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Law students at Golden Gate University are afforded ample opportunities to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to become successful lawyers. Yet, perhaps because of the very volume of materials thrust upon students, inadequate time is devoted to thoughtful consideration of some of the more amorphous issues. What ought to be the parameters of the rule of law in society? How can a lawyer reconcile the role of advocate for a particular client with that, for example, of parent, consumer, or citizen at large? In our increasingly crowded and complex society, it becomes ever more difficult to delineate the ultimate consequences of any given litigation. At the same time, it becomes all the more important that an effort to do so be made.

In an effort to provoke critical thought and discussion of some of these problems, Golden Gate University is planning to host a series of distinguished individuals to share some of their ideas regarding the proper role of law and lawyers in society. These persons will be drawn from a broad range of disciplines. Not only jurists and political leaders, but philosophers and anthropologists will be invited. Each will express his or her thoughts and values following which there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. In addition to all of our students, members of the local bar, alumni, and the public will all be welcome.

Tom Goetzl
The Honorable Judge Robert F. Peckham will be the first speaker. He will speak on WED., JAN. 26 at 12:30 in the Auditorium. Judge Peckham is a well-known and well-respected judge of the United States District Court for Northern California. Students with ideas regarding speakers, contact Professor Tom Goetzl who is coordinating the series.

The Chicano Law Review adheres to the standard of "A Uniform System of Citations, eleventh edition" for all of its publications. I will be happy to answer or will forward to an appropriate individual, any inquiries regarding manuscript evaluation. Enclosed find a deadline calendar and a list of past topics.

Sincerely,
William D. Guerrero
Notes and Comment Ed.

Write to:
Chicano Law Review
Chicano Law Students Assoc
School of Law
Los Angeles, CA. 90024

To: Marge Holmes, SBA President
From: Judith G. McKelvey, Dean
Re: Organized Student Activities on behalf of Political Candidates (Tables, Speakers, etc.)

Based on my discussions with John Teitscheid, Golden Gate University's Business Manager, it appears that students may invite political candidates to speak at the school, set up tables on their behalf, etc., if the following procedures, designed to protect the University from lawsuits, are followed:

Before an activity involving political candidates takes place, the students in charge of the event should notify John Teitscheid about the planned activity. As soon as notified, his office will send a notice by certified mail to the SBA bulletin board. Memos concerning the problem which will be used in the competition are available in the faculty center. There will be a meeting for those who have entered on Wednesday, January 26 at 12:30 PM in room 209.

CLIENT COUNSELING

The deadline for those who wish to sign up for the Client Counseling Competition is Wednesday, January 19, 1977. The sign-up sheet is on the SBA bulletin board. Memos concerning the problem which will be used in the competition are available in the faculty center. There will be a meeting for those who have entered on Wednesday, January 26 at 12:30 PM in room 209.

MEMORANDUM

To: John Teitscheid
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SUPPORT-GROWTH GROUP FOR LAW WOMEN

On Monday, January 17 from 3-5PM in Room 209 Golden Gate's law women will have the opportunity to meet each other and share their mutual concerns about law school, life, love and the pursuit of happiness! Hopefully, a warm and supportive atmosphere will foster exploration and further discovery about who you are, who you want to be, and how others see you.

The group will be led by Deborah Weinstein, M.A., a licensed family therapist. Deborah is in private practice in S.F. and Palo Alto and has led law students' groups for five years. "A women's growth-support group can be a perfect antidote to the rather mechanical, competitive atmosphere in law school," she says. "It's a place to let down, share yourself and some of the special concerns for women in law. The pace is up to the individual - I don't believe in pushing or assaultive encounter."

The group will meet weekly for 2 hrs and will cost $5.00 a week. If you can't make the first meeting, have any questions or financial concerns, please call Deborah Weinstein at 552-4323. (People can join at any time during the semester.)

SPORTSCHATTER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Mary R.W. Poppins

RUGBY

The San Francisco Women's Rugby Club is looking for new talent. (I hope those who may not know what rugby is: Rugby is a game similar to football. The main differences are that there are no rest periods (i.e., huddles) after the ball changes hands, no downs, no forward passes and NO PADS!) This team travels to far away places like Davis and Stanford. No experience is necessary; just desire and a little bit of stamina. It's an enjoyable way to stay slim and trim or lean and mean. (ED. or become a permanent resident of the hospital)

The Women practice from 6 - 7:15 PM at Funston Field in San Francisco on Tuesdays and Fridays. Scrimmages are on Sunday at 12 at the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park. If you desire further information, contact Rita Whalen. (ED. Is it really true that Rita has given up basketball for rugby?)

GYM RENTAL

The Golden Gate Law School Athletic Commission has funds available to rent a gym for basketball and volleyball. The Embarcadero YMA is available at $25.00 per hour. It is expensive, but it's a nice facility with proper equipment. Before renting the gym, I'd like to take a survey as to the best days for rental. The hours would be from 3 - 4 PM. The Gym is set up so that either basketball or volleyball can be played, but not both.

Since the gym is expensive, I'd like to have at least 12-15 people signed up 2 days in advance to make the rental fee a practical expenditure. Both men and women are encouraged to participate -- GGU is an equal opportunity for athletics law school.

SURVEY

(Don't fill out unless you wish to participate)

DAYS (Vote for One)
1) Every Wednesday.
2) Everyday on a rotating basis.
3) Mondays & Wednesdays on a rotating basis. (I like this one).

CHOICE OF SPORTS (vote for one)
1) 1/4 hour of volleyball and 1/4 hour of basketball.
2) Volleyball or basketball, alternating on different days.

Put the survey in Rita Whalen's box in the Faculty Center East. (Night students: If there is a significant outcry I could schedule the gym for Saturday afternoon).

BULLETIN!

The San Francisco Raiders finally won the Super Bowl by beating the Minnesota Vikings in the Rose Bowl. Final score, 4-1.

I am fortunate to have enough money to make the rest of my life run fairly smoothly, inspite of the big time strain. What about my classmates who don't have enough money even to buy the books they could use to learn what they want and need to know? I am also blessed with a husband who is willing to take up about 80% of my personal responsibilities for me, and his advantage not enjoyed by everyone. Does one have to be well off financially to succeed in law school? I have the money to pay BAR or BRC or whoever will seem to contribute to the likelihood of my passing finals.

But the thing that really grinds me is that I don't know how necessary these commercial programs are. If they are valuable, why isn't our regular academic program expanded to cover what they give? When we pay our tuition money, can't we expect to get what we need to pass our exams? If not, why not?

Georgia Schwar
11/21/76

LETTER TO THE EDITORS:

Dear Editors:

I have just returned from Santa Clara where I attended the three hour free review lecture in first year criminal law put on by B.A.R.

On the plus side, they certainly do put on a well-planned, easy to understand show. I came away with an improved grasp of the subject matter of homicide, plus some good printed materials for later use.

On the minus side, I realize that this come-on has some irresistible features, and of them I am deeply resentful. Aside from the obvious commercialism of the whole operation, which is persistently but only mildly disgusting, the significant thing is the seeming necessity for law students to invest in their programs.

To wit, in the spring they will be giving a total of ten Saturdays programs (five hours each) in the five subject areas traditionally covered in first year law study. If I understand their brochure correctly, I will be paying $250 for this in money, and quite sorely in time and energy, of which no law student that I know has any superabundance.

Students at GGU have, on the whole, so far avoided the cut throat competition extant at so many other graduate schools. I wonder how long we can resist.

Is it really necessary for us to be asked to work harder, and harder, and still harder? Isn't there any significant legal service that we might render to our community without killing ourselves? I spend an average of 65 hours per week on school, classes, and study. How much is reasonable to expect? Or do I just have to spend that amount of time (all the hours I have energy to spend, by the way) because I am not as quick to learn as my fellows?

And why, I ask, should I take their programs? Well, if I am to be graded in my final exams (the only measure of my legal expertise, alas!) on a curve with my fellow classmates, wouldn't I be foolish to let pass this admittedly good opportunity to improve?
The following is a news release of the State Bar of California:

The Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California announced that 4,001 people passed the Fall 1976 General Bar Examination. Of 6,769 who took the General Bar Examination 59.1% passed.

More people took the Bar Examination this Fall than in any other year from 1966-1976. Numerically, the number who passed this Examination is the highest for the last decade, with the Fall of 1975 next in line; 3,550 passed that Examination.

The passing percentage for this Fall's Examination is the fourth highest in the last ten years. 1974 and 1975 Fall passing rates were 61.7% and 60.6% respectively. The third highest percentage was 59.3% in the Fall of 1971.

Nearly 70% of all California law school graduates taking the Examination for the first time passed, and approximately 80% of the graduates of California law schools approved by the American Bar Association taking the Examination for the first time passed.

In addition to passing the General Bar Examination each applicant must satisfy certain other requirements for admission to practice, including passing the Professional Responsibility Examination.

The following statistics apply to Golden Gate Graduates:

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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DAY --------- 83% (101 of 122)
EVENING --------- 52% (13 of 25)

GRADUATING SENIORS

If you have not already filled out an application to graduate, please do so. Applications are available in the Dean's office.

Your Editors received the following from the University of San Diego Law School newspaper:

Good morning Mr. Phelps:

The existence of pilfering, lifting, breaking and entering in the nighttime, caption and asportation, and unauthorized republication of material contained in the Woolsack has come to the attention of the Editors.

In order to end this unauthorized conduct the Editors hereby expressly authorize republication of any material in the Woolsack. The Editors do request that you give credit to both the publication and the author of the materials. The Editors and our writers need all the positive reinforcement we can possibly get.

Of course if you should be captured or condemned (for reprinting material which shouldn't have been printed in the first place) the Editors will disclaim any knowledge of:

(1) your acts,
(2) your existence,
(3) our existence.

The Editors will also claim they were duped, doped, take the 5th and purchase plane tickets to Rio.

Good luck, Jim.

Stephen Laudig
Vernon Tweedie
Editors of the Woolsack

(Ed - we have never ripped off the Woolsack.)
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Subject: Patent Law Problem (see Dean)

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY MEETING

The Environmental Law Society will hold its first meeting of 1977 on Tuesday, January 18, at 12 noon in Room 205. We will discuss programs for the coming semester, the Environmental Law Writing Competition ($100 first prize) and have a report on a recent cruise to observe the migration of the California Gray Whale.

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