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# CAVEAT

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## A NEW CAVEAT COLUMN -- "ACTION"

Too often law students substitute words for action; our goal in this column is to transform words into action.

Let us know your questions, your gripes, your frustrations - regarding the administration, the faculty, your fellow students, or any aspect of the GGU bureaucracy. We will contact the appropriate people and let you know the feedback - or lack of it - we receive. We'll refer you to other students willing to organize to investigate and challenge the same major issues or petty problems that bother you.

We all have a substantial investment in this school and the quality of education we receive - let's protect it!

Write: "ACTION" c/o Caveat at the Faculty Center East.

## NEW GRADING OPTIONS

On May 20, 1976 the Faculty-Student Council adopted amendments to the Grading System which will be effective for the academic year 1976 - 77 and consequently, for the summer session which has just ended.

These amendments provide that:

Instructors will assign a letter grade to each exam or paper. After the grades have been posted, a student may elect Credit/No Credit within that period of time established by the Registrar. The election is irrevocable.

This does not affect those courses which are designated only Credit/No Credit prior to registration.

This applies only to courses for which a grade is not now mandated. Required and Bar courses must still be taken for a letter grade.

FOR THE SUMMER SESSION 1976, students will have two (2) weeks from the date the last set of exam grades are posted to the Bulletin Board (opposite the Dean's office) in which to elect to use this option.

Special forms for electing to change a letter grade to Credit/No Credit are available from the Registrar.

Note: Credit is equal to a grade of "C" or above.

A student may not take a No Credit in the graduation semester to reduce the number of units in order to avoid disqualification.

## ATTENTION:

The following suggestions have been made to the SBA regarding ways to fill the student positions on committees. These will be discussed at the next SBA meeting and one of these methods will be chosen.

1. Have student members elected by the student body as a whole.
2. Have one student position guaranteed for the Affirmative Action group to fill. This is for each committee.
3. SBA governing board interview all interested applicants and decide. (This was the method used in the past.)
4. SBA governing board interview candidates with any special interest groups also participating in the interviews.
5. Same as #4 except one representative from each special interest group would have a vote.
6. Let anyone interested participate in the interviewing and also have a vote in the final choice of students.

Please discuss the above ideas with your SBA representative or attend our meeting TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 5:30 PM, Room 203.

For the next issue of 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.

The opinions expressed in the Caveat are not necessarily those of the law school nor of the Student Bar Association.

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## Attention:

When submitting items for publication, please type or print neatly. Your cross-eyed editors would appreciate it!

# LETTERS TO THE EDITORS:

Dear Editors:

It's probably not news to you that the climate in our library is, to put it mildly, oppressive. You've also probably caught on to the fact that school is not about to install central air-conditioning. However, I have spoken to our librarian, Nancy Carter, and she has indicated that it might be possible to install a couple of fans to at least circulate the murk, if there is enough student demand that is documented.

So I suggest that you don't bug the nice people behind the circulation desk who are powerless in this matter, but rather rip a sheet off that yellow legal pad you're always carrying around with you. Then write a nice note to Ms. Carter - it doesn't have to be very long - and drop it off at the Circulation Desk the next time you pass through.

Of course, you can just sit and wait until it gets cool in November, but when you're literally sweating your brains out studying for finals in May, I won't let you borrow my ice-bag.

--Lucy Robins



Dear Editors and all students:

For over two years I have been concerned about the soda and coffee cups left on tables after classes. Let's not make someone else do our dirty work! Is it not the sensible and humane thing to trash our own trash?

- A student friend of GGU workers

Ed. - I personally agree with the above letter but I have an aversion to printing letters which are not signed. In the future, please either sign your name or sign your name and request that the letter be printed anonymously. Diana C. Baker

To the Editors:

Last week I wrote a short schedule of sporting events and a short article on the sports environment. I was surprised to read what was printed in the issue. One paragraph from my article was deleted. A notice concerning a frisbee flinging contest was inserted in the schedule of events. I understand that articles can be shortened due to space limitations. What I fail to understand is why a paragraph was deleted and one inserted. When I first read the issue I was mildly irritated that someone inserted a paragraph which a reader might think I wrote. When I realized what paragraph was deleted, I was angry. The paragraph contained semi-humorous comments concerning the co-ed, non-sexist nature of sports activities at this school. Second and third year students know that men and women play on an equal basis. First year students may not know this. The purpose of the paragraph was to apprise first year students of the non-sexist nature of sports. While I understand the principles of editorial discretion, this particular exercise of that discretion leads me to question the editors' motivation in the deletion of that paragraph. I am sure that this incident was not intentional and will not happen again.

Love,  
Rita E. Whalen  
Sports Person

Dear Rita:

Your letter of September 8 addressed "To the Editors" has called my attention to what I find, as one of the Caveat editors, a most unpleasant and angering situation. In reply, I will begin with a disclaimer: I was not the editor of the issue to which you refer. That fact, however, does not lessen my responsibility as one of the Caveat editors.

I am extremely upset about (what I consider to be) the editorial abuse to which your article was subjected. I, like you, find the deletion of your paragraph emphasizing the non-sexist nature of GGU sports activities offensive. Sexism, however, is not the issue that I wish to address as one of the Caveat editors. I agree with you that it was probably unintentional.

As a Caveat editor, I have been operating under the following assumptions:

- 1) The Caveat is funded with student money, and therefore, is the law students' newspaper. It is "my" paper only to the extent that I am a paying member of the student body.
- 2) I was selected by the SBA (the student body reps.) to serve the student body in the capacity of "editor" of our newspaper. I receive five units per semester for fulfilling this responsibility.
- 3) The primary purpose of the Caveat is to facilitate communication within the law school. This I interpret to generally mean that the paper is a forum for basically whatever one wishes to write (within a broad definition of reasonableness).
- 4) My role as one of the editors is to essentially put together the material received for publication. At a minimum, this includes: typing, proofreading, layout, printing arrangements, paying the bills, and distributing the paper. Within my role, I include soliciting articles, reporting, and writing.

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5) The Caveat budget provides for a weekly publication of four pages. Basically, we print what we receive by the deadline, and we print as we receive it - give or take a few grammar, etc. corrections.

6) I also appreciate the principles of editorial discretion, however, I see little room for such traditional principles within my role. The Caveat is not the Chronicle. I do not have the right (although I do have the power) to delete substantial portions of articles submitted nor synthesize them into my own words without consulting with the writer. If space is indeed a problem, then the article should be left out entirely unless the writer authorizes deletion of portions.

You are not the only person to whom this happened. Speaking for myself, I can say that it will not happen again. To you, I offer a formal apology. I also apologize to the registrar for the deletions of the material she submitted for publication, under the heading of New Grading Options. That article is printed in its entirety in this issue.

Clearly, it is time for the Caveat editors and the SBA to discuss the function of the Caveat from a serious perspective and to re-evaluate our roles as editors of the law students' newspaper. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,  
Cindy Duncan

#### ATTENTION STUDENT SOFTBALL BUFFS!

The "Big Game" (Faculty vs. Students) is approaching. It will be played on September 19 during the annual SBA picnic.

In order to assure a quasi-organized student contingent, a sign-up procedure will be utilized for all students desiring to participate in the Big Game. It will be implemented in the most equitable manner I could think of.

Please read and take heed (You are now on legal notice):

Sign-up Sheets will be posted on the vending machines on the second floor of the law school from Thursday, September 9, 9 AM. until Tuesday, September 14, 9:30 PM.

Sign your name on the list. Names will be put in a hat and drawn randomly. Three squads (9-10 players each = 27 or 30 students) will be picked to play one-third of the game. Alternates will also be named. There will be an equal number of men and women on each squad (providing enough of each sex sign up).

I realize that there is not any way to please all students and still have a semi-organized game. There will be other sporting activities (relays, volleyball and beer-chugging). Also, I see nothing wrong with other softball games taking place before or after the B&G Game. If anyone is extremely uptight, please see me.

Cindy Duncan

# notice!

#### REMINDER: DECEMBER 1976 GRADUATES

If you will be completing the requirements for the J.D. degree by the end of the Fall 1976 semester, please be sure that you have submitted an "Application to Graduate" to the Registrar.

#### PROBLEMS WITH FINANCIAL AID?

Discuss alternatives to the resolution of student financial aid problems at a meeting on Friday, September 10 at 12 noon. Meet in 207.

Are administrative remedies exhausted? Is it time for students to take other action?

#### ATTENTION ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS

On September 14 at noon in Room 203 there will be a meeting to discuss activating the environmental awareness of GGU (e.g., a weekly column in the Caveat and anything else).

#### BOOK SALE RECEIPTS

Students with last names A-H can pick up your money from the SBA Book Sale on Tuesday, September 14 from 11:30 to noon and from 3:15 to 3:45 PM at the table outside the restrooms on the second floor. Night students (A-H) pick up your checks at the same place beginning 6:30 PM on Tuesday (9/14) and Wednesday (9/15). People with last names H-Z, watch for notices for your money -- hopefully soon.

#### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

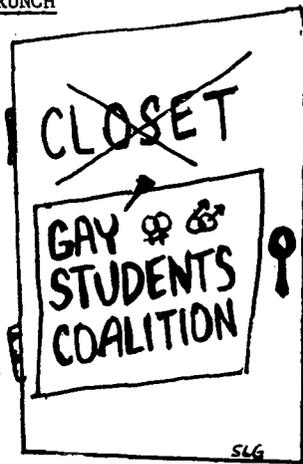
The Women's Association will meet Tuesday, September 14 at 3 PM in Room 203. If you have any agenda items, give them to Sherrie Billig or sign the list in the lounge.

## GAY COALITION TO SPONSOR BRUNCH

The Gay Coalition of GGU Law School invites interested students to attend a potluck brunch on Sunday, September 12, at 1:00 at 169 Noe Street, San Francisco.

Surnames beginning with A-F should bring salad or fruit; G-M, main dish; N-R, drink; S-Z, dessert.

The Gay Coalition has been recently formed by a group of interested law students at Golden Gate. Membership is steadily growing.



Although still in its formative stage, some of the proposed functions of the Coalition are to collect briefs on cases involving discrimination against gay people, to write and publish articles on gay rights, and to sponsor events centering around problems and issues concerning the gay community.

Keep watch in Caveat or on the bulletin board for notice of the next meeting. (The Gay Coalition has a box in the Faculty Center - East for messages.)

## FOCUS ON FOURTEEN

The Golden Gate Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild will hold its monthly meeting on September 9 at 12 noon for the purpose of organizing support for passage of PROPOSITION 14, the farmworkers' bill.

Other NLG projects currently underway at Golden Gate which give law students opportunities for clinical experience are:

**WOMEN'S LABOR PROJECT** - working with clerical workers, teachers aides, legal aides, and other groups of working women to overcome problems of sex discrimination; research and organizing work. Contact Kathy King at 647-4730.

**PRISONERS' RIGHTS PROJECT** - presently being organized to handle prisoners' legal problems; research, preparation of writs, etc. Contact Sharon Grace at 939-3438.

All are invited to attend the September 9th meeting to discuss PROP. 14 and other NLG projects.



"Oh, you got that fireplace screen! A good value. I thought of getting it myself but since we don't have a fireplace ..."

G. Schwaar

## ARE YOU FEELING SPACED?

Of course you are, this is law school! You are supposed to be tired and irritable!

But stop! Don't take it out on your professor.

Just tune him/her out and regain your faith in your mental ability. Just take this little critical thinking test and restore your self-esteem.



1. If you went to bed at 8:00 at night and set the alarm to get up at 9:00 in the morning, how many hours sleep would this permit you to get?
2. Do they have a Fourth of July in England?
3. Why can't a man living in Winston-Salem, N.C., be buried west of the Mississippi River?
4. How many birthdays does the average person have?
5. If you had only one match and entered a room in which there was a kerosene lamp, an oil burner, and a wood burning stove, which would you light first?
6. Some months have 30 days; some have 31 days. How many have 28 days?
7. If a doctor gave you three pills and told you to take one every half hour, how long would they last you?
8. A man builds a house with four sides to it and it is rectangular in shape. Each side has a southern exposure. A bear came walking by. What color is the bear?
9. How far can a dog run into the woods?
10. What four words appear on every denomination of U.S. coin?
11. What is the minimum number of active players on a baseball field during a part of an inning? How many outs in each inning?
12. I have in my hand two U.S. coins which total 55¢ in value. One of them is not a nickel. What are the coins.
13. A farmer had 17 sheep. All but 9 die. How many did she have left?
14. Divide 30 by  $\frac{1}{2}$  and add 10. What is the number?
15. Two men are playing checkers. They played five games and each man wins the same number of games. How?
16. Take two apples from three apples and what have you got?
17. An archeologist claimed that she found some gold coins dated 46 B.C. Do you think she did?
18. A woman gives a beggar 50¢. The woman is the beggar's sister but the beggar is not the woman's brother. How can this be?
19. How many animals of each species did Moses take aboard the ark with him?
20. Is it legal in North Carolina for a man to marry his widow's sister?