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Admissions

The first year class which enrolled on August 29 are already absorbed in their first writing assignment. At the orientation reception held three days before classes began, one young woman was describing to her classmates her astonishment at being called upon to recite during one of the simulated class lectures. Those around her had already bought their books and read the first day's assignment!

The Class of 1986 has now established itself in the Law School routine. I am pleased to report that this year's entering class came to us with LSAT scores that exceed those of any previous year. The average LSAT score was 38, which places the class above the 84th percentile in national scores. This roughly translates into a 660 on the old LSAT scale. The grade point average for the 216 members of the first year class was 3.4.

Administrative Changes

Ellen R. Jordan, a member of the law faculty since 1976, has been named Associate Dean of the Law School. She succeeds Ray Phillips, who has returned to full-time teaching. Dean Jordan's responsibilities are to oversee the educational program, including curriculum review, degree requirements, and professional development of the faculty. She has greeted her role with enthusiasm and has already instituted a number of outreaches from the traditional curriculum such as lecture visits and teaching workshops.

Joining the administrative staff in July was a new assistant director of admissions whose duties are directly related to recruitment and applicant advising. Dr. Marc A. Galvin, formerly a staff member with the University's Office of Student Financial Aid, will assist Dr. Giles Kennedy, Admissions and Budget Director.

Capital and Annual Gifts Development

From July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983, \$170,000 was given to Law School funds ranging from scholarships and lecture funds to the Lumpkin House restoration project. This was in addition to the \$95,763 raised in annual giving. In the forthcoming fall issue of the Georgia Advocate alumni magazine, I will tell you more about these new major gifts which have come to the Law School this year.

What impresses me greatly when I go out to call on alumni and friends for funds development is that the donors have a clear picture in their minds about how their gifts will make a difference in the life of the Law School. It is private giving that provides the margin of excellence necessary for top national ranking.

The University of Georgia Foundation received \$95,763 in earmarked gifts for the Law School for the year 1982-83. This represents a 10 percent increase over last year's annual giving by law graduates and friends. However, the number of



Dear Law School Alumnus:

Can you imagine, recalling your days as a law student, how it would be to have your summer cut by 3 1/2 weeks, especially after struggling over exams until mid-June? On top of that, you find that all of the code sections you had learned in your first year have been renumbered by a new version of the Georgia Code, and you have to re-tool for the February sitting of the state bar exam.

Such is the life of a Georgia law student reporting for the fall term this year in the heat of August 29, 1983. I am happy to report, however, that the attitude of our student body today continues to be one of willingness to do hard work under demanding circumstances, no less than the Law School atmosphere you knew as a student.

On August 29, the Law School became the first state-assisted instructional unit to adopt the semester system. The remainder of The University of Georgia and all other state schools continue on the quarter system. The Law School's experience is viewed as a prototype for the rest of the system. I am genuinely pleased that the conversion is proceeding smoothly. We have a good spirit of cooperation from the auxiliary units on campus (housing, health center) in adjusting services to the law students' schedules.

The faculty is getting an added work load in the semester conversion as well. As an example, I am now teaching four hours of labor law each week, over a 14-week period. This is considerably more concentrated work than teaching three hours per week in two quarters of ten weeks each. Each class requires an average of 4 hours preparation.

donors to the Law School Fund dropped by 4 percent. A foremost goal of the annual fund is to increase the participation by alumni in the support of the Law School, and we will work hard this year to broaden the base of annual fund donors. For this, we look to you:

When you receive your contribution card from the UGA Alumni Development Office this fall, please consider taking these important steps:

1. Designate your gift payable to the UGA Foundation and earmark at the bottom of the check for the Law School Fund.
2. Decide on a gift amount which would place you on or above the "Dean's Club" level of giving (\$150 or more).
3. Make your gift early in the fiscal year so that you can avoid being contacted through the Telethon and additional solicitation letters.

I thank you in advance for your support!

Calendar

There is always a good reason to come to Athens for a law alumni gathering. Or, one could go to Albany, Valdosta, Carrollton, McDonough, Orlando, or Washington, D.C. for that matter. That's where alumni regional meetings were held last year. Make plans to attend one or more of these events this year:

1. Auburn Weekend

November 11-12, 1983
(see the announcement with this newsletter)

2. The John A. Sibley Lecture

for the fall semester
Tuesday, October 18 at 4:00 p.m.
Law School auditorium
Guest lecturer: Justice Hans Linde, Supreme Court of Oregon

The Sibley Lecturer for the spring semester will be Professor R. Kent Greenawalt, Cardozo Professor of Jurisprudence, Columbia University. Date to be announced.

3. Georgia-Florida Moot Court Competition

The second annual Hulsey-Kimbrell competition will take place between law student teams on the Friday before the football game. The oral argument will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Federal Courthouse in Jacksonville on November 4. Georgia fans are encouraged to attend this newly-established "traditional" battle!

4. Georgia Law Alumni Breakfast

Friday, January 13, 1984 at 8:00 a.m.
Mid-Year Meeting of the State Bar of Georgia in Atlanta

5. Law Day, 1984

April 14, 1984. The date of Law Day was moved from its traditional date of the Saturday closest to May 1. The reason for the change is that the examination period for the spring semester begins right about the time of the traditional Law Day weekend, thus a change was made to accommodate student participation. The third weekend in April is traditionally devoted to G-Day and UGA alumni reunions. Please mark your calendar to reflect the new Law Day schedule.

6. Annual Meeting-Law School Association

Friday, June 8 at 8:00 a.m.
Annual Meeting of State Bar of Georgia in Savannah

Thomas J. Dillon was installed as president of the Law School Association for 1983-84 at the June meeting. Dillon is a 1953 graduate and associate general counsel for the Union Camp Corporation in Savannah. He has been active in law alumni activities for a number of years and the Law School Association Council is fortunate to have his leadership.

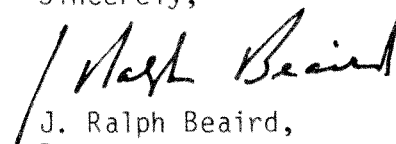
As an alumnus you may have overlooked one of several real, actual, tangible benefits of your membership in the Law School Alumni Association. That is--lifetime use of the Law School Placement Office. If you are interested in a job change, it would be in your best interest to subscribe to the bi-monthly employment listing newsletter produced by the office for alumni. If you are in the position of seeking an associate, the best advice is, "Don't rely exclusively on word-of-mouth." Utilize the professional services of our Placement Director, Jill Coveny, and her office. Your search will be made easier by the employer services provided by the Law School.

Have you counted up your anniversary dates lately to see if it is time for a class reunion? If so, organize one! You don't have to be the class president to get a reunion started. Just call Gwen Wood (1-404-542-7959) for help in planning an on-campus reunion.

Please take the opportunity to come to the campus often. There have been some changes in the student organization space on the first floor, and I think you will be pleased with the new features (floor-length bulletin boards and individual message boxes).

I look forward to working with you this year.

Sincerely,


J. Ralph Beard,
Dean

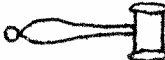
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September 19, 1983

SPECIAL EVENT

*Dedication of
Harmon W. Caldwell
Hall
Classroom Building
(across from
Law School)
9:30 a.m.
Saturday*

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW
JOINT MEETING WEEKEND
LAW SCHOOL ASSOCIATION COUNCIL-
BOARD OF VISITORS

Meetings: 

Board of Visitors-----Friday, November 11
10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Dean's Conference Room

Law School Association-----Saturday, November 12
Council 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Room E of Law Building

SPECIAL EVENT

*Order of the Coif
Induction
for
Class of 1983*

*Courtroom
10:45 a.m.
Saturday*

Friday evening entertainment: Special performance for Law School audience in Georgia Center Auditorium following dinner:

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB

Performing a selection of show tunes, folk music, and contemporary selections, the 80-voice chorus will provide lively, "foot-tapping" entertainment in keeping with football weekend tradition.



SOCIAL

Cocktails
Preceding Dinner
Adjacent Banquet
Rooms of the
Georgia Center
6:30-7:30 p.m.

DINNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1983
GEORGIA CENTER FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION
7:30 P.M.
\$15 PER PERSON (INCLUDES SOCIAL HOUR)

LODGING

Lodging
headquarters
will be the
Athens History
Village
Inn

PRE-GAME LUNCH



Law School Rotunda
11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
Saturday, November 12
\$6.50 per person



Bloody Mary Social
preceding lunch provided
courtesy of Tom & Jackie
Dillon and
Roy & Chris Lambert

Georgia vs. Auburn



The State Bar Board of Governors will join law alumni groups for the Joint Meeting Weekend.

Meetings:
11:00 a.m. Friday ICLE Bd. of Trustees
12:30 p.m. Friday ICJE Bd. of Trustees
2:30 p.m. Friday Board of Governors

All meetings to be held in the Law Building.



Law Alumni Joint Meeting Weekend, 1983
The University of Georgia School of Law
November 11 and 12, 1983

Name _____

I plan to attend the dinner & musical performance Friday night.

The number in my party will be _____.

I enclose \$_____ (\$15.00 per person)

I plan to attend the pre-game lunch on Saturday in the Law School rotunda.

The number in my party will be _____.

I enclose \$_____ (\$6.50 per person)

Total amount enclosed \$_____.

Please make check payable to: **Law School Association** and send reservation form and check to:

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All law alumni and Board of Governors Members are welcome! Please make reservations by November 4.

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