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NOTICE OF FACULTY-STUDENT COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be an FSC meeting on Tuesday, April 13, at 3:00 p.m. in a room to be announced. Thus far, the agended items for that meeting are:

1. Election of new faculty chairperson
2. Hiring Committee Report - Mike Golden
3. Tenure Proposal - Judy McKelvey
4. Academic Standards Committee Report -
Mary Minkus
5. Admissions Committee Motion - Mike
Mike DeVito
6. Curriculum Committee Report -
Myron Moskovitz

COMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS

I. Credit/No Credit

a. Credit is changed from a C- and above to a C and above.

b. After the grades have been posted a student may elect Credit/No Credit or a grade within a period a time established by the Registrar. The election is irrevocable.

II. The 1.5 grade shall be designated as a D+ instead of a C- effective with the summer grades of 1976.

III. In any course in which a student with a grade point average below 2.0 receives a C- or less, there is an automatic right to re-examine in that course provided that the right is exercised in the next succeeding semester in which the course is offered. Should a grade of C- or less be received a second time, this right is not renewable.

IV. Upon retaking or re-examining, the higher grade achieved shall count for purposes of computing the GPA but not for class standing.

V. End of first year (shall apply immediately)

a. 1.75 shall remain the cut-off point for automatic probation (although not required, it is strongly recommended that each student re-examine in any course in which he/she received a grade lower than a C.)

b. For students who achieve a GPA below a 1.75, the Committee shall have no discretion to grant probation. Each such student, without exception on any basis, shall re-examine in all courses in which he/she received a grade lower than a C and may add new units (up to a maximum of six for the year) equivalent to the number of units passed with a C or better. The new courses shall be chosen from a list to be promulgated by the Committee on Academic Standards. Students re-examining will be urged to sit in on classes on a space-available basis.

c. Summer grades for courses enrolled in before a student was aware of his or her academic difficulties will no longer be disregarded but will be counted in the next year's GPA. However, any units in excess of six will count against the six new units allowed in the re-examination year.

VI. End of re-examination year (does not apply to automatic probation)

a. Any re-examining student who has a cumulative GPA of 1.9 or above (counting re-examination and new grades) will be permitted to advance into the second-year curriculum. The Committee shall have no discretion to grant relief to students who

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do not achieve such a cumulative GPA.
VII. End of second year of curriculum
A student with a GPA below a 2.0 at the end of the second year of the curriculum may continue only at the Committee's discretion.

The factors affecting the Committee's decision shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) the student is likely to bring his or her GPA up to a 2.0 before graduation, but was adversely affected by circumstances which were beyond the student's control or unlikely to be repeated;
- (2) improvement over the one or two-year period has been demonstrated in the GPA;
- (3) the closeness of the student's GPA to 2.0; and
- (4) other evidence of the student's ability or knowledge demonstrating actual competence to successfully complete a degree program.

VIII. Graduation

A 2.0 (not a 1.9999) is required for graduation. There shall be no waiver of this rule.

GINA POURNELLE LEAVING FOR COSTA RICA

Most of us have become accustomed to the friendly face and conscientious help of Gina Pournelle, office manager of the law Faculty Center. Although we are sad that Gina will be leaving GGU on April 15, we are extremely pleased about the exciting opportunities and adventure that await her.

Gina is leaving for Costa Rica on April 26 to attend veterinary school at the National University in Heredia. She has always been fascinated with animals and has had a life long ambition to become a veterinarian. She hopes to specialize in birds.

Living in Costa Rica will not be a new experience for Gina. She lived there from 1969 until 1974 and has many friends and family in the area. She is looking forward to returning to the warm weather and slower pace of Central America. She loves the beach and scuba diving. Gina is already envisioning her crop of home-grown grapes and vegetables. She eventually hopes to build a house on the plot of land she owns.

Cindy Duncan
Staff Reporter

DENNIS BANKS SPEAKS AT GGU

AIM leader, Dennis Banks, spoke to a capacity crowd in the GGU auditorium on Tuesday, April 6, about his appalling experiences as a victim of the U.S. criminal justice system. The crowd was moved as Dennis vividly described the plight of his Native American brothers and sisters, ageless victims of the discriminatory system of justice practiced in this country.

Dennis' disclosure of his arrest and "trial" in Custer, South Dakota, engendered laughs as well as anger and shock among the audience. His trial could be labeled as anything but "just". The behavior of William Janklow, Attorney General of South Dakota, was in direct contrast to every principle we value as a democratic, civilized country with a supposed foundation of equal justice for all.

Dennis was convicted by a Custer jury (handpicked by Janklow) of riot and assault charges on July 26, 1975, despite the overwhelming lack of evidence to support either charge and the outrageous judicial misconduct of the court. Because of threats against his life, Dennis was forced to become a political fugitive. He was recently arrested by the FBI in El Cerritos on Federal fugitive charges, and is currently involved in a fight against extradition to South Dakota in both Oregon and California.

Karen Spelke, former GGU law student, is one of the primary legal workers in Dennis' fight against extradition and his struggle for justice within the judicial system. Karen quit school during her third year because her work demanded a full-time commitment. Her decision was difficult and carefully thought out. She felt, however, that giving up her class standing, graduation, and the opportunity to take the bar did not compare with fighting to save an innocent man's life and ultimately the lives of many Native Americans. Although, most of us do not have the opportunity to make such a commitment, Karen urges that we write to Gov. Brown and Gov. Straub of Oregon voicing our objections to the extradition of Dennis Banks to South Dakota.

Dennis Banks is dedicated to the struggle of his people (and all people) in their resistance against the political crimes that they have been subjected to since the Anglos first landed in America. His integrity cannot be disputed. He is one of the finest persons I have chanced to hear in a long time.

Cindy Duncan
Staff Reporter

The Golden Gate Environmental Action Organization is arranging for several summer projects. Among those that have been suggested are:

- 1) Studying the need for and organizing resistance to San Francisco's plans to build three dams and two Hydro electric power stations on the Tuolumme River to be financed by \$420 million in city revenue bonds. The power obtained would be used for the expanded airport that is planned for S.F.
- 2) Providing Legal Assistance to the Granit Chief Wilderness task Force of North Lake Tahoe. This organization is attempting to have an area along the Truckee saved from future development under the Wilderness Preservation Act of 1964. The North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce is supporting these efforts. This will receive involvement with the National Forest Service Administrative Hearings.
- 3) Co-ordination with the classes in Environmental and Administrative law being offered at GGU this summer.

4) There are currently 25 Proposed Bills in Congress which affect California Wilderness directly. This will require focusing political pressure more than legal work, but the political power of the State's Timber, Mining and Off-Road Vehicle interests is enormous and must be dealt with.

5) Providing a Speakers' Panel which can serve to explain Federal Wilderness Preservation Law (which is pretty good) to grass roots environmental protection groups around the State (of which there are many.)

These and other projects will be discussed at the next meeting of GGU Environmental Action: Thursday April 15 at 12:30 in Room 207.

COME!

Peter Smith

SBA SELECTS 1976-77 CAVEAT EDITORS

The SBA has selected first year students, Cindy Duncan, Diana Baker, and Carlos Kaslow, as Caveat editors for the 1976-77 school year. Final selections were made following review of the six applications and interviews with each of the applicants.

A general consensus was reached that more than one editor was needed if the Caveat is to continue to improve and expand and implement new ideas. The SBA decided to "experiment" and split the Caveat editorship into three positions for next year.

The co-ediotrs will present a tentative proposal to the SBA on Monday, April 12, of their ideas regarding structure, editorial policy, advertising, reporting, etc. Students are encouraged to attend and offer input.

SBA President
Marge Holmes

CHANGE IN WRITING AND RESEARCH TO BE DISCUSSED

Several changes in the writing and research program have been proposed by Myron Moskovitz. These include that first and second year w&r be combined. Instead, the course would be two units each semester of the first year and taught for a grade. Also suggested is that faculty members teach the sections of writing and research and tutors work under them. Ten weeks of the course are proposed to be devoted to oral argument. These and other possible changes will be discussed at the FSC meeting Tuesday at 3 p.m. Attend and express your views on writing and research.

Recently, a third year student left a BRC outline in my tutor's box so that I could prepare for the exam tutorial on real property for first year students. The outline was ripped off before I picked it up. Whoever took it please turn it; no questions will be asked. As it stands now two student who were trying to help other students will be penalized \$75 for the attempt.

Andra Pearldaughter

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GRADUATING SENIORS

Carol Goldman, registrar, would like to remind all graduating seniors to sign the list on the Dean's bulletin board as soon as possible.

NIGHT EXAMS TIME CHANGE

All evening exams will take place from 6:50 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. instead of the customary 7 - 10 p.m. schedule. This change is necessary because the building must be cleared by 10 p.m. each evening.

LAST ISSUE OF THE SEMESTER WILL BE NEXT WEEK

Publication deadline for the last issue of the 1975-76 academic year will be this Thursday, April 15 at noon. Please submit all materials to the Caveat box in the faculty center or the Caveat office in the law library. Thank you.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY QUESTIONNAIRES

All students who did not fill out a questionnaire in class a couple of weeks ago, please stop by the Dean's office and do so.

LAW LIBRARY FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

In response to student requests for increased library hours on the weekends, the LAW LIBRARY will have the following expanded schedule during the examination period. This examination schedule provides eight extra hours each weekend for four consecutive weekends for a total of thirty-two additional hours.

April 24 & 25, SATURDAY & SUNDAY	--	10 AM - 10 PM
April 26 - 30, MONDAY - FRIDAY	--	8 AM - 11 PM
May 1 & 2, SATURDAY & SUNDAY	--	10 AM - 10 PM
May 3 - 7, MONDAY - FRIDAY	--	8 AM - 11 PM
May 8 & 9, SATURDAY & SUNDAY	--	10 AM - 10 PM
May 10 - 14, MONDAY - FRIDAY	--	8 AM - 11 PM
May 15 & 16, SATURDAY & SUNDAY	--	10 AM - 10 PM
May 17 - 19, MONDAY - WEDNESDAY	--	8 AM - 11 PM

During the break between the end of final exams and the beginning of the Summer Session the LAW LIBRARY will reduce the number of hours it is open. If this schedule creates a hardship on anyone still working on class assignments, please inform Nancy Carter, Director of Law Library Services, immediately.

Weekdays, May 20 - 28	--	8 AM - 5 PM
Weekends, May 22, 23, 29, 30	--	CLOSED
May 31, MONDAY	--	Resume regular schedule:
		MON.-FRI. -- 8 AM - 11 PM
		SAT. & SUN. -- Noon - 8 PM