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CAVEAT

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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

Hastings Boycott & Demo

This past Friday law students from across the Bay Area cut classes to come to the aid of the Hastings College Special Admissions Coalition which is protesting changes made by the faculty in the school's admissions criteria and procedures. About 300 people picketed the school in the morning and 500 people rallied on the school patio toward noon. The previous demonstration on March 3 saw a police sweep of the school during which protestors were beaten by the police according to reports of students.

This week's rally was called to support the three main demands of the Coalition and to pressure the administration to reopen communication with the student group. The demands focus on changes in the school's Legal Education Opportunities Program (LEOP) made during a recent faculty meeting. Students have been successful in getting the faculty to reconsider their actions; the matter of the LEOP cuts will be brought up again at this Wednesday's faculty meeting. Student leaders say that persuading the faculty to reconsider would have been impossible without the pressure from demonstrations at the school.

LEOP was started in the late 60's in response to the militant student and civil rights movements. Early on in the program third-world student organizations had a large but unspecified role in the admission of minority students. In 1972 students succeeded in getting their role formalized resulting in a 50% student voice in the admissions process. In 1973 third-world organizations staged a strike to maintain the program when it appeared that the faculty and administration would cut it.

Since August students and faculty have been working in the Academic Standards and Policy Committee to reach a mutually agreeable admissions policy in light of faculty and administration fears over the Bakke decision. Although the new policy eliminated race as a factor in considering applicants, student representatives agreed to it because the policy provided that students would have a commensurate role with the faculty in determining admissions: a team of 1 student and 1 faculty were to review an applicant and if they disagreed, a Dean's representative would break the tie. However, when the new policy came before the faculty for formal adoption, committee member Professor Kanowitz introduced an amendment without prior notice to severely limit student input. The faculty's acceptance of the Kanowitz amendment would have the following effect according to administration sources: if the faculty member of the team wishes to accept an applicant his/her wishes carry regardless of the student member's wishes. But if the student wishes to accept an applicant and the professor does not, the matter is then referred to another professor whose decision is final. This means that the student member's "vote" has any effect at all only where the tie-breaking professor can be persuaded to decide with the student and only where the issue involves the student member's favoring of admission. In no other circumstances will the student's vote have any effect.

The demand to have student input commensurate with the faculty's is only one of the three main demands. The others are the demand to reinstate race as one of the many criteria in determining an applicant's degree of disadvantage, and the demand to emphasize qualitative over quantitative criteria in determining ability. The Caveat will report on these last demands in the next issue. See Announcements for USF, Boalt actions.

D.C.

Rubinoff Beats Hanavan in Reing Pinball Classic

In what experts have labelled the biggest upset in the annals of modern pinball, David (Chuck) B. Rubinoff defeated hometown folk hero Tom Hanavan to win the First Annual Gary Reing Memorial Pinball Classic. There was pandemonium at Pat O'Shea's when the match ended as Rubinoff and his fans celebrated his victory in this, the most prestigious pinball event in North America. "I am the greatest," Rubinoff boasted to reporters, "I have upset the world!" It was indeed a rewarding victory for the brass youngster who hails from the University of Mars.

Mark Derzon, acting president of the M.O.L.E.s quipped, "Gary Reing must be rolling over in his grave. I take that back, he's probably jumping right out of his grave. Rubinoff may not be deaf and blind, but he sure is dumb. No, but all seriousness aside Chuckie will make a great chump!"

There was a tie in the voting for outstanding female participant in the tournament between Amalia Attruia and Donna Courtney. That result is particularly remarkable for Amalia when you consider that while the other participants were warming up at the pinball machine, she was warming herself up in one of the 10¢ private peep show booths. The M.O.L.E.s will be contributing ten dollars to the GGU Child Care Fund in the names of Amalia and Donna.

Rosenberg Spy Case Not Closed

BY Terry Koch (for GGU's NLG)

The GGU National Lawyers Guild will show a feature length film at noon on Wednesday, March 15 in room 307. The film's title is an accurate description of its theme and plot -- The Unquiet Death of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. Why are we delving into (dredging up) historical events that occurred before some of us were born? What does the decision handed down in a District Court over 25 years ago mean today?

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg (and Martin Sobell) were traitors to some and martyrs to others. Documents recently released to their sons by the FBI (after a lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act) reveal that activities like the Watergate coverup and COINTELPRO were not confined to the Nixon administration. Judge Irving R. Kaufman, who presided at the Rosenberg's trial and ruled on numerous post-trial motions, has come under increased criticism of late for allegedly prejudicial behavior in his handling of the case. He is currently Chief Judge of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

What was the crime that cost this man and woman their lives? The US government charged them with supplying the formula for the A-bomb to the "Reds". They were not charged with being Communists (members of the US Communist Party); yet they were pilloried for this. The Cold War was hot news then. Maps showing red ink spilling across the globe from a base in the Kremlin passed for "current events" analysis in newspapers and classrooms.

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WRITING & RESEARCH POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Applications for 1978/79 positions as Writing and Research tutors are now available in the Faculty Center. First and second year day students and second and third year night students are encouraged to apply. Completed applications should be returned to Nancy Carter's mailbox in Faculty Center East.

Next year's Writing and Research program will be structured similarly to the present course, with tutors instructing small sections of first-year students. Tutors teach classes, attend a weekly tutors' meeting and maintain regular library hours to assist their students. They work under the supervision of a Writing and Research Associate in Law and members of the faculty.

The stipend for the 1978/79 year is under review and will be announced at a later date.

Criteria for selection include legal writing and research experience, teaching experience, communication skills, and academic performance in law school.

Applicants should sign up for an interview on the schedule which will be posted on the second floor Writing and Research bulletin board. Applications are due March 31.

EQUAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION ORGANIZING MEETING

The Equal Justice Foundation will hold an organizing meeting on Thursday, March 16 at 3:15 in Room 209. Its establishment is being sponsored by the Ralph Nader Organization. It will be a nationwide, contributor-controlled, decentralized network of lawyers involved in national, regional and local issues of citizen access to justice. Funding for the Foundation will come from the process of tithing: Law students will pledge to contribute one percent or more of their postgraduate income to the work of EJF. Additional grants from other public and private sources will augment member contributions.

As Ralph Nader has commented, "It is time to take some of the privileges of belonging to the bar of America and translate them into exciting professional obligations to make a better society. There are few students who cannot find a few hours a week to establish an access to justice organization. And there are fewer students who cannot give one percent of their income as practicing lawyers to establish what could truly be called an historic undertaking of historic advocacy."

Establishing the Foundation is a new, significant step in the advancement of the American justice system. EJF will be a potent legal and moral force within the legal profession, the court system, the legislative system, and all institutions wielding substantial power over their members and the public. Your support will place you in the vanguard of the era of the 1980's, the Era of Accountability.

We especially encourage students in their final year at Golden Gate to assist us, in whatever way possible, in the task of spreading the word about the Foundation to their fellow classmates.

If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like further information about the Foundation, please contact me, Michael Pitts at 383-8372.

SOUTH of MARKET GOURMET

BY David Cooper

OLIVER SUDDEN: NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

Probably not too many people remember the old Orange Tree luncheonette at 512 Mission Street and it is probably because of its forgetability that it went out of business a few months ago. When Treet lost its lease, Larry Enos took over the premises and after much remodeling, he's opened Oliver Sudden at the same site. Larry and helpers (most especially cook Kalei McKinley) have been in operation for two weeks now. While their product is excellent, their prices are a bit too steep for regular lunch time fact stuffing. But this fact didn't seem to stop the crews of GGU students I saw there the few times I passed through.

Oliver seems to be staking its reputation on being fancy in taste, but being aware that they are basically a sandwich joint. The compromise is achieved in their "Sudden" sandwiches, all apparently named after various relatives of Oliver Sudden, who is himself a sandwich. The Suddens are distinguished by the fact that their bread is not your ordinary sandwich bread, but bread dipped lightly in batter and fried. It's for this reason that the Oliver Sudden (\$2.45) appears to be a smoked ham and cheese encased in Frech Toast.

In any case, I found no one who did not appreciate the effect. The other Suddens I've sampled include the Amelia Sudden which is ham, turkey and swiss cheese with real mustard (\$2.65) and the vegetarian Pearl Sudden (\$1.95) which is grilled swiss and american cheese with tomato.

Beside the Sudden, Oliver's has a wide variety of soups although they only serve two of their repertoire a day. I sampled their cream of celery and the ham and broccoli soups which I thought were excellent. So far they have only had one vegetarian soup -- corn and tomato chowder -- which they plan to have once or twice a week. The soup comes alone (\$1.25 a crock/ 95¢ a ½ crock), in combination with on-the-premises baked bread (\$1.55/\$1.25), or in combination with salad and fresh-baked bread (\$2.55). For me, the salad is their weak point consisting of only greens, garbanzos and croutons. Their Creamy Herb dressing though is very good. The salad by itself is \$1.25.

Oliver's also serves cold, non-Sudden sandwiches including tuna (\$1.95), egg salad (\$1.85), chicken salad (\$2.25) and ham and cheese (\$2.25). I haven't sampled these yet.

Oliver's is open from 9 am to 3 pm. And folks, keep those suggestions coming; I'm running out of places. If I don't get a good idea soon, I'll review Top-of-the-Gate!

(Rosenberg Spy Case, continued from page one)

(Do you remember aid raid drills?) The American people were fed lies and facile explanations (and scapegoats) to account for the USSR's incredible military recovery after its near decimation at the hands of the Nazis in World War II.

Emotions concerning the Rosenbergs ran high then. Some of us are still concerned with the ideal of a fair trial for every person no matter how unpopular his or her beliefs. Come take a look at this film. It was prepared with the help of people who are asking that the case be reopened to determine whether evidence really was manufactured, destroyed and hidden. Whatever your feelings about the Rosenbergs' guilt or innocence, their case has not yet been put to rest.

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V.P. & DEAN TO DISCUSS TUITION

The Coalition of Concerned Law Students announces an open meeting with V.P. for Finance John Teitscheid and Dean McKelvey. Two sessions will be held at the following times:

Thursday, March 16th at 12:30 and 4:30 in Room 205.

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the recent tuition increase and to find ways of ameliorating it. All students are encouraged to attend.

FROM WALLY'S OFFICE

Law Careers Panel: Alternatives to Traditional Legal Practice -- Thursday, March 16, 5:15 to 6:15 in Room 205. Please check the placement board for further information to include a listing of panel participants.

Class of '77 employment information: Shows areas of practice engaged in and geographical location of graduates. Available in the placement office for your information.

NEXT TO LAST SBA MEETING FOR 77-78 SBA

Wednesday, March 15 at 3:30. Room to be announced. All SBA reps should come. Will finalize committee selection procedures and answer all inquiries regarding elections. Other business too.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

Wednesday, March 15 at 12 noon in Room 207. All women are welcome. Please attend and bring your ideas and opinions along. Included in the matters we will discuss will be the upcoming Second Annual Talent Show.

SPRING SEMESTER STUDENT EVALUATIONS

In accord with our current rules, student evaluations will be conducted during the 10th week of classes between March 20-25. The last fifteen minutes of day classes or short night classes and the fifteen minutes prior to the break in evening classes will be used for the purpose of evaluations.

NLG STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 13 at noon the National Lawyers Guild will hold a steering committee meeting. This is a fancy way of saying that anyone willing to deal with business/procedural aspects of the GGU chapter should please come by the NLG bulletin board on the 2nd floor for a quick discussion of upcoming events and programs.

BALSA CONVENTION

The Black American Law Student Association will hold its tenth annual convention on March 15 - 19 in Chicago. For the first time, BALSA is publishing a Convention Booklet describing the organization's work in the field of legal education. This publication has been ordered by the law library and will be announced in the New Acquisitions list when received.

U.S.F. UPDATE: Demonstration this Fri. in support of student demands for support services for special admits.

BOALT HALL UPDATE: Boycott & Teach-in Tues. March 21 for third-world, women hiring. Rally at 1:00 p.m.

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP OPENINGS

1. S.F. Superior Court - civil litigation - available immediately - hours flexible
2. San Mateo Superior Court - law and motion division this summer - must have had evidence

Any upper division student interested in either of these openings should see Sharon Golub as soon as possible.

FSC MEETINGS SCHEDULED

There will be an FSC meeting on Thursday, March 16 at 3:00 in room 402 devoted exclusively to hiring.

There will be an FSC meeting on Thursday, March 23 at 3:00 in room 402 devoted exclusively to curriculum matters.

MORE ON THE UPCOMING SBA ELECTION

If you are interested in running for an SBA office, simply write your name and phone number on a piece of paper along with the office desired. Then collect at least ten signatures of classmates on that piece of paper and turn it into the SBA box in the Faculty Center by Thursday, March 16. The Caveat will print a special election issue and candidates who wish to have a statement printed must submit it by Wednesday, March 22, at noon. These statements should be placed in the Caveat Box located in the Faculty Center. Remember that the SBA President gets a full tuition remission. No other offices receive any pay. More details are in last week's Caveat.

UP THE SANDBOX ... TEMPORARILY

Distribution of the Child Care Survey and the bake sale which had been planned in coordination with it have been postponed until next week at the request of the Dean's office.

According to Sharon Golub, the Dean's Office would like to lend support to the activities scheduled by the Child Care Committee, and will be better able to do so after the ABA on-site inspection has been completed.

STAY TUNED NEXT WEEK FOLKS, SAME TIME, SAME STATION!

HAPPY ABA REINSPECTION WEEK & ST. PAT'S DAY

Letters

Editors of the Caveat:

I want you to know that I, for one, think you've been doing a great job and that I appreciate it.

I like it that the Caveat has come out on a regular, weekly basis. I like your Notice page; I check immediately on what I need to keep in mind for the week and then, at my leisure, read the articles and editorials. I like the articles you've gotten students to submit; I like your reporting of SBA and FSC meetings; I like your willingness to report and editorialize on politically sensitive issues within the school.

You've done well. Thanks.

Ruth Ratzlaff

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