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# THE DOCKET

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## FROM THE DEAN

Another academic year is drawing to a close, as we approach the scheduled time for spring semester exams and the completion of required writing assignments. By the time this issue appears, we will have acknowledged a wide array of outstanding performances at the College's Honors Day program. And we will have had the last of this year's Open Forums, an informal setting for sharing information which I hope you have found helpful.

We also will have officially introduced the Student Legal Referral Service to the rest of the University community. The College of Law's graduates have responded enthusiastically to this opportunity to be of assistance to present University students. The successful creation of this program reflects the dedication of Brenda Cornelius, our Student Life Coordinator, who persisted until the various issues surrounding the institution of such a service could be satisfactorily resolved.

Throughout this year, a number of student organization leaders have told me how much they have appreciated Brenda's skillful efforts on their organizations' behalf. All of us benefit from her accumulated experience in Student Affairs matters. In Brenda's two years with us, she has made a significant contribution to the quality of life at the College of Law.

Simultaneously, our veteran administrators have also worked hard to assure your success during your student-life-cycle with us. Charles Gilbreath and Tricia Rackliffe have facilitated registration, scheduling and bar admissions procedures for you; Beth Brown, who has recently been joined by Nina Stacy Thomas, has fielded programming across a wide range of "career planning" topics; and Cheryl Jester Jackson and Stanley Hollis have reached out to recruit and to respond to

inquiries from prospective applicants as they coordinate the decision-making process for the faculty members on our Admissions Committee. We are encouraged by the fact that our admissions applications have maintained last year's pace, contrary to the experience of many law schools which have experienced at least the second of a series of significant declines.

The staff whom I have named are, of course, the "front line" people. Without the assistance of their own support personnel, their efforts would be seriously constrained. Throughout its various administrative units, this College of Law is very fortunate to be staffed by individuals who believe in our mission of providing "access to excellence" in the legal education which we offer to our full-time and part-time students. You may not ever have the opportunity to meet a number of those who work, proverbially, "behind the scenes." But I hope that you will join me in being sure to make the effort to thank those who have been helpful to you during this academic year.

I know that those of you who will be attending summer school will not feel much of a change of pace until mid-July. And those who are taking the July bar will have to maintain a demanding schedule for even a while longer. Nonetheless, I hope that during the months immediately ahead, each of you will find at least some time to relax and be refreshed before you return to us or, having graduated, move on to other challenges.

Our sincere congratulations and good wishes go with our June graduates, as always. We will miss you very much and look forward to your returning to share your later accomplishments with us.

Marjorie Girth

## NEWS FROM THE "NEW" SBA

The new board members of the Student Bar Association were installed on Thursday, April 6 and are planning on a productive year. Many of the new members are already rolling up their sleeves and getting to work.

Over the summer, as many of you remember, the SBA is responsible for the Brief Encounter, the "Buddy" system, and Orientation week. Consequently, the board members will have their hands full without your help. On Wednesday, April 19, the SBA is having a Coffee Talk with free donuts and coffee between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM; and for the evening students between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM. At the Coffee Talk we will have volunteer forms, please complete the form and let us know how you would like to help.

Furthermore, the SBA board would like to get more students involved with committees. These committees include Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Fundraising, Communications, and Constitution and Policy/Procedure. Take an active role and participate.

The 1995-96 SBA Officers are:

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2L Full-time Senator -- Brad Hutchins  
2L At-large Senator -- Kristi Rowell  
2L Part-time Senator -- Tricia Hall

The new Honor Court Justices are:

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Remember to attend the Coffee Talk on April 19 and complete a volunteer form. If you have questions, ideas, or comments, call on your SBA representative. You may also call me at home at 298-0779 or page me at 397-0902. Thanks for your vote of confidence and we look forward to another grand year.

Brad Reed, SBA President

### CONGRATULATIONS to the 1995 PILA Fellowship Winners!

**LINDA DAY**

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation

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## LAW STUDENTS PARTY AT 3RD PILA AUCTION OVER \$10,000 RAISED FOR FELLOWSHIPS

Over two hundred GSU law students, faculty, staff, and Atlanta area lawyers enjoyed the 3rd Annual Public Interest Law Auction sponsored by GSU's Public Interest Law Association March 11th. The auction funds student fellowships for work in public interest law. This year's standing-room-only event was the auction's most successful run yet raising over \$10,000!

Students boozed and smoozed with faculty and local attorneys before the live auction while bidding on silent auction items, then took their seats and numbers for the heated live auction while enjoying an unprecedented view of the city at night. After the live auction everyone boogied to the sounds of the Troutman Sanders Band until the wee hours.

Everything from Brunch at the Ritz to Montana Getaways was auctioned in both silent and live auctions at the Atlanta Renaissance Hotel.

Items donated by professors were once again student favorites. Professor Wermiel will be especially busy preparing 4 course gourmet dinners with wine for eighteen people! (in three groups of six). Professors Radford, Podgor, and Freidland will give him a hand.

Unique items this year included an Olympic brick donated by Professor Chiovaro and autographed copies of *Praying for Sheetrock* (by Melissa Green), based in part on the public interest work of Professor Roy

Sobelson.

Old favorites included a pair of Professor Wiseman's Converse hightops and tickets to the Atlanta Symphony with Professor Taylor. All the professor's generous donations were greatly appreciated and generated much of the fun during the live auction.

Alumni donations helped make the event a success also. Alum Susan Brown Wardell's donation of a week at her ranch in Big Fork, Montana deserves special mention.

Local artists got into the act as well with REM donating an autographed copy of *Eponymous* (as well as \$500.00 cash!) and Indigo Girls donating 2 signed posters from the Broadway musical "Jesus Christ Superstar," an autographed video of "Live at the Uptown Lounge," and an autographed CD "Touch Me Fall." Thanks to all the dedicated alumni and concerned artists who helped make the auction such a great success.

Students are already looking forward to next year's auction. *Thanks PILA for all the hard work.*

*Gyrate once again to the red hot sounds of  
The Troutman-Sanders Band  
at this year's*

**BARRISTER'S BALL**

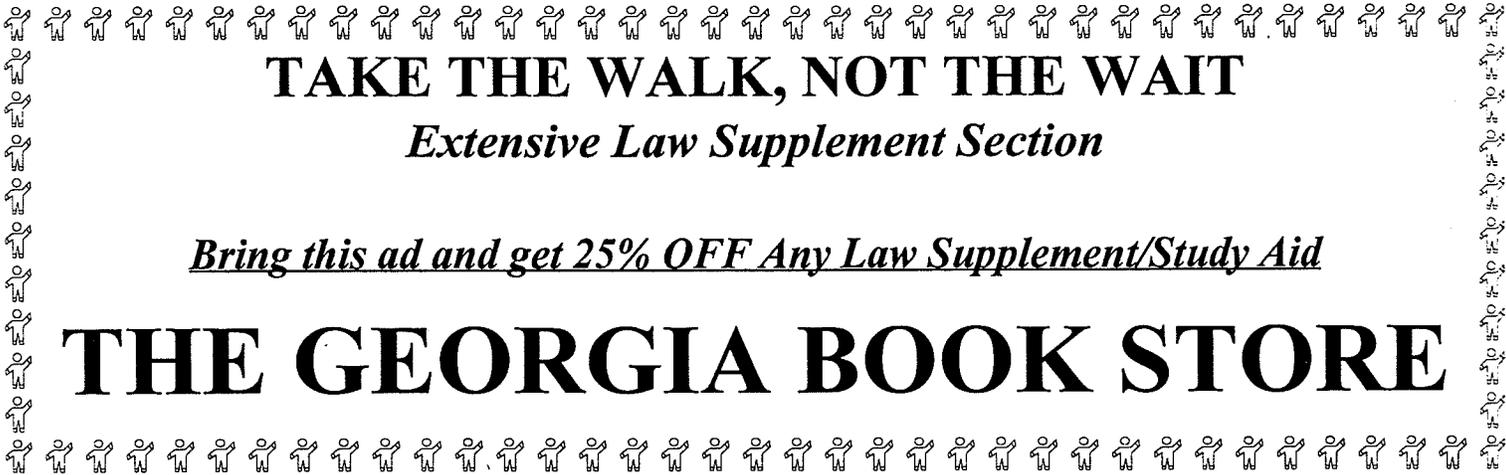
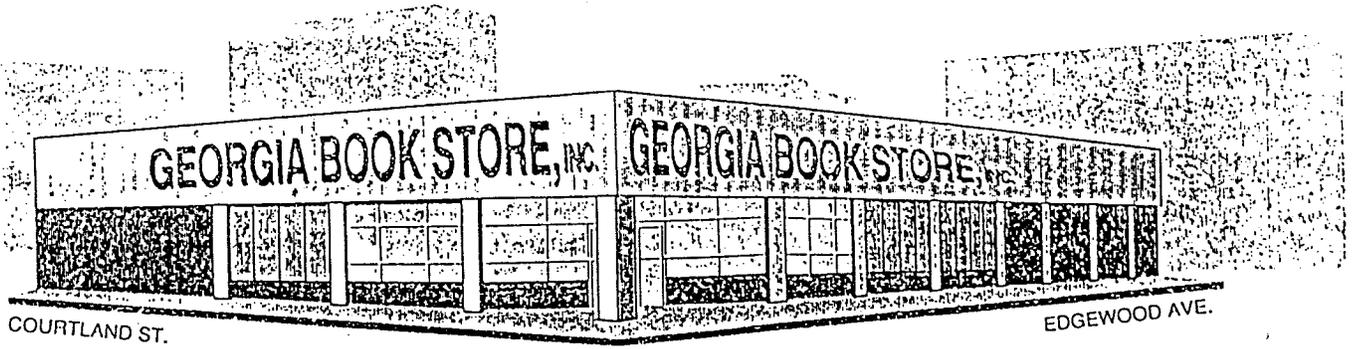
Saturday, April 22nd.

**DON'T MISS IT!**



Professor Roy Sobelson, Faculty Advisor for the Public Interest Law Association, gives the promo for Melissa Green's new book *Praying for Sheetrock* during the live auction component of the 1995 PILA Auction.





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**Mr. Chip Rowan**

Director of the AIDS Legal Project  
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to discuss

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Under The Americans With  
Disabilities Act (ADA)”*

Wednesday, April 19th  
12:00 noon  
Room 230

**FREE PIZZA**

**Delta Theta Phi**

presents

**Georgia Supreme Court  
Chief Justice  
Willis B. Hunt, Jr.**

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12:00 noon  
Rm. 100



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information.*







## WHAT'S GOING ON

**Tuesday, April 18th**  
Delta Theta Phi hosts Chief Justice Willis B. Hunt, Jr.  
Time: 12:00 noon Rm. 100

The College of Law's  
**Honor Day Program**  
5:00 pm Urban Life Center commons.

**Wednesday, April 19th**  
LGLSA hosts Mr. Chip Rowan, Director of the AIDS Legal Project of Atlanta Legal Aid  
Topic: Employment Discr. Under The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)  
12:00 noon Rm. 230

**Saturday, April 22nd**  
The SBA is sponsoring the **Barrister's Ball** which will held at the Terrace Garden Inn, Buckhead. Food, Live music and cash bar. Tickets are \$10.00 Be there or be square.

**Wednesday, April 26th**  
Study Break cookout for AALSA members. Time: 6:00 to (:00 pm Location: TBA

**Thursday & Friday, April 27th & 28th**  
Student Legal Referral Service  
**Open House**  
9 am - 6 pm Urban Life lobby.

**Tuesday, May 16th**  
**Last Day of Finals/Get on, get on, get on, get on the boogie train.**

**Friday, July 28th.**  
Pick up Law Review Writing Competition packet. Beginning 12:00 noon.

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## FEDERALISTS TAKE CHICAGO

Federalists Chuck Shrake and John Creasy travelled to Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago the weekend of April 7-9 to enjoy the 14th Annual National Student Symposium on Law and Public Policy.

Thirty six speakers, including Judge Frank Easterbrook, Professor Richard Epstein, Professor Cass Sunstein, Professor Lawrence Sager, and Professor Randy Barnett, spoke on the topic of "Originalism, Democracy, and the Constitution."

Six panels of six speakers each addressed: What is Originalism?, Originalism and the Dead Hand, Constitutionalism and Originalism, Historical Indeterminacy- Is Originalism Possible?, The Original Meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment, and Alternatives to Originalism.

The Federalist Society consistently produces challenging programs encouraging debate by featuring leading scholars from all sectors of political, social, and legal philosophy.

For information about how you can attend future Federalist Society programs come by Rm 228 or call 264-9576.

*The Student Bar Association*

*presents*

## The Barristers Ball

*Saturday, April 22nd, 1995*

*The Terrace Garden Inn  
Buckhead*

*Enjoy Live Music, Dancing, Great Food  
and Good Times*

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