

# Making the Grade – “ ” *The Law Library Sports* *Furnishings*

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**T**he Alexander Campbell King Law Library now sports new furnishings in its newly renovated main reading room, named for former Georgia Gov. Carl E. Sanders. The custom-made furniture began to arrive in the fall (see the fall 2002 *Advocate*) with installation being completed during spring break.

Current Student Bar Association President Russell Blythe said students are benefiting everyday from the renovations to the law library's main reading room. "What we do there has not changed much, but now students studying in the Sanders Reading Room enjoy an enhanced environment. The lights and power outlets at every table make reading and using a laptop more convenient," he said.

All of the new furniture was custom-made by Thos. Moser Cabinetmakers to fit the needs of a modern library. All tables are wired for power and have desk lamps. In addition, a new circulation and reference configuration accommodates self-checkout for materials and easy access to librarians for reference and other needs.

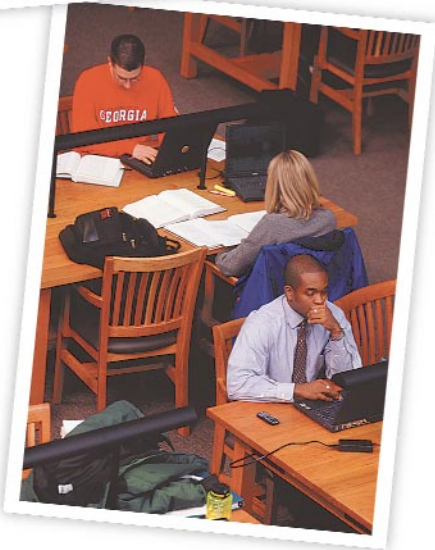
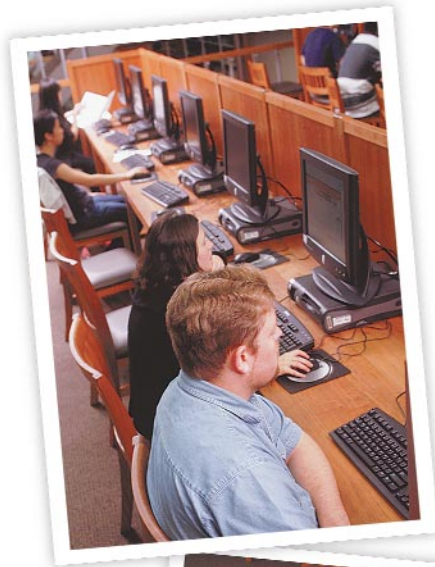
Director of the Law Library and Professor Ann Puckett said the Carl E. Sanders Reading Room "is a magnificent space, perhaps the most beautiful space on the University of Georgia campus. This new furniture is worthy of our magnificent reading room. And the new furniture is not merely beautiful. Thanks to the replacement of large tables with smaller, better designed tables, the number of study seats in the reading room has been increased by 25," she said. "In addition, the abysmal lighting in the reading room is ameliorated by lamps on every table, and well-designed study chairs make sitting for hours less tiring."

Blythe said these enhancements have made the library more user-friendly for students. "Believe it or not, studying is now more enjoyable," he said.



*The new reference area is better able to accommodate private consultation between librarians and researchers.*

Sixteen computer terminals now greet students as they enter the Alexander Campbell King Law Library.



Being able to have power and Internet access throughout the library is a real plus to current law students.



Top: At the gala, Dean David Shipley (left) assists the Governor and his wife Betty in unveiling a collage of the "new" Carl E. Sanders Reading Room while UGA President Michael Adams (right) looks on.

Bottom: Gov. Sanders and Director of the Law Library and Professor Ann Puckett pose for a picture.

## Naming of the Carl E. Sanders Reading Room

In February, the main reading room of the law library was officially named the Carl E. Sanders Reading Room in recognition of the latest gift made by Gov. Sanders to the School of Law (see the fall 2002 *Advocate*). A black-tie gala was held at the Ritz-Carlton Buckhead to formally thank Gov. Sanders for his ongoing commitment to the law school and the university.

### Library Open House - October 4, 2003

Please take the opportunity to come and see the newly renovated Carl E. Sanders Reading Room in the Alexander Campbell King Law Library. An Open House will be held Saturday, October 4 (the day of the UGA v. University of Alabama football game), from 10 a.m.-12 noon. At this time, tours of the facility will be offered. Please plan to stop by and see the wonderful changes to the law library and the School of Law afforded by a \$3.2 million appropriation provided by the state legislature.