Solutions for common problems encountered by night students

by April Reid
SBA-Night Vice President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the administration and the SBA for a fabulous year. Everyone has worked together to improve conditions for night students. We held a meeting in February so that administrators, faculty and students could discuss changes that have taken place this year. In addition, Dean Margaret Hughes presented some solutions to prior problems concerning night students.

For students who cannot arrive at school before 5:30 p.m. to handle matters with Law School Administration, administrators established coordinated evening hours in which all student services (Associate Dean’s Office, Career Services and Registrar) are open on the same night each week on a rotating basis. The Faculty Center on the 14th Floor continues to be open until 6:30 p.m. three nights a week: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Students are also encouraged to call with questions first to resolve problems over the telephone.

For students with difficulty picking up necessary forms or obtaining Associate Dean signatures, the form rack is now outside the Registrar’s office. Dean Hughes also has a collection of the most frequently used forms and handouts on her assistant’s desk. Finally, students may ask the Registrar to mail them a form or, in an emergency, to post it on the student’s library message board.

To avoid scheduling conflicts, course schedules are now released earlier. The fall 1994 schedule should be available before the end of this semester. Further, please see Night, page 4.

MEET THE PRESIDENTS: the Caveat interviews both the incoming and outgoing Student Bar Association Presidents

by Wendy Giblin
Caveat Assistant Editor

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is an umbrella organization that coordinates student activities and events. It is funded by fees paid by all students during registration. Alex Lubarsky served as SBA President this past year. His term ended on April 18, when Stacey Camillo became the new SBA President.

Stacey Camillo

Stacey Camillo ran for office because she wanted to see more students involved with the SBA. She wanted to address the special needs of night students, part-time students, and mid-year admit. Now, as SBA President-elect, Camillo is working to fulfill her campaign promises.

“One thing the SBA has to do is to have clear goals in mind for next year. Then we need to enlist people who aren’t involved in the SBA or clubs to head committees and join committees. We have a wealth of people here that have been out in the real world, who are now students,” said Camillo.

Camillo served as Co-Chairperson of the Lesbian, Gay and Bi-sexual Law Students organization (LEGALS) this past year. She also belongs to the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) and the Women’s Law Association (WLA).

Although she was not an SBA officer, Camillo regularly attended SBA meetings this past year.

“I was really concerned about [LEGALS] being represented. I wasn’t hearing about what was going on in the SBA, other than through the Law School News. So, I decided that if I was going to be a responsible club president, I’d better get to the meetings and make sure I’m heard,” explained Camillo.

Some Camillo opponents have voiced concern that Camillo’s active involve-

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Alex Lubarsky

Alex Lubarsky leaves his position as SBA President with a year full of accomplishments behind him. Golden Gate University’s SBA is a currently strong contender for an award as the best SBA in the country. And, his administration is leaving the incoming officers with a $9000 surplus in SBA funds which were not spent by clubs and organizations this year.

Lubarsky has been an SBA officer throughout his years at Golden Gate. He began as the MYA Rep for his class. The following year, he served as the Night Student VP. Lubarsky thought he would be a good SBA President because of the skills and experience he picked up in the other offices.

“SBA had become part of me. I had become very involved with it, especially the traditional aspects, including the annual dinner for the homeless and the SBA picnic,” said Lubarsky. “I also had some ideas that I wanted to develop further, things I had started to work on as VP, especially addressing night students’ con-

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S.B.A. BEAT

by Timothy Roscoe Carter
S.B.A. Correspondent

S.B.A. election results were announced April 1. Stacey Camillo will be our next President. Marie Davidson will be our next Vice-President Day. Tim Critzer will serve as Treasurer, and Arlene Lee will serve as Secretary.

Current President Alex Lubarsky announced that the annual national S.B.A. convention will be held sometime in August in New Orleans. The purpose is to provide new S.B.A. leaders with information and contacts necessary to serve their schools, and to recognize the achievements of the leaders of the past year. He suggested that the S.B.A. allocate funds to help send two GGU S.B.A. members, one from his administration, and one from Camillo's. He invited discussion on the appropriate amount to allocate for this purpose. During discussion, it was mentioned that the S.B.A. has been allocating $250 to each club for travel expenses. Many members seemed to feel that it would be fair to limit themselves to what they were giving to clubs, particularly in light of the ill feelings between the S.B.A. and clubs over budget matters this year.

Camillo questioned the need of the S.B.A. to pay for the travel expenses of a member of the past administration, as the primary purpose was to provide necessary information to new leaders. Lubarsky explained that as a result of the activity of the S.B.A. this past year, GGU is a candidate for an award at the convention. He believed that if GGU wins the award, a representative of the administration that earned it should be there to accept it. During further discussion, the idea surfaced that each administration should be responsible for allocating funds to send a representative of that administration to New Orleans. Tracey Mlodozenic, the current Vice President Day, suggested the S.B.A. allocate $250 to send one representative from the current administration to the convention if it appears reasonably likely that GGU will win the award. Lubarsky so moved, and the motion passed over the one nay vote of Davidson.

After discussion, the S.B.A. voted unanimously to allocate $300 to the swearing-in ceremony for the new administration and awards presentation for the old administration. Lubarsky then asked that the S.B.A. approve to have this event with the Palsgraf party on April 25, as he had already published in the Law School News. Davidson read a provision from the S.B.A. decided to have this event in conjunction with the Palsgraf party.

The S.B.A. voted to re-allocate $184.55 of LALSA’s budget to pay for their portion of the dinner with BALSA and APALSA. The one nay vote was Francis Ryu, Mid Year Admit Representative. Ryu and Lubarsky continued the complaints from the last meeting about LALSA’s tardiness. Ryu was upset that LALSA tried to excuse their behavior by saying that many of their members are first-years. Lubarsky announced that the budget committee had voted to send a letter of reprimand to LALSA. Chris Peterson, Secretary, corrected that the budget committee had actually voted to send out a public letter explaining the situation and stating that such behavior would not be tolerated in the future. Lubarsky moved that the S.B.A. do this. Davidson pointed out that this had already been done. No LALSA member was present.

The Woman’s Law Association asked the S.B.A. to approve a $150 after-the-fact transfer of funds to help pay for expenses incurred from Women’s Career Day. No one knew what line item the money was to come from or what line item the money was to go on. The motion passed unanimously.

The Facts Behind the Facts

by Jennifer Dhillon
Caveat Staff Writer

I have often been frustrated by the paucity of information about a case provided in the “facts of the case” in legal opinions. Legal facts don’t provide enough information because they don’t tell us anything beyond what is relevant to the legal issues. But as we have seen in recent celebrated cases, the media can expose us to the facts behind the legal facts of a case, and change the outcome.

The Bobbit, Menendez, and Michael Jackson cases have been influenced in some way by our knowledge of what went on behind the legal wrangling. I wonder if knew more about the facts behind the facts of famous law school
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ment in a few clubs will cause her to be biased toward the needs of those organizations. Camillo believes she will maintain her objectivity, despite her club affiliations.

"First of all, I'm not going to vote (as SBA President) on anything that has to do with LEGALS. I feel that, having been Co-chair, I would have too much inside information about LEGALS. So, I'm bowing out purposefully on that," promised Camillo. Camillo does not hold elected offices in any of the other clubs.

Camillo proposed an Amendment to the SBA Constitution last year which would have included all club presidents as ex-officio members of the SBA’s Board of Governors. The proposal was later changed to provide for a single delegate to represent all of the clubs. However, the Board of Governors struck down the proposed amendment by one vote.

Because there will be no official “club representative” in the SBA, Camillo thinks it is imperative that she and the other elected officers act as advocates for the clubs. She believes that even though specific clubs have specific goals and agendas, a common thread connects them.

"I think that if the clubs keep in mind that our goal is to get out of here, pass the Bar, and get a job, that we are all working for the same things," said Camillo.

Camillo hopes to apply the skills she learned as Co-chair of LEGALS to the student body as a whole.

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cerns. We did a lot for the night students."

Lubarsky understands the night students’ concerns well; he was a night student during most of his law school career. Last fall, he quit his job as a law clerk to dedicate himself to his new ‘job’ as SBA president.

Lubarsky helped coordinate a night student forum, which included professors, the deans, and night students. That meeting resulted in several changes to make school services more accessible to night students.

“We’ve got a lot of complaints from night students because they’d come to school and the offices in the Stevenson Street Building were closed. The professors weren’t around to meet with them for office hours. All the clubs were gone. The speakers were gone. They felt very excluded from what was going on at the school,” said Lubarsky.

Beginning last spring, Dean Hughes began holding evening office hours and the Placement office remained open late on selected nights. Speakers who appear during the day are now videotaped, and the tapes are made available to night students. And, night students started getting priority enrollment in evening courses.

In addition to his duties as Golden Gate’s SBA President, Lubarsky holds office in the American Bar Association’s national Board of Governors. He is the Chief Lieutenant Governor of the national SBA’s 14th Circuit, which includes

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cases would our perception of the cases, and the opinions, be affected? For example, what if the media were sent to Mrs. Palsgraf’s home to show her struggling to overcome the injuries she sustained during that now famous chain of events. Would public sympathies have influenced Judge Cardozo’s decision, or more likely, would the railroad company have offered a settlement to avoid a bad public image?

The law, by its adversarial nature, is perfect fodder for television and magazine writers, especially those frustrated by the complicated social, economic and political stories they must cover (e.g. Whitewater, Bosnia). Legal battles, especially ones with juicy facts behind them like sex, abuse, jealousies and celebrities, are greeted with glee. In these courtroom stories the battle lines are clearly drawn into an offense and defense for the media to explore and exploit. But how much does the media scrutiny help or hurt the legal profession? How much does it influence the outcome of a case?

There is little doubt that the media can help a lawyer in some circumstances. For example, the attorney for the 14 year old boy who accused Michael Jackson of sexually molesting him used the media to induce a lucrative settlement. The media scrutiny included paying people to come out of the woodwork and appear on television as “witnesses for the prosecution” claiming they had seen or knew of Michael Jackson’s pedophilia, and were now willing to share their knowledge with all of America. Michael Jackson’s defense team knew that kind of scrutiny and exposure made their case extremely difficult to argue. Too much damage had been done, and it was a taste of the trial to follow. Michael Jackson ended up paying (by some reports) up to $40 million, to avoid the very public trial he knew would ensue.

The media was used, or abused as some may say, in two other recent cases, the Bobbit and Menendez trials. While it can be argued that the press simply showed us the facts and issues the juries had to face, both trials gained added importance because the attention helped polarize organized groups around the legal issues. For example in the Bobbit case, “law and order” and men’s groups were behind the

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The administration tracks elective and required course offerings by day/night and by year/semester, to even out offerings in the two programs.

In addition to the Bulletin and Student Handbook, the Law School now publishes a Catalog. All current students should have received a copy at registration in January. The Catalog lists course requirements and descriptions. The Registrar now prepares and mails, graduation audits for students planning to graduate. The audits summarize coursework to date, and indicate what must be completed in order to graduate.

Applicants and students admitted to part-time programs are now informed that at least one summer session is required in order to graduate within eight semesters. Moreover, the Dean confirmed with the Registrar the policy that night students get precedence in night classes. Day students are also informed, when they are granted a waiver to take an extra night class, that enrollment is not guaranteed, and that night students get precedence.

Sue Schechter of the Career Services office also announced that, in addition to scheduled late hours one night a week, counseling is available by phone and, in special cases, after 5:30 p.m. by appointment. Career Services programs are scheduled for both day and night times or are videotaped. Workshops are also scheduled for evening hours. In the future, Career Services hopes to add evening hours at a table at 536 Mission for quick questions and resume drop-off.

There were also other faculty members and staff members who contributed to the discussions, including Professors Roger Bernhardt, Mike Devito, Susan Kupfer, David Oppenheimer and Bernie Segal and Cataloger, David Walden-Berg, representing the Law Library.

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Historiography: A note on Neil Postman

by Joseph D. Gonzalez, Jr.

Caveat Staff Writer

Technology has been a major issue in analyzing American history and culture for many years. In 1959, Sir Charles Snow caused a stir among some scholars with the publication of his book The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution. In 1973, Daniel Bell also caused a more modest stir with The Coming of Post-Industrial Society. During the sixties, in the midst of a Cold War arms race that is thought to have been in part the impetus toward a new Post-Industrial era, some Americans began to try to achieve a better understanding of their world. This mission continues today.

Concerning the role of technology, at least two schools of thought have become prevalent. One is that we have entered a new era of mass-communication that will give rise to a more prosperous society, and will bring about positive change promoting equal opportunity throughout the world. They believe that: “Today’s ills can and will bring about tomorrow’s technology.” (Rasmussen, 1971. P.4).

Buckminster Fuller, for example, represents this view. The opposite view is that the mass-production of new technologies and mass-communications have led us increasingly in the direction of total automation. This newly automated society is highly mobile, shallow, uncritical of its thought processes, and subjected to so much information that its citizens no longer understand what is important and what is frivolous. What is worse is that they are apathetic to almost anything resembling “higher culture” and subscribe only to the basest of human instincts. Lewis Mumford and Neil Postman are proponents of this latter theory. Their motto might be that the world is shrinking and so is our intellectual capacity.

Neil Postman was part of a group that included Charles Weingartner, John Holt, and Jonathon Kozol, who were all vocal about the need for radical education reform during the sixties. He represented those who believed that modern technol-
Upset with the Caveat

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reaction to a letter by the Caveat's SBA Correspondent, Timothy Carter, titled “Score One for Camillo.” I must register my displeasure with the Caveat for several reasons. I must begin by saying that I have interacted with Stacey during the past year in various LEGALS activities. I must agree with Timothy; Stacey is a very dedicated, intelligent student who has made significant contributions to the student body at Golden Gate University. I have always been impressed with her people skills, and I think that she will be a welcome addition to the Bar, a breath of fresh air in a world where candidness and action are not necessarily well rewarded.

I have also had the opportunity to meet Lawrence Kaldor before and during his candidacy for SBA President. While my exposure level with him has not been as broad as with Stacey, I am also impressed with him. They are both obviously cut from a different batch of cloth. Their approach to problems in general and the issues facing law students at Golden Gate in particular are as diametrically opposite as night and day.

For better or worse, Kaldor has injected a sense of participation in the SBA process, which in the better part of my 3 plus years at Golden Gate has been morose and with plenty of non accomplishments (though less so as of late). At times the SBA reminded me of marionettes dancing in the air (I wonder who held the strings). According to Alex Lubarsky, more students have voted on these elections than in previous years, and I believe Kaldor deserves a lot of credit for that.

My irritation with Timothy’s letter is twofold. At the very beginning of his letter he identifies himself as the Caveat’s SBA correspondent. This has the unfortunate effect of giving his position (which is clearly partisan) the imprimatur of officialdom, tantamount to a Caveat endorsement of Stacey Camillo. In light of the

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OUTGOING SBA GIVES THANKS

Many thanks to many people who have caused this year’s SBA to be such a success. First and foremost, thanks is owed to the entire board of governors. Each officer and representative contributed significantly towards the events and policies which this administration can be credited with. You all know who you are and you did a job well done. You should be proud.

Secondly, I would like to thank all of the active students who, although not on the board, strived to make GGU a better place. Thanks goes out to all club presidents, Manning and McMeen Caveat staffs and night students Alison West and Russell Davis for their respective continuing efforts towards the betterment of the community and night student equality to their daytime counterparts.

Lastly, I would like to thank President Stauffer for taking an active interest in the SBA and attending many of our events and meetings. Also, the hard work and dedication of Jim Kowalski, Craig Reynolds, Greg Egerton and Juliet Hippard on the fifteen floor served as the backbone for this year’s accomplishments. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE.

- Alex Lubarsky, SBA President.

Kaldor Scores Too

Like many students, I too was bothered by Tim Carter’s letter to the editor entitled “Score One for Camillo” which appeared in the March issue of The Caveat. This submission served as a raving endorsement of one presidential candidate while simultaneously acting as a scathing criticism of another such candidate.

I object to the timing surrounding the publication of this editorial as it was distributed in the midst of a highly competitive campaign and without equal opportunity to respond afforded to the candidates who received no similar endorsement within the pages of The Caveat.

Furthermore, I object to Carter’s descriptions of MYA Representative Laurence Kaldor including his assertion that Kaldor “leads groups into pointless debates.” Carter prefaces his assessment of Kaldor based on “watching him in class and at SBA meetings.” I believe that simply observing a classmate or an SBA representative in a classroom without more is not a sufficient setting to predicate an attack on such a person’s character and/or leadership abilities.

For well over a year, I have personally known Kaldor both inside and outside of the classroom. I have worked closely with him on many SBA and community service projects. I consider him a close friend and a driving force behind this year’s SBA administration.

I can say without hesitation that Kaldor’s many contributions to our school have been uniformly impressive. Kaldor is not only responsible for bringing us our new law student lounge, but he has also spearheaded a new student organization and strived to enhance the academic assistance program and community service commitments at our institution.

Kaldor’s attendance record at SBA events and meetings is practically unblemished. Kaldor has contributed large amounts of his own time and finances towards noble community services such as feeding the homeless and aiding this physically challenged. Kaldor is more than simply a model SBA board member, he is a model human being.

It does not take a rocket scientist to look at Kaldor’s positive contributions to our school and then take a quick glance at Carter’s negative and mean-spirited letter to see which of these two gentlemen is the one who really scores.

- Alex Lubarsky, SBA President.
MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In Reply To “Not A Clinton Fan”

Ahhhhhh, nothing whines like a Republican without an office. Brings sort of a warm glow to my soul. Hang on, ye right-wing scum; the ride’s about to get rough.

Let’s start with a brief look at some of the high points of twelve years of Republican rule. When Uncle Ronnie was in office, the enemy was the “Evil Empire” of the Soviet Union. Good, ole’ Uncle Ron rose to the occasion by giving a blank check to the military industrial sector. The result: we now have enough death toys to destroy every single form of life on this planet five times over and one hell of a tab to pay off for them.

Uncle Ronnie was also big on anti-terrorist rhetoric, particularly after the 1983 massacre of over three hundred Marines by a suicide bomber in Beirut. I seem to remember him saying, “We will not deal with terrorists on any level.” Two years later, he had a change of heart. Not only was he willing to deal with terrorists, he was willing to sell them weapons in exchange for some cold, hard cash and a few hostages. This way, he would get credit for releasing the hostages and could continue to illegally sponsor a war in Nicaragua. Everybody’s happy, right? After all, it’s far easier to sponsor war than it is to broker peace. The result: a cover up that cost the taxpayers a fortune in both tax money for investigations and confidence in the government.

Bono’s co-star and his successor, George Bush, were both big on the “War on Drugs.” Both Reagan and Bush spent billions of dollars on the “war.” Both Presidents also duped Congress into rewriting narcotics laws and nominated judges who spared no civil right in the pursuit of a drug-free America. The result: drugs are cheaper and more available now than before the “war” got started and first-time, non-violent drug offenders take up prison space that should be occupied by the repeat felons.

One thing I’ll give the Republicans is that they carry on with conviction. Unfortunately, this conviction frequently stems from a grand jury indictment. Kay Bailey Hutchinson weaseled out from under her indictment with a little help from a friendly Republican judge. Former HUD Secretary Deborah Gore Dean will be doing a stretch for lining her own pockets with HUD funds. Ollie North, John Poindexter, & Co. were fortunate enough to have their unindicted co-conspirator George Bush pardon them. In fact, Ollie has chosen to show his gratitude by running for a Virginia Senate seat.

Not all Republicans can run with this type of conviction, though. Honorable mention goes to John Sununu, Ed Meese, and Bob Packwood.

The “three cherries” of Republican gain that Mr. Pollack raises hardly herald the demise of the Democratic lock on power. The blue-blooded Bible-Belters of Virginia have gone from bad to worse by replacing the inept Douglas Wilder with the inept and impotent George Allen. Allen will reap the windfall of the Clinton administration’s plan to make Norfolk the center of Naval operations.

Allen will, no doubt, claim that he is responsible for all of the jobs generated by the Clinton plan. As far as family values go, we’ll wait to see which beauty queen Allen gets caught reading scripture to.

The fickle finger of New Yorkers has landed on Rudolph Giuliani. One need only look as far as Giuliani’s well-behaved son to see the type of law and order Rudolph will bring to the Big Apple.

Finally, we come to Christie Todd Whitman. Let me be frank: the governor of the great Hole of New Jersey has about as much impact on American politics as a mosquito on a car windshield.

The hardcore fact of the matter is that Republicans have ignored the domestic is considering publishing summer issues, resource and personnel permitting. If you plan to be around this summer and would like to lend a hand, let us know. The office phone number is (415) 442-6698. You may also leave a written note in the Submissions Envelope located on the door of Room 223 in the 536 Mission building.
needs of America for too long. Clinton didn’t need to make insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies and health care providers the enemy; they did it all on their own. The truth is that these three entities have been sodomizing the American people so long and hard that “affordable health care” is nothing more than an oxymoron.

Let me sketch out the picture for you. Health care is now provided by corporations. Corporations aren’t interested in making you better, they’re interested in maximizing the profit they make off of you. How do they maximize this profit? By inflating costs, authorizing hoards of unnecessary, over-priced tests and sticking patients’ insurance companies with the bill. Unfortunately, insurance companies are also interested in maximizing their profit. To compensate for medical corporation greed, insurance companies pass their costs to the consumer. Insurance companies also exacerbate the problem by charging outlandish rates for malpractice insurance. Naturally, doctors pass this cost on to their patients, who in turn pass the cost on to the insurance company, who pass the cost back to the consumer. Drug companies add to this little triangle trade by keeping the cost of prescription drugs artificially high via price fixing. The pattern isn’t too hard to figure out, yet it has remained beyond the grasp of Republicans for many years now.

What really terrifies Republicans about Clinton is that his administration works at a pace that Republicans just can’t keep up with. The monstrous domestic problems that the previous administrations handed off to Clinton require hard work that Republicans aren’t used to putting out. How does the G.O.P. respond to this challenge? With a plethora of pitiful diversionary tactics. First it was the State Troopers who helped Clinton with the ladies. That didn’t pan out, so they leaned full-tilt boogie into Whitewater.

Funny how Whitewater came up just as Congress was going to have to get busy on health care reform. The Republicans need the time to muster their few collective brain cells in order to devise a plan that will save the money makers who keep the Republican war chests full. Then they need to sell the plan to the public. Odds on that happening are too long to bother contemplating.

The pathetic gaffes offered by Bob Dole, Phil Gramm, Newt Gingrich & Co. over the last few months give me confidence that we can not only look forward to another Clinton term, but two Gore terms as well. Get used to the idea.

—Paul Addis, 1L

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the fact the March issue of the Caveat was distributed while the elections were taking place, it reduces what might have been otherwise valuable commentary to the worthiness of a hit piece.

I would not be surprised to learn that the Caveat did not advise other candidates of this letter. With foreseeability being a concept so deeply ingrained into our heads, why did the Caveat allowed this to happen? Naturally, there is not much that can be done now to repair the damage done. I had always believed that the Caveat was a balanced forum...or is it a breeding ground for the politicos of tomorrow?

I am writing this before the votes are counted and we determine who will be SBA president. I am convinced that whoever gets elected as president will do a good job. But the lesson should not be quickly forgotten, and we must not allow the Caveat or its staff to commit such a faux pas again.

- Orlando Gotay Jr., 3L

Too much foreseeability, not enough First Amendment. We print the submissions we receive, and have no duty to canvass the student body for submissions with opposing viewpoints.

—Editor

APOCALYPSE of the FORESTS

Dear Editor,

I recently received the transcript of President Clinton’s “Forest Summit” in Portland, Oregon, on 2 April 1993. While the new administration is regarded as having solid environmental credentials, it is likely that the result of the Summit will be continued logging of national forests at unsustainable rates. Without serious reductions in logging, exports, and consumption, habitat destruction, community instability and the loss of biodiversity will continue unchecked.

Absent a comprehensive forest protection plan and clear, specific standards for forest protection, the public will be unable to set forest protection goals. The current problems facing the administration in this area are the following:

1) EXPORTS: The administration had indicated that exports of unfinished wood products will not be curtailed. More raw wood is being exported from the six Northwest states than is cut on all national forests nationwide. The result is that timber from public lands is now used to supply domestic needs that could be met from wood currently exported. Instead of exporting what we need by continuing to exploit our forests, we should use our forests for national need and curtail exports. Eliminating raw wood exports would protect mill jobs, and could eliminate the need to log public lands.

2) CONSUMPTION: Current levels of forest destruction are unsustainable. Failure to address this core problem will result in the timber industry shifting the cut to other public areas. Presently, industry is shifting toward Oregon and the Northern Rockies. In Idaho the government and industry are pushing plans for the largest timber sale in the country. This sale involves plans for taxpayer-subsidized roads in a roadless wilderness area. In Montana there is a continuing loss of biologists and an increase in timber planners. Federal agencies are moving the biologists to where the timber cut has already occurred and the timber pro-

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AND STILL MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Should SBA funds be used to send a Golden Gate University representative to an ABA convention?

CON
Dear Editor:

I would just like to call attention to the SBA meeting of April 18, 1994. At this meeting, Alex Lubarsky steamrolled the SBA into allocating $1,000 to attend the ABA convention in New Orleans in August. Many people at the meeting voiced concern about the amount, but Alex poo-pooed all opposition. Alex also exercised three proxy votes in addition to his own vote, so he had four votes as soon as he raised his hand. This is a classic example of a conflict of interest — Alex was voting for funds that would directly benefit himself. He should have at least disqualified himself and, arguably, the other three votes should have been proxied to someone else.

$1,000 is the amount spent by the SBA on the SBA Fall Picnic, which was for the entire student body. In addition, as a member of another student organization, I encountered Alex’s heated challenges to amounts of money requested. He is always adamant about requiring specifics of how money is to be spent, yet he did not itemize in any way how he plans to spend $1,000.

I personally have a problem with paying $1,000 out of SBA funds for anyone from this school to go cavort around the French Quarter. I have no problem with paying for airfare and reasonable hotel accommodations. However, any food and entertainment should come from his own pocket.

I understand that this is a national organization, and the possible award will benefit the school. The SBA gave lip-service to giving such funds to other organizations to attend a conference for a national award, however, I am not aware of any national awards granted for any of our student organizations.

Is this really how we want our contribution to SBA funds spent?

- Vicki Clark, 2L

PRO
Dear Editor:

I am writing to voice my feelings regarding Vicki Clark’s letter that appears in this same issue. In essence, Vicky is opposed to Alex Lubarsky attending the ABA convention in New Orleans this summer.

Vicky’s letter uses invectives, lacks significant argument, and panders to the student body’s worst fears about implied money mismanagement “...cavort[ing] around in the French Quarter.” The Caveat is not the appropriate forum for these kinds of objections. Specifically, the issue regarding money allocations for the trip, who was to go on behalf of the SBA, and all other associated matters have been on the SBA’s agenda for the last three sessions - that’s over a full month! Certainly, if Vicki was so interested in protecting the SBA’s coffers we would have been glad to hear her views at either the SBA meetings or the Budget committee meetings. Unfortunately, her misguided criticisms come to us a little too late.

In the future, perhaps she will be interested in running for the SBA office, where she will certainly show her zealousness in the disbursement of SBA funds.

To set the record straight: the motion for funds allocated specifically directed that the $1000 was to be a ceiling amount, and Alex will have to detail his expenses to the SBA upon his return. THIS MONEY WAS VOTED TO COME FROM PROCEEDS FROM THE BOOK SALE FUND RAISER IN WHICH THE SBA MADE $1500.00 BY ITSELF. Alex made a showing that it is reasonable to frugally spend close to $1000. Any fat on his expenses, I assure, will be scrutinized by folks like Vicki.

Apparently, Vicki also neglects to mention that Alex’s outstanding contributions to our Law School are what have gotten us into this debate (He’s also the ABA 14th Circuit Lieutenant Governor.) Would you rather have us standing in line for a NATIONAL award for best SBA in the COUNTRY at the ABA convention, or would you rather have continued the morass of inactivity we had before Alex took office?

All motions regarding travel to the convention were passed by a substantial majority of the voting members, after all in attendance had ample opportunity to express any concerns. The motion allocating travel and expense money passed 14-4.

I commend all those who even belatedly take an interest in our SBA affairs. We have witnessed lots of new faces in this arena lately. However, I think that all input to make us a better student body should be addressed through the appropriate channels for it to be effective, and not just mistaken as post facto whining.

- Orlando Gotay, Jr. 3L

ARE YOU A CRITIC?
If so, come work for the Caveat!

COMING SOON!
The Caveat is planning a writing competition for the Fall 1994 semester. There will be a CASH prize for the best submitted article. You are free to write on any topic; however, submissions must be limited to three typed, double-spaced pages. Look for details in the September issue of the Caveat.
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husband, John Wayne, while feminist and battered women’s groups rallied behind Lorena Bobbit. Each of these groups can bring money for legal defenses, add political pressure, use their status to gain more media attention for their issues, and complicate a seemingly cut and dried issue into one of national and social importance.

The Mendez trial was also influenced by media scrutiny. The juries could not decide what to do with the two brothers who admitted to killing their parents. The media and the defense took us to the story behind the story; emotional and sexual abuse by a controlling father who tormented the boys while the helpless mother stood by. The media reports fascinated us, and helped to generate support for the boys’ plight as abused children.

Saying the media is used to influence the outcome of a case is not to say that it causes juries to decide cases incorrectly. However, it does suggest that juries are influenced by public opinion generated from a trial. For example, the Rodney King jury saw how their decision in the well publicized case was greeted by the public. That public response has and will probably continue to influence juries in future cases of suspected racially motivated police beatings.

The facts behind the legal facts can provide us with a better context in which to understand a case. But how will an understanding of those facts, presented to the public, influence the outcome of the case? Should we be learning about the influence of the media and public opinion while in law school? Or do we need to have a public relations expert in every law firm to help us make our case in the press as well as in the courtroom?

The answers to the questions may lie in defining how we as individuals are affected by media coverage of events. As a law student, I am beginning to understand the complicated issues behind the titillating facts, and I realize that the media is a terrible place to try a case. At the same time I am fascinated by the stories behind the stories. Maybe if the media could help us to go beyond the facts, and understand how the law works, it might be a more useful part of the process.

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ogy was largely evil and who wanted to radically change the way our schools operate. He felt it necessary to give children a chance to develop their “whole” personality in a liberal environment. This, he supposed, would create a person better capable of dealing with the newly developing mass-communication age.

The subjects that seem to be most important to Postman are education, the media, and technology, and their effect on culture. There are at least two different meanings for the word culture: one is the anthropological sense that a behavioral scientist might use to objectively describe how a group of people live; the other is an older meaning which suggests “higher culture.” Among the possible attributes of higher culture are a refined taste in art, politeness, strong critical reasoning and logic skills, and a well-rounded education. Postman laments the loss of culture in our society.

In Teaching as a Conserving Activity (1979), we can see a huge change in Postman’s ideological disposition. In this book he explains that his aversion to 1960’s liberalism generated from the movement’s failure to really address the changing needs of students and the lack of constructive solutions. He describes a confrontation with what were then fellow radicals that ended in one of them explaining to Postman, somewhat condescendingly, that in order to affect real change in America the “USS WASP” would have to be destroyed. He could see good reason to tear down and rebuild the USS WASP, but they were not the same reasons that many radicals had. Finally, he broke ties with his radical comrades.

Postman may be quite correct in his analysis of modern popular culture, but there is no certain method for understanding what the mind-set in colonial America was.

— Noemi Azoubel, 1L

Nippon Business Association gives free Japanese lessons every Tuesday at noon on the 4th floor of 536 Mission.

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“When I became the Co-chair of LEGALS, my concern was to represent every LEGALS member before the school and before the Board of Governors. I see my role as SBA president as representing every student. I think that one of the talents I do have, is that I can see the forest for the trees. I think it’s been a real misnomer that I’ll have great pull in any one direction. I’ve got one vote, just like every other member of the Board of Governors. I hope to work as a unit, and not a president delivering edicts,” said Camillo.

Camillo’s campaign platform did not include promises to change the world or to guarantee a job for every graduate. Rather, she focused on simple, yet highly practical objectives. Camillo already has a short-term goal she plans to accomplish before final exams.

“During the exam period, I want to have the Student Handbook exam procedures posted either on the third floor or in the student lounge. Let’s have the rules written out so everybody can have access to them, so if there are any concerns about rescheduling exams or other concerns we might have during exams, at least we will know what the proper procedures are,” explained Camillo.

Camillo also wants to post professors’ office hours, phone numbers, and class schedules in a central location. She plans to put up a bulletin board with such information before the summer session begins.

Over the summer, Camillo and the other officers will revamp the SBA’s budget system. “One thing I’d like to do is to not play ‘hide the ball’ with groups who are going to be requesting money. I really think that they should know what guidelines that we are going to be using. We’ll use a balancing test, to use the hackneyed law school term. How many members does the club have? How will the group use the money to reach the goals it has set out?” said Camillo. “The closer the clubs are in line with our goals as students, the more apt they are to get the money.”

Camillo moved to San Francisco six years ago. The inspiration to move to California came while watching the 1988 Super Bowl. The weather in San Francisco looked much nicer than that in Maryland, so she and some friends packed up and moved West. Camillo plans to remain in San Francisco.

Camillo completed her undergraduate education at the University of Maryland, at College Park, where she studied Anthropology and Philosophy. Following graduation, Camillo worked for five years as a legal assistant in firms specializing in plaintiffs’ actions for personal injury and medical malpractice.

Camillo was born in Hawaii and raised in Maryland, although she has lived in several places. “My dad worked for IBM, which stands for ‘I’ve been moved!’” joked Camillo.

COMING TO SEE PALSGRAF - THE MOVIE, AND THE INITIATION OF THE NEW SBA ADMINISTRATION!

Food and Beer will be served. The party will be on Monday, April 25, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room 380

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most of Northern California.

Golden Gate University is currently a candidate for the ABA’s award as the best SBA in the country. Lubarsky credits the current Golden Gate officers for their active contributions this year. At the beginning of his term, Lubarsky made each officer choose a specific goal to accomplish. Almost every officer has accomplished his or her goal.

For example, Third Year Rep Jeremy Blank coordinated the Billy McGlore reception, which gave students an opportunity to meet people outside of their assigned sections.

“A lot of students met professors and other students through those receptions. If you balance the $75 spent on the keg and the rewards people got from the event, I think it was money well spent,” explained Lubarsky.

The SBA is also responsible for the new law student lounge on the second floor. “Laurence Kaldor did a great job getting the student lounge together. There’s now a central place for students to get together. Laurence really worked hard to make that happen,” said Lubarsky.

Other SBA accomplishments include the “face board” with pictures of all the officers, which was created by Treasurer Marie Davidson. Night Student VP April Reid held another highly successful night student forum. And, Second Year Rep Mark Figueiredo organized the used book sale and started the professor evaluations.

“I think the evaluations are a great accomplishment of this administration, because it’s the first time students will be able to see what other students think of professors. Until now, the evaluations done in class would only be seen by the administration,” said Lubarsky.

Vice President Tracy Mlodozenic put up the club bulletin boards and the master calendar system. The calendar is posted in the student lounge to help student organizations avoid scheduling meetings or speakers which conflict with activities sponsored by other groups.

“We still have some fun events coming up this year, like the Giant’s Day and Film Festival later this month,” said Lubarsky. Lubarsky is also working on a mailbox system, which would give each student a place to leave messages for other students. Two plans have been submitted to Dean Pagano, and the project should be completed this summer.

The SBA also revamped its budgeting system this year. “I think it worked much more efficiently than in the past. As SBA President, clubs would come to me complaining that they didn’t get enough money budgeted to them. But looking back at the past year, of the 16 clubs that we budgeted for, only one actually used all of its money. The rest haven’t even spent all of their money yet, so they had more than enough. We also have a budgetary appeals process. Only two groups appealed their budgets, and we were able to work it out to their satisfaction,” said Lubarsky.

He added that the club which ran out of money was given the extra money. LEGALS received extra funding for its “The please see Lubarsky, page 11.
To those two or three hecklers out there who think they're real big-shots, if you really believe their hard work and extraordinary efforts to make our school a better place, I am extremely proud of this year's board of governors and their accomplishments. I compare this administration to others in our circuit (or in the nation for that matter) in - I dare you.

The fruits of their labors. I am confident that any student who would take the time to have a bone to pick with me or any member/aspect of my administration, I'll be in - I dare you.

Are meritious of appreciation from the many students who will and do benefit from the coveted ABA SBA of the year award. Some of our noteworthy accomplishments include the dinner for the homeless, the new law student lounge, the mentor program, student club bulletin boards, the implementation of a judicial committee, event calendaring coordination system, the making of much needed constitutional revisions, the used outline sale, a mentor program, Giant's day, the implementation of an enhanced budgeting procedure, Billy McGlore receptions, volunteer work for the San Francisco Food Bank, the 25th annual SBA picnic, work-a-day program, student administered professor evaluations, an SBA board of governors candidates debate, the SBA planning retreat, the initiation of a project to implement student mailboxes, student gym memberships, the film festival, the night student forum and the MYA reception - to name just a few off the top of my head! Heckle that.

It should be noted that while most other schools pay their SBA officers either via wages or in free school credits, this year's SBA board has diligently strived to accomplish the above mentioned feats through multiple headaches and countless hours of hard work that received no remuneration other than self satisfaction and pride in our school and community. I have served as the ABA's Lieutenant Governor's of SBA's for the fourteenth circuit, an area covering all law schools as far south as Santa Clara and as far north as Davis, and I honestly believe that no other SBA in our circuit has done as much for their schools as has this year's SBA. I am extremely proud of this year's board of governors and their accomplishments. I believe their hard work and extraordinary efforts to make our school a better place are meritiuous of appreciation from the many students who will and do benefit from the fruits of their labors. I am confident that any student who would take the time to compare this administration to others in our circuit (or in the nation for that matter) will be equally as proud.

To those two or three hecklers out there who think they're real big-shots, if you really have a bone to pick with me or any member/aspect of my administration, I'll be in my office during my normal office hours this Thursday from 4:45-6:30 - come on in - I dare you.

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**ISLAND IN THE PARK**

Come to an All-School Picnic on Saturday, April 30, 1994 at the Speedway Meadow in Golden Gate Park!

Festivities will start at noon and last until dusk. Food, drinks, games, costume contest, prizes, music, and... FUN!!!!

Meet students from: Calif. College of Podiatric Medicine; UCSF Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, and Pharmacy; USF Law School; and UOP Dental School!

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Families We Choose" symposium last month.

Lubarsky grew up in the Bay Area. He studied English at Louis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, as an undergradate. Lubarsky chose to attend GGU because its part-time night program allowed him to continue working during the day.

Until last fall, Lubarsky clerked in a law firm which specializes in travel law. He enjoys traveling and will pursue a career in hotel and travel law after graduation.

Lubarsky currently teaches a Hotel Law class at San Francisco State University and is working on projects with GGU's Hotel and Tourism Department. Lubarsky studied in Moscow through Cardozo Law School last summer.

Although he graduates in May, he will take the Bar Exam next February.

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Often, people would buy books, or even series of books, without even reading them. Furthermore, it is not certain how he gained a good understanding of how many people stayed eight hours or longer to watch the Lincoln-Douglas debates.

In his latest book, Technopoly: The Surrender of Culture to Technology (1993), Postman admits that he is sometimes prone to exaggeration: "My defense is that a dissenting voice is sometimes needed to moderate the din made by the enthusiastic multitudes" (1993, P. 5). He maintains that very often people consider technology as a friend because it makes our lives easier, but they fail to consider that it is killing us intellectually. Technology may seem to help solve problems, but in reality, it creates more than it solves. It allows us to speak with our loved ones over long distances, but if it were not for the highly mobile nature of modern industrial society there might not be such a need. His stance that technology is bad is convincing.

Postman ends his latest effort with another call to reform our schools. He asks that connections be made between...
S.B.A. PRESIDENT’S PERSPECTIVE
by Alex Lubarsky
Student Bar Association President

Can This Really Be Happening In Law School?

I got heckled. I got up in front of a large class in auditorium A to give a routine SBA announcement. I wanted to urge students to fill out the SBA professor evaluations so that my administration could waste no time in computing student responses to individual professors and making them available to the students next semester. I remembered first speaking in front of the huge class and how I would shake and stutter, horrified by the intimidating mass of bodies that sloped up into the sky before me. However, with each announcement I made it got easier and easier. I eventually overcame my fear of large audiences. This one would be a synch.

My professor likes to toy with me. He always thinks of some fun and humoring way of introducing me to his class that is already all too familiar with my routine little reminders and endorsements. The tall, poised professor composed himself under the awkward track lighting and started in with his introduction after rapping his knuckles against the podium a few times - his patented and sure fire method of quieting down the sea of buzzing chatter, clicking binders and unfolding seats that invariably yields to his energetic lectures. “Your president Mr. Lubarsky has an announcement to make to you, or should I call him, in light of the pending election, your soon to be ex-president.” This announcement was followed by a short and small burst of applause by two or three hecklers (applauding on key just when the words “soon to be ex” spilled from the professor’s mouth). The offensive applause was quickly drowned out by a unison gasp of disbelief/disgust from the majority of my fellow classmates.

I was stunned. Thoughts raced through my head. My first reaction was a smile. It had to have been a joke. Everyone in the auditorium was well aware that the undisputed class clown of GGU, a student who shall remain nameless - Matt Lamphere, was in the back row and my instinctive reaction was that Lamphere scored yet another point in a long series of well-intentioned, witty triumphs (which included such notables as replacing my picture on the faceboard with a large naked man whose skin was painted green in the spirit of the incredible hulk and his rendition of the court’s reasoning in the Here’s Johnny Portable Toilet case). I shyly glanced up from the professor evaluation I held propped before me and to my dismay, Lamphere was not smiling.

Stunned, I made my announcement and fumbled across that narrow backpack studded path which lies between rows of knees and the backs of auditorium chairs until I managed to plop into my seat where I tried with little success to forget the unbelievable display of immaturity and downright rudeness that had just transpired, not on a school yard playground but in a graduate school classroom. The professor lightly chided the few hecklers for their disrespect to their fellow student but I was oblivious to this as a lethal mixture of anger, humiliation and disgust swirled in my stomach.

I don’t know for sure who these few hecklers were and I really don’t care to know. I do know however, that if ANYONE has a gripe with me or my administration there are several channels for expressing any such discontentment. SBA meetings are every week and are open to the ENTIRE student body. In addition to this, both the board members and I religiously keep office hours which are posted throughout the school and the SBA has not one but TWO drop off areas for letters and notes. Finally, The Caveat can and should be used as a forum for students to air their opinions about any aspect even tangentially related to their law school experience. I shudder as I dare to envision what kind of attorneys such sophomoric hecklers will evolve into. Will they fail to adhere to the court’s rules of procedure and simply show up in some court