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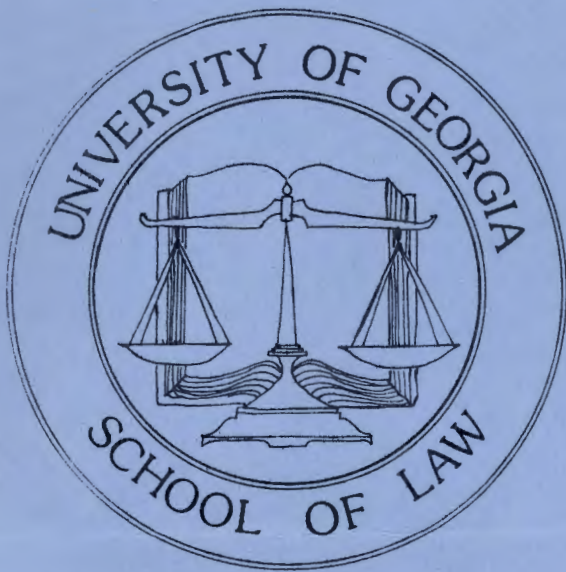
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work habits, techniques and skills critical to the effective practice of law. This involves being able to write, communicate orally, gather facts, interview, counsel, and negotiate."

How does this get done? One must staff the classrooms with a talented and productive faculty; train students to fully utilize the comprehensive Law Library, and encourage their accomplishment in the clinical programs and in research and writing efforts for the student journals and Moot Court program.

Support for a talented and productive faculty was dramatically demonstrated this year with the creation of three distinguished professorships. It is a rare occurrence in the law school world to secure the endowment necessary to establish one chair every few years. In 1980, however, Georgia was able to add the Woodruff Chair, the Kilpatrick Chair, and the Talmadge Chair to an already significant list of distinguished professorships. The Emily and Ernest Woodruff Chair in International Law was created by a \$1 million gift by the fund of the same name as a contribution to the Law School's Capital Fund campaign. The \$1 million fund will provide sufficient income for the chairholder's salary plus research and secretarial assistance.

Dear Law School Alumnus:

I wish that you could have stood at the podium with me at the First Year Class orientation session last week and looked into the faces of our 230 new law students. Somehow, the "down" feeling of these troubled times just disappears when contrasted with the look of eagerness and optimism in their faces.

There is no doubt that this is an age of competition for scarce resources, of concern with a new crisis at every turn. But I feel a sense of commitment in this academic community to work harder, to generate more in service and in new knowledge, and to find ways to help solve today's problems. It begins with the classroom.

The young people in the Law School Class of 1983 will be offered a basic, sound, no-frills kind of instructional program. They will be asked to work long and hard for grades which are not inflated by any standard. This law school takes very seriously the legal education recommendations regarding lawyer competency which were outlined in the 1979 Cramton Report (ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar):

"Law schools seek to develop critical skills of legal analysis and transmit a substantial body of information about law and legal institutions to students who, upon graduation, move into a wide range of professional roles. Legal education must be viewed as preparation for a lifetime career involving continuous growth and self-development rather than as preparation for an immediate bar examination or first job. . . .

In addition, law schools try to foster attitudes, standards of performance,

As part of the initial case statement for the Talmadge Fund, law alumni leaders sought to establish a chair which would honor the Talmadge Family. This chair has now been endowed and the selection process for naming its occupant has begun.

The M. E. Kilpatrick Chair in Corporate Finance and Securities Law was announced last spring by the law firm of Kilpatrick and Cody. This chair honors Martin (Buster) Kilpatrick, senior partner of the firm who died in January, 1980. The firm has committed the seed money for the endowment and is assisting in a campaign to raise \$500,000.

An outstanding law school must have a productive faculty whose instruction, research and service activities keeps them on the cutting edge of legal developments. The Georgia law faculty was not idle during the academic year 1979-80.

In the past twelve months there have been eight textbooks and casebooks published by faculty members. A number of other significant projects have also been undertaken. Gregory Alexander was appointed reporter for the Ante-Mortem Probate Project of the Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Verner Chaffin completed work on Title 113 of the Georgia Code Annotated as reporter for the Georgia Fiduciary Law Study Committee. Erwin Surrency is the editor-in-chief of a major compilation of legal bibliographies from each of the 50 states. Robert Brussack and Julian McDonnell are co-reporters for a project to draft proposals to revise Georgia laws relating to interest and usury.

The completion of the new Law Library annex in February will signal the beginning of a new era

in legal resources utilization. It will feature an audio-visual skills laboratory, shelf space to fully display a substantial portion of our 308,000-volume collection, and additional study space. The new structure will be dedicated on Law Day, 1981.

Law Day is one of the many events to which alumni and friends are invited each year. Please note these events on your calendar:

1. The John A. Sibley Lecture

for the fall quarter
Wednesday, October 15, at 4:00 p.m.
Law School Auditorium
Guest Lecturer:
Judge Carl McGowan, U.S. Court of Appeals
for the District of Columbia Circuit

2. Homecoming

Portrait Dedication-Dr. Harmon Caldwell
Joint Meeting-Law School Association
Council and Board of Visitors
October 17-18, 1980

Alumni are invited to these events.
Reservations may be made through Mrs.
Gwen Wood, Assistant to the Dean
(1-404-542-7959).

3. Georgia Law Alumni Breakfast

December 5, 1980 at 8:00 a.m.
Omni Hotel, Atlanta

4. The John A. Sibley Lecture

for the winter quarter
Lecture visit: January 28-29, 1981
Guest Lecturer:
Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg,
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
District of Columbia Circuit

5. Law Day, 1981

Dedication of the Law Library Annex
May 1-2, 1981

6. Annual Meeting

Law School Association
State Bar Annual Meeting
Friday, June 12, 1981 in Savannah
DeSoto Hilton Hotel at 8:00 a.m.

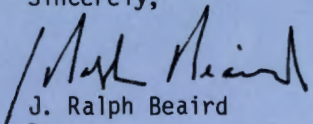
The Classes of 1970, 1965, and 1940 will hold reunions this fall. The 1970 class held its 10th reunion September 13, the 1965 class will hold its 15th reunion October 10-11, and the 40th reunion of the Class of 1940 will be November 21-22. If you are a member of one of these classes and have not heard from the reunion coordinator, contact Gwen Wood. Other groups considering special anniversary reunions should get in touch with her to obtain class lists and ideas for reunions.

For those whose busy schedules don't provide many opportunities to come to Athens for alumni activities, why not sponsor an alumni gathering in your hometown? Law School Association members hosted receptions in Columbus, Griffin, Atlanta, Augusta, Valdosta, Newnan, and Savannah earlier this year. These receptions offered an opportunity for fellowship with graduates--new ones and old timers--practicing in nearby communities.

The on-going program of the Law School was showcased at these gatherings by the contingent of faculty, staff, and students who came from Athens to these functions. We welcome the opportunity to visit throughout the region this year.

Samuel J. Zusmann is your Law School Association president for 1980-81. Sam has already put many miles into alumni meetings, and you'll see him in many places this year as he carries out the LSA Council's program. Let's give him our support in making this an excellent year for the Georgia Law School-alumni partnership.

Sincerely,


J. Ralph Beard
Dean

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