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SBA NEWSLETTER

TYDINGS by tom wright

Joseph D. Tydings speaks Thursday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m. in the Moot Court Room on the "Failure of Our Courts to Adopt to the Twentieth Century." This particular program in the SBA Speakers Forum series should be of interest to every Marshall-Wythe student.

Mr. Tydings is exceptionally qualified to remark on court modernization. As Senator from Maryland, he was Chairman of the Subcommittee on Improvements in Judicial Machinery. He proposed a central office of judicial administration and grants to foster programs for judicial reform. Judicial reform has been an important theme in remarks by Mr. Bernard Segal this semester and Chief Justice Burger during last week's Judicial Conference. Mr. Tydings has taken a leading role in court modernization, including authoring recent law review articles concerning judicial reform.

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Law Review Candidates

If you have wandered into the library during the past several weeks, you've probably encountered a number of first-year students feverishly at work with reporters and law reviews stacked high around them. The bleary faces and nervous eye tics confirm that these are the Spring Candidates for the Law Review.

Originally forty in number, now twenty-five postulants remain. The breakdown for the original forty included twenty-three from section A, and seventeen from section B, representing -- with a minimum 1.75 average -- the top twenty percent of the first year class.

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ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Annual SBA Golf Tournament will be held Tuesday, April 6th at the rolling 7200 yards Newport News Municipal Course. Tee-off times will be scheduled from 10:30 until 12:30, and the Green Fees will be set at a low low price of \$2.50.

law review

The Candidate program, under the supervision of Bob Koch, requires the preparation of a Current Decision, and the passing of tests on editing ability and proficiency in applying the Harvard Citator (a. "white" book, b. "blue" book, c. both of the above, d. none of the above) Rules. The fact that all this must be accomplished within the space of a few weeks has disturbed a number of the Candidates. However, this work is invaluable therapy for what lies ahead. Once successfully completing the candidate program, the candidate must write a Case Note within a year in order to be elevated to "Staff". On the day of elevation the bells of the village peal out and the villagers close their shops and crowd joyously into the streets to watch the solemn procession as it passes on its way to the Great Hall for the investiture ceremony. The candidates, resplendent in their robes, intone from their Blue Books the rules of the Order. The streets are festooned with streamers and flowers, and a choir of small children marches at the fore. This year the ceremony is expected to take place during the second week of April.

Of special note in this year's Candidacy program is the fact that the Law Review is expanding the size of its staff both in order to assume management and publication of The Tax Executive, an eminent publication being entrusted to the Marshall-Wythe School of Law; and to enable it to assume more special research projects.

by dick carrington

Fast Tax Service

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Mr. Tydings was campaign manager for John F. Kennedy in the Maryland Primary in 1960. He served as U. S. Attorney for the Maryland District from 1961 to 1964, and was elected Senator from Maryland in 1964. His senate service was characterized as dynamic and progressive. Even controversial in areas of gun control legislation and financial disclosure by legislators.

As a student at the University of Maryland he was a member of ODK, the National Leadership Fraternity, and elected Student Government President. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1955 and President of the Junior Bar Association. Awards received by Mr. Tydings include Outstanding Legislator by the Maryland Press Correspondents Association and the American Trial Lawyers Citation of Distinction.

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BEER will be available as will
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The cost will be \$3.50 per car
or \$1.50 per person not participating in the Rallye but wanting to join the picnic and fun at Warner Hall.

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Shetler for the Rallye.

Interested UNTEERS see
G. Shetler.

Winners of Rally

1. Ted & Mary Johnson 3rd yr
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34. J. Peterson - R. Peterson

35. Multiple Blands -
Disqualified

36. Bob Boal - Mary Alice
Haynes

37. Scott - Llewellyn

38. Betty Griffin - Carol
Arnette

39. Robert L. Bartlett -
Robert Woody

40. Owens - Lewis -
Disqualified

Rally

LOWEST FINISHING FACULTY TEAM AWARD

Scott - Llewellyn

HOW COULD THEY BE SO GOOD IN CLASS AND BLOW A SIMPLE RALLYE AWARD

Scott - Llewellyn

BEST SCORE HAVING MISSED A CHECKPOINT AWARD

Willie & Liz Funk

FIRST TEAM TO FINISH AWARD

Frank Frye - McCune

BEST ALL GIRL TEAM

Eileen Frye - Jackie McCune

LONGEST TIME BETWEEN CHECKPOINTS (over allowed time and when taken in order) AWARD

J. Peterson - R. Peterson 56 min. 22 sec.

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MOST 20 PENALTY POINT CHECK CHECK POINT AWARD

J. Maus - T. Miller & J. Peterson - R. Peterson (3)

MOST 0 PENALTY POINT CHECK POINT AWARD

Walck - Rowland (2)

MOST TIMES ENTERING CHECKPOINT FROM WRONG DIRECTION AWARD

Freeman - Evans (2)

MOST FLAGARANT VIOLATION OF THE RULES AWARD

Bob Bland - 4 people & dogs in car

FIRST TEAM TO GET LOST AWARD

Jack Maus - Tom Miller

CAR TAKING THE LONGEST TIME TO COMPLETE THE COURSE AND STILL
TURN IN A SCORE SHEET WITH ALL CHECKPOINTS FOUND AWARD

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THE A.J.S. AND MEMBERSHIP - THE PARTICULAR GOVERNS THE GENERAL AND VICE VERSA

On Wednesday, February 24, Mr. J. Strauss Campbell, attorney, and a director of the American Judicature Society spoke briefly to perhaps fifty students and others in the Moot Court room. The purpose of his visit here, Mr. Campbell stated, was to encourage application for membership in the A.J.S. He attempted to establish as a selling point the A.J.S.' contribution to the efficient administration of justice, a notion "whose time has come".

Mr. Campbell's visit is old news, but it raised a question constantly raised - whether to join, and if so why? Let us, then, take a look at the pitch and see what kind of promise it really holds. Such an inspection reveals a few simple guidelines, for the conscience, if you will, that should be followed in seeking or rejecting membership in some organizations.

The interest of the A.J.S. in the efficient administration of justice is manifest, claimed Mr. Campbell, in a number of ways: The A.J.S.' (1) publication of a unique periodical dealing not with jurisprudence or history, rather with "helpful little things", (2) support of court management through computer systems which would aid in getting the 'right people to the right court at the right time, (3) support of an institute for court management which would train court administrators, (4) sponsorship of a "merit plan" for judges, (5) sponsorship of judicial conferences such as the one which has taken place in Williamsburg, and (6) favoring the limiting of oral debate on the appellate level.

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Nobody can doubt that one should be interested in the efficient administration of justice. One possible detraction, however, is that one should be more interested in the administration of justice. Nonetheless, inasmuch as the manifest aims of the A.J.S. truly promote the efficient administration of justice, the A.J.S. is an organization in which, at least, to be interested. But to join... that is another question.

Mr. Campbell urged joining the A.J.S. because it is "vigorous, active, and growing". What could he have meant? Several things. For one - "If you are vigorous, active, and growing, and stand for the same things we do, then here is a chance to make your mark with our organization". So much for the so-called vigorous attorneys. What about the others, the majority? Is there a reason for the moribund, passive, and decaying attorneys, or the ones in between, to become members of the A.J.S.? Apparently so.

Membership gives its approval to the organization's goals and also foots the bill. And here the distinct advantage lies with the organization. Approval alone reflects nothing, not virtue, not crime, and deserves neither praise nor blame. It is, therefore, vain to pay dues simply for the chance to approve, because one can simply approve. Passive, dues-paying membership is, at best, no more than a financial contribution, like one made to the United Fund.

Would the A.J.S. be better off or happier if it did not ~~have~~ to make members out of some of its financial backers? Certainly the prospective member would be. For when one contemplates membership, if it is passive, he faces on the one hand, as to making his mark, the terrible knowledge of doing nothing, and on the other hand, as to financial backing, doing the very least he could do.

In conclusion, it would appear that the question of whether to join, and if so, why, is for most purposes answered, and it would appear that the A.J.S. is worthy of at least a contribution. Whatever secrets about joining persist, we would say, out of kindness, let them remain locked in the hearts of the joiners.

h John witman