As we begin 2011, we begin with a new alcohol and drug policy, a new department name, and an almost entirely new staff. Despite these changes, however, our focus remains the same—to adhere to our mission statement: We, the University of Georgia Judiciary, seek to foster respect within the University Community through adherence to the Code of Conduct, by utilizing proactive education and a fundamentally fair judicial process.

In April, the University Cabinet approved the new Alcohol and Other Drugs sanctions proposed by the University Judiciary and Student Government Association. The new policy allows both the Office of Student Conduct and the panels of each formal hearing to utilize more discretion in sanctioning students who have violated the code of conduct. This allows us to treat each case and each student as individuals, in keeping with our philosophy that each event and each student is different and should be treated as such. (Continued on Page 2)
State of University Judiciary, Continued

To prepare the general body for this change, the Executive Council members, especially Alison Woodworth and Harsh Patel, the case administrators for the 2010-2011 school year, created and implemented in depth continuing education to inform members of the details and implications of the new policy. Anelise Cimino and Tyler Pate, the Directors of Recruitment and Development, have also modified the training process that will begin in the spring to reflect this policy change.

November 1st, the Office of Judicial Programs officially became the Office of Student Conduct. This change reflects the department’s focus on education for each student who enters the conduct process. Beau Seagraves joined the Office of Student Conduct this fall, taking the position of Brandon Frye. In October, Brandon accepted the position of Director of Student Conduct at Auburn University. In January, we will welcome to the Office of Student Conduct a new director: Kristopher Stevens. We will also be interviewing to fill Cara Simmons’ and Jeananne Tiffany’s positions. Cara accepted a position at the College of Veterinary Medicine working with their graduate and dual-degree programs, so luckily she will still be on campus. Jeananne is returning to her beloved Virginia Tech, working in housing, and is certainly excited to be heading back to the land of the Hokies. While we will definitely miss them, we wish Cara and Jeananne success in their positions as they begin the new decade with new positions.

In ringing in the new year, we welcome the changes of 2010 and look forward to working with the new faces in our office. While names and positions change, we assure you that our purpose and focus remains the same: to provide students with a fundamentally fair judicial process. We will approach each hearing with the care, concern, and dedication each student deserves. In working with the administration, we will ensure that the voice of the student body is heard and considered in all decisions, and we will continue to work with the student body to prepare ourselves and others to become successful members of our community. We appreciate your continued support of the University Judiciary and wish you all the best in 2011.

Transitions in the Office of Student Conduct

Bill McKenney, Graduate Assistant

Since the end of the Spring 2010 semester, there have been many changes to The Office of Judicial Programs. In August, Assistant Director Dr. Brandon Frye left UGA to take a position as the chief student conduct officer at Auburn University. In September, Director Kim Ellis assumed a position working in graduate housing for UGA. It was under these two individuals that the Office of Judicial Programs was led for several years with great success. We thank them for their service and commitment to OJP, UJ, and UGA.

In November, the office assumed a new title, The Office of Student Conduct (OSC). This is to reflect an effort of serving the students’ growth and development through the conduct process, along with being more in line with the current practices at other institutions. With the new office title, Beau Seagraves was hired as Assistant Director for OSC. Beau has brought with him a wealth of knowledge from his work at UGA and previous institutions. Additionally, Amanda Patterson was hired as Interim Director of OSC, coming from the Vice President of Student Affairs Office. It is with Amanda’s and Beau’s efforts that the Office of Student Conduct has been able to endure a smooth transition.

In December, Coordinator Cara Simmons announced she would be leaving to work at the Veterinary School at UGA. Coordinator Jeananne Tiffany also announced she would be leaving in January, to work in Housing at Virginia Tech. Cara and Jeananne have been vital members of the OJP/OSC staff, serving as advisors to University Judiciary, assessment coordinator, and serving as conduct officers. The search for the two Coordinators positions are ongoing and hope to be filled in the coming semester.

In January, at the conclusion of a nationwide search, Kristopher Stevens was offered the position of Director of Student Conduct at UGA. A UGA graduate, who went onto law school at Emory, and to serve in the Air Force JAG Corps, Kris is excited to return to UGA and serve his Alma Mater.

While there have been many changes to the Office of Student Conduct over the past six months, the constant has been a commitment to the students and a support to the University Judiciary.
Hello everyone! While I would rather meet you individually, I am pleased to have the opportunity to introduce myself via your alumni newsletter. I began working as the Assistant Director for Student Conduct in early October 2010. Prior to this transition, I had been serving since 2008 as the Assistant Dean for Student Support Services, where I had the opportunity to work with UGA students experiencing hardship circumstances. I am also working to finish my doctorate in the College Student Affairs Administration program here at UGA. My wife, Hilary, and I have one son (Burke, 17 months) and are expecting a little girl in February.

One of the primary reasons why I became interested in moving from Student Support Services to Student Conduct is the opportunity to work with the UJ students. I had served as a Hearing Administrator in 2009-2010, so I knew the high caliber of student with whom I would be working. As you know from your own experiences, this group is highly dedicated to serving their peers through the conduct process. They often work through adversity, which calls them to hold their peers accountable and challenges them to grow and learn individually. I am proud of the work they do on behalf of our office and our university.

Undoubtedly, you will recognize that we have experienced much change over the last few months. We are pleased to now be the Office of Student Conduct, which better aligns our name with both the mission of our office and the trends within the broad field of conduct administration on college campuses across the country. We are also experiencing several staff transitions. We welcome our new director, Mr. Kris Stevens, to OSC in January. Additionally, Ms. Cara Simmons took a position at UGA’s Vet School, where she will work with the graduate programs, and Ms. Jeananne Tiffany took a position in housing at Virginia Tech, her undergraduate alma mater. While both Cara and Jeananne have left BIG shoes to fill, we look forward to welcoming two new coordinators in the coming months.

While OSC continues to grow and change, we remain committed to serving the students coming through our offices and the UJ students doing good work day in and day out. We remain committed to upholding our responsibilities within our community to effectively and efficiently address alleged violations of the Code. We remain committed to advocating for sound policies and practices related to student conduct. We remain committed to educating the student body about our Code. We remain committed to engaging our UJ students in discussions about how OSC can better meet their needs and the needs of all students.

We appreciate the commitments you have made and continue to make to the University Judiciary. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can ever be of assistance to you. If you’re in Athens or on campus, please come by and visit us on the 5th floor of Memorial Hall.
It’s Not Goodbye…Just C-Ya Later
Cara Simmons, Coordinator for Student Conduct and Advisor to University Judiciary

When I reflect on the three years I have spent as Advisor to University Judiciary, I know how fortunate I am to work with such an amazing group of individuals. It has been so rewarding to be connected with a group so passionate about educating students and providing them with a fundamentally fair process. Believe it or not, you all have taught me more than you might think. Even when the days were long and the times were tough, coming to work each day was a pleasure because of you all. I hope the relationships I have cultivated with you all remain. Again, I want to say thank you for trusting me and sharing your lives with me. If there is ever anything I can do to assist you, do not hesitate to ask. As I leave you to embark on a new adventure, know that I always want you as well as the organization to succeed.

To UJ - Always stand up for what you believe in. You are a powerful force and voice on this campus…never forget that.

To the alumni - Thank you for your involvement, support and encouragement you have given to me, the office and most importantly University Judiciary.

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This year in Public Affairs has been like no other I have experienced. I have had the tremendous opportunity to work closely with three very important people, my two assistants Jessica Hennenfent and Natasha Lemmens, and Bill McKenney, the Office of Student Conduct graduate assistant and advisor to the Judicial Outreach Team. Without these three Public Affairs would not have been as successful as it was in this Fall semester. This year we have had some very daunting tasks so far. We started the year with jumping into planning and implementing our program, Conduct Matters, and then started right after with working on the 50 Things To Do in Athens Without Alcohol program that Patrick Dever started during his time here. I’m honored to say that our team has taken Mr. Dever’s project and done outstanding things with it, hopefully making Mr. Dever proud. We have added 51 more things to the list of things to do in Athens that do not involve alcohol or the use of other drugs. We are now in the final stages of production and waiting on a design before we send it to the printers. Dever’s 50 Things has been transformed into Athens: 101 Ways You Never Thought To Do It. Jessica and Natasha have expended loads of their personal time to make sure that this is a success. I’m proud to say that they have made this their own project, too, by contacting every business on the list to get approval before it goes to print. I can’t wait to see what this team comes up with in the new semester to help better educate the University Community.

Normally the fall issue of the Pinnacle is full of introductions to new Council Members of UJ but for this one it is met with a goodbye. I decided, after much thought, to end my term here at the University and become a December Graduate of 2010. Pending a vote from the University Judici-
Conduct Matters
Tim Reed, Director of Public Affairs

On September 17, 2010, the University Judiciary held its second Conduct Matters event in the Tate Plaza. Our Judicial Outreach Team, compiled of the two Assistant Directors of Public Affairs Jessica Hennenfent and Natasha Lemmens, our ever amazing Graduate student Bill McKenney, and myself, worked collectively to put this program together, utilizing our unique perspectives and expertise’s to make Conduct Matters successful and sought to make this even much larger than our first. We started out with last year’s example and expanded our program partnerships to numerous offices that we work with on regular basis to educate the University community on how they could be compliant with the Code of Conduct. This year we partnered with the Office of Judicial Programs (now office of Student Conduct), the Fontaine Center for Alcohol Awareness and Education, Office of Violence Prevention, University Police, EITS, Student Support Services, Parking Services, Housing Student Conduct, and the Student Academic Honesty Council to provide an open and interactive forum for university students. We look forward to partnering with more offices and student organizations to educate the University community about what we do and how to remain compliant with the Code of Conduct. Check back in the next issue to learn about the Spring program!
Each new semester seems to offer more opportunities and challenges for the organization than the previous one for the Case Administrators. Over the past few years, the one constant that we can count on every semester is the volume of alcohol-related hearings. However, starting this semester even alcohol-related hearings have an additional twist, which has added more challenge to our work. After working with the administration for several years, we, as an organization, finally have new sanctioning policies which give more discretion on the educational process of judiciary. From an Advisor/Advocate perspective, we have to be careful in explaining the new rules to the students and make sure they understand our process more so than ever before.

From the Justice perspective, we have really had to educate ourselves on the new AOD Policy and have had a lot more discretion over sanctioning this year. This has been a welcome change for panels because now sanctions can be more geared toward each individual student, and panels can now proactively educate students more than under the old policy. It has been a challenge to make sure that all panels are staying consistent, however, and with many exercises in continuing education this semester, the justices have been really diligent in upholding this policy and have done an amazing job.

Right now, we are amidst a transitional period with Parking Appeals. In the past, all appeals were done on paper, but we are now going green and transferring all of the parking appeals to an online system. This will allow all of our members to review their appeals online which provides for a quicker turnaround and a more user-friendly system. University Judiciary is also working with parking services to pinpoint the cause of the appeals in order to improve parking around campus and reduce the number of parking citations. We are confident that this new system will allow for us to better assist the student body and improve the University as a whole.

Stop! We’re Going Green
Nigel George, Director of Parking Appeals

On the night of Saturday, June 19th, 2010, we said goodbye to one of our most cherished University Judiciary members: Jordan Griner. While driving home after a night of being the designated driver, he was hit and killed by another driver. His sudden death affected all of us greatly, as Jordan was a beloved and dedicated member of University Judiciary. In his time at UGA, Jordan served as an advisor-advocate, the case administrator for advisor-advocates, and was an employee of Campus Transit. Jordan will always be remembered for his love of service, love of animals, and ability to light up a room. We were able to hold a candlelight vigil for Jordan on September 28th, where we welcomed his family and friends to celebrate his life. Jordan made an unforgettable impression on all those who met him, and he will always be remembered.
...In with New Trainees!
Anelise Cimino and Tyler Pate, Directors of Recruitment and Development

During the Fall semester there are two main things that we do as Directors of Recruitment and Development. Applications were sent out the second week of September and were due back two weeks later. There were over 45 applications received and reviewed by R&D and our assistants. After intense review of applications, thirty-six candidates were taken to interview weekend that was held during the first week of October. Members from General Body and the staff from the Office of Student Conduct participated during the weekend to help R & D. The weekend concluded with a deliberation on all the applicants and the field of 36 applicants was eventually narrowed down to 22. We are now in the process of constructing a syllabus for training and contacting potential speakers for training. We’re excited to start next semester!

The Spring 2011 Training Class

From Left to Right: Tyler Pate, Shanise Lawrence, Shamar Toms-Anthony, Kelsey Solberg, Corey Page, Caitlin Wharton, Jeffery Lanier, Jordan Stevens, David Robertson, Elizabeth Teagle, John Wilke, Jessica Crowell, Drew Hansen, Kyle Brooks, Cameron Geiss, Kyle Hollarmon, Heather Pitts, Sara Pitt, Onica Matsika, Andy Stroman, Anelise Cimino, Daniela Belton (Tyler Bishop and Jose Trejo not pictured)
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