I hope everyone is having a wonderful spring so far! It has been another busy semester for University Judiciary and I just want to share some of the many accomplishments our members have been able to achieve.

From January to December 2008, we completed 123 formal hearings. To help ensure that we are still providing each student with the best service possible, we introduced a new student evaluation. This evaluation, which asks questions about the advisor, the advocate, and the justices, is completed by the student during deliberations so that their answers are not influenced by the justices’ decision. We hope that by getting feedback directly from the students we will be able to better determine the impact the hearings have on them, as well as how we are doing at meeting their needs.

Also, for those who haven’t heard, OJP and Judiciary have moved! We are currently in our temporary offices on the second floor of Memorial Hall and we anticipate we will move to our final offices sometime next year. It has been a trying time for our members while trying to work with the administration to find adequate space for us, but I think we have finally reached a compromise. While the plans are not final, it appears that we will be relocating to the fifth floor of Memorial Hall.

On a happier note, we are so excited to be inducting our new members on March 31st. After participating in graded mock hearings last week, I can honestly say that these are some of the most prepared trainees that I have seen in the last three years! Also, we will be having our Annual Recognition Banquet on April 25th at 6pm in the Georgia Center. We would love to see a lot of alumni attend! If you are interested in coming, please contact our advisor, Cara Simmons, at caraj@uga.edu.

Thanks again for your continued interest in University Judiciary. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at manders3@uga.edu.
The Judiciary Outreach Team’s (JOT) goal for this academic year was to completely revamp our programs and methods so as to create a sustainable and effective outreach base for future JOTs to build on. Despite the overwhelming successes of our peer-requested programs, the 2008-2009 Judicial Outreach Team recognized a need for more effective and compelling proactive (instead of reactive) educational programs, particularly in the arena of misunderstood judicial policies. Thus we developed a new generation of “Passive Programming” that incorporates technology and interaction to effectively connect with and educate today’s college student.

The first aspect of this campaign was the creation of “Info Cards.” We selected eight different salient topics, including the judicial process, the Computer Use policy, Minimum Sanctions, and Recruitment and Development. Then we created colorful and graphic 4” x 5” cards chocked full of relevant information that provided insight into a judicial topic. The purpose of the card was to give students something tangible that they could hold onto or place in their purses/pockets or in their residence hall rooms to easily reference when they had any questions regarding the specific policy or procedures.

The second aspect was our video campaign. We have currently made videos for Computer Use, Parental Notification, and Minimum Sanctions. Videos are able to provide significantly more information than info cards but in a time effective, information dense manner. Further, videos allow students the opportunity to have access to this information at the time and location which suits them best.

The third aspect was the creation of bulletin boards for the residence halls. Students pass by these boards every single day on their way in and out of their rooms, giving them information to help avoid a judicial or parking offense. Further, the bulletin boards serve as a consistent reminder of the behavioral expectations of students at the University.

The final aspect of the campaign was to improve the efficiency and effectiveness with which we contact other student organizations all while becoming more green! Previously, we have delivered packets of printed materials and expected other organizations to email us. Now all of our materials are online. We simply email out the link to different student organizations and list-servs, and leaders are able to access all of our information on their own.

Further, we have created an online submission form which allows organizations to fill out a program request which automatically emails their information to our JOT account. To learn more about the new JOT programs, please check out all of our materials at http://uga.edu/judiciary/jot.html.

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Forty hours worth of training, an extremely enjoyable networking event, 4 mock hearings, 1 final exam, and 2 events postponed due to severe weather: this, in a nutshell, has been Training Spring 2009. We implemented a few changes to the curriculum and training process this semester. To name a few, these included utilizing WebCT, creating four new mock hearings, taking a field trip to the police station, developing worksheets and other learning initiatives for the varying learning styles, and staging simulated hearings for the training class early on in training. These changes have already begun to yield positive results in learning and the training process overall. We hope that changes like these will continue into the future. We are honored to have been able to teach our 19 new members to be the best justices and A/As they can be. Both of us are so pleased with the hard work and dedication each of them have shown and are certain that these young men and women are going to make excellent members. Undoubtedly they will truly work hard to improve our beloved organization.

University Judiciary joins in fight against cancer
Zach Goolsby
Captain of University Judiciary’s Relay for Life Team

This year, hundreds of thousands of people will hear the words "You have cancer", and there’s a good chance that some of them will be people we know and love. We have all been touched by cancer in some way ... and we all have the power to make a difference. That’s why University Judiciary has chosen to fight back right here on our own campus by participating in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. This is a fun-filled, overnight event that empowers everyone to help fight cancer by raising money and awareness to support the American Cancer Society’s lifesaving mission which is being held on the 3rd and 4th of April and this is when our team will join with all the other teams at UGA.

So far this year, we have held several fundraisers like percentage nights and selling

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On behalf of the Directors of Case Administration, it is my pleasure to update our great alumni on what we’ve been doing in our efforts to provide the University with our services. Even though I feel as if our duties have expanded to include an increased amount of outreach programs and student representation to the University administration, conducting formal hearings remain one of the most important services we provide. As reported by our Executive Director, Amanda Ruckel, in the last newsletter, the amount of formal hearings has risen to 100 plus formal hearings per year. This undoubtedly makes my job a little more complicated in my efforts to make sure that the hearing panels are staffed by qualified Justices who can consistently respond to a wide variety of issues and alleged conduct violations.

Alcohol violations such as those concerning underage possession and arrests for driving under the influence remain the most frequent violations that we see. However over the last year or two, alleged computer use violations have become a solid number two in the list of the most frequented violations. More specifically these violations most commonly refer to students’ tendencies to download/upload copyrighted materials such as songs and movies using their personal computers by using University internet networks. This commonly takes place in the residence halls, but can occur while any student is logged onto a University network. While this is a seemingly unserious and naïve violation, it remains Judiciary’s responsibility to uphold the University policies related to this nature and help to educate the student body on the issue. Conducting formal hearings for this issue has been a challenge. While most of our members are not computer science majors, we’ve done our best to respond and educate ourselves on the topic. For instance, we’ve hosted directors from the Office of Legal Affairs and the Office of Enterprise Information Technology services to come speak at our general body meetings. Also as a part of continuing education on other issues, we’ve also been fortunate to have the University Chief of Police, Jimmy Williamson, join us in a meeting as well directors from the John Fontaine, Jr. Center for Alcohol Awareness and Education, the Office of Violence Prevention, and the LGBT Resource Center. We give sincere gratitude to these departments for working with us over the course of the year to help keep us up-to-date on pertinent issues surrounding our duties.

With that being said, it is my belief that we continue to hold the highest standards and level of integrity in University Judiciary by having one of the best groups of students on campus. It is a privilege to work with such a great organization.
UJ Relay Team Raises Over $1000 for Cancer Research

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pizza at the arch. Our total team fundraising is already over $1,000 but we want to invite you to join us in the fight against cancer by making a donation in support of University Judiciary’s efforts. Further down in this message is a link to our team’s Relay for Life web page where you can make an online contribution. Every amount, no matter how small, makes a difference and provides hope. Thank you in advance for your support. Together, we will celebrate, remember, and fight back!

If you would like to give a donation to the University Judiciary Relay for Life Team then please go to http://main.acsevents.org/goto/universityjudiciary Also if you have any questions feel free to e-mail Zach Goolsby at zgoolsby@uga.edu

In 2008, UGA Relay for Life was responsible for raising over $250,000 for the American Cancer Society and cancer research.

Join us for the 2009 University Judiciary Recognition Banquet!

University Judiciary would like to invite you to join us for the Annual Recognition Banquet. It will be held in the Magnolia Ballroom of the Georgia Center on April 25th, 2009. Be sure to look out for an email e-vite from Cara Simmons which will include more information on the event.

Banquet Info

Date: Saturday, April 25th, 2009
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Magnolia Ballroom, Georgia Center

Meet the Editor

Spring Alumni Relations Chair: Jerrod Lukacs

As the Alumni Relations Chair it has been my privilege to produce the Spring 2009 Alumni Newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the body of UGA University Judiciary Alumni. My name is Jerrod Lukacs and I am a third-year student studying History from Lawrenceville, Ga. I have served now for a year as a Justice for University Judiciary and have been fortunate to take on a more active role in our organization by being selected as the 2009 Alumni Relations Chair. Following undergraduate studies I hope to attend law school in either Georgia or New York. I sincerely hope that you enjoyed the newsletter, as I have enjoyed bringing our graduates up to date on the excellent and important job University Judiciary is doing on the university campus. If you have any questions concerning University Judiciary please feel free to contact me at jmlukacs@gmail.com.
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