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Marshall-Wythe School of Law *The Advocate*

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In Search of The Dean Search

For the first time, the Advocate takes its readers backstage to reveal the inner machinations of the dean search committee.

Speculation has, of course run wild about the names of the six finalists. Speculation has also run wild about which of the six finalists the S.B.A. dean search committee found "acceptable." Despite repeated inquiries by this newspaper, committee members maintained their silence, prompting co-editor Jerry Kilgore's resignation in early March.

Asked to reveal the names of the six finalists, Dean Richard Williamson responded, "What walks on four legs in the morning, two legs at noon, and three legs at sunset?"

However, two members of the S.B.A.'s dean search committee agreed to talk to The Advocate on the condition that their names not be disclosed. These students confirmed rumors that finalists included Admiral James T. Kirk, an authority on space law and intergalactic relations; Chief Justice Warren Burger, who saw an opportunity to retire to teach while a conservative president was in office; and Godzilla, who threatened to reduce Carter's Grove to ashes if not offered the post.

One quality looked on favorably for dean candidates was familiarity with the political and legislative process. For that reason, other finalists included Gerald Ford and Rosalynn



The six dean search finalists arrive at Marshall-Wythe incognito.

Carter. Other candidates who applied included Richard Nixon, Bigfoot, N.C. State basketball coach Jim Valvano, the Cat-woman, Floyd Cramer, and Grateful Dead guitarist Jerry Garcia.

One of the Advocate's sources said that the process had been especially difficult, "especially when Nixon promised me a case of Moo-Cow creamers from the Southern Pancake House if I'd

give him my vote.

"It got even rougher near the end of the process, when we were all tired and frustrated and deadlocked," he continued. The tension in the meeting room was so thick that we could hardly get our Ouija board to work, and when one guy lost the dice I almost hit him over the head with the Henry McKenna bottle. Boy, I sure hope I never have to do anything like that again."

(Editor's note: A serious aside here. As most of our readers probably know, in real life President-designate Verkuil appointed Professor Timothy Sullivan to become law school dean effective July 1. We congratulate Dean Sullivan and wish him a happy and successful tenure as dean. We will carry a more detailed, non-satirical article about the appointment in our April 11 issue.)



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AMA Accreditors Visit

A pair of inspectors from the American Mouse Association recently visited Marshall-Wythe's new facilities. They were generally pleased with the overall layout and functioning of the school but did note a lack of cheese in the lounge area. Citing the administration's policy against food in the lobby and classrooms, the officers expressed strong disapproval and questioned whether M-W could retain its accreditation unless the situation is remedied. School officials pointed out, however, that Marshall-Wythe does not allow cats in the building and does serve wine and cheese at its receptions.

Unconfirmed reports indicate that finalists included Captain James T. Kirk... Chief Justice Warren Burger... Rosalynn Carter... and Godzilla.

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Libel Nights Strike



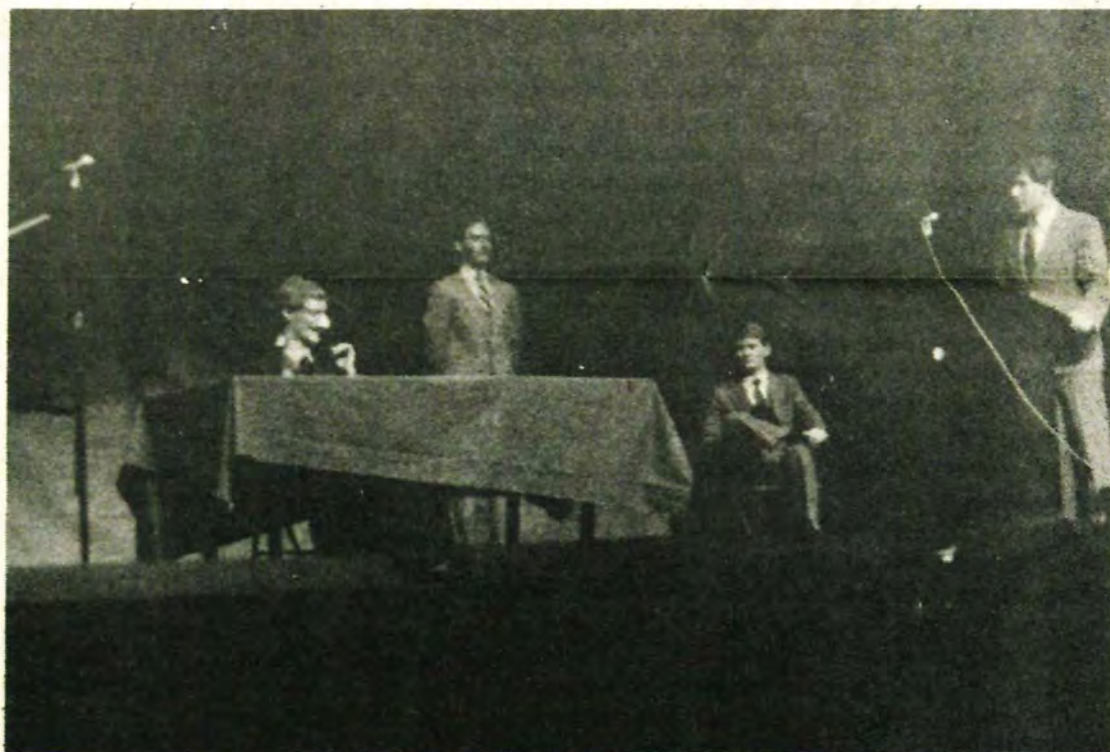
Phil, oh Phil, why did you leave us behind?



"I can see Paradise rolling baseball dice . . ."



We don't know what this skit was, but it must have been a lulu.



The Honorable John Zepkin presides over the People's Court.



Killer bees invade the library.

Libel Night is Thursday, April 4, and if you don't go, may your highlighter run dry, may moths infest your charcoal-grey suit, and may you send out 250 copies of your resume before discovering a typo indicating that you're 144th in the class. Here are some scenes from Libel Nights yesteryear . . .

Honor Committee Adopts Colonial Sanctions

The Honor Committee met recently to revise the penalties for Honor Code violations at the law school. Responding to pressures from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's Tourist Entertainment Division, the Honor Committee has decided to replace the standard punishments of warning, withdrawal of parking privileges, police harassment, and expulsion with more colorful punishments. First time offenders will be locked in the stocks in front of the law school. Tourists are encouraged to throw tomatoes, rocks, and rotten eggs. Trials will no longer be held indoors. Instead, violators will be required to run to Jamestown and back, followed closely by a gun-toting professor. Anyone failing to finish will be executed by cannon squad.



Tourists will be encouraged to throw rotting vegetables at future honor offenders.



Civil procedure professor helps administer new honor "trial by marathon."



Another one bites the dust.

M-W Adopts "No-Admissions" Policy

When asked what the most exclusive law school in the country, the average pre-law type will say things like, Harvard, Chicago, Yale, Texas, etc. These are the places that everybody dreams about going to and making law review. Almost never on these lists of exclusiveness and dreams does the name of Marshall-Wythe Law School of the College of William and Mary (widely thought to be a Catholic girls' school) appear. In order to remedy this "exclusiveness gap," an in-house committee of administrators, professors, students, and flightless ducks from the Crim Dell have formulated a bold plan to raise Marshall-Wythe to the lofty heights of law school super-stardom.

First, the law school will conduct a nation-wide media campaign centering on commercials featuring Christy Brinkley. Ms. Brinkley will be lounging on tropical beach clad in a skimpy two-piece bikini. She will be peeling grapes and holding a yellow hi-lighter. Cristy will turn to the screen, slowly run her tongue over her lips, and say, "Marshall-



Wythe: it's not for everybody." Then a graphic will flash on the saying, "In fact, it's not for anybody."

That's right; Marshall-Wythe will become the most exclusive law school ever by not accepting any students in the fall of 1985. The committee debated this dramatic move at length. One of the ducks, who asked to remain unidentified, stated, "I think the committee made a bad decision because . . . Well, I can't think of anything right off hand, but you get the point." When asked to comment, Professor Rufus T. Firefly just quacked a little and picked some mites off his dorsal feathers.

Third, the law school will up its normal application fee from \$25.00 to \$70.00, which is \$15.00 more than the application fee of any other law school and is certain to make us more exclusive, and, thereby, the school will receive many more applications. Economists predict the higher application fee and the increased numbers of applications will completely offset the lack of any tuition from the Class of '88. Harris-tweed Staphinfection, director of The-Lawyers-With-Jobs Program, commented, "We wanted to get like a program to charge rejected students tuition, but like we couldn't swing, you know. But, wow, man, it would have been great, you know."

Fourth, the law school will establish two special admissions programs: the "early rejection" program and the "apply early, apply often" program. The early rejection program will allow highly qualified undergraduate candidates to have their hopes shattered like an eggshell thrown against a granite cliff at high velocity before any of their equally undergraduate friends have their hopes shattered like an eggshell thrown against a granite cliff at high velocity. The apply early, apply often program will offer many of the advantages of the early rejection program except that it will be more expensive and, hence, more exclusive. In addition, participants in the apply

early, apply often program will receive a free t-shirt with the law school logo on the front and "I got nuked by the best" on the back.

Numerous observers have criticized the law school's action, claiming it will eventually destroy legal education in this country, because other schools will be sure to follow. If this trend continued, a just-released study reveals, there would be no students in any law schools, not even the ones named after Supreme Court Justices. When asked to comment on this observation, Dr. Staphinfection states, "Hey, man, like when you're exclusive, you can get away with this sh-- you know."

Some stupid fool on the American Bar Association's Law School Accreditation Committee warned that Marshall-Wythe might lose its accreditation if it refuses to accept any new students. The ABA, though, has decided that it's a great idea and is currently working on a plan not to let anybody else into the bar.

And what will happen to the Admissions Office and its staff? Bingo—Tuesdays and Thursdays; \$10,000.00 Jackpot Every Night.

National Center Razed for Parking Lot

Marshall-Wythe students returning to class on Monday were greeted with a change of scenery as they discovered that the National Center for State Courts had been razed to make way for a new parking lot. Scheduled for completion in August, the new parking lot will add approximately 75 new parking spaces.

When asked about the project, Dean Spong replied, "I know it seems like a drastic measure to some, but the fact is that we were facing drastic circumstances. Some students who couldn't arrive in time to find parking spaces in the existing parking lot were having to find other parking places either in the street or on the grass at the end of the existing lot. We had a very dangerous situation with students trying to parallel-park at 8:00 in the morning, and some students were even having to walk as much as an eighth of a mile each morning just to get to class. We just couldn't let this situation go on, and razing the National Center for State Courts was the only alternative available to us. All of the other proposed sites, such as the area to the south of the existing lot and the Mimosa Street site, were simply too far away."

A survey of the students studying at the law school over the weekend showed that reactions to the new project were overwhelmingly favorable. Only one student, who asked to remain anonymous, had a negative reaction. "I'm just furious," the student said. "This is the most disgusting display of meaningless waste that I've ever seen. I think it's shameful that that building was torn down just to make room for a parking lot. If the administration had been thinking about the welfare of the students and of Marshall-Wythe's reputation, they would have left the National Center standing and converted it into a parking garage. With its two floors, we could have had 150 new spaces instead of just 75."



A cheerful M-W official shows the ruins of the National Center.



Frustrated by the parking problem, M-W students had been using alternative forms of transportation to get to class.

We Sue the World . . . Why Not the Children?



Only \$10 a month would feed this pitiful law student! Your contribution can make a difference! Won't you care for Little Ray?

Little Ray was found cowering on Dog Street, begging for food from tourists. He kept alive by rummaging through the trashcans at the Green Leaf. The Advocate soon found him a sponsor who provided new clothing, food, and a teddi bear. But many more need your help! Send your checks to: The Advocate Hunger Squad, c/o Room 238, Marshall-Wythe.

.....Be "Dean for a Day!"



.....Just tell us in 25 words or less why you would like to be dean at Marshall-Wythe! Send your entry to:

Dean Search Committee
c/o The Advocate
Room 238, Law School

*Entries to be judged on originality, clarity of thought, blue book form, and sincerity. One entry per person.