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Contents of Archives Boxes given to the
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Box #1

Category	Folder	Notes on contents
Audio cassette tapes	Opening ceremonies for Oral History Project <i>Background: as part of the University of Georgia Bicentennial, the Law School began audio-recorded interviews with its oldest graduates. Erwin Surrency, law librarian, and Gwen Wood, assistant to the dean, conducted the interviews in 1982 and 1983.</i>	Voices: Dean J. Ralph Beard, giving welcome Ham Lokey, master of ceremonies Francis (Buster) Marion Bird, class of 1924 Thomas F. Green, Jr. , class of 1927 Wilson Smith, class of 1928 Eugene Epting, class of 1930 Clarence McClanahan, class of 1931
<p>Highlights of the narration from the participants in the opening ceremony: Bird, Green, Smith and Epting studied under Dean Sylvanus Morris and provided stories about his classroom teaching style. One day Tom Green was absent from class, and as Morris noted the attendance roster, he asked the class in general, "Does Mr. Green think this is a correspondence class?" Smith praised the textbook written by Sylvanus Morris, <i>Principia of Law</i>. He noted that it was well regarded in law schools throughout the U.S. and in Great Britain. Morris died in November of 1929, Gene Epting's first year of law school. Clarence McClanahan had a story to tell about Judge Gober, who was the only full-time faculty member along with Morris for a number of years. A retired magistrate, Gober had limited vision and could not see the back of the classroom very distinctly. Students sat in numbered seats. To cover for an absent friend, a back row student would slide over into the empty seat, be counted as present, and slide back again as Judge Gober glanced down at his class roster.</p> <p>Ham Lokey, class of 1933, recalled the Law School of the late 1920s and early 1930s as an "athlete's paradise." Football players were given great latitude in their studies. Lokey noted that with Morris' passing, Dean Harry Nicholas Edmunds was brought in, and among his first initiatives was to "clean out all the football players" by expediting their graduations.</p> <p>Lokey announced that a new set of oral history interviews will be conducted in the coming months. These will include John Sibley, class of 1911; former governor Ellis Arnall, Charles Gowen, Joseph Oliver, and Herbert Ringel. Additional names will be added.</p>		
Category: Legal Profession 1970s and 1980s		
File folder: <i>Issues and Problems</i>	Themes of contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles on negative images of the legal profession The organized bar under scrutiny American Bar Association statements on banning advertising of legal services
File folder: <i>Minority Groups</i>	Highlight of contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorandum to placement offices of American law schools from ABA "with respect to discrimination against women."
File folder: <i>Legal profession and the Bakke Case</i>	Theme of contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reaction to and compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in <i>Bakke v. Board of Regents of the University of California</i> (1978), the landmark case on reverse discrimination in higher education admissions
File folder: AALS	Association of American Law Schools (AALS) publication:	Rules of procedure for approval of law schools by the ABA and AALS
File folder: AALS meeting notes	Southeastern Conference of AALS	
File folder: <i>Legal education issues</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diminishing demand for legal education Fiscal concerns of law schools Criticism of the bar examination process Critique of AALS approval process 	
File folder: ABA	American Bar Association conference in Atlanta 1976	

File folder: <i>Law and higher education</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal laws and regulations concerning sex discrimination in educational institutions (Title IX) October 1972
File folder: <i>educational administration (general)</i>	
	Category: University of Georgia Administration 1970s and 1980s
Folder: <i>University System of Georgia</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy on political activity Spending and budget controversies (1974) series of articles by Nancy Lewis in the <i>Atlanta Journal</i>
Folder:	University of Georgia special events
Folder:	University of Georgia brochures and publications
Folder: <i>education policy</i>	<p>Issues of controversy regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions Faculty recruitment and appointment Funding Performance standards
Folder:	Newspaper articles on contentious issues on UGA campus
Folder:	University of Georgia official statements and policy documents of the 1970s
Folder: <i>documents related to the Jan Kemp case</i>	<p>Notes on the materials: the "Jan Kemp case" was a major source of strife and bitterness on the UGA campus in 1985-1986. Jan Kemp was an English instructor in the Department of Developmental Studies at the University. Her contract was not renewed to continue teaching, and she filed a lawsuit claiming that she was dismissed because she protested the preferential treatment of athletes in Developmental Studies program classrooms. Her contention was that academic standards had been compromised in the name of athletics. Developmental Studies is a program of remedial instruction in mathematics, reading and English. At the University of Georgia, the program enrollment in 1986 was 325 students, or 1 % of the student body. Approximately 16 percent of the cumulative enrollment in developmental studies was comprised of student athletes.</p> <p>On February 12, 1986 a federal District Court jury in Atlanta granted a civil judgment in the case, awarding Kemp \$2.5 million in compensation for damages. The amount was later reduced.</p> <p>Within a week of the verdict, the University System of Georgia undertook an audit of student records and administrative actions in the developmental studies programs of all USG colleges and universities.</p> <p>Two years earlier, in 1982, President Fred Davison had spearheaded an effort to raise NCAA academic standards for athletes on scholarships and set higher requirements for SAT scores and high school grade point averages for admission and eligibility.</p> <p>Dr. Davison recommended to the Regents that a change be made in the structure of Developmental Studies programs so that they would report to and come under the supervision of a traditional academic unit (College of Education) instead of to the chief academic officer, as the Regents initially instructed.</p> <p>In March, 1986, the Board of Regents delayed a decision on the reappointment of Davison as president for the forthcoming year. Regents typically announce reappointments for all system presidents in March. The deferral was explained as allowing time for the recently-completed audit report of Developmental Studies to be reviewed. On March 13, 1986, Davison wrote his letter of resignation to Chancellor H. Dean Propst. In it he gave his reason for resigning: "I consider the deferral of my reappointment a personal and professional insult and a questioning of my integrity which I will not tolerate." He went on to point out that the program audits were to be conducted on all institutions within the system, and the results of the audit would not be released until the entire project was completed. The evaluation of the Developmental Studies program at UGA was handed to the Regents before the others were conducted.</p>

Folder: <i>Law School involvement in Jan Kemp case</i>	Response to article in <i>Fulton County Daily Report</i> regarding the role of Dean Ralph Beard, Counselor to the President, in the Jan Kemp case.

Box #2

Folder: <i>Law School history</i>	Correspondence and notes related to the writing of <i>A Unique and Fortuitous Combination: an Administrative History of the University of Georgia School of Law</i> by Dr. Gwen Y. Wood (1998) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional research notes and materials not used • Sidebar notes of interest • Story narratives and anecdotes • Humor • Colorful characters in the Law School's history • Compilations (lists) used in writing the history of the Law School
Folder:	General interest news clippings
Folder:	News media mailing lists for distributing news releases about Law School events
Folder:	Samples of invitations, stationery, and printed materials produced in the 1970s and 1980s
Folder:	Records of a historic event: the inaugural conference (first meeting) of the former U.S. Secretaries of State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held in Atlanta, GA in December 1983 • Hosted by Professor Dean Rusk of the University of Georgia School of Law and the Southern Center for International Studies
Folder:	Inter-school correspondence 1980s
Folder:	Inter-campus correspondence 1980s
Folder:	Speech materials
Folder:	Comments and letters of thanks received by the Law School directed to Dean Ralph Beard or to Gwen Wood, assistant to the dean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1977-1978 • 1978-1979 • 1979-1980; 1980-1981 • 1981-1982 • 1982-1983 • 1983-1984 • 1984-1985 • 1985-1986 • 1987-1988