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Dear colleagues:

I am pleased to be able to present to you the second-ever Student Bar Association Annual Report. The Student Bar Association began to undertake the task of compiling an Annual Report last year under SBA President Luis M. Lluberas-Oliver so that we may provide you with a comprehensive look at our efforts, achievements, and failures. The Annual Report below outlines our work during the 2008 – 2009 academic year. Just as last year, this Annual Report is a working document. As you read about the pressing issues faced by Carolina Law students during the previous year, I invite you to provide your thoughts and feedback to the incoming Board of Governors.

This Annual Report closes the chapter on the work of the 2008 – 2009 Board of Governors, and begins the chapter of the incoming 2009 – 2010 Board, led by President-elect Kristopher Gould. Inevitably, the work of this Board will become the work of the incoming Board, as was the case when we took office in early April of 2008. I took a more hands-on approach to all aspects of the law school, working more closely with Admissions and we made a number of bylaw revisions that should serve to strengthen our student organizations.

Over time, however, novel and complex issues for Carolina Law students will arise and require dedicated student leaders to solve them. My hope is that this Annual Report will help guide the incoming Board as they advocate on your behalf during the coming year.

As you well know, and as you can garner from reading this document, Carolina Law is a place under transition. The current building, Van Hecke-Wettach Hall, will become the “old” building, though the date of this move to Carolina North is now a question with the State of North Carolina in a deficit and Governor Purdue has placed a hold on new building projects. As you will see from this report, the size of the Carolina Law faculty is increasing, bringing new opinions and paradigms into our academic discourse. Finally, as always, the Fall of 2009 will bring a new class of students, who will bring their own perspectives on legal education. The Student Bar Association will be there to provide a sense of constancy as we undergo all of these transitions.

This has been an amazing experience for me in both leadership and service. Not every day was perfect. There were many days that this job was a challenge that tested my limits, and I could not have imagined the work this job would require of me; but I truly enjoyed the challenges, working with the Administration, faculty, and serving you, the student body. It has been an honor serving you and I hope that my work has contributed to a positive experience at Carolina Law.

Best,

Matthew Modell
President
Student Bar Association, 2009-2009
J.D. Candidate, Class of 2009
University of North Carolina School of Law
About the 2008-2009 Student Bar Association

Board of Governors

President: Matt Modell

Matt Modell, a 3L from Bloomington, Minnesota, attended University of Wisconsin-Madison for undergrad, where he double-majored in journalism and political science. Prior to attending law school at UNC, he worked in Washington, D.C. for the Bush Administration, as well as for the Navy League of the United States. Matt is also a member of the Craven Moot Court team, as well as a four-person moot court team that traveled to London this fall for an international moot court competition. As a staff member of the Journal of Law & Technology, Matt was chosen for publication last year and also served on the Honor Court. He clerked for Justice Mark Martin last year and RiskMetrics Group this past summer. Despite moving to Chapel Hill only two years ago, he is already a die hard Tar Heels fan! Matt will be clerking next fall for Judge Terrence W. Boyle of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Vice President: Katie Ploghoft

Katie Ploghoft, a 3L from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, attended UNC-Wilmington for undergrad where she received a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and a minor in English. She spent this past summer working for the Secretary of State Securities Division and clerked for Judges Allen Baddour and Ripley Rand at the Superior Court of Wake County.
Secretary: Stephen McIntyre

An avid Tar Heel fan from Lumberton, North Carolina, Stephen went to UNC for undergrad and is thrilled he stayed for law school. He thoroughly enjoys giving tours of the law school and serving on panels for prospective students as a part of the Carolina Law Ambassadors. He is on the Craven Bench of the Holderness Moot Court Team, and traveled to London this fall for an international moot court competition. Stephen enjoys playing intramural sports, and spent this past summer working for Ward and Smith, PA and Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe and Garofalo, LLP in Wilmington, NC.

Treasurer: Bao Nguyen
3L Class President: Sara Coughlin

Sara Coughlin is from High Point, North Carolina, and is proud to be a double Tar Heel! She graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2005 with a B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communications. After spending a year working in Washington, D.C. as a legal assistant, Sara was ready to head back "home" to Chapel Hill for law school. Along with her participation in SBA all three years at UNC Law, Sara served on the staff of the North Carolina Law Review, is a Dean's Fellow mentor, a member of the Immigration Law Association, and the UNC Law Pro Bono program. Sara spent this past summer in Charlotte working for Mayer Brown and McGuire Woods.

3L Class Representatives: Mallory Silberman & Travis Page

Mallory Silberman is from Potomac, Maryland and Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. She graduated from Syracuse University in 2006, where she received her bachelor's degrees in International Relations and Public Relations. In addition to serving as an SBA Representative, Mallory has participated in Carolina Street Law, is a Project Coordinator for the Entrepreneurial Law Association (ELA), a Notes and Comments Editor for the North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation (ILJ), a LEAP Tutor, and an Orientation Counselor. Mallory has clerked at Jenkins & Esquivel on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina and this past summer for Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C.

Travis Page is from Cherryville, North Carolina. He is a 2006 graduate of Appalachian State University. At ASU, Travis received a bachelor’s degree in Political Science with minors in Business and Criminal Justice. At UNC, Travis participates in the law school's Holderness Moot Court Bench as a member of the environmental appellate advocacy team. In 2007, Travis clerked for Senior Administrative Law Judge Fred Morrison, Jr. with the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings. He spent the summer of 2008 with the Wake County District Attorney's Office, practicing criminal law under the State Bar's "third-year rule. Travis enjoys Appalachian State football, Carolina basketball, and is a two-time men's intramural softball champion during his time at UNC.
2L Class President: Philip Reale

Philip Reale is originally from Glenville, West Virginia. He graduated in 2006 from East Carolina with a major in Political Science, while a member of the golf team. In 2007, he completed his MBA at ECU.

2L Class Representatives: Kris Gould & Josh McIntyre

Kris Gould is originally from Northern California, but has lived in North Carolina since high school. He graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2007 with a B.A. in Political Science and Economics. In addition to serving as a 2L Class Representative, Kris is a member of the Trial Team, serves as Student Solicitor General for UNC Student Government, and is an active participant in intramural sports. He interned with the North Carolina Department of Justice during the summer of 2008.

Josh McIntyre is a proud double Tar Heel, graduating with a B.A. in Journalism from UNC in 2005, and still likes to think he can pass as an undergrad when walking through campus, cheering at basketball games, or going out on Franklin Street. Josh hails from the burgeoning city of Lumberton, North Carolina, and is up for a game of disc golf anytime someone desires a study break. He is married to a true Carolina girl, Caroline, another graduate of UNC, and is proud to represent the class of 2010!
1L Class President: David Brown

Mary Ellen Bonner is from Charlotte, North Carolina. She is a Double Heel, graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May 2008. Mary Ellen was a double major in English and Psychology. After graduation, she interned with the Mecklenburg County Courthouse and the Marshall Scholars Association.

1L Class Representatives: Mary Ellen Bonner & Regina Hinson

Mary Ellen Bonner is from Charlotte, North Carolina. She is a Double Heel, graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May 2008. Mary Ellen was a double major in English and Psychology. After graduation, she interned with the Mecklenburg County Courthouse and the Marshall Scholars Association.

Regina Hinson is a 1L from Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated from Furman University in 2006, where she received a bachelor's degree in political science. After graduating she spent two years doing nonprofit work as a Mediation Coordinator at the Upstate Community Mediation Center of SC.
The mission of the Student Bar Association is to foster a cooperative, professional, and diverse educational environment at our law school. SBA Committees and Representatives contribute to the mission of SBA.

**Dean’s Advisory Council**

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**Faculty Selection Committee**

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**Career Services Student Advisory Committee**

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Class of 2010

Student Activity Fee Committee

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Class of 2010
Dhrumil Patel
Class of 2011
Student Bar Association: President’s Report

Advocacy

Advocacy on behalf of the student body is the most fundamental and important purpose of the Student Bar Association. This is not always an easy task as there are competing views, even within different subsets of the student body. My goal this year was to not just look at the major issues, but start by tackling small issues where we can not only achieve victories for students, but they are victories that provide an impact on the day-to-day well-being of the student body. Throughout the course of the 2008 – 2009 academic year, the Student Bar Association has consistently acted as an advocate for student interests with the Administration. I met bi-weekly with Dean Boger to discuss pertinent student issues. In addition, new this year was a standing weekly meeting with Dean Podger Smith and John Kasprzak. In addition, the entire Student Bar Association was active in relaying student issues and concerns to the appropriate members of the Administration.

Almost all of the accomplishments listed in this Annual Report are the result of effective advocacy.

Bar Review

One of the very first reforms SBA undertook were bylaw changes including eliminating all cover charges for Bar Review, except for special events explicitly laid out in the Bylaws or for events student organizations want to put on that offer something of substance to students and approved by two-thirds of the SBA Board of Governors. This rule only effected events student organizations wanted to hold on the night of Bar Review (generally Thursday night), and they were still permitted to host events on other nights and charge a cover if they so desired.

As the Social Committee report suggests, this was a huge success from the standpoint that the attendance at Bar Reviews was significantly higher than it had been during the previous year and a half when student groups started charging cover for Bar Review. While there were some concerns that this change in policy would affect student organizations work and lead to a significant increase in the number of special event and emergency budget requests, the opposite has been true. In total, we only had one emergency request and we did not even allocate all the funds available in the Spring Budget session because student organization demand did not call for spending all the money. We also did not have a single special event budget request.
Budget & Finance

The Student Bar Association Budget Allocation Hearing takes place semiannually, once during the Fall Semester and once during the Spring Semester. The Fall Budget Allocation Hearing generally takes place during the last week in September, while the Spring Budget Allocation Hearing generally takes place during the last week in January. At each Budget Allocation Hearing, recognized student organizations are invited to request funds from the Student Bar Association for student activities and events they wish to organize during that semester. All recognized student organizations are able to request from the funds collected by the Student Bar Association Student Fee, which is currently set at $14.50 per student.

Traditionally, there have at least three problems associated with the Budget Allocation Hearing process. First, the Student Bar Association has a limited amount of funds (about $22,000) which it must use to cover operating expenses and fund large initiatives (e.g. Barristers Ball, Heels on the Street) while still disbursing enough funds to over 40 active student organizations. Second, some student organizations have consistently requested exorbitant amounts of money at each Budget Allocation Hearing. Third, the Budget Allocation Hearing process itself has been cumbersome and inefficient.

During the first semester we limited food requests to $100 per student organization. This was an increase from $75 last year. After receiving feedback from student organizations, SBA decided that such a stringent limitation was not productive in helping support our student organizations. For the second semester, we made a guideline of $100 for food, though this was not a strict limitation.

Student organizations that expressed a potential need for additional revenue were assisted, as the Board of Governors chose to give the proceeds of Law Revue to the Pro Bono Program and SBA also continued to offer support to the CPILO Auction and Jammin’ For Justice; all of which were highly successful events. I met several times with Dean Novinsky, John Kasprzak, and Ashley Erickson of the Pro Bono Program, to formulate different fundraising possibilities for student organizations and we held a special information session for all student organizations interested in fundraising. We came up with a number of excellent proposals for fundraising events, but in total, only four student organizations showed up or requested information. The fundraising proposals we formulated can be found in the Appendix.

2008-2009 marked the first year of the Student Activity Fee Committee. The Committee was created after the student body approved a new $81 student fee in a September 2007 referendum. $21 of the fee goes to pay for ExamSoft for every student. Of the remaining fee, one-half the remaining fee revenue, approximately $20,000 annually, goes to the Committee to allocate funds to students and student organizations who submit funding requests.

The committee is composed of a faculty member or administrator; a member of the student services staff, and three students. Student representatives are appointed by the Student Bar Association (SBA) President, subject to approval of the SBA Board of Governors.
This year the Committee approved funds for a variety of purposes. Common requests included: funding for conferences held on campus, funding for student travel to legal conferences, and funding for student organization travel to competitions.

High demand for funds make it difficult to fund requests in full, regardless of how worthy requests may have been. When determining the level at which to fund requests the Committee remained mindful of the amount of funds already allocated by the Committee, time remaining in the school year, and the likelihood of receiving additional requests. Conscious efforts were made to ensure that funds were not distributed on a first come first serve basis. Additionally, the Committee was careful to use common criteria in evaluating the requests to ensure that all requests were given fair consideration.

The Agreement establishing the Student Activity Fee Committee and the funding application form are included in the appendix.

**Building Related Issues & Improvements**

Issues around the building, even seemingly minor ones can have a substantial impact on student life which is why this was a major focus this year.

To begin the year, SBA worked with Shelby Mann to purchase a brand new double-door refrigerator that was significantly larger than any of the other refrigerators and replaced one of the aging refrigerators that barely worked. SBA was also able to obtain GPSF funds for other major improvements, including six brand new microwaves and a new toaster oven that were also available from the first day of classes in August.

In an effort to offer greater funding support to more student organizations, instead of offering sign-ups to one student organization a month to clean the refrigerators and clean out the microwaves and giving them $50, we double the frequency of clean-up to twice a month with set dates and times and gave each student organization $30 to clean-up. It is strongly recommended that next year’s SBA invest in cleaning supplies that can be shared by all student organizations undertaking this cleaning responsibility.

From the beginning of the year, the men’s ‘water-free’ urinals had an awful stench, and no matter what building officials did, this problem was not resolved. When working through the law school contacts failed, I contact and lobbied one of the UNC main campus Vice-Chancellors. These efforts paid off. The University decided to replace the water-free urinals throughout the University, and we were able to ensure that the Law School urinals were at the top of the list to be replaced. This was done near the end of the first semester and no complaints about the smell of the bathrooms has been reported since.

This year’s SBA has now been able to obtain funds to purchase a second brand new double-door refrigerator so that we should eliminate all space issues and no student will have to worry about not finding a place for their lunch. In addition, working with Shelby Mann, a sink is being installed in the lunch area for students so that they no longer have to go to the bathroom to add
water for their microwave meals or to clean out their Tupperware when they are finished. These improvements should be in place within the month.

SBA has also been able to obtain funds to order four more folding tables for student organizations to use for their events and for tabling in the Rotunda.

One concern raised by a 3L student was the lack of a bench out at the bus stop near the School of Government. Working with UNC Main Campus and Town Officials, SBA was able to get one installed and the bench should be in place sometime this month.

We had anticipated doing a significant amount of work this year on the move and design of the new building at Carolina North. However, due to the State’s budget challenges, a significant amount of this work has been delayed until at least next year and the move to Carolina North is unlikely to occur until at least 2014.

**Building Safety**

Building safety was a significant concern this year. After the main campus libraries decided to make public access to their computers more restrictive, we experienced an increase in the number of visitors to the law school that were not coming in to do legal research. SBA received a number of complaints, as these guests making students feel uncomfortable and had reported incidents of stolen food and school bags.

In an effort to combat these problems and to make sure that the building was generally safe for students, the Dean and I agreed a special committee should be formed to look at, and make recommendations on how to improve building safety and security. This Committee met and drafted recommendations to forward to the Dean. After the report was completed, Scott Childs from the Library staff, and a member of the Committee, decided to file a dissenting opinion to the report. The report, including the dissent is available in this Annual Report under Appendix B.

In sum, the most important recommendations the Committee advocates are video cameras at the Rotunda entrance that would only be reviewed if there is a report of an incident and it is reasonably believed the video could identify who may have been in the building and committed the crime at the time. The Committee also strongly urged that the Law Library to also adopt more restrictive policies for use of the public computers, for example, requiring users to enter their PID and for visitors to obtain from the desk a password good for a limited amount of time.

The report also stressed the need for the students to get back the Rumpus Room. Reviewing the building design, this area was designed to be a student lounge; however it has been overtaken by UNC staff who work throughout South Campus.

The Committee decided not to adopt recommendations that would impinge on greater privacy concerns, such as a camera directly in the library entrance or eliminating all public use of the library computers. As of this publication date, the Dean has not had an opportunity to act on the recommendations and it will be important for next year’s SBA to follow-up if decisions are not made before graduation.
Communications

Improving communication with the student body and the Administration was a high priority this year. To this point, I had a weekly standing meeting time with Dean Podger Smith and John Kasprzik to discuss SBA issues, upcoming SBA events, upcoming school events, concerns they were hearing from classmates, and to work on strategic planning. These meetings played a significant role in improving communication with the Administration and rarely did we have problems of miscommunication.

In an effort to reach out to students more, we improved on the monthly email sent to the student body by implementing a standard, easy to read, easy to format design that was produced by Gary Wilhelm in IT. Copies of the newsletter from this past year can be found on the SBA website at: [http://studentorgs.law.unc.edu/sba/communications/newsletter/](http://studentorgs.law.unc.edu/sba/communications/newsletter/). This newsletter focused not only on what SBA had done, but upcoming SBA events, information on opportunities to get involved, as well as other campus activities, including information on all the different intramural sports’ sign-ups and upcoming UNC athletic events that students may be interested in attending or watching on television.

I submitted an open records request so that we could have Excel list of all the students email addresses in case that we needed to send more frequent emails. The 3L Class utilized this list frequently to get announcements about 3L events, Class Gift, and graduation announcements. There were occasions I would use the entire list as well, though we tried to limit this usage as much as possible so as to not inundate students with emails from SBA.

In addition to SBA working hard to improve communication with this monthly newsletter, we also had two SBA members table every Wednesday in the Rotunda to answer any questions or concerns students may have. It was our goal to be even more accessible to our classmates in an effort to stay in touch with the issues and concerns most important to them. Our encouragement that CSO play a more proactive role in getting information to students, particularly 3Ls has also seemed to have an effect, as the complaints and concerns about CSO not doing more and keeping up with students has diminished significantly this year.
Graduation Speaker

This year’s graduation speaker is former United States Attorney General and Chief Judge of the Southern District of New York, Michael B. Mukasey. I worked with the 3L President and Representatives to help identify and contact potential speakers and we were thrilled to have General Mukasey as our speaker. General Mukasey is the first nationally known and respected speaker who not a North Carolina politician that Carolina Law has had since former U.S. Solicitor General Walter Dellinger spoke at Commencement in 1999.

Not all students were pleased with this decision, and Dean Boger, the 3L Class Officers, and I received a petition signed by 153 people, including approximately 100 total students among the three classes, requesting the invitation be rescinded. The Dean and SBA refused to rescind the invitation since it was offered and accepted and General Mukasey certainly has significant credentials making him an excellent pick. The procedure used to select the speaker was consistent with years past (a committee consisting of the SBA President and 3L Class Officers), but this procedure should be reviewed by the next SBA President and 3L Class Officers to determine what, if any, changes would improve the process.

Miscellaneous

Pizza Prices for student organizations – to further support student organizations, SBA undertook the task of negotiating with various pizza places to obtain the best possible prices. By simply mentioning you are a Carolina Law student organization, the following special prices are available:

- Papa John's: $8/ large, one-topping
- Amantes: $12.29/ large, two-topping
- Domino's: $5.55/medium one topping, $7.77/large, one-topping

Thanksgiving – this year’s exam schedule made it difficult for students to get home for Thanksgiving because exams started immediately following the holiday break. To lessen the stress and make students feel as though they had a place to go, SBA sponsored a Thanksgiving Dinner at Time Out Sports Bar & Grill on 15-501 that included all the traditional Thanksgiving fare. The cost to SBA was about $15/person, $5 of which we charged the student directly. This was primarily to ensure that students who signed up did actually attend since we notified the bar ahead of time how many were expected. While less than 20 students actually signed up and attended the dinner, it seemed to be an appreciated break for those students who were not able to show up and the number participating may increase if the dinner is planned and announced further in advance to students.

Softball Tournament – SBA sponsored an intra-law school softball tournament in April. This was an excellent idea in theory because there are more than a half dozen softball teams within the law school. However, the only date we had available was Good Friday which meant a lot of students were out of town and others commented that it was too close to exams. This event would be more successful if it were held earlier in March. Through campusrec.unc.edu, SBA can reserve softball fields without charge.
**T-Lot Safety**

Picking up right where last year’s SBA left off, T-Lot Safety continued to be a major concern and I was pleased to make significant progress on this issue.

After meeting with Town of Chapel Hill officials, we were able to successfully lobby for more and higher wattage lighting along Country Club Road. This new lighting was installed in the Summer 2008. We were continually told that this was something neighbors in the area would object to, however, the Town received quite the opposite reaction – households in the area were very supportive of the improved lighting.

Working with Dean Boger, we were also able to get a new shuttle that runs from 5pm – 9pm Monday – Thursday, taking students to their cars. Initially the shuttle ran from 6pm – 10pm, but we found not a single student had used the shuttle between 9pm – 10pm in the six weeks of the first semester that the shuttle ran. After adjusting the hours, and improving education on the shuttle’s availability, usage drastically increased from just 36 riders in the final six weeks of the first semester to hundreds of riders during the second semester.

Dean Boger was able to absorb the entire cost of this shuttle service in his budget, and it was a significant benefit to students, reducing the danger of students walking late at night.

One item that was not accomplished was getting a sidewalk on Country Club Road. I went to Town Council to lobby for one, and Dean Podger Smith and I co-signed a letter to the Town, but ultimately, the deteriorating budget situation prevented the Town from acting on our request. Should the budget situation improve, Town Council and UNC Law alumnus Mark Kleinschmidt is a key ally on this issue and Ryan Mickles (rmickles@townofchapelhill.org) is the best Town staff contact.
Student Bar Association: Vice President’s Report

This year, I was responsible for a couple of tasks throughout the year, the two main ones being Orientation 2008 and Barrister’s Ball 2009.

For orientation I was one of a number of people responsible for recruiting and coordinating the two days’ events. Once you are selected as vice president of SBA, you will be in contact with John Kasprzak and Dean Podger Smith. They will provide you with last year’s application for orientation counselors. You will be responsible for making any alterations to the application and getting approval from them. They will then require you to advertise the application deadline and where the application can be found. They will post it up on the calendar and provide a link so that students may access the application online. Applicants can print it, fill it out and stick it in your box, or in a folder outside John’s office, or they can email it back to you. You will try to get two orientation counselors per small section because those orientation counselors will also be working with three Deans Fellows that are assigned to the small sections as well. If there are three colleges and three small sections per colleges then you will want to try to recruit a total of 18 people. There will be a short training session the day before orientation begins so you want to make sure (1) that those who sign up to be orientation counselors will be here the day before orientation begins and (2) that they are not taking Trial Advocacy. John and Dean Smith will pretty much lead you through the rest. Just try to stay available and responsive over the summer leading up to orientation in case anything comes up. And don’t be afraid to make suggestions. For example, I thought it would be a good idea to have a walking tour of campus (not all of campus) for those students that are not from here and would like to know where all the good stuff is, so we had a couple people lead small groups down to Ram’s deck, student rec, the safety office (for CAP stickers), the health clinic, the book store, etc.

A couple of other things that you will be required to do as SBA Vice President are to attend the 2009 graduation, so make yourself available! Also, you will be responsible for assisting the Law School Attorney General in selecting a new Attorney General in March 2010 and for selecting the recipient of the Winston Crisp Award.

President Modell appointed me as the SBA representative for the Pro Bono Summer Grant Committee. This was an excellent experience and I would recommend appointing the Vice President be a standard process, as the responsibilities for the Vice President are in general rather light.
Student Bar Association: Class Officer Reports

3L Class (Class of 2009)
The following information outlines our duties as 3L Class Officers of the Student Bar Association, as well as summarizes the activities and events that we planned and participated in during the 2008-09 school year.

The duties of a 3L Class Officer include....attending SBA Board of Governors meetings; attending and assisting in the planning of general SBA philanthropic and social activities, including Heels on the Street, Barrister’s Ball, Law Revue, etc.; soliciting complaints and recommendations from the 3L class; communicating with the 3L class regarding SBA-related activities, particularly those related to Graduation; planning various 3L events and fundraisers, most notably the “100 Days Party” in January and the 3L Family & Friends BBQ on the Saturday before Graduation; establishing a Class Gift Committee to help select the class gift; participating as members on the Class Gift Committee; selecting the Graduation Speaker; and meeting regularly (in person or via email) with our “3L Team” (Pres and both Reps) to discuss the goals and activities of the 3L Class. It is also the job of the 3L Class President and Representatives, as it is a general goal of SBA, to work with the school administration and staff to effectuate positive change in and around the law school.

After reviewing the duties of the 3L Class Officers and conducting a self-evaluation, there is one point upon which we feel we could have improved and would make the following suggestion to future classes: We could have communicated more with the 3L Class regarding the selection of the graduation speaker. We would recommend that next year’s 3L Class consider establishing a graduation speaker selection committee to handle the task of choosing a graduation speaker. Finding a first-rate speaker was not an easy job, and perhaps it would be beneficial to share the responsibility with fellow members of the 3L class.

Despite some of our shortcomings, we, as the 3L Class Officers, were able to accomplish a great deal and believe the year was a success! We encouraged and assisted SBA as it embraced greater “openness and transparency” in the 2008-09 school year; and we planned a number of activities for our class. The three biggest/most important tasks of the 3L Class Officers are (1) selecting, promoting, and collecting money for the class gift; (2) selecting and securing a graduation speaker; and (3) planning and selling tickets for the “3L Family and Friends Barbeque” during Graduation weekend. These tasks, as well as many others, are listed in greater detail below…

3L Class Activities – Monthly Breakdown

The 3L Class Officers were busy in September planning events for the 3L Class, including making preparations for some of the activities and events that would surround Graduation in May. To kick-off the year and welcome back the 3L Class, we hosted a “3L Class Potluck/Cookout” on Sunday, September 21st at the Providence Glen Apartments Pool. Family and friends were welcome and we provided burgers, veggie burgers, water/soda, and asked everyone to bring a small covered dish, etc.
In October, we attempted to host a Field Game Competition (think: 3-legged race, cornhole, etc...), but we abandoned our plans for the event when (1) we couldn’t find a suitable location, and (2) we realized that our class was too busy with extracurricular activities, job searching, etc. to get excited and/or attend a “Field Day.” With so much else going on at the law school in October, we think we made a good decision in not planning additional activities. We did, however, assist the public service committee in their school-wide canned food drive to support the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. Since the 1L class was holding their own competition between the 1L colleges, we had a competition between the 2L and 3L classes in which the winner was awarded a Hardees Breakfast. (As it turned out, the 2L and 3L class tied, and so we had a big breakfast for everyone during the week of exams.)

In November, we planned a tailgate and 3L seating block for the UNC vs. NC State football game on Saturday, November 22nd. The football game was a pretty popular and well-attended event, so we’d suggest trying to organize something like this again next year. All student block seating requests must be emailed to the Ticket Office, studenttickets@uncaa.unc.edu by a specified deadline, and you can find information on requesting student block tickets for home football games at www.tarheelblue.com.

During exams in December, we hosted an “Exam Study Breakfast” along with the 1L and 2L Class Officers. The 1L Class was in charge of getting food donated from Panera Bread and Café Carolina, the 2L Class was put in charge of the Hardees biscuits, and the 3L Class bought OJ, cream cheese, doughnut holes, and all paper products and utensils.

We returned to school in January with A LOT to do… the duties of a 3L Class Officer are undoubtedly more demanding during the course of the second semester. First, we helped John Kasprzak in choosing the dates for the Herff Jones representatives to come to the law school for cap & gown purchasing. (We found it very helpful to meet with John Kasprzak at this point to make sure that we were on top of everything in regards to graduation preparations.) At the end of January, we hosted the traditional “100 Days Party!” at The Crunkleton to celebrate only 100 days left until graduation.

We also met with Meredith Kinncaid (in the UNC Law Development Office) in January to discuss our class gift plans. (Next year, you may want to contact Meredith even earlier… she is extremely helpful!) You will want to have established the Class Gift Committee sometime during the first semester as this committee needs to meet to discuss possible gift options. The Committee will need to have the options narrowed down to three by mid-end January. Some suggested criteria for choosing the class gift committee….the committee should include 3Ls who care about Carolina law, 3Ls who will commit to meeting, 3Ls who would provide an element of “diversity” to the committee (different interests and involvement at UNC, etc.), as well as 3Ls who are outgoing and would be able to get class members to pledge donations. In selecting the committee, we suggest putting out announcements for all interested students to “apply.” If no one applies/volunteers to serve on the committee, then you will have to hand-pick students to serve.

After our Class Gift Committee selected what it believed to be the three best options for a class gift, each member of the 3L Class had the opportunity to vote for one of the 3 options in an
online election. We worked with Gary Wilhelm to set up this online election system. As the format for such an election system has now been set-up, it should be fairly easy for next year’s 3L class. After the gift was chosen, the 3L Class Officers worked with Meredith Kincaid and Matt Marvin to design a class gift brochure and begin tabling to collect money for the gift.

Following the class gift election in February, we had another online election to choose the recipient of the McCall Teaching Award. We gave all members of the 3L Class the opportunity to “nominate” a faculty member for the McCall Teaching Award for Excellence. (Note: This was not like a regular “nomination” process because the number of “nominations” that a professor received was important.) Then, the three professors who received the most “nominations” were included in a second online election the following week. The 3L Class then had the opportunity to vote for one of those three to win the McCall Award. Information regarding the McCall Teaching Award can be found at the end of this Report.

The 3L Class Officers are also responsible for choosing a graduation singer. This person (usually a 3L) will sing the national anthem at graduation. We held auditions and invited all 3Ls to participate and attend. We had two girls audition and both were wonderful, so we got permission from John Kasprzak to have two graduation singers. During our commencement ceremony, one will sing "America the Beautiful," and the other will sing the National Anthem.

3L Class UPCOMING Activities:

The following is a list of the events and activities that the 3L Class Officers have planned, but that have not yet taken place. (This list was copied from an email that was sent to the 3L Class the week following Spring Break)

Class Gift Tabling: Please help us honor Miss Betty by giving to our class gift!
Members of the Class Gift Committee and the 3L Class Officers have already begun tabling to collect donations for the "Miss Betty" Degraffenreid Building Fund. The class gift table will be set-up in the Rotunda every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11:30-1:00pm. So please stop by the table for information on how you can contribute. Tabling will continue through Thursday, April 9th. Don't miss your opportunity to give to our class gift!

3L BBQ and UNC Baseball on April 14th:
The Advancement Office is hosting a "3L Celebration" on Tuesday, April 14th with a barbecue on the front lawn of the law school at 4:30pm, followed by a UNC baseball game (UNC v. High Point University) at 6:00pm. Students can get into the baseball game with their One cards, and the Advancement Office will purchase a block of general admission seats for any guests. (We're hoping that the game won't be sold out so guests can sit in the student section with students or vice versa.) It will be FREE for all 3Ls and their guests, so students must RSVP to Meredith Kincaid at kime@email.unc.edu or Carolyn Brafford at carolyn_brafford@unc.edu by Monday, April 6.

“Guest-Bartending” Fundraiser at The Crunkleton on April 15th:
We will be raising money for our Class Gift by hosting a fun event at The Crunkleton on April 15th from 7:00-10:00pm. Kelly Podger Smith and a UNC Law professor (TBA) will serve as
“guest-bartenders” that night along with two of The Crunkleton’s own bartenders. All of the bartenders’ tips during the event will go toward the "Miss Betty" Degraffenreid Building Fund. Please mark your calendars (it’s the last day of classes) and plan to attend. You don’t want to miss this!

**Graduation Weekend Barbeque:** On Saturday, May 9th, the 3L Class is hosting a barbeque on the front lawn of the law school from noon until 2:00pm for all members of the Class of 2009, their family and friends. Allen & Sons BBQ will be served along with vegetarian meal options. Tickets to the barbeque must be purchased at the class gift table in the rotunda (Tuesday—Thursday from 11:30-1:00pm). Each member of the 3L class will be entitled to one free ticket, and all other tickets purchased (for family/friends) will be **$5.00**. Remember to purchase your tickets before April 9th!

**Graduation Ceremony:** The Commencement ceremony will be held at the Smith Center on Sunday, May 10th. The ceremony will begin at 5:00pm and should be finished by 6:45pm. However, all members of the Class of 2009, must report to the Smith Center by 3:30pm! A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the School of Law Rotunda. Please visit My Carolina Law for more information regarding Graduation Weekend: [https://my.law.unc.edu/studentlife/commencement/default.aspx](https://my.law.unc.edu/studentlife/commencement/default.aspx) (This link will take you to information concerning Caps & Gowns, Graduation Parking, Photography, Disability Parking/Seating, etc)

**Information re: McCall Teaching Award:**

After members of the 3L Class Last nominated faculty for the 2009 McCall Teaching Award, the class voted for the top three nominated professors. Here is information about the Award:

**The McCall Teaching Award for Excellence:** The McCall Award is named for Frederick B. McCall, who served on the UNC Law faculty for over 40 years. When he retired in 1967, students established the McCall Award to be selected annually by members of the third-year class. The McCall Award recognizes outstanding teaching by a law professor, and is presented to that professor during the commencement ceremony in May. All members of the 3L class will have the opportunity to nominate and then vote for this year’s McCall award. However, two professors will not be eligible for the award this year, due to their membership in the McCall Master Teachers’ Society, r: Professor Hornstein and Professor Broome. Details regarding the McCall Master Teachers’ Society is below. If you have any questions

**The McCall Master Teachers’ Society:** A faculty member who receives the McCall Award at least three times becomes a member of the McCall Master Teachers’ Society. Membership in the McCall Master Teachers’ Society is for life, but upon joining the Society, members serve active ‘terms’ of three years. During the three-year term, a McCall Master Teacher is ineligible to receive the McCall Award. At the conclusion of his or her term, he or she is again eligible for the McCall Award. If he or she again wins the McCall Award three additional times, he or she will have another active ‘term,’ under the provisions described above.
2L Class (Class of 2010)

In the past year, the 2L Class Officers had two primary goals: increase the 2L Class budget through fundraising and improve the overall Carolina Law community.

The major responsibility and primary fundraising event held by the 2L Class is the law school Halloween party. This year’s event was held at East End Martini Bar on Franklin Street. East End was opened strictly to law students and their guests from 8:00-11:00 pm with various drink specials. Cover for the event was $5, and proved to be a great success for the 2L Class’s fundraising efforts. The Class was able to raise nearly $3,000 from the event. The East End management was a pleasure to work with, and indicated that they are interested in continuing their positive relationship with the law school. The Class Officers also planned an end of the year party designated specially for the 2L Class and He’s Not Here and Franklin Street. This free event was intended to serve as a “halfway done/end of the 2L year” party.

As for broader issues affecting the law school, the 2L Class Officers worked diligently to make sure that the concerns expressed by the student body were addressed. Prior to the start of the Fall semester, the Class Officers worked closely with the snack bar management to obtain new coffee for the 2008-2009 academic year. The snack bar now serves Starbucks coffee, and also have flavored syrups, normally costing $0.50 per shot, provided at no cost to students. In other snack bar related matters, the 2L Class Officers successfully lobbied for additional Chic-fil-a sandwiches on Tuesday and Thursday.

On other issues affecting the general student body, the 2L Class Officers worked with the SBA Treasurer in regards to the new SAFO accounting system to allow student organizations access to their SBA funding without needing to first go through the SBA Treasurer. This has made funding more readily available to student organizations and has greatly improved the efficiency of the process. The Class Officers have also been actively working with the Chapel Hill Transit Authority to place a bench at the bus stop on South Rd. that services many law school students. This project will hopefully be completed by Fall of 2009. The 2L Class Officers, along with the entire SBA, have been in constant contact with the administration on safety issues concerning the public areas of the building. These discussions have led to several positive ideas that will be implemented in the future to ensure the safety of all students, faculty and staff at UNC Law.

Overall, the 2008-2009 academic year proved to be very successful for the 2L Class. The Class Officers hope the progress made this year will continue into next year as we move toward graduation.
1L Class (Class of 2011)

Our administration focused on a few key guiding factors in making our decisions:
1. To maximize the promotion the good name of UNC School of Law among the students and the surrounding community
2. To benefit the most students possible with limited time and financial resources
3. Openness: to promote activities open to all UNC School of Law students regardless of group membership and to make SBA more available and transparent

Accomplishments:
1. End of the year Party: The 1L class raised approximately $1,500
2. "Watch Your Back" 1L Class fundraiser: Although we only profited $35, the purpose of this event was to have students interact outside of their colleges with other 1L students.
3. Appointed other 1L students running for the 1L Class President to the 1L President's Council along with several other active students to ensure involvement and interest of concerned students.
4. Creation of a 1L email list in order to provide important updates and information sharing.
5. 1L Representative Regina Hinson along with 2L Representative Joshua McIntyre, worked with multiple organizations in order to have a bench placed at the main bus stop used by law students.
6. Hosted an informal meeting with current 1L and 2L SBA members for students interested in running for an SBA position to further dialogue and continuity.
7. Elected to SBA 2L representative to help ensure continuity and provide guidance to the new SBA Board of Governors.

Continuing Goals:
1. To further facilitate information sharing between the Class of 2011, the SBA, the UNC School of Law and the greater UNC Community
2. In addition to email lists, would like to create an interacting "blog" allowing for real-time updates and user comments, as opposed to inundating students' email inboxes.
3. To create more opportunities for meaningful student feedback earlier in the decision making process
4. To add additional guidelines to the SBA bylaws regulating "Bar Reviews" to prevent it from becoming solely a revenue generating event while allowing for performances by members of the UNC School of Law community
5. To assist students in obtaining a complete education when missing classes for whatever reason by urging the administration and faculty to allow recording of classes for student use
6. To use the increased interaction with students to guide the decisions of the SBA and implement meaningful reform because it is necessary and not for the sake of change.
**Student Bar Association: Committee Reports**

**Academic Affairs**

During the 2008-2009 academic year, the Academic Affairs committee has considered or proposed the following proposals to the faculty:

- Releasing grade cut-offs for top 5%, 15%, 20%, and 25% specifically for students applying to clerkships (approved);
- Revising the current exam re-scheduling policy to allow students who have exams on two consecutive days to re-schedule exams (approved for a trial period of the Spring 2009 semester);
- Expanding the externship program to include placements at The Southern Environmental Law Center (approved);
- Approving a number of new courses, including bar-review course for 3L students and a corporations course (contrast from business associations) for the summer program, among others, and additional 1-credit writing courses (approved);
- Approving 1 hour of credit for Honors Writing Scholars (approved);
- Reviewing employment data to see if the new grading system helps or hurts students;
- Discussing ways in which students can find faculty mentors (in addition to small section professors);
- Approving the academic calendar for the 2009-2010 academic school year, including new “block” time slots (approved);
- Approving the course calendar from the 2009-2010 academic school year;
- Discussing and revising the current policy requiring professors to post exams for student access;
- Re-considering the GPA cut-off for Dean’s List;
- Increasing the credits for the judicial externship program to 4.5 (approved); and
- Ensuring that those who achieve the highest academic marks are once again recognized at the graduation ceremony.

The committee will probably continue:

- considering different ways of evaluating students on abroad programs (pass/fail, regular grades, included in GPA, not included in GPA, etc);
- considering the ways in which we can honor students at graduation (what should be the highest honors cutoff, award for the top student, etc);
- discussing new policies for exam administration (should the professor administer the exam? What problems does this pose?);
- working with the curriculum committee to discuss the “Pathways” website.

Incoming student members of the committee should consider current policies (re: exams, grades, administration) and the ways in which those policies help or hurt students. That said, students should also consider the competing interests when discussing topics with the Academic Affairs Committee.
Alumni Affairs

The Alumni Affairs Committee began the year with two Co-Chairs and two Committee Members, but the confusion created by having two Co-Chairs both equally accountable made the Committee less effective than it may otherwise have been. Eventually, the decision was made for one Co-Chair to resign and for the Committee to pick up a new member. The final Committee included Hannah Albertson as Chair and Mike Easley, Lori McArthur and Joanna Holguin as Members. Once the accountability problem was fixed, the committee was able to operate more efficiently.

The Alumni Affairs committee began the 2008-2009 academic year with two goals: to continue the Annual Alumni Speaker Series and to find new ways to foster more direct contact with alumni of Carolina Law for networking purposes. Unfortunately, the Alumni Affairs committee was unable to continue the Annual Alumni Speaker series because of a string of miscommunications among the committee members and between the committee and Louise Harris, Assistant Dean for Alumni Affairs and Special Programs. By the time that we straightened out the misunderstandings, there was no longer enough time to organize such a large event. Louise was extremely helpful throughout the process and would like to see the Speaker Series continue because of its enormous success. However, the students needed to take the initiative with respect to speaker selection and that didn’t happen in time this year. The current members of the Alumni Affairs Committee are working on a proposal for reintroducing the Annual Alumni Speakers series in the fall of 2009. In the next two weeks, we will be discussing with Louise Harris the types of speaker candidates that the Committee would like to see and we hope to get the process started early for next year.

Although the Alumni Speaker Series took a year-long hiatus, the Alumni Affairs Committee was able to achieve its other goal of fostering more contact with Carolina Law alumni during the school year. The Committee secured block seating for students for the Notre Dame football game to encourage students to attend the alumni tailgate held at the Law School for the two hours preceding kick-off. According to Louise Harris, the normal turn-out for students at the alumni tailgate is around 10 students. The Alumni Affairs Committee heavily promoted the event through personal contact and emails and encouraged a record turnout that exceeded 45 students. In addition to promoting the alumni tailgate, the Committee promoted the two professionalism dinners, one in Charlotte and the Witt Dinner in Chapel Hill. We were able to fill up the student slots for both events.

The Committee also discussed some new ideas for alumni contact with Carolina Law students. Louise is currently discussing with the administration the possibility of having an alumni panel during 1L orientation so that incoming students can immediately see the alumni engaging with current students. The alumni can then personally present the padfolios (that are already handed out to students) on behalf of the Alumni Association because most students have no idea that the Alumni Association is the group responsible for giving those to the 1Ls. In addition, we can have a range of different alumni so that students can see that a law degree can provide many different career options.
The Committee also discussed with Louise the idea of Alumni Affairs hosting a “Half-Way There” event during January of 2L year to celebrate being finished with half of law school. We discussed either having a barbeque like the 3Ls at graduation or having a happy hour at Top of the Hill. This idea will need to be pursued further by the incoming Alumni Affairs Committee.

A helpful suggestion for the incoming Alumni Affairs Committee would be to meet more regularly with Louise Harris, perhaps creating a standing monthly meeting to discuss the ideas of the Committee with greater frequency and to monitor the progress of ideas as they materialize into events. In addition, I would recommend that there not be Co-Chairs for the Committee. It is very difficult to have shared accountability rather than for one individual to monitor the progress of the committee.

**American Bar Association/Law School Division**

Admittedly, as the ABA Student Division Representative (ASDR) this year, I was not nearly as active as the role requires (at least as I understand the role). The ABA Service Center and regional leadership provide excellent resources for recruiting and numerous opportunities throughout the year for student members to participate in everything from ABA sponsored moot court competitions to job fairs. At a minimum, the ASDR should expose student members to the aforementioned programs and activities.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- The ASDR should commit to at least two tabling (recruiting) events per semester. In a single tabling event this semester (Spring), we were able to recruit a dozen new ABA members.
- At least once during the semester, the ASDR should publically advertise ABA sponsored extracurricular programs and activities.
- To the extent possible, the ASDR should attempt to invite one member of the local ABA (per year) to discuss the benefits of ABA membership.

**CONTACTS**

Our primary contacts this year where Gary Alexander, Director (Student Programs), and Sherion Reason, Marketing Coordinator. I have included Ms. Reason’s full contact info below.

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**Barristers Ball**

For Barrister’s ball I found it best to start early. We wanted to talk to a couple places to get prices and have a date set by Oct/ Nov. Most likely the event will not be held at Carolina Club next year as we were notified that we would not be welcomed back, but we were able to negotiate a good price based on the date and day of week. You may try other venues such as Carolina Inn (though I believe it was out of our price range this year) but regardless you want to have the location in place early on. This will allow you to do stuff like invitations and koozies...
with the date and location on it. I found it best to have a small committee of four (including myself) early on making the big decisions (location, theme, menu) and then about a month and a half out (basically when classes start up in January) to recruit more people to help with ticket sales and with the actual event. Make sure you advertise, advertise, advertise!

Get the event posted on the calendar and make sure people are out tabling every day, even on Fridays b/c that was one of our best selling days. For the night of I set out a schedule and basically had each of the four original members “on duty” and on-call for any major fiascos for about an hour each so that all of us could enjoy the event. Then I broke down the other duties (set-up, front door tabling, and raffle) and had each of the committee members signed up for a certain amount of time. This worked best for us b/c some people wanted to get there early and leave early and some didn’t want to set up but were willing to stay until the end. We did make a compromise this year with the ticket sales, which I thought worked out well. We sold the tickets for a bit less this year than other years ($15 as opposed to $25 or more) in order to get people to the event b/c at the Carolina Club we had a minimum that we had to spend at the bar so the more people we got there the more we would make at the bar.

We ended up selling 400+ tickets and made about a $1100 profit after paying for the food, taxes and service charges at the Club ($2000), the casino tables ($1500), the photographer ($25), the DJ ($250), the prizes and decorations ($150), the koozies ($170) and the damages to the club ($500). These are all estimates and the actual numbers can be obtained from the SBA Treasurer. We also had everyone sign a sheet verifying they were aware of the venue’s alcohol policy, which was that no outside alcohol was to be brought into the event. This enabled us to educate everyone as to the consequences and we could hold them responsible if they were caught. We also gave out invitations this year. We did this b/c it made it easier for us at the door to just take tickets rather than trying to find each person’s name on the sheet of paper. Most importantly, have fun and don’t let them shut it down!

Career Services

During the 2008-2009 school year, our committee met as a group with CSO staff to address some of our main concerns with the job-seeking process for law students.

The CSO office was very responsive to our concerns, such as improving certain aspects of Symplicity, adding to our firm databases on the Law School web site, updating the alumni directory, etc. The CSO office was receptive and interested to hear our concerns, and took our suggestions seriously. For example: we suggested that 1Ls and 2Ls had different summer job goals, and might need separate "Summer Success" sessions. They were also helpful in explaining why changes were not possible, where that may be the case (e.g., when we asked about the possibility of funding for students wishing to attend out-of-state job fairs).

Members of the Career Services Committee met with CSO staff to address particular concerns of students as needed, both as a group and individually, as well as via email. Some of the issues discussed with the CSO were: ways to lessen the impact of the economic slow-down, lunch-time
workshops geared toward the career needs and concerns of 2Ls and 3Ls, checking in on the attendance rates at CSO sponsored events, advertising pro-bono projects, using pro-bono as an avenue for networking and securing future employment, what specific measures were being (and could be) undertaken to address the specific career-needs of 3Ls, improving the usability of my.unc.law.edu, and improving the 1L CSO orientation that occurs in November (by spending more time on Symplicity, OCI, Externships, and alternative, less-publicized ways to spend your summer). We also responded to questions raised by the CSO concerning how to allocate its efforts depending on students' priorities, including a recent discussion on whether students with summer jobs outside of the Triangle would be interested in staying with Carolina Law alumni.

We did not meet with CSO staff on a regular basis after the onset of the economic downturn that placed new burdens on the CSO. We felt that the CSO responded quite well to the economic situation by giving lunchtime presentations about networking and securing jobs in a poor economic environment, and by setting up an "Ask the CSO" table in the Rotunda during lunch to allow students to drop by with questions.

One thing we had hoped to accomplish this year was to survey the student body to get their input into what they would most like to see, or what would be most helpful to receive, from the CSO. Unfortunately, the economy took front and center on both the CSO and the Career Services Committee agendas and determined most of the issues we discussed, so this survey did not occur. One thing that might be helpful for the upcoming Career Services Committee to do is to draft a general "mission statement" to define the responsibilities and purpose of the committee - e.g., "to be the go-between for students and the CSO," or "to make suggestions to the CSO on behalf of the students" and to coordinate ahead of time to meet with the CSO on a regular basis.

**Curriculum Reform**

The curriculum reform committee had a full year, which is now culminating in meetings with the dean’s advisory committee. Instead of tackling the entire law school curriculum, the committee instead just focused on the first year. We have mad proposals for significant and thoughtful changes to the 1L curriculum that will enhance Carolina Law’s academic power. There will be faculty open houses before the school year ends and some student open houses as well. An extended faculty meeting will take place during the exam period for a possible conceptual buy-in for the proposals, to be institute in the Fall of 2010.

Next year, the committee will focus on the second and third year of the curriculum, which was touched on during this year. Additionally, the hammering out of details concerning the first year might still be on the curriculum committee’s agenda for next year, but it has yet to be determined. The committee is largely faculty driven and students are there to give perspective and opinions concerning student life. In the future, it would be best to have a wide arrange of view points (which we do have now among the three students), and to have people that are not afraid of expressing their opinions, even if it goes against faculty. I would also recommend keeping the same student representatives on the committee for next year (assuming they want to), because new people would have to be educated concerning all of the issues we’ve covered this year, which could be cumbersome and overwhelming.
Dean’s Advisory Council

The Dean’s Advisory Council met monthly to bring student’s concerns to the Dean’s attention and to give Dean Boger an opportunity to get students’ input. Issues that we discussed this year include:

- What the school can do to help students in this difficult economic climate
- Progress on the new building
- Faculty hires
- Professionalism at UNC Law
- Due dates for grades
- Non-law school students using the building
- Safety at the law school
- Professors changing grades
- Commencement speaker selection
- UNC Law in 2024
- Law Review and journals
- RRWA and legal research training

Elections

Throughout the year, the Committee only encountered one major problem. Because there was no official candidate for the SBA Secretary position in the Spring 2009 Election (only write-ins), the race did not initially show up on the morning of the election. Gary Wilhelm had not accounted for this scenario when writing the code for the online election system and Mr. Martinez failed to foresee a potential problem. Within sixteen minutes of the start of the election, Mr. Bone and Gary Wilhelm were able to remedy the problem. Unfortunately, the ultimate difference in votes between the leading vote-receiver and the runner-up for the Secretary position was less than the number of constituents who voted within the sixteen minutes that the “glitch” went unresolved. Subsequently, a “write-in run-off” had to be held the next available Tuesday.

The Committee made few changes to the method of conducting SBA Elections. First, Gary Wilhelm has established a standard online election system that has made election preparations significantly more streamlined. The second significant change was starting in 2009, we decided to remove the requirement that candidates be “nominated” by currently serving SBA officials in order to seek election. Therefore, Form A (“SBA Position Nomination Form”)—commonly distributed to potential candidates with Elections Information Packets—has become irrelevant. Accordingly, candidates must now only turn in Form B (“Official Form to File for Election”) in order to be considered an official candidate for office (granted all other requirements are met).
Faculty Selection
Faculty candidates have often noted that they seek out schools with an active and energetic student body, so student participation in the interviewing and hiring process is of particular significance...

Student Participation in the Hiring Process - The Faculty Selection Committee:

The 2008-09 school year was the biggest hiring year the law school has had in over a decade. For the student members of the Faculty Selection Committee, this means that it was a very busy year! We interviewed approximately 25 candidates to fill 10 faculty positions. The committee was looking for junior and ‘lateral’ faculty hires in a number of key curricular areas, including civil clinic, civil rights, evidence, family law, immigration law, intellectual property, media law, tax law, and RRWA. And thanks to the support of the University and the North Carolina General Assembly, the law school was fortunate to have the resources to fill a significant number of faculty positions.

The student representatives on the faculty selection committee assisted in the interview process by spending at least 30 minutes with each candidate during his or her visit at UNC. The role of students in meeting and interviewing candidates was very important to the selection process, particularly in a year during which the school sought to fill more faculty slots than any other in recent memory. However, we felt that the apparent importance of our participation was often taken for granted. We practically had to beg for more information regarding the positions to be filled and the schedule of candidates being interviewed. And getting information from the hiring committee regarding their hiring decisions was almost impossible.

While we feel confident that the members of the hiring committee did read each of our “Student Memorandums” regarding each candidate interview, we are unsure of the extent to which our opinions impacted the hiring decisions. Overall, we felt that our participation in the process was quite limited. We understood and could appreciate the need for “closed” hiring meetings and accepted the fact that students do not get an actual “vote” in the hiring decision, but we still believe that reform is needed in the hiring process, particularly when it comes to student involvement. We spent some time at the end of the year meeting and talking with Dean Boger regarding ways in which we might improve the student’s role in the hiring process, and Dean Boger was very interested and open to our suggestions.

One suggestion for next year’s faculty selection committee is to sit down with the faculty Hiring Committee Chairperson (this past year it was Professor Weisburd), and talk to that individual about the student’s desire for greater participation in the hiring process. (Also, be sure to inquire as to the details of the hiring committee’s goals for the year. i.e. what positions the committee needs to fill, the number of candidates the committee anticipates interviewing, etc.)

2008-09 Faculty Selection Committee:

At the start of the school year, the Faculty Selection Committee (“FSC”) consisted of only two students: Sara Coughlin, Chair (3L) and Nora Warren (2L). But it did not take long to realize that the committee needed more members, so we solicited applications from students in the 1L and
2L classes and were able to add two more students to our committee: Brandon Leebrick (2L) and Lauren Felter (1L). We also compiled a list of 10 other students who had expressed interest in participating in the selection process. (They did so after we approached them and asked for their help.) Then, prior to each candidate’s visit, the FSC chair would email the group with the candidate’s “Curriculum Vitae” and ask for students’ help/participation in the interview.

**Duties of the FSC and General Information for Approaching Interviews:**

First, you will need to touch base with Alice Girod. She is the Administrative Assistant to the Dean, and her office is located in the Deans’ Suite. Alice is in charge of scheduling the interviews and will be your main contact in organizing and preparing for interviews. She is absolutely wonderful, so go by and introduce yourself. You’ll also want to talk to Alice about establishing a system for approaching the interviews. This year, for instance, Alice only communicated directly with the FSC chair, and the chair would then relay the information to the rest of the committee and student volunteers. Alice would not only send updates regarding the interview schedule, but would also email electronic copies of each candidate’s Curriculum Vitae. Then, Alice would make photocopies of each candidate’s CV prior to the candidate’s interview, and put them in Sara Coughlin’s 3L mailbox. Participating students could then take a copy of the relevant CV and review it prior to the interview.

One of the bigger challenges faced by the FSC was attempting to figure out a time during any given school day when most students could participate in the interviews. You should establish a time in the beginning. We then kept that time slot for each of our interviews. (On occasion, we did try to accommodate students with more challenging schedules by moving the time.)

Following each interview, participating students would submit individual feedback, including their thoughts and opinions of the candidate, to a designated member of the FSC. This committee member would then draft a “Memorandum on Behalf of the Students” which was meant to encapsulate the collective responses of the students. This year, members of the FSC decided to take turns in writing the Memorandum to the hiring committee following each candidate interview. We established a “memo writing schedule,” which worked quite well. The memorandum was then sent to the faculty chairperson of the Hiring Committee. (You will probably want to check with this person after each interview to find out when the Hiring Committee is meeting, so that you know when the memo must be submitted. Generally, if you get the memo to the faculty chairperson within a week, you’re fine.) And the memo really doesn’t take long once you get everyone’s feedback.

Also, dress for the interviews can be business casual, or simply casual. After “dressing up” for the first couple of months, we decided that the point of “student participation” is for the candidates to get to talk with students, and the reality is that students wear jeans. So we decided that it was okay (maybe more than okay…) if we wore jeans. We did make a rule against wearing “sweats” or t-shirts.
2008-09 Hiring Offers:
Here is a summary of where we stand as of February 2009. (All of these hires are pending official University approval).

Civil Clinic: Professor Kathryn Sabbeth
Professor Sabbeth will join the UNC School of Law as assistant professor in July 2009. Her principal teaching responsibilities will be in the Civil Clinic. A graduate of NYU School of Law, Sabbeth is presently a teaching fellow at the Institute of Public Representation at Georgetown Law Center

Environmental Law: Professor Victor Flatt
Professor Flatt will become the Thomas F. and Elizabeth Taft Distinguished Professor in Environmental Law in July 2009. Victor Flatt is one of America’s leading voices on environmental law, policy, and regulation. He joined the University of Houston Law Center in 2002 as the first permanent A.L. O’Quinn Chair in Environmental Law. He was a visitor at UNC Law in the fall of 2008.

Evidence: Professor Robert Mosteller
Professor Mosteller will become the inaugural J. Dickson Phillips Distinguished Professor of Law in July 2009 and direct Carolina’s Trial Advocacy Program. Bob Mosteller is one of America’s leading authorities on evidence, a co-author of four textbooks and treatises, a prolific author of scholarly articles and book chapters, and a frequent speaker on issues of criminal law, evidence, and related subjects. He has been a member of the Duke Law faculty since 1983. He is serving as a visitor this year from Duke.

Family Law: Professor Holning Lau
Professor Lau will join the UNC School of Law in July 2009 as associate professor. He will teach family law and some additional family-related courses, which may include advanced family law, parents, children and the State; and/or law and sexuality. Lau is presently a faculty member at Hofstra Law School in New York.

Health Law: Professor Joan Krause
Professor Krause will join the UNC School of Law in July 2009 as a professor teaching in the area of health law and policy. She is teaching this semester as as a visitor from the University of Houston Law Center.

Health Law: Professor Richard Saver
Professor Saver will join the UNC School of Law in July 2009 as an associate professor teaching in the area of health law and policy. He is teaching this semester as a visitor from the University of Houston Law Center.

Intellectual Property: Professor Deborah Gerhardt
Professor Gerhardt has been serving as an adjunct faculty member and Director of the Intellectual Property Initiative at UNC Law. She will join us as a permanent faculty member in July 2009 and teach courses in the intellectual property area, including copyright and trademark law.
Graduate & Professional Student Federation Representatives

I split this year’s GPSF senate duties with Brandon Greife. He took over the fall meetings and is on the appropriations committee and I am attending the general spring meetings. For the most part, the GPSF work is pretty simple. The meetings aren’t something you have to really prepare for, but it is important that a senator always attend them because attendance is counted for financial allotments at the end of the year from what I understand. Essentially you listen to issues that are affecting graduate students as a whole and issues that are only affecting certain programs. We vote on approving appropriations and recommendations proposed by other committees at the meetings, and that is really the only important thing accomplished at the meetings themselves.

This semester, much of the GPSF meetings have been centered around a controversy regarding the university’s continuous enrollment policy, which had suggested mandating a 10 semester cap on enrollment and an increase in fees if you exceed that, which severely adversely affects some graduate programs such as history, etc. However, the law school, like some other programs, doesn’t really have a dog in that fight since we are not in the actual graduate school (we are considered a professional school) and the ABA mandates a 10 semester cap for us to complete our law degrees anyway. So, most of the meetings concerned that issue and were not essentially relevant to us as law students. Once in a while we would have speakers come and tell us about programs that would benefit our departments, such as a presentation done by Carolina Dining Services, and I would pass along that information to the SBA. Also, we heard from the candidates for UNC’s Student Body President and notified our departments about our endorsement.

As far as advice for the incoming GPSF senator(s), I would merely suggest that being on the appropriations committee is very important and to make sure a senator is always able to attend the meetings. It is not a huge time commitment and you receive free pizza at every meeting. It is also a good way to meet other graduate students if you are inclined to do so. It is a non-demanding commitment overall.

Information Technology

ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR

• Printers in rotunda with a 50 percent increase in total print funds for students (thanks to President Modell)
• Beta testing of new exam software (thanks to IT)
• Online message board for discussion of IP issues

STILL WORKING ON

• Beta testing of new exam software (thanks to IT)
HOPED TO ACCOMPLISH BUT DID NOT
• Workshop on hiding your online social network profiles from employers

CAN BE DONE IN THE FUTURE
• Workshops on safely building a social, professional network
  o LinkedIn, Twitter, blogs, Facebook, etc.

TIPS, STRATEGIES, OR ADVICE
• Use Doug Edmunds and Gary Wilhelm to your advantage—they are awesome
• Try to hold workshops at the beginning of the fall semester when people are applying for summer jobs
• Maybe set up an online suggestion box for an easy way to hear what students need

Law Revue

Law Revue 2009 was held at Mansion 462 on Franklin Street. We chose that location because they had a stage, sound equipment (microphones, soundboard, sound engineer, etc.) and it turned out they even had a house drumset so we didn’t have to bring drums.

The owner, Brad, was very appreciative of the crowd we brought in and was enthusiastic about hosting the event in the future. The sound engineer was decent, although I think it was agreed by most performers that it could have been better.

The arrangement we worked out was that we would collect a $3 cover at the door and the event would not be limited only to law students. This year’s SBA decided that the Pro Bono Program would receive the proceeds to the cover charge and in total raised $368.75. We kept all over the cover and the bar got the benefit of increased drink sales.

We advertised the event by printing flyers at Kinko’s and posting them around the law school. We also wrote reminders on the whiteboards in all classrooms. We had one large poster made and mounted on foamboard which we put in the rotunda the week of the event. We also created a Facebook event. Total costs in printing everything up were around $40 and SBA said they would cover those costs instead of deducting them from the profits.

We recruited acts by posting flyers and having interested parties email unclawrevue@gmail.com. The password for the account is “tarheels” so it can be used again in the future. The most successful recruiting for acts was done by word of mouth.
Public Service Representatives

What you accomplished this year

- Heels On the Street (September)
  - Placements: Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity, Pennies for Change, Orange County Animal Shelter, NC Botanical Gardens, Salvation Army, John Avery Boys and Girls Club, Friends of DSS, and PTA Thrift Store
  - 101 Students Participated
- Canned Food Drive (November)
  - Donated 1,161 Cans and $44 to Eastern and Western NC Food Bank
  - Had ice cream social for winner between 1L colleges and biscuit breakfast for winner between 2L and 3L class
  - Ended up soliciting money by going into classrooms and eventually went to Sams Club and bought a lot of canned goods.
- One Student One Warm Gift (January and February)
  - Raised $1,733 and provided over 120 jackets to boys and girls in Chapel Hill and Durham County Public Schools
  - Raised money for about four weeks from January to February
- 4-All Campaign (April)
  - Organized and solicited individuals to participate in the annual 4-ALL Campaign.

What your committee had hoped to accomplish this year

- Implement events successfully
- Have increased participation amongst the student body
- Get Student Government board members more involved in implementing events and participating in events

What can be done in the future to help accomplish these goals and tips and strategies

- Have a public service committee with about 4-6 people so that all burden does not fall on just two co-chairs
- Have student government members heavily involved in tabling, soliciting donations, publicizing for events, supporting events in any way possible
  - Mandatory involvement in SBA public service events
- Work more closely with SBA class representatives specifically as they can act as an important link to the classes, especially the 1Ls.
- Start earlier on One Student One Warm Gift Fundraiser so kids receive warm clothing just when the warm weather sets in, as opposed to when it is on its way out. We started the event when we got back from break but it might be a good idea to preview it beforehand. We have also developed great contacts with DPS and Chapel Hill and Carrboro City Schools and hope that the next public service committee will continue working with these individuals.
Information:

HEELS ON THE STREET:

- Westlaw and Lexis contributed monetary donations for t-shirts and in return got their logo on the backs of the shirts.
  - Lexis allowed us to publicize a Lexercise where they donated $2.50 for each student that submitted 10 searches (capped at $125). The students got points in return.
  - Westlaw gave us a check with no strings attached!
- Food donations from: Target, Carolina Café, Med Deli, Harris Teeter, Whole Foods
- News Story by Katie Bowler

Katie Bowler, MFA
Assistant Dean for Communications
School of Law
University of North Carolina
CB #3380, Van Hecke-Wettach Hall
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3380
Office 919.843.7148
Cell 919.265.8646

- T-shirts were ordered at AdSpice (we ordered too many so make sure and have right amount - smaller sizes went quicker)

Jamie Meares
AdSpice Marketing and Promotional Products
717 Broad Street
Durham, NC 27705
919.286.7110
919.286.4220
www.adspicepromo.com

- Contact Journal Editors
- After party at He’s Not Here: Ask SBA To take care of this

PLACEMENTS:

We ended up googling directions for each placement and putting them in student mailboxes for the event. We started preparing for this event by finding placements over the summer.

PTA Thrift Store
99 South Elliot Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
919-942-9412

Habitat for Humanity
Shanna Newell
919-833-1999 x223
Shanna Newell shanna.newell@habitatwake.org
Orange County Animal Shelter  
1081 Martin Luther King Blvd (Historic Airport Road)  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
Sarah Fallin  
919-967-7383

Friends of DSS  
Southern Human Services  
2501 Homestead Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Salvation Army  
Durham

Pennies for Change  
1826 Chapel Hill Rd  
Durham, NC 27707

Ronald McDonald House  
101 Old Mason Farm Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517  
Kathy Hall  
919-913-2040

NC Botanical Gardens  
CB 3375, Totten Center  
Chapel Hill, NC, 27599  
Mike Coons (919) 962-0522

CANNED FOOD DRIVE  
Food Bank of Central and Eastern, NC – they bring a truck to pickup cans  
Anthony Reyeros  
Warehouse Coordinator  
708 Gilbert Street  
Durham, NC 27701  
Phone: 919.956.2513 x2102  
Fax: 919.956.7083  
areyeros@foodbankcenc.org

ONE STUDENT ONE WARM GIFT:  
• Chapel Hill Carrboro City School Social Service Coordinator  
  Jeff Reilly  
  Coordinator of Student Services  
  Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School District  
  750 S. Merritt Mill Rd
Social

I really feel that the socially committee bounced back this year and really made a difference. We succeeded in hosting bar reviews at virtually every local establishment, and even encouraged non-alcohol related outings to baseball games and election celebrations. If I had to do it over again, I would've more actively promoted afternoon events and any activities involving family and friends. We were commended for our efforts to try and include such events, but I still feel we failed somewhat. Bar reviews are great and everyone enjoys them, but students with families do not regularly attend and I wish we had come up with more ways to include them. I would encourage next years group to continue the bar review tradition and attendance was significantly higher this year, likely because there were no more cover charges and admission was always free. Facebook groups, early planning, and fliers the week of each event are the best ways to publicize. Word of mouth doesn't hurt. It's also always good to take a general informal poll of the student body to see what places they are sick of, want to go to, etc. I always felt that students appreciated it when I asked for their input.

I also came to realize that bars love us. Anytime you promise a bar 100 people are guaranteed to show up, they open their doors (literally) by not charging cover and usually adding an extra special or two. My advice is to always ask! Always ask for the greatest specials, always ask for no cover. I don't believe any reasonable request this year was denied.
Appendix

Agreement Regarding Student Activity Fee Committee

Student Activity Fee Funding Proposal

Funding available from the new student activity fee will be allocated by a committee comprised of:

- One faculty member (or, in the alternative, an administrator/staff member appointed by the Dean)
- One member of the student services staff.
  - The Assistant Dean for Student Services or the Director of Student Activities will divide committee responsibilities as time constraints and schedules demand
- Three students
  - Students interested in serving on the Committee will submit an application to the SBA President who will appoint the students, subject to approval from the majority of the Student Bar Association Board of Governors.
  - If a student on the committee applies for funding from the Committee, that student must recuse himself/herself from committee deliberations and committee vote on that proposal. Likewise, if a student organization applies for funding from the Committee, all student committee members who are members of that organization must recuse themselves from committee deliberations and committee vote on that proposal.

The full amount of the new student activity fee is split equally between funding distributed through this process and funding for programming offered by the student services office. Funding available from the committee for the 2008-2009 academic year totals approximately $20,000.

Once the committee is formed, a standing meeting time will be established. The committee will meet every other week. Proposals that are submitted in hard-copy to the Office of Student Services by 12:00 p.m. on the Friday before the standing meeting will be considered by the committee.

During committee deliberations, funding amounts may be raised or lowered by the Committee and the final allocation must be approved by a majority vote of committee members. All committee decisions are final and are not subject to review.

Student Activity Fee Funding Application

Name of Student(s)/Organization(s) Requesting Funds:

Event for which funding is requested:

Total cost of event:

Amount of funding requested from Student Activity Fee:
Please provide a detailed budget for the event/program. The more detail you provide, the better the committee will understand your request.

Amount of funding secured from other sources (please include the name of each source and the amount of funding awarded):

If no additional funding has been awarded, please include the names of sources to which you have applied:

If a student organization is requesting funding, please include current SAFO account balance.
Safety Committee Report to the Dean
Ms. Kelly Podger Smith
Assistant Dean for Students Services
Van Hecke-Wettach Hall
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3380
CB # 3380

June 16, 2008

Dear Ms. Podger-Smith,

The following is written as a follow-up to our walk through survey conducted at the Law School on June 4th, 2008. During this survey we looked at access and the need for access control into the building especially after normal business hours. Included in this list are the recommendations made on this date for maintaining or improving upon your space:

- The receptionist should be your first contact person for visitors entering into your building. There should be a system in place when a visitor enters the receptionist should call or intercom the office or person the visitor is there to see.
  - While this recommendation would help us to better monitor guests in the building, this may not be easy to patrol. As the building is currently arranged (with multiple points of open access), we do not think that this recommendation can be implemented.

- It is the recommendation of the committee that all external doors to the law school (except the door at the main entrance) are locked at all times. Students, faculty, and staff will still have access to the building by using doors that have OneCard swipe access. There is currently OneCard swipe access on doors outside of CSO, outside the Rotunda, outside the clinic, and outside the loading dock. Funneling all visitors through one entrance will help the law school to better direct people to their proper location and allow us to monitor the flow of people into the building.

- If this plan is adopted by the law school, it is recommended that a second card reader be installed on an external door that feeds people into the Rotunda. This will allow for better flow of students into the building at times of high traffic. The cost installing an additional One Card swipe access point is $5500.00

Scott Childs (Law Library) Dissent: I might have misunderstood what was said. I thought the suggestion was to lock exterior doors in the daytime except for all 4 of the lower rotunda doors. My understanding was that the 4 lower rotunda doors would be open until around 5 or 5:30pm when 3 of the 4 doors would be locked. The rotunda door next to the ramp is always open as long as the library is open. This is the current practice with the rotunda doors. I am opposed to locking all other exterior doors and all but one of the rotunda doors during the daytime. There are 4 doors there. If 1 of them is open, and the 3 right beside it are locked, that will only create an annoyance to the many outsiders visiting our school. It will not logically prevent anyone from entering since one of the 4 doors will be unlocked anyway. There is no real security gain in that action. Certainly any security gain is offset by the inconvenience to alums and others visiting our school and the law library. I am not opposed to locking all the exterior doors except for the 4 lower rotunda doors during the daytime.
• A panic alarm should be installed at the front receptionist desk in case of unruly visitors inside the building or disturbances outside the main entrance. This will also aid in situations where the phone cannot be used.
  o It is the recommendation of the committee that a silent panic alarm that “rings” directly to the Department of Public Safety should be installed at the reception desk.

• Areas where student, faculty and staff food is stored should be locked at all times, this will help deter outside users from taking food but will do little for those with access to the same location.
  o There have not been theft reports of faculty and staff food. The staff lounge and faculty areas are locked at night and on weekends. The student cafeteria area is open at all hours. During the time that the law bar is open, this is necessary so that visitors to the law school (including employees of other UNC – CH departments) have access to the law bar.
    ▪ It is the recommendation of the committee that the student cafeteria area be locked when the snack bar is closed. OneCard swipe access can be installed so that students, faculty, and staff have access to this area after hours. Installation of swipe card access would cost $5500.00.
  • If this recommendation is adopted, some of the snack and drink machines in the student cafeteria area should be relocated to other parts of the law school that are open at all times.

• The library entrance should limit the number of doors left open after 5:00 pm most patrons should access the building through the center door or the handicapped entry ramp.
  o This has already being done. However, the committee has additional recommendations.
    ▪ All doors to the law school, including all Rotunda doors, should be locked at 7:00 p.m. After that time, visitors to the law school can gain access to the building by calling in from the phone that is located off the access ramp outside of the Rotunda. The library would prefer not to monitor this door. The Law School could hire a student or work-study to monitor this entrance.

Childs Dissent: I am opposed to locking everyone of the exterior doors while the library is still open. We are publically funded by the State of North Carolina and a partial Federal Government Depository Program library. Taxpayers and others wanting to use the library should not have to ask permission. One door should remain open at all times when the library is open to allow reasonable access.

  ▪ If one door to the Rotunda is going to be left open, the law school should hire someone (likely a student) to monitor and register people who come into the law school.
Childs Dissent: I am also opposed to patrons having to register to use the library. I’m also opposed to any of our limited library funding being used in this manner.

- Cameras should be installed at all main entry points with special attention to the library entrance, and the snack bar.
  - The library does not believe that they need to monitor patrons in and out of their area. However, to better monitor activity in and out of the building, cameras should be installed at the front entrance to the law school (with a view of the reception desk) and at the entrance to the Rotunda.

- Concave mirrors should be added to the stairwell to allow better visibility for persons using this area.
  - This has been done in the library. Lee Colavito, has explored the option of installing concave mirrors in stairwell around the building and the cost would be $96.00 per mirror (including installation).

- An intercom system should be installed to help with announcing the closing of the library. Currently staff walks each floor making the announcement. An emergency phone should be in place on each of the floors within the library and staff should use two-radios to communicate among themselves. Staff should always let someone know when and where they are going within the stacks or other isolated areas within the building.
  - There are emergency phones on the first and second floor of the library which call directly to the circulation desk. Scott Childs will approach Anne Klinefelter about requiring staff to use walkie-talkies when they are closing the library. The library staff believes that walking the stacks when closing the library is the best way to ensure that all patrons have left the building.

Childs Dissent: I recommend changing the last sentence to read “...is the best way to ensure that all patrons have left the library” since we cannot monitor who leaves the building. To accomplish that, I recommend that the law school employ a security guard to be in the lower rotunda around library closing time (midnight most nights) to ensure that patrons actually leave the law school building.

Also, the library has a pair of walkie talkies available for staff to use when they are closing the building.

- Every employee within the building should check for cell phone reception in all areas of the building, especially the basement area. If cell phones do not work in the basement have a land line installed through Telecom.
  - Employees should be reminded to check for cell phone reception at the next staff meeting.

- The lighting panel within the library should have a lock control currently the panel is open and anyone can tamper with the controls.
  - The lighting panels on the first and second floor of the library have now been locked. Additionally, the law library has decided to leave the lights on in this part
of the building for 24 hours a day. This is only an increase in lighting of 1.5 – 2 hours a day (the law library shuts at 12:00 a.m. and the cleaning crew arrives at 1:30 – 2:00 a.m.)

- A panic alarm should be installed at the library entrance desk as well as the possibility of having a portable panic alarm for staff to wear who work in isolated areas within the building.
  - The circulation desk (at the entrance to the library) is staffed at all times the library is open and the reference desk (which has a limited view of the circulation area) is staffed until 9:00 p.m.
    - Installation of a silent panic alarm that calls directly to public safety is recommended.

- The student locker area should have mirrors added to the back wall. This could be done in border style along the back wall. This will aid persons using the area the ability to see over the lockers on either side as well as the area behind the lockers where chairs are stored.
  - This is recommended. Cost of each installed mirror would be $96.00. Eight mirrors are necessary for the locker room area.

- The outer door to room 304 needs to be removed, this leads to an upper level female restroom and the door serves no purpose.
  - This door has been removed.

- Alarms should be added to the computers and the television in the lounge area. This area needs to have additional lighting added and a land line phone if cell phone service is a problem in this area.
  - Adding alarms to this equipment would likely be cost prohibitive. However, the committee recommends that the equipment in these areas be tied and locked down to deter or prevent theft. There is a land line already in this area, so communication is not an issue.

- After normal business hours a guard should be assigned and the guard should make regular rounds throughout the building paying close attention to the library and lounge areas.
  - The committee recognizes that having a security guard assigned to the law school might be cost prohibitive. However, other possibilities should be explored.
    - Have on-duty DPS officers make regular rounds in the building.
    - “Hire” off-duty DPS officer to work security in exchange for vacation days.
    - The law library will focus on funneling or escorting visitors out of the law library when it closes for the evening.

*Childs Dissent:* The library does not currently have enough staff to escort patrons out of the building at night and would be opposed to taking on this security responsibility. If, however, the
decision is made to escort patrons out at library closing, I recommend hiring a security guard as an appropriate person for that work.

- There should be arrangements made for a law school shuttle to transport students to the parking lot from the law school. This should be arranged through DPS P2P shuttle service.
  
  o This has been done.

These were a few of the areas noted for improving after hour access and further security measures for the Van Hecke-Wettach. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to assist you. If I, or anyone else within the Department of Public Safety can be of assistance to you please don’t hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Lt. Angela M. Carmon
Crime Prevention
919-966-3230
919-962-2572 (fax)

In addition to the survey completed by Lt. Carmon, the committee discussed general safety issues that are facing the law school and the Carrboro annex.

- At the annex, there is a general concern of people being buzzed into the office suite merely by stating business with a person listed as working there.
  
  o A policy should be implemented in which all guests are met at the door and escorted to the office in which they have business.

- At Van Hecke-Wettach, students have reported mis-use of computers by visitors to the law school (including the law library), visitors to the school making inappropriate comments to students, lunches and other personal items being stolen from areas around the school.

Childs Dissent: The law library takes very seriously any form of intimidation, sexual harassment or threat of crime within the law library by visitors, students or any other patron. Once a library staff member learns of any such activity, they are instructed to respond by calling police in an emergency or their supervisor in a non-emergency to address the problem immediately.

  o For computer use, all public computers outside of the law library should be password protected. Additionally, the “timed-out” feature on these computers should be reduced to 5 minutes.
  
  o The law library reported that they do not monitor the content viewed by patrons that use the public computers. They only get involved in monitoring public
computer use if the use has a negative impact on the educational mission of the school and law library.

- If there is a student or patron complaint, the behavior will be addressed by law library staff.
- Right now, there is no time limitation policy in place for the public computers in the library. The committee supports a time limit for computer use in the hope that this limitation will discourage visitors from spending hours at a time surfing the internet on these computers.

**Childs Dissent:** While the committee might support this, I must dissent. As long as one of the “public” computers located by the reference desk on the 4th floor is not needed by UNC students, faculty or staff, it should be available for use by the public. Time limitations make sense when demand exceeds available computers. Since we installed wireless internet access in the library several years ago, however, demand by students for the “public” computers decreased significantly. Reference librarians, stationed a few steps from these computers report that there is never a waiting line for use of the “public” computers.

- Having an after-hours check in desk off the public entrance to the building (the Rotunda) should be considered. This could be staffed by a student/work study and could have the effect of deterring people without legitimate business from visiting the law school. Additionally, if an incident were to occur, having a check-in log might give DPS a head-start in their investigation.

**Childs Dissent:** I am concerned about our determination of what someone’s “legitimate business” might be in the Law Library. I am opposed to someone having to state their business or justify their use of the publically funded Law Library to anyone.

Students have also raised the issue of non-students using (and sometimes monopolizing) the Rumpus Room student lounge area. This issue should be addressed with visitors to the law school so that law students begin to feel again like they have a space to rest and relax in the school. This can be done by posting signs limiting use of the Rumpus Room to students and gently reminding visitors that it is a space reserved for student use.
Student Bar Association Administrative Policies, 2008–2009

SBA 2008-2009 Standing Rules re: Budget Allocation Hearing
As Amended and Passed by the SBA on 1/13/09

1. At each budget hearing, recognized student organizations are invited to request funds from the Student Bar Association (SBA) by completing a standardized budget request form provided by the SBA. This form will be made available in Microsoft Word format, but must NOT be altered by any organization. Tampering with the structure and/or substance of the budget request form will result in disqualification of that organization from receiving SBA funds for that semester.

2. The budget hearing for the Spring 2009 semester will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2009. Each participating student organization will be allotted 10 minutes for presentation, discussion, and debate by the SBA Board of Governors. The organization will be given 3 minutes for initial presentation, 3 minutes for Q&A from the SBA Board, and 4 minutes for discussion and preliminary voting by the SBA Board. (The SBA Board will make preliminary allocation decisions following the presentation of each organization, however final decisions regarding allocation of SBA funds will not be made until all organizations have had the opportunity to present their budget requests.)

3. No SBA allocations may be used to cover national dues or affiliation expenses of affiliated organizations.

4. No SBA allocations may be spent for transportation, lodging, food, conference registration or other costs associated with student travel.

5. SBA generally allows up to $100 for food per semester, and the average total budget per student organization last semester was less than $190.

6. No SBA allocations in excess of $25 per speaker per event shall be spent on speaker honorariums.

7. No SBA allocations in excess of $25 per speaker per event shall be spent on speaker food expenditures.

8. The SBA Board of Governors shall consider University and SBA policies in rendering its budget allocation decisions. The Board may also consider, among other things: the number of students benefited by the organization and its activities, whether the organization efficiently managed its previous year's allocation, other sources of funding, the reasonableness of proposed expenses, the people who directly benefit from the organization's proposed expenditures, the organization?'s attempts to independently raise funds to meet its expenditures, and the uniqueness of the organization and its contributions to the school and the community.

9. The budget decisions made by the SBA Board of Governors are to be strictly viewpoint neutral. Individual members of the SBA Board will not be permitted to vote on the budget allocation of an organization of which that individual is also a member.

10. It is recommended that student organizations also refer to Article XIII of the SBA Constitution Bylaws (available at http://studentorgs.law.unc.edu/sba/) for further information regarding SBA budget allocation policies and procedures.
FUNDRAISING 101: Pointers & Ideas

Bar Nights
- Hold events on different night, other than Thursday Bar Review nights.

Selling Goods:
- Selling baseball caps; long-sleeved T’s; gym shorts, pint glasses, etc. (i.e. NOT just the plain old T-shirt)
- study-guide book sale
- selling food at lunch
  - We are working on picking one day of the week/month that groups can do this – so it is set and advertised well; this way students can rely on that day to not bring their lunch to school, etc.

Fridge Clean
- 2x’s/month for $30
- sign-up with SBA

Other Ideas
- Set-up an online area off of the website that lists all the good the groups are selling, their prices, who to contact to purchase, etc.
- Texas hold-em poker tourney
- Speed dating
- Small section Olympics
- Final exam gift baskets
- Trivia challenge
- Charity bowling
- Clean the Dean Dome
- Cold Stone/Firehouse Subs proceeds nights
- Basketball Game (i.e. Duke Law v. Carolina Law)
  - “Barrister’s Battle”