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From the Associate Dean

Dean Blasi and I have begun to have informal chats with students on Monday mornings and afternoons. Paulester Howard, an administrative assistant on the fourth floor, will randomly select students and contact them to determine if they can be available to talk with us for approximately thirty minutes. We have learned much from our first meetings, and we look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

At the request of the SBA, the faculty recently reconsidered whether the doors in the fourth floor reception area could be left unlocked. For security reasons, the doors will remain locked. Because of the Law School's location, we have experienced significant theft. The security problem is not unique to the fourth floor, of course, and we are considering ways to address the problem in other areas of the building. While no one believes that students are responsible for any of the thefts, unlocking the fourth floor doors would exacerbate the problem. We are quite concerned, however, that the locked doors might send the wrong message to our students. Of course, we encourage you to visit us.

You may not know that you can save a trip to the fourth floor to determine whether a faculty member is available by using one of the two "house" phones. One is on the first floor near the elevators, and the other is on the second floor at the end of the hallway where student organization offices are located. The fourth floor receptionist's phone number is 1-2096.

We have put a television in the student lounge on the first floor to permit and encourage viewing the Senate confirmation hearings on Judge Clarence Thomas. Another television is located in the faculty lounge on the fourth floor.

Patricia T. Morgan
Associate Dean

From the Editor

The goal of the S.B.A. in publishing this newsletter is to make it the voice of the students. To that end, we invite you to submit for publication anything you wish to share with your fellow students. We will publish editorials, letters to the editor, cartoons and caricatures, as well as other items of interest.

If you have a question, comment or something for publication, send it to me at Box #381, or leave it at the SBA office. If your article is longer than a half page, please submit it on disk (5-1/4" or 3-1/2") in WordPerfect format. Be sure to put your name on the disk so that we can return it to you, or come by the S.B.A. office during office hours and the representative will copy it onto the computer. We cannot accept anonymous items (because we may have questions) however you may request anonymous publication.

We still don't have a name for our newsletter. If you have a brilliant idea, please get it to me soon! One person has anonymously submitted both a name and a logo. Unfortunately, we have questions concerning the copyright and cannot use it until the author contacts us.

Patti Muise, Editor

From the Law Library:

In response to numerous requests, the Law Library has instituted a new policy of dedicating one photocopier machine in each photocopy room for priority use by law students. The machines will be labeled as such. It will be the responsibility of the law students to monitor the usage of the machines; the library staff will not police the machines. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this policy. The library staff welcome comments on how our library can be improved.

Nancy Johnson, Law Librarian

Ken
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Scholarship and Competition Opportunities

My office receives copies of Scholarships and Competitions offered through local and national schools, agencies, and individual groups. We will publish a brief synopsis of these opportunities and their deadlines each month. If you are interested in pursuing an item, complete copies of the information are being posted on the third floor smaller bulletin board, and we hope to have a separate board solely for these postings in the next month. We'll advise you of the progress and location.

Jacqueline A. St. Germain
Assistant Dean for
Student Affairs

- Stephen G. Thompson Memorial Writing Competition: Communications law; sponsored by the Catholic University of America; deadline February 15, 1992.
- Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys Scholarship Foundation: three scholarships to be awarded to second and third year female law students; deadline October 25, 1991.
- Eleventh Annual Law Student Tax Policy Writing Contest: sponsored by the American College of Tax Counsel; deadline December 31, 1991.
- Institute for Humane Studies-Steven J. Eberhard Writing Competition for student-written law comments: sponsored by the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy; Deadline October 15, 1991.
- Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program: sponsored by Georgetown University Law Center; for recent law graduates interested in spending one year working on women's rights issues in the Washington, D.C. area; deadline November 30, 1991.
- Gate City Bar Scholarship Foundation Awards: for full time students; deadline October 18, 1991.

Law Library Offers Free Computer Classes

2 classes will be taught in the Law Library Computer Lab. Sign-up in the Library at the Circulation Desk. First-come, first-served - 10 people per session.

DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER LAB

This half hour session will cover the equipment of the Lab, the menu on the computers, formatting floppy diskettes, and the "Do's and Don'ts" of Computer Lab policy.

For students who have limited experience with computers.

INTRODUCTION TO WORDPERFECT 5.1 (wordprocessing)

This 1-1/2 hour class will cover the bare-bone basics of creating, editing, and printing text documents.

For students who have little or no experience with WordPerfect.

Prerequisite for this class is the Introduction to Computer Lab or previous experience with personal computers.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Monday	9/16	Computer Lab: 2:30-3:00 WordPerfect: 3:00-4:30
Tuesday	9/17	Computer Lab: 5:30-6:00 WordPerfect: 6:00-7:30
Wednesday	9/18	WordPerfect: 3:00-4:30
Thursday	9/19	Computer Lab: 2:30-3:00 WordPerfect: 3:00-4:30
Monday	9/23	Computer Lab: 2:30-3:00 WordPerfect: 3:00-4:30
Tuesday	9/24	Computer Lab: 2:30-3:00 WordPerfect: 3:00-4:30

News You Can Use

- There is a telephone available for student use on the second floor. It is at the end of hall on which the student association offices are located. This phone is provided for your free use by the Student Bar Association.
- In conjunction with the faculty and administration, the S.B.A. is sponsoring a magazine drive to help stock the libraries of several facilities in the Atlanta area. Currently, all old magazines turned in to the school will be sent to the library at the Veterans Hospital. With recent budget cuts, the Veterans Hospital library has been given no funds and most, if not all, magazine subscriptions have expired. The magazines supplied to them are deeply appreciated. Please bring all of your old magazines to school and place them in the receptacle next to the S.B.A. office on the second floor. Your help is appreciated.
- As part of an ongoing process to improve administration-student relations at GSU, Acting Dean Blasi and Associate Dean Morgan are implementing a series of informal monthly meetings with students. Students will be randomly selected to attend meetings. The informal meetings are designed to provide students and administrators an opportunity to communicate their concerns.
- The administration is continuing to review the policies governing examination scheduling and examination conflicts. There has been no resolution to date.
- The administration has been asked to review the current faculty evaluation forms and the procedure for completing those forms. The evaluation system was not designed for the College of Law, and as such, does not currently reflect student concerns.
- The administration has been asked to review the current procedure followed for selecting the speaker for the hooding ceremony. Students want to participate in the selection of the speaker. Hopefully a student committee can be formed which will make a firm recommendation to the administration.

Student Trial Lawyers Association 1991 Fall Tryout Competition

Each Fall Semester the Student Trial Lawyers Association holds an annual tryout competition for its members who wish to be selected to represent Georgia State University College of Law in a Spring Tournament.

This year there will be separate tryouts for the second and third year class. Hopefully, this change will alleviate any fears on the part of second year students about competing against third year students. The second year students will tryout on Friday October 11, and the third year students will compete on Saturday October 12, 1991. The students will compete in teams of two and will either represent the State or the Defendant in a criminal murder case. Each student will be evaluated individually and not as a team. The trial will last 36 minutes, and students can sign up at any time before September 21, 1991.

To sign up for the Fall Competition, students need to place their name and their partners name on the sign up sheet posted on the STLA office door in Room 228. The problem is on reserve in the Law Library.

The students selected will compete in one of the following Tournaments:

- 1) American Bar Association
February 1992 6 lawyers
- 2) Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA)
March 1992 4 lawyers & 4 witnesses
- 3) Georgia Intrastate Tournament
April 1992 6 lawyers & 6 witnesses

This year 14 3L's and 12 2L's will be selected to compete during the Spring Tournaments. Since Evidence is not taught until the second year of law school, it is impossible to allow 1L's to compete in the Fall Competition. However, all 1L's are invited to attend the tryouts as both witnesses and jurors. In order to participate, a student needs to sign up on the Juror list or a witness list posted on the STLA Office door in Room 228.

SEPTEMBER 1991

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
2 <i>Labor Day Holiday- University Closed.</i>	3	4 DELTA THETA PHI- noon- Rm. 170. PLACEMENT: 5:00- Computer Skills Wkshp	5	6 AACE: 12:00- Rm 170- General Meeting	7 BLSA picnic, 1:00.	8 BLSA: 3:00- Rm 227- Executive Committee Mtg.
9 RWA: 1st closed memo due. PLACEMENT: Mock Interviews. BLSA: 5:10- Rm 230- Survival Skills 2: <i>The Prof's Perspective.</i>	10 PLACEMENT: Mock Interviews. STLA: 12:15, Rm. 170- Monthly Meeting. ICLS: 5:15, Rm 230- General Meeting.	11 ELS: 12:15-12:45- Rm 170- General Mtg. DELTA THETA PHI: 12:15, Rm 100- General Meeting.	12 ALUMNI DINNER: 6:00- Hyatt Regency.	13	14 PLACEMENT: On- Campus Interviews. BLSA: 1:00- General Assembly Meeting.	15
16 On-Campus Interviews. HONOR COURT elections for 1-Ls: Outside Rm 170, 9-12 am, 5-8 pm.	17 On-Campus Interviews. PLACEMENT: 5:00- Rm 170- <i>Perspectives on On-Campus Interviews.</i> <i>Yom Kippur.</i> HONOR COURT Elections.	18 On-Campus Interviews. HONOR COURT Elections. PHI DELTA PHI: 5:00- Rm 325-A- Gen. Mtg. <i>Yom Kippur.</i>	19 On-Campus Interviews. BARBRI Program info for 2 & 3Ls: noon & 5:00, Rm 170. For 1Ls: noon, Rm 100; 5:00, Rm 230.	20 On-Campus Interviews. <i>Organization Budgets due in Dean St. Germain's Office.</i>	21 BLSA: 1:00- Rm 230- Survival Skills 3: <i>Outlining.</i>	22 BLSA: 3:00- Rm 227- Executive Committee Mtg.
23	24	25 BLSA: 5:00- Rm 170 Reception for Atl Univ Ctr Undergrads.	26	27	28 STLA: 10:00- Rm 140- 2L Try-Out Practice.	29
30 RWA: 2nd closed memo due. PLACEMENT: 1st Resume Mailing.						