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# THE CAVEAT



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## DEAN'S LIST

### Spring Term 1992

Congratulations to the students listed below. They were named to the Dean's List for the 1992 Spring semester. To qualify, these students obtained a 3.00 GPA and fulfilled certain minimum hour requirements for the semester.

Julie Aguilar	Justine Juson	Christopher Piety
Carol Barnett	Cem Kaner	James Potts
Helen Beardsley	Stacey Kepnes	Francine Radford
Jeremy Blank	David Kerr	Carrie Ransom
Russell Boltwood	Christopher Kesler	Ronald Reiss
Stephanie Bradshaw	Asha Khosla	Janelle Rettler
Julie Brook	Scott Kiepen	John Roberts
Edwin Clark	Kevin Kilty	David Rogahn
Deirdre Cox	Scott Kline	Sean Rose
Pamela Critchfield	Alan Korn	Heidi Rosenfelder
Susan Crocker	Donna Kotake	Amanda Rubin
David Cunningham	Tanya Leydiker	Mary Rupp
Elizabeth Deighton	Brenda Lillington	Israel Sanft
John Duff	Alan Limbach	Fereidoon Sepahpour
Michelle Edwards	Theodore Lindquist III	Shahbaz Shahabi
Elissa Elliot	Kenneth Litton	Diana Shera
Heather Elrick	Teri Lunn	Helen Silva
Adam Fairbairn	Michael Lyons	Robert Silverman
Eric Ferraro	Richard Maceyka	James Smith
Rod Fliegel	Douglas Maclellan	Timothy Smith
Douglas Flinn	Marlo Manqueros	Robyn Sofnas
Peter French	Daniel Maurantonio	Timothy Spangler
Steven Fus	Joseph McCarthy	Howard Specter
Linda Gould	Monica McCrary	Brodie Stephens
Ara Gregorian	Kathleen McGinn	Edward Taylor
Jennifer Gustafson	Carrie McKinney	Paul Vallone
Laura Hanney	David McWaters	Michael Vomund
Scott Harman	Adam Miller	Stuyvesant Wainwright
Virginia Harmon	Karren Moore-Jordan	Rebecca Weisman
Joseph Hart	Donna Mullen	Michael Weiss
Thomas Healey	Nancy Oleski	Amy Whitney
Anthony Hill	Brooke Oliver	Dale Wilkins
Serge Hodgson	Laura Ozak	Annette Wilson
Kevin Hunsaker	Matthew Pachkowski	Paul Wilson
John Hyland	Brian Paget	Sara Winter
Mark Jackson	Alicia Park	Foria Younis
Robert Jigarjian	Eric Parkinson	Karen Zink
Hillary Johns	David Peterson	Gregg Zywicke

## How To Excel At GGU School Of Law

by Penny Mason, 2L

**T**his is one of a series of articles being written by Penny Mason, a GGU Law student, in an effort to aid her fellow students.

**ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** This year, the Law School has implemented a new academic assistance program in which first year students are required to participate. The program is broken down into two parts; lectures and practice sessions.

Two lectures have already been given this semester and covered Study Skills, Outlining to Review and Outlining Exam Answers. The two remaining lectures will cover Stress Management and Exam Taking Strategies. The Exam Strategies lecture is scheduled tentatively for Friday afternoon, October 16th, and the date for the Stress Management lecture is tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday in November.

I have attended the two lectures held so far. I think that in terms of teaching first year law students how to study more effectively and how to outline, they were not specific enough. These lectures did not give concrete steps on what EXACTLY law students must do to succeed in their studies. I thought the outlining workshop was confusing (all this talk about inverted pyramids!) and I left the lecture wondering what a good law school outline looked like. Furthermore, there wasn't much discussion on how to outline for law school exams. I'm sure that the lecturer, Laurie Zimet, knew the material very well since she is the Director of the Academic and Minorities Success program (ranked fourth out of all law schools in the nation) at Santa Clara University School of Law. I just don't think that there was enough time for her to discuss outlining thoroughly.

The second part of the Academic Assistance program consists of one hour practice sessions led by teaching assistants. These sessions are smaller than the lectures because they are organized by course and section and will focus on outlining exam answers and exam taking.

In these sessions, an exam question which was written by the professor teaching the course, is distributed to the students. The students have half an hour to create an outline to an exam answer. These outlines are graded by the teaching assistant on a scale of 1 to 10. The grades are for reference only; the point value is never recorded, nor does the professor ever see it. The student should use these "grades" as an indicator of what his grades would be for the course. For example, if you received 2 out of 10, this should indicate that you don't understand the material and you should do something about it ASAP! The teaching assistant spends the remaining half hour of the session going over the "ideal

answer" outline with the students.

Also new this semester is supervision and coordination of the teaching assistants, something which was not done in the past. The teaching assistants who were selected to lead a particular session have usually had contact with the professor before, either as a student who has done well in the professor's class, or as a research assistant for the professor. All of the teaching assistants seem to be excited and enthusiastic about helping first year students obtain academic success in law school.

**WRITING CLINIC:** This year, the Law School has a new program designed to help students currently enrolled in Writing and Research or Appellate Advocacy with their legal writing skills. Currently, about 40 to 100 students are participating in the Writing Clinic. How does the Writing Clinic work? Students enrolled in these courses obtain a referral from their professor. Students then contact Professor Lavin to schedule an appointment to review papers that they have already written for their class. At the time of the appointment, Professor Lavin has already reviewed the particular student's papers and has pinpointed the student's problem areas, such as organization, sentence structure, or legal analysis. Professor Lavin then gives the student feedback and may even assign additional writing exercises to the student, depending on the type of problem the student has. Professor Lavin usually meets with each student from one to three times.

The skills the student masters in the Writing Clinic not only benefit the student's performance in Writing and Research, and Appellate Advocacy, but also the student's academic performance, since these skills are directly transferrable to writing law school exams.

Currently, the Writing Clinic is only available to those students in Writing and Research or Appellate Advocacy. If you would like to have this valuable program expanded to help all students with their legal writing skills, please contact Professor Edith Lavin, Director of the Writing Clinic, at (415) 904-6860 or stop by her office, room 1414 at 49 Stevenson.

**EXCEL:** Another program offered at GGU, and one that thoroughly discusses studying concepts, is the EXCEL Workshop taught by Professor Nerissa Skillman. This workshop was offered to all law students last year at no charge, but this year law students must pay for it themselves if they want to attend.

The workshop consists of four three-hour lectures which will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Auditorium A on

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### How to Excel...

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September 27, October 25, November 15, and November 29. These workshops are also available on cassettes. The EXCEL workshops cover all aspects of law school, including effectively reading and briefing cases, preparing for class participation, organizing a study schedule, creating effective outlines, spotting issues on exams, and writing law school exams. The best part about these workshops is that Professor Skillman will evaluate the student's own outline and practice exams and provide feedback; something virtually non-existent in law school!

In addition, Professor Skillman will also be teaching a special exam writing workshop which will meet on November 4, 18, and December 2, 1992 from 4:00 to 6:00 in Room 170 of Boalt Hall. In this workshop, Professor Skillman will cover outlining substantive courses, analyzing legal issues, and writing law school exams. Each student gets two hours of individual instruction with Professor Skillman, as well as having his/her outlines and exams reviewed and critiqued.

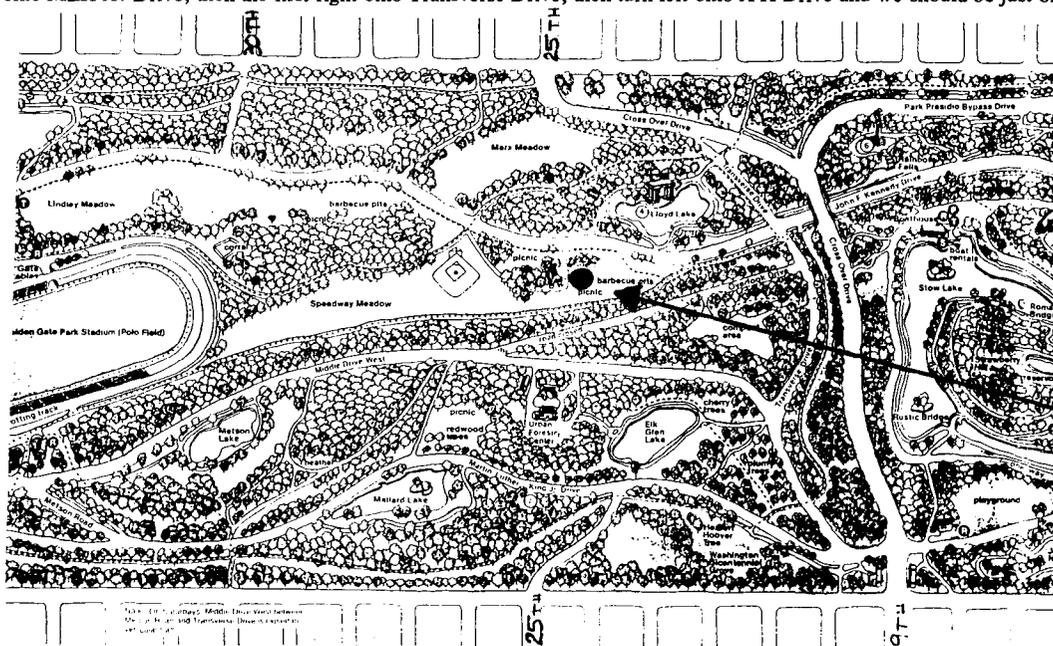
I am telling you about EXCEL because it really works, and I know that it works because I have used it myself with tremendous success. At Boalt Hall, it is mandatory for students on academic probation to take the EXCEL workshop. The Dean at Boalt arranges for the students on academic probation to receive additional financial assistance so that they may pay for the course. **IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY ON ACADEMIC PROBATION, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU TAKE THE EXCEL COURSE.** The cost is minimal compared to the benefits of doing well in law school and not being academically disqualified.

If you have any comments about the Academic Assistance program; If you would like to have the Writing Clinic expanded to all students needing help with legal writing; or if you would like the Law School to hire Professor Skillman to give the EXCEL workshops to GGU law students, at no charge to the students, you should tell Dean Margaret Hughes during her office hours or by contacting her at (415) 904-6814.

*Tell the administration and your SBA Reps what tools you need to excel at law school, they want to help us!*

# SBA PICNIC!

The Annual SBA Picnic is Saturday, October 24th at Speedway Meadow in Golden Gate Park. The picnic starts at noon. Bring all the stuff you need to play softball, volleyball, frisbee, golf, pole vault, etc... Word to the wise: Play deep when Professor Jones is batting. Professor Calhoun will be permitted to use his cast as a bat—watch for the bunt. **To get there by Public Transit:** From downtown, Muni #5,7,21,71,73 or N-Judah. From north of the park, Muni #18,28,29,33,44. From south of the park, Muni #18,28,29,33,44,71,73. **To get there by car:** From the east, take Fell St. into the park, follow JFK Drive until you cross under a bridge, then look for everyone off to your left. From the north, take 30th Ave. into the park, turn left onto JFK Drive, and we will be about a 1/2-3/4 mile on the right. From the south, take 19th Ave. into the park, take the first left onto MLK Jr. Drive, then the first right onto Transverse Drive, then turn left onto JFK Drive and we should be just on your left.



## Club News

### Women's Law Association

On September 25th, the Women's Law Association's "Annual Faculty, Staff, and Student Reception" honored the new law school women faculty members. The students, professors and staff enjoyed the opportunity to talk to each other in this informal, upbeat, and "non-Socratic" setting. The reception, a wonderful success, couldn't have been possible without the help of the following students: **Janelle Rettler, Susan Leff, Jacqueline Serrao, Kay Paden, Vicki Clark, Nancy Beninati, Ann Maley, Shannon Dickerson, Allison, Robin Sackett, Linda Westlund, Horace Debuessy Jones** (better known as "Satch"), **Marie Davidson, Deanne Sandel, Kelli Armstrong, and David Fried.** Thanks to all!!

The WLA invites all students to attend its meetings and functions, and is open to ideas for events this year. To become involved, please check the **Law School News** and the WLA bulletin board on the third floor for information about our next meeting and future events.

### International Law Association

**Contact Person: Alilda Duangjak (415) 751-5107**

On September 29th, the ILA had its first installation of the International Law Opportunities Speaker series. The panel was comprised of Jay Clemens from Baker & McKenzie, Kenneth Siegel from Morrison & Foerster, and Chris Armstrong from Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe. Each attorney addressed three issues: what he does as an international lawyer; what the future holds for international law; and what a law student should do to break into

international law. Each attorney's experience was different, but a few key principles were common to each of them. International law is not meant for those longing for travel and glamour - the hours are long, sleep is scarce, and travel is confined to planes and hotels. But most of all, one should not jump into international law without having a good grip on domestic law. Despite this heavy dose of reality, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the speakers, and, hopefully, were inspired to keep pursuing a career in international law.

The ILA (with the help of **Professor Sucharitkul**) was fortunate to present another speaker on October 1: Professor Malanczuk from Amsterdam. Professor Malanczuk gave a lecture on the implementation of the Rio Convention on International Environmental Law. He attended the conference and was able to give great insight into the results of the Earth Summit. Professor Malanczuk's lecture was one in a series of exchanges between GGU and the University of Amsterdam.

Jessup Moot Court briefs have been written and oral arguments were held on October 1 before a panel of four professors. By the time this is published, the team will have been chosen and will begin training for the competition in the spring. Congratulations and good luck!

As for future events, on October 27, attorneys from Levi Strauss, Apple, and Bank of America will speak as a part of the International Corporate Speaker Series. Yet another speaker is on the horizon: Boris Lanjer from Bulgaria. Stay tuned for more details!

### Public Interest Law Foundation

PILF is a multi-interest organization supporting students and alumni in the field of public interest

law.

The organization is associated with several local, state, and national organizations dedicated to public interest law. Such associations include the Public Interest Law Clearinghouse, Public Interest Loan Assistance Program (PILAP), NORCAL, and the National Association of Public Interest Law (NAPIL).

PILF is dedicated to increasing involvement and awareness in public interest law through grants, loan repayment, curriculum, employment and more. PILF has been successful in receiving, and continues to work for, university and community support.

Public interest law is a very broad field and covers areas from Art Law to Teaching. No matter what the field of interest, PILF, public interest law, and society needs your involvement and support.

**MEETINGS:** PILF will meet every other Tuesday from 12 - 1pm. The next meeting will be October 13th. **EVERYONE'S WELCOME!**

**ACTIVITIES:** The organization is now planning a write-in campaign so students may send petitions and letters to government officials and representatives on a variety of topics. The idea is still in the planning stages and ideas and assistance are needed.

**OFFICERS:** Co-Chairpersons - **Judy Beck** and **Debra Corbett**, Vice Chairperson - **Debbie Klis**, Secretary - **Crisa Barthel**, Treasurer - **Chris O'Connell**, Public Relations - **Tammy Garza**, NORCAL Representative - **Chris O'Connell**, PILAP Representatives - **Crisa Barthel, Helen Beardsley** and **Jennifer Wylie Pletcher.**

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## Club News...

### Phi Alpha Delta

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(by Jordan Rodman, 2L)

When I started law school at GGU, the last thing on my mind was joining organizations and going to functions. I was either too busy preparing for Professor Goetzl's Property class, or I was running around the library searching for a ridiculously obscure citation for a Writing and Research assignment. Now, after a year has gone by, I regret not having jumped at the opportunity as a first year student to become more involved in an organization at school.

Many of my classmates have joined what is called a "legal fraternity." The whole concept of a fraternity sounds far too Greek for me, particularly because I thought I had finally escaped the adolescent mentality frequently associated with the undergraduate Greek fraternities and sororities that have infested just about every college and university campus in this country. But, always willing to try new and exciting things, I allowed my friend to drag me to a Phi Alpha Delta meeting, to see exactly what a real legal fraternity was.

Phi Alpha Delta's goal is to enable students to meet leaders of the Bench and Bar, and to promote friendships and valuable contacts among future leaders of the legal profession. Beyond the rhetoric however, Phi Alpha Delta is simply the largest international legal organization in the world. Five United States Presidents and ten United States Supreme Court Justices, including former Chief Justice Burger, have been, and are, members of Phi Alpha Delta. The entire California Supreme Court, in addition to eleven other state supreme court chief justices across

the country, also belong to Phi Alpha Delta. Other notable members are: Governor Bill Clinton; Governor Pete Wilson; Former Congresswoman, Geraldine Ferraro; Senator Edward Kennedy; ABA President L. Stanley Chauvin, Jr.; and the Honorable Manfred Lachs, Past President of the International Court of Justice. The list of prominent constituents goes on and on, including various members of the faculty here at GGU.

Phi Alpha Delta was the first major law fraternity to admit women, and was the first to merge with a major women's law fraternity, Phi Delta Delta. Additionally, PAD is the first and only law fraternity to receive national recognition and federal funding from the United States Department of Justice for its law-related education program.

Law school chapters are chartered at 172 law schools, with pre-law chapters chartered at 115 colleges and universities.

GGU's Dirksen Chapter is a member of Phi Alpha Delta's Second National District, which consists of all the ABA accredited schools in northern California. Dirksen was established in 1972, and like any organization, it has had its ups and downs. In the early and mid-80's, GGU's Chapter was very prominent in the international Phi Alpha Delta sphere, but unfortunately Dirksen's success has diminished as its former members have graduated. Now this fraternity is on its way back, lead by President Pro-Tempore Marc Cerda, and there is every intention to regain the chapter's prominent international status.

With the re-activation of PAD, GGU will have two recognized legal fraternities, and there are high hopes that both Phi Alpha Delta and Phi Delta Phi will continue to have a prosperous and interactive

relationship. With two legal fraternities on campus, GGU will be on par with other Bay-area law schools, and to facilitate this, Phi Alpha Delta will be having an introductory reception on Thursday, October 22. Members from the McGeorge, Hastings, and USF chapters will be attending in order to acquaint our student body with the fraternity, and all are encouraged to attend. If there are any questions about Phi Alpha Delta, Marc Cerda would be happy to answer them at (415) 387-8826. This is an extraordinary chance to become part of a distinguished international legal organization, so watch for a reminder in the *Law School News*, and don't pass up this opportunity!

## ATTENTION ALL MID-YEAR ADMIT STUDENTS!

The 1992 MYA class has drafted a resolution addressing concerns unique to MYA's. The purpose of their statement is to resolve problems of communication, program curriculum and classification through establishment of a more focused, documented MYA program. The MYA's will submit this proposal at a forum of students, faculty and deans, tentatively scheduled for 13 October 5:00-7:30 p.m. All 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years from the day and night MYA programs are invited to attend and show our strength in numbers. Copies of the resolution and agenda will be available on the 3rd floor. See the *Law School News* for confirmation of meeting time and place.

### Is This Supposed To Be Funny?...

A man took a trip out West after a harrowing divorce proceeding. He stopped in a bar, and after a few drinks, stated to no one in particular, "Lawyers are horses' asses." One of the locals spoke up on hearing this: "Mister, watch what you say. You're in horse country."

# Letters to the Editor

*(Letters reflect the views of their authors and are not necessarily the views of the Editor, the Student Bar Association, or the Law School.)*

## Anonymous...

Dear Anonymous 2L: Thank you for asking about the purpose of imposing the Appellate Advocacy requirement on 2L's.

I applaud you for your well constructed, well thought out, fact specific article: Appellate Advocacy - Cruel and Unusual Punishment?, which appeared in the 28 September issue of *The Caveat*.

Thank you for speaking out and speaking to the GGU Law School Administration on this critical issue; an open-ended question on how GGU Law School intends to make a name for itself.

You hit the bull's-eye in that an imposed App. Ad. course for 2L's as currently structured is *NOT* the remedy to GGU's Law School identity crisis.

GGU Law School can not build an army by philosophically starving and beating black and Blue Book its law student soldiers.

A standing ovation to you on your marksmanship.

I disagree with you only on your one-liner about directing "monkey-work" to clerks, associates, and secretaries. As attorneys-to-be we need to build bridges in an office environment, not walls of misunderstanding. We may enhance the workplace by having a hands-on understanding of "monkey-work," beginning with our Writing and Research course, extending through law school via independent study and work experience.

Again, thank you for your terrific article.

Respectfully, your ally,

**Another Anonymous 2L.**

*(The Caveat will print anonymous articles and Letters to the Editor only if the author makes her/himself known to the editor. Anonymity is assured! Editor.)*

## Libertarian...

Dear Editor: In your concern for *The Caveat's* use as a forum for political statements you have (possibly) inadvertently fallen for the current system's desire to make us, the voting public, believe that we only have two choices: Democrat or Republican. In order to give another point of view (from that of Miles Dolinger), you asked for a letter from a Bush supporter. Well Mr. Manning, I reject the choice.

Miles Dolinger, in his letter of support of Clinton stated that a Clinton victory would bring about economic recovery. His letter also said that it was time for a change. I agree that we must have a change, however in no way would a Clinton victory bring about any real change from what we are faced with right now: a huge and stagnant government. More of the same (and probably an increase in the size of government under Clinton) will not lead to an economic recovery, rather it will only make matters worse.

What we have today is a "Republicrat" party that offers no real alternative to huge government deficit spending, oppressively high taxes and the gradual erosion of our personal rights and civil liberties. The two major parties are a difference between left wing socialists and right wing socialists, and true liberty has been forgotten.

Today, conservative Republicans must be reminded that personal civil liberties are just as important as economic liberty and today's liberals must be reminded that economic liberty deserves the same respect that the written and spoken word gets under the First Amendment. However conservatives of today do not really believe in true free market

principals (they support agricultural subsidies and high income taxes, exempting themselves of course) and liberals of today do not truly support or believe in the sanctity of the Bill of Rights (they support the First Amendment until politically incorrect speech is used, or until tobacco or alcohol ads are noticed by children, as if commercial speech really shouldn't be given the same protection as other forms of speech). Today liberals have decided that the second amendment should not be protected at all, as if the right to bear arms and defend one's self is somehow less important than the right against self incrimination.

Today's conservative thinking gives lip service to the free market but in reality rejects it entirely. This can be seen in David Steel's letter to *The Caveat* supporting Bush, where he states that Bill Clinton has "never even held a job in the private sector, yet he thinks he is capable of running a nearly \$5 trillion economy." The free market, Mr. Steel, needs nobody to run it, that is the beauty of it, it works best without anyone meddling with it.

The Republicrats are not willing to stop wasting our money around the world under the guise of our "national defense." Europe and Japan are getting a free ride from us with regard to defense spending. They then thank us by out producing us on the industrial-export battlefield. What the Republicrats support by these insane gifts of millions of your dollars is "welfare militarism" and you, the American taxpayers, are slaves to foreign governments. But are you safer with our military oversees? No, you are not. However, our backstabbing foreign military welfare recipients who bitch about

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"American imperialism," after receiving all the free military aid they can, are safer.

As we approach the mid-nineties we are bombarded by every group imaginable proclaiming their "rights." We have children's rights, parent's rights, women's rights, gay rights, black rights and native American rights just to name a small few. Why do we need all of these rights groups? The answer is simple: we have stopped respecting individual rights. Once the rights of the individual are restored to their prominence these groups will no longer be needed.

This nation was founded on principles of individual and economic freedom and liberty. Until about 1913 we essentially were a people who stuck to these principles. It was then that our federal government passed the income tax and the first drug laws, criminalizing the use of cocaine and heroin. Since then we have seen government intrusion into our lives grow, only to be paralleled by the size of government itself. This insanity must stop.

Abraham Lincoln gave the best definition of liberty when he described it as men doing what they desire to make their livelihood and doing what they desire with the fruits of their livelihood. Isn't it strange that this simple concept has been forgotten?

The real alternative for change is not more of the same. And it sure the hell is not that "little Napoleon" Ross Perot. The real candidate for change is the libertarian candidate Andre Marrou. This change is a return to the principles of our founding fathers, an idea of liberty that has somehow been lost in the last eighty years. Now, I am not so short sighted that I can not see that a libertarian will not be elected any

time soon (the party is the third largest political party in the country but growing). However, I am casting my vote for the ideas that closely mirror mine. I am not going to choose the lesser of two evils, by definition, that is still an evil.

Christopher Tilman, 3L

**America Does Not Have 70% of the World's Lawyers!**

Vice President Dan Quayle stated in a speech last year that America has "70% of the world's lawyers." Once again, the Vice President was mistaken.

In August 1991, the President's Council on Competitiveness released the "Agenda for Civil Justice Reform." This report compared the number of lawyers in different nations and suggested that the U.S. had a disproportionate number of the world's lawyers.

The problem lies with how different countries define "lawyers." In England there are solicitors and barristers. However, only barristers are allowed to represent clients in court and their numbers are limited by how many are "allowed" into "barristers school." In Japan over 35,000 students graduate from law school every year while only about 475 (that's right--475) are allowed to enter the Judicial Research and Training Institute (JRTI), and these are the only ones allowed to represent clients in court. Only those who graduate from JRTI (everyone who enters graduates) are classified as lawyers. The other 34,525+ law school graduates provide the vast majority of legal advice in Japan. These two examples are typical of many countries.

If the label is changed from lawyer to law provider (a more

accurate term), then the world ranking of the U.S. changes considerably.

The following list shows the country ranking and the number of "law providers" per 10,000 population in 1987. Figures were obtained from The Mythical Kingdom of Lawyers, p. 72, ABA Journal, September 1992.

1. Vatican City	3,482.38
2. Uruguay	180.76
3. Lebanon	150.18
4. Argentina	92.42
5. Italy	91.99
6. Spain	81.06
7. Ecuador	68.23
8. South Korea	52.71
9. Venezuela	51.91
10. Austria	51.07
11. Brazil	50.17
12. Egypt	49.45
13. Greece	48.23
14. France	46.34
15. Dominican Rep.	46.24
16. Barbados	44.22
17. Bolivia	43.58
18. Syria	42.29
19. Peru	41.59
20. Belgium	41.22
22. Nicaragua	40.19
24. Mexico	38.06
28. New Zealand	35.26
30. West Germany	34.13
31. Panama	32.14
32. Japan	31.71
34. Switzerland	28.67
35. United States	28.45
37. Israel	25.15
39. Australia	24.99
40. Norway	24.83
47. Cuba	21.16
52. United Kingdom	16.99
56. North Korea	14.74
60. Chile	10.80
65. Haiti	9.21
70. Iraq	8.35
75. Singapore	6.44
80. Albania	4.76
85. Bangladesh	3.01
90. Papua N. Guinea	2.24
95. Hong Kong	1.49
100. Zaire	1.26

## Notes From The Editor

by *Tod Manning (Editor-in-Chief)*

**Q**ongratulations once again to those students who made the Dean's List for spring term. Since I started law school, this is the first time that I have seen the Dean's List. It has been posted in the past, but I don't know where or for how long.

A member of the administration told me that some members of the administration did not want to highly publicize the Dean's List as it might hurt the feelings of those who aren't on the list. This might be true, but that's life. I didn't make the list and yet I was very pleased to see a number of my friends' names on it.

This law school is woefully short in giving compliments when they're deserved. Compliments mean a great deal to people, far more than money does. You can pay a person \$20 an hour, treat them like dirt, and they will be miserable. You could also pay them \$10 an hour, treat them well, pay them compliments when deserved, and they will be far happier, more productive, and at far less cost.

What's my point? My point is that the students, faculty and administration at the GGU School of Law should give more compliments to each other. The top students are given monetary breaks in their tuition as recognition for their academic achievements. Yet, unless I'm wrong, they don't receive any kind of recognition. Those students who have achieved *any* kind of an academic or extracurricular accomplishment at the law school should be given recognition, even if the achievement was a small one. Publish the Dean's List; publish the list of those who made Law Review (done in the Law School News); publish the winners of the Am. Jur. awards; publish the names of those who make the moot court teams. As Editor of *The Caveat*, I'm trying to recognize the achievements of the members of the Law School community. The administration should do the same thing, and not just at the graduation ceremony. The posting of the Dean's List is a great start.

GGU School of Law has some wonderful faculty members who are great at paying compliments, at saying "good for you," "good question," "good analysis," or even "that's right!" It sure doesn't take much to make people feel good. A compliment costs so little to give, and those who receive them are happier and far more productive.

The Law School will benefit far more in the long run if the members of the Law School community treat their fellow members (staff, student, and faculty alike) in an encouraging and supportive fashion. To the vast majority of the faculty, staff, and students: Thank you for your kind, supportive, and professional attitudes.

One more thing while I'm on my soap box: professionalism in attitude and speech. A certain member of the faculty is becoming known for having a rude and insulting attitude toward students. E.g., this individual has been heard referring to a student as an "asshole," derogatorily and condescendingly calling female students - "little lady," and telling students to quit and get their money back if they don't like his/her attitude. This is not a professional, considerate, or supportive attitude; especially for someone at a law school. These statements probably were not meant to be mean or insulting, but that is the way they were understood. As people, and as professionals, we must be thoughtful and considerate in our dealings with others; unless of course we are trying to be rude and inconsiderate. Always remember to convey your message in such a way that it can't be misunderstood...

Next...

Big rumor making the rounds is that someone in the student accounts office gave some of a law student's personal financial information to someone not authorized by the student to receive that information. Rumor also has it that someone in the Law School might be involved, and that a lid is being clamped down on the whole affair. Federal laws of privacy are involved here... **Dean Hughes** was approached by the person who wanted the information and, rightfully, she refused to authorize its release. **Good job Maggie!** I'm sure the law students would like to have some reassurances from the Law School Administration and from the University that this will not happen again...

**PICNIC...** It's gonna' be big, really big. Bring your appetites, thirsts, and competitive spirits. Let the games begin. It is rumored that **Dean Pagano** will perform the ceremonial tapping of the first keg at high noon. Be there. First softball game begins as soon as there are enough players. Same for volleyball and the pole vault...

Now, speaking of some really important persons, some big birthdays are coming up: **Morgan Laurie Lloyd** will be a big 4 years old on 10/12; **Val & Kathy, the Woodrow sisters**, will be 24 (again) on 10/21; and **John Lane** will be (mumble, mumble) on 10/23. Happy Birthday to all.

I apologize for any misspellings, errors, or tortured syntax in this issue. I did not get this to **Carolyn** and **Bert** in time for their valuable reviews.