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CAVEAT!

Organizing the victims

(See below)

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GGU child center growing, waiting

Golden Gate's Child Development Center has received licensing approvals expanding its potential just as it faces a difficult policy choice about initial enrollments.

The nature and extent of the center's own plumbing and the existence of nearby bathrooms on the plaza level (close enough to the center be counted technically in connection with it) will make it possible for the center to take children up to age twelve, and more of them. At the same time the authority involved has indicated that once approval has been given (which it has) for the operation to begin, extending the hours entails little more than the writing of a note.

Meanwhile, enrollments are coming in slowly while construction proceeds. Twelve parents have enrolled so far, with a thousand students in the business school not due to begin classes until late September. Besides that potential pool of users, numerous inquiries are also coming in from outside, some from as far as USF.

Using outside enrollments now, however, would mean facing two equally unacceptable choices later: either cancel the people who filled those spaces initially after GGU enrollments pick up, or refuse to register GGU people after they begin to be interested. Either course would disrupt someone's life. Consequently, the decision has been made to simply take what enrollments come from GGU now and hold off on outside enrollments for two to three months to give people a chance to see the center in operation. After that, perhaps about mid-December, registrations will, if necessary, be opened to the world at large and those who come late will simply be out of luck.

While all this goes on, selections are going forward for the parent-advisory council, which will ultimately be the decision-making body of the center. Of the twelve members, it is intended that six will be parents, and that the other six will include both University personnel and professional advisers.

Persons who have been considering enrolling are urged to get in touch with Susan Powell for information about the quality and scope of the planned operation, and the advantages of even part-time registration now. Her office is in the faculty center at the north end of the second floor (the "old" faculty center).

--C.E.

Oakland housing - planning the fight

Students interested in legislative drafting and community organizing are invited to join Oakland tenants at an all-day conference on housing sponsored by Oakland Citizens for Decent and Affordable Housing on Saturday, September 15, at Westlake Junior High, 2629 Harrison Street, Oakland.

The conference intends to draft a comprehensive housing ordinance for Oakland, organize a campaign coalition to put the proposed ordinance on the ballot in 1980 and see it into law.

Morning workshops will focus on rent stabilization and tenants' rights, regulation of condominium conversions, homeowner assistance, and incentives for housing construction and rehabilitation. A plenary session in the afternoon will adopt resolutions arising from the workshops and will lay the foundation for a campaign strategy.

An effective strategy is particularly crucial in light of the landlords' attempt to amend the State Constitution with a ballot item next June, misleadingly titled, "the fair rent standards act."

The September 15 conference marks the first widescale effort by victims of the housing crisis in Oakland to oppose soaring rents, uncontrolled speculation and general deterioration of the housing stock, and should be of particular interest to students committed to public interest issues.

For more information, including a brochure on workshop topics, call Oakland Citizens for Decent and Affordable Housing at 655-9415, or leave a note on the second-floor message board for Nancy Doctor (third-year day) and she will get in touch with you.

Westlake Junior High is wheelchair accessible, and child care is available. The conference begins at 9:00 a.m. and is expected to end at 4:30 p.m.

SBA meet cancelled

Last week's SBA Board of Governors meeting, scheduled for Wednesday night, was cancelled by President Danny Hernandez after it became clear that the Labor Day holiday and the change of meeting night (from Thursday to Wednesday) had left insufficient time (two school days) to make inroads on the work left from the previous meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, September 12, at 5:30 in either the moot courtroom on the sixth floor or the conference room in the library basement. (Check SBA office.)

SBA election

The SBA has announced the following deadlines and dates for the SBA election. To be elected are two representatives each from the first-year day and first-year night classes, one representative each from the third-year day and third-year night classes, and a night vice president.

Successful candidates will join those already serving on the 19-member Board of Governors, the group which establishes policy for student activities, deals with the administration on behalf of students and decides on the disbursement of SBA funds.

Nominations are accomplished by submission of a nominating petition signed by ten students from the group which the candidate seeks to represent. Petitions must be submitted to the SBA office not later than Thursday, September 13.

Candidates are also entitled to submit a statement in support of their candidacy for publication in the Caveat, which must be limited to 200 words and must be submitted to the SBA by noon Thursday, September 13. (The SBA office is in the basement of the law library.) Note that for the sake of fairness, all candidates must be uniformly limited as noted, which means that the two-hundredth word of a statement will be the last one printed. (Signatures don't count.) Note also that while most submissions to the Caveat are edited and proofread, candidates' statements will run absolutely verbatim. It is therefore essential that they be legible.

Candidates will have the opportunity to address voters directly at a candidate's forum, Wednesday, September 19, at noon, in a room to be announced.

Balloting will begin on September 19 following the forum and run through September 20.

Student health

KNOW A GOOD DOCTOR?

The SBA is putting together a medical referral list to exchange information between GGU students and families. Finding a good, affordable doctor or dentist is often difficult, so the SBA would appreciate hearing of any doctor or dentist you like, especially women. Anyone knowing of a good addition to such a list please inform the SBA office.

BETTER MEDICAL INSURANCE SOUGHT

The SBA is looking into the possibility of a better medical insurance plan to cover law students at GGU. The amount of potential student participation is crucial. If you are without other medical coverage at the moment, or would be interested in alternative or additional coverage, get in touch with the SBA office.

Family law work

The Bar Association of San Francisco is seeking law students interested in working in a family law clinic for low income San Francisco residents. This clinic will meet once a month for three hours in the evening. Present at the clinic will be experts in the field of family law, volunteer attorneys, and paralegals. Law students will be asked to interview clients, file papers, investigate facts, serve papers and draft documents.

Free training for the family law clinic will be provided Saturday, October 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Speakers for the clinic will be the Honorable Donald B. King, Judge of the Superior Court, Diana Richmond, Esq., Law Offices of Diana Richmond, and Christopher Emley, Esq., Park Law Office.

Topics to be covered include: Uniform Domestic Relations Local Rules for Bay Area Superior Courts, OSC hearings, domestic violence, TROS, and tactics and procedures.

Please read the new "Uniform Domestic Relations Local Rules for Bay Area Superior Courts" and Judge King's "Guidelines for Domestic Relations Cases" prior to the seminar. Both are available from The Recorder Publishing Co., 99 South Van Ness, San Francisco.

Interested students should get in touch with:

Jayne Tyrrell
The Bar Association of San Francisco
220 Bush Street, 21st Floor
San Francisco CA 94104
(415) 392-3960

Any calls?

Students are reminded to check the student message board on the second floor outside the deans' offices. It not infrequently happens that phone messages for students come to the registrar's or deans' offices. Since policy is against interrupting classes to deliver personal messages (except of course in emergencies) these messages are written up and put on the bulletin board--which does no one any good unless students think to look there for them.

It also doesn't help much if messages get covered by miscellaneous advertising matter and general notices that belong elsewhere, and so policy is to remove such material.

CHECK RESOURCE ONE FIRST

Students should be aware of a large, highly inclusive compilation of all kinds of social service assistance and referral agencies known as Resource One. Purchased by the SBA several years ago, this was to be a continually updated looseleaf service. Even if it has not been updated (no one is sure) most of the information is probably still accurate. It is available for reference from Sally Jackson, assistant to Marge Holmes, in the Law School offices on the second floor.

LETTER

31 August 1979

Dean Judith McKelvey
School of Law
Golden Gate University
536 Mission
San Francisco CA 94105

Dear Dean McKelvey:

As students and active members of the various Law School student organizations, we are writing to express our concern about the decentralization of student organization offices.

According to Associate [Dean] Marge Holmes, the offices for law school student organizations will be located on various floors throughout the building.

We strongly object to this plan, on several grounds.

1. *While we do not wish to speculate about what was on the minds of school administrators when the plan was developed, the practical effect of the plan is that it will substantially curtail coordination and communication between the various student organizations.*

Arguably, the purpose of the bulletin boards on the second floor was to facilitate student communication. However, they are only partially effective. First, they do not supplant the need students have for personal contact with one another; specifically, the necessity of organization representatives to interact with one another informally--sometimes spontaneously--on a day-to-day basis. Secondly, they do not address the fact that classes are now spread out over four floors. Unlike previous years, the second floor is no longer a gathering place for the majority of students. Students who do come to the second floor are there for a shorter period of time--often to transact administrative business, rather than to talk with friends or check bulletin boards--and, in many cases, students do not have any reason to systematically visit the second floor.

2. *The plan was evolved in an autocratic fashion; namely, no student representatives--not even the present SBA president--were consulted prior to the plan's implementation. And, then, we were only informed after individual students made several inquiries.*

We would like this matter rectified, and propose that the following steps be taken:

1. The office of the Dean arrange to transfer all Law School student organization offices to a central location; i.e., either a suite of offices on one floor, or a series of offices next door to one another;
2. The Dean call upon Danny Hernandez, SBA President, to form a student committee whose purpose is to assist the Dean in resolving this problem;

3. The Dean publish a response to this letter in the *Caveat*;
4. The Dean continue to inform the student community of progress on this matter via the *Caveat* and the SBA.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We look forward to your prompt response.

(Signed by representatives of:)

SBA	LiL
NLG	Third World Coalition
Women's Assoc.	PAD
Women and the Law Conference	

Book sale money

Checks have gone out for books sold through the SBA book sale to those who left prepared envelopes. Checks will go out to the following, if they will leave a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the SBA office. (This list was prepared from handwritten slips, with resulting uncertainty about some spellings.)

P. Benenson; Judy Bloomberg; Mark Chen; David Claus; Patricia Cummings; Frank Curcio; Don Curotto; S D'Amici; Ken Edgemon; Tracey Edwards; Earl Evans; Paula Fancher; Sheryl Fuhr; Bob Graham; Eva Herzer; Chuck Koss; Tom Kristoff; Sally Marshall; Johane Morrow; Lynn C. Rossman; Patrick Sabelhaus; Liv Smelkinson; B. Spencer; Mart (?) Susi; Tom Whiteside; Frances Wisch.

An additional period for book return has been set on Wednesday, September 12 in room 602. Check with SBA for times.

Counterorientation

The annual National Lawyers Guild Bay Area Counterorientation will be hosted by the GGU NLG chapter this year at GGU on Saturday, September 15. The conference will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The morning will be dedicated to speeches and workshops on law school survival. The afternoon will be a forum on alternative law practice and community involvement. Afternoon workshop subjects include anti-sexism work, affirmative action, immigration, anti-nuclear work, housing, police crimes and labor.

The annual conference has traditionally been an active forum for members of the different Bay area law schools to meet each other, share ideas on legal education, and obtain practical information on alternatives to the traditional corporate practice.

Everyone is invited.

NEW FACE IN ADMISSIONS

Second-year student Tony Allen has joined the Admissions Office staff as Student Assistant. He replaces Bruce Wilcox, who left to take a clerking job in Oakland. Tony will be working in the Admissions Office Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Vital Spanish pilot program

Golden Gate's Placement Office is introducing a class in conversational Spanish to assist law students and attorneys in working with Spanish-speaking clients. The emphasis will be on conversation although written Spanish and legal terminology in the areas of landlord-tenant, immigration law, torts and domestic relations will also be taught.

The teacher for this class is Rodolfo Villa Lobos, who is presently a second-year student at Hastings and a law clerk with the SFNLAF Mission Office. Rodolfo has taught Spanish for three years at UC-Irvine. He is enthusiastic about preparing law students and attorneys to qualify for the many jobs that require bilingual skills.

Grants from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund and from the Law School are making it possible to charge only \$30 per student for the semester, which it is hoped will make the class affordable for most students.

Some background in Spanish is necessary, at least for this pilot project, and Rodolfo will need to meet with all interested students to establish a level of Spanish-speaking ability. He will be available to meet you in the Law Placement Office on Thursday, September 13, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and this meeting is required before you can register for the class. (Since this is not a bar course and no credit will be given, registration will be conducted by me in the Law Placement Center after your meeting with Rodolfo.)

The class will be limited to 25 post-first-year students. The tentative meeting dates are Wednesday and Fridays, 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. If all goes well we hope to begin the classes on Wednesday, September 19.

Please see me for more details if you are interested. And please be interested -- this program offers you skills vitally important in serving the community.

On Tuesday, September 11 from noon to 1 p.m. in room 304, an attorney from CRLA will explain the application procedures for the Reginald Heber Smith ("Reggies") Fellowship. Reggies are available nationally through Legal Services Corporation to law school graduates who wish to practice public interest law. Come to the meeting for all the facts.

USUAL FIGURES ON OFF-SEASON BAR

While complete figures are not yet available, the Deans' office reports that 67% of Golden Gate examinees passed the February "off-year" bar exam. This is down from our usual rate (70-75%) by about the amount that the overall rate for that exam is down from that of the Fall exam.

On, King! On, you clerks...

Golden Gate has placed three students as clerks with the Alaska Supreme Court. Leaving for Fall semester judicial externships in Anchorage will be Sheila Owens, Joan Blades, and Susan Kleebauer. (They will be working for, respectively, Justices Connor, Burke and Matthews.) The three will be following in the tracks of a number of GGU students, whose work has built up an excellent relationship between the school and the Alaska court. Resumes for Spring externships will be accepted in late October.

Elsewhere in the externship news, several GGU students are continuing to work at the California Supreme Court after the expiration of summer jobs. Additionally, approximately ten students per semester are filling part-time externships clerking in trial courts in the Bay area. While lacking the glamour of appellate court work, this is arguably the more valuable experience for anyone serious about trial practice.

GGU students have also ranged as far afield as Nevada and the Federal District Court in Los Angeles, and there is some prospect for at least one Ninth Circuit clerkship in the Spring.

Caveat

Applications are still being accepted for Caveat staff positions. Persons who interviewed for any position last year are reminded that the decision to open interviews to all comers sprang from a desire to reach those who were gone before last year's interviews, and first-year students. We still need those who interviewed previously to supply their names and current schedules if they're still interested in the jobs.

As a number of people have noticed, the Caveat "office" on the mezzanine is still under construction, making it difficult to get hold of the editor. Beside the Caveat mailbox in the library adjacent to the distribution basket (it's really there now) there is a mailbox in the faculty office center (with the other student organization boxes--north end of the second floor), and communications can be left at the SBA office in the basement.

If you infer from all this that you're being invited to join something very much in a state of flux, you're correct.

Potential millionaires are also reminded that the position of advertising salesperson is still open. (or perhaps Advertising Manager. Hell, make it Vice President in Charge of Advertising Services.) I firmly believe the right person could make enough on the 25% commission to be amply repaid for his or her services, while performing a really valuable service for the newspaper, and getting some valuable experience.

When applying or inquiring about any of this please be sure to leave some sort of schedule information so we can set up an interview, or at least let us know how to get in touch with you. ("Us" means Danny Hernandez and me, the interviewers.)

--Charles Ellis

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