

GSMSA NEWSLETTER

Hello,

April 7, 1986

Here it is the start of Spring Quarter already. It's hard to believe there are less than ten weeks left before many of us graduate--hopefully! Unfortunately I have to convey some bad news regarding our St. Patrick's Day Party at the end of finals week.

During the course of the evening the men's restroom was vandalized and the resulting damage will cost GSMSA over \$650 to repair. Not only does this put a deep dent in our current financial resources, but also damages the reputation of our school in the eyes of the University. In fact, future parties which GSMSA attempts to sponsor may suffer as a result. Because of this it has become necessary to restrict attendance to GSMSA sponsored parties to GSM students, faculty and staff, and their immediate families or significant others (this includes dates). Other people which GSM students wish to invite will be handled on an individual basis and, depending on the circumstance, may be registered in advance.

Even though this may seem harsh, it is the only way we can be sure that GSMSA is assessed only for charges which are incurred by its members. At this time, we cannot prove who caused this damage and even though a full police report was filed, it is doubtful that those responsible will ever be caught. To protect our reputation and ensure that this kind of thing does not happen again, this policy will be effective immediately and until further notice.

On a lighter note, thanks to all who turned out to play softball last Saturday, everyone had a great time and another game has been scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd. Mark it on your calendar now.

Speaking of calendars, other notable dates this quarter include the Spring Tennis Tournament on April 12th, Wayzgoose on April 26th, Awards Banquet on May 17th, the GSMSA/Alumni Picnic on May 31st, and last, but not least, the GSM Commencement ceremonies will be held on Saturday, June 14th in Crawford Hall. Plans are also underway to have a major dance during the quarter which will be similar in nature to last year's Big Chill Hop held in the Heritage Room. A date has not yet been set and more news will follow later. Hopefully students will turn out in force to support these events along with our weekly happy hours and other GSMSA activities.

Finally, many of you may have noticed that GSMSA's office has moved. We're now located on the second floor in room 238, behind room 232. By the way, since our move two nameplates have been removed from the board outside our old office which belong to Keith Neergard and Carol Howard, if anyone has any information about them, please tell Bonnie Bates in room 323.

Have a good quarter.

Gerry Gallagher, President of GSMSA

CORRECTION: Due to an oversight in one of our newsletters regarding the Student Employer reception last quarter, we failed to thank both LIZ ELMS and KATHERINE DICKEY for their help and support in organizing this highly successful event. Our belated thanks to both of them.

ELECTIONS

Nominations are currently being accepted for this year's election of officers for 1986-87. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, April 9th at 5:00 p.m. This year's election already promises to have a record number of candidates for all offices, a sign of the continued growth we are experiencing here at GSM. As a note, candidates are reminded that all campaigning must be limited to word-of-mouth or materials placed in student mailboxes at the candidate's own expense. Due to our limited space and business nature of the school, we cannot allow posters on school walls. Your cooperation is appreciated. Voting will begin next Monday, April 14th and will close on Friday, April 18th at 5:00 p.m. Good luck!

DEAN'S HAPPY HOUR

Our thanks to DR. MARGULIES for interrupting his busy schedule and taking the time to talk with students about the future of GSM and some of its problems last Wednesday. For those that couldn't attend, DEAN MARGULIES told students about the completion of plans for the new building, scheduled to open within the next two years. The FHP healthcare company is also in the process of donating \$1 million to GSM to establish a chair in the growing field of healthcare. This will be officially announced on April 15th at a press conference in Long Beach. Newt also asked students to have patience during the present space crunch and asked for our cooperation. Also of interest to students is the impending appointment of an advancement and development officer for GSM who will start work by July 1st. This position will be responsible for fund-raising and further enhancing the visibility and reputation of our school among the local and national community.

MASTER REP'S REPORT

A Faculty meeting took place last Monday, March 31st, at which a variety of topics of interest to students was discussed. The appointment of a full-time Development officer for GSM was announced. Their responsibilities will include recruitment and fund-raising activities. Also the \$1 million donation for a Chair in the field of healthcare from FHP was announced and it will probably be a year or so before this position can be filled.

The school has been allocated space in the office tower which is currently under construction in the Marketplace across the street. The question is, who will go? I suggested that rather than send any one group to the new offices, such as PhDs or staff, in order to maintain a close-knit community a mixed group should be sent of various groups who would like to move. This would help to avoid the isolation of any particular group of GSM personnel.

Finally, recruitment of faculty for next year is continuing in the areas of Finance and Accounting. A debate continues over the field of public policy and its place in the GSM curriculum. Any students who feel strongly about this topic, or any other topic at GSM should talk to me or leave a note in my box. I'll be happy to discuss any problems you have and present them to faculty or the administration in the future.

KRISTEN MONSON

CAREER NOTES

Students interested in internships and career placement activities at GSM should give their input to Diana Cooper for the upcoming Student Placement Advisory Committee meeting. First year students interested in joining the committee, which meets once a quarter to discuss student placement, please contact Diana.

GSM students conducting a job search for full-time career positions or part-time / internship positions are encouraged to contact Placement Counselor Linda Heintz for information on interviewing techniques. If there is significant interest, Linda will arrange an interview workshop exclusively for GSMers.

GSMSA STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to all students who took the time to respond to our GSMSA Survey last quarter. Although the results have not been thoroughly tabulated and analyzed, a preliminary examination of the data has provided some interesting facts. Some of the more interesting facts are listed below.

- o 41 percent of the respondents work full-time and 41 percent work part-time. Therefore, 82 percent currently hold jobs.
- o 61 percent of those who answered the survey were males.
- o 40 percent are part-time students (enrolled in less than 12 units).

The first portion of the questionnaire was based on the involvement of students in GSM activities. Interestingly, the two things students do most often, are check their mailboxes and read the newsletter. (3.68 and 3.30 scores out of 4 respectively.) The least attended activities were Day-On-The-Jobs with a score of 1.27 out of 4, and using the Reading Room to study: a score of 1.71 out of 4.

The second portion of the survey attempted to measure students' opinions on the school. All these scores were out of a possible 7 points. The five highest scoring statements were:

- 1) The staff at GSM is helpful.....5.70
- 2) I have the opportunity to contribute if I want.....5.61
- 3) Internships are important.....5.47
- 4) I feel I will get a better job with my MBA.....5.46
- 5) First year students have a chance to contribute.....5.43

The five statements on which most students were neutral were:

- 1) GSM's career placement does a good job.....4.00
- 2) Class schedules are well planned.....3.98
- 3) Day classes are preferable to nights.....3.89
- 4) Classrooms are conducive to learning.....3.72
- 5) I read the GSMSA notice board regularly.....3.72

The five lowest scores were:

- 1) I check the job board regularly.....3.41
- 2) I can't participate because there's too much going on.....3.40
- 3) My faculty advisor knows me by name.....3.09
- 4) My faculty advisor is interested in my progress at GSM.....3.00
- 5) GSM is too competitive.....2.98

Positive responses outnumbered negative responses 33 to 12, so it seems that most students are fairly happy with the way things are. A more detailed and hopefully informative analysis of the data will take a longer time and the results will be available soon. Thanks again for your participation. By the way, most students would not like to have speakers at every happy hour (3.66 out of 7) so you will notice we have fewer speakers this quarter!