

Dr. Corinne Gilb

## Dr. Gilb's Interests Vary

By Barb Forster

Lobbying, legislation, lawyers . . . is there anything about California politics that Dr. Corinne Lathrop Gilb doesn't know? We doubt it. In fact, although she is primarily concerned with social trends and political issues in American life, Dr. Gilb has a wide field of interests.



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Perhaps best known to freshmen and ex-freshmen as a Humanities instructor, Dr. Gilb also teaches Social and Intellectual History of the United States, and has taught both courses during the four years she has been at Mills. She advises Political Forum when called upon, too.

Outside the Mills community, she is Mrs. Tyrell T. Gilb, and lives with her husband and two daughters, Lesley, 14, and Tyra Ellen, 5; in their Berkeley home, which she judges as "12½ minutes from Mills with a good wind."

Before moving to Berkeley in 1949, Canadian-born Dr. Gilb lived in Washington, where she received her B.A. from the University of Washington in 1946; in Massachusetts, where she received her Ph.D. from Radcliffe College in 1957; and in Berkeley for the interim, receiving her Masters

from Cal in 1951. Dr. Gilb attended the University of California Law School and Institute of Industrial Relations. (She studied the west coast Teamsters Union quite thoroughly, and hopes to write about it soon.)

Dr. Gilb gives a great number of speeches to a variety of groups, such as a Unitarian Conference and the National Association of Manufacturers. She enjoys these because, as she says, "they help me work out my ideas." She appeared on television recently to speak on Proposition 15, and rates political issues among her favorite topics.

In education, Dr. Gilb has for the last eleven months been a member of the committee which is overhauling the Berkeley school system; and she helped draft that committee's final report. Dr. Gilb is also President of the Northern California chapter of the American Studies Program to which she is campaigning the importance of social sciences.

Of the many things we can look forward to from Dr. Gilb are her forthcoming book, *The Bar and the State*, which deals with law-

yers in government, and a book, *Patterns of Organization in American Life*, which she hopes to complete within the next two or three years. This book will contain many of Dr. Gilb's own new and exciting theories on the direction of contemporary American society, on which her course in Social and Intellectual History is now based.

This sort of work is not new to Dr. Gilb: she is an experienced researcher and prolific author of scholarly articles.

Dr. Gilb feels that Mills is an exciting school in which to teach, due to the high calibre and generally good attitude of the students, and the Mills environment, which permits concentration on academics. She remarked that this year's freshmen have had a more rigorous preparation for college, and this makes her Humanities classes more vital and profitable.

Dr. Gilb's only criticism of Mills is that it tends to be too isolated from everyday life and sometimes "too genteel." She feels that "one foot should be firmly entrenched in reality."