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## Dean's Letter to the Alumni

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## Computer-Assisted Instruction

The most significant aspect of the conversion to a semester system is the change in focus from diversity to intensity in curriculum offerings. More class time will be available to explore a subject fully. Student writing and research assignments can be more exacting. For this reason, research tools must be available to assist students in the new in-depth instructional methods. LEXIS, the computerized research system, is in its third year of use in the law library. In addition, the Law School plans to purchase five microcomputers that will be used to deliver computer-assisted instruction (CAI) in such areas as evidence and professional responsibility. The CAI learning center will be a valuable self-help supplement to traditional classroom work.

Instructional materials for the traditional curriculum must constantly be revised to prepare students for the changing character of legal problems. Realizing this, the faculty continues to be very productive in all phases of legal research. For example, this year faculty members prepared materials for new editions of 17 case and textbooks, several of which are in their third or fourth printing. Law review and related articles were published in 33 different publications.

Dear Law School Alumnus:

In as much as the news media reports of the past week focused on the beginning of classes for a new law school at Georgia State University, I take this opportunity to assure you that the University of Georgia School of Law opened its doors for the 123rd year to a group of bright young students eager to study law in a highly-rated, quality program of instruction.

I also want to assure our alumni that, whatever the effect of a second state law school, the faculty and administration of our institution are committed to continue providing the very best state-supported legal education available anywhere.

### Curriculum

One of our continuing objectives is to review and improve the instructional program and the course content of curriculum offerings. This has resulted, with the full support of the University of Georgia administration, in a comprehensive study of the desirability and feasibility of converting the Law School's academic calendar from the quarter system to the semester system.

The study is now complete, and plans are underway to implement the semester schedule beginning with the fall of 1983. Because the Law School's conversion to the new system is viewed as a prototype which the rest of the University will follow in a subsequent year, we are receiving excellent cooperation from the other segments of the campus.

Detailed plans have been made to adjust the timing of such functions as bulletin notification, textbook ordering, scholarship disbursements, tuition fee payments, grade reporting procedures, and student housing needs.

### Administrative Changes

Several administrative changes occurred during 1981-82. Jerry Braun, director of the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education since its inception four years ago, left this spring to become the Director of Admissions for the Office of Bar Admissions, Supreme Court of Georgia. It is a promotion to a very prestigious position and we are pleased to see Braun's administrative talents recognized. He is a 1971 graduate of the Law School.

Another Georgia law graduate has been promoted in an administrative capacity. Robert D. Brusack, a 1976 alumnus and first honor graduate, has been a member of the faculty for four years. In addition to his teaching he will now assume the post of Assistant Dean for student affairs and clinical programs. He will supervise all student co-curricular activities as well as administer the legal research and writing program.

Jill Coveny, who headed the placement program from 1979 to 1981, is now back at the Law School as Placement Director. She worked for a year as recruitment coordinator for a major Jacksonville law firm and is now in a unique position to counsel both students and employers about the legal job market.

### Capital Gifts Development

There is no question but that the difference between good and excellent in legal education can be measured in terms of the degree of private support. The Law School has received approximately \$1,267,000 in private gifts and pledges during the 1981-82 fiscal year. One million of this amount represents the value of the real estate bequeathed to the School by its alumnus John Byrd

Martin. Several of the other gifts are President's Club commitments and memorial gifts. It is appropriate to note that memorial gifts were established this year by Law School friends to honor the following alumni who died within the past two years: A. Pratt Adams, Jr. (UGA undergraduate); Judge Newell Edenfield, M. Cook Barwick, Frank Brogan, and Donald P. Gilmore, Jr.

The Moot Court program has received a special financial boost this year in the form of an endowment to support academic exchange travel. The William Carroll Brown Fund will make it possible for a team from the Georgia Law School to go to London next spring and compete in a series of moots with a team from Gray's Inn at Cambridge, Oxford and the London School of Economics. You can well imagine how fierce the competition is becoming for the selection of those team slots!

The capital gifts development effort will gain a strong boost this year with the addition of Jim Curtis as consultant. Jim, who has come to know thousands of the state's lawyers in his capacity as director of the highly successful Institute of Continuing Legal Education, will retire from that position in December. He will devote much of his time to major funds solicitation after his ICLE retirement.

#### Annual Giving

The University of Georgia Foundation received \$86,341 in earmarked gifts for the year 1981-82. This represents a 28 percent increase over last year's annual giving by law graduates. However, the total percentage of the alumni body who contributes remains at a modest 28 percent, and many of these donors give their gifts for unrestricted use in the University.

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

1. designate your gift for "The Law School Fund"
2. make your pledge at the "Dean's Club" level of giving (gifts of \$150 or more)
3. make your gift early in the fiscal year so that you will avoid being contacted by the Telethon and other solicitation letters.

#### Calendar

No fall newsletter is complete without a calendar of events to which all alumni are invited. Make plans to return to the campus or to regional alumni meetings this year!

1. Homecoming  
October 15 and 16, 1982  
(see the announcement with this newsletter)
2. The John A. Sibley Lecture  
for the fall quarter  
Thursday, October 28 at 4:00 p.m.  
Law School Auditorium  
Guest Lecturer: Kenneth L. Karst, professor of law, University of California, Los Angeles

#### 3. Florida Football Game Party

Alumni party for law graduates attending Georgia-Florida game; following Moot Court competition between UGA and University of Florida teams on Friday, November 5, 4:00 p.m. at Federal Courthouse. Party to follow at Jacksonville Hilton Hotel.

#### 4. Georgia Law Alumni Breakfast January 14, 1983 at 8:00 a.m. Atlanta Sheraton Hotel

#### 5. Sibley Lecture Program Winter quarter lecturer: Justice Richard Neely, Supreme Court of West Virginia Spring quarter lecturer: Professor John P. Heinz, Northwestern University School of Law dates to be announced

#### 6. Law Day, 1983 April 30, 1983

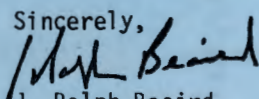
#### 7. Annual Meeting-Law School Association State Bar Annual Meeting June 10, 1983 - Savannah DeSoto Hilton; 8:00 a.m.

I know that you share my enthusiasm in welcoming Barry Phillips of Atlanta as incoming Law School Association president. Barry has served the Law School wisely and well as a member of the LSA Council, and he continues to spearhead the fund drive for the M. E. Kilpatrick Chair in Corporate Finance and Securities Law at the Law School.

I look forward to working with Barry and the new representatives recently appointed to the LSA Council: James Dewey Benefield of Sea Island, Larry Walker of Perry, and Robert Flournoy of Marietta.

I close this newsletter with one important request: "Please alert our Placement Office to job openings in your area." It is important that we build a "network" in our alumni family so that more recent graduates can fill positions as they are vacated by more experienced graduates. If you are planning to leave a position, please let the Placement Office (1-404-542-7541) know about the vacancy first. Through our alumni placement newsletter, which now has more than 200 subscribers, we offer a service to those experienced attorneys who seek new locations. We ask that those helped by the Placement Office services remember to lend a hand to others who come after them.

Homecoming, 1982 would be a great occasion to visit the Law School if you haven't been here in a while. I welcome you to the campus to see first hand how your alma mater is continuing to add value to the J.D. or LL.B. degree you hold.

Sincerely,  
  
J. Ralph Beard  
Dean

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September 23, 1982

# SPECIAL EVENT

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

# SPECIAL EVENT

Order of the Coif  
Induction  
for Class of 1982

Courtroom  
11:00 a.m.  
Saturday

Oral History Project:  
Round Table Interviews  
with Senior Alumni  
moderated by Ham Lokey

10:00 a.m.  
Saturday

## Meetings:

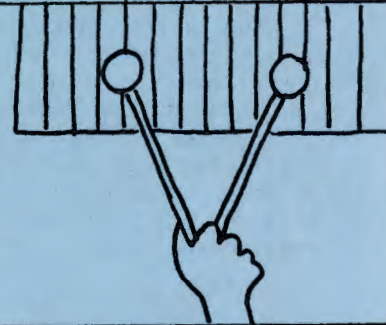


Board of Visitors-----Friday, October 15  
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room,  
Library Annex

Law School Association----Saturday, October 16  
Council 9:00-10:00 a.m.  
Room E of Law Building

*Friday evening entertainment: Special performance for dinner audience  
by Bizarre Arte Ensemble*

The Bizarre Arte Ensemble was originally formed on the campus of Florida State University as a vehicle for new and unusual works for percussion. The group performs on a wide variety of percussion instruments, from the keyboard group (marimba, vibraphone, chimes, bells, xylophone) as well as all kinds of drums, cymbals, and exotic instruments from around the world. Audiences marvel at the versatility, beauty, magnificence, and richness of the sounds produced by these instruments. The addition of unexpected antics adds to the festive atmosphere. Selections performed by the ensemble range from turn-of-the-century xylophone rags, to classical percussion works, to contemporary experimentation and beyond.



## SOCIAL

Cocktails  
Preceding Dinner  
Joseph Henry  
Lumpkin House  
Prince Avenue  
(across from  
Coca-Cola Bldg.)  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

## DINNER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1982  
HISTORY VILLAGE INN  
CANNON ROOM  
7:30 P.M.  
\$16.00 PER PERSON

## LODGING

A limited number  
of rooms have  
been reserved  
for law alumni  
at the  
Athens Holiday Inn

## PRE-GAME LUNCH



Law School Rotunda  
11:30 - 1:15 p.m.  
Saturday, October 16  
\$6.50 per person



Bloody Mary Social  
preceding lunch provided  
courtesy of Bob & Mary  
Smalley and  
Barry & Grace Phillips

## Homecoming Game



THE SEC CHAMPION GEORGIA BULLDOGS  
WILL PLAY VANDERBILT IN THE  
HOMECOMING GAME IN SANFORD STADIUM  
1:30 P.M.  
SATURDAY



Homecoming, 1982  
The University of Georgia School of Law  
October 15 and 16, 1982

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

The number in my party will be \_\_\_\_\_.

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$16.00 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).

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

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