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CAVEAT



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Golden Gate University School of Law

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WELCOME !

Back to the Gate of Gold
With twenty-six books to be sold,
Too short a vacation
More Orientation
In tedious classes enrolled.

This being the maiden issue of the Caveat, we would like to welcome all new and returning students (ourselves included). The paper is still in the process of transition. Our masthead is temporary, a flashy new one should appear in the next few weeks. We would like to encourage members of the law school community to submit their contributions. Tentatively, our deadline for each issue is Wednesday of the preceeding week. This will give us time for typing, layout, and printing. This year, the Editors plan to actively solicit advertisements in order to defray costs. We hope to make a position available as salesman for this purpose, which would include a heafy comission. In the ensuing weeks our format will become more standard, so we hope you will bear with us untill things really start to take shape.

CLINIC NOTES

Employment Law Center is now accepting applications for 6-10 positions as full-time and part-time externships. Apply directly to the office, 693 Mission (at Third), 495-6420.

Equal Rights Advocates has full-time externships available on a limited basis; letter of interest and writing sample required. Apply to Nancy Davis, Equal Rights Advocates, 433 Turk, S.F., 441-2618.

Arbitration Clinic orientation for interested students will be held on August 24, 1978, at 3:00 in Room 209.

People v. Perez, 82 Cal. App. 89 (1978), held that Rule VI of the State Bar Rules on law student activities in clinics was unconstitutional, and that any student engaging in any of the listed activities, even under the supervision of an attorney, is engaged in the unauthorized practice of law, a misdemeanor. This ruling also has ominous implications for some of the activities authorized under Rule VII. Students who feel they might be affected by this decision should read the full opinion, notify your employer, and refrain from Rule VI activities. (Ed.Note: On Friday the Cal. Supreme Ct. announced that it will review Perez.)

For further details and information on these subjects and more, check with the Clinic bulletin board and/or Marc Stickgold.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAW PLACEMENT NEWS: Laura Greenfield will be keeping the Placement Center open until 7:00 PM on Thursdays, starting August 24, to accomodate the night students. If that is inconvenient, students may leave a note with their name and phone number or call the Placement Center for an appointment.

FREE BOOKS!!!! The Placement Center is giving away sets of Martindale-Hubbell Law Directories from 1973-1977. These are good general reference books providing names, addresses, and biographical information about U.S. law firms, legal aid and defense offices, lawyer referral services, etc. Stop by and take them away.

SBA BOOK SALE: The last day for sellers to pick up unsold books is Monday, August 21, at 6:30. Any remaining books will be sold at auction on Tuesday, August 22, at 12:00 to 1:00 and at 5:30 to 6:30. The proceeds will go to the Law Student's Scholarship Fund.

LESBIANS IN THE LAW (LIL): Meeting Monday, August 28, at 7:00 PM in Oakland. Check notice in Woman's Lounge for exact location or call 441-2618.

FSC MEETING: The first FSC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24 at 3:00 in Room 309. The agenda includes: the Dean's announcement, nominations for the election of this year's FSC chair, and the question of whether first-year Writing and Research should be a graded course.

BAY AREA LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (BALA) which provides legal services for over 2000 Bay Area performing and visual artists, will hold an "Open Office" to meet its staff on Thursday, August 24, between 3:00 and 8:00 at 25 Taylor Street.

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES: Students who plan to complete requirements for graduation in December and June 1978 must submit an Application to Graduate and should arrange for an appointment to check their records with the Registrar in the near future to be certain all requirements are met. Applications are available in the Registrar's office. While graduation may be a ways off, prompt filing will avoid confusion and delays.

NEW FACULTY: Two new full-time permanent faculty members have joined GGU's Law School Faculty. They are Rosezella Canty-Letsome and Drucilla Ramey. These faculty were selected by the FSC, leaving the selection of two part-time visitorships to the Dean on the stipulation that one be a Third World person. The new visiting professors are Thelton Henderson and Daniel O'Connell.

Beginning Again—Once More Into The Breach

Springing perenially with the rye, student complaints about the class schedule weary the mind. Trivial gripes which fade within days, such complaints as "I didn't want a year-long Saturday class," or "I didn't want a schedule split between day and evening," or "Why can't they offer required and Bar courses in both semesters, rather than bunching them in the Fall?" drop still-born on bored ears.

But despite the futility, we'll take one tilt at this windmill. At the least, it's surely possible to block out final exam schedules so that people don't find themselves facing two exams given at the same time. At least one unfortunate soul, to our knowledge, must untangle that knot.

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Beginning... (con't)

There is a committee, of course, responsible for drawing up the schedule. Four students sit on it. What role they play is all too imaginable. However, we are given to understand that the process is as follows: The faculty turn in their desired schedules, and the committee fulfills their expectations as far as possible, giving preference to the full-time faculty and taking into account such factors as the first-year courses requiring the larger rooms, whether particular courses, by school policy, either alternate day one year and night the next, or are offered every other year, whether the limited number of rooms allows a course to be scheduled.

Facts, facts, but the question here is one of policy-- what it is, who sets it, whose ox is gored. We look forward to administrative revelations and student furor. We'll get the one if not the other.

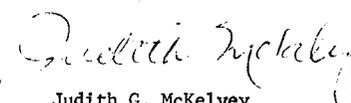
Of particular harm to many students was the inordinate delay in getting this Fall's schedule out. Many students are working their way through and need more than two weeks notice to arrange their lives. Further, such students ought to have some priority in limited-enrollment classes. Again the question is one of policy. The SBA should be encouraged to review current scheduling and enrollment policies with an eye to a more judicious satisfaction of student needs.

In the meantime, we suggest that the class schedule for the additional Spring offerings come out earlier than did this Fall's, that it identify those courses which bloom with the Century Plant or hop promiscuously about from day to night, and that finals be blocked with more care.

One final word-- Those who currently find themselves scheduled with simultaneous finals may peruse the Dean's Bulletin Board for a closely printed two-page Bull summarizing procedures for re-scheduling finals.

Welcome back to those who are returning and a special welcome to those who are beginning their first year of law school.

It is an important year for everyone, and one which should see us housed in the new building by the beginning of the second semester. May it also be an exciting and stimulating year for each of you.


Judith G. McKelvey
Dean

DEMONSTRATION AT U.S.F.

On Thursday, August 30 between 10 a.m. & 1 p.m., there will be a picket and rally in support of the 21 third-world students who were disqualified from continuing their legal education at USF Law School.

Many of these students were active last Spring in successfully opposing cut-backs in USF's special admissions program proposed by USF Law Dean McKaskle. (See the NLG law student pamphlet for details on the Spring actions.) These disqualifications are viewed by the USF Coalition as a continuation of the administration's attempts to eliminate their special admissions program. Unlike CGU, the USF faculty are required to flunk out 15% of the first year class with no provision for re-examination.

The USF Coalition urges all who support affirmative action to join them in support of the 21 students' reinstatement. See leaflets for more details.

PREZ'S CORNER

The first Student Bar Association meeting will be Tuesday, August 29th at 5p.m. in room 209. Tentative agenda items will be Faculty Student Council Committee selections, SBA budget allocation procedures, elections for first year reps, and the SBA picnic.

During the summer the SBA Board of Governors met several times to discuss activities and projects which the SBA will be involved in this next year.

Concerning the tuition reduction: Members of the SBA met with the Dean and John Teitscheid several times during the summer. As a result of these meetings the tuition was reduced to \$109 from \$112 for the fall.

For first-year people: The way you get to be an SBA representative (there will be one from Section A, one from B, and two from the evening first-year class) is to get together a petition from ten classmates who support your running (they don't have to support your being a rep, just your being a candidate). Now don't run out for petitions yet, SBA officers will come around to your classes before August 28th to announce procedures. After petitions are collected the SBA will print up ballots.

All students: The SBA will be choosing students to serve on the FSC and its committees within the next few weeks. Sign-up sheets for the Evaluations, Admissions, Academic Standards, and Curriculum Committees are on the vending machines in the hallway. All committees are open to first-year students except Curriculum. For details on the committees see the orientation Law School handbook and the sign-up sheets. Sign-ups close August 30th. For more details see next week's Caveat.

The SBA's new office is on the back mezzanine where we are sharing space with the Caveat and Litigation. Hours for each of the groups are being worked out.

Scholarship Fund: As most of you probably noticed, the SBA is trying to get students to contribute to a matching scholarship fund. We are asking faculty to renew their pledges from last year. If you wish to contribute and haven't already done so see Molly Stolmack in the Dean's office who can provide you with the proper forms.

Alice Montgomery

SYMPHONY TICKETS

San Francisco Symphony tickets will be available at student rates in Sept. & Oct. Contact Jane Randolph at 841-1985 or leave a message on the board in the hall.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Due to the present crowded conditions, and the construction, we are asking the assistance of the students and faculty in not smoking in the classrooms.

Also, there is no Eating or Drinking in the classrooms. (Ed. Note: My ass.)

Smoking areas are located in the corridors outside the classrooms and in the cafeteria on the 5th floor.

PHI ALPHA DELTA

Please watch our bulletin board outside Room 205 for upcoming activities. All students are invited to contact our officers about the fraternity.