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School of Law Connects to WESTLAW®

Students Assured of "Basic Proficiency"

The North Carolina Central University School of Law joined the ranks of law schools with computer research capabilities during the fall 1983 semester. The School of Law is developing a user plan by which all enrolled students will be assured of basic proficiency in the use of the WESTLAW computer legal research system.

The request for WESTLAW, originally put into the school's five-year plan in 1977, has been a long time coming, and then only after a series of disappointments and setbacks. Under a plan worked out with representatives of the West Publishing Company, which owns the WESTLAW System, the School will integrate WESTLAW instruction into its curriculum, will have unlimited access in non-peak hours to the WESTLAW research data base and will thereby be able to support with limited budget resources a user program through which all students will be able to receive instruction in computer research. The West Publishing Company is making an educational gift of a WALT Terminal and a Hewlett-Packard Printer to the School of Law.

In order to secure WESTLAW on an expedited basis and make it available during the 1983-84 academic year, the deans of other schools on the Central Campus made what Dean Daye describes as "remarkable sacrifices." He expresses his gratitude to them and

points out that, "If it were not for their cooperation and help WESTLAW would probably not be available to the School of Law this academic year."

Funding for future years is not assured and the school will give consideration as a last resort to a special student user fee to continue the service. In addition, a request to the Federal Department of Education under the program to strengthen developing institutions has been made for funding and is presently pending.

Securing the WESTLAW research capacity, according to the Dean, "represents a long overdue and important step in progress for our school." The Dean continues, "WESTLAW will certainly increase our research capacity, improve our image as a law school and raise the spirits of our students."



WELCOME HOME,

H O M E C O M I N G

OCTOBER 28-29, 1983

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WELCOME HOME, HOMECOMING!

THIRD ANNUAL "WELCOME HOME, HOMECOMING" WEEKEND SCHEDULED

The School of Law will sponsor its Third Annual "Welcome Home, Homecoming" Program for Alumni and Friends of the School of Law. The activities will be held as part of the University's Homecoming Celebration on Saturday, October 29, 1983. Events at the School of Law will commence with a Reception and Open House beginning on Friday, October 28, 1983 from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Saturday morning's events will commence at 10:00 a.m. with a video series on Evidence to last until noon.

Following the game, the School of Law will host a reception for alumni and friends in the main lobby of the Turner Law School Building from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Beginning at 9:00 p.m., Dean and Mrs. Daye will host a party for alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students at 3400 Cambridge Road in Durham.

The School of Law looks forward to a continued increasing participation in the "Welcome Home, Homecoming" Event and invites all alumni and friends to return for the Third Annual "Welcome Home, Homecoming Weekend."



SPECIAL FEATURES

ENROLLMENT AND QUALITY RISE

NCCU School of Law graduates of no more than three or four years ago might not recognize the changes that have occurred recently. In the fall 1983 the school welcomed 134 students - 103 new first year students in the Day Program and 31 new students in the Evening Program. Total enrollment is now 330. The 330 enrollment represents a 9.1% increase over the fall 1982 enrollment, which is largely attributable to the largest class ever to enroll in the Evening Program. The evening enrollment now stands at 67 in five enrolling classes. In addition, there are 85 second-year law students and 75 third-year law students enrolled in the Day Program.

LSAT scores and undergraduate averages continue to show improvements.

"Remarkable Diversity"

Profiles of the student enrollment continue to show a remarkable diversity. New students represent some 70 different undergraduate colleges and universities, although UNC-Chapel Hill and NCCU continue to be major feeder schools to the law school with 15 students graduates of each of those institutions. Appalachian State, Howard University, Morehouse College, North Carolina A & T University, Norfolk State, UNC-Asheville, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Greensboro, all have multiple representatives in the new student group.


New students in the Day Program are represented by 63% blacks, 37% whites, 38% females and nearly 80% North Carolina residents. Out-of-state students come from Alabama and Florida in the south and

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New York and Pennsylvania in the northeast.

The overall enrollment in the School of Law is 47% female.

The school's application rate continues to be strong with just short of 600 applications received for admission to the 1983 entering class.

The Dean comments that, "When we say 'diversity' at the NCCU School of Law we really mean real diversity in all respects - race, sex, age, experience, geography, educational background and socio-economic status. If law is best learned in such an educational setting - with many viewpoints, many social and economic differences, many philosophical perspectives and varied life experiences - I do not believe there can be any doubt that the School of Law today is a fertile ground for producing the best prepared lawyers of the future." 

REPORT: BAR RESULTS CORRELATE BEST WITH LAW SCHOOL GRADES

The School of Law recently submitted a report to the Chancellor on the performance of NCCU's 1983 Law Graduates on the February and July 1983 Bar Exams in North Carolina. February's pass rate was 80% and July's 53% for the class. Since a larger group took the July exam in North Carolina, the overall passing rate for the class was 60%, with 24 of 40 1983 graduates successful on the North Carolina Bar in 1983.

The report analyzes LSAT scores, undergraduate averages, predictive admission indexes, grade point averages in law school and financial aid to develop insights into what, if any, data correlate best with bar results. The strongest correlation is with law school grade point averages. For students with law school averages above a 3.0 the school had a 100% pass rate. For students in the

range of 2.5 to 2.99, 12 of 18 passed the bar for a 66% pass rate. For students in the range 2.3 to 2.49, 3 of 5 passed the bar for a 60% pass rate. For students below 2.29 in law school grade point averages, none passed the bar of 8 taking it.

In a discussion with the law students, the Dean suggested that, "These figures speak for themselves, and continue to show that the best predictor of bar success so far has proved to be performance in law school as represented by law school grades." The Dean continued by pointing out that, "If there is anything that a student can do to have the maximum likelihood of successfully taking the bar, the data clearly show that hard work and good grades in law school are the best determinants." All students were urged to give an extra measure of dedication and effort throughout their law school days.

Financial Aid Also Has Impact

The report concludes that financial aid has some impact, but that the data are less clear. Students who received \$1,000 or more in financial aid had a passing rate better than double the rate for all other students who received aid. According to the report, 12 of 15 students who received at least \$1,000 passed the bar in 1983, for an 80% pass rate. Of the students who received aid of less than \$1,000, 4 of 14 were successful for a 28% pass rate.

The School receives no general state support for financial aid, but receives some \$30,000 annually under the state's "Minority Presence Grants" which are restricted at the NCCU School of Law to eligible white North Carolinians.

The report noted that the school is working diligently to raise private funds to assist students but that the effort is long-term.



DEVELOPMENT

LAW SCHOOL SEEKS GRANTS

The School of Law has two applications pending to Foundations. One grant request was submitted to the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on July 27, 1983. That request seeks funding for an Office of Alumni Affairs and Development. The submission of the proposal was encouraged and assisted by the University's Office of Development and transmitted by Chancellor Walker with a cover letter of support.

The submission of the proposal is part of the Law School's New Horizons Fund Challenge. The proposal points out that the Law School is understaffed to operate a maximally successful development program.

If funded, the grant would permit the School of Law to hire a full-time person to work on development, fundraising and alumni affairs. Many law schools have such offices but the NCCU School of Law has not yet been able to fund such an office. The proposal seeks five-year funding in diminishing amounts of the activities of a sophisticated developmental program.

The School has also submitted a second grant request, on September 20, 1983, to the Hillsdale Fund, Inc., in Greensboro seeking funds to establish a Dean's Scholars Program at the School of Law.

The proposal points out that the School of Law remains dedicated to its historic mission of providing an opportunity for citizens to achieve professional educations despite economic disadvantage. The proposal notes that more than one-third of the students enrolled in the School of Law reported annual family incomes under \$10,000 and that 87% of the students enrolled have a bonafide need for financial aid, as determined by federal guidelines for student loans.

NCCU FOUNDATION MAKES GRANT FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY

The North Carolina Central University Foundation has made a small grant to the School of Law to support a feasibility study of converting a former dormitory used by Durham College into a graduate residence facility for law students. The School of Law has commissioned Harrison Construction Company and Samuel C. Hodges, architect, to prepare preliminary plans for converting the facility to law school usage.

Under an innovative program, the School of Law proposes to purchase the facility through a non-profit or other arrangement and to offer housing at below market rental rates for law students. The need for the the facility is substantial since the University has very limited housing for graduate students. The consequence is that many students rent housing from apartment developers at rates which press them financially.

Any excess revenues generated from the operation of the facility will be used for student financial assistance.

NEW HORIZONS FUND GROWS

Phase II of the New Horizons Fund Challenge is continuing to receive contributions from alumni and friends. The New Horizons Fund is the Law School's continuing five-year development effort, which has excited interest among alumni and friends everywhere. The next reporting milestone will be Law Day 1984 with a final report due in July of 1984 at the conclusion of the second year of the New Horizons Fund Challenge.



FACULTY, ALUMNI & STUDENTS

FIVE PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR

Upon the recommendation of the Dean, with the unanimous concurrence of the full professors, five members of the Law School faculty have been promoted to Professor with permanent tenure. The Professors are **James P. Beckwith**, **Thomas W. Earnhardt**, **Monica K. Kalo**, **T. Mdoana Ringer, Jr.**, and **Charles E. Smith**.

Professor **James P. Beckwith** joined the faculty in 1977. He received his J.D. degree in 1974 from the University of Chicago Law School. He teaches in the day and evening programs. His subjects include Contracts, Commercial Law, Relational Injuries, and Advanced Legal Writing. Professor **Beckwith** is a distinguished and prolific scholar. One of his articles, published in the North Carolina Central Law Journal in 1980 was selected as one of 31 leading articles in the field of Historic Preservation. He was invited to West Berlin to present an article on the virtues of the free economy at the Mont Perlerin Society.

Professor **Thomas W. Earnhardt** joined the faculty in 1978. He is a 1971 graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law and served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of North Carolina and as Associate Director of the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research prior to joining the faculty. Professor **Earnhardt** teaches in the day and evening programs. He teaches Property, Corporations, Agency/Partnerships, Land Use, Local Government and Professional Responsibility. He recently authored an important article on Tenant/Landlord Relations in North Carolina which was published in 1982 in the North Carolina Central Law Journal.

Professor **Monica K. Kalo** joined the faculty of the School of Law in

1976. She is a 1975 graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law. She briefly practiced prior to joining the faculty. She recently published an article dealing with property in the North Carolina Central Law Journal and is under contract to co-author a Sum and Substance in Property for a major law book publisher. She is a frequent lecturer at bar review courses and teaches Property and Decedents' Estates.

Professor **T. Mdoana Ringer** joined the faculty in 1979. He is a 1970 graduate of the Harvard University Law School. Before joining the faculty he served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of North Carolina and practiced with the law firm of Pearson, Malone, Johnson and DeJarmon from 1976 to 1979. He has authored an article on the Admissibility of Prior Convictions in North Carolina to be published in the North Carolina Central Law Journal. In addition Professor **Ringer** serves as Associate Dean for the School of Law and as Director of the Law School's Clinical Experience Program. He also serves as Advisor to the successful Moot Court Program of the School of Law.

Professor **Charles E. Smith** joined the faculty of the School of Law in 1979. He is a 1972 graduate of Georgetown University and recently earned his LL.M. at Duke University. Before joining the faculty he was a patent attorney with Xerox Corporation, Counsel with Bechtel Corporation, and previously taught at Golden Gate University Law School in San Francisco, California. He has published in the Southern University Law Review and is under contract to prepare a treatise on trademark law fundamentals. Professor **Smith** is a certified patent lawyer and has supervised award-winning student essays in the field of intellectual property.

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VISITING FACULTY FOR 1983-84

In addition to its regular full-time complement of teachers, the Law School will have several experienced and outstanding visitors for the year. Teaching as a full-time visitor will be Professor **Adrienne Fox** who will teach Civil Procedure, Civil Litigation Clinic and Trial Practice.

Part-time teachers are Attorney **Dolores Faison '80** who will teach a course in Land Loss Prevention Law; Attorney **Irving Joyner** who will teach Appellate Advocacy and Professional Responsibility; Professor **William P. Murphy**, Paul B. Eaton Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina who will be teaching Constitutional Law in the evening program; Professor **Ilene B. Nelson** who will be teaching Civil Procedure and Appellate Advocacy; Attorney **Maceo K. Sloan '79** who will be teaching Legal Accounting; and Professor **Gwyn T. Swinson** who will be teaching Torts in the evening program. In addition, Attorney **Eleanette M. Brown '82** and Attorney **Frances Cappelletti '82** will be visiting lecturers assisting in the academic skills program, under the direction of Professor **Susie R. Powell** who directs the academic skills program.

During the Spring Term, Attorney **James E. Ferguson** and Attorney **James L. Fuller** will be teaching a course in Civil Rights Litigation. ☼

SCHOOL GETS THREE NEW SLOTS

Because of its increased enrollment and the continued development of the evening program, the School of Law has been assigned three new faculty positions. Two of these were newly authorized by the General Assembly and one was transferred to the School of Law by the University. These new positions bring the faculty teaching complement to 18.5 full-time equivalents. When five part-time librarians or administrators are added to the teaching complement, those involved in teaching total 23.5 teaching and administrative positions. ☼

WE LIKE HEARING FROM ALUMNI

Thanks to **Nelson Jones '81** of the Virgin Islands who called to say "hello". We were glad to have other alumni "stop-in" to see us recently: **Wade Perry '76**; **W. Ronald Denson '76** of West Virginia; **Judy Scott '83** of New Jersey; **John Edmonds '73**; **Michael '81** and **Mary Robinson '80** of Florida and **Geoffrey Gadsden '82**.

Glennie Matthewson '69 has moved to set up practice in Tarboro, NC with **Milton Fitch '72** and **G. K. Butterfield '74**.

Alice Bynum '82 is teaching at Rutledge College in Durham.

Marvin Sparrow '83 is an attorney with N.C. Prisoner Legal Services in Raleigh, NC. Congratulations to **Conrad Airall '78** of Raleigh, North Carolina on his recent marriage.

Also congratulations to **Ulysses Leverett '80** on becoming a member of the Michigan Bar; to **Michael Wallace '83** and **Anita** on the birth of their daughter, **Dana**; and to **Judith Washington '77**, recently named Assistant Director of the N.C. Human Relations Commission.

We've learned that **Morris Billingslea '78** is practicing in East Orange, N.J.

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HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH

—FOR YOU—

NAME _____

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ALUMNI HELP SCHOOL RECRUIT


When called on to help their alma mater, NCCU alumni respond positively. That is exactly what happened when several alumni were called on to assist the School of Law in its recruitment. Alumni, therefore, are extending the reach of the School of Law. We express appreciation to the following alumni who are already committed to recruiting:

Charles Miller '73, will be recruiting in the Chicago area. **Attorney Miller** is an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Illinois.

Rossie Alston '82, will be recruiting at Washington, DC area universities. He works for the National Labor Relations Board.

Judy Scott '83, will be recruiting at New Jersey Law School Admission Days at several universities in the area.

Carlton Petway '63, will be recruiting at Tennessee universities. **Attorney Petway** is in private practice in Nashville.

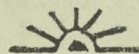
Jo Hill Dobbin '81, will be recruiting in the Charlotte area. **Attorney Dobbin** is in private practice in Charlotte. 

ALUMNA WRITES ON WRITING

Michelle Rippon '81, has authored an article in the September 1983 North Carolina State Bar Quarterly. **Attorney Rippon's** article discusses techniques for improving legal writing. She has served as a research associate with the North Carolina Court of Appeals and is presently serving as a research associate with the North Carolina Supreme Court.

MOOT COURT BOARD PREPARES

The Moot Court Board is presently preparing to enter the National Moot Court Competition Regional to be held November 4-6, 1983 in Charlottesville, VA at the University of Virginia. The school will enter two teams comprised of **Glenn Adams, Carolyn Sims and Leroy Etheridge** and another team comprised of **Frank Gillespie, Selia Shoffner and Lawrence Campbell**. The problem involves a securities and exchange matter and RICO (Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations). Much success to the teams!



Pledge TODAY!

NEW HORIZONS CHALLENGE PLEDGE

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I, (please PRINT name) _____, accept the challenge to help assure "Opportunity and Excellence" at the NCCU School of Law. Count on me for:

Amount of Pledge: _____ Amount paid herewith: _____;

Amount to be paid as follows: \$ _____ to be paid as follows: \$ _____ monthly; \$ _____ quarterly;

or Amount \$ _____ to be paid on following dates: (1) _____, (2) _____

(3) _____, (4) _____, (5) _____, (6) _____.

I also want to help. I volunteer to help as follows:

() Regional Captain in _____ Region.

() Alumni Class Captain, Class of _____

() Corporate Friend

() Individual Friend

() To Contact Others

SIGNATURE _____

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CLE SURVEY

Should the School of Law offer CLE Programs? [] Yes [] No

1. If yes, what kind of programs would you like to see offered?

List priorities:

<input type="checkbox"/> Family Domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> Torts
<input type="checkbox"/> Real Property	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Taxation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Trial Practice	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Office Managment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

2. Should the program be

☐ 1 day weekday?

☐ 1 day weekend?

☐ Other _____?

3. What amount would you be willing to pay?

☐ 0; ☐ \$10; ☐ \$25; ☐ Reasonable Amount

R.S.V.P.

RSVP Form And Homecoming Information

In cooperation with the General Alumni Association, Law School Alumni headquarters will be the Holiday Inn-West. (See coupon in General Alumni Newsletter or contact the School of Law for a reservation form).

I plan to attend the following "Welcome Home, Homecoming" Events:

☐ Fri. Oct. 28 Open House (No. _____)

☐ Sat. Oct. 29 Reception (No. _____)

☐ Sat. Oct. 29 Evidence (No. _____)

☐ Sat. Oct. 29 Dean's Party (No. _____)