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LETTER FROM THE DEAN

From the Dean. . . .

At the College we are now well into the season of farewells as the second semester of this academic year draws to a close. At our Honors' Day on April 14, we thanked those among you who have contributed to making this year extraordinary by your academic performance, service to our Academic Enrichment Program as tutors, organizational leadership, or successes in trial and moot court competitions. The list of honorees was long and diverse, reflecting the characteristics that make this College of Law such a special place. Lesli Seta, for the SBA, also chose this occasion to announce the results of the third year students' vote for "Professor of the Year". Mary Radford was the first choice, with Corneill Stephens the runner-up. Congratulations again to everyone who was honored on that day!

This week the University will inaugurate its new President, Carl Patton. Dr. Patton brings to this challenge a long career in urban planning. His goals for Georgia State's evolution in the downtown area in the years immediately ahead are ambitious, and his prior performance in such arenas is impressive. Former President Jimmy Carter's willingness to give the Inaugural Address epitomizes Atlanta's hopes for Dr. Patton's term and Georgia State's future.

As I announced last week, we will "liberate" Pat Morgan from her duties as Associate Dean on June 30, so that she can pursue some

SBA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This will be the last Docket issue for the academic year. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank Alan Rosenberg and the 1992-93 SBA for their hard work this year.

During my campaign for the position of SBA President, several students asked me what the SBA does. In response, I would like to mention some of the many accomplishments of this year's SBA under the direction of Alan Rosenberg. Last summer the SBA organized "Brief Encounter" and started the "buddy system," to welcome new students and provide orientation on an individual basis. Through the sale of T-shirts in the fall, and through the operation of the student book store and the coffee service, the SBA raised several thousand dollars this year. This money was used to assist student organizations with special projects. It was also used to pay for a hooding ceremony for December graduates, who otherwise would not have been honored with this tradition. A portion of the money was donated to the Public Interest Law Society to help fund their summer internship program. As a result of the efforts of Penny Brown-Artis, the SBA negotiated with Kinko's to improve the quality of our copy service in the library. The ABA representative, working through the SBA promotes student membership in the ABA. Such membership benefits our school because it strengthens our voice in decisions that affect our school as well as law schools nationally. This year our school increased its membership by major scholarly projects that have been effectively

shelved while she undertook that important administrative assignment. In June, 1991, when Ron Blasi was about to become Acting Dean, he and I were most appreciative when Pat was willing to give us a two-year commitment as Associate Dean. A committee of faculty, graduate and student representatives recently selected Pat as 1993's "Outstanding Teacher", who exemplifies the ideals of the academic profession. That award represents well-deserved recognition of Pat's concern for our students' welfare and the educational opportunities that we provide. We certainly wish her well as she returns to her scholarly pursuits.

Two new "players" will have joined the administrative team before the next academic year begins. As previously announced, Professor Corneill Stephens has agreed to assume Pat's duties as Associate Dean for the two years beginning on July 1. I am very pleased that he is willing to serve us in that challenging assignment. We also hope that our new Student Life Coordinator will be with us by late May, so that Pat's experience will be readily available as that person becomes acquainted with our community's needs.

Finally, and with mixed emotions, we bid farewell to our group of June graduates. We are indeed fortunate that Chief Judge William O'Kelley of the Northern District of Georgia has accepted our invitation to speak at the College's Hooding Ceremony on Friday, June 18 at 7 P.M.. Our very best wishes go with all of you as you face the professional and personal challenges of the years ahead.

Marjorie L. Girth
Dean

a higher percentage than any other school in our circuit. The SBA also sponsored a student directory, which was put together by Marie Evans and recently distributed in student mailboxes. These are just a few of the things the SBA does, in addition to managing student organization budgets, voicing student concerns, and publishing this newspaper.

I have met with the newly elected 1993-94 SBA, and we have formulated some of our goals for the coming year. We plan to increase communication between the various student organizations and make a special effort to address the concerns of part time students. We would also welcome your suggestions.

I am honored to be succeeding Alan as your SBA President, and I will do everything I can to carry out the many ideas he has given me. To all law students, good luck on finals! To the graduating class, good luck in "life." May you prosper in your careers and rise quickly to the top, so that you can hire the rest of us when we graduate!

Lesli Seta,
SBA President

Announcement of New Officers

ABA Representative
Leonard Hope
Second Year Part Time Representative
Ken Grim
Third Year Part Time Representative
Benita Coburn
Student Activities Chairperson
Karen Armsby
Part Time Student Committee Chairperson
Vicki Bell
Student Organization Liason to SBA
Laura Murphree

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Christian Legal Society - April 21, 1993

Since our last report, CLS has had two great programs. Mr. Douglas Ammar of the Atlanta Criminal Defense & Justice Project presented a program on March 17. Mr. Ammar discussed the intricacies of indigent defense work and the merging of his work and his ministry. Mr. Ammar expressed interest in working with GSU law school students on a scholarship allowing a student(s) to work for the organization. If you have any interest, contact CLS in room 228.

For the next couple of weeks, CLS attended two outstanding programs by AACE - Gays in the Military and The Flag Change Issue in Georgia. CLS congratulates AACE on two great programs.

On April 14, Professor Jack Williams shared with CLS his perspective on Jewish history and tradition. Professor Williams discussed the similarities and differences in our faiths, but focused on Jewish tradition specifically. The meeting was very positive and informative. CLS was glad to have attendance from a few JLSA students. We thank you for your support and look forward to more exchange and cooperation next year.

On April 21, Mr. Gary DeMar of American Vision came and spoke to CLS. His topic was "Law and Morality." Mr. DeMar focused on the problems of trying to divorce law and morality and the vacuum it creates in society.

We are planning a get-together soon after school ends. New members or interested students are welcome to attend.

We are looking forward to a full slate of programs next year. CLS also hopes for more joint programs with other GSU

CLS continued...

organizations. If your organization is interested, please contact us.

All of the CLS members wish you a great summer. For you 3L's, we wish you God's best in all that you do. For everyone else, get some rest and come back in the Fall charged up and ready to go.

All CLS 3L's are encouraged to contact Johnny Herbert before the end of exams. Also, please get in evaluation forms ASAP. If you need a form, they will be outside of room 228. For more information on any of the above, please contact Johnny Herbert at box 513 or 389-8769.

PHI DELTA PHI

Announcing the 1993-4 Officers:

Magister:	Richard Genirberg
Vice Magister:	Mimi McCain
Exchequer:	Angela Ward
Clerk/Historian:	Cheryl Harris
Membership Coordinator:	Christine Koehler
Program Coordinator:	Dennis Blackmon

Congratulations to the new officers! As a reminder, Phi Delta Phi advocates academic achievement and ethical practices. We encourage anyone who shares these interests or would like to become part of an international network of lawyers to join us in the fall. Please look for our table during Orientation Week and information on our first event in the fall. Or please feel free to contact any of the officers.

Have a great Summer!

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NOTES FROM STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ...

AACE Wrap Up

The past year has seen many civil rights issues brought to the forefront of the judicial, legislative and executive branches of our government. For example, Roe v. Wade was reviewed by the Supreme Court, the end of twelve years of conservative rule in the White House, the ongoing debates on gays in the military as well as the Georgia flag, the health care reforms and the recent Rodney King verdict. Living in a democracy, it is the function of all citizens to vote for legislators and presidents who will represent the interests which we as Americans expect to keep. It is not simply enough to sit idly by and get angry when our elected officials make decisions which we believe adversely effect us. We must have a voice which can reach the legislators, to express our concerns. AACE hopes to provide that voice for those individuals in the law school community who believe that all individuals should have equal opportunities in life to choose how they want to live, and what they want to do with their own bodies. We would like to invite all people who are interested in learning more about AACE to attend AACE meetings and become members.

Advocating Awareness for Choice and Equality would like to thank all its members for a very successful year. AACE sponsored forums on AIDS law, pornography, sexism in the law school curriculum, gays in the military and, changing the Georgia Flag. Thanks must also be extended to the leaving AACE officers for their great work during 1992 which made the group a moving force in the Georgia State law school community. Congratulations to the 1993 officers and members who have put forth considerable efforts to continue the tradition. Have a great summer!

Just a Reminder...

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERISTY LAW REVIEW

Will be holding its annual write-on competition after summer exams.

Further information will follow.

See Susan Motter or James Westbury with questions.

CONGRATULATIONS
to
David J. Marmins
&
Derrick Payne

For sharing First Place in the STLA First Year Closing Argument Competition! Each student received $150.00 cash prize!

NACDL - National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Monte Davis and Rhonda Brodsky started the GSU Law chapter of NACDL last Spring. New members are invited to join now.
- Faculty Advisor: Prof. Mark Kadish
Purpose is to:
- raise awareness of conlaw protections guaranteed to criminal defendants, and
- focus on litigations skills needed to try criminal cases.
Benefits:
- Opportunity to compete in national CRIMINAL MOCK TRIAL competition (GSU expects to be invited to this tournament in the fall of 1993)
- Monthly home delivery of Champion magazine (last issue featured Thurgood Marshall, Hi-tech evidence, Environmental crime, Witness interviews)
- Opportunity to participate in workshops and conventions (Scholarships available: May 21-22 Nevada: The Deadliest Accusation -- Child Sexual Abuse)
- Access to NACDL BriefBank (indexed by category)
- Access to network of attorneys
To become a student member stop by room 155 for application or contact Monte Davis, Rhonda Brodsky, or Paul Vignos. The national fee is $10.00/yr. You get a lot of great materials for that price! Currently no local dues. Please take this opportunity to investigate this organization, become more informed and consider membership.

NACDL Membersip Deadline

May 1, 1993

NACDL needs a minimum of 25 active members in order to participate in the Mock Trial Competition!

FACULTY AUCTION A SUCCESS!!!

Thanks to all who turned out for the Public Interest Law Association's 1st Annual Faculty Auction on March 23. We raised over $1660, which means we are able to award another summer fellowship. We hope you had as much fun bidding on the professors as we did! A special thank you to Professor Roy Sobelson, our faculty advisor, and to all P.I.L.A. members who helped to organize the auction. The following faculty members and students donated prizes or were the winning bidders:

Ronald Blasi
James Bross
Jennifer Chiovaro
Norman Crandell
William Edmundson
Anne Emanuel
Marjorie Girth
Linda Harrison
Bernadette Hartsfield
Lynn Hogue
Nancy Johnson
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Melissa Pershing
Daryl Queen
Miles Rich
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Anne Sereg
Lesli Seta
Jason Shwiller
Sue Swinson
Amy Waggoner
James Westbury
Nanette Westley
David White
Keith Wiseman
Teresa Yancey

LETTER FROM THE "NEW" EDITOR

Hotep! As Editor In Chief of the Docket for the 1993-1994 school year, I'm looking forward to expanding the scope of this publication to a higher level. The Docket has the potential, as the primary instrument of law student communication, to inform, educate, and motivate its readers, and that's what we intend to do; what can you look forward to next year?

* faculty and student profiles

* interviews with newsmakers in the legal community

* forums for discussion of ideas both within and external to the law school community

* A letters to the editor page, giving everyone an opportunity to speak their mind

* monthly lists of constructive criticism and suggestions submitted by students, faculty, and staff

* A publication not restricted to a few, but inclusive of all students

We've got a lot of ambitious plans for next year, and we're going to need as much help as we can get. Each student should consider themself a Docket staff member; anyone interested in becoming more involved with soliciting advertising. writing, editing, technical support, or just adding their opinions, viewpoints, experiences, and energy should sign up on the sheet on the door of the SBA office, or drop me a note in box 408.

I look forward to working with the new co-editors, Pat Buonodono and John Creasy.

-DERRICK ONAJE PAYNE

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In reading through the surveys returned so far, we are pleased to see that a lot of you are using the Career Planning Office and are happy with our services. There were a few comments, however, that made us notice that there are some misperceptions about the market and about our services. One thing we noticed is that there are services we already provide that students may not be aware of. We thought it would be helpful to respond to some of the comments so that everyone can know what's available in the Career Planning Office.

STUDENT COMMENT	CAREER PLANNING OFFICE RESPONSE
"The Career Planning Office needs to promote things better."	All programs are advertised in the Docket, through multiple individual notices placed in student mailboxes, and through notices posted throughout the College of Law. Also, programs are listed on the master calendar on the third floor.
"How about recruiting lawyers, finding out what they are looking for and publishing it?"	The job listing service is advertised widely, and legal employers of all varieties post listings in our job listing notebooks.
"The Career Planning Office should provide better services for night students."	Many programs were offered at noon this year; some evening students were able to attend at lunch hour. In past years, programs/workshops scheduled between 5 and 6 p.m. received abysmally low attendance, provoking the change to the noon hour. Speakers are much more readily available during the day as well. As was stated in a recent "Docket" article directed specifically towards evening students, all programs are videotaped, and evening students are urged to check out the videotapes to view at their convenience. Evening students should also note that the Career Planning Office not only keeps regular evening hours (Monday and Tuesday until at least 6:00 p.m.), but also will schedule appointments with students outside of office hours upon request.
"The Career Planning Office should keep later evening hours."	Unfortunately, the Career Planning Office staff is limited to two full-time professionals, preventing us from keeping the office open as much as we would like to. Last year, we did keep the office open until 8:00 p.m. two nights a week (advertised extensively), and literally no one came in after 6:00. Therefore, the evaluation was made that it would be a better use of staff time to keep the office open until at least the beginning of evening classes, and to open on selected Saturdays. Additionally, evening students can schedule appointments at any time outside of office hours upon request. In determining future office hours, we welcome input from evening students.
"I work full-time and have no interest in seeking full-time legal employment until graduation is near."	Please note: this is the *Career Planning* Office. The programs and resources offered provide valuable information about types of legal careers (and alternatives). We understand that students who are working have many demands on their time; however, students who wait until too late to consider legal employment may find themselves handicapped. Evening students are urged to at least call the office (651-2062) to discuss individual strategies for job search planning, and should begin the actual job search during the fall prior to their last summer in law school.
"OCI's are not helpful to many students."	Unfortunately, this is largely true, and is a function of the way different employers hire. Only those employers who hire "in bulk" (usually very far in advance through summer clerk programs) will spend time and money interviewing on campuses. Employers such as small firms, public interest organizations and most government agencies do not hire enough people regularly to warrant interviewing on campus. Also, because they receive many unsolicited resumes a day in the mail, they do not see the need. For this reason, the Career Planning Office offers programs such as our Networkshops and Practice Preparation programs to assist students in targeting particular employers and seeking positions with them. The job listing service is also very helpful to students seeking employment with non-OCI employers.

"The blue notebooks are the best kept secret in the Career Planning Office."

Thank you! We work hard to recruit employers to list available positions with us, and Colleen does an excellent job of keeping the job listings up-to-date. Positions are posted the same day they are received. The job books are placed on reserve in the law library whenever the Career Planning Office is closed. Let's hope the blue notebooks (job listing books) won't be such a "secret" now!

"Information on where graduates are practicing would be helpful."

The Career Planning Office does its best to maintain lists of where graduates are practicing, but it is difficult to track over 1000 lawyers. Fortunately, LEXIS and WESTLAW do an excellent job of providing directories of lawyers, which can be searched easily for GSU graduates. Each semester the Career Planning Office offers training sessions and individual assistance on using the career databases offered by these vendors. Since these services are available free to students, we urge you to take advantage of them! Both LEXIS and WESTLAW are installed on the computers in the Career Planning Office and are available in the law library. Please let us know if we can assist you in learning how to utilize these excellent services!

"Why do so few recruiters seek 1L's?"

First-year students have always had the best luck finding summer employment with smaller law firms. Unfortunately, these are the employers that almost never recruit on campus. An excellent source for small firm jobs is the job listing service. Also, informational interviewing, networking, and talking to 2L's and 3L's can lead to employment. First-year students should remember to give their studies top priority. The job search should come secondary to academics. A good academic record will be viewed positively by almost all employers. In the legal community, it is not viewed as a negative to have no legal job the first summer.

"We need more programs for students outside of the top 10% of the class."

All the programs of the Career Planning Office are open to all members of each class. The perception that jobs are limited for students throughout the class is false. On-campus interviews are the only program where employers are predominantly seeking students in the top of the class. Because on-campus interviews are highly visible, students who do not have success locating employment through them sometimes assume that there are no other options. Incidentally, for the class of 1992, which caught the brunt of the recession during their job search, 93% had found employment by six months after graduation. While we can't take credit for every student's job, we are pleased to see that all of the 93% employed could not possibly have been in the top 10%. Please notice and take advantage of all the other services and programs we provide throughout the entire year - these will assist <u>all</u> job seekers!

"You can only see Beth or Colleen by appointment."

False! Beth and Colleen are available for "walk-ins" whenever they are in the office. We do suggest, however, that if <u>your</u> schedule is limited, you make an appointment to ensure that we will be here at your convenience.

"Why aren't there programs to prepare students for the practical side of law practice (i.e. client development)?"

Many of the programs offered by the Career Planning Office provide excellent preparation for the "real" aspects of practicing law. Two in particular are the Networkshops, which assist students in developing networking lists and skills, and the "Going Solo" program (available on videotape) which covers all aspects of law firm management.

"How can students have more input in the operation of the Career Planning Office?"

The Career Planning Office, in conjunction with the SBA, has a Student Advisory Board. All meetings of this group are open to all students, and are always held at 5:15 p.m. Watch your mailbox for notices of upcoming meetings! And if you are unable to attend personally, contact the Board chair (currently Marie Evans) with your ideas.

Thank you for providing us with such excellent feedback on our services. If you have any questions, please feel free to stop in or call us. And watch for our handbook, which all students receive in their summer registration packets.

We look forward to assisting you in pursuing your legal career!

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