer of military technology to law enforcement, and the new advances in surveillance and intelligence gathering are all preparing the police for a combat role. Through the guise of LEAA, the workings of a centralized police state have been prepared. It could be activated at any time.

Through Marilyn Katz's efforts, an organization is presently working in the Bay area to discover how local Northern California communities have spent the millions of dollars that have been distributed here by LEAA. The Bay area LEAA investigation is going to scrutinize all the requests for funds that have been approved and publicize the results of their search.

Another participant was Leonard Weinglass, lawyer for Emily and Bill Harris. He tried to gain sympathy for the SLA by claiming his clients are being mistreated in jail. When confronted with facts indicating his clients were agent provocateurs working for the government, he became evasive and accused the media of inaccurate reporting. The point was raised that everyone deserves a lawyer, but I find that a weak justification for compromising principals. From speaking to Weinglass after the conference, I can assure you that the true story of the SLA will not come out of the Harris's trial.

The conference was enlightening and provocative. Hopefully future events as this will be held, and hopefully interest in these matters will increase.

Happy Thanksgiving!

FILM REVIEWS BY JOHN FISHER

DOG DAY AFTERNOON

Sidney Lumet, Director

HEARTS OF THE WEST

Howard Zieff, Director

On August 22, 1972 two men attempted to rob a bank in Brooklyn. In a job that should have taken ten minutes, they were still at it eight hours later. It is how the police responded to a routine attempted robbery with a hostage situation that forms the conflict in this film. Cops arrive by the busload, SWAT teams set up their firepower completely around the bank, and the news media complete with on the air interviews with the robbers create the atmosphere of a circus.

Al Pacino plays one of the robbers, a man with two brides (one of each sex) and his partner is played by John Cazale (he played Pacino's older brother in THE GODFATHER and THE GODFATHER, PART II). As the lead robber Pacino must try to negotiate his way out, calm the hostages, and play up to the media (at one point he leads cheers for the largely hip by -- standers, at another he passes out samples of the bank's merchandise). Charles Durning is the New York cop sent in to handle the situation and he is on the verge of working something out when the FBI takes over. It is at that point that the hopes of a cool ending fade and the possibility of blood spilling becomes real. The last couple of years have seen a change in the FBI's image, and they don't come out too well here.

HEARTS OF THE WEST stars Jeff Bridges as an Iowa farm boy with dreams of becoming the next Zane Grey. Hooked by a fly by night correspondence school into coming out west, he must eventually flee the crooks that run it. Escaping into the desert he runs into a small time Hollywood movie company of the late Twenties making cheap westerns. Alan Arkin is the producer-director ready to make him a star and Andy Griffith is an over-the hill extra who has been there. It is a very entertaining film of Hollywood's glorious past (hardly anyone admits it has a glorious present.) For a different side of the same town a few years later there is always DAY OF THE LOCUST.

SBA PASSES TWO RESOLUTIONS

Resolution on Women's Assoc. Letter

Although a "compromise" has now been reached on the question of the Women's Assoc. letter to prospective female applicants, the SBA Board of Governors takes this opportunity to express its concern at the precipitous manner in which the law school administration acquiesced to pressure exerted by the university president and one member of the Board of Trustees on a matter of internal law school policy.

While recognizing law school-university relations to be a matter of distinct concern, we hasten to point out that, under the terms of the American Bar Association's accreditation of this school, admissions policies, unless contrary to the general policies of the Board of Trustees, are within the domain of the dean, the faculty, and the students. ABA Standards for the Approval of Law Schools (1973), sections 205, 208. The autonomy and vitality of this law school are not well served by the uncontested submission to outside intimidation.

Resolution to President Ford

Re: Woman Nominee to Supreme Court

Whereas a policy of discrimination against women seems to have been in force throughout the history of selection of Supreme Court justices,

Whereas there are presently women qualified for the position.

Be it hereby resolved that the SBA of Golden Gate University Law School recommends that President Gerald Ford appoint a woman to the United States Supreme Court to fill the position vacated recently by Justice William O. Douglas.

PASSED BY THE SBA NOVEMBER 18, 1975

COMMENT TO THE EDITOR: MOOT COURT COMPETITION

BY Josanna Berkow and Valerie Ranche

Responding to a Moot Court Meeting in-
tation of November 5, we competed for
positions on this year's 1975-76 moot court
team. Out of the 15 assembled, we were the
only two who submitted briefs and argued
orally on a complicated felony-murder case.
We were declined positions on the basis that
we were not "qualified without further in-
struction."

We recognize the validity of the posi-
tion without an appellate advocacy course
or intra-mural competition, we would be at
a distinct disadvantage in any competition.

At the initial Moot Court meeting, the
15 assembled were assured that they did not
have to be accomplished advocates. Partici-
pants would be judged on writing and foren-
sic ability, especially on the ability to
respond adeptly to judges' questions, we
were told. Faculty would provide consider-
able support. Only after considerable effort
in competition, did we learn that the com-
petition had been designed to bring forward
persons "qualified without instruction."
We are most concerned about the lack of
established criteria for positions on a
moot court team.

We understand that this Spring intra-
mural competition and an appellate advoca-
cy course will be offered. Persons quali-
fying from competition will be invited to
compete in regional-national moot court
1976-77. We strongly urge that criteria
be established and published in the CAVEAT.
Considering the increasing competition in
law and the strong desire of trial attorneys
for forensic preparation, moot court is a
most important activity. It deserves
qualified participants. We ask only that
criteria be clearly established to qualify
those persons. Those in charge of selecting
moot court competitors must answer four
important questions: 1) What are the pre-
requisites to competition for a moot court
team position? 2) How will team members be
selected? On what basis? 3) How many per-
sons on a team? How many teams may compete
in regional-national moot court? 4) What
regional/national competition 1976-77 will
GGU participate in?

EDITORIAL

I am personally dissappointed that GGU
will not be represented by a moot court team
in competitions this year. It is more
disappointing, however, that the participants
in the competition to select that team were
led into believing they would be judged on
their potential and then given the reason
for their rejection as "not qualified with-
out further instruction." Why isn't this
instruction being offered to them in time
for this spring's competitions? Why can't
they be allowed to tentatively prepare for
a competition under faculty supervision
and instruction, with their actual appear-
ance at a competition contingent on their
improvement and suitability to compete?
And, finally, why was the competition
conducted so late in the semester, when
everyone is feeling the pressure of papers
and exams, and no one apparently had
time to properly prepare?

The appearance of a moot court team
at regional and national competitions will
enhance our stature in the legal academic
community, and I think a greater effort is
required from the faculty and students in-
volved in selecting and training a moot
court team to see we have qualified rep-
resentatives from our campus at these
competitions.

Dianne L. Niethamer

The CAVEAT staff would like to wish
everyone well on taking their exams and
enjoying their holiday. This is the last
issue of CAVEAT this semester. The next
issue will appear January 12, our first
day back to classes. Materials for that
issue can be submitted by mail or by drop-
ping them off at the CAVEAT office by
January 7, 1976.

The staff would also like to thank
everyone who gave contributions, advice
and criticisms this semester towards
making CAVEAT a better publication. With
your continued aid, we hope to make next
semester's CAVEAT even better.

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CLASS SCHEDULE IN DECEMBER

PLEASE NOTE: DEC. 1, 2, & 3 will not follow the normal schedule of classes. These are make-up days for classes missed due to the holidays (Labor Day, Thanks giving, and the day after Thanksgiving). Therefore, On Monday, December 1, Monday's classes will be held; on Tuesday, December 2, Thursday's classes will be held; and on Wednesday, December 3, Friday's classes will be held.

Graduation ceremonies will be held in May for both December and May graduates. The graduates are essentially free to choose their graduation speaker, whether or not to wear caps and gowns, and plan whatever kind of festivities they wish.

A committee of graduating students is being formed to perform the above functions. This committee need only make the decisions as to what kind of activities, etc. are desired and then work with Molly Stelmack in the Dean's office who will make most of the arrangements.

To the Women's Association:

I feel that I have benefitted greatly by attending the tutorial sessions on pleadings and practice and test-taking which you organized. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you, and especially Karen and Dena for the time and effort they expended in preparation and presentation.

Michael Marowitz
First Year Rep, SBA

Second or Third Year Student Needed

Are you looking for 2-3 credits in legal clinic for spring semester with an attorney working with a progressive political organization? If so, phone Mary Mattson (2d year day) 843-9759.

CORRECTION

Last week's issue of CAVEAT contained an article on the front page entitled "Academic Standards Committee Report", leaving in everyone's mind the logical conclusion that it was the official word of the Academic Standards Committee. This is, however, not correct.

The article was written by Mary Minkus to explain the committee's activities, the problems they've encountered, the relevant statistical data, and some of the alternatives which have been considered. As Mary said in an article in CAVEAT two weeks ago "In next week's CAVEAT there will be a summary of the activities of the Committee, etc... We ask that you read it carefully, so that we'll all have a point of reference from which to start" (Referring to the series of hearings being conducted by the Academic Standards Committee with campus organizations and the recent request for student input regarding standards of retention at GGU by the Committee).

The error was made by the CAVEAT staff: Mary Minkus was the author, not the committee.

6TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ESSAY CONTEST

The Association of Trial Lawyers of America has announced that the subject of its 6th Annual Environmental Law Essay Contest is "Energy Alternatives and the Law". The contest is open to all law students.

Attorney Norman J. Landau of New York City, contest chairman, said "current urgency for energy sources has led to environmental abuses and investigation of the environmental costs of pursuing alternate forms of energy is needed."

Each law school will pick a winner who will receive \$100. All winning essays then will be sent to ATLA for judging by a panel of law professors who will select three finalists.

The finalists will receive \$500 each and will be flown to ATLA's annual convention in Atlanta, Ga., to deliver their essays before ATLA's Environmental Law Section.

The contest deadline is April 15, 1976. Any inquiries should be addressed to Ms. Barbara A. Stein, Contest Coordinator, ATLA 20 Garden St. Cambridge, Mass.
