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... Counseling psychology professor Edward Delgado-Romero, who received the American Psychology Association 2011 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest, one of only six awards given by the 100,000-member organization.

... Willie L. Banks Jr., associate dean of students for the department of intercultural affairs, who was elected to the board of trustees of the Association of College Unions International.

... The Civil Rights Digital Library, hosted by the University of Georgia Libraries and GALILEO, which was awarded the 2010 Schwartz Prize for excellence in the public humanities by the Federation of State Humanities Councils.

... William U. Eiland, director of the Georgia Museum of Art, who received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Birmingham-Southern College.

... Associate professor of geography Marshall Shepherd, who won the national Charles E. Anderson Award from the American Meteorological Society.

... Associate professor of social work Brian Bride, who was named editor of Traumatology, the official publication of the Green Cross Academy of Traumatology.

... Kavita Pandit, associate provost for international education, who was named to the NAFSA (Association of International Educators) board of directors.

... The Georgia Museum of Art, which won an unprecedented nine awards, including an Award of Excellence, at the Southeastern Museums Conference annual meeting.

... Laurie Fowler, associate dean of the Odum School of Ecology, who received the Ogden Doremus Award for Excellence in Environmental Law from the non-profit public interest legal group GreenLaw.

... The Terry College of Business Society for Management Information Systems, a student organization, that was named the national 2010 Student Chapter of the Year by the Association for Information Systems.

... UGA's Graduate School, which received the 2010-11 Award for Excellence and Innovation in Graduate Admissions from the Council of Historically Black Graduate Schools and the Educational Testing Service.

... UGA student Ben L. Carswell, who was awarded the 2011 Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, that places highly qualified graduate students from the nation’s 29 regional Sea Grant offices in positions with federal government host offices that establish and implement national policies related to the marine, coastal or Great Lakes resources.

... Honors student Tracy Yang of Macon was awarded a 2011 Rhodes Scholarship to attend England’s Oxford University. She is UGA’s 22nd Rhodes Scholar and the third female from UGA to win the award. A UGA Foundation Fellow, Yang was a 2010 Truman Scholar. She will graduate in May with a bachelor’s degree in anthropology and plans to pursue a master’s of science degree in global health science at Oxford.

Alumna Betsy Katz, an Honors student who graduated from UGA in 2009 with bachelor’s degrees in mathematics, Spanish and religion, is one of 12 national recipients of a 2011-2012 George J. Mitchell Scholarship, sponsored by the U.S.-Ireland Alliance. She plans to pursue a master’s degree in intercultural studies at Dublin City University in Ireland. She currently teaches secondary mathematics in Richmond, Calif., as a Teach for America participant. It is the third consecutive year that a UGA student has been named a Mitchell Scholar.
GOING PUBLIC

- UGA will partner with Georgia Public Broadcasting to rebrand its commercial television station WNEG-TV as a public station. The new station will be named WUGA-TV, pending approval by the Federal Communications Commission. The station, acquired by UGA in October 2008 to serve Northeast Georgia and to provide laboratory experiences for students and faculty, will continue to do so and expand its capabilities under the new arrangement. The rebranding of WUGA-TV will emphasize the station's role as an extension of the university and will carry GPB Knowledge, an educational programming package targeting primarily adult audiences. It includes news, documentaries, current affairs and history programs, ranging from "PBS NewsHour" to the "Nightly Business Report," "Scientific American Frontiers," "American Experience" and "Charlie Rose." Over time, university-produced programs will be added that cover a range of topics from research to the performing arts and public affairs.

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

- A UGA family and child welfare professor has created a glossary of commonly used research terms to be released as a smart phone application. "A Glossary of Commonly Used Research Terms for Social and Behavioral Sciences" by Professor Michael Holosko also will be published as a handbook and a downloadable software application for personal computers. Holosko coauthored the book with Bruce Thyer, a former UGA colleague who now is a professor at Florida State University. The pair worked with graduate students to identify commonly used research terms. Approximately 60 percent of the terms in the glossary have been defined in one sentence, and there are no definitions exceeding three sentences. The appendix includes commonly used research and statistical acronyms and links to the core journals of 13 different disciplines in the social sciences. Apple Inc. is projected to develop the smart phone interface, which is expected to be available for purchase in June.

UGA shines with Fulbright scholars

- UGA is the fourth-highest-ranked producer of Fulbright Scholars for the 2010-2011 academic year, with four academics receiving Fulbright Scholar grants to study abroad, lecture and conduct research. The recipients are:
  - Diane Edison, a professor in the Lamar Dodd School of Art, who is lecturing and conducting research at the New Bulgarian University, in Sofia, Bulgaria.
  - Jared Klein, distinguished research professor of linguistics, classics, and Germanic and Slavic languages in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, who has been named recipient of a Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Humanities and Cultural Studies. He will use the award to teach and conduct research at the University of Vienna.
  - Peter Rutledge, associate professor in the School of Law, who will lecture and conduct research at the University of Vienna from March-June.
  - Richard Siegsmund, associate professor and co-chair of art education in the Lamar Dodd School of Art, who is lecturing and conducting research at the National College of Art and Design in Dublin, Ireland.

Since 1946, the U.S. Government-sponsored Fulbright Scholar program has provided faculty and professionals with an unparalleled opportunity to study and conduct research in other nations. For more information, go to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars website at www.cies.org.

Art professor Ted Saupe (left) teaches beginning and intermediate wheel throwing Nov. 8 on the first day of classes in the newly opened ceramics building, located at 190 River Road. The 15,500-square-foot building features indoor and outdoor kilns, undergraduate and graduate studios, faculty studios, classrooms, lecture space, a glaze calculation room with spray booth, a computer lab and a clay mixing and storage room. The building features operable windows and central corridors large enough to accommodate a forklift and the volume of clay and glazing material required by the discipline. For further information, see http://art.uga.edu.
Six named fellows in science association

Six faculty members have been named Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an honor bestowed upon them by their peers for "scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications."

The six inductees bring the total number of AAAS Fellows at UGA to 63. They are among 503 new Fellows of the AAAS, which is the world's largest general scientific society.

The 2011 AAAS Fellows from UGA are:
- Jonathan Amster, professor and head of the chemistry department in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences.
- Clifton A. Baile, Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar in Agricultural Biotechnology and D.W. Brooks Distinguished Professor of Animal Science and Foods and Nutrition.
- Daniel Colley, professor of microbiology in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences and director of the UGA Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases.
- Alan G. Darvill, Regents Professor of Plant Biology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences and director of the Complex Carbohydrate Research Center.
- Roberto Docampo, professor of cellular biology in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, Barbara and Sanford Orkin/Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar and a member of the Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases.
- Michael Doyle, Regents Professor of Food Microbiology and director of the Center for Food Safety in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Not just chicken feed

Researchers from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine have received a grant as part of a collaborative effort to encourage sustainable poultry production in West Africa. The $440,000 grant, part of a research project based at Colorado State University, will enable UGA scientists to look at ways to improve poultry genetics, reproduction, nutrition, husbandry, disease prevention and marketing. The results could lead to higher income and better health for rural residents in the West African country of Mali. The project is funded by the United States Agency for International Development in Mali under a $5.25 million Poultry and Pastoralism Associate Award. For more information, go to www.csucrsp.org.

UGA AMONG THE BEST IN SCORING SUPREME COURT CLERKSHIPS

Brian C. Lea (JD '09) will serve as a judicial clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas for the October 2011 term. Lea is the fifth Georgia Law graduate selected in the last seven years to clerk for the U.S. Supreme Court.

Lea graduated first in his class from Georgia Law, where he received numerous awards and honors for his academic achievements, served as an articles editor of the Georgia Law Review and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. He served as a judicial clerk for Judge Ed Carnes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit before joining DLA Piper as a litigation associate in the firm's Atlanta office. He plans to remain with the firm until his Supreme Court clerkship begins next year.

A fall 2010 analysis by The New York Times showed UGA among the top schools in the nation in the number of law school graduates who received clerkships with U.S. Supreme Court justices. Georgia Law ranked third among public law schools and 11th overall for the time period 2005-2010.
Inaugural holder of Marshall Chair named

In 2007, Angie Fitts Marshall chose to honor her late husband, Thomas O. Marshall Jr. (L.L.B.'48), by creating an endowed faculty chair at the University of Georgia School of Law. Now this important investment is becoming a reality and the school has appointed Randy Beck to be the first holder of the Justice Thomas O. Marshall Chair of Constitutional Law.

Marshall, who passed away in 2003, had a long and distinguished legal career that included service as a judge for the Superior Courts of Georgia Southwestern Circuit, the Court of Appeals of Georgia and the Supreme Court of Georgia, where he was chief justice from 1986 to 1989. Prior to entering law school, Marshall served in the navy during World War II, where he earned the Bronze Star and Navy Unit Commendation. A native of Americus and graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Marshall always represented the very best in professional conduct throughout his distinguished career. Each year, the State Bar of Georgia honors Marshall with the presentation of the Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Award.

Beck joined the Georgia Law faculty in 1997 and teaches Property, Trusts and Estates, Christian Perspectives on Legal Thought and Constitutional Law. His scholarship includes articles in journals such as...
the American Journal of Legal History, the Northwestern University Law Review and the UC Davis Law Review. Beck has been honored on numerous occasions with the law school’s John C. O’Byrne Memorial Award for Furthering Faculty-Student Relations as well as with the C. Ronald Ellington Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Prior to joining the legal teaching academy, Beck served as a judicial clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy and Judge Patrick E. Higginbotham of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He also worked as an associate with the firm Perkins Coie in Seattle, Washington, and was an attorney-adviser in the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Legal Counsel. He graduated first in his class from Southern Methodist University School of Law and earned his undergraduate degree from Baker University.
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Exhibit wraps up desegregation events

March 1, 2011 by CHARLES HICKS
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After more than 50 events scheduled across 50 days commemorating the 50th anniversary of the University’s desegregation, the celebration has officially ended.

Members of the University’s Cosmopolitan Club gather in 1964. The club was created to promote a cultural understanding between students following desegregation.

The culminating event came Monday with a lecture at the Georgia Museum of Art by Georgia-native David C. Driskell, an emeritus professor at the University of Maryland.

“One of the things we can be certain of is that in time and space in this universe, we measure civilizations by their art,” Driskell said. “Art knows no racial orientation or ethnic founding. In its origin, it remains pure on the side of the mind.”

Driskell also commented on the desegregation of the University.

“The desegregation of the University is a story — an American story — that marks the trials that Martin Luther King, Jr. called ‘the stride to freedom,’” he said.
The lecture included a PowerPoint presentation of photographs and artwork pertinent to African-American art.

Cheryl Dozier, associate provost and chief diversity officer at the University, said the 50 days of desegregation program has been a success in commemorating the University’s 50th anniversary of desegregation.

As a part of the series, the University held events such as a lecture by Charlayne Hunter-Gault where she shared her experiences as a student and journalist. There were also panel discussions chronicling the University’s desegregation.

“As we look back at the planning for the 50 days, our hopes were that the whole campus would embrace the desegregation,” Dozier said. “The true success has been how the University, community and students have sponsored 50, 60 or 70 events.”

Dozier also mentioned the participation of students in the celebration. Law students organized a re-enactment of the 1961 trial that admitted Hunter-Gault and Hamilton Holmes.

“We’ve been so impressed with the time that the students put into planning and researching their events,” Dozier said. “They planned events that really reflected the past as well as the present.”

Derrick Alridge, director of the Institute for African American Studies, has served alongside Dozier as the co-chair of the planning committee for the 50 days of desegregation.

“We are very pleased at how well everything turned out,” Alridge said. “We’ve had a lot of support from the University and also the community.”

Carson Lamb, a junior English major from Perry, said he thought the University’s decision to celebrate desegregation in a multitude of venues was an effective one.

“The University handled the 50 year anniversary of desegregation very well,” Lamb said. “There were many events that were open to the public, and there was variety. I went to the mock trial at the law school last week, and now I’m here at this lecture which is centered around art.”

The lecture coincided with the exhibit called “Tradition Redefined: The Larry and Brenda Thompson Collection of African American Art” at the Georgia Museum of Art. The exhibit includes pieces from the David C. Driskell Center for the Study of Visual Arts and Culture of African Americans and the African Diaspora.

The “Tradition Redefined” exhibit runs through March 27.

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U.S. Senate confirms Jones for federal bench

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The U.S. Senate voted 90-0 Monday to confirm Steve Jones' nomination for a federal judgeship, fulfilling a nearly decade-old dream for the Western Circuit Superior Court judge.

Jones said he will not know until later this week when he will be sworn in as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, but he is preparing to move to Atlanta soon.

Talking publicly about his new job for the first time - he declined to comment during the nomination and confirmation process - Jones said he decided to go for a federal position eight or nine years ago.

"I talked to my wife about it and prayed about it, and I said, 'Why not?' " he said Monday. "The opportunity came up two years ago. It's a chance to move up to that next level in my legal career. ... You don't ever want to be 75 years old and saying, 'What if?' "

Jones was a finalist for a federal judgeship in the Middle District of Georgia in 2009, but was not nominated. President Obama nominated him in July to fill a vacancy in the Northern District.

Jones also enjoyed support from Georgia's two Republican senators, Johnny Isakson and Saxby Chambliss, easing the way for his confirmation.

Jones has been "a friend for a long time," Chambliss said Monday on the Senate floor.

"He's one of those guys that, if you had to pick a jurist, he's the one you'd want to go before," Chambliss said.

Isakson praised Jones' work leading Clarke County's felony drug court, a rehabilitation program for first-time nonviolent drug offenders. Jones "works for them as an advocate and a mentor to make sure they never return to drugs or return to crime," Isakson said.

Jones said he was honored by Obama's, Chambliss' and Isakson's support, but most of all, he wanted to thank his hometown.

"I really appreciate the people of Athens-Clarke and Oconee County," he said. "You all have been really great to Steve Jones."

An Athens native and a University of Georgia graduate, Jones was a prosecutor and Athens-Clarke...
Municipal Court judge before then-Gov. Zell Miller made him a Superior Court judge for Clarke and Oconee counties in 1995. He also is involved in numerous community organizations, including chairing the anti-poverty effort Partners for a Prosperous Athens, now known as OneAthens.

"On and off the bench, Judge Jones has contributed to his community," Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said before the confirmation vote.

The Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously recommended confirming Jones in November, but the full Senate did not vote before the end of the term last year, so the committee again recommended confirmation last month.

The delay didn't frustrate Jones, because he's been busy, he said.

"It really hasn't been that bad, because I've been doing my Superior Court judge job," he said. "If I hadn't had that, it would probably be harder, but I heard a murder case last week."

Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., called on the Senate to confirm more of Obama's judicial nominees. One in eight federal judgeships are vacant, overworking judges and creating backlogs in the court system, he said.

"We ought to at least vote them up or vote them down," Leahy said.

The GOP is willing to vote on noncontroversial nominees like Jones, said Grassley, the ranking Republican on the committee.

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Hunstein will share her insights on being a woman in the judicial system and, more generally, on being a woman in the field of law during her presentation, titled "Women and the Law: We've Come a Long Way ... Maybe."

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Forum: Profiling Americans counterproductive

By FAZAL KHAN - Athens Banner-Herald
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As a law professor, I wear many different hats. Professionally, I research and publish on issues ranging from health care policy to bioethics. I teach courses and deliver lectures throughout the University of Georgia, but I also mentor students outside the classroom.

While in private practice, I used my background as both a medical doctor and a lawyer to represent a wide range of clients from hospitals and pharmaceutical companies.

In my community, I try my best to make a positive contribution. I served on the AIDS Athens board of directors for several years, and I performed onstage for “Dancing With the Athens Stars” to benefit Project SAFE. Additionally, I'm a big supporter of the local arts and music scene.

But in the mind of Rep. Pete King, R-N.Y., new chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, I'm apparently suspect, because I'm also a Muslim.

And Rep. Paul Broun, R-Athens, recently has stated that we should profile "Arab looking" people.

King has an unfortunate track record. He's declared there are "too many mosques" in America and alleged, without any evidence, that American mosques are controlled by extremists.

Now he plans to hold hearings on "the radicalization of American Muslims." In short, he plans to cast suspicion upon a few million Americans with all kinds of unique backgrounds, professions and personal lives - solely on the basis of their religious faith.

King's proposed hearings face growing criticism from across the country, and with very good reason. Law enforcement professionals reject this type of profiling as detrimental to serious police work. National security experts object that Rep. King's approach does more to damage our security than to help it. And people from all faiths object to singling out an entire religious community, simply on the basis of how they choose to pray.

With regard to law enforcement, King has claimed Muslim communities are uncooperative with regard to investigating terrorism - a claim rejected by experts and belied by events. Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca, whose jurisdiction includes a large and diverse Muslim community and who serves as a chairman of the Major City Chiefs Association, has directly refuted King's claim, saying, "We
have as much cooperation as we are capable of acquiring through public trust relationships." Baca also has challenged Rep. King, saying, "If he has evidence of non-cooperation, he should bring it forward." But King has rejected requests to call law enforcement professionals to testify at the upcoming hearings, scheduled to begin March 9.

Sheriff Baca's view is supported by events.

It was a Muslim street vendor from Senegal who alerted police to the attempt to bomb Times Square.

Members of an Irvine, Calif., mosque were so alarmed by a congregant's incitement to violence that they reported him to the police - only to find that he was an FBI informant.

In Portland, Ore., a father brought his concerns about his own son's behavior to authorities, prior to the boy being arrested in connection with a plan to bomb a Christmas tree-lighting ceremony. Like all Americans, Muslim Americans are committed to the safety of their families, their communities and their country.

National security professionals equally reject King's approach. Targeting the American Muslim community has been repudiated by national leaders from Colin Powell to Gen. David Petraeus. Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton recently summed up their view, noting, "Rather than alienate a very large part of the world's population by corrupting (our) values through racial and religious profiling, we must view our Muslim partners as allies in the current fight, and treat them so."

Affirming our core values of religious pluralism, Rabbi Jerome Davidson of Rep. King's own district recently objected to the proposed hearings by quoting from George Washington. Upon assuming office, Washington promised the members of a synagogue who had wished him well that America would be a land that "will give to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

Sadly, the most predictable outcome of King's hearings will not be meaningful law enforcement or an increase in our security, but rather another increase in the un-American bigotry that President Washington so wisely warned against.

Rep. Broun is on King's committee and is, therefore, uniquely positioned to influence how these hearings unfold.

Pick up the phone and let Rep. Broun's office know you want him to speak up for George Washington's vision of America, not Joseph McCarthy's.

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Proving Damages. Sponsored by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia. Six CLE hours, including one ethics and five and a half trial practice hours. From 7:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the State Bar of Georgia headquarters in Atlanta. Register at www.ictega.org.

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MARCH 9
29th Edith House Lecture by Supreme Court of Georgia Chief Justice Carol W. Hunstein, "Women and the Law: We've Come a Long Way... Maybe." Sponsored by the University of Georgia School of Law. From 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Patton Lowrey Courtoom of Hirsch Hall in Athens. Visit http://www.law.uga.edu/events/7200.

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Metro City and County Attorneys' Seminar. Co-sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia Local Government Law Section and the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia. Six CLE hours, including one professionalism and two trial practice hours. From 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the State Bar of Georgia headquarters in Atlanta. Register at www.ictega.org.

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Advanced Securities Law. Co-sponsored by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia and the Securities Committee of the State Bar of Georgia's Business Law Section. Six CLE hours. From 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the State Bar of Georgia headquarters in Atlanta. Register at www.ictega.org.

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The Complexities of FCC Article 9 Simplified. Sponsored by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia. Six CLE hours. From 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the State Bar of Georgia headquarters in Atlanta. Register at www.ictega.org.

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Augusta State University issued the following news release:

Edward Tarver, U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, was honored by the Augusta State University Alumni Association with its Distinguished Alumnus Award at their annual meeting and awards celebration Feb. 18 at Saint Paul's Church.

He was recognized for achieving a level of excellence in his chosen profession and for providing outstanding support to the community and to the university. This marks the second award presented to Tarver from the university's Alumni Association. In 2007, he was named recipient of the Golden Key Award. He also received the 2008 NAACP President's Award.

Tarver has served as a U. S. Attorney since 2009 when he was appointed by President Barack Obama.

Before being appointed to his current position, Tarver served as a state senator representing the 22nd district. In the Georgia Senate, he served as secretary of the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee as well as a member of the Appropriations, Economic Development, Government Oversight, Military Affairs and Special Judiciary Committees.

Tarver served as chairman of the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce, president and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Leadership Georgia Foundation, president of the Augusta Technical College Board of Directors, and member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Bank and Trust Company.

Tarver also was a member of the Court Advisory Committee for the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia, and remains an active member of the State Bar of Georgia and the Augusta Bar Association.

He received his bachelor's degree in political science from Augusta State (Augusta College) in 1981. Tarver served in the U.S. Army as a field artillery officer before entering the University of Georgia School Of Law where he earned a juris doctor degree in 1991.

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by Danielle Harris

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CARBONDALE, Ill., March 4 -- Southern Illinois University issued the following news release:

Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard today (March 4) named Jeffrey C. McLellan as interim general counsel for the Southern Illinois University system.

McLellan fills the vacancy created last week by the resignation of former SIU General Counsel Jerry Blakemore. Since 2005 McLellan has served as senior associate general counsel at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, after serving as university attorney at Georgia Southern University for more than nine years.

McLellan earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, M.Ed. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Toledo, and a J.D. degree from the University of Georgia School Of Law. He is licensed to practice law in Illinois and Georgia and has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. He is a member of the National Association of College and University Attorneys and the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

"Jeff's service to our university over the last six years has been exemplary," Poshard said. "He is an experienced and knowledgeable attorney, well versed in the legal and regulatory matters involved in the practice of public higher education law."

McLellan's appointment will be approved at the April meeting of the SIU Board of Trustees. He will serve in an interim capacity until a search can be conducted for a permanent replacement. For any query with respect to this article or any other content requirement, please contact Editor at hs.syndication@hindustantimes.com
Jones sworn in to Northern District bench

1:10 pm, March 6th, 2011

Steve C. Jones, whose nomination to the federal bench in Atlanta was confirmed Monday by the U.S. Senate, was sworn in today as a U.S. District judge to fill one of four vacant judicial posts in the Northern District of Georgia. Jones was sworn in by U.S. District Chief Judge Julie E. Carnes in a private ceremony attended by his wife, his brother, a sister and Georgia Supreme Court Justice George Carley and his wife.

"It is a great honor to become a member of the bench for the Northern District of Georgia," Jones told the Daily Report after the 11 a.m. ceremony. "I look forward to working with the other judges on the bench.'

Jones said that a public investiture and swearing-in is in the works and will likely take place in the next two months. The judge, who resigned his longtime post as Superior Court judge for the state's Western Judicial Circuit on Wednesday, said that he begins work in Atlanta on Monday, preparing to hear cases in a judicial post that has been vacant since Jan. 1, 2009.

Three federal judges on the Northern District bench — Onida D. Evans, Clarence Cooper, and Jack T. Camp — took senior status at that time. Because of the length of time those posts have been vacant and the number of cases federal judges on the Northern District bench generally handle, they had been declared judicial emergencies by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. The fourth slot opened when U.S. District Judge Beverly B. Martin was appointed to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last year.

Along with Jones, the U.S. Senate also confirmed Atlanta attorney Amy M. Totenberg as a federal judge here. Totenberg took her oath of office with Jones on Friday, President Obama's nominations of U.S. Magistrate Judge Linda T. Walker and V Natasha Perdue Sills, a staff attorney in the office of the federal public defender in Atlanta, are currently pending before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

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Charles 'Chuck' Driebe, 77, longtime Democratic Party loyalist

By J.E. Geshwiler
For the AJC

3:34 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2011

Chuck Driebe was much respected by his peers for his political savvy, his legal acumen, and his service to his community and profession.

Said former Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes, "Chuck was one of the greatest Democrats I've ever known. He must have set some kind of record attending every one of our national conventions since 1968."

Mr. Barnes added that whenever some political task needed doing, he felt he could always count on Mr. Driebe, a longtime Democratic Party operative, to get it done right.

"I also admired Chuck as a practicing attorney," Mr. Barnes said. "He had a strong sense of fairness. He would take cases whether or not there was a chance he would be paid if he thought the client was being mistreated."

Former Atlanta Mayor Sam Massell, now president of the Buckhead Coalition, appointed Mr. Driebe in the early 1970s to serve on the Atlanta Board of Aldermen, shortly thereafter renamed the City Council.

"Chuck served ably with sterling integrity and commitment to our city," Mr. Massell said. "With his command of public policymaking, he became a real asset to the board. He made me proud, and he made me look good."

Wyche Fowler, a former congressman and U.S. senator from Georgia, credited Mr. Driebe with getting the south MARTA line to run directly into the airport terminal. Back in the 1970s, there were several developers who had bought properties in the vicinity of the airport in hopes of getting the council to pick their site for the airport stop, said Mr. Fowler, who was council president at the time.

"Chuck and I thought that would be absurd. Each of those sites would have required shuttle bus service to take MARTA passengers a mile or more to the airport -- an inconvenience to the public," said Mr. Fowler, now living in Atlanta and practicing international law.

"Through 17 council votes Chuck worked behind the scenes to prevent any of those sites from getting majority approval. Finally, the exhausted council members voted 9 to 9 to run MARTA into the airport, and I as council president got to cast the tie-breaking vote in favor, but Chuck was the one who made it happen."
Mr. Fowler said Mr. Driebe had a refreshing sense of independence in anything he undertook. "Chuck could have worked for any of the big firms in Atlanta, but instead he chose to run his law office by himself, later in partnership with his son. Any lawyer will tell you it's extremely tough to be a sole practitioner."

Tom Houck, an Atlanta political consultant and former radio personality, said Mr. Driebe was one of the first "crossover politicians" who brought black and white voters together for a common goal.

"I first met Chuck in the early 1970s," he said, "when he got me and others involved in an effort to win black voter support for Zell Miller when he campaigned successfully for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor."

Charles "Chuck" Driebe, 77, of Atlanta died Tuesday at Emory University Hospital of cancer complications. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at H.M. Patterson & Sons, Spring Hill.

Born and reared in Pennsylvania, Mr. Driebe came to Atlanta as a military policeman assigned to Fort McPherson. After completing his military service, he was accepted into the University of Georgia School of Law, finishing first in his class, and then he opened his law office in Jonesboro.

Bill Ide, an Atlanta attorney and former president of the American Bar Association, said Mr. Driebe dedicated himself to setting higher standards for lawyers. "Whether it involved local, state or national bar groups, Chuck would take on these tasks with his characteristic big smile and see to it the job got done," he said.

"Chuck had a longstanding commitment to improve the justice system for the rich, the poor and the middle class without regard to their history, race or creed. He wanted quality legal resources available to all," said John Clark of Dallas, a onetime member of the ABA's Board of Governors.

A weekend ritual for Mr. Driebe for more than 30 years was what he called the Driebe Invitational -- a gathering of friends for doubles matches at the Bitsy Grant Tennis Center at 10:30 a.m. most Sunday mornings.

"Actually, it was more social than competitive," said Nick Taylor, a former Atlantan and now a writer in New York. "There was never any slamming of racquets on the court or even any testy words. It was all good-natured play among the people Chuck would invite from the worlds of politics, business, sports and the media."

Survivors include his wife, Gail Driebe; two sons, Charles Driebe Jr. of Atlanta and Mitch Driebe of Flagstaff, Ariz.; two daughters, Anne Varie of Davidson, N.C., and Elizabeth Driebe of Flagstaff, Ariz.; and six grandchildren.

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Clarke Central grad makes a splash on reality TV

By BETH JONES - Correspondent
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Producers over at Bravo must be thanking Zeus they signed the ratings goldmine that is Phaedra Parks.

The second member of "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" cast with Athens roots (NeNe Leakes also lived in Athens and graduated from Clarke Central High School), Parks added a distinctive flavor to the third season of the show - which broke viewership records for the cable channel with its Jan. 30 finale episode.

The prominent Atlanta entertainment lawyer, who graduated from Clarke Central High School in 1989, cautions viewers that they don't know the real Phaedra from watching a few episodes of "RHOA."

"I don't believe seeing a person for a limited amount of time shows you who that person is," Parks says. "It's a character."

The Parks we see on "RHOA" may differ from the in-person version; luckily, TV-Parks is colorful enough to provide lots of buzz-worthy moments.

There was Parks' elaborate baby shower, where she turned up wearing Swarovski crystals on her eyelashes, prompting castmate Kandi Burruss to famously describe Parks' look as "bouffetto" - part bourgeois and part ghetto.

A photo shoot that combined a pregnant Parks
and a giant jar of pickles earned big laughs.

The fact that Parks is a self-described Southern belle didn't keep her from discussing the way she incorporates sugar into lovemaking.

As for the other housewives, they didn't hesitate to snark about the criminal past of Parks' new husband Apollo Nida (he was convicted in 2004 for racketeering).

Some "RHOA" fans labeled Phaedra a racist for saying that because Nida grew up in a white household, he possesses a less sophisticated palate.

"He's not used to all this fancy stuff," Phaedra says on the show. "He likes canned foods. He likes packed meats."

In one of the recent "RHOA" reunion shows, however, Parks gave such an articulate talk on the subtleties of modern racism that one entertainment reporter raved, "Phaedra proved that she can be really serious and smart."

"I'm not a one-dimensional person, so I have multiple layers to my personality and what I do," Parks explains.

Following her graduation from Clarke Central, Parks attended Wesleyan College, a private women's college in Macon. She then returned to Athens to get her law degree at the University of Georgia.

In Atlanta, she formed The Parks Group, a law firm serving entertainers and athletes (Parks' list of former clients includes Bobby Brown) while juggling work as a legal analyst for NBC and Fox News.

Despite a hectic schedule - one that's even more fast-paced since the birth of her son Ayden Adonis - Parks occasionally makes the trip to the Classic City. She serves on the alumni council for UGA's Law School.

"I come to Athens quite a bit for things related to Georgia," Parks says.

Parks' mother, Regina Bell, who has lived in Athens since the early 1970s, made several appearances on "RHOA" this season.

"We're very close," Parks says of her mother. "We speak minimally three or four times a day."

Bell wasn't surprised to find herself on television. From watching the show, she knew Burrass' mom had turned up onscreen last season.

Bell never felt nervous in front of the cameras. "I really didn't give it a thought," she says.

Several of Bell's former acquaintances and classmates have e-mailed or phoned to say they saw her on "RHOA."

"They tell me, 'Ohh, you looked so pretty' or 'you can't even tell the mom from the daughter,' " Bell reports.
Mom isn't surprised to watch her daughter turning into a celebrity.

"I knew she was going to be something great," Bell says. "She had a different persona."

The religious Bell did find herself surprised by a few things on the show, like when Parks delighted in a performance by a stripper.

"I was saying, 'What in the world is going on?' " Bell says about watching the scene.

Bell calmed down after her son told her, "Mama, you have to realize she's in entertainment law."

Over the course of the season, Parks was noncommittal about the baby's due date. Some of the housewives speculated that Parks didn't want her mother to know her baby was conceived before she married. On the "RHOA" reunion show, though, Parks stated she was reluctant to give a set due date because of fertility issues.

During the reunion, Bravo's Andy Cohen asked Parks if she discusses sex with her mother.

"Oh no. Never," Parks said quickly.

A gamut of gossip blogs seem to follow Parks' every television move, discussing everything from when her baby was conceived to her husband's background.

Parks can't be bothered by any stories that show up on the Internet. She doesn't read them.

"If I want news, I go to CNN or valid news sources," Parks says. "People who read blogs, it's really evident to me that they don't have a lot to do with their time. They probably don't have a real job."

Parks earned admirers in the blogosphere for how she addressed conflicts face-to-face with other housewives - instead of making snotty comments behind their backs.

When, for instance, Parks heard housewife Kim Zolciak had described her child as an alien, she went to the source to address it.

"I sense we have a real responsibility to show people who are looking, who are watching, that grown women have to be just that - grown women" Parks says. "It's very important that you do things the right way because people are looking, and not all those people are smart enough to know it's merely entertainment."

Parks balks when asked whether starring on "RHOA" has been a positive experience.

"It's been an experience," she says. "I don't rate things super-positive or negative. I mean, it's been just that. It's been an experience. It was something new that I wanted to do, and I did it."

Parks also declined to say whether she'll remain on the show next season.

"It just depends," she says.
For about two hours Feb. 25, a panel discussed what in­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­&
inside droplets of liquid helium, and then use infrared laser spectroscopy to measure the structures via the light they absorb. After honing the technique, he will try to develop an instrument to introduce macroscopic molecules to the helium droplets. Physicists have shown that small biomolecules can be introduced to helium droplets and studied spectroscopically, but Douberly will be the first to employ the method for detailed probes of small and large biomolecule systems. 

"Gary Douberly has built a unique instrument to make spectroscopic measurements of molecules caught in super-cooled liquid helium droplets," said Jon Amster, professor and head of the chemistry department in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. "In this very cold, superfluid environment, the spectroscopic lines of the molecules become very sharp and well resolved. With this method, Gary will be able to measure fine details, which will allow computational chemists to test the accuracy of their calculations."

As part of the project, Douberly also will identify points at which some molecules change shape when water is introduced. "We will be able to see how many water molecules it takes to transform an amino acid from a neutral state to a so-called zwitterion state, in which the molecule possesses both a positive and a negative electrical charge," said Douberly.

Determining the points where changes occur will help researchers accelerate the design of pharmaceuticals.

The project also will provide research opportunities for African-American undergraduate students throughout Georgia. "Although 30 percent of Georgians are African American, right now this group represents only about 2 percent of our chemistry graduate students," said Douberly. "This award will help sponsor undergraduate students from this underrepresented group to conduct research here through our department's Summer Undergraduate Research Opportunities program."

The NSF CAREER Award is a highly competitive national award that provides significant funding to promising young researchers. Only 19.5 percent of the projects submitted to the NSF Chemistry Division last year received the award. Douberly is the sixth researcher in the UGA department of chemistry to hold a CAREER Award. Previous recipients are Todd Harrop, Timothy Dore, Geoffrey Smith, Jason Locklin and Vladimir Popik.

**First-Year Odyssey Seminars**

The First-Year Odyssey Seminar program invites faculty to offer seminars beginning fall 2011. Faculty are invited to develop a seminar on a topic that is related to their area of scholarship. This is an opportunity to engage first-year students in the unique academic culture of the university. The First-Year Odyssey Seminars will be one credit-hour, graded seminars taught by faculty in small sections of approximately 15-18 students. FYOS 1001 will be offered beginning in fall 2011 to all incoming first-year students at UGA.

To propose a First-Year Odyssey Seminar, use the online form at www. fyo.uga.edu. Proposal submissions are encouraged by April 1.

Information about the First-Year Odyssey Seminar program, including the goals of the seminar, answers to frequently asked questions and resources to support faculty are online at www.fyo.uga.edu.

For more information, contact fyo@uga.edu or tfontz@uga.edu.

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Court of DeKalb County, where she was the first female president of the Council of Superior Court Judges and chaired the Georgia Commission on Gender Bias in the Judicial System.

Additionally, she was district director for the National Association of Women Judges, has chaired multiple state commissions on child support guidelines and has been a member of the Justice Center of Atlanta and the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention advisory boards. She is also the former chair of the Georgia Commission on Access and Fairness in the Courts.

In course of her career, Hunstein has received many honors, including a commendation for outstanding service from the Georgia General Assembly, the Margaret Brent Award from the American Bar Association’s Commission on Women in the Profession and the Commitment to Equality Award from the State Bar of Georgia’s Committee on Women and Minorities in the Profession. She was also named a Rosalynn Carter Honorary Fellow in Public Policy by Emory University’s department of women’s studies.

The Edith House Lecture Series is hosted annually by the Women Law Students Association in honor of one of the first female graduates of Georgia Law.

House, a native of Winder, was co-valedictorian of the law class of 1925, the first class to graduate women.
Entitlements must change, U.S. rep says

By BLAKE AUED - blake.aued@onlineathens.com
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U.S. Rep. Jack Kingston expects Congress to keep haggling over budget cuts for at least another month. But whatever ends up being slashed, it will only amount to skipping a meal or two, Kingston, R-Savannah, told a group of University of Georgia law students Monday.

Instead, to trim its "inconceivable" $1.6 trillion deficit, the federal government needs to go on a diet and start working out, said Kingston, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. And that means talking about Social Security, Medicare and defense spending - popular programs most politicians don't want to discuss.

"Those are the three sacred cows," he said. "We've got to get into those entitlements and also put the military on the table."

But most House Republicans propose cutting only about $100 billion, or less than 3 percent, mostly to programs like National Public Radio, the Environmental Protection Agency and Planned Parenthood that are disliked by conservatives but make up only a small fraction of the budget. Entitlements are where the real money is - 60 percent of federal spending, Kingston said.

As the population ages, the Social Security trust fund is projected to start running dry between 2041 and 2052.

"For you guys, there isn't going to be any money unless we change it or modify it," Kingston, a UGA graduate, told students.

Kingston floated a few ideas for solvency, including pegging the retirement age to life expectancy and taxing all income to fund Social Security, not just the first $106,000 workers earn per year. He also proposed capping federal spending at its historical level of 18 percent to 20 percent of the U.S. gross national product. It's now 25 percent, he said.

Change will have to come gradually over a long period of time, Kingston said.

"You have to turn the steering wheel this way and lock it down," he said.

As Democrats and Republicans face off over how much to cut and where, Congress has yet to pass
a budget for the current fiscal year, let alone the coming year. Kingston said he thinks Congress will pass another continuing resolution like the one approved Thursday that kept the government running for two weeks.

"We're going to get the budget done, but I think it may get tied into the debt ceiling," Kingston said.

The debt ceiling - currently $14.3 trillion - is the amount the United States is allowed to owe before Congress must vote to raise it. If it isn't raised when the limit is reached sometime in April, the federal government could default, plunging the nation into a depression.

Kingston said he will vote to raise the debt ceiling only if Congress agrees to discuss serious long-term spending changes.
Chief Justice at UGa

By Tim Bryant

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The Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court speaks today at UGa: Justice Carol Hunstein's lecture is set for 9:30 this morning in the University of Georgia's Law School auditorium.

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Gwinnett County Auto Accident Law Firm of the McGarity Group, LLC Named 2010 Georgia Super Lawyer

Buford, GA (Vocus/PRWEB) March 09, 2011

Gwinnett County attorney Mike McGarity of the McGarity Group, LLC has been named by Georgia Super Lawyers magazine as one of the top attorneys in Georgia for 2010. Only five percent of the lawyers in the state are named by Super Lawyers.

Mike McGarity has 31 years of experience and was admitted to practice in Georgia in 1979. McGarity graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1976, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia School Of Law in 1979, was admitted to the Georgia Bar, the Supreme Court of Georgia, and the Georgia Court of Appeals in 1979.

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Edward Tarver, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, was honored by the Augusta State University Alumni Association with its Distinguished Alumnus Award at its annual meeting and awards celebration Feb. 18 at Saint Paul's Church.

He was recognized for achieving a level of excellence in his chosen profession and for providing outstanding support to the community and to the university. This marks the second award presented to Tarver from the university's Alumni Association. In 2007, he was named recipient of the Golden Key Award. He also received the 2008 President's Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Tarver has served as a U.S. attorney since 2009, when he was appointed by President Barak Obama.

Before being appointed to his current position, Tarver served as a state senator representing the 22nd district. In the Georgia Senate, he served as secretary of the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee as well as a member of the Appropriations, Economic Development, Government Oversight, Military Affairs and Special Judiciary committees.

Tarver served as chairman of the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce, president and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Leadership Georgia Foundation, president of Augusta Technical College's Board of Directors, and member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Bank and Trust Company.

Tarver also was a member of the Court Advisory Committee for the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia, and remains an active member of the State Bar of Georgia and the Augusta Bar Association.

He received his bachelor's degree in political science from ASU, then known as Augusta College, in 1981. Tarver served in the U.S. Army as a field artillery officer before entering the University of Georgia School of Law, where he earned a juris doctor degree in 1991.
Son remembers Charles J. 'Chuck' Driebe

By Charles J. Driebe Jr., Special to the Daily Report

At the Daily Report's request, entertainment lawyer Charles J. Driebe Jr. provided the text of the eulogy he delivered this week for his father, lawyer and Democratic political activist Charles J. "Chuck" Driebe, who died March 1 at the age of 77.

My dad was different, and he did things his way.

Chuck's first cousin Rosemary has spoken today about his childhood. When a young man loses his mother, it is never easy—and he developed a tough outer shell to deal with that. But Chuck also acquired an independent streak. As a 152-pound, 16-year-old senior guard on his high school football team, he accepted a college scholarship offer to Temple. His uncle was a successful dentist and wanted Chuck to follow in his footsteps, but that wasn't for Chuck. So he left college and entered the Army. Later, without ever having earned a college degree, he was accepted to UGA Law School and finished first in his class.

My Dad was different, and he did things his way.

He met and married my mother, who had been raised a Baptist in South Georgia. Someone needs to write a short story about that wedding. My dad was a Yankee, ethnic and a Catholic—at a time when his friend Pat Conroy wrote, "There is nothing stranger or more alien in the American South than a Roman Catholic."

Chuck's entire extended family descended on the tiny, moss-draped south Georgia town of Fort Gaines for the wedding. There was no hotel in town, so the northern visitors were received with great hospitality in various homes across the community. The wedding was held 35 miles away in Eufaula, Ala., because that was the closest Catholic church. Now, when you have to go to Alabama to find religious diversity and tolerance, you know you are unusual. But that marriage yielded four kids, all successful in their own ways and all here today to pay their respects.

My Dad was different, and he did things his way.

After he graduated law school and clerked for a judge on the Georgia Court of Appeals, Chuck decided to go into private practice. But he didn't want to work for a big Atlanta law firm and spend five years in the library. He hankered to get into court, so despite the fact that we lived and continued to live in Buckhead, he went into practice in Jonesboro in Clayton County, Georgia. In those days, Jonesboro was a small town a long way from Atlanta, and Clayton County was a separate domain with its own rules and traditions. Although he was an outsider, he soon gained the respect of the community. Eventually, Chuck became a big fish in a small pond, one which grew over the years until it became part of the megapolis known as metro Atlanta.

My Dad was different, and he did things his way.

Perhaps because of his upbringing, Chuck always identified with the common man and the underdog. And in the late 1950s and early 1960s in Georgia, that meant supporting the civil rights movement. In those days, Georgia politics was ruled by a bunch of ignorant, backward states-righters who were intent on keeping the status quo intact and stopping the federal government from dragging the state into the modern era—well, I guess some things never change!

But Chuck stood strong for human rights and human dignity. In 1968, after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, Chuck took our family to view the body, which was lying in state at the Atlanta University campus. As white people, we were in a distinct minority, and we stood in line all day to pay tribute to the first dead person I ever saw. The whole experience made quite an impression on an 11-year-old boy. In retrospect, he was clearly on the right side of history, but his stances on these and other issues came at great risk to his personal and professional standing.

My Dad was different, and he did things his way.

When it came to being a father, Chuck had no equal among our friends. He was the youngest, coolest dad around. He couldn't always keep them straight or remember all their names, so he often addressed them with one of his favorite appellations—"Chief." As in, "How you doin' Chief?" Eventually, our friends started calling Chuck "The Chief." When my Dad got sick, I organized a "Toast to the Chief" at his favorite haunt, Manuel's Tavern. His peers and contemporaries were not
invited, just friends of my brother and me, and they spent the evening regaling him with stories of the impression he made on them. The common theme was that he treated them as grown-up human beings, never condescending to them, and he showed them it was OK to be yourself—and to be different.

My Dad was different, and he did things his way.

Two years ago, Chuck got a deadly dual diagnosis: cancer and ALS. The doctors told him he had six months to live and recommended chemotherapy to extend his life. His response was that he didn't want to live that way, and he refused treatment. He approached the situation as he did many things in his life—with a kind of curmudgeonly dignity. He continued going into his office in Jonesboro and was working until the week before his death. He wanted to work till the end, and he did. He didn't want to waste away in a hospital bed, and he didn't. He said, "I'd rather go from cancer than ALS," and he did.

As always, my Dad was different, and he did it his way.

Thanks for everything and rest in peace, Dad.
St. Patrick's Day Rugby Tournament gets bigger and better

Rugby tournament's new division lets players 45 and older continue game

By MIKE BROWN

They don't move as quickly as they once did, but the intensity level and love of the game has not diminished.

Old rugby players, like old soldiers, don't fade away. They just move up to another division and continue playing.

This weekend's 33rd St. Patrick's Day Rugby Tournament, thanks to a lobbying effort by Savannah attorney Bill Dillard, added a division for teams for players 45 and older.

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Four teams are in this year's tournament, but Dillard said this was only the start of something that is going to get bigger and better.

Dillard, who started playing rugby in 1982 when he was living in Columbus, Ga., put together a University of Georgia Alumni Association team, and the UGA group was one of the four teams playing at the Daffin Park pitch.

"We played last year in the 35-year-old division and got killed," Dillard said. "It was dangerous. This is the first year we've played in the 45-and-over side."

Rugby is not a game for dilettantes. There are no pads, helmets or face masks. It is a rugged game, and the old guys go at it, and at one another, as hard as their younger counterparts.

Dillard, Dennis Frisch and Greg "Broadway" Ray, all in their mid-50s, are members of the 22-man UGA team whose oldest player, they believe, is 61.

Frisch is a podiatrist in Boca Raton, Fla., and — believe it or not — a University of Florida grad playing on a Georgia alumni team. Ray lives in Athens and comes to Savannah for this tournament every year.

While in Savannah he stays with relatives, getting free room and board, he said from Robert and Joan Kutchey.

Jean was at Saturday's game and said, "I don't understand the game and I don't know why..."
they play it at their age, but he loves it.”

Frisch and Ray played in college at the club level while Dillard began playing after graduating from law school at Georgia where he also earned his undergraduate degree.

“I had a friend in college who played rugby,” Ray said in explaining how he got involved in the game. “He was crazy, I went to one of their practices and it was crazier, and then I went to one of their parties.

“It was even crazier, and I was hooked. Been playing rugby ever since.”

Ray was a member of the Georgia team which won the first St. Patrick’s Day tournament in 1979.

He then spent 25 years in Los Angeles as a writer and standup comedian before returning home — and to his rugby roots — in 2004.

Dillard was encouraged to take up the sport by close friend John Godbee. The two of them were instrumental in starting the Columbus team which beat UGA, 35-0, on Saturday.

“He used to laugh and scoff at it,” said Godbee who now lives in Baton Rouge, La. “Now he’ll go anywhere to play.”

When Dillard came to Savannah he played for the Shamrocks, but as 30 became 35 and 35 became 40 and 40 became 50, etc., he found he had no place to play.

“I heard about a team in Fort Lauderdale,” Dillard said. “I couldn’t get anyone to go with me so on Friday after work I drove eight and a half hours by myself and asked them if I could play.

“They were Florida guys, but they took me in,” Dillard said. “No one’s suffered more in Jacksonville (Florida-UGA football) than me, but that’s where rugby is different from football.

“Southeastern Conference fans live vicariously through their teams, and hate the other teams. In rugby we love the game more than the team.”

And, that love of the game helps explain how Frisch the Gator grad plays in a UGA alumni uniform.

“I’m on blood thinner which is why I wear that silly helmet,” Frisch said. “I’m not supposed to be playing, but giving up rugby is more difficult than giving up cigarettes.”

To which Dillard echoes a hearty amen.

“Rugby and tennis are a lot alike,” Dillard said. “They’re both vigorous and demanding games, and you can play both to a ripe old age. The one catch is you have to play people your age.”

The tournament continues today at Daffin Park.
ENGAGEMENT: BAUMAN-STARR

Sunday, March 13, 2011

A spring wedding in Kansas City is planned by Amy Bauman and Andrew Starr. Parents of the engaged couple are Mr. and Mrs. John Bauman of Columbia and Norton and Irene Starr of Amherst, Mass.

The future bride received a bachelor’s degree in economics and political science from the University of Iowa in Iowa City and a law degree from Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago. She works at Summers Law Firm in Kansas City.

The future groom received a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and a law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law in Athens. He works at Wayside Waifs in Kansas City.

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Judge Jones: Judge of character

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Surely Steve Jones is no saint.

Steve Jones flashes a smile March 2 at the Oconee County Courthouse — his last day as Western Circuit Superior Court judge.

The U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed the former Western Circuit Superior Court judge Feb. 28 for a federal judgeship, and he has unanimous respect from friends and colleagues as well. In fact, they say he's the only person they know who no one ever has said a bad word about - except maybe all the criminals he's locked up.

But Jones must have some flaw. When pressed, Superior Court Judge Lawton Stephens cited his handicap.

"He probably needs to practice his golf game a little more," Stephens said.

"He works too much."

Don't expect Jones to turn into Tiger Woods, though, either on the links or in his personal life. He's too worried about living up to his new responsibilities.

"I'm blessed man," Jones said. "People have helped me in life. No man is an island unto themselves.

I don't want to let people down."

Time after time, someone has seen Jones' abilities and pushed him along to the next stage. They haven't been wrong yet.

Country kid

Jones, the youngest of four children, was raised on Timothy Road by a single mother who sewed and did other domestic work to pay the bills.

"It was the country," he said. "A lot of the subdivisions now, they were bushes and trees."

He describes his childhood as a typical and happy one, riding his bicycle, playing sports and picking berries in the woods. His father wasn't around - something he doesn't care to discuss - but his strong mother, now 88, uncles and church elders kept him on the right path.

"He was your normal, mischievous child, but he always knew when to stop," said his sister, Delores Ford. "He would play, but he always knew when it was time to do homework and the serious things."

He played basketball at Cedar Shoals High School, where he graduated in 1975, but quit the team after getting a C so he'd have more time to study. Ford said.

The hard work paid off when he was accepted into the University of Georgia. He graduated with a degree in business in 1978 and was about to take a job in New Jersey when he saw an ad for a newly created position extracting delinquent child support payments for the Western Circuit District Attorney's office. He went to see Harry Gordon, then the district attorney, and it turned out they had a connection.

"He was so impressive to me because he had such a great grandma," Gordon said.

The job attracted Jones because he knew children tended to do better with both parents in their lives, he said.
"It was the enforcement," he said. "You were making people who were not supporting their kids support their kids."

Jones ran the Child Support Recovery Office for six years. Gordon, now a defense lawyer, became not just a boss and mentor, but a fishing buddy.

"He has a natural ability to make people like him, and it's not fake," Gordon said. "That's what I like about him. He's sincere."

When Stephens ran for state House in the 1980s, Jones took him out to Timothy Road and introduced him around.

"Every door we knocked on, they'd automatically have a big smile on their face," Stephens said. "'Steve Jones, how you doin'?'
They said, 'If you're good enough for him, you're good enough for me.'"

Life in law

Gordon and the late Judge Joseph Gaines liked Jones so much, they convinced him to go back to school. He got his law degree from UGA in 1985 and went back to work for Gordon, this time as an assistant district attorney. The first case he handled by himself, he prosecuted a husband who'd been arguing with his wife over 20 years and finally, drunk, shot her in the back. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Stephens went up against Jones in Stephens' last case before becoming a judge in 1991.

"He beat me like a drum so he was a good trial lawyer," Stephens said.

Even as a prosecutor, Jones thought about cases like a judge. The goal was to find the truth, he said, not to win a conviction.

"If I didn't think he did it, I wasn't going to try to convince 12 other people he did it," he said.

Gwen O'Looney once served on a jury for a case Jones prosecuted. She already knew him through their work as child-support advocates, and every time their paths crossed, she was impressed by his hard work. When O'Looney was elected mayor and needed a Municipal Court judge in 1992, she knew exactly who she wanted, even though Jones backed her opponent in the election.

"I wasn't looking for a political supporter," O'Looney said. "I was looking for a good judge."

Stepping up

Around the same time, Jones met newspaper publisher Dink NeSmith, who would become a close friend. NeSmith said he saw that Jones was headed for great things.

"Twenty years ago, I picked him out," NeSmith said. "He had all the makings of a federal judge. You knew it was just a matter of time and for the opportunity to arise."

It wasn't long before Jones came one step closer to fulfilling NeSmith's prediction. When the state legislature authorized a third Superior Court judge for Clarke and Oconee counties in 1995, then-Gov. Zell Miller promoted him.

"His integrity was and is just unquestioned," Athens lawyer Ken Kalivoda said. "He always told opposing counsel that I was his campaign chairman and offered to recuse himself from the case. In 16 years, only one (lawyer) ever asked him to recuse himself, and that was an inexperienced young lawyer from Atlanta who didn't know him. So it never happened."

Jones created the Western Circuit's felony drug court, where first-time nonviolent drug offenders get treatment and probation instead of jail time, "which has been an incredible success," Stephens said. So much so that senators singled it out for praise during confirmation hearings and Gov. Nathan Deal, whose son is a judge and runs a similar program in Gainesville, has talked about taking it statewide.

He also chaired the state Judicial Qualifications Commission, which recommends judicial appointees to the governor. Jones shone a spotlight on bad judges by reprimanding them publicly instead of behind closed doors, said NeSmith, who served on the commission with him.

"You could see he was fair and impartial, determined to get the facts for us to decide," NeSmith said.

His civic involvements are too numerous to list, but one post stands out. In 2006, former Mayor Heidi Davison tapped him to lead Partners for a Prosperous Athens, an effort to relieve the crushing intergenerational poverty in Clarke County.

"In our opinion, he's one of the most respected persons in town," said UGA Community Relations Director Pat Allen, a PPA
co-founder. "Who could lead a group of this magnitude and command the respect of the broad community?"

A new town

Jones enjoys the responsibility of serving as a judge and making split-second decisions that can affect the outcome of a trial, he said. But that responsibility also carries a weight. He's tried murders, rapes and kidnappings, but the toughest cases for him, he said, were divorces and child custody.

"Usually, you had a good mother on this side, a good father on this side," he said. "They both love the child. They just couldn't get along."

He won't have to rule on those kinds of cases on the U.S. District Court for the Northern Circuit of Georgia. Drug trafficking, racketeering, civil rights and patent law cases are more common there.

"I think he's really adept at complex civil litigation, and that's something he'll do a lot of in federal court," Stephens said.

It took almost a year from the time Jones was nominated for the Senate to confirm him, but once it did, things started to move quickly. He was sworn in March 4 and started his new job Monday. He already has a 224-case docket.

The position requires him to move to Atlanta, where he's already bought a condo. He'll be leaving behind the house on the outskirts of Clarke County he shares with his wife, Lillian Kincey, three cats, two donkeys and five goats. The goats are all named after Supreme Court justices, according to NeSmith.

"They eat apples out of your hand," Jones said. "It's good therapy. They don't ask you any questions. They don't complain about anything. They just love you for who you are."

And Athens loves Jones for who he is, too.

"Selfishly, I'd like to keep him in Athens," Gordon said. "But I'm glad for him. Steve will always be part of Athens because that's just the way he is."

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U.S. News law school rankings are out, with revamped tiers

Karen Sloan
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The latest law school rankings from *U.S. News & World Report* are out, and the list is pretty ho hum — at least among the elite schools.

There was no movement among the top six schools, with Yale Law School, Harvard Law School and Stanford Law School maintaining their positions at the top of the list. In fact, the only changes among the top 10 were that the University of Michigan Law School moved up two spots to No. 7, and that the University of California, Berkeley School of Law moved down two spots to No. 9. The University of Virginia School of Law inched up one spot to tie for No. 9.

The real attention-getter on this year’s list, which the magazine was scheduled to publish on March 15, will likely be the extension of numerical rankings beyond the top 100 and elimination of the old alphabetically listed third and fourth tiers. Instead, the rankings are now broken into two sections: the top-ranked 145 schools as determined by their numerical scores, and a second tier of 45 schools listed alphabetically but not given an overall rank.

*U.S. News* research director Robert Morse hinted in January that the magazine was considering extending the law school overall rankings to maintain consistency with its Best Colleges rankings.

The ranking of law schools by tier by the *U.S. News* has had plenty of supporters and detractors over the years. Detractors have said the tier system creates artificial distinctions between the quality of the schools at the bottom of the numerical rankings and those that would have had the highest overall scores among the alphabetically listed third tier. Others have argued that the differences between most schools are so minor that it is essentially worthless to assign them overall ranks at all.

On this year’s list, Chapman University School of Law fell 11 spots to No. 104, to tie with Saint Louis University School of Law and the University of South Carolina School of Law for the top of what would have been the third tier in the past. The City University of New York School of Law (No. 121), Florida International University College of Law (No. 132), John Marshall Law School (No. 140) and Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law (No. 143) all moved up from what had been the fourth tier to receive an overall ranking.

At the bottom of what would have been the third tier last year are Campbell, Loyola University New Orleans School of Law and the University of New Hampshire School of Law (formerly Franklin Pierce Law Center), which tied at No. 143. The University of Missouri School of Law fell 14 spots this year to land at No. 107, which would have placed it in the third tier under the old system. It is the second straight year of bad rankings news for the school, which placed No. 65 on the U.S. News list two years ago.

Suffolk University Law School, The University of South Dakota School of Law and the University of Toledo College of Law each dropped from the third tier to what would have been the fourth tier, but now is called the second tier.

While there were no major moves among the top 10 schools on the list, there were some major jumps and declines among the schools ranked Nos. 50 to 100. In the most dramatic change, both St. John’s University School of Law and the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law dropped 23 spots, from No. 72 last year to No. 95 this year. Villanova University School of Law, which caused a stir last month when administrators disclosed that they had reported inaccurate admissions data for a number of years, plummeted 17 spots in the rankings, to No. 84. The University of Miami School of Law also dropped 17 places, to land at No. 77. Other significant declines include Syracuse University College of Law, which dropped 14 spots, to No. 100, and the University of New Mexico School of Law and the University of Kansas School of Law, each of which
dropped 12 spots to tie at No. 79.

There were also a number of large leaps up the rankings. Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law (No. 79), the University of Richmond School of Law (No. 67), and Chicago-Kent College of Law (No. 61) each jumped 19 spots. Northeastern University School of Law moved up 15 spots, to land at No. 71, and DePaul University College of Law gained 14 spots, for the No. 84 position.

Movement was less pronounced among the top 50 schools, where the biggest change was the University of Colorado School of Law's nine-spot drop to No. 47. Emory University School of Law fell eight spots, to No. 30, while both The University of Georgia School of Law and the University of Wisconsin Law School fell seven spots, from No. 28 last year to tie for No. 35 this year.

Conversely, the University of Maryland School of Law saw the largest gain among the top 50, moving up six spots to No. 42. The University of California, Davis School of Law gained five spots to nab the No. 23 position. Indiana University Maurer School of Law — Bloomington (No. 23), Fordham University School of Law (No. 30), the University of Washington School of Law (No. 30), Washington and Lee University School of Law (No. 30), and Florida State University College of Law (No. 50), all moved up four spots.

The annual release of the U.S. News law school ranking prompts plenty of complaints and grumbling among administrators and other legal educators about their accuracy and usefulness. The chorus of griping is likely to be extra loud this year, since the debate over law school transparency has gone mainstream with articles about college rankings and law school data appearing recently in The New York Times and The New Yorker. U.S. News has responded by agreeing to supply more detailed graduate employment data on its Web site.

Just last week, U.S. News Editor Brian Kelly wrote asking law school deans to submit accurate employment and admissions data — and that they not attempt to game the rankings. Earlier, Morse put law school administrators on notice that U.S. News was changing the way it calculates graduate employment, presumably because a growing number of schools failed to provide information about the number of students who had jobs at graduation. Placement success accounts for 20% of each school's overall ranking. Employment nine months after graduation counts for 70% of that figure, with employment at graduation making up another 20%, and bar passage rates accounting for the last 10%.

Diversity advocates would like to see far more changes to the rankings. The State Bar of California's Council on Access & Fairness is finalizing a proposal that U.S. News make diversity account for 15% of the overall rankings.

U.S. News compiles a separate index of law schools with the most diverse student bodies, but that measure is not part of the overall rankings.

This year, the University of Hawaii's program is listed at the top of the diversity index. It replaced Florida A&M University College of Law, which moved from first to third this year.

There were few major changes near the top of the part-time law program rankings. Georgetown University Law Center maintained its position at the top of the list.

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University graduate programs remained among the best in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2012 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools. The School of Law tied for 35th and the College of Education tied for 46th.

"Rankings such as these are satisfying because they are a reflection of the quality of the programs at the University of Georgia," said UGA President Michael F. Adams. "As we begin to implement a new strategic plan with a focus on graduate and professional education, we do so knowing that the foundation on which we will expand is strong and the state of Georgia is well-served by these programs."

Maureen Grasso, dean of the UGA Graduate School said, "UGA's graduate programs do an outstanding job of preparing our students for success in the 21st century. The excellent teaching and research conducted by our faculty provide our graduates with the knowledge and skills they need to make an impact in our local and global communities as they drive the economic competitiveness of Georgia."

While coming in at 35th overall on the list, the School of Law is ranked among the top 14 public law schools in the nation and among the top four public schools in the Southeast.

"Rankings continue to provide a snapshot look of an institution and only some of its programming," School of Law Dean Rebecca Hanner White said. "At Georgia Law, we offer the whole experience—dedicated teachers who are productive scholars, a challenging and varied curriculum, numerous co-curricular opportunities via 12 clinics and four study/work abroad programs, a talented student body and a collegiate atmosphere. Our goal, year in and year out, is to provide one of the finest legal educations in the country at an attractive cost."

"Additionally, we are pleased our graduates continue to be prepared for the practice of law as evidenced by the fact that five of our graduates have been selected over the past seven years to serve as a U.S. Supreme Court judicial clerk, the most prestigious appointment a new lawyer can obtain."

The College of Education ranked 46th overall in a tie with Temple University, but was ranked 32nd among public universities in the nation. The college was ranked 3rd among public universities in the Southeast.

"These graduate program rankings confirm the college's excellence across a broad range of academic endeavors, from K-12 teacher education to curriculum/instruction to counseling," said Arthur M. (Andy) Horne, dean and Distinguished Research Professor of the College of Education. "Equally important, however, is what numerical rankings cannot measure: the University of Georgia's profound commitment to expanding educational opportunities for every student and improving our communities in Georgia and across the nation."

Among the 10 specialty rankings, five of the College of Education's programs ranked in the top 10 in the nation: Vocational/technical education ranked second, counseling/personnel services tied for second, secondary education ranked fifth, higher education administration ranked fifth, and elementary education ranked sixth.

The doctor of veterinary medicine program tied for ninth. "We are pleased that the U.S. News and World Report ranking recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine in recent years, reflecting the achievements of our great faculty, staff and students," said Dr. Sheila W. Allen, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

The biological and agricultural engineering program, within the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, ranked 12th.

The biological sciences program, within the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, tied for 46th.

The School of Public and International Affairs' master of public administration degree program continues to be ranked 4th in the nation, and the 2nd best among public universities. SPIA also has four highly ranked specialty programs.
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Both the specialization in public finance and budgeting as well as the specialization in public management and administration continue to be ranked 2nd in the nation. The nonprofit management specialization is ranked 11th and the public policy analysis specialization is ranked 18th.

Other programs with current rankings include: clinical psychology tied for 33rd, master of fine arts tied for 37th, and psychology tied for 50th.

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After serving more than three decades in state and local government including two terms as Georgia’s governor, Sonny Perdue has committed his political papers and memorabilia to UGA’s Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies. By a special arrangement with the Georgia Archives, the Russell Library will house both the former governor’s personal and official state papers. This collection joins the papers of 13 other Georgia governors.

“The addition of Sonny Perdue’s papers means that Russell Library now holds more than half the personal papers of modern Georgia’s governors,” said Sheryl Vogt, director of the library. “We are happy that the legal agreement with the state archives allows us to house these records.”

Perdue’s official papers include executive files, which consist of subject files generated by his administration including those of his assistants and others pertaining to legislators, agencies and organizations, and counties. These records also contain proclamations, scheduling files, Legal Division records, Public Officials Commission records and External Affairs files. Perdue’s personal political files include those pertaining to his campaigns, his work in the state Senate, clippings, the Commission for a New Georgia and those of former first lady, Mary Perdue. Photographs, artifacts and audio-visual materials are a part of both the official and personal papers.

College of Pharmacy honors Feldman, dean emeritus, for diversity efforts
Stuart Feldman, dean emeritus of the College of Pharmacy was honored for his efforts to enhance and promote diversity within the college at a Feb. 25 reception held in conjunction with the university’s 50th anniversary of desegregation celebration.

Feldman was dean of the college from 1992 to 2000. In 1994, he hired the first African-American faculty member, Marie Chisholm-Burns and endorsed the formation of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association, an organization traditionally comprised of minority students. In 2002, he established the Stuart Feldman Academic Support Fund to foster and support activities that educate and inform students, faculty and staff of the importance and value of diversity within the College of Pharmacy, health care and the health professions.

In 2010, the Feldman Fund supported the establishment of the week-long Summer Science Academy for economically disadvantaged high school students who have a strong aptitude in math and science. In honor of his efforts, the academy has been renamed the Dean Stuart Feldman Summer Science Academy and now supports students from both Georgia and those of former first lady, Mary Perdue.

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extended periods of time, making it difficult to elucidate the critical cognitive and neural processes,” Beeman said. “But sometimes, while at an impasse about how to solve a problem—Eureka!—a sudden insight emerges. Such moments of sudden insight can signal and isolate some of the critical components of effective cognition.”

Although insight seems to occur suddenly, the Eureka moment is the culmination of cognitive processes and internal states that facilitate the insight—from rapidly changing preparatory states to relatively stable individual differences in brain states that influence problem-solving style, said Beeman. Furthermore, the processes and neural activity that lead to insight solutions are modulated by mood and attention,” he likely to solve word puzzles with sudden insight when they were amused, having just seen a short comedy routine.

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The E. Paul Torrance Lecture annually brings scholars to UGA to discuss research and issues concerned with creativity. It was established in 1985 in honor of Torrance, a native Georgian and pioneer in research on the identification and development of creative potential. He is most noted for the development of the Torrance Test of Creative Thinking, which is still used worldwide. The lecture is sponsored by the College of Educa-
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The University of Georgia issued the following news release:

The University of Georgia School of Law's 107th Sibley Lecture will explore the aftermath of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 as well as the current vulnerability of the U.S. financial system. Featuring Columbia University's John C. Coffee Jr., the lecture will take place March 28 at 3:30 p.m. in the law school's Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom. The event is free and open to the public.

Coffee, who will present "Death, Taxes and Systemic Risk: Dealing with the Inevitable," is considered a legal authority on numerous financial subjects and is the Adolf A. Berle Professor at Columbia Law School as well as the director of the school's Center on Corporate Governance. He has been a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers' Legal Advisory Board and its Market Regulation Committee, and he has served on the New York Stock Exchange's Legal Advisory Board and on NASDAQ's Economic Advisory Board.

Coffee has testified on numerous occasions before U.S. Senate and House committees during the drafting of important regulatory legislation, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the Dodd-Frank Act. He also has authored and edited several books and casebooks on corporations, securities regulation, takeovers, and business organization and finance. Additionally, he was recently named the most-cited law professor in law reviews in the combined corporate, commercial and business law fields, and he has been repeatedly listed by The National Law Journal as one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America."

Before entering academe, Coffee practiced corporate law as an associate with the firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City. He earned his B.A. from Amherst College, his LL.B. from Yale University and his LL.M., with an emphasis in taxation, from New York University.

The Sibley Lecture Series, established in 1964 by the Charles Loridans Foundation of Atlanta in tribute to the late John A. Sibley, is designed to attract outstanding legal scholars of national prominence to Georgia Law. Sibley was a 1911 graduate of the law school.

For more information about the UGA School of Law and the Sibley Lecture Series, see http://www.law.uga.edu/.

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Former Md. governor joins King & Spalding

Former Maryland Gov. Bob Ehrlich, who spent eight years in Congress before he was elected governor in 2002, a Republican, has returned to the law firm as a senior counsel in Washington, adding a significant new public face to the firm's government advocacy and public policy practice.

The move is a return to the nation's capital for Ehrlich, who is a former Maryland governor in Washington's office, adding a significant new public face to the firm's government advocacy and public policy practice.

"I have a lot of friends in this town," Ehrlich said. He won election to Congress in 1994 as a Republican, and served six years as a deputy whip in the House. It is a very comfortable town for me.

Ehrlich said he plans to build a relationship with King & Spalding's current clients, as well as "create new client relationships with the firm from my contacts." He said his goal is to "do "very little if any lobbying."

Ehrlich is a principal at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, based in Winston-Salem, N.C. After leaving office, Ehrlich and a group of his former aides founded Womble's Baltimore office. He stayed until he ran for governor again last year, when he took a leave of absence. He said he considered returning but felt the pull of Washington, where Womble does not have as large a presence.

— Inspiration for Legal Times

Professor vetted for 11th Circuit

MERCEY UNIVERSITY'S Daisy Hurst Floyd has spent the majority of her career in academia

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DAISY HURST FLOYD'S RESUME doesn't fill in the boxes that are common for nominees for federal appellate judgeships.

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Senator passes bill on mental health courts

SB 39 would allow criminal courts to establish mental health divisions for supervision and rehabilitation programs

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A BILL THAT COULD MAKE IT EASIER for criminal court systems to create mental health divisions has gone to the Senate House of Representatives for consideration after passing the Senate earlier this week.

Senate Bill 39 would allow any court that has jurisdiction over criminal cases involving defendants who have mental illness or disorders—possibly in addition to drug addictions—to establish mental health divisions.

These divisions would incorporate treatment, supervision and rehabilitation programs to minimize or avoid incarceration.

Under the bill, defendants charged with violent crimes, including murder, armed robbery, rape and child molestation, would not be eligible for mental health courts.

Sen. Johnny Grant, R-Millicollegeville, said a few see Mental health: the bill.

Yoss to close its doors

ATLANTA OFFICE—The firm's second largest—will shut down March 25

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YOSS, ONCE ONE OF FLORIDA'S LARGEST law firms and the largest minority-owned law firm in the country, will dissolve and close its doors March 31.

The firm's Atlanta office, its second largest, will shut down on March 25, according to an e-mail from the Atlanta partner-in-charge, John H. Horne. The Atlanta office has dwindled from a high of 55 attorneys at the beginning of 2009 to about 17 at present, Horne declined further comment for the story. In an e-mail sent to employees Friday, managing partner George Yoss notified employees that the firm would be winding down.
Mercer University professor vetted for 11th Circuit seat

Floyd (from page 1) took senior status last month, but since she is the court’s senior member, that spot would likely be filled by a Florida judge.

What the White House would get in Floyd is a 50-something academic with nearly three decades of experience in teaching, scholarship, and administration. As a scholar she has focused on evidence, procedure, ethics, and legal education. After a long tenure at Texas Tech University School of Law—which ended while she was running classes of special interest to university attorneys—Floyd served as dean at Mercer’s law school for six years until retiring to the faculty just last summer.

While most of President Obama’s appeals court nominees have come from the bench, academic experience is hardly unusual among high-ranking judges. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, for example, is a scholar—her fields are law and economics—a Harvard Law School professor, and Justice Elena Kagan was dean of Harvard Law School before becoming U.S. Solicitor General. Yet none of the current active members of the 11th Circuit came to the court from a full-time faculty position.

Emory, UGA, A&B

Floyd started her studies at Randolph-Macon Women’s College in Virginia before going on to Emory University to receive undergraduate and master’s degrees in political science. She went on to law school at the University of Georgia, where she was on the Law Review, and joined the State Bar of Georgia in 1989.

She began her legal career with a brief one and a half-year tenure as an associate at the firm now known as Axton & Bird in Atlanta. W. Terence Walsh, a now-retired Atlanta partner who handled litigation matters with Floyd at Axton, said when a representative of the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary called him a few weeks ago to ask about Floyd, “I confessed to the guy who called me that I was totally lacking in objectivity, because Democracy is the best way to recruit a superior person in that recruiting class way back when.”

Walsh added that he also had always been impressed with Floyd’s husband, former law professor Timothy W. Floyd, with whom Walsh has worked on a committee to improve civil legal services for the poor.

But Daisy Floyd left the firm to take a position teaching legal research and writing at UGA, a position she would go on to direct. “I certainly wasn’t anything except excellence in her position here, but I think that she had a yearning for the academic world that just wouldn’t go away,” said Walsh.

Walsh said he emphasized to the ABA committee representative that Floyd’s scholarship was highly regarded and that she had taught on a federal appellate judge. “She has never been in an ivory tower contaminating various mysteries,” said Walsh. “She has been where the rubber meets the road in the law school dean business, and has been especially close to developers in its public and private relationships.”

Walsh said, “From a people skills standpoint,” Walsh added, “I would give her A-plus.”

Texas Tech, biosuit

Floyd moved to Lubbock, Texas, to join the faculty at Texas Tech in the early 1990s, eventually rising to the No. 2 position at the law school, associate dean for academic affairs. When the top post was vacated, Floyd was up for the nomination, but the post went to another member of the faculty—a result she blamed on sexism by the university’s president.

Floyd filed suit alleging that the outgoing dean told her that the university’s president, when David Schmidly, told him “in the lowest and cruelest of terms” that the president would appoint no woman to the deanship. The suit contended that Schmidly, who is now president of the University of New Mexico, adamantly denied making the crude statement, calling it “a God damned lie” (Schmidly could not be reached).

Floyd’s lawyer for the biosuit, Mark L. Perlmutter of Austin, said Tuesday that Floyd withdrew her suit after securing the deanship position at Mercer. Being denied a law school administrative position is an all-consuming job, Perlmutter said, and Floyd wanted to move on. She maintained just such an even-handed and graceful demeanor throughout it, constantly trying to collaborate with them and constantly trying to resolve the matter,” said Perlmutter.

But Floyd made decisions with a focus on the best interests of the school. “She has enormous student support,” he added.

Perlmutter, who said she has maintained a friendship with Floyd over the years, said if Floyd has political connections, she doesn’t know about them. But Perlmutter said she wasn’t surprised to hear that her former client was being considered for a federal judgeship. “She’s a very extraordinary human being,” said Perlmutter.

“Not a political animal”

Jack L. Sammons, a law professor at Mercer who said she hasn’t heard from the ABA committee about Floyd but did get a call from FBI about her, said Perlmutter researched the discrimination controversy at Texas Tech in hiring Floyd to be dean—and found Floyd’s selections there to her credit. “She’s not a political animal,” Sammons added. “She really isn’t, and that was also appealing to me.”

He also praised Floyd’s work as dean at Mercer, “Several students became the standing committee,” she said, and Floyd created a committee of faculty, students and others to study the matter. Ironicall y, she said, Floyd already had taken about half of the steps the committee ultimately recommended.

“I think at the end of it all they went away feeling that the school had heard what they were saying and responded,” said Sammons.

Making sure others are heard characterized Floyd’s other work as dean, said Sammons. “She is an extremely cautious and careful decision maker who takes time on all of her decisions,” said Sammons. “For an example, on faculty decisions she wanted to make sure that she had heard all perspectives before she made her decision. And I’m sure that’s exactly how she would be in a judge. She has no agenda.”

Sammons said she wasn’t surprised Floyd was being considered for the 11th Circuit job, saying she had heard that Floyd was making a good judge. “So I’m glad the world is working the way it should,” he said.

The ABA’s Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary evaluates individuals the president is considering for nomination to the federal judiciary. During the administration of President George W. Bush, the committee was reorganized as an organization decision-making committee after the president nominated a number of judicial candidates, the ABA’s website, the committee’s rating of a candidate is provided to the president but is not released publicly if the president decides against nominating the candidate.

Both Floyd and a White House press contact declined comment for this story.

Senate passes bill on mental health courts

Mental health, from page 1

Superior Court judges from circuits that already have mental health courts asked him to sponsor the legislation this year in hopes of expanding the state’s mental health court system.

“Many [other] jurisdictions feel like they need a little bit more of a directive by the Legislature to move in this direction,” Grant said. “For lack of a better term, this would give [mental health courts] a legislative stamp of approval.”

There are 13 mental health courts for adults and two for juveniles in the state, according to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Grant said creating more mental health courts would reduce recidivism by treating the most cause of some offenders’ problems and save taxpayer money.

“Jails and prisons have become the new psychiatric hospitals,” Grant said Monday on the Senate floor. “Twenty-four percent of state prisoners and 21 percent of local jail prisoners have a record of mental health disability. For many, mental illness is the primary issue, not criminality.”

The bill states that if a mental health court defendant successfully completes the court’s program prior to the entry of judgment, the prosecuting attorney may dismiss the case. If the defendant completes the program as part of a sentence imposed by the court, the mental health court could reduce or modify the sentence.

However, the legislation specifically prohibits a mental health court judges from imposing a term of imprisonment “unless it determines, after a hearing on the matter, that it is necessary to protect the health and safety of others.”

The House passed the bill, which was sponsored by Rep. Lay Neal, R-LaFayette, and included the creation of more accountability courts such as DUI, mental health, and drug courts.

Representatives approved HB 265 on Feb. 24 and sent it to the Senate, but the bill has not been assigned to a Senate committee.

Grant said he believes mental health courts shouldn’t require significantly more money than it already costs to operate criminal courts.

“Superior courts are generally the sponsors of mental health courts, and a judge will take it on as an additional task,” he said. “The costs are for court personnel like coordinators who work under judge’s orders, and the programs come through existing agencies in the community.”

Accountability courts survived recent cuts to the 2011 state budget, and the approved 2012 budget includes more funding, including a $1 million slice from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

SB 39 gives new courts the option of seeking money from local governments, applying for federal grants and accepting donations.

The bill also changes the Judicial Council of Georgia with setting standards for the mental health courts. The council’s chairwoman, state Supreme Court Chief Justice Carol W. Hunstein, would not comment on SB 39, said state Supreme Court spokesman Jason Hansen.

Hansel also has expressed support for the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform and for accountability courts, including mental health courts, in her Feb. 18 State of the State address.

The Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council of Georgia would not comment on the bill, and Kenneth W. Mauldin, president of the District Attorneys’ Association of Georgia, could not be reached for comment. The Georgia Psychological Association supported SB 39, said Executive Director Daniel J. Rogers, the association’s legal and legislative task force chairman and an assistant professor of psychology at Kennesaw State University.

Individuals with mental illnesses who commit crimes have a “difficult time exiting the criminal justice system, particularly when their conditions are untreated or not adequately treated,” Rogers said in a written statement.

“For the individuals who choose to participate in mental health courts, these courts provide appropriate treatment in conjunction with strict monitoring. Research indicates that mental health courts are an effective and less expensive alternative to typical incarceration for these individuals.”
University of Alabama law school tied with Georgia, 2 others for 35th in US News rankings

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The University of Alabama School of Law is tied for 35th among law schools in a list compiled by U.S. News & World Report.

The ranking is three spots up from last year’s and marks the university’s 13th straight year in the annual “Best Graduate Schools” edition of the magazine.

With in-state tuition at $15,760 per year and out-of-state tuition at $28,070, UA’s law school is less expensive than all of the schools ranked above it.

It tied for 35th with Ohio State University, the University of Georgia and the University of Wisconsin.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine was ranked fifth in health care management, 10th in primary care, 16th in public health, 21st in nursing and 30th in research.

EDITORIAL: Capstone boasts elite grad colleges

The University of Alabama School of Law continues to distinguish itself nationally. The latest accolade can be found in the ranking of law schools by U.S. News and World Report, whose annual ranking of colleges and universities in a variety of disciplines is widely respected.

The magazine has the law school, led by Dean Kenneth C. Randall as 35th in the nation, up three spots from last year and marking the 13th year the school has been among the magazine's "Best Graduate Schools."

And with in-state tuition at $15,760 per year and out-of-state tuition at $28,070 per year, UA's law school is less expensive than all of the schools ranked above it, many of them prestigious private and Ivy League schools.

The closest in price for attending a top 35 law school is the 30th-ranked University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which has in-state tuition set at $17,068 and out-of-state tuition at $31,218.

In 2009, the UA law school achieved its highest U.S. News ranking at 30th. After falling to 38th the next year, the school rebounded to tie for 35th with Ohio State University, the University of Georgia and the University of Wisconsin.

Yale University topped the list, followed by the law schools at Harvard, Stanford and Columbia universities, all of them venerated — and quite expensive — private schools.

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Athens musicians get a little help from the law

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At first glance, it might not seem like Athens music needs much protection; it's a thriving scene with more musicians and bands than you can count. But on a deeper level, the music that emerges here enters a wide-open landscape with any number of outlets to be exploited at the musician's expense - from a club owner who refuses to pay a band the agreed upon fee for a show to a group finding another band is using its name.

"Protect Athens Music," a joint endeavor between the University of Georgia Music Business Program, UGA School of Law's Sports and Entertainment Law Society, and Nu i's Space, aims to educate and help musicians navigate the legal world of the music business.

Kicking off Wednesday with a Musician's Workshop at the Dean Rusk Center at UGA, Protect Athens Music will offer bi-monthly free legal clinics at Nu i's Space, with the next scheduled for Thursday, where musicians can sit down one-on-one with an attorney for any kind of legal advice.

Wednesday's workshops, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., will include panelists discussing the basics, said organizers Karli Swift and Jennifer Pridgeon, both in law school at UGA. Topics will include "Building Your Team: Who Do You Need by Your Side?", "Performance Rights' Organizations: How Can They Help?", "What's in a Name? Branding Your Band", and "Beyond the Radio: Alternative Ways to Make Money with Your Music."
SunTrust Sports and Entertainment Specialty Group; Michelle Roche, owner, Michell Roche PR; Steve Weizenhacker, entertainment attorney, Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, LLP; Randy Whately, president, Cypress Media Group

Free legal clinics

When: 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. by appointment Thursday
Where: Nu'î's Space, 396 Oconee St.
Cost: Free
Call: (706) 548-8668
E-mail: protectathensmusic@gmail.com
Details: Walk-ins available or call to schedule an appointment. Clinics will be offered bimonthly.

"There'll be a breadth of information - you don't have to stay for the whole day; you can choose what panel you want to attend," Swift said.

Following each panel there'll also be a Q&A session, and attendees also can sign up for one-on-one time with an attorney during the next day's legal clinic at Nu'î's Space.

The entire event is being organized to help out musicians, Pridgeon said, adding it's something she and other organizers want to extend to the Athens arts community.

"I always loved music, but I didn't have the talent and the musical skills to perform it," Pridgeon said with a laugh, as Swift chimed in it's about the same for her. "So we're participating by going into the legal end of it."

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Millard B. Shepherd (SWAINSBORO, Ga.)

(Ron)

Friday, March 18, 2011

SWAINSBORO, Ga. - Durdan-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. Millard Burton "Shep" Shepherd Jr., age 82, on Friday, March 18, 2011, at the Emanuel Medical Center after a brief illness. Memorial services will be Sunday, March 20, 2011, in the First United Methodist Church at 3:00 PM with Rev. Dr. Bill Woodson officiating. Interment will be Sunday, March 26, 2011, at 3:00 PM in the Union United Methodist Church in Butler, GA with Rev. Mark Sasser and Rev. Matt Avery officiating. The family will receive friends Sunday, March 20, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church from 2:00 PM until time of service. Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Flanders-Hall Sunday School Class. Mr. Shepherd was born in Sumter, SC, growing up in Savannah, GA, he attended Georgia Military College and Emory University majoring in Journalism. After returning from serving his country in the US Army as 1st Lieutenant during the Korean conflict he graduated from the University of Georgia Law School in 1958. Mr. Shepherd was a partner with the Shepherd, Gary (and) McDwhorter Law Firm, where he practiced with his brother for over 50 years, was a member of the Georgia State Bar Association, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and past Swainsboro Municipal Court Judge. Keenly supportive of family and friends, he was mentor to countless AA members, a life long democrat, conservationist and environmentalist, worked diligently with the Walk to Emmaus, a longtime and gifted Sunday School teacher, a member of the Union United Methodist Church in Butler, GA and was active in First United Methodist Church in Swainsboro, GA. Mr. Shepherd was preceded in death by his parents Millard Burton Sr. and Kate Smith Shepherd. Survivors include: His wife Mary Cheek Shepherd of Swainsboro, GA. Two Daughters: Fran (Jess) NeeSmith of Vidalia, GA and Dene Shepherd of Atlanta, GA. One Step-Son: Steven (Julie) Speyer of Madison, GA. One Brother: Sidney B. (Jane) Shepherd of Swainsboro, GA. Five Grandchildren: Trey NeeSmith, Chance NeeSmith, Jake NeeSmith, Annie Speyer and Jack Speyer. Mother-In-Law: Cathryn J. Cheek of Columbus, GA. Sister-In-Law: Katrina (Bill) McIntosh of Moultrie, GA. Brother-In-Law: Ben (Kathryn) Cheek of Columbus, GA. Numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews. Condolences maybe submitted on-line at www.durden-hudsonfuneraldirectors.com Should friends desire contribution may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 319 W Main St., Swainsboro, GA 30401 Durdan-Hudson Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements for the funeral of Mr. Millard Burton "Shep" Shepherd Jr. of Swainsboro, GA. Sign the guestbook at Augusta Chronicle.com

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Call (706) 546-8293 ext. 25 for information or to register.

On Thursday

➤ UGA Libraries will hold a workshop titled "Research Your Employer," introducing the libraries' resources and services to help with research for an employment search. The event is 5 to 6 p.m. in the 368 Miller Learning Center. Contact sdevaney@uga.edu or (706) 542-8708.

On FRIDAY

➤ The University of Georgia Terry Leadership Speaker Series will host Jerry S. Wilson, the chief customer and commercial officer for the Coca-Cola Co. and co-author of the book "Managing Brand YOU - 7 Steps to Creating Your Most Successful Self." The event is free and open to the public at 10:10 a.m. in Room 116 of the Visual Arts Building of the Lamar Dodd School of Art.

On March 28

➤ Columbia University's John C. Coffee Jr. will present the 107th Sibley Lecture and explore the aftermath of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, as well as the current vulnerability of the U.S. financial system. The lecture will be at 3:30 p.m. in the University of Georgia School of Law's Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom. The event is free and open to the public.

On March 31

➤ The Tax Shelter, 866 Athens Road, Crawford, will host the Oglethorpe Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours event. Hors d'oeuvres and networking will be from 5:30-7 p.m. Cost is $5 for chamber members and their guests, $10 for nonmembers. RSVP by March 28.

UPCOMING
BOS Staffing will present the Chick-Fil-A LeaderCast in Athens, one day of training for leaders at every level who aspire to articulate and demonstrate positive leadership.

More than 70,000 leaders from more than a dozen countries will watch as Dave Ramsey, Suzy Welch, Robin Roberts, Dan Cathy, John Maxwell, Seth Godin, Mack Brown and others in the workshop at Athens Technical College.

Go to www.classiccityleadercast.com.

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The politics of HOPE
3:25 am March 20, 2011, by Maureen Downey

(Folks, This piece I wrote runs on the Monday education page, paired with this column by Gov. Nathan Deal.)

The debate in the Legislature over the HOPE scholarship changes provoked many dramatic speeches, but the most personal was delivered by state Rep. Stacey Evans, D-Smyrna.

Evans is the exact student that Gov. Zell Miller, a son of hardscrabble Georgia, envisioned when he launched HOPE in 1994. Growing up in Ringgold to parents who labored in carpet mills, Evans was smart, but poor. She was not raised in a household that read the classics or discussed poetry around the table. Still, she graduated in the top 10 percent of her class.

Despite her accomplishments, Evans today would not qualify for the full HOPE funding that enabled her to attend the University of Georgia.

And that’s because she barely broke a 1,000 on the SAT.

"Hard work can get you a higher GPA, but hard work will not always get you a higher SAT," Evans said. "I could not make up what I didn’t have 18 years sitting around the dinner table talking. You cannot dream what you don’t know."

Full HOPE — now the Zell Miller scholarship — goes only to students with a 3.7 grade point average and at least a 1,200 on the 1,600-scale SAT.

Students with a 3.0 high school GPA earn HOPE Lite, which will pay about 90 percent of tuition next year but possibly far less in the future if demand increases. HOPE no longer covers any books or fees.

SAT scores correlate with the income and educational attainment of a student’s parents, which is why poor teens, whether rural or urban, fall below more affluent suburban counterparts.

In fact, there are swaths of rural Georgia where no students in the top ranks of their classes would have qualified for the full HOPE under the original plan proposed by Gov. Nathan Deal. To prevent a rural revolt, full HOPE now also goes to each high school’s valedictorian and salutatorian so at least two students in a county get it.

A 2003 graduate of the University of Georgia Law School, Evans suggested a sliding income scale for HOPE that would ensure students from Georgia’s poorest families continued to receive full tuition.

Using Georgia State University as an example, she said students who receive only HOPE Lite next year will have to come up with $1,800 to cover their costs or $35 a week.

"It may not sound like that much, but I remember when I was in middle school visiting a friend who was more affluent and her mother said she needed money to run to the store," Evans said.

"Without thinking, her father pulled $40 out his wallet and gave it to her. That was so much money to me that I
thought how can anyone just pull $40 out of their wallet? We have little girls growing up in Ringgold who are going to be hurt by these cuts."

Evans’ efforts met with defeat, as did another Democratic proposal to impose a $140,000 income cap on HOPE recipients, which would have protected about 94 percent of current HOPE students.

State Sen. Jason Carter, D-Decatur, attempted to persuade rural lawmakers with data showing how the cap would have no impact in many of their counties since no one earned more than $140,000.

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The debate in the Legislature over the HOPE scholarship changes provoked many dramatic speeches, but the most personal was delivered by state Rep. Stacey Evans, D-Smyrna.

Evans is the exact student that Gov. Zell Miller, a son of hardscrabble Georgia, envisioned when he launched HOPE in 1994. Growing up in Ringgold to parents who labored in carpet mills, Evans was smart, but poor. She was not raised in a household that read the classics or discussed poetry around the table. Still, she graduated in the top 10 percent of her class.

Despite her accomplishments, Evans today would not qualify for the full HOPE funding that enabled her to attend the University of Georgia.

And that's because she barely broke a 1000 on the SAT.

"Hard work can get you a higher GPA, but hard work will not always get you a higher SAT," Evans said. "I could not make up what I didn't have 18 years sitting around the dinner table talking. You cannot dream what you don't know."

Full HOPE --- now the Zell Miller scholarship --- goes only to students with a 3.7 grade point average and at least a 1200 on the 1600-scale SAT.

Students with a 3.0 high school GPA earn HOPE Lite, which will pay about 90 percent of tuition next year but possibly far less in the future if demand increases. HOPE no longer covers any books or fees.

SAT scores correlate with the income and educational attainment of a student's parents, which is why poor teens, whether rural or urban, fall below more affluent suburban counterparts.

In fact, there are swaths of rural Georgia where no students in the top ranks of their classes would have qualified for the full HOPE under the original plan proposed by Gov. Nathan Deal. To prevent a rural revolt, full HOPE now also goes to each high school's valedictorian and salutatorian so at least two students in a county get it.

A 2003 honors graduate of the UGA law school, Evans suggested a sliding income scale for HOPE that would ensure students from Georgia's poorest families continued to receive full tuition.

Using Georgia State University as an example, she said students who receive only HOPE Lite next year will have to come up with $1,800 to cover their costs or $35 a week.

"It may not sound like that much, but I remember when I was in middle school visiting a friend who was more affluent, and her mother said she needed money to run to the store," Evans said.
"Without thinking, her father pulled $40 out his wallet and gave it to her. That was so much money to me that I thought how can anyone just pull $40 out of their wallet? We have little girls growing up in Ringgold who are going to be hurt by those cuts."

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Deal appoints Robert D. Alexander as State Court judge

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Gov. Nathan Deal on Monday appointed Jefferson attorney Robert D. Alexander to fill the vacancy in the State Court of Jackson County.

Alexander, a partner with the firm Davidson, Hopkins & Alexander, P.C., will fill the judgeship left vacant with the Oct. 8, 2010, death of Judge Jerry Clinton Gray.

The appointment takes effect upon swearing-in, which should occur within two weeks.

Alexander, 36, serves as Jefferson Municipal Court judge.

Alexander earned his juris doctorate from University of Georgia School of Law and earned his undergraduate degree, a bachelor's degree in English and history, from Presbyterian College. He and his wife, Lori, have two children.

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FRANKLIN COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Scottish researcher and professor to give 10th annual Ritter Lecture

By Mickey Y. Montevideo
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UGA's 10th annual Ritter Lecture Series will feature Michael Ferguson, dean of Research for the College of Life Sciences at the University of Dundee in Scotland, on March 22 at 4 p.m. in Room 404B of the Biological Sciences Building.

"We are thrilled to have Professor Ferguson deliver the Ritter Lecture," said Kojo Mensi-Wilmot, professor and head of the cellular biology department. "His work in basic biochemistry and cell biology has been phenomenal, leading to the establishment of new fields in glycobiology and parasitology. His recent success in translating basic scientific findings into potential new therapies for controlling neglected diseases is without peer in any academic institution. He embodies 'needs-driven science' at its highest level."

Ferguson earned his B.S. degree in biochemistry at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology and received his Ph.D. at London University. He continued research at Rockefeller University in New York and later at Oxford University. In 1988, Ferguson became a faculty member at the University of Dundee, where he established a laboratory dedicated to solving the structures of major cell surface molecules hoping to utilize these differences for drug design. Ferguson's interest in protozoa that cause neglected tropical diseases inspired him to champion the establishment of a drug discovery unit at the University of Dundee. This unit translates basic research into multi-disciplinary drug discovery programs on a university campus.

The Ritter Lecture Series was established in 1999 to honor Hope T.M. Ritter Jr., professor emeritus of cellular biology at UGA. Although he officially retired in 1987, Ritter stayed active in writing and research until his death in 2007.

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enterprise and the state of Georgia." Dahl will succeed Arnett C. Mace Jr., who will step down after 20 years of service to the university. As special assistant to the president, Dahl will guide the transition of the GHSU/UGA Medical Partnership and the UGA College of Public Health to the UGA Health Sciences Campus, which will occupy the 58-acre site in Athens vacated by the Navy Supply Corps School. She will work closely with members of the university's senior administration, officials from GHSU and the state's medical community to develop and implement clinical clerkships and graduate medical education.

"I look forward to assisting with the establishment of a strong medical education and research program alongside an already robust College of Public Health," Dahl said. "I firmly believe these initiatives will lead to outstanding economic development opportunities for our region and look forward to serving in this capacity."

As associate provost for economic development, Dahl links the intellectual and physical resources of the university with the state's economic development needs. In addition to collaborating with local and regional economic development officials, she has helped establish a technology-based economic development program at the UGA Gwinnett campus in partnership with Georgia Tech's Advanced Technology Development Center. She also has worked with the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities to test an assessment tool that measures a university's effectiveness in economic development. In 2000, Dahl founded the Georgia BioBusiness Center, an incubator program that helps UGA faculty members turn their research into commercial ventures. The GBBC primarily focuses on research involving biotechnology. It currently works with 16 companies that in fiscal year 2010 raised $50 million in outside investment and currently employs 85.

SCHOOL OF LAW

Sibley speaker will discuss U.S. financial system

By Curry Andrews
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The School of Law's 107th Sibley Lecture will explore the aftermath of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 as well as the current vulnerability of the U.S. financial system. Featuring Columbia University's John C. Coffee Jr., the lecture will take place March 28 at 3:30 p.m. in the law school's Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Coffee, who will give a lecture entitled "Death, Taxes and Systemic Risk: Dealing with the Inevitable," is considered a legal authority on numerous financial subjects and is the Adolf A. Berle Professor at Columbia Law School as well as the director of the school's Center on Corporate Governance.

He has been a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers' Legal Advisory Board and its Market Regulation Committee, and he has served on the New York Stock Exchange's Legal Advisory Board and on Nasdaq's Economic Advisory Board.

Coffee has testified repeatedly before U.S. Senate and House committees during the drafting of important regulatory legislation, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the Dodd-Frank Act.

CORRECTION

An article in the March 7 issue of Columns incorrectly identified Dawn D. Bennett-Alexander as the first African-American faculty member hired by the Terry College of Business. She was the first female African-American faculty member at Terry and the first to be tenured.
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<td>The University of Georgia issued the following news release: Health care reform and immigration laws will be among the many topics explored at the University of Georgia School of Law's sixth annual Working in the Public Interest Law Conference, to be held April 1 - 2 in Athens. The conference will get underway with a celebration on April 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Melting Point in downtown Athens, featuring a keynote address by Atlanta</td>
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Legal Aid Society's Steve Gottlieb. Panels and roundtable discussions will be held April 2 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the School of Law. Up to seven hours of Continuing Legal Education credits are available for attorneys.

The Saturday morning plenary will focus on the current backlog of judicial nominations in the U.S. Senate, with policy experts addressing the scope of the problem, solutions and potential roadblocks to change.

Other topics to be discussed that day include the impact of the new health care legislation, the regulation of illegal immigrant hiring, criminal defense attorneys and immigration laws, video games' potential effects on childhood violence, discrimination against the elderly, and improving postsecondary school success.

"WIFI seeks to bring together practitioners, students and faculty to discuss practical approaches to lawyering which can promote social justice and human rights for all," third-year law student and conference co-organizer Monika M. Dobbs said. "Our goal is to highlight dynamic and creative ways to combat social injustice through the law as well as to better equip and support those who are working in this challenging arena."

Adding its support will be the law school's Equal Justice Foundation with its 26th annual live and silent auction, which will be a part of the conference's opening ceremony on Friday. Proceeds from the auction will go toward EJF summer fellowships, which help support Georgia Law students working in public interest positions.

All Friday night activities are free and open to the public. Saturday is free for UGA students and faculty members, with a slight fee applying to other attendees. For more information on the conference or to register, see www.law.uga.edu/wipi.

For more information on the EJF Auction, see www.law.uga.edu/ejf.

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BODY:
Bouhan, Williams & Levy, LLP announces big honor for John B. Manly

By Carriage Trade PR, Inc.
Dated: Mar 22, 2011

(SAVANNAH, GA) Bouhan, Williams & Levy, LLP is pleased to announce, An Associate attorney, John B. Manly, has been selected to the 2011 Young Lawyers Division Leadership Academy Of The State Bar Of Georgia.

The six-month program for young lawyers, interested in developing their leadership skills and learning more about their profession, their communities and their state, is nationally recognized. As such, the application process is a competitive one.

“We are thrilled that John has been chosen for the Leadership Academy,” says Carlton Joyce, a partner with Bouhan, Williams & Levy. “The program allows lawyers to be a part of the Bar in a meaningful way and to learn invaluable lessons in leadership and lawyering from state and national leaders.”

As well, with Bouhan, Williams & Levy’s long and distinguished history of service to the Bar, Manly is following in the professional footsteps of fellow firm members, notes Joyce. Sonny Seiler is a past President of the Georgia Bar and Walter Hartridge served on the Board of Governors from 1976 to 2010.

Manly is an associate with the firm, practicing primarily in the areas of insurance defense, medical malpractice defense and commercial litigation.

Prior to joining Bouhan, Williams & Levy, Manly served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Augusta Judicial Circuit in Georgia.

He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and is admitted to practice in the Georgia Supreme Court, the Georgia Court of Appeals, and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

A native Georgian, Manly graduated from The University of Georgia in 2004 with degrees in Political Science and Religion; then from The University of Georgia School of Law in 2008. During law school, Manly clerked for Judge Anne E. Barnes of the Georgia Court of Appeals.

Headquartered in the Armstrong House at 447 Bull Street, Bouhan, Williams & Levy, LLP is among Georgia’s oldest law firms, celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. They can be reached at http://www.bouhan.com or 912-236-2491

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Bachelor's degrees offer college graduates only so much in this world. Brenau University must pave a way for students who intend to set the pace for tomorrow, said Judge Sidney O. Smith Jr.

"Statistics show a bachelor's degree is about what a high school diploma was 30 years ago. People will be forced to go to graduate school if they take their (futures) seriously," Smith said. "This graduate school is not just a nice thing to have. It's something we have to have if we're going to educate our children."

Nearly 150 people celebrated Smith and his message Thursday at the Chattahoochee Country Club. A dinner benefit held in Smith's honor encouraged the work he has chartered in education here, especially his service as a 35-year Brenau trustee and loyal supporter.

Last October, Brenau's board of trustees named its graduate school after the Gainesville native and retired federal judge.

Smith's family has long been associated with Brenau, with four generations of his family connected to the college, its history and leadership.

A proclamation of welcome and thanks from Gov. Nathan Deal preceded the dinner with mention of how Smith's service has helped fuel Brenau's growth.

More than 900 of the university's 2,500 students are pursuing master's degrees and other graduate programs, according to a university report.

"His lifetime of public service has been essential in expanding educational opportunities around Georgia and instituting vital reform in our judicial system," Deal wrote. "Ultimately, Brenau University and, indeed, our state's educational system would not be where it is today without his distinguished service."

Smith served in the Army during World War II, attended Harvard University and graduated from the University of Georgia Law School.

He worked in private practice, served as a Georgia superior court judge and was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson to the U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Georgia, where he served for nine years including six as chief judge.

Smith also was chairman of the Gainesville Board of Education and served on the state Board of Regents.

"It's accepted a town with a college is a better town than one without a college," Smith said.

"Brenau has fulfilled that role, making Gainesville a better place just by being here."

But that is not good enough, Smith said, before discussing the importance of broadening Brenau's graduate programs.

Trustee Carole Ann Carter Daniel, who spoke about Smith's youth, education and commitment to service, added to that dialogue.

Providing meaningful education for university students is a mission that's all the more secure with Smith's name at the helm of the university's future, she said.

"A good name will always be your most valuable possession," Daniel said, repeating a piece of wisdom her mother shared with her. "So who better than Judge Sidney O. Smith Jr. to name the graduate school after ... a man whose integrity and character have never been questioned."
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The following information was released by the University of Georgia:

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The University of Georgia School of Law's Equal Justice Foundation will host its 26th annual benefit auction April 1 at 8 p.m. at the Melting Point in downtown Athens. The evening will include both live and silent auctions. Proceeds from the event will go toward EJF summer fellowships, which help support Georgia Law students working in public interest positions for little or no pay. The event is free, and the public is invited to attend.

Items collected for this year's auction include autographed band memorabilia from R.E.M. and Widespread Panic; artwork such as paintings, photographic prints, handmade ceramics, pottery and jewelry; getaway packages for such locations as Jekyll Island and Lake Hartwell; gift certificates to a variety of local restaurants; and much more.

"This event is not only a fun way to spend a Friday night, but it also is a way for the Athens community to help support those trying to make a difference locally, nationally and internationally," third-year law student and event co-chair Nathan P. Viebrock said.

Last year, proceeds from the auction allowed EJF to award 12 fellowships to Georgia Law students working in public interest positions for such organizations as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, the DeKalb County Child Advocacy Center, the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, Advocates for Children of New York, the Latin American Association and the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative - India.

Prior to the auction that evening, a kick-off celebration for the 6th Annual Working in the Public Interest Law Conference will get underway at 6:30 p.m., with a reception and a keynote address delivered by the Atlanta Legal Aid Society's Steve Gottlieb. The WIPI conference will continue on Saturday at the School of Law with a series of panels and roundtable discussions.

For more information on the EJF Auction, see www.law.uga.edu/ejf. For more information on the WIPI Conference, see www.law.uga.edu/wipi.

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WASHINGTON, March 24, 2011 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Professor Mary F. Radford became the first Academic Fellow to serve as president of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) in a gavel-passing ceremony held at the ACTEC 2011 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting attracted approximately 1,100 Fellows, spouses and guests, which represented a record-breaking attendance at an ACTEC national meeting since the College was established in 1949.

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"I look forward to working with the Fellows of the College as we face the opportunity to expand our role as trusted family counselors amidst the challenges of ever-changing tax and probate laws," said Professor Radford. "Families seek counsel when making preparations to deal with their most precious assets – their children and, in many cases, their elderly parents. We in the College are committed to educating ourselves, our clients, legislators, policy makers, and the general public on the wide range of estate and family planning issues that arise in today's dynamic and complex society."

Professor Radford joined the Georgia State University College of Law faculty in 1984 and currently teaches Wills, Trusts and Estates; Estate Planning; Business Succession Planning; and Law and the Elderly. Elected to ACTEC in 1995, Professor Radford served on the ACTEC Strategic Planning Task Force and has chaired the College's Long Range Planning Committee and Legal Education Committee. She has been an active member of the ACTEC Elder Law Committee and was instrumental in establishing the College's New Fellows Steering Committee. (see below for more on Professor Radford.)

The ACTEC Board of Regents also confirmed the election of the 2011-2012 officers of the College, including President-Elect, Louis A. Mezzullo of Rancho Santa Fe, California; Vice-President, Duncan E. Osborne of Austin, Texas; Treasurer, Kathleen R. Sherby of St. Louis, Missouri; Secretary, Bruce Stone of Coral Gables, Florida; and Immediate Past President, Karen M. Moore of Columbus, Ohio. These new officers represent the approximately 2600 Fellows in ACTEC, most of whom are lawyers who practice in the fields of Estate Planning, Charitable Planning, Fiduciary Litigation, Employee Benefits, and Elder Law. Sixty-seven of the Fellows are Academic Fellows who hold full-time teaching positions at law schools across the country.

Ronald D. Aucutt, a partner in the law firm of McGuire Woods LLP, presented the Annual Joseph Trachtman Lecture titled, "Creed or Code: The Calling of the Counselor in Advising Families." A Past President of ACTEC, Aucutt addressed an audience of over 700 Fellows and guests,
providing guidance on the wide-ranging responsibilities a lawyer faces when advising multiple generations of a family. Based on his experiences, both successes and disappointments, Aucutt challenged Fellows to maintain the highest ethical standards of conduct and inspired them to encourage the "fostering, feeding, fortification, and fulfillment of families." The entire text of the Trachtman Lecture will be published in an upcoming issue of the ACTEC Law Journal.

Professor Radford served as the Reporter for the State Bar of Georgia committees that revised Georgia's Probate Code, Guardianship Code, and Trust Code. She is a frequent speaker on estate planning and guardianship topics and is the author of numerous books and law review articles. In 2009, she was awarded the Verner S. Chaffin Career Service Award by the Fiduciary Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia. In 2002, she received the Treat Award for Excellence from the National College of Probate Judges.

Professor Radford has also taught as a Visiting Professor at the law schools of the Phoenix School of Law, the University of Georgia, Emory University, and the University of Tennessee. In 1990-91, she worked as a Supreme Court Fellow for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist. Before she began teaching law, she practiced as an associate attorney at the Atlanta firm of Hansell & Post, 1981-84. Prior to attending law school, Professor Radford taught English and French at two Atlanta high schools.

A native of New Jersey, Radford received her undergraduate degree from the Newcomb College of Tulane University and her law degree from Emory University School of Law. She lives in Big Canoe, Georgia with her husband, Lee Raudonis.

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PepsiCo Names Maura Abeln Smith EVP of Government Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Smith will succeed Larry Thompson, who is retiring from the company

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PURCHASE, N.Y., March 25, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- PepsiCo today announced the appointment of Maura Abeln Smith to the position of executive vice president of government affairs, general counsel and corporate secretary, effective May 5. Smith will succeed Larry Thompson, who is retiring from the company to assume a teaching position at the University of Georgia Law School.

Smith, who will report to PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi, will be responsible for the company's worldwide legal function and government affairs organization.

"Larry leaves an indelible mark on PepsiCo. His deep knowledge of the law and impeccable personal integrity have contributed to our success as a company and made him a trusted business advisor to me and the entire PepsiCo Board of Directors," Nooyi said. "We thank him for everything he has done to make PepsiCo one of the world's most admired companies and wish him the very best in this next chapter of his life.

"We're delighted to welcome Maura to the PepsiCo leadership team," Nooyi continued. "In addition to her vast understanding of complex legal and regulatory issues, Maura also brings a unique combination of sharp business intellect, strong leadership skills and uncompromising ethical standards to the role. She has built a record of distinction throughout her career and PepsiCo will benefit from her counsel."

Smith has nearly 30 years of experience as a corporate attorney. Most recently, she served for eight years as senior vice president, general counsel, corporate secretary and global government relations of International Paper, the world's largest global paper and forest products company.

Prior to joining International Paper, Smith served as SVP, general counsel and secretary at Owens Corning, a global building materials business, for five years. She oversaw the company's reorganization as chief restructuring officer and served as a member of the board of directors. She also spent eight years at General Electric, where she was vice president and general counsel at the GE Plastics Division. Earlier in her career, she was a partner at the law firm Baker & McKenzie.

Smith earned a B.A. from Vassar College with highest honors. She was one of the first women awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University, where she earned an M.Phil. in economics. She went on to earn a J.D. degree, with honors, from the University of Miami School of Law as a John M. Olin Fellow in Law &
Economics.

Thompson has served as PepsiCo's SVP of government affairs, general counsel and corporate secretary since 2004. During that time, he has helped to guide the company through some of the largest M&A transactions in its history, including the acquisitions of The Pepsi Bottling Group and PepsiAmericas, Wimm-Bill-Dann and Lebedyansky. He has also been instrumental in shaping and advancing the company's commitment to Performance with Purpose.

Before joining PepsiCo, Thompson was a senior fellow with the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. He also served in the U.S. Department of Justice as Deputy Attorney General and led the Department's National Security Coordination Council. Earlier in his career, Thompson was a partner in the Atlanta law firm of King & Spalding and also served as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.

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Purchase New York-based PepsiCo (NYSE: PEP) credited Thompson with guiding it through some of the largest M&A transactions in its history, including the acquisitions of The Pepsi Bottling Group and PepsiAmericas.

PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi:

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All Friday night activities are free and open to the public. Saturday is free for UGA students and faculty members, with a slight fee applying to other attendees. For more information on the conference or to register, see www.law.uga.edu/wipi.

For more information on the EJF Auction, see www.law.uga.edu/ejf.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 1961

Robert Kennedy to be speaker at university

ATLANTA (AP) - U.S. Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy has accepted an invitation to be principal speaker at the traditional Law Day exercises at the University of Georgia in Athens on May 6.

The acceptance was announced Saturday by Jay Cox, senior and chief justice of the honor court in the university law school. Cox personally extended the invitation and Kennedy accepted by mail.

Cox was one of three leaders of the college division of the Kennedy-Johnson presidential campaign in Georgia. Robert Kennedy is a brother of President John Kennedy and was his campaign manager.

The attorney general spoke twice in Georgia during the campaign, at rallies in Atlanta and Savannah.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1961

Polk adding 2 policemen

ROCKMART - The addition of two policemen to the county force, as well as another patrol car, have been authorized at a recent meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue.

Named in the places as policemen were Joel Atkins and H.R. (Benny) Williams, both residents of District No. 2.

At the same meeting, Kankakee Anderson, Fish Creek, and M.A. Shaw, of Lime Branch, were named to the County Planning Committee from District 2, and Carey Duke and Olin Bates, from District 1. Appointees from District 3 were not revealed at this meeting.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1961

Mill team accorded tourney honors

Pepperell’s mill cagers came in for their share of honors last night as awards were announced following the championship game in the annual City-Wide Basketball
Tournament in which 20 teams participated.

The Lindale basketeers finished third in the tourney and received a trophy for this accomplishment. In addition, each player on the squad was given a bronze medal.

Two Pepperell stars, Clayton Byars and Bill Boling, were named to the “All Tournament Team,” and each was awarded a gold medal.

Jennings Funeral Home copped the tournament title, edging GEAA 47-45 in overtime.

Pepperell won nine out of 12 starts during the regular season, finishing in second place in the Industrial League behind GEAA. The Lindaleans annexed four games in the tourney and lost two. Thus, they had an impressive 13-5 overall record.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1961

Sunrise service set Sunday

The first annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the First Baptist Church at Shannon Sunday at 7 a.m.

Inspirational songs will be used throughout the program. Also, the story of the resurrection will be presented by the young people. The Model Glee Club will have as special music “The Holy City” and “God So Loved the World.”

With fair weather the services will be conducted on the lawn at the church. Otherwise, the services will be conducted inside the church. Everyone in the community and surrounding area has a cordial invitation to attend this special service.

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PepsiCo has appointed Maura Abeln Smith to the position of executive vice president of government affairs, general counsel and corporate secretary, effective May 5, 2011.

Smith will succeed Larry Thompson, who is retiring from the company to assume a teaching position at the University of Georgia Law School. Smith, who will report to PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi, will be responsible for the company's worldwide legal function and government affairs organization. "Larry leaves an indelible mark on PepsiCo.

His deep knowledge of the law and impeccable personal integrity have contributed to our success as a company and made him a trusted business advisor to me and the entire PepsiCo Board of Directors," Nooyi said. "We thank him for everything he has done to make PepsiCo one of the world's most admired companies and wish him the very best in this next chapter of his life. Smith has nearly 30 years of experience as a corporate attorney. Most recently, she served for eight years as senior vice president, general counsel, corporate secretary and global government relations of International Paper. Prior to joining International Paper, Smith served as SVP, general counsel and secretary at Owens Corning, a global building materials business, for five years. She oversaw the company's reorganization as chief restructuring officer and served as a member of the board of directors. She also spent eight years at General Electric, where she was vice president and general counsel at the GE Plastics Division. Earlier in her career, she was a partner at the law firm Baker & McKenzie. Before joining PepsiCo, Thompson was a senior fellow with the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. He also served in the US Department of Justice as Deputy Attorney General and led the Department's National Security Coordination Council. Earlier in his career, Thompson was a partner in the Atlanta law firm of King & Spalding and also served as the US Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.
The Office of Sustainability has announced the inaugural winners of the UGA Campus Sustainability Grants. The office awarded $13,000 of green-fee funds in campus sustainability grants to implement four of the 18 project proposals submitted.

The grants program creates educational opportunities for students and a chance to make a lasting positive impact. "We are proud to be a leader in sustainability education and work to enhance the move-out waste reduction program in residence halls, building upon similar efforts from last year," said Kevin Kirsch, director of the Office of Sustainability.

Through hands-on implementation of sustainable practices, students will gain understanding of how to take an idea from concept to completion," he said. "The office was very pleased to receive 18 well-developed project proposals during the inaugural round of campus sustainability grant selections. All of the proposals had merit, reflecting the high quality of engaged students at UGA."

The grants program embodies the Office of Sustainability's vision for the university to serve as a living laboratory. Each of the selected grant proposals applies to one or more of the priorities set by the 2020 Strategic Plan to address campus sustainability. They will address water conservation, waste reduction, alternative transportation and sustainable agriculture to help reduce carbon emissions and create a culture of sustainability at UGA. Grant recipients are:

- Emily Karol, a magazines major in the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, will work to install a water bottle refilling station in the Miller Learning Center so that students can conveniently "take back the tap" and easily fill their own water bottles as opposed to purchasing bottled water. The project will work to increase awareness about how refilling reusable water bottles can save individuals money and help the planet.
- Shenea Zhang, an interdisciplinary Honors student focusing on sustainable design through the Odum School of Ecology and the department of biology, will help establish UGA's first bike-share program in the soon-to-be LEED-certified Building 1516 residence hall on East Campus. The pilot program seeks to provide a convenient means of transportation for students and to promote awareness and visibility of transportation alternatives at UGA.
- Nick Martin, an environmental health science major in the College of Public Health, will work to enhance the move-out waste reduction program in residence halls, building upon similar efforts from last year. Working with many campus and community partners, the initiative combines philanthropy and waste reduction to save unwanted but usable dorm furniture and clothing items from the landfill, putting them instead in the hands of people who need them. Items will be collected from UGA residence halls for reuse and donation to Athens area charities.
- Andrew Douglas, an agro-science and environmental systems major in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, will assist with the installation of a rainwater harvesting system at UGA's honor garden, located near the State Botanical Garden of Georgia on South Milledge Avenue. The project combines the university's dedication to water conservation with sustainable agriculture. The cistern will collect water for use in the organically cultivated garden, increasing awareness about responsible resource use while aiding the ongoing efforts of UGA students to produce local, sustainable, and delicious food.

The Office of Sustainability will assist in the implementation of the projects and plans to continue to provide students opportunities to promote sustainability. "We look forward to expanding the grant program to provide even more opportunities for student engagement in the future," program coordinator Jennifer Perissi said.

Kevin Kirsch directs UGA's Office of Sustainability.

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By Cindy H. Rice

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Graduates of these programs have the highest first year salaries relative to debt load.

The time it takes to recover your student debt can vary widely by job choice, since median starting salaries in the private sector are, on average, about twice as large as median public sector starting salaries. Law school graduates in the private sector earned an average median wage of $91,708 in 2010, according to the schools' self-reported data; in the public sector, graduates garnered an average median of $49,831. (Many schools do, however, offer loan forgiveness and repayment options for qualifying public interest workers.) Starting salary data, when compared to average indebtedness, can give students an idea of the initial value of their law degree.

Of 190 law schools surveyed each year by U.S. News, 188 schools reported both the average indebtedness of their 2010 graduates and the median starting salary of graduates who accepted jobs in the private sector. The salary-to-debt ratio, used in the table below, is a calculation of how many times a student's reported starting salary covers their debt load. For this list, only private sector starting salary data was considered, and schools that were designated by U.S. News as Unranked are not included.

With a few exceptions, the schools that offer the most financial value at graduation are public institutions, though reported indebtedness and salary data still fluctuate widely. At the Southern University Law Center, where tuition is just $9,238 a year for in-state students, the average graduate leaves with about $18,600 in debt, the school reports. Southern University law graduates who enter the private sector earn a median of $100,000 a year, according to the school, which yields a salary-to-debt ratio of 5.4.

The University of California--Berkeley, in contrast, charges in-state students $44,244 in tuition and reports its students leave with an average of $91,277 in debt—the highest on this list, though still slightly lower than the national average. Berkeley also reports, however, that its students who land jobs in the private sector make $160,000, rendering a salary-to-debt ratio of
Among private schools, Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School, well-known for its low tuition of $20,960, and the Loyola University New Orleans School of Law garner the highest initial salary-to-debt ratios for graduates.

Based on an analysis of school-reported data, this list comprises 11 law schools whose students leave with the least amount of debt relative to their first year salaries in the private sector.

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Don't see your school in the top 10? Access the U.S. News Law School Compass to find salary data, debt statistics, and much more.

U.S. News surveyed 190 fully ABA accredited law schools for our 2010 survey of law programs. Schools self-reported a myriad of data regarding their academic programs and the makeup of their student body, among other areas, making U.S. News's data the most accurate and detailed collection of school facts and figures of its kind. While U.S. News uses much of this survey data to rank schools for our annual Best Law Schools rankings, the data can also be useful when examined on a smaller scale. U.S. News will now produce lists of data, separate from the overall rankings, meant to provide students and parents a means to find which schools excel, or have room to grow, in specific areas that are important to them. While the data comes from the schools themselves, these lists are not related to, and have no influence over, U.S. News's rankings of Best Colleges or Best Graduate Schools.
A paper entitled "Citation Advantage of Open Access Legal Scholarship" was co-authored by James M. Donovan of the University of Kentucky College of Law, and Carol A. Watson of the University of Georgia Law School earlier this month.

The authors are convinced that this is the first paper focusing exclusively on the role that open access plays in influencing legal scholarship.

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The University of Georgia School of Law's Equal Justice Foundation will host its 26th annual benefit auction at 8 p.m. Friday at The Melting Point, 295 E. Dougherty St.

The free fundraiser is open to the public and will include live and silent auctions to raise money for summer fellowships, which help support UGA law students working in public interest positions for little or no pay.

At 6:30 p.m. at The Melting Point, law students will hold a kickoff celebration for the sixth annual Working in the Public Interest Law Conference with a reception and a keynote address delivered by Steve Gottlieb of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society.
UGA forum to focus on human health in global societies March 31

Athens, Ga. – University of Georgia faculty from across multiple disciplines will discuss emerging health welfare issues influencing human populations of all ages during the 2011 Global Educational Forum on Human Health in Global Societies March 31 at the Tate Student Center.

"Unsettled global economies and dramatic changes in climate, along with advances in technology, have spiked transnational and rural-urban movement of human populations, producing serious threats to health welfare, such as the spread of infectious diseases and the increase of non-communicable diseases," said Rose Chepyator-Thomson, a professor in kinesiology, who is the founder and program director of the Global Educational Forum.

"That's why we believe this forum is timely and critically important."

UGA scholars, primarily from the School of Law, College of Education, College of Public Health, and College of Family and Consumer Sciences, will discuss outcomes of their research and offer considerations for future direction in research, curriculum and public policy.

The forum also provides students with an opportunity to communicate their dissertation studies, theses or independent studies that focus on global research, as well as study abroad service and outreach activities.

Faculty presentations will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Tate’s Grand Hall A, B and C. Fazal Khan, assistant professor in the School of Law, will deliver the opening keynote address on The Human Factor: Globalizing Ethical Standards in Drug Trials through Market Exclusion at 8 a.m., and Michael Schmidt, an assistant professor in the College of Education’s department of kinesiology, will give the closing keynote address on Childhood Obesity in Westernized Countries: Causes, Consequences, and the Role of Physical Activity at 3:30 p.m. Student poster award presentations will be held at 4:30 p.m.

The 2011 UGA Global Educational Forum will include these scholars and topics:

Three presentations will be made on Perspectives on Nutrition and Health in Africa, 9:30-10:30 a.m., featuring:
- Alex Kojo Anderson, assistant professor, food and nutrition, Maternal and Child Nutrition in West Africa: The Case of Ghana
- Julie Moore, professor, infectious diseases, Women Living Under Intense Malaria Transmission Conditions in Kenya: Understanding Their Immunity to Malana at the Placental Level
- James Oloya, assistant professor, epidemiology and biostatistics, Zoonotic Mycobacteria at the Human-Environment-Livestock Interphase (HELI) in the Pastoral Areas of Uganda

Two presentations will be made on Health, Food and Culture in Latin America, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., featuring:
- Linae Naheer, associate professor, environmental health science, Exposure Assessment and Human Health Related to Indoor Air Pollution in Peru, South America
- Silvia Giraudo, associate professor, food and nutrition, Nutrition in the Spanish Population: Foods and Culture

Two presentations will be made on Health in Asia and Southeastern Europe, 2-3:15 p.m., featuring:
- Kandauda Wickrama, professor, child and family development, Post-Tsunami mental health of mothers and their adolescent children in Sri Lanka
- Carol Cotton, instructor, health promotion and behavior, Health and Croatia: A Country in Transition

This year’s forum sponsors include the UGA African Studies Institute, the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute, the College of Education, the College of Public Health, the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, the...
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The following information was released by Drexel University:

Students from law schools in 14 states and the District of Columbia will take part in the Second Annual Transactional Lawyering Meet at the Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University from March 31 to April 1.

Last year’s meet was the first anywhere to give students interested in transactional law a chance to test their skills in structuring and negotiating deals. Teams in the meet will represent both sides of a proposed deal between a fledgling restaurateur and an industry veteran hoping to launch a chain based on her family’s successful shops. The finalists will be judged by distinguished practitioners from premiere law firms in the region.

Interest in the meet, to which law schools must be invited, has been strong, Okamoto said.

This competition clearly meets a need that exists among students interested in transactional law, Okamoto said. If we didn’t limit the participation, we would have far more teams than we could accommodate.

The inaugural meet featured teams from 11 law schools. This year, teams from 29 law schools will take part including American University Washington College of Law, Boston College Law School, Cornell University Law School, Emory University School of Law, Hofstra University School of Law, Loyola Law School Los Angeles, Michigan State University College of Law, New York University School of Law, South Texas College of Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law, UC Davis School of Law, UCLA Law School, University of Colorado Law School, University of Georgia School of Law, University of Houston Law Center, University of Maryland School of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, University of Richmond School of Law, Western New England College School of Law and William and Mary Law School.

Each team will participate in two preliminary rounds on Thursday. The five highest-scoring teams representing the entrepreneur and the five highest-scoring teams representing the investor will advance to the semi-final round on Friday. The final round will feature the top teams representing each side of the transaction.

The meet will begin at noon on March 31. The final round will be held at 12:30 pm on April 1 in Room 140 of the law school.

The Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University takes a comprehensive
approach to integrating experiential learning and a more traditional law school curriculum. Students gain hands-on experience through co-op placements, clinics and pro bono service, as well as simulations in class that prepare them for courtrooms, boardrooms and beyond.

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