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Exam Schedules

The faculty recently reconsidered the so-called 24-hour rule, and voted to approve it and implement it as soon as practicable. Basically, under the new rule, if a student has two exams scheduled to begin within 24 hours of each other, then a conflict exists and relief is appropriate. For example, if a student is scheduled to take an exam on consecutive days at 6:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. the next afternoon, then this schedule would constitute a conflict entitling the student to relief in the form of rescheduling of one of the exams. On the other hand, two exams scheduled to begin at the same time on two consecutive days (i.e., exams on two consecutive days at 1:00 p.m. or two consecutive days at 6:00 p.m.) would not constitute a conflict entitling the student to relief.

As noted earlier, the faculty voted that this new policy should be instituted "as soon as practicable." Because implementation of this new rule for this semester would have created 92 additional conflicts in the exam schedule released earlier this semester, we are in the process of devising a new exam schedule designed to minimize the number of conflicts under the new rules. It is possible that we will schedule exams at three times during each exam day (9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.). We are making every effort to develop the new exam schedule as expeditiously as possible.

Commencement Speaker

The SBA is looking for your suggestions for commencement speakers. If you have any ideas, please forward them to the SBA office no later than November 8.

Notes from the Assistant Dean

Bar Exam Information: Larry Thompson, examiner with the Office of Bar Admissions, and Bucky Askew, Director of Bar Admissions, will be at the College on **Monday, November 4, at 5:00 in Room 100.** Mr. Thompson has sent a question he wrote for the July, 1991 exam, which he will discuss at the Monday evening meeting. He will provide information on what he was specifically looking for in an answer, to help students better understand how to write for the Bar Exam. Students interested in sitting for the Bar in February will want to review this question prior to the 4th so that the discussion will be of more value to you. **A copy of this question may be obtained at the 3rd floor reception desk.**

Surviving With Stress: Second session, November 25 at 5:00, Room 325-B, continues to prepare you for the coming Exams.

Phi Delta Phi/Red Cross Blood Drive: Yes, we checked; the Red Cross will take blood from lawyers. They will be in the first floor student lounge area on **November 21, the Thursday before Thanksgiving, from 12:30 until 6:00.**

Exam Numbers: Be sure and pick up your exam number from the receptionist on the 3rd floor. You will need your school ID and fee card.

Event Approval Forms: These forms are available on the 4th floor, and all room reservations should be approved by the receptionist there before bringing them to the third floor for my approval. This will avoid the confusion (and embarrassment) of having more than one event scheduled for a single room.

Jacqueline A. St. Germain

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Law Library Computer Lab News

The Computer Lab now contains a workstation devoted to printing and disk conversion. It is on the left as you enter the Lab and has a slightly different menu from the rest of the PCs. The menu options include several DOS functions, such as copying, renaming, and deleting files. The computer has both 5-1/4 and 3-1/2 inch disk drives.

The Computer also allows you to format your 5-1/4 inch diskette for use in the Lab. The Lab PCs require double-density formatting. Please do not use disks formatted at high density in the Lab.

As some students have discovered, the eleven computers in the Lab have only 5-1/4 inch disk drives. Those students who use 3-1/2 inch diskettes can use this new workstation to copy files to a 5-1/4 inch disk for use in the Lab. Students must supply their own diskettes.

Because this is the only computer in the Lab which has this capability it is reserved for this purpose and for quick printing jobs. WordPerfect 5.1 can be accessed for printing documents. The CALI exercises are also available on this workstation and should be used only to make copies of the exercises.

Your comments on the Computer Lab are appreciated. Please continue to provide suggestions to Nancy Deel, Reference/Computer Librarian.

SBA News

Highlights of the 10/14 Meeting

New Members Sworn In: The newly elected 1st Year SBA Senators, Jill Folino, Tony del Campo and Pam Sullivan were sworn into their offices.

Coffee Preparation: The Board unanimously rejected the proposal to utilize an outside service because it would cost the SBA \$40 per day. The Board also rejected a proposal to compensate Board members who make coffee.

Ranking System: Recent SBA inquiries into the feasibility of changes in Student Ranking Policies have been placed on the faculty agenda through Dean St. Germain's office.

SBA's Stolen Money Problems: Proposals to prevent theft SBA coffee money included ticket sales; placing a slot in the door of the SBA office; sign-up sheets. In the interim, officers were asked to remove money from the box each day during their office hours.

Budget Committee: Will meet to discuss proposed amendments to those provisions in the SBA Constitution which govern the budgetary process. At the present time, approximately \$1800 remains unallocated.

Library Committee: The faculty Library Committee has voted to impose a computer use charge on all students, regardless of use. SBA representative Linley Jones has voiced strong student opposition to this proposal. The SBA will inform students of the next Library Committee meeting so that interested students can attend. Motion to voice the SBA's total opposition to the faculty proposal was unanimously passed after discussion.

Notice Posting Policies: Posting of notices in non-bulletin board areas of the Law School is against the current Law School policy, but the policy remains unenforced by the administration. Motion to recommend to the administration that this policy be removed from the books passed.

Pre-Law Club: A proposal that the SBA sponsor a formal and ongoing relationship between the Law School and the GSU Pre-Law passed.

Placement Concerns: A proposal that the SBA sponsor a series of lectures or seminars on alternatives to "big firm" law practice was tabled for the next meeting.

Bar Examination Preparation Courses: Several students have asked that the SBA assist in resolving conflicts involving various Bar Preparation Courses. After discussion, the SBA rejected any involvement in the problem on grounds that this is a completely private matter.

Next Meeting: November 11, 1991 at 5:00 in Room 325A.

Student Comments

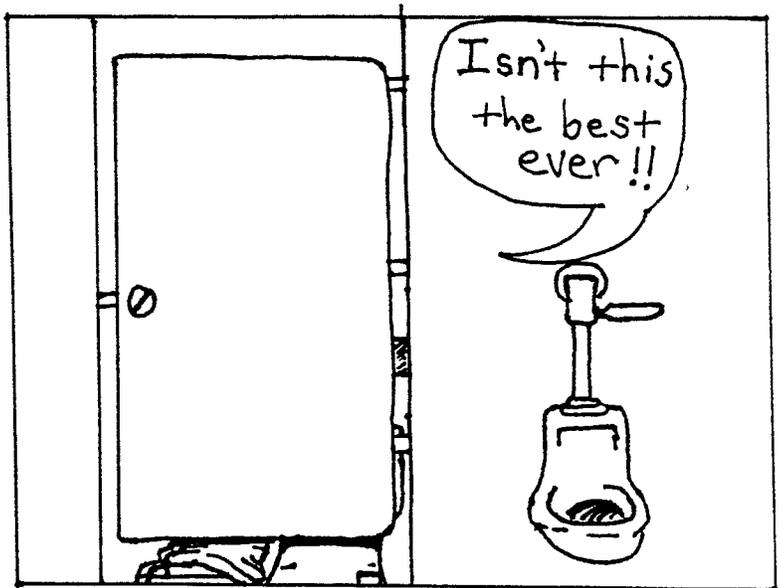
Dear Editor:

Somebody boosted my book from the library and I thought, WHAT A GOOD IDEA. Mercer students don't steal books. Notre Dame students don't even covet each other's pens. Here, ethics applies to assignments for R.W.A. (Really Work Alone) but the miranda notices of High Theft Areas in the Law Library communicate a different message. Are those notices a warning, or the rule to be followed?

The message is not clear. The College of Law here is the new kid on the ABA block, newer than Mercer and Notre Dame, and gets greatness in part by its Atlanta connection, the city of friends, too busy to hate. It's reputation for ethics should be in keeping with its environment. Its ethical message is not clear.

Wrapped up in our own full or part-time worlds, 1L students feel isolated from the public forum; but this is a public College. Focussed on getting copies, 1L students are blind to their fellows; but these are the pals who will see us graduate. Concentrating on canons of law, 1L students are deaf to common communication; but the social contract requires it. As the first term continues, 1Ls are at risk of flunking out of life altogether.

The SBA can help prevent this. Private lives and private things should be left at home (Ex pro privato commodo ad pro bono publico.). 1Ls know this rule. Subconsciously, and when we have lost all else, we realize that we're all in this together. We leave our Kinko cards in the copy machines. We leave our books on tables. We forget that we're in the lethal world of law school. In the absence of ethics to the contrary, those of us with presence of mind should use our classmates' books. They will appreciate this act of sibling love. They will come looking for us; and we will make a new friend. It's hard to get to know fellow law students; but we can make sure that they know us.



As a new kid in the GSU SBA flock, I respectfully request that SBA leaders help clean up our act. Make the message on ethics clear. Take pride in your Law School; contribute to the overall image of the College; and help make the Library a better place to learn. Pick up books - especially your classmates' books.

Paul Vignos, 1L

Suggestions on Beating Out Emory

One fateful day during the month of September, Emory's air conditioning broke down. The dean immediately canceled classes because (as it was told to one of our reporters), "it would be impossible for our students to attend classes or study in that heat." It is obvious that our administration considers Georgia State law students to be tougher, since classes in rooms 100 and 170 are never canceled, in spite of unbearable heat. Take this to heart, Third Years! You are going up against a bunch of wimps, and if the ventilation system at the bar goes out -- you've got 'em!

Classifieds

Looking for a female roommate to share 2 bed/1 bath apartment in Inman Park. Non-smoker only. \$275/month
Call Chandra, 525-0372

Black Law Students Association

November Activities

- 3rd Executive Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM, Room 227
- 9th General Assembly Meeting, 1:00 PM, Room 230
- 9th "Survival Skills V - Exam Preparation II", 2:30 PM, Room 230
- 14th Reception and Forum, John Anthony Roberts, Queens Counsel from London, England, 4:30 PM, Room 170
- 15th Minority Bar Reception, Urban Life Auditorium, John Roberts - guest speaker, 8:00 PM
- 17th Executive Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM, Room 227

SBA Bookstore

On November 25, the SBA will begin accepting textbooks for resale for second semester courses. Study aids for all courses will continue to be accepted. Remember, to sell your used books (you know, those one's you used first year that you hid under your bed because you couldn't stand to look at them again), put your name and box number on one side of an envelope and the name of the book and your asking price on the other side of the envelope. Tape the envelope to the inside cover of the book and bring to the SBA office. That's all there is to it!

If you're looking for second semester books or study aids, check out the selection and prices at the SBA office before heading to the bookstore.

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!

THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION*

IS NOW ON WESTLAW!!

TO ACCESS: TYPE DB ATLANTA-JC

TO GET DATABASE COVERAGE: TYPE SC ATLANTA-JC

TO GET A DAY'S EDITION: TYPE PD(MM/DD/YY), e.g. PD(8/28/91)

TO SEARCH BY AUTHOR: TYPE AU(GRIZZARD)

TO SEARCH BY WORDS: TYPE "YELLOW JACKETS" & FOOTBALL & PD(1991)

***COVERAGE BEGINS JANUARY 1989 TO PRESENT**

**SEE YOUR STUDENT REPS, ROBERT WOOD OR SUSAN DANIELS, FOR
MORE INFORMATION**



Scholarship and Competition Opportunities

The following information has been posted on bulletin boards in Library, second floor student lounge, or third floor information center adjacent to the Student Affairs Offices:

Call for Student Articles:

The *Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review* is looking for past and present articles from Guided Researches, Writing Seminars, Clinical Experiences, Independent Research.

The editors of the *Federal Communications Law Journal* are currently soliciting student comments regarding First Amendment issues, copyright, telephone, television, radio, cable, satellite regulations, etc.

Scholarship Opportunities:

From the Tylenol Scholarship Fund, ten \$10,000 scholarships and five hundred \$1,000 scholarships awarded to students based on demonstrated leadership in academics, school activities, and/or community activities.

The Hispanic National Bar Association will award \$1,000 scholarships to five 2nd-year Hispanic law students. Applications may be obtained from 3rd Floor Receptionist. Deadline: November 20, 1991.

Writing Competitions:

The 1992 Robert McKay Professionalism Writing Competition, sponsored by the ABA Special Coordinating Committee on Professionalism, will award one \$2,500 and one \$1,000 cash award for first and second place essays on professional responsibilities. Deadline: March 1, 1992.

The American Intellectual Property Law Association will award \$2,000 to the author of the best article on a subject relation to the protection of intellectual property. Deadline: July 31, 1992.

The 1992 International Association of Defense Counsel Legal Writing Contest is looking for papers in the fields of tort law, insurance law, civil procedure, evidence or other areas of the law relevant to lawyers engaged in the management and

defense of civil litigation. Prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000, and \$500 will be awarded. Deadline for Articles: April 24, 1992.

\$1,000 from The Letourneau Award, through the American College of Legal Medicine, will be awarded to a law student writing the best paper for publication in the *Journal of Legal Medicine* or other ACLM publication. Deadline: February 1, 1992.

The *American Indian Law Review* annual writing competition is devoted to the subject of American Indian Law and is awarding three cash prizes to the best essays representing thought and interpretation of Indian law. Deadline: January 31, 1992.

Fellowships:

Georgetown University offers Fellowships leading to an LL.M. degree in diverse fields of law. Brochures are posted on the first and third floors.

Association of Women Law Students

The next meeting will be held on November 20 from 4-6 PM in Room 230. This will be a self-defense seminar. The previously scheduled meeting on November 19 meeting is canceled.

Publication Guidelines]

- Items must be submitted by the 25th of each month in order to be included in the newsletter for the following month.
- Send items to Box #381, or leave them at the SBA office.
- Long items must be submitted on disk in WordPerfect format. Put your name on the disk.
- We cannot accept anonymous items however you may request anonymous publication.
- Classified ads can be placed at the rate of \$3.00 for 21 words (approximately 3 lines). Ads must be prepaid.

International & Comparative Law Society

The International & Comparative Law Society is proud to announce its 1992 Jessup International Moot Court Competition Team. The team members are:

Jane Blount
Johan Droogmans
Michael Jones
Patrick Lail
Monique Walker

Congratulations to these members and we wish them the best of luck! The 1992 team will be advised by Professor Charles Marvin. Many thanks to those who tried out for a spot on the team and a special note of thanks to the faculty who helped to select the team:

Professor E. R. Lanier
Professor Steven Kaminshine
Professor Mary Radford
Professor Anne Emanuel
Professor Roy Sobelson
Professor Charles Marvin

The 1992 problem involves an international armed conflict between 2 sovereign states. A brief description of the problem is posted on the bulletin board outside the ICLS office (Room 229) for anyone who is interested.

Professor Ron Blasi will be speaking about the upcoming 1992 Georgia State College of Law Summer Study Abroad Program. Anyone interested in finding out more should plan to attend the ICLS general meeting on November 5, 1991 at 5:15 PM in Room 230. Professor Blasi will be there to answer any questions on the program.

Finally, GSU mugs are available for sale from ICLS. they make great gifts and ICLS is the exclusive retailer of these wonderful mugs. Grab yours today at the ICLS office!

The Hearsay Column

Have you heard that . . .

. . . the 1L's are stressing out over their Legal Method exam . . . as if it actually meant anything!
. . . Michael Holbrook is attempting to start a campus "Ollie North for President" committee? Michael, however, insists that this is impossible because he is a staunch Democrat.

. . . there is a student currently enrolled in the law school who actually went to the third floor office and was seen by Dean St. Germain -- on the spot! Would the student please come forward and share this story? Specifically, how did you do it? We feel that the large number of students who have never made it past the reception desk would like to know your technique. Would you be willing to conduct a class? Beware, though, due to the unbelievable nature of this rumor, printing your true story may require an appearance before the Honor Court in order to have it verified.

Student Trial Lawyers Association

SPEAKER: Judge Bill Hill of the Fulton County State Court will be on campus **Tuesday November 5, 1991.** Judge Hill will speak on "Being an Effective Trial Lawyer: The Judge's Perspective." **All Students Are Invited To Attend.** Judge Hill will speak in Rom 170 at 12:15. Refreshments will be served following his remarks.

TRYOUT RESULTS: The S.T.L.A. Fall Tryouts were recently held. Over 32 2L's and 24 3L's competed in the Tryouts. The Tryouts were judged by Tom Jones of the Fulton County D.A.'s Office and Professor Mark Kadish of the law school faculty. S.T.L.A. thanks all of those participants who made the Tryouts a success. The judges had a difficult time of selecting the 26 students to be witnesses and attorneys for the Spring Competition. S.T.L.A. congratulates the following students:

ABA Competition: Randy Rich, Charles Jones, and Cheryl Champion, Steve Ellis, Monte Davis, Rhonda Brodsky

ATLA Competition: Steve Webster and Stacey Kasten, Beth McFadyen and Scott Smith

Georgia Intrastate: Ray Ragland, Mike Smith, and Jeff Walker, Bill Hamrick, Sheila Chrzan, and Maria Bianco
Witnesses: Kim Stevens, Mark Cole, Susan Rappa, Jane Blount, Clara Bucci, Brenda Bates, Tom Shafer, Les Cunningham, Chip Carson, Chandra Carter

EVIDENCE SEMINAR: S.T.L.A. will be holding an Evidence Seminar for all 2L members on **Saturday November 23, 1991.** The seminar will be conducted by students who scored well on Professor Sobelson's exam last year in Room 170 at 10:00, and Professor Milich's exam in Room 100 at 10:00. The seminars will be composed of general exam taking techniques and an opportunity for substantive evidence questions.

S.T.L.A. OFFICE COMPUTER

S.T.L.A. has recently acquired a computer which can be used by all S.T.L.A. members. The Office in Room 228 will be kept locked at all times and a key may be checked out by members at the Law Library Reference Desk. The computer will soon be equipped with the CALLI Evidence Diskettes. All 2L's are encouraged to use the S.T.L.A. computer in preparing for their Evidence exams.

EVIDENCE CARDS

S.T.L.A. still has a few Evidence Trial Summary Cards. The Evidence Cards include a brief analysis of all Federal Rules of Evidence as well as a list of all trial objections. The cards are being sold for \$7.00 but will be invaluable in your preparation for your Evidence exam as well as your Litigation Trial in the Spring. See, Susan Rappa, Mark Cole, or Beth McFadyen or stop by the S.T.L.A. Office if you are interested.



*The Georgia State University College of Law
cordially invites you to attend the tenth lecture of
The Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series*

to be presented by

Hal S. Scott

Professor of Law

Harvard University

*Wednesday, November 6, 1991, at five o'clock p.m.
Room 170 Urban Life Building, 140 Decatur Street
Corner of Piedmont and Decatur*

Reception to Follow

NOVEMBER 1991

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	3 BLSA: 3:00 Rm 227- Exec Comm Mtg.
4 GA Bd of Bar Examiners Info Seminar: 5:00, Rm 100.	5 STLA: noon, Rm 170- Judge Bill Hill on <i>The Judge's Perspective on Trial Advocacy.</i> CLC: noon, Rm 325-A.	6	7	8	9 BLSA: 1:00- Rm 230- General Assembly Mtg. BLSA: 2:30- Rm 230- Survival Skills 4: Exam Preparation.	10
11 SBA: 5:00, Rm 325-A, General Meeting.	12 CLC: noon, Rm 325-A.	13	14	15	16	17 BLSA: 3:00, Rm 227- Exec Comm Mtg.
18 RWA: 18th-22nd: 2nd open memo due. RWA: 18th-22nd: Office Conferences.	19 CLC: noon, Rm 325-A. AWLS: noon, Rm 230, <i>Interviewing in Diffeent size firms.</i>	20 MTCT: Nat'l Competition. AWLS: 4-6 pm, Rm 230- Self-Defense Seminar.	21 MTCT: Nat'l Competition. RED CROSS/PDP BLOOD DRIVE: 12:30-6:00, 1st flr student lounge.	22	23 STLA: 10:00- <i>Evidence Seminar,</i> Sobelson-Rm 100, Milich-Rm 170.	24
25 <i>Surviving With Stress:</i> 5:00- 6:00, Rm 325-B.	26 CLC: noon, Rm 325-A.	27 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday: No Classes.</i>	28 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday: University Closed.</i>	29 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday: University Closed.</i> LAW LIBRARY OPEN 9 AM - 6 PM.	30	