

Rusk Center's International Insights



Pictured are (from l. to r.) Associate Dean Gabriel Wilner, Senior Articles Editor Daniel Blumenthal, Executive Notes Editor Kathryn Morris, Executive Articles Editor Rishi Hingoraney, Editor in Chief Charles Smitherman and Dean David Shipley. This picture was taken at a celebratory gathering where Dean Shipley was presented with the fourth issue of the journal published during the 2001-02 year.

Six Journals to be Published this Year

The editor and staff of the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law have been performing double duty, literally. For the 2001-02 academic year, this group will publish six journals where as the staff normally publishes three. This prodigious feat will bring the journal up-to-date on its publishing schedule.

Rusk Center to Celebrate Silver Anniversary

The Dean Rusk Center -- International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies will celebrate 25 years of operation this coming academic year.

The center was created in November 1977 "to generate knowledge of the issues in international trade as well as to train the manpower essential to guide the state's business and political leaders in the choices to be made," according to the proposal to establish the center which was approved by the university's Board of Regents. At the time, Ralph Beaird was dean of the law school.

The Rusk Center is currently planning a year of special lectures and activities to mark the occasion.

LL.M. Association Provides Computers and Other Items to Rusk Center

Last year, the LL.M. Alumni Association donated four computers and a printer to the Rusk Center. These computers, housed in the lobby of the center, are currently being put to good use by masters and J.D. students.

Association President Christof Siefarth (LL.M.'86) said the association also purchased books for the graduate students, set up an emergency fund for special needs of the center and presented awards to faculty members. "These are just a few examples of showing our appreciation to this very fine law school and its graduate legal studies program. We intend to continue to support the law school, particularly the international law program as well as the fine work of many UGA law school professors, most particularly Associate Dean Gabriel Wilner, who constantly brings together classes of highly interested and educated graduate students from all over the world," Siefarth said.

"By making contributions, whether by gifts or otherwise (i.e., by staying in touch with the law school), we, LL.M. alumni, would like to give back what 'y'all' gave to us when we spent a wonderful year in Athens, some of us recently and some of us 30 years ago. During the 2000 graduation ceremony, I used the phrase (which, as Dean Shipley told me recently, is since then also used by him), 'We are those spreading the news all over the world that dog is spelled D-A-W-G!' " he said.

Rusk Center Welcomes 15 Visiting Scholars from Around the World

The Dean Rusk Center enjoys the diversity of visiting scholars and lecturers it hosts each year. For the 2001-02 year, 15 visitors enhanced the curriculum for law school students.

- Wang Feng (LL.M.'90), legal counsel, World Bank Group.
- Professor Franco Ferrari, UNCITRAL secretariat, Vienna, and law professor at the University of Verona, Italy.
- Professor Serge Gutwirth, law faculty, Vrije Universiteit Brussel and University of Rotterdam.
- Professor Tony Joris, Jean Monet Professor, law faculty, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium.
- Professor Jungi Nakagawa, University of Tokyo, Japan.
- Dr. Eduardo Valencia Ospina, registrar of the International Court of Justice and former assistant secretary general of the United Nations.
- Professor Andrea Tinoco, Instituto Tecnológico de México.
- Professor Jean-Pierre Viennois, faculty of law member, Université Jean Moulin (Lyon3), France.
- Martina Rojo, law faculty, Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Robert Rosenstock, chairman, International Law Commission.
- Dr. Carlos Salvadores de Arzuaga, associate dean of the Universidad del Salvador Law School, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Karim Suratgar, legal counsel, IFC, World Bank Group.
- David Suratgar, director of Morgan Grenfell Bank, legal consultant on international projects and former senior legal counsel of the World Bank Group.
- Professor Yogesh Tyagi, professor of international law, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.
- Professor Kim Van-der-Borgh, University of Hull Law School, United Kingdom.