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CAVEAT

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PLACEMENT NEWS OR WHAT'S WALLY UP TO?

Student Orientation:

Graduating Students: Tuesday, September 7, 12 noon to 1:30, Room 205.

Continuing Students: Wednesday, September 8, 12 noon to 1:30, Room 205.

Night Students: Wednesday, September 8, 5:30 to 6:45 PM, Room 207.

Night students may wish to attend either the 7th or 8th day sessions if more convenient. Students who are unable to attend any of the orientations due to class conflicts and wish to talk about jobs, please make an appointment with Wally.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS:

Dear Editors:

"Gee, your notes are neat. You should quit law school and become a secretary."

Admittedly my response to this remark was not steeped in sarcasm. A cool "No, I'd rather not" is only one step above "Duh?". But I was completely floored. This is Golden Gate Law School, not Hastings; there are no "Law Wives" here. We have a strong Women's Association. Our male professors conduct classes on the premise that women judges, attorneys and litigants exist. There shouldn't be sexism here. Right? Wrong.

Being called a secretary is not an insult. Many of them are more intelligent and diligent than the executives they work for. That's not the point.

A woman's motives in attending law school is just as serious as those of a male student. Our intellects are equally strong. We didn't seek admission to Golden Gate on a whim. Nor are we in search of attorney husbands. We are not here stealing places from qualified men. In many cases we've overcome the opposition of parents or husbands who believe law isn't a suitable profession for a woman. We've had to overcome the indoctrination which enforces submissiveness; a trait fatal to any law student. Our motives are not trivial. We are not dilettantes; we want to be attorneys.

It should not be necessary for the women at Golden Gate to seek out the Women's Association to find support. Our entire class should be supportive of itself. I have met fantastic people at this school in two weeks and I hope that the new class can develop a supportive atmosphere. This is needed for everyone not just women.

Terry Appling

A LETTER TO FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

From Howard Moskowitz - At Large rep. to FSC

Belated greetings. I hope that after 3 weeks you are breathing a sigh of relief that the rest of the folks around here are also mere mortals. Keep that piece of information firmly in mind along about December and May.

What I would like to do is draw together a lot of information you may have read in the Law school Handbook about government at GGU to give you an intergrated idea of how things work.

GGU's decision-making procedures are vastly different from most other law schools. Like other schools we have a Student Bar Association (SBA) which deals with traditional student matters. Unlike other schools the SBA selects (the method for this year has yet to be determined) students to serve with faculty, usually in equal numbers, on vital school-policy making and action committees, such as Hiring, Curriculum, Faculty Evaluations, Academic Standards and Admissions. About half the student members were first year students. Along with the SBA president and At Large Rep. (that's me), one student from each of the above committees, except Admissions, sits on the Faculty Student Committee. The Faculty Student Committee (FSC) is the ultimate decision making body at the law school. This makes for significant student impact on most issues.

This is not to say that all is peachy around here. Not by a long shot. However, I think it's fair to say that the environment around here - interpersonal as well as political -- is much more open and healthy than at most law schools.

One of our continuing problems, despite student involvement, is a failure to adequately communicate what's in the works. The fait accompli has reached new levels of refinement at GGU. Marge Holmes and I both ran on a platform to change this. With the cooperation we expect from the Dean, the still-to-be-named student committee members and the Caveat, we ought to be able to improve things greatly.

To be an effective representative I need to know what the constituents are thinking. So feel free to collar me in the hall, or leave a note on the bulletin board. I'll drop into your classes soon so that you'll know my face. I urge you to attend FSC meetings (see Caveat for time, place and date). Some people think these meetings are more educational than most law school classes!

FASHION ADVICE COLUMN

Tony Pagano, debonair man-about-town, has volunteered to write a fashion advice column. Contrary to popular belief, this is his field of expertise; not tax. Please write to Tony C/O the Caveat for the latest advice in today's fashions.

notice!

SEPTEMBER 7

Informational meeting with John Teitsheid regarding financial aids. Progress with our problems. Room 207 at 1:00 P.M. and again at 6:00 P.M.

FINANCIAL AID POLICY CHANGE

Effective Tuesday, August 31: Students receiving NDSL checks do not have to sign more than one-third of their semester's tuition over to the university when they pick up their checks. (E.g., if one-third of your semester tuition is \$500 and your NDSL check is for \$700., you only have to sign \$500 over to the university.

ATTENTION CLINIC PEOPLE

Re: Clinic Fall 1976

All application/questionnaires must be in by 5:00 P.M. September 6.

Those people who have not complied with the above will have their wrist slapped and be issued letters regarding your questionable clinic status. If your applications/questionnaires are not submitted within 3 business days after receiving a letter, you will be dropped from the clinic roster. Clinic extension is 241.

ATTENTION FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

Jerry Sack has been hired by the law school to offer exam writing courses during the last three weeks of this semester and all of next semester. His classes at Boalt and Hastings were very successful last year. Watch for sign-up information and consider this as a pleasant alternative to spending money for the BAR - type courses.

FIRST & SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

The Alumni Forum is taking applications for the assistant editor position. Please submit resumes to the Forum Editor's box in the faculty center. Each resume should be accompanied by a writing sample. Also include a phone number and times you can be reached at that number so that interviews may be scheduled.

The position includes a 1/3 tuition reduction effective Spring semester. Applications must be submitted by Thursday, September 9, 1976.

HELP WANTED

BRC needs student representatives. FREE COURSE! Contact BRC at 776-3396 for more information.

NEW GRADING OPTIONS

You may now elect whether to take a letter grade or Credit/No Credit in a course, where a letter grade is not mandatory, after grades have been posted, within a time period established by the Registrar. Once the election is made it is irrevocable. For Summer Session 1976, students have two weeks from the date the last set of exam grades are posted on the bulletin board in which to elect to use this option.

THE SPORTING LIFE

Co-Ed Softball: Sunday, September 5 at Rossi Park at Anza & Arguello from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Bring your own equipment and refreshments. Sign-up sheet located on the 2nd floor vending machines. Everyone is invited. If you have questions contact Rich Maxion 661-9526.

Bike Ride: For those who are not comfortable with bats and balls there will be a Sunday morning bike ride starting at Golden Gate Park Baseball park at 7th and Lincoln. It will be an easy ride. Bring food. If you have question contact Andy Wiegel 824-2307. Sign-up is on the 2nd floor.

Soccer: Anyone interested in a friendly game this Sunday and every Sunday in the East Bay should contact Mary Bolint at 841-5976.

Frisbee Flinging Contest: The First Annual Frisbee Flinging Contest will be held in San Leandro, Orinda, Ashby and Oakland West station parking lots. The contest is scheduled to begin at noon on Labor day. Due to possible equipment malfunction you must bring your own frisbee.

SPORTS TALK

Rita Whalen

The fall sports season is upon us. The Faculty-Student softball game is only a few weeks away. Student spies report that the faculty team has been practicing all summer for the big game. Rumors abound that the faculty squad has recruited several pros. Several All-Stars from last year's victorious team are also returning. The students are now beginning to practice, and by big game time should be able to take the faculty to the cleaners.

There are reports that some misguided students at U.S.F. think they can play softball with the big kids. If and when a game is organized notices will be posted.

Several first year students have approached me concerning volleyball possibilities during school hours. While the weather is nice, I feel such activities ought to be confined to the park on weekends. I don't know how much fun it is to play indoors on a hot day.

For the next issue of the "Notice" Caveat, turn in all items for publication by 10 AM on Tuesday, September 14, to the Caveat box in the faculty center east or to the office.

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