

Kell Hall



Georgia State's First Building Named For Kell

Professor Wayne Sailley Kell organized the commerce department at Georgia Tech in 1913. Kell, a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines was originally employed by Georgia Tech to teach mineralogy and geology. However, since no students registered that year for those courses, Kell persuaded the administration to let him teach engineering students how to control the money they made. That began Kell's connection with the new courses in Commerce. In 1914, he was named "Dean."

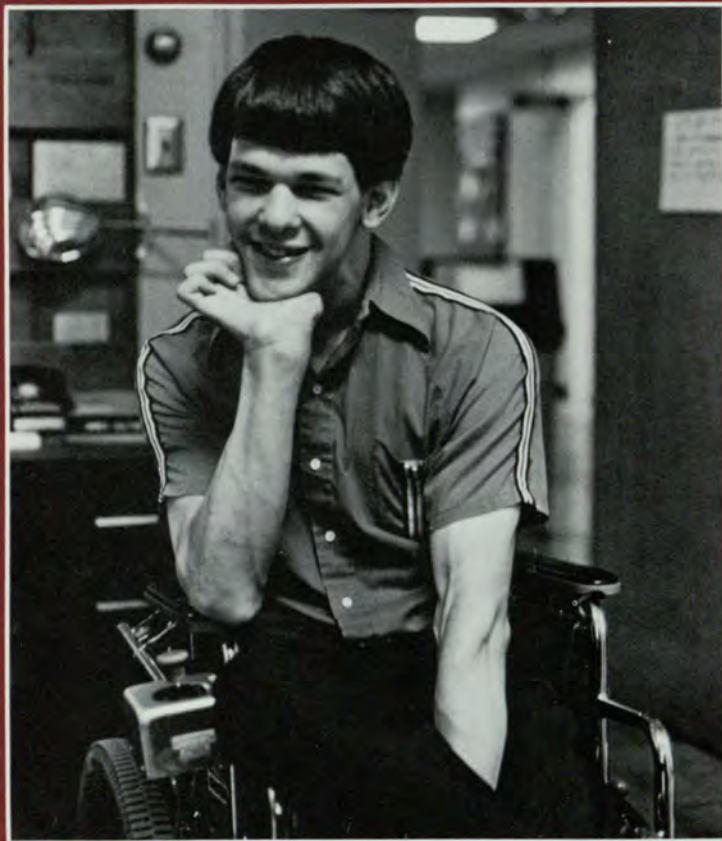
His personal objectives were to interest business men in Atlanta in an evening school where young men and women could study, to give himself a thorough training in business so that he could raise the standards of the school and to make the school co-educational eventually. Since he soon realized all of these goals and became Georgia's third Certified Public School of Commerce.

Initially, Kell was one of three regular instructors, and prominent business men were invited to lecture. In 1917, Kell resigned his post as Dean and left the school to join the Coca-Cola Company but he still taught classes. At this time, the teaching staff had swelled to twelve.

Naturally, when the school moved into the first building of its own, that building was named Kell Hall. Further, at the first Honors Day ceremony, May 26, 1939, Mary Hammond was given the W.S. Kell Award.



Two Aces Beat The Odds



Kevin Riggs Wins The Battle To Become A Leader

by Gayle C. Smith

A senior commercial music major, Kevin Riggs was the chairman for the committee for disabled students two years ago under then SGA President, Jon Shapiro, and was Chairman in 1985-86. Among the accomplishments of that committee is the installation of the handicapped symbols at all of the school elevators. When this was first proposed, there was some off-campus opposition. It seems that some people thought that placing the symbol at the elevators would seem to be an indication that the handicapped students were getting special treatment. Kevin's response was, "We need special treatment."

When I asked Kevin what the disabled student of GSU need the most, he answered, "We need for people to get comfortable with students who are handicapped. We need more awareness than just the ramps." Kevin agreed that the facilities at Georgia State are not ideal but feels that they are better than most. "We have people who help do things that ramps and equipment can't do, things that we need a breathing human being to do."

"Dean Carole Pearson works with the University in terms of bringing programs to the handicapped students. She is also working with the elevator situation in Kell Hall. There is an elevator in the building but because of the ramps, it only stops on half-floors. It needs to stop on all floor levels. Getting a wheelchair up the ramp can be murder. Dean Pearson is our staff representative and always speaks up for us. She always listens and feels as we do,

that the best people who know how to equip this place for handicapped students are the handicapped students."

There have been efforts made to provide services for disabled students at GSU for a long time, but the programs didn't really get started until August of 1973. It was then that the ball really got rolling and some changes were made around the campus to make student life a little easier for the disabled.

One of the most significant problems seems to be an ongoing situation. As everyone knows, that problem is access to the elevators in the General Classroom Building. It seems that once students have been enrolled for a quarter or two, they begin to realize that the disabled have a special problem with getting an elevator and getting to class on time. However, entering freshmen are probably not as aware of the situation since they are struggling to adjust to a new environment as well as getting their academic work done. There has been, unfortunately, a good deal of hostility concerning this issue. Unfortunately, some disabled students take the problem personally. When I asked Kevin about this, he said, "People don't go around hating handicapped students; they just don't always think." Although some feel that life has given them a "bum rap," Kevin doesn't see things that way. "It doesn't make life change when you feel so down about yourself that you can't like anyone else."

Kevin has been a victim of Cerebral Palsy since he was one day old. His father was in the service and Kevin was born in Morocco. Somehow, he got turned face down in his crib and stopped breathing. The nurse found him and turned him over, but no one knows how much time elapsed between the time he stopped breathing and the time he was found.

Some of the students at GSU were disabled in accidents, like automobile accidents, so that a portion of their lives were spent in "normalcy." I asked Kevin if he thought that they would be more resentful of their disability than he since he had been disabled all of his life. Kevin's response was, "To say that they're more resentful is stereotyping. Some handle their problems quite well. Everybody handles things in a different way. The support comes from family, friends, and faith . . . all in varying degrees. I went through a time when I wanted to quit. I was going to a special Cerebral Palsy school and they were *trying* to teach me to walk. It was hard and I didn't want to. I got angry. Anger is a waste of time. If you want something, you have to work for it."

There were two things that brought Kevin around. One of them was serious and one was quite humorous. The first new surge of strength for Kevin came when he became a Christian. He is a Baptist and joined in an invitational during one of the church services that he and his family attended. He had been attending church for a long time, but it was the first time that he had joined in the invitational. "God has gotten me through a lot, and I found the strength to keep trying. It turned out to be a long-term commitment and a real reason to achieve what I could in spite of my handicap."

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The second reason was a girl. Kevin laughed when he told me about this reason and said that it turned out to be short-term, but he didn't realize it at the time. "There was this girl at the Cerebral Palsy school, and I really liked her. I was going through a stage at the time and I cried at everything. If someone said that I did something wrong, I bawled. She told me that if I didn't stop crying that she wouldn't be my girlfriend anymore. Don't ever let anyone tell you that that won't work." Kevin's attitude turned around.

The long and short of it is that handicapped students have most of the same problems that everyone else has. They have to study for exams, although they may have to take them in Dean Pearson's office and they have the same dating problems.

"I go out," said Kevin, "I haven't had a lot of deep relationships but I think it's possible. I look for someone with the same values as mine who is really comfortable around me. I don't think every girl falls into that category. Handicapped people have to be more careful." Disabled students are like everyone else. Kevin says, "I get up in the morning and I am happy. I'm ready to go. I look terrible, but I feel good. You ought to see my hair, but then, most people don't look great when they get out of bed."

Kevin's human needs are simple. "I'm looking for someone who won't try to do everything for me. I'm looking for the same girl that everyone else is looking for."

Sounds pretty normal to me.



Richard Mouzon Meets His Goal — He's A Doctor

Richard Mouzon is exceptional for a number of reasons but the most obvious reason is that he is the first handicapped student to receive a Ph.D. from Georgia State University. Richard, a quadriplegic as the result of an automobile accident, is a sensitive, soft-spoken man who cares about the mental health and attitudes of other disabled individuals. Since his disability came during his senior year in high school when he fell asleep at the wheel on a trip to a prospective college, he knows the score from both sides, that of the handicapped and that of the non-disabled.

He entered Georgia State in 1968 and completed his undergraduate degree in Sociology in 1971. In 1973, he received his MA in

Counseling and worked for Vocational Rehabilitation for three and a half years. He then came back to GSU to work with the handicapped and during that period, disabled students were able to register for services for the first time. More than thirty disabled students were organized for a picnic at Stone Mountain and it was largely to Richard's efforts that these special students were organized for such social activities as well as for academic services.

In 1978, he was accepted into the Clinical Psychology program. He had used his work in counseling as preparation. Then things got a little rough. "In 1978, Mom died. My mother made the world all right for me. I had a lot of accidents and things got out of sequence. It cost me a year."

In 1980, Richard received an MA in psychology, and in March of 1985, to the overwhelming sound of a standing ovation, he received his PhD. His dissertation concerns the differences in the practice of black and white therapists with black patients. It is his theory that the differences lie not in socio-economic conflict but in variant cognitive styles and the manifestations of certain psychology conditions such as depression. A white man may react to depression by not going to work. A black man may become agitative.

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Obviously the road wasn't easy. "Being a quadriplegic, I needed so much help that it was too taxing on people. I walked a fine line between asking for things without making people angry and getting my work done. If I were in the library with six books and one fell to the floor, I would have to wait until someone could pick it up for me. If I were doing research in those six books and needed the information in two more to integrate with the six I already had, I would have to wait until someone was free and could get the books for me. If it hadn't been for Dr. Suttles, Connie King and so many others, I couldn't have made it."

"Schools like Georgia State are so necessary. We need more. People need to be aware of the disabled. The handicapped need to be encouraged to seek the college experience. Jobs are fine and expedient but the handicapped need places for an academic environment like anyone else."

"I appreciate Dean Thomas, Dr. Suttles, the student body and everyone else who helped me. It all started for me by Dean Thomas just being nice. She got janitors and people to get me to class; her total commitment was that GSU would offer the services I needed. Dr. Fagan and Paulene Clance, who directed my dissertation, were also nurturing. I asked for help off and on for about 18 years. I think I only got turned down twice."

"Before I die, I want to set up a scholarship fund for the disabled. At GSU, disabled students need something almost like a student center with recorders, typewriters and trained attendants. I know it would have helped me."

Most of Richard's patients are walking. He only has one who is in a wheelchair and she can walk with help. He has been talking to the people at the Shepherd Spinal Center but has not as yet established liaison. "I want to give patients a new focus, a new way of looking at themselves. You can do all of the mechanical and physical therapy things in the world for a disabled person, but if their mind is handicapped, they'll never get better."

CCTV



S. Tilghman

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Anthropology Club



B. Morton

It is the purpose of the Anthropology Club to offer students interested in Anthropology, opportunities for participation in a forum designed to stimulate communication and to act as a liaison between the Anthropology department and the student body.

Anthropology Club: Michael Barnette, Helen Berkowitz, Allison Bingham, Michelle Cagle, Ivia Cofresi, Lisa Cohen, Tim Cole, Connie Collier, Lisa Crowder (President), Roy Day, John Garrett, Susan Hamilton, Christine Lampe (Secretary/Treasurer), Terri Leonard, Barbara McCann (Vice President), Genevieve McKeown, Danny Parden, Margaret Putnam, Sherri Putnam, Jim Walsh.

Campus News

The SGA, under the leadership of Dexter Warrior experienced a year in which senators and the senate as a whole were looked upon favorably by students as well as administrators. The Programs Board committees were active and senators were involved in activities all over the campus such as the March of Dimes "Walk-A-Thon," Homecoming and a program to discourage drunk driving.

The Homecoming plans were made in response to a questionnaire generated by the SGA and given to GSU students during school hours. Since Homecoming was listed as high in the preferences of students polled, a committee was formed to create the first Homecoming in fifteen years. There were banner contests, bulletin board competitions and the weeklong series of activities culminated with a Homecoming basketball game and the crowning of a queen. The event was sufficiently successful to make plans to repeat it in 1986.

In conjunction with an SGA program, several bars and restaurants in close proximity to the campus offered free coffee and soft drinks all night to the driver of any GSU carpool group who opted to participate in the cocktail hour after classes. The idea behind this plan was to insure that someone in the car would be sober and then could drive the rest of the group to their homes. Since the average age at GSU is twenty-seven rather than twenty, the plan was a popular one that found wide acceptance among students and faculty alike.

President Dexter Warrior (1984-1985) and the senate also managed to get intra-campus telephones installed so that students could call any department on campus from any other place on campus without having to use a pay-phone.

The only blot on Warrior's administration was the removal from office of Cedric Miller, the Executive Vice-President. Miller was caught with another student, a cashier, and an alum of GSU, removing textbooks, bookbags, and shirts from the bookstore for less than retail value. Having admitted his role when questioned, Miller verbally resigned on August 12, 1985. He did not resign officially, in writing, until October 9, 1985. Lilly Garcia was elected by the senate to fill the vacancy.

After the 1985-86 Student Government Association elections, the usual protests were put forth from candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency. Charges were made concerning alleged violations of campaign etiquette at the polls, overspending and failure to turn in budget sheets on time. Danny King and Phillip Witherington were also accused of using materials so as to appear to be endorsed by THE SIGNAL. Following a lengthy court appeal, they were allowed to take office and were sworn in on April 30, 1985.

The Ms. RAMPWAY pageant was changed this year to fit into the requirements of the Miss America Pageant. That means that Jocelyn Hitchcock, Ms. RAMPWAY, 1985, will be

eligible to enter the Miss Georgia Pageant as the first step toward the Miss America Pageant. Not only did such a move eliminate the reappearance of the Red Walrus, it put the pageant on a more viable level since the move will change the contest into a scholarship event. Unfortunately, changing the pageant means the elimination of married students as contestants. In keeping with the spirit of scholarship, the GSU Foundations presented Hitchcock with a check for \$250.00.

Sir Stephen Spender, internationally renowned poet, essayist and critic, appeared at Georgia State on April 8, 1985. He discussed his reminiscences of W.H. Auden and read some of Auden's poetry. Sponsored by the Programs Board Speakers Committee, Sir Stephen regaled the audience with stories of Auden and their friendship. A well attended event, the audience was only disappointed that they could not coax him to read some of his own poetry except for one short poem about . . . W.H. Auden.

The battle for space continued this year with the priorities being the new academic building next to the Business Administration building. The new academic building will house the new computer center and will add several floors to the existing library. The library expansion has been needed for some time. Next on the priority list will be new science labs or at least extensive renovation of Kell hall to enlarge and improve GSU's science facilities for both classroom use and research.

Plans are also being made for the implementation of Urban Life, Phase II. The Urban Life, Phase II project includes the construction of a new building on the site of Parking Lot F, just behind the Urban Life Building. Such construction would allow for expansion of the bookstore, and would provide more centralized space for student activities and leisure.

DeKalb Community College, in a state of financial crisis, looked to GSU this year to take over their three (North, Central, and South) campus locations to not only pull DeKalb out of the economic hole, but to implement much needed expansion of the GSU campus. Dr. Marvin Cole of DeKalb was quoted as saying, "If this deal falls through, quite frankly, we'll have to close up shop and sell everything." Although DeKalb had to close their South Campus for asbestos removal, the merger would seem to be an answer to some of the needs of both schools. The status of the merger is still in question.

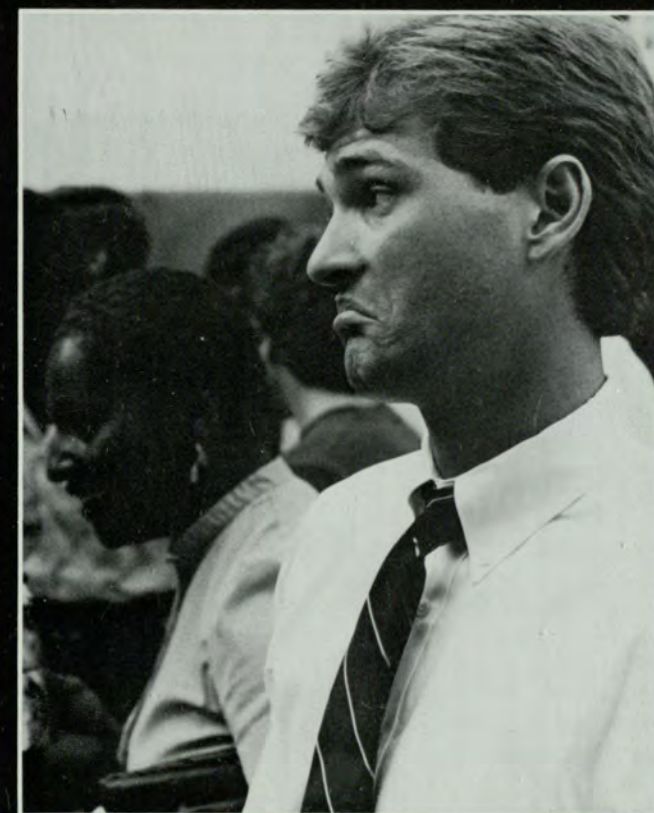
Having provided the energy and impetus for the 1981 establishment of a GSU College of Law, Dr. Ben Johnson retired in June. After more than forty years in legal education, Dr. Johnson stepped down on June 30, 1985 in compliance with a Georgia state law requiring retirement at age 70 for state employees. Although he admitted that the law school had had its share of problems and growing pains, Dr. Johnson said, "I'm very proud. I never dreamed we could do as well as we've done in three years."

The first group of graduates received their Juris Doctor degrees in December. All of these students obtained employ-

1/Signal editor Diana Minardi receives one of the many awards on behalf of the Signal at the awards ceremony in Athens, Georgia 2/GSU's growing skyline continues to change 3/1985-86 SGA] President Danny King.



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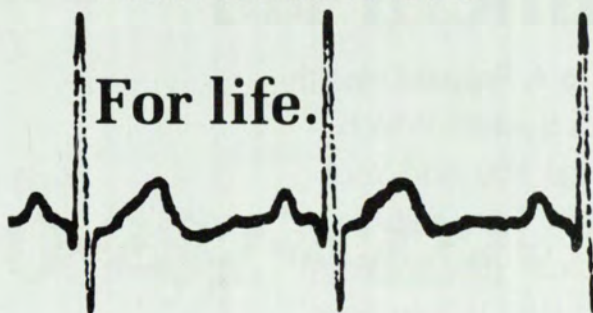
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