Graves Wins SBA Presidency in Run-Off

Berry, Furlong, Carlson, Cortez
Complete New Executive Board

In one of the closest Student Bar Association (SBA) elections in recent years, Don Graves (1L) was elected as SBA President in the run-off election held on March 30th. Graves, a first-year SBA delegate this year representing section three, won with 51.6% of the votes cast. The run-off completed this year's election cycle for the members of the 1993-1994 student government.

Berry, Cortez, others win
Graves will join four others students on the SBA Executive Board. Clif Cortez (2L) was elected in the run-off with a landslide 71% of the vote. The other members of the Executive Board are Angie Berry (2L) - Day Vice President, Rachel Carlson (1L) - Treasurer, and Randy Furlong (2E), who was re-elected as Evening Vice President. Berry, Carlson and Furlong were elected in the SBA general election held on March 24 and 25.

Second and third year SBA delegates were also elected for the day and evening division. Complete election results are on page 2.

Voting Rights Advocate Carey To Give Marshall Address Thursday

Margaret Carey, a Mississippi attorney and one of the premier voting rights litigators in the country, has been selected by the Student Bar Association (SBA) as the recipient of the first annual Thurgood Marshall Medal of Justice. Carey will receive the award and deliver a public address at a public ceremony on Thursday at 3:30 pm in Hall 202. The Medal of Justice was established by the SBA earlier this semester as a tribute to the memory and ideals of the late Thurgood Marshall and to inspire and guide future generations of GU law students.

Carey was selected from among the many nominations received from GULC students and faculty. Carey was nominated by Professor David Cole, who referred to her as having a vision of justice that is "captivating, inclusive and optimistic" and creating an example that is "truly inspiring". Carey grew up in Key West, Florida as one of six children in a poor family. From these humble beginnings she went on to receive her B.A., cum laude, from the University of Michigan in 1977, where she majored in Political Science and African/Afro-American Studies. She received her J.D. from the University of Florida in 1981. Carey then served as a Graduate Fellow at GULC's Institute for Public Representation and received her LL.M., summa cum laude, in 1983. She then served a brief stint at the in the Office of the General Counsel, US Commission on Civil Rights before returning to the South. She has spent the past 10 years as a staff attorney and director of the Voting Rights Project for the Center for Constitutional Rights, whose offices are in Greenville, Mississippi.

At the Voting Rights Project Carey is responsible for all aspects of voting rights litigation in federal district and circuit courts and for administrative advan-

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First steps of the new SBA

The new members of the SBA have already held their first meeting, and will conclude SBA business for this academic year with a meeting during the final week of classes. At their initial meeting, Graves stressed to the delegates the importance of upholding their responsibility to the students and the SBA by maintaining regular attendance and working on one of the SBA committees.

Graves, in conjunction with other members of the Executive Board, has already begun to take action to implement his campaign platform, which includes working with the GULC Administration to better address student needs, making the SBA more responsive to students and improving the student group appropriations process. As a small but important first step, a suggestion box has been placed outside the SBA office (room 171). Please fill it with ideas, suggestions, or criticisms, because it is ultimately the involvement of students in the year ahead that will determine the success of this new SBA.

Student Bar Association 1993-1994

Executive Board
Don Graves - President
Angie Berry - Day Vice President
Randy Furlong - Evening Vice President
Rachel Carlson - Treasurer
Clif Cortez - Secretary

3L Day Delegates
Gabe Gonzalez
Ken Johnson
Felicia Lasley
Ramona Ortiz
Parag Patel
Fred Schultz
Soni Sinha
Ann Tadajewski

2L Day Delegates
Dilia Fernandez
C.J. Gray
Jennifer Hardy
Mehmet Konar
Malini Majumdar
Alvaro Mestre
Joseph Sanscrainte
Vani Singhal

3L Evening Delegates
Thad Furlong
Mark Robinson

2L Evening Delegates
Michael Lawrence
Martha Rodriguez

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acy before the US Department of Justice. Her clients are primary persons and community organizations throughout the state of Mississippi who seek an equal opportunity for black people in Mississippi to elect candidates of their choice to public office. Her present case document includes legal challenges to: racial gerrymandering of electoral districts on the local and state level; second-primary requirements; and discriminatory municipal annexation policies.

What makes Carey’s work particularly noteworthy is her commitment to the community in which she works and her aggressive efforts to involve community residents in her efforts to create social change. In describing her approach to litigation in a January 1990 Mother Jones article, Carey said “First, you have to believe that members of the community have the right to be involved, and second, that they are capable of doing it.” Carey said that “if you believe this, you respect them ... you understand that you are working on their behalf. We empower the community to make its own decisions, because they are the ones who have to live with the results.”

An example of the type of work Carey has undertaken is seen in the town of Belzoni in the Mississippi Delta. As described in Mother Jones, local white authorities had acted over a period of many years to insure that any low income housing was built outside the town line. As a result, although 98.9% of the Belzonians were African-American, a majority were living outside of town and were technically unable to vote in municipal elections. According to Carey, “the residents were given a choice between housing and citizenship.” Efforts to change the situation had been made for 20 years, but to no avail. That trend was soon changed by Margaret Carey. Through her efforts to involve the community she successfully challenged the elections process in the town. As a result, blacks recently won three of five seats on the town board - the first black elected officials in Belzoni since Reconstruction.

Her experience in Belzoni is only one of the dozens of communities Carey has worked with, fought for and changed. According to Carey, she was inspired by the civil rights lawyers of the 1950’s and 1960’s. As a contemporary figure who has fought, without fanfare, for the rights of the poor and people of color, Margaret Carey sets a proud example for future recipients of the Thurgood Marshall Medal of Justice, and stands as a bold inspiration for law students of today.