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# CAVEAT



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## WHAT IS SBA & FSC?

by David Cooper

There will be a number of items to be seen from time to time in the Caveat concerning the FSC and SBA and we in the Caveat figured that you'd need to know what exactly these bodies are if you were going to bother reading any of our articles.

The SBA is the Student Bar Association, no relation to the ABA. Where the SBA is a body that is composed of and deals with student affairs, the FSC (Faculty-Student Council) is composed of faculty, students, administration, and the head of the law library and deals with the governance of the school as a whole. There is some intermeshing of functions between the bodies. Specifically, the SBA chooses the students who will work with the FSC.

The SBA: Any duly registered law student at GGU is a member of the SBA. There are five officers of the SBA usually elected in the spring: President, Treasurer, and Secretary (by vote of all students); Night Vice-President (elected by night students) and Day Vice-President (elected by day students). In addition to the officers is the Board of Governors consisting of 8 class representatives (A Section, B Section, 1st year night, 2nd year day, 2nd year night, 3rd year day, 3rd year night, 4th year night.)

The SBA is responsible for allocating its budget for the purposes of student activities and also to represent the student body in the operation of the Law School and the University. The SBA President sits in on the University Board of Trustees meetings. SBA representation in the operation of the Law School is more involved and proceeds through the FSC.

The FSC: The twenty-two full-time faculty and the Law Library Director plus 8 students are the voting members of the Faculty-Student Council. The Dean attends but is non-voting.

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## Busy Week in SBA

In the last week before the break the SBA met twice. On Tuesday, the SBA heard the budget requests from the various student organizations. On Thursday there was another meeting to take care of non-budget matters.

### Highlights of Tuesday's Meeting (Sept. 27)

President Richard Wright pointed out that the budget requests exceed the available funds this year and that this is the first year that that has happened. He proposed a student vote to determine whether there is support for raising dues from \$2 to \$4 a semester. The Association resolved to allocate on the basis of present funds and raise the allocations if a dues raise is OK'd. The rest of the meeting was taken up hearing the budget reports of each group and with questions to each group. Toward the end of the meeting it became clear that there would be no time to finish allocations and it was decided that the meeting be continued this Tuesday, Oct. 11. Until then the Caveat and Third World Coalition could be issued money to pay for their current debts. Richard Wright said he felt that the requests were worthy and re-emphasized that he thought dues needed to be raised. This met with some criticism as to his statement that all requests were worthy. Student Mary Gerber felt that a lot of stuff would have to be trimmed and that the SBA could not rely on a dues increase. Another student felt that the MOLEs should receive nothing.

### Thursday's Meeting (Sept. 29)

The last item on Thursday's agenda was the most controversial so we'll print it first. Richard Wright addressed himself to Connie Tavel and Mary Gerber's letter in the last Caveat criticizing his handling of the FSC committee selection. Richard felt that the letter left student participation in FSC in a vulnerable position to attack by some members of the faculty who would rather eliminate student participation in school governance. Richard was in turn criticized by some members for lack of leadership. As discussion proceeded the

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## Bakke Protest Month Begins

Across the nation people are protesting against the Bakke decision this month. Here in San Francisco, on Monday, October 3, a number of Golden Gate law students joined the demonstration that started at the UN Plaza on Hyde Street and which moved to the Federal Building Plaza by way of the hallways of Hastings Law School. The group of protesters which started at 200 swelled to 500 by the time it reached the Federal Building to hear such speakers as Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial, Fay Wong of the Chinese Progressive Association and Alameda Supervisor John George. The tenor of the rally and march was militant with Salsa rhythm chants.

The speakers at the rally emphasized that the Bakke decision was a blow to many of the gains fought for in the course of the civil rights movement of the '50s and '60s. Fay Wong characterized this blow as one of national oppression against third world people, and said that the anti-Bakke protests were only one form of resistance which also included the struggle to retain ethnic studies and the struggle to save communities and housing as in the fight to save I-Hotel. Intern George Goodlet of San Francisco General Hospital and Frank Ochoa of Woodside Legal Aid pointed out some little

known facts of the Bakke case: Allan Bakke was rejected at all 12 medical schools he applied to; the 16 seat minority quota at Davis was only a ceiling and that for the two years that Bakke applied only 8 of these seats were filled; U.C. Davis had a preferential admissions program for the sons and daughters of "influential people" and that Bakke may have been displaced by this quota; there were white students admitted to Davis with lower GPAs than Bakke and that there were third world students admitted with higher ones.

The rally was organized by the National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision (NCOBD) and the Black American Law Students Association (BALSA) who also participated in organizing the protest in Oakland on Saturday October 8 (which the Caveat could not cover for this issue since we went to press on Thursday). Saturday's protest was held simultaneously with demonstrations all over the country including Honolulu, Chicago, Seattle, El Paso, St. Louis, Washington, D.C., and New York.

This Saturday, October 15th at 10 AM there will be a march from Dolores Park to the Federal Building organized by the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition for a National Day of Solidarity (ABDC). The rally will be at the Federal Building at 1:00 PM.

D.C.

# First FSC Meeting

by JoAnn Schulman

An FSC meeting was held on September 29 from 3 to 5 PM. Beside the students attending the following were present: Mike Golden, Chair, Barbara Rhine, Bob Calhoun, Roger Bernhardt, James Smith, Charles Smith, Tom Goetzl, Myron Moskovitz, Mike DeVito, Laurie Deutsch, Lani Bader, Tony Pagano, Jan Kosel, Neil Levy, Larry Jones, Bill Weiner, Allen Cadgene, Judy McKelvey, Nancy Carter, Sharon Golub, Molly Stelmack, Janis Boster.

Richard Wright, SBA President, attended - which ought to quash those irresponsible, unprovoked and ridiculous critics we have recently heard utterings out of.

The following committees were represented by student members: Evaluations, Budget, Hiring, Admissions, Academic Standards.

The meeting's first business was announcements from Judy. The currently first year class has an enrollment of 280 students, which brings the total of law students in the school to 817. Judy stated that this is high as we only want 750.

Judy also announced that an ABA re-inspection is happening this year. (There is one every 7 years.) Judy and Sharon will be putting together a report for the inspection. There will be a 5-person inspection team. The joint Tax degree program is somehow involved in this. For more info, contact Judy. (This reporter got side-tracked...)

The next agenda item consisted of Committee Reports by the Chairs (faculty):

(1) Curriculum Committee: (Roger Bernhardt, Chair). Twenty-eight course proposals have been submitted to the committee. 10/1/77 was supposed to be the deadline for course proposals, so get your ideas to them soon!

A proposal was submitted to the FSC to clarify Judy's power to permit courses to be offered which have not been approved by FSC or the Curriculum Committee. The Curriculum committee recommended that Judy have the power.

(2) Academic Standards Committee: This Committee has met once this semester. The following statistics were thrown out at the meeting:

1975-76: 30 first year students had to re-examine. 18 chose to re-examine and out of those, 5 flunked out and 13 passed on (!). Thus, 17 people did not continue.

1976-77: 12 students "flunked out" after re-examination. 9 night and 3 day.

GPA statistics were also given for last year's first year class by course and by day/night.

(3) Admissions Committee: (Chair, Les Minkus was not at FSC). Janis Boster, Admissions Director, passed out a "Profile" on in-coming students which is distressing if not enlightening. From the statistics, it is obvious that GGU is adhering to Bakke -- there is no Affirmative Action at this school!

(4) Budget Committee: Has not met this semester.

(5) Evaluation Committee: (Chair, Mike DeVito). They have met once and are working on the student and faculty evaluations, which should be out in 9 or 10 weeks.

(6) Clinic Committee: Absent.

(7) Hiring Committee: (Chair, Tony Pagano). They have met five times. Tony Pagano has the minutes from the meetings -- so anyone interested should ask him for them.

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group reviewed the list of student FSC representatives selected, and decided that the SBA Officers and Board of Governors did approve of the students and would stand behind them. It was proposed by Richard that the selection process be spelled out in the SBA Constitution so that there would be no further disputes like this in the future.

YMCA Passes: The group organizing the passes explained that the Y has reduced the price of our admission by \$50 and that therefore they were requesting \$50 less. The Y agreed that the passes would be good during noon hours (before they weren't) and also during Easter and Christmas vacations. The catch: they needed to be paid off within a week. The SBA voted to allocate \$450 for the passes with many in attendance emphasizing the concerted effort of the group to get outside funds and broad-based student support.

Picnic: Chuck Crane will chair the Picnic Committee. Gary Reing and Cindy Duncan are organizing softball. Also on the committee organizing the October 23 picnic is Ann Van Balen.

Financial Aid Committee: Scholarship information will be ready November 1. The committee's main areas of work right now are looking into work-study funding and FISL loans. They're meeting October 10 to figure out how the Dean allocates \$40,000 in scholarships.

Library Casebooks: A publishing house has agreed to donate texts. Professors will write for extra freebies from publishers.

Day Vice-President Vacancy: The Day Veep resigned. It was suggested that another be elected after the break.

Constitutional Revision: Richard recommended that the SBA Constitution be amended to provide guidelines on elections, budget allocations, FSC committee selection. A copy of the SBA Constitution is on the SBA board.

Check-Offs: Treasurer Don Roszel will count the check offs from registration to determine how much money groups will receive from that.

Trustee Meeting Report: Richard attends University Board of Trustees Meetings as SBA President. The Board puts out a financial report and minutes that can be seen by asking Richard. (Maybe they can be put on reserve in the Library?) There was an \$800,000 surplus in the University this year which went into the building fund. Apparently the bookstore had a large surplus too.

Speakers' Committee: Melinda Powers reported on a list of potential speakers we might get including Susan Jordan, and somebody involved with Grand Juries. She also recommended films including an Emmy Award winner called "Law & Order" and one on the Wounded Knee occupation. Richard recommended coordinating this with the FSC Speakers' Committee.

Playboy Discussion: Melinda pointed out that the General Library receives Playboy magazine and that the SBA should pass a resolution supporting a petition to withdraw it on the grounds that the magazine reinforces sexual stereotypes about women. This was tabled pending a report to determine where the money for the subscriptions was coming from.

D.C.

# announcements

## COMBAT PROFESSIONALISM

Any woman who has been hungering for support to counteract the subtle influences and suggestions in law school about joining the elite is welcome to come to a potluck for an informal discussion. Come prepared with incidents from class and specific issues you want to discuss. Sponsored by the Womens Association.

The potluck is on Friday, October 28 at 6 PM, at 970 Guerrero, SF. Any questions call Cheryl at 285-8012.

For potluck bring:

- A-E: Beverage
- F-J: Salad
- K-O: Main Dishes
- P-T: Vegetable
- U-Z: Dessert

## SBA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Budget Meeting: Allocations to campus groups will be decided Tuesday, October 11, 3:30-5:30 in Room 207. SBA representatives and all interested students are to attend.

Regular SBA Meeting: Thursday, October 20. Details in next week's Caveat.

SBA Picnic: Saturday, October 23 at Robert's Park, Oakland, starting about noon. See next week's Caveat for details.

## BAKKE PROTEST MARCH

This Saturday, October 15th at 10 AM there will be a march from Dolores Park to the Federal Building organized by the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition for a National Day of Solidarity (ABDC). The rally will be at the Federal Building at 1 PM.

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The areas that the FSC has some control over is indicated by the functions of the various committees:

Academic Standards: Sets the criteria determining who passes, fails, retests. The review test scores and hear appeals from students on their grades. Policy is set by the FSC, but the committee has the job of interpreting them. There are 3 students and 3 faculty on the committee.

Admissions: Along with the Admissions Office they read student applications and decide on who is admitted on the basis of policy set by the FSC. 3 students, 3 faculty.

Budget: They review the fiscal functioning of the school and recommend budgeting to the Dean's office which is the real seat of budget power in the school. 2 students, 2 faculty.

Clinic: Runs the Clinic program at the school. As of press time we are unclear as to the make-up of the committee.

Curriculum: This committee develops ideas for changing the school curriculum and acts as a clearing house for any new ideas on curriculum. It makes its proposals to the FSC which votes on them. Last year, for example, Civil Procedure was moved to the Spring and Torts was moved to the Fall. 3 students, 3 faculty.

Evaluations: Distributes and reviews the evaluations of teachers written by students and acts in an advisory role to FSC on tenure. 2 students, all tenured members of the faculty.

Hiring Committee: Hiring policy is set by the FSC but this committee is the first filter that all teaching applications go through. The FSC has first say on which faculty is hired, but the committee's recommendations carry weight. 3 students, 3 faculty.

The FSC does not appear to have much or any control over the following: tuition, budget, salaries, the number of students, and any hiring that is not faculty hiring such as the position of Associate Dean.

Students on the FSC are selected this way. SBA fills the positions on each committee in the fall (with the exception of Curriculum and Evaluations filled in the spring of last year). It used to be that one student from each

committee was designated by the SBA as a voting member of the FSC with an "at-large student member" of the FSC elected by the student body. Now there is no "at-large" position, but there are 2 voting students from the Evaluations and Admissions Committees instead of one. The faculty members of the committees are chosen by the Chairperson of the FSC (Mike Golden - this year for the second time). The Chairperson is selected by vote of the FSC each year. Faculty members have it in their contract that they must do a reasonable amount of committee work.

Every year there is dissatisfaction expressed by some faculty on committees about the students on their committees and this will probably continue. Some faculty have been notorious for very low levels of participation too. One frequent complaint is that the FSC is too large to be very effective and that as a result a lot of its power is taken over by the Dean's Office. When this happens students lose a lot of their voice. For example there used to be a scheduling committee with students. But recently this has dissolved. Last year the task was done by one faculty member (in the absence of the Associate Dean) and as a result the present schedule is a greater reflection of faculty members priorities rather than students' needs.

## GGU ON TAX DELINQUENT LIST

The Caveat has received an anonymous letter and clipping that show GGU on the Delinquent Tax list. See Volume 25, page 47 of the San Francisco Chronicle, 9/22/77. Anyone interested in doing an article on this, please contact the Caveat.

# CLASSIFIED

BAR/BRI Bookmobile: October 11 from 10 to 2 and 5:30 to 7 on the 2nd floor of the law school. Sign up for the BAR and get your set of outlines on the spot. Remember, last day for the \$50 discount is October 15. See the reps for more information.

# STUDENT/ALUM PROGRAM

Wally Allen of the Placement Office has recently developed a program through which students can meet with GGU alumni working in the Bay Area to discuss specific areas of legal practice, practice problems, how to prepare for practice, etc. This program will provide interested students the opportunity to get together informally with GGU alums to share this kind of information. Wally has sent letters to nearly 1000 GGU alumni in the Bay Area requesting their participation in the program. So far he has received nearly 45 positive responses from attorneys in the Bay Area engaged in a wide variety of legal practice ranging from labor arbitrators to an attorney currently working with the San Francisco Unified School District.

The placement office is initiating this program whereby individual students will be matched with interested alums to spend a half hour or a one-time luncheon date, for example, to discuss what the alum's practice is about, the problems, the pluses, etc. The idea here is to impart information; this is not a job placement program. The placement office will coordinate the program; students have follow-up responsibility.

Interested students should visit Wally's office and go through his file of available alumni. The student will then personally contact the attorney and make arrangements for a meeting. This program is operational immediately.

R.E.

# SPORTS: DEWEY DECIMALS DEFEATED

by Joyce Harmon

The staff of the Law Library emerged victorious in a hard-fought volleyball game on Sunday, September 18 against their arch-rivals (in sports), the GGU General Library staff.

Although clearly lacking in practice, the law bookers were nonetheless able to field a strong team against the challengers. Led in their 15-10 rout by that super-server Cindy "Crusher" Kreinberg, the powerful front line definitely had the height advantage as Gary "Big Mac" McDonald, Ruth "Too Tall" Ratzlaff and Bill "Spiker" Benemann fairly towered over their opponents.

In spite of (or perhaps because of) the fact that Allan "Cagy" Cadgene played on the side of the General Library, the final outcome of the game was never seriously in doubt. Nancy "White Shoe" Carter was unable to participate in the game, but still showed great promise for next year as she carried out her dual role as cheerleader and guardian of the six-packs.

Able assisted by Barrie "Slugger" Griffith, Julie "The Juice" Menken, Chris "Bubba" Eley, and Tom "Citizen" Cain, the lawbrary group was able to claim the title of undisputed volleyball champs of the GGU Library system.

## Feiffer

