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Opening the Cry

The jagged, broken walls led into the half-light cavern. Bare, unfinished beams thrust across the gray glass of the windows between two concrete cylinders. Plastic tubing held the unfinished panes into the slots in the circular elevator shafts. Uneven squares of light checkered the shoddy red carpet. Deeper into the darkness, only the lighter bricks of the walls were visible at the end of the hall. The corner window presented a busy view of the workpeople below. The oversized knob on the heavy-looking double doors turned clumsily. Cold air and the odor of concrete, new carpeting, and upholstering moved into the hallway. Inside, vertical shining metal pipes lined two walls. Blue carpeting covered another. Poorly distributed lighting made an inchoate attempt to illuminate the room. A cold wind from a loud air-conditioner soon made its annoying presence felt. The general effect was a mausoleum for a 21st century Pharaoh.

Charles B. Holzhauer

Dean's AALS Statement

On January 3, 1979, the Executive Committee of AALS voted not to reconsider its decision to not recommend Golden Gate Law School for AALS membership at this time. It's view is that "membership is premature at this time in light of developments in process at the law school." The main "developments in process" referred to were:
1) hiring a developer for the law school;
2) settlement in the new building;
3) increasing staff in the library and law school administration.
It is expected that the developments will be completed within the next several months. Thus, we will renew our application for AALS membership in the Fall of 1979 in order that it can be acted upon at the next meeting of the Executive Committee in January 1980.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS: The following names have been submitted as possible graduation guest speakers. There will be a meeting on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 at 1 p.m. in Room 205 to vote on a speaker. For night students, the meeting will be at 6 p.m. in Room 203 on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7. If you wish your vote to be counted, BE PROMPT.

Melvin Belli, Honorable Ira Brown, Lily Tomlin, Jane Ponda, Tom Hayden, Art Hoppe, Jessica Mitford, Charles Gaary, Tony Kline (Governor's legal counsel), Mayor Feinstein, Lillian Hellman, Laura Nader, Bernard Witkin (The legendary), Justice Tobriner, Estelle Ramey, Barbara Koeppel ("Harlen County, U.S.A.") Patty Hearst, and Barbara Jordan.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL LAND USE CONFERENCE ON GROWTH MGT:
March 14-17. The registration fee for Golden Gate degree candidates not employed full-time will be $100 (regular fee is $285); registration deadline is February 13. Work-study is available; contact Priscilla Camp at extension 301 (442-7275 after Feb. 5), or leave word in the Dean's office how she can contact you, as soon as possible.

P.S.C. MEETING: Thursday, February 15, 3:00 p.m. room 314. The agenda is as follows:
1. Approval of minutes of meeting of Jan. 11
2. Dean's Announcements.
4. Nancy Carter: discussion of change in academic standards to a 2.0 g.p.a. rather than a 1.9 g.p.a. for continuation as a student to advanced standing.
5. Marc Stickgold: report of the Clinic Committee (distributed at meeting of 11/16/78).
6. Allan Cadgene: proposal to abolish tenure (prospectively). Janice Kosei Chairperson

G.G.U.'S EVENING AT THE SAN FRANCISCO BALLET:
Group rates are available now for an exciting program of dance including music of Scarlatti, Modena, Stravinsky and Bartok/Kachaturian's Trilogy. This program is for Thursday, March 22, 8:30 p.m. Tickets will be $6.75 providing enough people sign up to qualify for this group discount. We will reserve the Orchestra Section (Better seats than last year). Sign up now with Irene in the Dean's office between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or contact Jeff Weinstein. Money due by 3-15-79.

THE DEFENSE BAR (CORPORATE LAW) ISN'T THE ONLY WATERING HOLE IN TOWN: The California Trial Lawyers Association, San Francisco Chapter (SFTLA), is expanding Student Memberships in 1979. Benefits include valuable exposure to the facts about trial practice through direct contact with attorneys whose practice is largely in the courtroom, social and educational activities, and first hand information on career opportunities in private litigation. For more information and membership applications please come to room 314, Tuesday Feb. 6, at 1:00 p.m. or leave name and locker number with Dean Holmes. (All years welcome).

PHI ALPHA DELTA MEETING AND INITIATION:
Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 3:00 p.m. in one of the new auditoriums, all members requested to attend. See notice board for further details.

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Student desk, 42x32x30, hardwood with woodgrained formica top. Three drawers plus pull-out shelf. $50. See Karen Kadushin in new law library.

Have I Got a Deal for You?!!

WHAT LIES BEHIND THE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR?

There is little justification for the 8% tuition increase, even though tuition has risen at this institution at a rate of over 15% a year since 1974. Instructional costs alone have soared up 289% since the beginning of the '70s. This astronomical increase has largely been a response to ABA accreditation standards, but it has been also, in part, a commitment on the part of the administration to raise faculty salaries to the national median for law schools. But the faculty/student ratio recommended by the ABA of 25-1 has not met with the same success, with current figures reflecting a ratio of 30-1. And yet, who would entertain the thought of reaching a more favorable ratio when it means an additional increase in tuition? I, for one, applaud the administration's stand on a decently paid faculty, but what about a decently educated student body? Golden Gate, admittedly, has grown in stature and reputation at a rapid pace since 1970 with the improvement of faculty's and administration's financial position, but we are still functioning on the outmoded policy, though definitely not philosophy, of funding improvements with the students' meager resources as the school did when tuition was only $46 a unit.

It has only been the financial requirements of funding a major project, the new building, that has pulled the university out of the dark ages in the area of fund raising. Finally, the school has a Funds Developer of its own. However, of what value will the new direction in developing funds be to the students that have already paid for their education in cold, hard cash, in inconvenience and sacrifices that have given this law school the resources to build a well-paid faculty and administrative staff? Why wasn't funds development included in budget projections years ago? Does anyone still mistakenly think that the expenses of a modern educational institution can be borne solely on student resources? With remarkable improvement now having been made in the school's facilities and staff financial income, the area that must be addressed, if education is our prime motive, is the neglected plight of students with an inordinate burden in providing financial support for this institution.

Michael Pitts

To the Editor:

I am astounded that Michael Pitts had the audacity, in the 1/22/79 Caveat, to tell us what a "good deal" the 8% tuition increase is. (You will recall his brilliant reasoning: since last year tuition jumped 16.5%, an 8% increase "saved" us 8.5%). I thought he was supposed to represent us, but instead it seems that the administration has snowed him with their talk of increased costs. GGU is not only pricing itself beyond the reach of minorities, it has become GGU's cost; steep that one must be independently wealthy or incur substantial debts to attend this law school. I, for one, have watched my dream of working in a public interest (i.e. low-paying) job plummet into the horizon as tuition costs have skyrocketed; with loans to repay, I will find it difficult, if not impossible, to afford to take such a job.

GGU has a responsibility to the community at large; one which cannot be fulfilled by exorbitant tuition. It is imperative that the School explore alternatives to tuition increases, in order to meet its rising costs.

Kathleen Quenneville
Ten years ago I came to San Francisco with $75, a schizophrenic husband and my potted parsley. Before that I worked 8 hrs/day from 6 to 16 for 16 hours/day, and before that I lived in a Ford stationwagon. I used to live a couple of blocks from here at the Knox Hotel (it's a parking lot now) for $13/week. It's a long way from a skid row hotel to One University, but that's the American Dream.

One of my professors said to me "law school is going to corrupt you". Well, more so than begging for food, pissing in a sink because you're too scared to walk down the hall to the bathroom at the Knox (the men's residence club is probably no better) or hanging out in the restroom at Penney's because you're just too tired and hungry to keep walking.

When I spent time in this neighborhood 10 years ago I was a skinny 19 yearold. Hungry, tired, sick and terrified. All but the last have passed away with time--this neighborhood still gives me the creeps. There are days when I feel like I want to kick someone's teeth in. Like the day a few months ago when a couple of teenage kids cornered me in the parking lot by the bus stop I was coming from my job and they just got into the car and took off. I was mugged. I was mugged by a drunk woman covered with vomit and one crazy man who wanted to kiss me in twenty minutes. Welcome to Downtown San Francisco.

At 19 it wasn't so outrageous to wear baggy pants and worker boots, a scruffy coat. That was all I had. But I've gotten just a little tired of that routine. After all, I am a woman; it's not safe to be a woman here. When I get dressed for school in the morning I think, "Well, no more so than anywhere else". Welcome to the neighborhood still.

You've been shown that fluorescent lighting is ever present in many parts of the campus. Would you believe that the only window in my new classroom happens to look out on a concrete pillar? The room is hot and stuffy, and the ceiling fans are not running. The light is harsh and the temperature is uncomfortable. I am taking issue with another deficiency which seems to get little attention--the tuition base upon which Golden Gate operates.

The reason, I believe, that only 10 people showed up at a meeting to voice their concern is not because there are no concerns, but because we have learned that it's easier not to care. If there's a jackhammer blocking out the sound of Tony Pagano's voice, we take it as an opportunity to learn lip-reading. If the only window in my new classroom happens to look out on a concrete pillar, I remind myself that I'm not supposed to be looking out of windows during class. Besides, recent studies have shown that fluorescent lighting is ever so much better for the skin than sunlight. If my Evidence class is delayed a half-hour be-
cause its been assigned to a room simultaneous with another class, I take it in good humor. If there's no heat during final exams and I am shivering from the cold so that my hand shakes as I write this in my notebook, I guess that's what the hell - even if they do throw in heat and toilet paper, USF costs much more than this place.

The reason only ten people show up at a meeting is that it's too late. Most of us are tired and do not give a damn. We do not trust the administration, we don't trust each other, and we barely trust ourselves. We're trying to get through. We're protecting ourselves. We're waiting for the time we get back, at the very least, to have a say in how school is run. No wonder lawyers are disliked. No wonder they are labeled as arrogant, power-seeking bullies. It's rather elementary psychology that power seeking people are usually those who have had none. The bullies generally turn out to be the bullies.

Does the administration really care what the students think? Do the faculty think? I'm asked to fill out student evaluations, the results of which I never see. I'm told they go to a committee. Is the committee going to do anything about the fact that every year first-year students complain that they don't learn contracts from Ted Rosen? Will they do anything about tenure professors who even other faculty members suggest letting out to pasture? Will they do anything about the fact that Mort Cohen doesn't teach theft crimes to his Criminal Law class because you will pick it up in a Bar Review course? (Is that legal reasoning - three years of law school leads to a $500 bar review course? What about the $327.00 I paid to learn Criminal Law in the first place?)

I'm surprised myself. I still care enough to write this letter. Should you choose to print it, I prefer to remain anonymous. One of the most basic things I've learned during my law school career is what it isn't necessary to tell. I'm well on my way to becoming a lawyer.

P.S. About the new building - it's major problem is merely that it is designed for human beings. - Especially for the species known as law student.

(Ed.'s note: At an earlier meeting about the tuition increase, only about 6 people showed up. The Dean said that "It doesn't make sense if we have a 20% or an 8% increase, no one will show up." I would like to reiterate my comment which I made at that time; it's not for lack of concern or apathy, rather our position of powerlessness has been forcefully communicated to us.)

NATIONAL LAWYER GUILD NEWS:

On February 1, the GGU chapter of the National Lawyers Guild met to discuss our style of work and particularly how the organization might become more responsive to the needs of new students. Following brief presentations on the Guild's perspective and the dissatisfaction of some with the lack of structure on campus, the group adopted a new organizational structure including a coordinating committee, standing committees on program and publicity, and a rotation system for chairing meetings. Suggestions for future projects included presenting films and speakers capable of providing a critical perspective on issues currently being raised (or not raised) in first year classes, opportunities for students to meet informally for presentations on our experiences in work, life, and politics outside the school, and an ongoing effort on Organized Labor and the Law. The Program Committee will continue to brainstorm ideas; for more information call Mary at 836-7471. Publicity Committee will build (sic) for the presentation this Thursday on Women and Gay Rights in Cuba; call Brian at 863-7624. The next meeting will be February 11 at noon in room 203.

BOOKS AND CHECKS FROM BOOKSALE: Checks are now ready for those people who have picked up their unsold books from the book sale. No checks have been written for those people who have not yet picked up their books. IF YOU DO NOT PICK UP YOUR BOOKS BY NOON TUES. FRI., AT THE OFFICE THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE SBA. (Friday 2-9) The rest of the checks will be made out on 2-9 and 2-10 and you can pick up your check the following week.

SBA BUDGET MEETINGS: Tuesday, 2-5, 5:00-6:50 p.m., room 322. Wednesday, 2-6, 5:00-6:50 p.m., room 205. A schedule of the order in which the budgets from the student organizations will be presented is on the vending machines. ALL SBA REPS AND OFFICERS MUST ATTEND. We will be voting on the various budget requests on the above two days. All students are urged to attend and voice their opinions about the various budgets.

Volleyball: Students who are interested in playing volleyball (as well as all faculty members and staff) should pick up a pass (you will have to pay $50 cents for the pass and you can pick it up at the SBA office at the times listed on the SBA door) and show up at the YMCA-Embarcadero between 2:45 and 3:00 on Mondays. While we cannot reserve the gym exclusively for our use on that day the volleyball net is up at the Y on Mondays and you can play. You will have to be out of the building by 4:00 p.m. The first game will start today and continue regularly on Mondays as long as there is interest. If you have any questions, give me a call at 863-7880.

YMCA PASSES: The Y passes are now available and may be picked up at the SBA office during the hours listed on the SBA door. The passes will be available until May 1st. A charge of $50 cents will be collected at the time you check the pass out at the SBA office. You will need to leave your student I.D. with the SBA when you check out a pass and can pick up your I.D. again when you return the pass.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Last year the faculty pledged up to $2,600 towards student scholarships if students would match that amount. The SBA has collected money for the student share through contributions by students during registration and hopefully we collected more from the scholarship fundraising dance that was held 1-27. None of the exact figures yet for the total that has been raised for the student share of the pledge. We will hold a meeting scheduled for Thursday, 2-7 at noon and 6:15 p.m., room 322. Check vending machine on Thursday for room numbers. ALL STUDENTS ARE URGED TO ATTEND. If you cannot attend but have input, please call me by Thursday, at 863-7880.

Alice M. Montgomery

PREZ CORNER

Brian Bertino
NOTES FROM THE FOREST

BY THE OLD MOLE

once upon a time a long long time ago there were some folks who lived at the shore of the lake. each of them did every thing for his- or her- self and everbody was pretty happy except when it rained alot or when a bear crept into somebody's cave or when there was an eclipse.

two of these folks were named Ab and Og. one day Og was watching Ab fish and wondering why his bearskin felt a little cramped when he noticed that her fishhooks did not break every time she caught a fish. "aha"- he said in his primitive way- "i will have some of those fishhooks."

so, late at night, Og crept into Ab's cave and began to liberate a few of the wonderful fishhooks. his clumsy technique quickly awakened her, and she reached for her bearclub when she realized from the smell that the intruder was actually Og. She also remembered noticing that Og sure caught a lot more fish than she did, even with her fishhooks, so instead of having the usual remedy for theft, which was multiple trepanning with the bear club, it occurred to her that if she spent the time she usually spent fishing in making hooks, and he did the opposite, they could do better between them- than each could do before.

some time later they ran across two other folk, who had the same idea about spearheads and fresh meat, and they decided to trade meat for fish. this they did by weight. then they decided to trade other things. the trouble was that they couldn't decide how many fish were worth one spearhead, and of course there were a lot of kinds of fish and a lot of kinds of spearheads. what to do? then Ab said- "lets go see Moish!". Moish was the fellow who had learned about the Moon, and knew when the flood was coming every year.

Moish heard them out and said- "5 fish. and one for me."

thousands of years later, i find myself trundling along market street on a mythical trolley car to share a large badly designed choice of rooms with about five score other trundlers who have a few things in common. one is that they all pretty much agree that all the lawyers they have met in their differing lives have been pretty much assholes. the other thing is that they all want to be lawyers.

what are we doing here? very little time in our legal education has been spent in foundation. we are given a house of books, walls of procedure, porches of substantive law. but- what is the Law? what impels it? why is it that humankind can fashion these knotty relationships, and then abide them? these questions are perhaps clothed in metaphysics, but their bones are the politics and policies, the reasons for wars, the triumphs of corporations and churches, which make up the past, the sum of the evolutionary processes which have become what we are. yet none of this is made clear.

how much easier might the realms of contract and tort, of tort and crime, be bridged if we were given at the outset some Jurisprudence, some comparision, some relationship to the languages of our lives. certainly we should not be spoonfed, nor coaxed, but simply given the basics, the foundations of why it is that where we are is a law school, and what that is.
Aries ("The Faries" or "Thee ram-on-the-lam"): The moon in your house of romance will bring excitement. Love will fly out the window when your lover comes home unexpectedly. You will spend the rest of the week pondering the implications of the Marvin decision. You will discover new talents, like making friends disappear, hypnotizing audiences into a deep slumber, and reading the Caveat all the way through. Your Sabian symbol is: a mailbox greeting from Synanon. Your lucky number is tapped by the F.B.I.

Taurus ("The Bullsitter"): Your bull market turns bearish as you attempt to find an emotional investment with romantic dividends and matrimonial residuals. You will find a cozy, intimate spot with the perfect cappuccino, sparkling wine, and be stuck with the check. Your lucky number is a Snarkasaurus 6236-5. Your Sabian symbol is: Wall space in the De Young Museum.

Gemini ("The Twin Towers"): A dazzling week awaits you, vivacious Gemini. Your plans will seem to talk back, your Perrier will seem to have extra sizzle, your chatter will be effervescent, and your friends will be bored. Your lucky number is being used as evidence in the possession rap. Your Sabian symbol is: a crowd of deaf, dumb, and blind students who're using the "auditorium" as a classroom.

Cancer ("The Crabs" or "The Disease"): Forget it. Stay in bed. Your lucky number, 338 U.S. 25, has been overruled. Your Sabian symbol is: an epidemic of body lice.

Leo ("The Lie-on" or "The Durosher"): You had better see a doctor about those hemorrhoids. You have been sitting on your lordly throne too long. In your endless quest for awareness, you will try smoking your last legal memo. You tell your friends: "The paper was harsh, but the ink was dynamite!" Your Sabian symbol is: the brilliantly visible comet Kahoutec.

Virgo ("The Virago"): Picayune Virgo, you will spend the week correcting the grammar of your textbook, your friends (if you have any left), and your tax return. You will find true love but be disappointed to learn your lover drinks only Calistoga. You will try to drown your sorrows in Vichy water? Your Sabian symbol has been recalled by Firestone.

Libra ("The Scabies"): Always the wishy-washy one, you will be talked into dinner with the moonies. You will find out that they are committing suicide too; they want to keep up with the Joneses. Be careful that the scales of justice are not blasted into you this week. Your Sabian symbol is: Macrobiotic Twinkies.

Scorpio ("The Scion"): After trying Rolfing, E.S.T., the 9 year-old-perfect-businessperson, herb teas, Tantric Yoga, and jogging, you will try celibacy. Your friends will have to try and dissuade you from running for governor. Your Sabian symbol is: an anniversary party--for the Wipeouts.

Sagittarius ("The Dollars- &-Cent-saur"): As the lighthearted philosopher of the Zodiac, you will ponder the contractual relations of the pygmies. Love arrows will wound you, sending you into a profound depression that you can't collect on your insurance policy. You will then spend the rest of the week pondering and floundering. Your Sabian symbol is: a womb with a view.

Capricorn ("The Scapegoat"): Goat, you will suffer from a bad case of satyrnialis this week. It will be spent pursuing lovely bodies and undercover agents. As far as your work goes, it is catch-as-catch-can. Just be careful you don't catch a doe. Your Sabian symbol is: Richard Nixon appointing 4 more Supreme Court Justices (or "in drag").

Aquarius ("The Water Closet"): You will be listed in Who's Who as What's That? Your philosophical dilemma this week will be: "Why bother?". In a state of excitement, you will walk across the bay (on the water), and then spend the week depressed that no one saw you do it. You'll attempt to wear your birth-metal Uranium and be arrested as an air traffic safety hazard after glowing for 48 hours. Your Sabian symbol has devolved into the Collective Unconscious.

Pisces ("The Hooked Fishes"): Your sympathetic nature will cry out when you discover the "roach motels" you bought to make your pet cockroaches cozy do not have a check out time. Always the champion of the underdog, your slogan for the next 5 minutes will be "Save the lemmings!" Your Sabian symbol is: Olivia Nutron-Bomb (A dud).