



The famed Bodleian Law Library at Oxford University (above) is home to an extraordinary collection of materials that attracts scholars from around the world.

### Georgia Law expands to Oxford

What better study abroad location could there be than to attend an internationally-renowned university, with a centuries-old reputation for outstanding academic achievement and innovation? You guessed it.

This next academic year, 10 lucky Georgia Law second- and third-year students will have the opportunity to study at Oxford University.

The 15-week program will run from January through April and has been approved for accreditation by the American Bar Association. Participants will take four courses and receive 12 semester hours of credit. Three of the four courses will address comparative law subjects in a "traditional" small group classroom setting.

The fourth course, a supervised research tutorial, will require students to write a lengthy research paper on a comparative or international law topic of their own choosing.

Students will reside, for the most part, in UGA's Victorian house in North Oxford. UGA is currently ranked as one of the top eight study abroad universities in the nation with more than 100 study abroad and exchange programs in 42 countries.

Georgia Law is partnering with The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in this exciting new learning venture.

### Georgia Law remains strong in U.S. News

In this year's "America's Best Graduate Schools" published by *U.S. News & World Report*, Georgia Law finished in the top 14 public law schools in the nation and fourth in the Southeast.

"Georgia Law is an outstanding law school, one of the finest in the nation. And certainly it is nice to be ranked highly by *U.S. News*, which continues to place us among the top public law schools in the country," Dean Rebecca H. White said.

Overall, Georgia Law tied for 36th with Indiana University – Bloomington and Wake Forest.

### Georgia Law ranked 12th in nation for A-A enrollment

Last fall, *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education* compiled a report examining the percentage of African-American students studying at our nation's 187 accredited law schools.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities, with percentages of African-American students ranging from 86.0 percent to 34.4 percent, occupied the top five positions.

Georgia Law was listed in the 12th position with 88 black students, representing 12.7 percent of its student body.

### UGA named as one of the most connected campuses

The University of Georgia is among universities that are setting the pace for campus-wide connectivity, according to a recent survey conducted by *The Princeton Review*.

UGA placed 10th in the magazine's rankings of "America's Most Connected Campuses."

More than 350 top universities and colleges were analyzed for the rankings with only the top 25 schools being ranked.

The survey looked at the ratio of students to computers along with a list of 20 criteria regarding campus technological sophistication.

The criteria included, among others, the availability of a campus network; the existence of a wireless network; whether students can register for courses and conduct other administrative tasks online; and whether the school streams audio or video of its courses.

Since 1989, UGA has worked tirelessly to develop and broaden wireless and network technologies that allow students, faculty and staff to communicate, access learning, conduct research and coordinate administrative functions anytime and anywhere on campus and off.

In 2001, the law school participated in a pilot project, the university's PAWS system (Personal Access Wireless/Walkup System) that provides students, faculty and staff wireless access to the Internet and UGA networking resources.

Since then, the law school has installed more electrical outlets in the library and classrooms to accommodate the widespread use of laptops.

"We noticed cords being strung around the [classrooms]," Carol A. Watson (J.D.'87), the school's computing services supervisor, said. "It was a dangerous situation."

In a survey conducted last spring, law students responded that they liked having notes in an electronic format and wireless Internet access. Second-year law student Michele J. Kim said she would not think of going to class without her laptop.

- Compiled from reports by *The Red & Black* and *UGA Public Affairs*

## Georgia Law in the news

### Evolution more than a guess Los Angeles Times

The debate between science and religion heated up again in 2004 when the Cobb County (Ga.) School District was challenged in court for its use of evolution disclaimer stickers in science textbooks. In an article originally written for the *Los Angeles Times* and picked up by several nationally recognized newspapers, evolution specialist Edward J. Larson said if students are "allowed to conclude that the theory of evolution is little more than Darwin's best guess on the origin of species, then science education is gravely undermined."

### Use of eminent domain power rare

Hall County (Ga.) commissioners tried use the power of eminent domain to force the sale of 323 acres of private land for use as a county park. This power, which allows governments to force sales if the land will benefit the public, is not used often, land use expert Laurie Fowler said in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. "In general, local governments are not willing to exercise their eminent domain power because of the bad feelings it creates," she said. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

### Dramatic trial elements

The nation looked on as the story of Georgia dentist Barton Corbin, charged with killing his wife and a former girlfriend, unfolded. Trial law sage Ronald L. Carlson indicated in the *Chicago Sun Times* that the Corbin case will be unique because of its many dramatic elements. "It includes the aspects of jealousy, obsessiveness, a close relationship between the parties involved, and perhaps most importantly, very attractive people who were killed," he said.

### Commerce Clause prohibits discrimination

In March, the Missouri legislature considered a bill that would exempt Missouri-built vehicles from state sales tax. However, tax law guru Walter Hellerstein said in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* that a bill like this would be unconstitutional. "I can understand why a (state) legislator would want to do this, but we have a Commerce Clause that basically says we have a national common market and you can't discriminate against products of other states," he said.

### No clear genocidal activity The New York Times

Followers of a spiritual practice sued Zhao Zhizhen, a Chinese TV director, for programs they said incited violence against their group, comparing the programs to shows in Rwanda that called for genocide. International law professor Peter J. Spiro said in *The New York Times*, *The Arizona Republic* and *The International Herald Tribune* that the Chinese case doesn't indicate clear genocidal activity. In the Rwanda case, broadcasters "in effect were directing traffic for the Rwanda massacres – telling persecutors where to find their victims and the like. ... Not so in the case against Zhao," he said.

- Julie Camp



Winner of the 2004 Staff Council Employee Distinguished Service Award Eula Cross (l.) with Staff Council Committee Chair Cindy Wentworth.



The Dean's Office support staff now includes Debbie Love (standing) and Michelle Eberhardt.

## Cross honored for service

The Law School Staff Council presented Eula M. Cross with the 2004 Employee Distinguished Service Award in December. This honor is presented annually to recognize and reward employees for their service to the law school.

Cross, formerly the office manager of the school's Legal Aid and Defender Clinic, held administrative and secretarial positions at the clinic for 34 years. Four people nominated her for the award, and Cross received \$500 and a framed certificate for her achievement.

Cross continues her duties as office manager for the new public defender office serving Athens-Clarke and Oconee counties.

## Introducing Michelle Eberhardt

In February, Georgia Law welcomed Michelle Eberhardt as an administrative specialist in the Dean's Office. Eberhardt comes to the law school with nearly 20 years of university experience, most recently having served in the Office of the Provost. Other units she has worked for include the Institute of Community and Area Development and the Procurement Office. At the law school, Eberhardt will primarily work for Dean Rebecca H. White.

## Students learn from former U.S. senator

For two weeks during the spring semester, approximately 25 law students had the opportunity to hear former U.S. Sen. J. Maxwell (Max) Cleland speak about law and politics. The senator led a course that covered both domestic issues and international affairs. While on campus, he was known as the Carl Sanders Scholar, a position named for Georgia's 74th governor and a 1948 Georgia Law alumnus.

Dean Rebecca H. White said she was delighted the senator accepted the offer to teach at the law school. "It is a privilege for our students to learn from someone who has had such a distinguished career in public service."

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Currently a member of the Export-Import Bank of the United States' Board of Directors, Cleland is a long-time public servant at both the state and national levels.

In addition to serving as a U.S. Senator (1997-2003), he was Georgia's secretary of state (1982-96); administrator of the U.S. Veterans Administration (1977-81), now the Department of Veterans Affairs; a professional Senate staff member (1975-77); a consultant to the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs (1975) and a Georgia state senator (1971-75). He also served in the U.S. Army, where he attained the rank of captain in 1968, and was awarded the Bronze Star and a Silver Star for gallantry in action.

Not a stranger to academe, Cleland has been an adjunct professor in American University's Washington Semester Program and a fellow at American's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies.



Former Sen. Max Cleland takes advantage of Athens' wonderful spring weather and teaches Law and Politics outdoors on the North Campus Quadrangle.

### Placement Statistics for 2004: Law Dawgs at 97.8%

Final employment figures for the Class of 2004 were reported to the National Association for Law Placement in February, nine months after graduation (the standard reporting date).

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| <b>Total Graduates</b>                   | 225                      |
| <b>Total Reporting Employment Status</b> | 220                      |
| <b>Employed</b>                          | 95.1% of total graduates |
| Private Practice                         | 62.2% of employed        |
| Business/Industry                        | 7.0% of employed         |
| Government                               | 8.0% of employed         |
| Judicial Clerkships                      | 16.8% of employed        |
| Public Interest                          | 3.7% of employed         |
| Academe                                  | 2.3% of employed         |
| <b>Advanced Degree Programs</b>          | 2.2% of total graduates  |
| <b>Unemployed, Not Seeking</b>           | 0.5% of total graduates  |
| <b>Job Status Unknown</b>                | 1.8% of total graduates  |
| <b>Unemployed, Seeking</b>               | 0.4% of total graduates  |

Class of 2004 graduates obtained employment in 19 different states in the nation, including Washington, D.C., with an average salary of \$77,507. One Law Dawg is even practicing in Italy.