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CAVEAT

SBA Referendum Budget Committee seeks vote on fee raise

by Jeremy Blank
Special to the *Caveat*

Today, Golden Gate law students are presented the opportunity to vote on a student referendum on the question, "Should the SBA fee paid by each student be increased from \$12 to \$20 per semester?"

The SBA received approximately \$24,000 in budget requests from student groups this year, and has allocated just \$10,000 to these groups. Many worthy programs were cut including the speaker series, receptions, and other programs of interest to the entire student body.

Although the SBA Constitution at Article VI, section 5 empowers the Budget Committee to recommend this increase unilaterally, the Committee does not want to proceed without the support of the students. If passed, this measure would generate approximately \$5,500 each semester which would be allocated for worthwhile projects.

If a majority of the Golden Gate student body votes "YES" on this referendum, the Budget Committee will recommend to the Board of Governors, the Dean of the Law School, and the President of the University that this fee be so increased, pursuant to Article VI, section 5 of the SBA Constitution.

We encourage everyone to come out and vote on this resolution. The ballot boxes will be on the third floor and the polls will be open on November 1st and 2nd from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We look forward to your input.

Caveat Faculty Profile:

Laura Dorman

by Thomas E. Lutzenberger

Toward the Caveat's goal of promoting communication within the law school community, this interview marks the first in a series of faculty profiles.

-Caveat Staff

Before obtaining her law degree from the University of Southern California, Professor Dorman had completed her bachelor's and master's degrees at Stanford University. Soon after she clerked for Judge Albert Stephens, Jr., of the United States District Court in California. The skills and knowledge she gained during this period were invaluable.

In Professor Dorman's opinion, every law student should take a shot at a clerkship. "By getting to the judge you learn how they make decisions in cases, you pick up tips from other lawyers, and you definitely learn how to write better," Professor Dorman opines, "The way to get in is to write letters and send resumes early to judges. Taking advantage of opportunities through personal contacts and being a judicial extern are other ways as well."

Golden Gate University offers a judicial extern program each year for students. Judges like it because the student clerks work volunteer positions, "and the connection a student makes as an extern can lead to a job with the same judge later after graduation," Professor Dorman adds.

In addition to working in the Federal Court, Professor Dorman was also a staff attorney for the Congressional Task Force on Fraud in the United States Department of Defense. When asked what were some of the highlights of that period, Professor

Dorman smiles, "I was a sixties child going in, so I had all these ideas of the people in the military. But getting to know them was very interesting, and they weren't all monsters."

In private practice Professor Dorman was a member of the law firm Severson & Werson here in San Francisco, and she primarily practiced in business and civil litigation. In her opinion, the law student entering the private job market should focus on the type of job that is rewarding mentally and makes him or her satisfied.

Hopes and goals for financial gain are not the whole picture. "Most people don't know what they want, but they have a sense of what makes them happy. The money tends to take of itself, but if you have no focus for a career the interviewer or employer is going to see you flailing."

On possible future developments in the academic environment, Professor Dorman hopes to write and develop a

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S.B.A. BEAT

by Timothy Roscoe Carter
SBA Correspondent

The Student Bar Association voted on October 18 to send a referendum to the student body that would increase the mandatory SBA fee from \$12.00 per semester to \$20.00 per semester. The student body will vote on the referendum on November 1st and 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. (*Please see SBA Referendum, page 1, for more details.*)

Mark Figueiredo, 2nd Year Day Representative, inquired about the possibility of earmarking these extra funds to prevent future mismanagement. Blank responded that the SBA needs flexibility and that the prevention of mismanagement should be left to the political process.

Stacey Camillo, Co-chair of LEGALS, announced that Dean Pagano has refused to pay for expenses of the Alumni mixer celebrating the Zamperini/Burchell Law Scholarship as promised. Camillo said that Donna Galliger had represented that Pagano's office would pay for the reception scheduled October 22. Based on this information, Camillo incurred the necessary expenses to set up the mixer. However, Camillo said that at 1pm on October 18 Pagano offered to pay no more than \$100.00 of the expenses. Later, in a telephone interview, Camillo said that she had since learned that it was not Pagano's office that was denying the funding. "It was actually the Alumni Office that pulled the funds," she said.

Cindi Skinner, a 1st Year Day Representative, suggested that the SBA should promote the use of the *Caveat* as the student forum and as the proper place to publish club news, as opposed to the Law School News. Skinner said that publishing the *Caveat* every week would solve the problem of the administration editing the student announcements they publish, a job which is an imposition on the administration. Manning said that 600 issues of a four page *Caveat* could be published for about \$42.00. In response to SBA complaints regarding the lack of a consistent publishing schedule, Manning indicated that the primary reason was a lack of submissions, which would be corrected by regular club announcements. The SBA tabled the discussion for two weeks to allow the *Caveat* editors to participate in the discussion.

Blank presented the SBA with a check for \$197.60 from Hastings Research. This was the first payment by Hastings Research to SBA pursuant to the contract between the two organizations, whereby the SBA receives 2.5% of Hastings Researches' gross revenues in exchange for office space.

The SBA voted to give money to Phi Delta Phi to help pay for the Halloween Party. The amount given would be \$250.00 or \$200.00 if the ABA/LSD agrees to co-sponsor the event.

Tracey Mlodozenic, Vice President Day, and Kaldor convinced the SBA to approve cubbyhole mailboxes for the students in the student lounge over the objections of Lubarsky, the only nay vote, who preferred file folders.

SBA unanimously approved a motion requiring all Representatives to participate in the Work-a-day event.

Mlodozenic reported that she had sent letters to all club presidents suggesting they convene to coordinate the scheduling of events. Representatives of ATLA, LEGALS, and PILF all expressed enthusiasm for the idea.

Camillo asked the SBA to help present the idea of sensitivity training for students to the administration. Most SBA members expressed agreement with the idea that sensitivity training should be part of orientation.

Blank announced that there would be receptions on October 21 and November 4 from 5pm to 7pm in the Plaza. There will be a keg, food, and a Dean.

New look *Caveat*

Today's *Caveat* represents the staff's efforts to improve the overall layout and design of the newspaper. We welcome any suggestions for other improvements. Come to our next meeting, or drop off your comments in the submissions envelope at Room 223 or in the *Caveat* box on the fourteenth floor at 49 Stevenson.

Thanks to all those who submitted to this month's *Caveat*!

Attention club presidents!
Due to space constraints, we could not print everything; the remaining submissions will appear in the next issue.

THE CAVEAT

Published by and for the students at Golden Gate School of Law, the *Caveat* mission is to provide a forum for the law school community.

Opinions expressed in bylined articles are those of their authors, and do not necessarily represent the opinions of the editorial staff, the Student Bar Association, or the School of Law.

Submit to the *Caveat*! The submissions envelope is on the door of room 223. The deadline is the 15th of every month. Submissions to the *Caveat* are subject to editing for grammar, punctuation, and space considerations.

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Campus Organization Profiles

The real deal straight from the group leaders

Phi Delta Phi

by Matthew Demchuk
Special to the *Caveat*

Mash Inn was established here at Golden Gate University in 1990. The current members of Phi Delta Phi number over 50. As an International Legal Fraternity, Phi Delta Phi is committed to furthering the scholastic, social, and ethical aspects of law students.

Through the course of the year, Phi Delta Phi offers students help in academic pursuits as well as the chance to meet other students socially. The Mentor/Mentee program offers first year students an opportunity to be matched up one-on-one with a second or third year student.

Toward the end of the semester, study groups are offered to answer questions and obtain outlines. Next semester, Phi Delta Phi will offer panel discussions on working while a law student. These will be essential for all law students seeking employment after their first year.

Another large part of Phi Delta Phi is offering a social outlet for law students. Every semester, there is a large social event targeted at allowing students to meet outside the confines of the classroom. In the fall is the annual Halloween Haunt, and in the spring is planned a ski trip and a Spring Picnic.

Finally, Phi Delta Phi has the goal of promoting ethics in the law profession. In the spring, Phi Delta Phi will be conducting a series on ethics in the profession. Phi Delta Phi feels that with all of the lawyer bashing occurring, the changing of our image needs to begin in law school.

Phi Delta Phi is the largest Legal Fraternity in the United States. As members, you will benefit from the expansive network of attorneys who are also Phi Delta Phi members. Any one interested in joining Phi Delta Phi should contact Matthew Demchuk at (415)621-6762.

Delta Theta Phi

by Tracy Mlodozeniec
Special to the *Caveat*

The Stanley Mosk Senate of Delta Theta Phi is the newest law fraternity on the Golden Gate campus. It was founded in the Spring of 1993.

On April 2, 1993, in a candlelight ceremony, the Honorable Stanley Mosk was initiated as an honorary member and the fraternity Senate was installed and named after him. An initiation ceremony followed and 20 members were initiated. We then celebrated with a reception to welcome our new members and alumni from all over California.

Over the summer, at the National Convention in San Diego, Mosk Senate Dean Tracey Mlodozeniec was elected as Student Member to represent the student Deans on the Supreme Senate, the governing body and Board of directors of the International Fraternity. Additionally at the convention, Mosk Senate alumna Michele Shuster was appointed as Editor of *The Paper Book*, the official magazine of the Fraternity.

This year, the Mosk Senate put on the First Annual Golden Gate University School of Law Boat Bash. The party featured a 4-hour cruise around the San Francisco Bay, a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres,

a DJ and dancing. It was a raucous occasion and much fun was had by all.

Events in the works for next semester include a judge's panel discussion and, of course, initiation of new members. Members of Delta Theta Phi enjoy the support of alumni and students from other Delta Theta Phi senates. Additionally, we have an outline bank consisting of GGU students' outlines for all bar-required courses and many others. Members last year contributed hornbooks, commercial outlines and flashcards to be handed down to first-year students.

Delta Theta Phi International also is the only law fraternity to publish its own law review. Student Senates have the opportunity to submit applications to the fraternity to be the host school for each year's publication. The winning Student Senate is able to write and edit articles for the publication on the topics of their choice. This provides the Senate flexibility and control that isn't always available on the school's own Law Review.

The benefits of fraternity membership extend far beyond your 3 years of law school. It provides fun friendships and YES — jobs! If you would like to become a member of Delta Theta Phi, pick up an application and join us at our next meeting, Thursday, November 4 at noon.

Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

by Francis Ryu
Special to the *Caveat*

The Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) is the largest national Asian organization, and has chapters at most schools. Its objective is to unite law students from the multitudinous cultures of Asia through understanding and support.

APALSA is involved in philanthropy, social issues, professional

contacts, informational seminars, and mentor programs. Some of the activities planned for the coming year include a teaching assistance program, joint Bay Area APALSA workshops, and judicial panel lectures.

With the recent rise in hate-crimes throughout the country, APALSA is dedicated to the belief that tolerance and knowledge are the keys to peaceful coexistence. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to come to the general meetings and seminars.

American Bar Association - Law School Division

by Mark Watson
Special to the *Caveat*

The American Bar Association, Law Student Division (A.B.A.-L.S.D.) is involved in a varied and wide-ranging array of activities. This year we are working on the following projects.

FIRST YEAR SURVIVAL WORKSHOP - Already, the A.B.A. has presented its annual Survival Workshop for first year students. Each year, the workshop provides students with information regarding exam writing skills, study aids, outlining, and stress management. The event was well attended and many students have informed us that they found the information to be a great help.

WORK-A-DAY PROGRAM - The A.B.A.-L.S.D. is currently coordinating a plan that will pool the efforts from all the student groups at G.G.U. Law School, in order to help non-profit groups in San Francisco. The reason for the program is to people that lawyers and law students are responsible members of the community. The program was originally tried in Illinois and the participants report that many misconceptions about lawyers were dispelled. Victoria Parks, the club's president and Lieutenant Governor for the 14th Circuit, is coordinating the program.

VOLUNTARY INCOME TAX ASSOCIATION PROGRAM - The Voluntary Income Tax Association (V.I.T.A.) program involves law students, lawyers and accountants helping disadvantaged people to complete their tax returns. Each year, many people do not receive their refunds because they cannot understand the tax forms and codes. The V.I.T.A. program was designed to solve that problem. The participants in the program are trained how to complete both the federal and state returns as well as some of the more important deductions. Some of the benefits of participating are: 1) helping people obtain needed funds that are really their own money, 2) learning the basics of the tax codes, 3) meeting practicing attorneys, and 4) establishing a rapport with people who may some day become

your clients. Mark Burton, the club's social chairman and the 14th Circuit's Lieutenant Governor for the V.I.T.A. program, is in charge of the project.

IMMIGRATION SEMINAR - Currently, the A.B.A.-L.S.D. is working on presenting a panel discussion how different legal issues effect immigration inside the United States. Some of the topics to be discussed will be Governor Wilson's plan to change the Fourteenth Amendment, the effect of N.A.F.T.A on immigration, and changes in the criminal law that effects immigrants. Mark Figueiredo, the club's publicity director, and Mark Watson, the club's treasurer, are running the preparations for the seminar.

CAREERS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW - Another event that the A.B.A.-L.S.D. is planning is a workshop on careers in International Law. The workshop will have international law attorneys come and speak regarding their profession and how one can get started in this field.

Latin American Law Students Association

by Sylvia Perez
Special to the *Caveat*

The Latin American Law Students Association (LALSA), created three years ago, is a source of academic support for its members. It both provides networking opportunities, and serves as a social outlet.

Building a network with organizations such as the Hispanic Bar Association, La Raza Lawyers Association, and other organizations dedicated to serving the latino community provides LALSA members with many employment opportunities. LALSA's social function allows members to make friends, and to communicate their difficulties with law school.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and participate in our upcoming events. We have a great dinner planned for all members, on November 13, and have other exciting activities planned for next semester. LALSA meets Tuesdays at noon or contact Sylvia Perez, LALSA President, at (415) 775-3191.

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity

by Wendy Giblin

Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) law fraternity welcomes all first year and transfer students To Golden Gate University! Additionally, we welcome all students to join our organization and to get involved in our community service projects, academic programs, and networking opportunities.

The Organization's most recent project was its annual Halloween party for homeless children. The event took place October 28, at the Hamilton Homeless shelter in the Haight-Ashbury district. This year, the the PAD chapters at Golden Gate University and the University of San Francisco are organizing the event.

Later this year, PAD will host a panel of attorneys specializing in different areas of the law. The attorneys will talk about their fields, and they will give advice on how law students can prepare themselves for "the real world."

PAD is a professional organization open to both men and women. It is the world's largest legal fraternity, with over 130,000 members, 173 law school chapters, and 90 alumni chapters. PAD was the first law fraternity to remove gender restrictions on membership.

The law fraternity includes many notable members nationwide, including President Clinton, Hilary Clinton, former President Jimmy Carter, Secretary of State Warren Christopher, and former Chief Justice Warren Burger. PAD holds its meetings at noon on the third Thursday of each month. All students are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Marie Davidson at (415) 359-6083.

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new Torts textbook that emphasizes on problem-solving practice by students.

The focus would aim at making students act like lawyers by taking past cases and applying them to new sets of facts and circumstances. Professor Dorman would also like to see more master's classes and litigation programs designed to strengthen the skills of participating students.

In addition, she would like to see student influence in legal education, "There should be a process in which the students can get involved in the way the law is taught. The old method uses a casebook," says Professor Dorman, "And there may be room for alternatives."

As for Golden Gate University and community service, Professor Dorman has much to share, "The faculty is heavily involved in community action, and (Golden Gate University) offers twenty-two different clinics for students to be active in as well. Simultaneously, the State Bar also offers numerous activities for students to join in community service." For future directions, Professor Dorman hopes to see future school involvement in the mediation of juvenile offenders.

Professor Dorman's past community involvement has included being a mediator for California Lawyers for the Arts. The value of mediation is immense, "With the variety of disputes that arise, mediation cuts down the legal costs. Many artists are trying to be successful and simply don't have the money to pay for litigation. Mediation also brings the parties together to work their problems out face to face and reach an agreement. In a trial the parties are always fighting, and neither party is usually happy with the outcome."

No sooner was the interview over, and Professor Dorman was on her way to lunch and more appointments. A young law student with a tough job market ahead might tend to be a bit jealous of such a life, but Professor Dorman gives a common rule for such thoughts, "lawyers will always be able to find something to work for and litigate."

Golden Gate Faculty News

Faculty launches new newsletter

by Bert McMeen

In July, Golden Gate University's faculty instituted a new, monthly newsletter, the "Golden Gate Faculty News." Its purpose is to act as a "...channel of communication,...and...a forum for advocacy and debate," according to its July issue.

The newsletter's "channel of communication" function includes three separate columns: Faculty Accomplishments, APT News (Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure), and a Calendar. The Faculty Accomplishments columns of the past two issues included titles of books to be published by Professors Boxwell, Hummel, and Bushell, and the receipt of the Earl F. Cheit Outstanding Teaching Award by Professor Sultan.

Additionally, the Accomplishments columns reported on Professor Ontiveros' moderation of a panel on "Police Response to Violence Against Women," and Professor Rutberg's presentation on courtroom evidence at a recent meeting of the California Public Defenders Association. Finally, Professor Carman's seminar at GGU this month for visiting Chinese manufacturers was noted.

Subjects addressed in articles in the News range from university governance

to budget concerns. Of special interest in the July issue was GGU's Board of Trustees' ratification of an amendment to the Faculty Bylaws. While revising the structure of the Faculty Senate, the Board maintained the division between the Law School Faculty and that of the rest of the University.

However, the Board's resolution stated that it "goes on record as encouraging GGU's Faculty Senate to become an all-University faculty governance body..." Budget concerns in the August issue were noted the University's over dependence on tuition for funding.

The News' ability to function as "...a forum for advocacy and debate" depends largely on submissions from faculty and students, the News' Editor, Associate Professor of Finance Steve Hawkey, stated. Any submissions are welcome. While the *Caveat* publishes letters of interest to the Law School Community, the Faculty News publishes submissions of interest to the GGU faculty.

Submissions should be sent to Professor Hawkey's mailbox in the mailroom, on the Plaza level. Past and current copies of the Faculty News may be found in the *Caveat* office, located next to the SBA office.

ELS Sponsors Legal Assistance Speaker

by Ted Leiser

Special to the *Caveat*

On October 14th, the Environmental Law Society was proud to have Luke Cole, staff attorney for California Rural Legal Assistance, speak on current efforts in environmental protection.

Cole addressed the environmental justice movement. Begun in the sixties, it aims to reduce environmental harms on low income communities. Such communities are consistently exposed to much higher levels of air pollutants, pesticides, and waste contamination, than other communities. Further, because these communities have less access to medical care, and often lack the means to relocate, the situation is tragic. Low-income communities' lack of political power has allowed Local Unwanted Land Uses (LULUs) to increase in these communities. A California Waste Management board report, for example, stated that municipalities seeking sites for municipal garbage incinerators would encounter the least resistance in rural, low income communities. All three of California's toxic waste dumps are located in low-income communities. It is this phenomenon of frequently placing LULUs in low income communities that the environmental justice movement hopes to redress.

SBA: PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

by Alex Lubarsky
Special to the *Caveat*

The SBA has accomplished quite a bit so far this year. Tracey Mlodozeniec kicked off the year by organizing a spectacular new student orientation. All student organizations presented booths at this event and disseminated information concerning their groups, and networked with the then wide-eyed and bewildered first years.

Next came Mark Figueiredo's extremely successful book sale which netted the SBA over twelve-hundred dollars! This event allowed the students to by-pass the pricey bookstore and sent the SBA to Tahoe for bonding, planning, boating and enriching the Casinos (except for Laurence Kaldor).

Second year student Marie Davidson was selected to serve as SBA Treasurer and since being so chosen, she has tremendously improved the reimbursement and budgeting process as well as constructed a convenient "face board" which allows students to put a face to that elusive name of his or her representative.

Moving right along, Francis Ryu and Jeremy Blank organized the elections which were conducted in early September. New first year representatives Adam Ryan, Cynthia Skinner, Terrance Vaughan and Deborah Leon were chosen. Also, the SBA elected its first Judicial Committee. Paul Kurokawa was elected as chairperson; Bridget Hopkins, Jason Gong, Thomas Lutzenberger, and Andrew Dimitriou are the other members. This committee is currently drafting rules of procedure for the student court system which will soon be a reality - watch out for those on-campus vexatious litigants!

Hundreds of GGUers flocked to Golden Gate Park to blow off some steam and sip some brews at the 25th Annual SBA picnic, organized by Mark Figueiredo and Jason Estevillo. Dean Anthony Pagano, Professor Larry Jones and Alumnus Norman Ascherman performed a memorable cake-cutting ceremony as one of the many highlights of the day.

The SBA next established office hours for each representative and officer; these are posted on the door of the SBA office. Meanwhile, April Reid and Tracey Mlodozeniec squared away the bulletin board space crisis and dealt with the clubs individually to insure that all clubs have an outlet for expression.

Currently, the SBA has struck deals with both the Embarcadero YMCA and Gold's Gym on Second and Bryant for student memberships costing only \$24/mo. and \$20/mo., respectively. Check the bulletin board outside of the SBA office at 223C for more details.

Also, Jeremy Blank and Eric Ferraro have initiated a series of Billy McGlore beer receptions to be held outside the plaza level periodically, where students and professors will have a chance to mingle and exchange ideas.

Lastly, the SBA, in conjunction with Phi Delta Phi, is sponsoring a Halloween Party the Saturday before Halloween at Compadres in Ghiradelli Square.

In the near future, watch for the grand opening of the new law student lounge, brought to you by Laurence Kaldor. And be on the look out for Jeremy Blank's SBA fee referendum, Althea Kippes and Tracey Mlodozeniec's event scheduling coordination programs, as well as a dinner for the homeless put on by the first year representatives.

All students are strongly encouraged to attend the SBA general meetings held on alternative Mondays in room 316 from 5:00 - 6:15. Night students are especially encouraged to attend, and to feel free to walk in/out at any time.

In conclusion, I apologize if I have "left anyone out" - as I probably have and I'd like to thank the SBA board of governors and many of the students of GGU Law School who have given so much of their time and effort to make GGU a better law school. Let's keep it up!

Editor's Notebook

- A Call for Submissions

We wish to thank all of those clubs who submitted overviews of their purpose and activities. At the same time, we were a bit surprised at a few of the clubs' seeming lack of interest in their overviews. Letting the students know the specifics of club activities behooves both the clubs themselves, in their desire to stay afloat, and the student body, which takes pride in the extent of extra-curricular goings on.

The *Caveat* seeks articles, letters, from any reader, observer. Interview a faculty member, review your favorite bar, let us know about a course or clinic. Describe your current professional life, submit a poem, reveal downtown parking strategies, state your views on Somalia, NAFTA, or the developments in President Clinton's health care plan. Share your knowledge on an area of the law. The *Caveat* is a forum for all articles and letters of interest to the law school community.

-Editor

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