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Incoming Officers to Follow Strong Lead, Set More Goals

Along with exams, the end of the school year has brought the election of new officers for the Florida Student Bar Association and the challenge to the new officers to follow the strong lead set by the outgoing officers. As the newly elected president, I am proud to be a member and leader of one of the largest student organizations at Cumberland.

All of the incoming officers are completing their first year of school, and are excited about the opportunity to further the goals of our association. I am a University of Florida graduate from Haines City, Florida. The vice-president, Kevin Pribell, from Orlando, also is a University of Florida graduate. Dale Davidson and Carolyn Moller, incoming treasurer and secretary, respectively, are both Florida State alumni and from Tallahassee. Completing the officers is Tim Beasley from Fort Walton Beach. Tim will host our Fall Luau and Spring Mardi Gras as social chairman.

Following an extremely successful fund-raising effort which allowed us to refurbish the Florida Room at Cumberland, one of our main goals during the following year is to preserve the elegance of the room while still allowing use to teachers, prospective employers (especially those from Florida), Cumberland student organizations, and of course, the members of the Florida Student Bar Association. Our initial room policy will be strict. The room will remain locked and will be available on an advance reservation basis only. We were fortunate to have sufficient funds to refurbish the room and a surplus with which to maintain the room's appearance.

Another of this year's goals is to maintain the large membership of the association. This year we had 99 members, both Floridians and non-Floridians. This allowed our organization to run smoothly, to command respect from other student organizations and to develop a rapport with Cumberland's administration, a status we hope to maintain.

Our plans for the coming year also include a second participation in Cumberland's annual Phone-athon. We hope to elicit the same great response from our alumni that we received in the Fall in order to fund projects which will further the goals of the Florida Student Bar Association.

This past semester we were fortunate to have a Florida property seminar, and we anticipate our guest lecturer's return next Spring. It is the consensus of the association, especially the seniors, that a seminar on Florida constitutional law would be beneficial to the students who plan to take the Florida Bar Exam, since such a course is not offered at Cumberland. We hope, with additional planning, we will be able to start an annual Florida constitutional law seminar.

A continuing goal of the association will be to maintain the open lines of communication between our alumni and the members of the association. Many of you have helped graduating association members find employment in Florida, and we hope your support will continue.

This year's officers of the Florida Student Bar Association are committed to maintaining the pace set by the outgoing officers: Hillary Halvorsen, Jeff Coleman, Robert Black, John Uskert and Jeff Kirby. We appreciate the efforts of Dean Williams, Vice-Dean Lewis, Professor Featheringill, Lochrane Coleman Smith, the faculty and staff and the alumni who have supported us financially and with encouragement. We are, however, open to positive suggestions from the alumni as we strive to make this a truly professional organization.

/s/ Kenneth A. Dowdy, President

Florida Student Bar Fund: Surplus

Although a final accounting of the Florida Student Bar Fund cannot be made at this time, an approximation will suffice for information purposes. Money received in the Cumberland Alumni Office from alumni, faculty, staff and student donations approximated \$6,800.00. Our expenditures for the Florida Room Project are approximately \$4,500.00. When all invoices are paid, the fund will have a surplus in excess of \$2,000.00. Also, there remain a number of outstanding pledges totaling \$2,370.00. The members of the Florida Student Bar Association thank you for your generous support.

In addition to maintaining and preserving the condition of the Florida Room, we intend to use the surplus wisely. While future use of the fund has not been clearly defined, it has been suggested that the fund be used to generate growth and fund a scholarship (when practicable) for a Florida Student Bar member.

We will keep you apprised of the fund's status in future issues of "Inter Alia".



Dean Parham Williams and Herman Russomanno cutting the ribbon for the rededication of the Florida Room.



Rededication of newly decorated Florida Room.



Outgoing officers of FSBA:
Robert Black, John Uskert, Jeff Kirby,
Hillary Halvorsen, and Jeff Coleman.

Florida Room Refurbished

Thanks to the generous support of many Cumberland Alumni, faculty and students, the Florida Room has been successfully redecorated. The Florida Student Bar Association (FSBA) began raising funds for this project during the Fall semester and improvements promptly began in January, 1990.

A decorating committee comprised of Professor Carolyn Featheringill, Alumni Director Lochrane Coleman Smith, FSBA President Hillary Halvorsen, FSBA Treasurer Jeff Coleman and FSBA Secretary John Uskert, met throughout both semesters to discuss, plan and finalize decorating ideas. First and foremost, the committee agreed that new carpeting should be a priority. Other priorities included installing draperies and reupholstering the conference chairs. Fortunately, all these items were within our budget and with the help of Business Interiors, Inc., these goals were expediently accomplished. We framed a variety of Florida memorabilia, including the Great Seal of Florida, a large map of Florida and the Florida state flag, which, incidently was donated by the Office of the Secretary of State. We also framed pictures of four Cumberland alumni who served as former governors of the State of Florida: LeRoy Collins, Park Trammel, Fuller Warren and Sidney J. Catts. Additionally, we purchased a plaque which bears the names of all contributors to the Florida Room Project.

While the decorating did take most of the Spring semester, the room was completed by and dedicated during Law Week 1990. To commemorate the occasion, the FSBA held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception for the faculty, students and alumni on Friday, March 30, 1990. Dean Parham Williams and Cumberland's National Alumni Association

President, Herman Russomanno, shared the honor of cutting the ribbon to mark the rededication of the "new" Florida Room. In addition to Dean Williams and Mr. Russomanno, the following speakers shared their thoughts regarding the ongoing interaction between Cumberland's FSBA and the positive impact Cumberland alumni are having in the state of Florida: Stephen Crane, Thomas Woodruff and Hillary Halvorsen.

While the Florida Room will be used for a variety of purposes including seminars, interviews, meetings and studying, its inaugural use was for a reception after the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The FSBA again wants to thank all the alumni for your past and continued support. Hopefully your circumstances will permit you to visit Cumberland and the newly decorated Florida Room in the not too distant future.

/s/ Hillary Halvorsen, President Ex-Officio

Florida Property Seminar

On February 24, 1990, the FSBA sponsored a property workshop for Cumberland students who intend to practice law in the state of Florida. With the help of Professor David Langum, an Orlando attorney, Mr. Ross Payne representing the Attorney's Title Insurance Fund, conducted the seminar. The title examination workshop included topics covering legal descriptions, closing statements, title abstracts, title assurance and many more. The large number of enthusiastic students who participated in the workshop expressed an interest in Florida property in general and indicated their desire to continue this seminar in the coming years.

The 1990-91 Officers and members of the
Florida Student Bar Association extend Best
Wishes for a prosperous and enjoyable
summer.

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