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# CAVEAT



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## Faculty Student Council to Meet

PROPOSAL TO LOWER FIRST YEAR CLASS AVERAGES TO BE NOV 15 1977

There will be a Faculty Student Council meeting on Thurs., Nov. 17, 1977 at 3 p.m., room 302. Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes for last two meetings.
- 2) Announcements by Dean Judy.
- 3) Report from Judy on the Self Study Committee.
- 4) Grading Resolution:
  - a) Average grade in first year courses must fall within the range of 2.2 - 2.4. (2.0 = C, 2.5 = C+, 3.0 = B)
  - b) Average grade in all other courses: 2.6 - 2.8.
  - c) Faculty can give higher or lower averages in upper division courses with permission of the full faculty. To do so, the professor would have to show that his (sic) class members have received either higher than average grades in the past, or did an extraordinary amount of work (as in a seminar).
- 5) Resolution to institute a permanent visiting scholar position.
- 6) Resolution to set as primary goal for the Hiring Committee the diversifying of the faculty profile to more closely reflect pluralistic character of society.
- 7) Resolution to create an Evaluation Form of Dean and Staff to be filled out by students and faculty. Also to form a committee to adopt such form(s).

The Caveat received notice of this meeting from Mike Golden on Friday, a full day after our deadline. Luckily, due to staff irresponsibility, we're a day late in going to press. This is what we have been able to gather concerning Agenda item 4:

The proposal is not from the Academic Standards Committee, but from Tony Pagano who teaches upper division this year. (Tony is on the Hiring Committee.) The stated purpose of the proposal is to adjust the "good deal of grade disparity among the professors here at Golden Gate University." Last year's first year grade average was 2.44: Contracts - 2.545, Crim - 2.79, Property - 2.67, Torts - 2.31, Civil Procedure - 2.295. This proposal would require all first year class averages to be in the 2.2 - 2.4 range. Dean Judy told us that there is a study in progress concerning grade inflation, but that upon initial viewing there does not appear to be any. She also told us that she was under the impression that the proposal may be referred to the Academic Standards Committee. Ruth Ratzlaff, FSC rep and member of the Academic Standards Committee for two years, told us that the committee has resisted in the past any attempt to impose a flat standard on a course class average. The standard they have used is to decide whether the grades "shock the conscience" of the committee members. Neither Tony nor Mike were available for comment Friday afternoon. FSC meetings are open, but non-FSC members are admitted on a space available basis only.

D.C.

## TRY AN EXTERNSHIP!

Golden Gate offers two Externship Programs. The first, administered by Professor Les Minkus and Dean Sharon Golub, involves a semester's work experience with a judge. The other, which this article will discuss, is the Clinical Externship. This program allows students to receive up to ten credits for a full-time semester placement with a carefully approved law office, public agency, or legal services office. Unlike General Clinic placements, where a student works part-time while attending classes, externships require a full-time (40 hours) commitment to the placement.

Placements are approved only after assurance is received that the student will have a carefully controlled and limited work load; that continuing and regular supervision will be provided by the legal staff; that there will be an educational program designed around the mutual needs of the office and the student; and that the student will develop some degree of expertise in specific areas of the law. Some of the approved placements have developed extensive training programs, including the use of simulation and videotape. Others are being encouraged to adopt these methods.

In order to receive the credit (which is on a credit - no credit basis) a substantial, quality writing assignment must be submitted at the conclusion of the placement. Its content and form will be arranged individually with each extern. Generally, application for these externships must be made directly to the placement -- not the GGU clinic office -- and separate application must be made for each placement in which you are interested.

The externship program offers a unique opportunity for students to get valuable legal experience and although there is no assurance that everyone who applies will obtain a placement, all interested students who have completed required first year courses are encouraged to apply.

## Vote on Dues Increase

A vote will be taken today and tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday, to determine whether to raise SBA dues. Currently, students are paying \$2 per semester. If the proposal passes, dues will go up to \$4. The decision of the student body will be subject to approval by the Dean. See last week's Caveat for SBA President Richard Wright's statement.

The following is a list of externship placements available to date. This list is continually being supplemented and periodically placements are reviewed. All future externship placements will be posted on the clinic bulletin board and published in the Caveat.

Youth Law Center. The center does test cases and major impact litigation for poor and minority children and young people. The seven lawyers, four women and three men, do cases at all levels of the California state courts and in the Federal courts. Interested students should call or write the Center. They request a resume and writing sample. Contact: Pauline Tesler, 693 Mission St, SF 94105; 495-6420.

Equal Rights Advocates. ERA does major impact litigation on women's issues. They provide a training program which includes litigating a simulated case. There will be a minimum of two Golden Gate students placed with ERA next semester. Interested persons should contact the clinic office for applications. Applications are due November 16. Contact: Nancy Davis, 433 Turk St, SF 94102; 441-2618.

American Civil Liberties Union. Externs will assist staff lawyers in preparing major civil rights cases. Students interested should submit a resume and writing sample to the ACLU and Mort Cohen as soon as possible. Contact: Alan Schlosser, 814 Mission, SF; 777-4545.

Federal Public Defenders - Northern District of California. They represent indigents charged with federal crimes, as well as some state prisoners on federal habeas corpus peti-

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# SBA Holds Meeting

FINANCIAL AID STUDY REVIEWED  
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE DEBATED  
FSC STUDENT SELECTION POLICIES TO BE OUTLINED

by David Cooper

The SBA met on Wednesday last week from 3:30 to 5:30 in room 207. The following topics were discussed:

Day Vice-President: Richard Wright submitted the names of second year students Mike Rosas and Christine Roy as joint Vice-Presidents. The SBA approved them subject to the limitation proposed by Richard that they would share one vote and that if they disagreed on an item their vote would be void. There was some discussion whether this arrangement was constitutional, but after an exchange dealing with precedent and construction it was decided that there was nothing to forbid such a joint holding of office.

Second Year Day Rep: Pat Coughlin has resigned as second year day representative. A replacement election will be held soon.

YMCA Pass Problem: A meeting to find a permanent home for the passes was to be held Thursday between the Deans, head of the Faculty Center, and head of the Library. The SBA discussed the merits of the few available sites but concluded that this was problem to be resolved by the parties to Thursday's conference. (Ed. note: we just received word that from Monday on passes will be available at the Deans' office.)

Child Care Center: Richard explained to the association that Holly Bauman had been a strong student activist on behalf of establishing a child care center in the new building. In light of Holly's work and her untimely death last month, Richard is drawing up a resolution to be voted on by the SBA encouraging that the center be named after her.

Casebook Section in Library: After some initial steps to start such a section in the library, no further action has been taken. Tom Perley will get back on this.

## FSC Committee Reports:

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Gail White said that they had their first meeting with Dean Judy. Allan Cadgene and Jan Kosel are faculty members of the committee. Apparently Associate Dean Sharon Golub will be active on the committee too. Gail reported that materials on the school budget were distributed and methods of calculating the budget were explained. Some matters pending in the school's budget presently include how our faculty salary scales compare with other ABA approved law schools, and for what portion of the new building operating expenses will the law school be responsible. The committee will meet again 11/23 and Gail says that they'll try to get better information on what's going on. Concerning new tuition rates, these will be put forward in January this year instead of December when students are busy with finals. In February the Bar Examiners will be here to determine whether the school will maintain its accreditation.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE: David Rubinoff reported that the committee had not met since their last report. This Wednesday, the committee will hold an open student meeting to receive input on admissions criteria.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE did not report -- they were meeting at that time. ACADEMIC STANDARDS was to meet on Thursday so they had nothing new to say. Connie Tavel was sick, so there was no report from the EVALUATIONS COMMITTEE. Joanne Shulman of the HIRING COMMITTEE was absent.

FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE: Richard Clark announced that there is now a scholarship file in Sharon Golub's office indexed according to eligibility. Rick's announcement of a scholarship committee meeting on Friday provoked a debate between himself and Richard Wright. The committee

consists of the Deans, Marge Holmes and a number of students including Rick. Apparently the committee will advise or decide on allocation of in-school scholarship funds some of which go for unmet student need. Richard, in anger, questioned the students' authority to meet with Dean Judy outside of the normal channels of student representation. Rick responded in a similar tone that Judy had sole authority to allocate these scholarship funds and that any way that she wanted to get student input on this was fine. There was also disagreement between the two on the nature, source and extent of the scholarship funds. The response of the rest of the SBA was mixed. Although many seemed to feel that Judy's intent and choice of students, which included a number from the Third World Coalition, was good, that there should be some acknowledgement of normal channels of student representation. A few people felt that this too was too restrictive on the Dean. Others felt that regardless of how proper any SBA control or voice in the matter may be, that it would be better to have fuller information on the operation and policies for allocating these funds which at least in part come from student tuitions. No further action will be taken by the SBA until after Friday's meeting.

Playboy Resolution: Melinda Power put forward her resolution to have the SBA express disapproval of the University's subscription to Playboy magazine on the grounds that it is especially noted for its reinforcement of sexual stereotypes against women. The resolution failed. Melinda was advised by Ruth Ratzlaff to check it out with the Women's Association.

Financial Aid Work-Study Proposals: Kathy Reilly submitted her research and findings on Work-study and on some other items of concern to Financial Aid students to the SBA for approval and comments. The twenty-odd page report (with appendices) concerns the Work-Study program, the way that the Financial Aid office calculates student cost of living figures, and the accessibility to students of Financial Aid information. The recommendations include explanations of present Financial Aid practices and suggests how to change the system for calculating hourly wage rates for work-study students. Her research was done in the context of the ad-hoc Financial Aid Committee. Her research was not only overwhelmingly approved by the SBA, but her efforts were acclaimed by resolution. Kathy is working on the final draft and after it is submitted to the Dean, GGU President Otto Butz, Vice President John Teitscheid, and Financial Aid Director Paul Jain, it will be made available to the student body as a whole.

Affirmative Action Meeting: The SBA will hold a special open meeting in early January concerning affirmative action in hiring and admissions. Date to be selected next meeting.

Student Handbook: Richard suggested that this book be sent out to admittees in the spring rather than hand them out at orientation. Carole Levine proposed that it be expanded to more fully explain the functioning of governance at the school (SBA & FSC) as well as other things that would be useful to the night student. Christine Roy, Richard, Carole and a Caveat Editor will work on this with first year students whom they will try to recruit.

FSC Committee Selection Procedures: Ruth Ratzlaff proposed that an ad-hoc committee be set up to determine criteria and procedures for selection of student members of the committees. She recommended that there be volunteers from the student body at large on the committee as well. A number of officers and reps volunteered to join.

Advertisement Paper Chase: (This portion is from a report by a proverbial disinterested third party.) David (D.C.) Cooper proposed a GGU beautification project. Few students can avoid noticing the plethora of paper blocking every path on the second floor. Carole Levine volunteered to work with David on finding ways to keep the billboard trend from overwhelming our home away from home.

# announcements

## STUDENTS PLANNING TO TAKE A BAR EXAM IN ANOTHER STATE

Sharon Golub, at the request of the Curriculum Committee, has compiled a list of subjects covered by bar examinations in other states. The list indicates which subjects are not covered by GGU courses. Copies of the list are posted on the bar bulletin board on the second floor and are on reserve at the law library.

## FROM WALLY'S OFFICE

The Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship Program (Reggie) deadline has been extended to November 30th. Those students interested in applying should see Wally for an application.

## HELP THE I-HOTEL

The Lawyer's Committee for the International Hotel needs volunteers to research the City's funding regulations for eminent domain. Contact Therese Wandling or SFNLAF - Western Addition Office, 2505 Bush Street, 567-2804.

## LARGE HOO-HAH!! GUILD MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Ruth (the Gavel) Rokeach promises to keep the agenda moving; but, for those who want a scorecard, there will be reports on the regional meeting (held in LA, Nov. 4-6), Bakke Committee, Briggs amendment, etc. Proposals for speakers, films and other presentations for next semester. (Announcing a party on Nov. 26 ...) Lastly, but not leastly, discussion of the form and content of a forum to be held in January on the NLG Mid-East resolution. Y'all come now, y'here -- assure yourself of an unfettered opportunity to be involved in meaningful, ongoing, political work. Tuesday, November 15 in room 203 at noon.

## JEANNE JULLION SPEAKS

Jeanne Jillion, a lesbian mother from Oakland, lost custody of her two sons in an Alameda County Superior Court hearing last May. She went to court seeking custody of her older son who had lived with his father since Jeanne and her husband had separated two years earlier.

In the hearing, her husband presented no case, called no witnesses of his own, and did not question Jeanne's parenting ability or personal character. The judge sealed the contents of the decision and the transcript, and Jeanne, her attorney, Jill Lippitt, and members of her defense committee were threatened with contempt when they exercised their right to publicize the case in the community.

The Women's Association has asked Jeanne to speak at Golden Gate to inform the law school community of her particular situation and to speak on issues relating to gay (or other "non-mainstream") parents' rights to custody of their children.

Jeanne will be here Tuesday, November 15 at 5:30 PM in Room 209 in conjunction with the Homosexuality and the Law class taught by Patty Roberts and Zona Sage.

## ARBITRATION CLINIC

Students interested in applying for the Arbitration Clinic (3 credits) for the spring semester should plan to attend a meeting with Charles Cooper, Deputy Director, American Arbitration Association in Room 207 at noon on Wednesday, November 16. Application Deadline is 11/18/77!!

## YMCA Passes

Late breaking news: Effective Monday, Nov. 14 (today) -- YMCA passes will be available in the Dean's Office!

## SBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

5:00 PM. Thursday, November 17. All members of SBA Board of Governors and members are invited to attend. All SBA officers are required to attend.

### Agenda:

- Planning for special affirmative action meeting
- SBA evaluations of faculty
- Selection procedures for FSC Committees - when should report be done?
- Special election: to replace 2nd year day rep.
- Fund raising
- FSC reports: Hiring, Evaluations,

## FACULTY EXAM DEADLINES

Here's the handy-dandy condensation of the exam deadlines for professors. Avoid nasty student challenges to grades on the basis of typographical errors! Avoid uppity staff comments behind your back! Keep this on your person.

<u>EXAM DATES:</u>	<u>SUBMISSION DEADLINE:</u>	<u>PROOFING DATE:</u>	<u>COPY CENTER DEADLINE:</u>
Dec 5-7	Nov. 18	Nov. 21	Nov. 23
Dec 8-9	Nov. 22	Nov. 28	Nov. 30
Dec 10-13	Nov. 23	Nov. 29	Dec. 1
Dec 14	Nov. 28	Dec. 2	Dec. 5
Dec 15	Nov. 29	Dec. 5	Dec. 7
Dec 16	Nov. 30	Dec. 6	Dec. 8
Dec 17	Dec. 1	Dec. 7	Dec. 9

## MAKE-UP CLASSES

Regularly scheduled classes end on November 25. However, November 28 through December 1 are make-up days as follows: Monday, November 28 - Make-up for Labor Day Monday classes. Tuesday, November 29 - Make-up for Thanksgiving Thursday schedule. Wednesday, November 30 - make up for day after Thanksgiving Friday schedule. Thursday, December 1 is a miscellaneous make-up day for missed classes.

## ADMISSION COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING

The student members of the admissions committee will hold a meeting Wednesday, November 16 at 3 PM in Room 207, to solicit student opinions concerning admissions guidelines, especially in regards to affirmative action policy. We will discuss the statistical results of last year's affirmative action program, possible changes in the automatic admits procedure, and future recruiting efforts connected with the admissions committee. If unable to attend, please contact (a note on the front elevator message board would suffice) Danny Marshall, Julie Kurlander or David Rubinoff with any or all input.

# Letters

## RESPONSE TO RICHARD WRIGHT

I am very concerned about Richard Wright's statement on the front page of the Caveat, 11/7/77. One of the reasons he gives for the need to increase the dues for the SBA is "New organizations such as the Environmental Law Society and the Gay Students Coalition are requesting funds..." The Environmental Law Society has not requested even 1¢ this year! One cannot help but wonder what other flaky information Mr. Wright is using to justify an increase in dues.

Connie Hosemann

(Connie: You are indeed correct that Environmental Law Society did not request any funds this year. But after rereading Richard's letter I find no other flaky info. There are however other organizations requesting funds now, that were not existent three years ago. Ed.)

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SOFTBALL DANGERS

Dear Editor:

I too would like to comment on the softball games played at the picnic. Whether or not the games were overly competitive, and whether or not that issue is an important one, one thing is clear. The games as played were unreasonably dangerous.

More than once I gasped with those around me as the batted ball whizzed menacingly close to the fragile heads and bodies of picnickers who were oblivious to the game. What is especially disturbing to me is that I arrived at the picnic relatively late, and spent a good deal of time at the volleyball court, so I can only guess at how many near misses, or for that matter, "hits", actually occurred.

Furthermore, it seems to me that young children are especially likely to expose themselves to such danger, and it is young children who would be hurt most seriously if they were struck.

In order to avert future tragedy, I would like to suggest some remedial measures:

- 1) The organizers of future picnics could consciously and deliberately consider the matter of safety.
- 2) All announcements of future picnics could caution parents to keep their children away from the softball area.
- 3) Volunteers at future picnics could keep watch for dangerous situations, and stop the game, perhaps by blowing a whistle, until they were corrected.
- 4) The softball games could be organized as an event entirely separate in time and place from the picnic.

Herschel Kwinter

(Editor's Note: Let the timorous stay home. See Brown v. San Francisco Ball Club, Inc. (1950), 99 Cal. App. 2d 484, 222 P.2d 19, page 216 in Franklin's Tort Casebook.

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tions. There are seven lawyers on the staff and students are supervised by the lawyer handling that case. Some magistrates appoint clerks to represent persons charged with minor offenses and misdemeanors. These cases are handled entirely by the extern. Applicants should send a resume and follow up with a phone call. Contact: Claudia Wilken, Box 36106, 450 Golden Gate, Room 17424, SF; 556-7712.

Public Advocates. Public Advocates litigates public interest class actions. Positions are open for spring and summer semester and work study is available. They provide a strong education component of seminars and guest speakers. Send resumes to Luana Martilia, 1535 Mission St., SF 94103; 431-7430.

AFSME Local 1695. The local represents the clerical staff of the University of California. The program is now being developed. Students interested should submit a resume to the clinic office.

Citizens Action. They are a major participant in the energy debate in the California Legislature and various state agencies and commissions. Their position is that the consumer will be benefited by greater societal investments in non-sacrificial conservation measures. Externs will be supervised by two staff lawyers. Contact: John Geesman, 909 12th St., Sacramento, CA 95814; (916) 446-4913.

# Editorial

A few years ago SBA dues were \$5 a semester and there were fewer services provided. As a result a surplus was accumulated and dues were lowered by more than 50%. Today the budget demands are greater. Inflation is one factor, increased student services are another. The Caveat has improved some, but does cost more. The YMCA passes, a new program, started this year and also costs. Third World Coalition which is actively engaging in promoting the school to Third World applicants has also increased its budget over the past few years. We've heard statements to the effect that dues need to go up only because of "small interest groups" who are sapping the SBA budget of funds. This is just not true. The Women's Association provides services for everybody in the school, not just women. Even the NLG provides services and speakers for all students and keeps people up to date on the latest in law related activism. Of the major law schools in the Bay Area, Golden Gate students pay one of the least in SBA dues (except for Boalt where their funds come out of their bookstore and their vending and pin ball machines). Hasting students pay a \$30 student fee which includes \$5 per student per year (1500 students) for their version of the SBA plus an additional \$7 per student for the school newspaper. At USF students pay \$32 a year in dues on top of their \$108 per credit. Raising our dues from \$2 to \$4 a semester in light of the above is not much and it carries with it the possibility of further improving student services next year. Without the raise, student services must decline. With this in mind I encourage the student body to vote for the raise in dues this week.

David Cooper

Office of the District Attorney - Contra Costa County - Consumer Fraud Division. They litigate both civil and criminal cases and look for patterns of fraud and deceit in determining which actions to bring. There are four staff lawyers. They prefer third year students. Contact: Curtis Hoffman, 13201 San Pablo Ave., Suite 300, San Pablo, CA. 94806; 231-3522.

Asian Law Caucus. They provide legal services and community involvement to help solve social and economic ills of the poor and non-English speaking Asian-Americans. Along with their legal work, each clerk participates in the community education projects. They prefer bi-lingual people who have demonstrated a commitment to or involvement with an Asian community. Resume should be sent to the Caucus. Contact: Ed Oshika, 1608 San Pablo, Suite B, Oakland 94612.

State Public Defender. They mainly do criminal appeals although they are authorized to do cases in related litigation such as mental health proceedings and prisoners rights. There are 20 lawyers. Certified students handle preliminary motions. Call for an interview. They want a resume and writing sample. Contact: B.E. Bergesen, 1390 Market St., Suite 425, SF 94102; 557-1600.

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press - Legal Defense and Research Fund. They handle First Amendment and other freedom of information problems of the news media. Externs work on cases in Federal and state courts as well as prepare for and appear before Congress on legislation. Each student will write a paper on legal developments in their area and attend one two-hour seminar every other week. Contact: 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Room 1112, Washington, D.C. 20006; (202) 347-6888.

District Attorney of San Francisco. There are five positions open. Each extern will be assigned to a deputy district attorney for the semester. During the first two weeks, students will learn the entire prosecution process during a training program. Contact: Paul Cummins, 880 Br nt St., SF 94103. 557-1752.