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Dean Schoenenberger to Leave M-W

Last week, the administration announced that Associate Dean for Placement Michael R. Schoenenberger will be leaving his position at the law school. Schoenenberger, who has been at Marshall-Wythe since 1980, will remain as director of the placement office until the middle of July. After he leaves, he will return to management consulting with corporations, his specialty before coming to M-W. Schoenenberger, who holds an A.B. from William & Mary and a J.D. from the University of North Carolina, worked on the Senate Labor Committee before assuming his present position.

Dean Schoenenberger stated that his goals upon coming to William & Mary were to build strong placement, development, and alumni programs. He feels that these goals were achieved and hopes that he will leave them in good shape. With regard to place-

ment, Schoenenberger pointed to the increased number of firms interviewing on campus. In 1980, 58 firms interviewed at Marshall-Wythe. Thus far in this academic year, 131 firms have come to campus. This figure, coupled with the firms who interview at the Atlanta and Virginia Conferences, nearly triples the number of firms with which Marshall-Wythe students can be afforded an interview.

More importantly, Schoenenberger stressed, the law school has been drawing "flagship firms" into the interview process. These large, well-known firms will create a snowball effect, in which their counterparts and competitors will follow the trail to M-W. With the presence of the flagship firms, Schoenenberger said, "There should be a dramatic increase in the number of recruiters at William & Mary in the next five, or even two to three years."

M-W graduates should have very good prospects in the next couple years, according to Dean Schoenenberger. He identified several reasons for this observation. First, the number of jobs in the private sector will increase with the overall improvement in the national economy. Though public sector jobs might decline at the national level, more opportunities will open up at state and local levels.

Second, Schoenenberger discussed the critical period for law schools and the legal profession in 1983-1984. At that time, the rush of undergraduates to law school reached the critical point. The perception that the legal field was overcrowded and that jobs were difficult to come by permeated the thoughts of prospective law students. The publicity over the crowded legal



Michael Schoenenberger, departing Dean of Placement.

Jessup Team Takes Regionals

The Jessup International Moot Court Team is on its way to the National Tournament in Washington, D.C. This past weekend, the team consisting of Terry Kilgore, Miles Prillaman, Randy Singer and Trish West won the Appalachian Regionals of the Jessup International Moot Court Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee. With the win, the team advances to the national competition.

The team went into the final round with the first seed and fought off the University of Tennessee to claim the Regional Title. Along the way, the Jessup Team defeated Georgia State, Memphis State, Virginia and Kentucky.

Other schools participating in the tournament included Washington and Lee, Texas, Vanderbilt, Duke, North Carolina and Wake Forest.

Additionally, the team walked away with Best Memorial (Brief) Award. For the Jessup Competition, the tournament required each team to submit both a Petitioner's and a Respondant's brief. Randy Singer received First Runner-Up Best Oralist while Miles Prillaman walked away with Third Runner-Up honors.

The team travels to Washington, D.C. in April for the National Finals. If they are successful in the National Tournament, they proceed to International competition.



Members of the winning Jessup International Moot Court Team pose with their trophies, left or right, Trish West, Miles Prillaman, Terry Kilgore, and Randy Singer. Photo by Andrea Caruso.



The Jessup Team's carrel after the victory announcement.

The Advocate

Marshall-Wythe School of Law

Letters to the Editor

Commencement

On behalf of the Commencement Committee, I am pleased to announce a competition to select the Student Speaker for the 1986 Commencement Exercises. The person chosen will represent all graduates at Commencement by delivering an address on a topic of his/her choosing. The only stipulation is that the topic must be a theme of institutional interest, i.e. a theme to which any graduate could relate. Any person, graduate or undergraduate, receiving a degree in May is eligible to apply.

The selection process is as follows:

1) By Thursday, February 27, persons wishing to apply must submit to the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs (203B James Blair Hall):

a) A two-page personal statement describing why the candidate wishes to be the Commencement Speaker and providing any other information which might be pertinent to the student's candidacy for this honor.

b) A five-page sample of creative writing. This writing sample might be something the student has used for a class or it may be an original piece written specifically for the competition. The topic of the paper should not be the subject on which the student intends to speak.

c) At least one recommendation from a faculty member. The faculty recommendation should address the thoughtfulness of the applicant and the applicant's ability to articulate ideas.

2) By mid-March, three to five finalists will be selected. Each finalist will be asked to make a five-minute oral presentation to the election committee and will have a brief interview with the committee. Additional information will be requested from the faculty references of the finalist. The Committee to select the Student Speaker will consist of two seniors, one graduate student, one faculty member, and the Chairman of the Commencement Committee.

3) By April 4, the Speaker will be selected and announced to the College community.

Being chosen to speak at Commencement is a unique achievement and a high honor. The Committee joins me in urging all who are interested to apply.

Sincerely,
W. Samuel Sadler
Chairman
Commencement Committee

The world's problems: hunger, human rights, nuclear war - they're just too far away.

And America's problems: the homeless, the unemployed, the abused children, the vanishing family farm, the overburdened environment, the new racism, the same old sexism, the national debt - they're just not bad enough yet.

And here in Williamsburg everything is OK. Kepon in the James? It only stirs up during storms.

And the evacuation routes in case Surry blows, I know mine, do you know yours?

And that exceptionally skilled and caring professor who is being forced to fight for the job security and respect this school should be proud to offer. I trust the administration and faculty not to treat a colleague that way without a really good reason. Don't you?

My point is simple: there are no shortage of problems that need our attention.

As we leave the library late at night and go home to stale smelling apartments, its hard not to think about how much we deserve for our hard work and sacrifices. And we do work hard.

But in reality it is amazing how much we have already received. Our tuition doesn't pay all the costs of educating us. Virginians pay the rest. And the portion we do pay is often subsidized by low interest government loans, scholarships from nonprofit organizations, and gifts and loans from proud and idealistic family members. Few of us had to fight incredible social and economic odds to be here. Yet we feel we deserve so much.

When I was a first-year my mother, an elementary school guidance counselor, visited a couple of my classes. Like most first-years I was convinced law school was cruel intellectual torture. The Paper Chase encouraged us to adopt that abused attitude. After class I expected a flood of motherly sympathy. Instead she said, "It must be wonderful to toy with ideas, sharpen your mind and just think about things all day long."

It seems we have become so myopic that we can't see our own good fortune. We have three years to sharpen our minds and "just think about things." Shortly

thereafter we're graciously accepted into the condo and country club crowd.

We've got it backwards.

We don't deserve so much.

We owe so much.

Many of the world's problems have legal solutions; others just need someone to care. America trained us and now looks to us for solutions.

Please! get excited about something - excited enough to do something.

Dawn Coppock
Class of '87

Honor

To the Members of The Marshall-Wythe Community:

The Honor Code is one aspect of Law School life that makes the study of law at Marshall-Wythe unique. In theory the Code is to foster an atmosphere of mutual trust and professional responsibility not unlike that which should ideally exist in the practicing legal world.

In recent months the members of the Judicial council have begun to take a serious look at the Honor Code to see if its terms satisfy the current needs of the Marshall-Wythe community. We do this with a view towards revising the Code's provisions to insure that a contemporary and effective honor system is in place. To do this properly we need your help and input.

The Council has determined that several different sections of the Code need reworking. The first is the jurisdictional section. Just exactly what aspects of a law student's life (on and off campus) does the Honor Code cover? More importantly, what aspects should it cover? What is the meaning of the Code's current jurisdictional phrase "within the College Community?" What should be the relationship between the Honor Code and the Disciplinary Code? (Yes! One does exist.) Should a so-called honor offense be specifically defined so as to make that aspect of the Code clearer?

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An Appeal for Moot Court

Congratulations are in order for the Jessup Moot Court Team. As we all know, it is hard enough a task to stay in law school, doing our assigned reading, writing seminar papers, and looking for a job. Yet each year, so many second-years are driven to compete for moot court teams than there are not enough spaces to accommodate them. Marshall-Wythe's moot court performance over the years has been exemplary, and we have won a caseful of trophies from far and wide to prove it.

The large number of second-years competing for moot court is especially gratifying when one considers some of the obstacles our moot court program faces. A National Moot Court team member wrote eloquently of these problems a few issues ago in a letter to the editor; the best we can hope to do is recap his main points.

First, moot court participation carries no academic credit, despite the hours of research, writing, and practice required for any team. True, team members are exempt from the third-year writing requirement; yet even moot court team members take seminars anyway to ease exam loads and to reap the benefits of small class size. Law review participation carries academic credit, as it should. Why not moot court?

Another problem is inadequate funding for moot court teams. Team members themselves must pay most expenses of traveling to distant cities to compete. An indigent student who earns a berth on a moot court team should not have to worry about paying his or her travel expenses.

Finally, many employers don't realize the selectivity of Marshall-Wythe's Moot Court program. They do not realize that here, unlike certain other schools, moot court participation is not open to just anyone. Rather this honor - and here, it is an honor - only comes after a rigorous selection process. As our reputation grows, this lack of respect should diminish. For now, sadly, for some employers moot court participation makes little difference.

Similar situations may exist for other Marshall-Wythe organizations. If so, we invite team members' comments. One of the reasons this paper exists is to provide a sounding board for such complaints. (While we're on the subject of non-moot court competitions, kudos to the trial teams for their fine performance.)

Some are trying to change the moot court situations. Moot Court Board Chief Justice Ted Fauls has lobbied for change all year, and we hope his successor follows in his footsteps. Also, Dean Sullivan set increased moot court team funding as one goal of the proposed drive to raise funds from parents of Marshall-Wythe students. Let us hope his efforts bear fruit.

Even as we type these words on the library word processor, the Fordham Teams are surveying the rough drafts of their brief. And what might well be the last team to compete in our own tournament is in the moot courtroom practicing its oral skills. Keep up the good work, moot court people, and don't be discouraged. Such great effort does not go unrewarded in the long run. (J.O.A.)

Excitement

What gets us excited? - excited enough to do something? I know we are not self-absorbed, apathetic people. We are compassionate. We don't want other people to suffer. We want the world to be better because we lived. I'm sure when we are faced with some gross injustice or mass suffering we will cry out in our eloquent, well-educated voices. It's just that the world is doing so well without our help.

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P-Cap: An Inside View

BY LAYNE RUSSELL '87

Many of us see prisons as a place where "bad" people are put to be kept out of sight (or at least not heard) for the period of time the law demands. But it goes without saying that for those in prison, life continues. True, these men and women are there because of the conflict between law and their choice of conduct. Yet "outsiders" rarely ever think about prisoners and their recognition as a part of our society. We should remind ourselves that these people have not simply vanished off the face of the earth like some paperback fiction character.

So what is it like "inside"? What are the sights and sounds prisoners hear in that existence "out of society" for so many years? In the Post Conviction Assistance Project (P-CAP), we get to experience a little of what it is like on the inside just by visiting the inmates at Petersburg Federal Correctional Institution. Although we come and go on our visits much like the small "prison" birds that flit back and forth over the wall

there, we do see and hear the struggle and misery of the prisoners' existence. They come to us in the strictest confidence with stories of wild and unbelievable brutality. Some tell us of loving families who are waiting on the outside who are their hope in this bleak time. Others keep us busy with crude and sometimes valid ways to get back into the court system to vindicate their trampled rights. All in all, we sense a variety in the life of the incarcerated. Some are intensely criminal, some there for the first time. Yet even in the most evil, that little voice inside us says "this prisoner, this criminal is still like me, still a human being."

When we leave from our visits to assist inmates with their legal problems, we feel relief. Part of it is the feeling we get walking outside, away from the electrified fence that towers above the prison yard. But more often than not, we derive a greater sense of worth from having rendered assistance without pay.

In the weeks ahead, P-CAP members work on the prisoners' legal matter by clarifying them or researching the matter to find a correct resolution. The project exists for both the prisoners and the

members. Yet P-CAP stands for more. It tells us that we as a society are never left without the responsibility for our fellow men whether poor and criminal or in some other disadvantaged state. P-CAP helps law students keep in touch with their society and its inherent responsibilities.

In closing, I would like to share a little prison-prose from an inmate. It follows:

Prison is a place where one can lose all hope. It's a place where the flame in every man burns low; a place where nobody needs you. It's a place where a man or a woman can see their marriage go down the drain. Prison is a place where you are put and forgot about. If you are not mentally strong, it could destroy one. But the Prisoner must remember he put himself here too. But does it give the people who run the prisons the right to dehumanize one because he is labeled a Prisoner? Just the other day a fellow inmate almost killed himself by trying to hang himself. Why? Because guards ignored him when he called them. It hurt me; this man could have died; two months to go, and he almost died.

Wayneburg By Wayne Melnick '88



I have just a word of advice for summer job hunters. Be careful if you hear, "It doesn't pay well, but it's great experience."

Honor

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The second major area of concern deals with the penalty provisions of the Code. Contrary to popular opinion a violation of the Code does not result in a single sanction. Expulsion from law school is not an automatic result. The Judicial Council is empowered to recommend to the Dean any sanction it deems equitable under the circumstances. The Council feels however, that these penalty provisions need clarification.

These are some of the major issues that the Judicial Council would like to address. We would like to have your input as members of the student body affected by these changes and as trustees for future classes of Marshall-Wythe students. We encourage you (students and faculty) to submit comments to us or feel free to discuss these or any other Honor Code related concerns with any member of the Judicial Council. We hope to utilize some of these comments and suggestions as part of any recommendations on revision of the Honor Code made to the Dean. As noted, the Honor Code is an aspect of life at Marshall-Wythe. In light of this, the provisions of the Honor Code as well as its future administration should be a matter of concern to each Marshall-Wythe student.

Sincerely,
John C. Garde, Chief Justice
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Stephen Davis
Peter Condron
Kevin Smith, Associate Justices

Our Story: Prince Valiant had convinced the Saxons to join King Arthur in his fight against Mordred . . . Oops, sorry . . . wrong story.

Irving Brilliant reined in his faithful horse Tex, who now preferred to be called Rollo, since somebody earlier in the story also had the name Tex. There were no other Rollos in Wyoming at the time, and there still aren't. So, Irving reined in his trusty horse Rollo a few yards from a large man with rolled-up shirt sleeves. The man was working over what was once a fence, but was now a scattering of wooden boards. Irving could see the man's muscles bulge under his clothes, and he knew that this man was a rugged and daring man, the kind that make great supporting casts.

"Howdy," Irving said, "What happened to your fence?"

"Ahh," the man said in a slight Irish accent, "The ranchers, Doc Warren's boys, drove their steer through my fence and over my crops."

The man strained as he lifted a long wooden plank.

Irving jumped down from his horse. "Can I give you a hand?"

The man nodded, and Irving grabbed one end of the board and helped set the plank in its proper place between the posts.

"Thanks, stranger," the man said.

"Name's Irving Brilliant." Irving extended his hand.

The man shook it. "Mine's O'Connor, Sandie O'Connor."

Irving decided to make his pitch. "I'm new in these here parts. Lookin' for work. You wouldn't by any chance need an extra hand, would you?"

Sandie nodded. "Sure I could use a good man like you. And besides, it's already Episode III, and you still don't have a job, yet, you loser. Consider yourself hired."

The men shook hands once more, then they rode off to Sandie's farmhouse.

"So, what brings you out here looking for work?" Sandie said as they rode together. "You're not really a farmer, are you?"

"Nope. Let's just say I needed a career change."

Irving said that in a tone that told Sandie he better not ask any more questions like that.

"Well, yeah. Nice weather we've been having lately," Sandie said.

They arrived at the sodhouse and tied up their horses. Irving carried his saddle bags, his bed roll, and a thin bundle wrapped in a blanket into the sodhouse with him. Sandie introduced his family as they lined up in order of height and age by the door: "My wife. My kids."

There were two kids. The girl was named Clementine, and the 17-year-old grinned as she said,

"Why hello, Irving." The younger kid was named Thurgood, and he was around eleven and had blonde hair and blue eyes and was just so cute. Later, over a hearty lunch of borscht, sour cream, and black bread, Irving was to learn that the wife's name was Svetlana. She did not speak any English, and no one had the slightest idea of what she was doing in the middle of Wyoming in the first place. Everyone just kept quiet and ate their borscht.

Sandie showed Irving where he was to sleep, in the loft above the main room. Thurgood started following Irving around, curious about the stranger. He stealthily climbed the stairs to the loft and watched Irving unpack his things. Thurgood saw him hang up his clothes, place his briefs and pads in neat stacks, and then he saw the one called Irving unroll the thin bundle wrapped in a blanket. Irving worked carefully unwrapping the blanket. Then Thurgood saw it. There it was gleaming in the slits of light let in from the holes in the roof. Thurgood had never seen one that close before, but he knew it when he saw it. There was no mistake about it. Thurgood saw Irving's Model 1876 Colt Litigator, it's single barrel and revolving chamber all clean and shiny. This really impressed the hell out of Thurgood, primarily since it was only 1868.

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"We don't want no trouble," Sandie said to Irving the next day while they were out in the fields.

Irving nodded. "Don't worry. Those days are passed. I never want to have to use that thing again."

"We're peaceable people, Mr. Brilliant, and we want to keep it that way."

In the days and weeks which followed, Sandie came to believe in Irving's commitment to leave his past behind. He worked hard in the fields, and his hands grew chapped. Irving never said anything nasty about anyone, not even when Doc Warren's cattle stampeded over the crops again. He didn't even once complain about Svetlana's borscht. Irving had changed; he had been saved. He would never have to use his Litigator in anger again.

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Toxic Torts

by Doug Klein '87

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"An Extremely Private Personal Life"

Gays at Marshall-Wythe

By JOHN ALDERMAN '86

Most Marshall-Wythe students know that law school can be a tense, alienating experience. But what's law school like for students in a widely ostracized, even scorned group?

To find out, this reporter talked to several gay students at Marshall-Wythe. They report nothing too surprising. As with anyone else, their primary concerns are graduating, getting jobs, and moving on with their lives.

Either few gays attend Marshall-Wythe or many decide to keep low profiles. According to Alison Bradner '86, while there are almost 600 students here and "the usual estimate is that gays make up from 10 to 20 percent of any given population, I only know of five who are open. Stereotypically, you can pick out gays at a glance. But if someone wants to stay in the closet here, apparently it's pretty easy."

Most of the interview subjects cited the conservatism of M-W students as reasons why most gays stay "in the closet." Also, as Jim Vaseleck '86 notes, "Law students are entering a conservative profession. There's a lot of concern over potential employers. Lawyers have a rather asexual image; proclaiming a sexuality bucks this asexual image."

"It also cuts against traditional sexuality," Vaseleck continues. "And lawyers - especially Virginia lawyers - are traditionalists."

Few Marshall-Wythe students belong to the Lesbian-Gay Union (LGU) or the Student Group, main-campus-based organizations providing gay-oriented social outlets, rap sessions, and guest speakers. The LGU usually has 25 members at its meetings, but usually 50 to 60 students attend the three or four dances it sponsors each semester.

Williamsburg law students' non-participation contrasts with the scene at some other schools. The University of Virginia, for example, has a gay law students' organization. No such group exists at Marshall-Wythe. As Vaseleck says, "Any social activity we do here we do personally, not as an organization. And for political organizing, most of us tend to be politically liberal. There are already liberal political groups we can join here."

All interviewees cited the lack of social outlets as a problem, but not an insurmountable one. "If I had my druthers," said a male student who asked not to be identified, "I'd rather William and Mary was in a larger city. If you don't feel comfortable going to the Blue Rose or Adam's, your choice is between going to Richmond or Norfolk and staying home and studying."

"If you're used to going to a gay bar," he continues, "you develop certain defense mechanisms. You worry about ridicule. Most William and Mary students are

from Virginia, many from smaller towns, where they weren't exposed to a visible gay community and had no reason to learn about it."

"Someone straight gets judged on their personality," he concludes; "while I'm likely to be judged as a generic gay person, not myself."

Sexual orientation influenced few of the interviewees' decision to come to law school. However, it made some difference for Bradner, who "wanted to come to law school ever since I was 10." "Coming out" in 1980, she says, intensified her resolve. "I knew I would be able to affect the system more, and I figured there'd be more tolerance in the legal profession. Lawyers think more of justice, and rather than react emotionally, they think things through."

So far, Bradner's personal experience bears this out. While she didn't tell one summer employer of her preference, "I did tell them I was working for the Lesbian-Gay Task Force in Norfolk." The firm seemed not to mind at all, Bradner notes.

The other interviewees echoed Bradner's experience. None reported any harassment of discrimination at Marshall-Wythe or in legal employment.

But in the non-legal world homosexuals and bisexuals still face certain obstacles not bothering most heterosexuals. One

female student, who asked not to be identified, said that a pre-law school employer required her to obtain a government security clearance for a civilian job. When they found out she was gay, she underwent "a very personal interrogation of a type I hope no husband and wife would ever have to endure."

"They said, 'Tell us the names, dates, times and places for everyone you've ever slept with.' And they wanted explicit details" of behind-closed-door activities, she recalls.

"They told me I didn't have to answer the questions," she continues, "but that I wouldn't get my clearance if I didn't. And I needed a security clearance for that job." The question-and-answer session with her employer took over four hours; she had a wait three-and-a-half years to receive the necessary clearance.

Experiences such as the interrogation made this interviewee delay law school for a few years of soul-searching. She had to deal with the concerns of what being gay means to getting a job, "living with a dual identity and living an extremely private personal life."

"I don't know if I'll ever get over the fear and nervousness I feel when discussing (sexual orientation) with somebody," the interviewee says. "I've never tried to advertise it. But when people ask me what I did over the weekend

week after week, it's pretty obvious that I'm talking about one person consistently," she says, referring to her roommate and lover.

Understandably, all interviewees shared a dislike of the current law on homosexuality. A case now before the Supreme Court directly addresses the question of whether sodomy statutes are constitutional. Bradner says this case "should have a real impact, and I'm wary of it. If they decide the Georgia law in question is constitutional, it'll be hard to keep making arguments to lower courts and legislatures for repealing these laws."

"An overwhelming number of law review articles advocate extending heightened equal protection scrutiny to homosexuals as a class," Bradner continues. "I hope the Supreme Court will recognize that gayness deserves at least as much protection as any other adult role," Bradner continues.

"I think it's important that people know there are gay students here," says Bradner, explaining why she had no objection to her name being used. "I think it's important that they realize that perhaps some of them are like the stereotypes, but we're not out here to convert people to it."

"A lot of presumptions come with the presumption of heterosexuality," Bradner says. "So it's important for me to be as upfront about it as I can."

Thanks, Housekeepers



Housekeepers Dorothy Carey, Florence Holmes, Dorothy Banks, and Lynn Robinson were honored at Valentine's Day reception in the Stu-



dent Lounge. The SBA sponsored the event in appreciation for their hard work. Photos by Andrea Caruso.

Placement Office Update

By David Coffman '87

The application process for judicial clerkships for 1987-1988 begins this semester, continuing throughout the spring and summer.

The Placement Office will hold the first in a series of programs to expose students to the more traditional fields of law: large and small law firms, government agencies, and corporations. The final program on March 20 will cover alternative careers, such as trade associations and finance, in which legal training is not a requirement. The programs will feature alumni panels.

On Saturday, April 5, UVA will host the Virginia Spring Recruiting Conference in Charlot-

tesville. An unprecedented 51 employers will be present, an 8.5% increase over last year. The Placement Office will post a list of these employers in the third week in February, including large and small law firms, corporations, public interest groups and governmental agencies. (The Atlanta Recruiting Conference will be October 9-11, 1986, in Atlanta.)

The Placement Office is currently processing placement surveys and summer employment surveys from second-years, and processing resumes and cover letters for first-years looking for a job this summer. The Placement Office also has information on interviewing techniques, summer intern pro-

grams, and entry level positions in both the private and public sectors. For more information, see Dean Schoenenberger at the Placement Office.

More than half of our graduates have entered private practice for the last five years; government service places a distant second at 11%, judicial clerkships comprise 9%, corporations 8.6%, the military justice system 2%, and other legally-related employment 2%. The leading areas of employment were Virginia, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey. This year, the number of on-campus employers has risen 12% over last year.

Schoenenberger ...

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profession insinuated that in order to get a good job, one would have to go to a highly-rated law school. As a result, law school applications dropped across the board, but less so at the top-rated law schools. In effect, the decline in applications has worked to make the good schools stronger, as they have a greater opportunity to be more selective in their admissions. Schoenenberger stated that M-W was able to "go against the tide" and actually increase its applicant pool. This phenomenon will have the reciprocal effect of bringing in more and higher-caliber recruiters.

Third, Schoenenberger mentioned that William & Mary participates in the two best off-campus recruiting programs in the nation, the Atlanta Conference and the Virginia Conference. According to Schoenenberger, recruitment consortiums are the new wave in law school placement. Conferences, such as the one in Atlanta, are spreading across the country. Except for the bare handful of schools in the top five, law schools are finding off-campus programs to be more effective and convenient than on-campus programs. The National Association for Law Placement and the American Association of Law Schools are considering replacing the time-consuming and disruptive campus interview pro-

cedure with a more economical and centralized scheme of regional job fairs.

Fourth, Schoenenberger stated that M-W is gaining more of a national reputation. He cited the fact that firms from twenty-four states came to the law school this fall and that the Class of '85 is working in thirty states.

In addition, the Placement Office is putting together a placement handbook and working to widen the range of its career planning activities. Schoenenberger stated the office would be sponsoring a series of seminars designed to broaden the employment perspectives of students. He would like to enhance the office's capability to allow students to look beyond their prospects immediately upon graduation and to their positions five to ten years in the future.

A committee to find a replacement for Dean Schoenenberger has been appointed. The committee will consist of Vice Dean Williamson, Professor Barnard, and one student. When asked what qualities the committee should look for in choosing his replacement, Dean Schoenenberger replied, "They should look for somebody with a lot of energy." He pointed to the fact that there will be a tremendous increase in the number of firms here next fall, and it will be strenuous to manage

the program. Over 700 firms have been invited to come to Williamsburg next fall.

Schoenenberger said that the main problems with the Placement Office are lack of space and lack of automation. Next September, the office will need twice the space it currently uses to conduct interviews. The College is currently working to solve this space problem. The problem of space and automation for placement is also present at the undergraduate campus and at the MBA school, but the law school's situation is much more acute.

Many law students have complained about the relative positions of M-W and UVA with regard to placement. Responding to this observation, Dean Schoenenberger said, "UVA has a fine recruiting program, but they had a twenty-year head start on us. We are closing the gap." He pointed out that even UVA has placement problems, as evidenced by their active participation in the Virginia Conference. "They have room to improve," Schoenenberger replied.

When asked if he had any regrets about his tenure at Marshall-Wythe, Dean Schoenenberger answered, "No, not at all. I enjoyed it." He went on to say: "We have a good base, and the College and the law school have good reputations."

Wadlington on Medical Law

In a recent discussion sponsored by the Law and Medicine Club, Professor Walter Wadlington gave an overview of areas in medical law that are opening up, and discussed the challenges now facing the field. Despite physicians' concerns that "there are too many lawyers" and too many malpractice suits, Wadlington states that "our society is now at a point where lawyers are far more appreciated for their role in health care than ever before."

Some of the growing job opportunities, according to Wadlington, include counsel for hospitals, state

health agencies, biomedical engineering companies, and private law firms. Other opportunities are opening up in private, policy-making foundations, trade organizations, education, and management.

Wadlington noted some of the challenging issues currently affecting the medical law field. He questioned the traditional, paternalistic doctor-patient relationship, noting that with increased emphasis on informed consent, patients are being told more and participating more in treatment decisions. Other major concerns in the

field include cost containment and competition, resource allocation, and quality control. On the issue of medical malpractice, Wadlington wondered whether "we are distorting the tort system beyond what it was meant to be in default of other quality control mechanisms."

Wadlington's discussion was the first presentation of the newly-formed Law and Medicine Club. Currently, the club is planning a medical law convention in conjunction with the American College of Legal Medicine. The convention will take place in September 1986.

Trial Teams Compete

Last week-end, two William & Mary trial teams travelled to Dickinson Law School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania to compete in the Regionals of the Texas Young Lawyers Trial Competition. The team of Dave Franzen, Rhett Weiss and Lisa Young advanced to the Semi-Finals before falling to Dickinson Law School. Along the

way, the team defeated West Virginia, Temple and Washington and Lee.

The other team, consisting of B.G. Brooks, Susan Kramer and Jerry Kilgore fell early in the tournament. The team lost to the same Dickinson team that ousted the other William & Mary team.



The winning trial team included, left to right, Rhett Weiss, Lisa Young, and Dave Franzen.

David Coar Joins M-W Faculty

Professor David H. Coar has accepted an offer to join the Marshall-Wythe faculty on a permanent basis, according to a recent announcement by Dean Timothy J. Sullivan. Coar, who taught Constitutional Law and Legal Profession as a visiting professor at Marshall-Wythe last semester, will return next fall.

Coar possesses a B.A. from Syracuse, a J.D. from Loyola, and an LL.M. from Harvard. He was

a Carnegie Intern for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York City, and a partner in several Alabama law firms. He has taught as an Associate Professor of Law at De Paul University since 1974. "Professor Coar's joining our faculty is a great thing for our law school," stated Dean Sullivan. Coar, is presently teaching at De Paul University in Chicago.

Fair Notice

Mary & William

Mary & William Society will present a program entitled "Marital Rape: The Legal Controversy" on Monday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. in room 124. Professor John Levy and Nancy Brock, President of "Virginians Aligned Against Sexual Assault" will speak about the legislation pending in the Virginia General Assembly as well as recent controversial Virginia Supreme Court decisions on this issue.

SBA Commission

The "Simmons Commission," a SBA study group, is investigating ways to improve SBA efficiency and responsiveness. The Commission is studying the relationship between the SBA and its committees along with the SBA's relationship to groups and organizations that it funds. Furthermore, the Commission will conduct a poll as to whether third-year students should be allowed to vote in SBA elections.

IM Bowling Season Rolls

By ANDREA CARUSO

After suffering a tough 9-pin loss last week, the Vermin bounced back this week to a 3-0 match. The team racked up nearly 1100 points in their roll over Vomit Breath. Crucial to their victory was the hard-hitting, perfect form of scoring leader Donnie Lascara, who scored 174 points. Chip Barker chipped in his valued 159 points, while Vermin women Dawn Johnston, Trish West, and Mara Clariett turned in stellar performances.

Coach D.J. Hansen is nothing less than ecstatic over his team's performance. The Vermin roaster also includes such top alley cats as Jim Strum, Dave Foran, Mike Moroney, and Peter Burr. Cathi Wirth, Tina Kannarr, and sometime ace Melissa McKeithan round out the team nicely. Coach Hansen remarked: "We had a couple of tough losses early on, but the team has improved 1000% over the last four weeks. The competition is rough, but we're hanging tough. Considering the fact that we were the one law school team that was

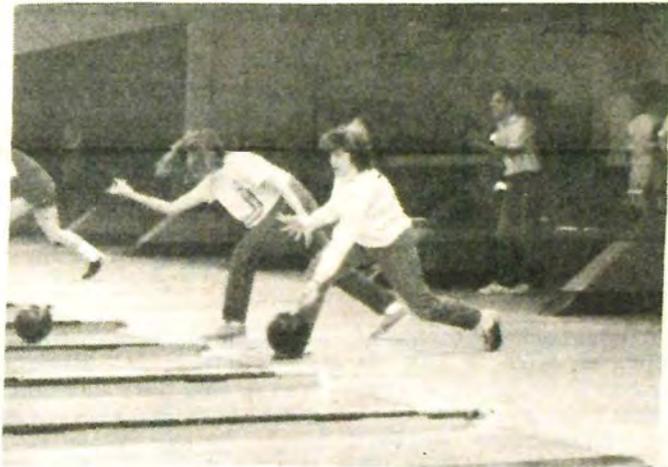
honest about its roster's playing ability, I think we're doing an outstanding job." The Vermin, now 8-4, are looking forward to a post-Spring Break playoff berth.

In the Thursday leagues, Smash the Infant, captained by Mary Gronlund, held onto their first place position in the Fred Flintstone League with an easy win over Just for Fun, a "dry" undergrad team, with a score of 3-0. Ellen Zopff, Capt. Gronlund, Neal Cabral & Leigh Ann Holt, with Ray Nugent of rival Flintstone League team Ray Can Bowl clinched this latest victory. Other "Smashers" include Helen Cox, Colin Uckert, Kevin Gaynor, and Erik Holm-Olsen. Look for this team in the playoffs.

Meanwhile, four alleys down, Ray Can Bowl, co-captained by Ray Nugent and Jon Huddleston, rolled to a 3-0 victory over the Slime Molds, a laid-back group of history exchange students from U-CAL Davis. Sarah Sullivan, Bill Glover & Charlotte Lamont, along with co-captain Huddlestone, teamed up for the win, bringing the "Rays" season total to 8-1.



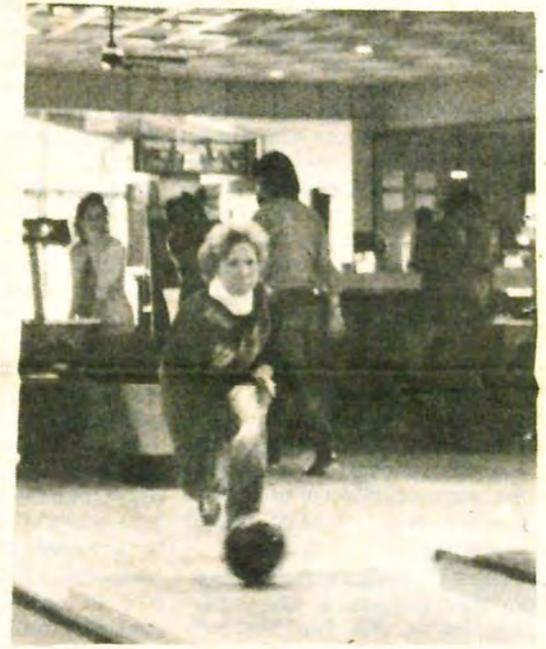
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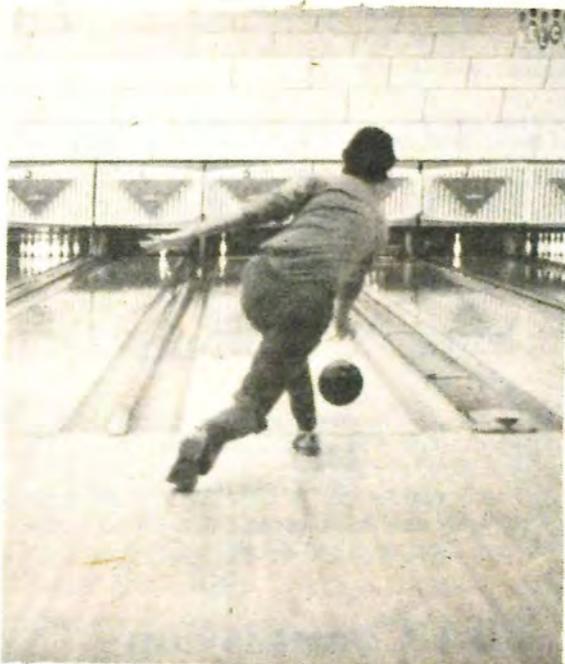
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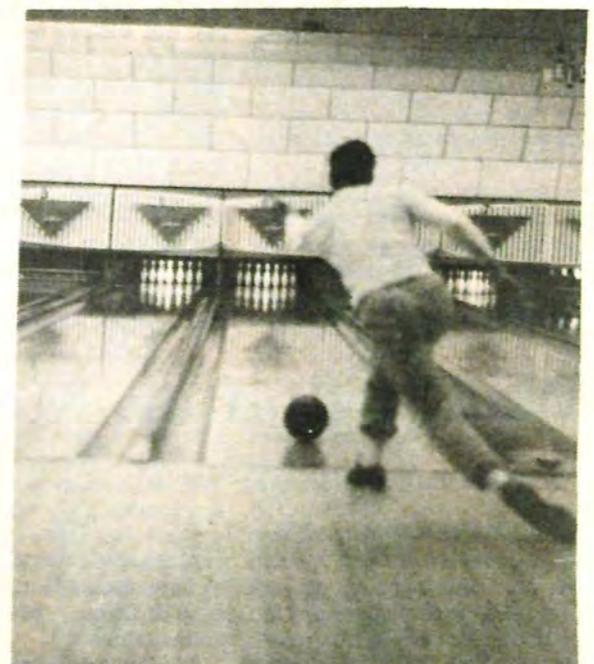
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. . . and Donnie "Highroller" Lascara.

BOWLING!



FUN LOVERS!



A bopping time was had by all at the Good Guys Band Party. Photos by Lee Bender.



An Endorsement



The Advocate hereby endorses the re-election campaign of the Hon. Gino Williams, Mayor of Floyd, Va.

Basketball Season Update

As the Intramural Basketball season moves into full swing, Absence of Talent is currently 2-0 under the leadership of Ervin "Magic" Reid, and is already looking ahead to a potential playoff berth. Absence of Talent squeaked out a 46-43 victory in their last contest. Dave Foran stepped into the spotlight, canning 10 points. Gino "the Mayor" Williams was absent, thus allowing the rest of the team to shoot for the first time this season. Team members Herbie Hecht, Chris Foran, and Donnie Lascara commented on how much fun it was to be able to take some shots, for a change.

The Vermin are off to a 3-1 start. Captain Chris Korjus has contributed outstanding guidance both on and off the court. Two weeks ago, they racked up a distressingly impressive 70-18 victory. Mike Moroney led the Vermin with 21 points, while Fritz Donner and Chip Barker added 14 apiece. Allen Staley and Jim Strum played an aggressive game, crashing the boards at both ends and igniting the Vermin fastbreak. Last week, the Vermin scored a 42-23 victory. Chip Barker led the way by netting 13 points, and Jim Strum added 10. The Vermin have three games left and are looking forward to a playoff spot.

The Wingtips stand atop of the Roscoe Poindexter League with a 5-1 record with two games remaining. The Tips scored two important victories last week. First, they stopped OTTOTTO, 61-58 despite the 20 point performance from Kenny Gresham. Bruce Gibson had 22 points and R.J. Scaggs had 15 for the victors. Next, the Wing Tips defeated the previously undefeated A.C. Express 47-41. Gibson led with 20.

The 12-b-Sixers and Ray Can't Sing and Dance sport 3-1 records and are vying for playoff spots in their league. The outside play of Shawn Shewmake and Mike Moore continues to produce and Dancin' Dean Sparlin has become a major threat on the boards. Ray Can't is led by Dave Rainey and undergrad Rich Sullivan. Their only loss came to the once-beaten Bruins in a 39-38 contest. The Sissy Boys continue.

In women's play, the Bouncing Barristers have gone on quite a tear. Pat Miller and Marie Duesing lead the 4-2 team. The Bouncers scored a big win over the Nasty Girls 26-25. This was the first defeat for the Nasty Girls. The Bouncers remain in third, behind the Nasty Girls and the Hot Shots. A playoff spot appears likely.



Above, Jeff Barnes '86, winner of the One-on-One tournament, scores for the Wing Tips. Below, Wing Tip Jim Tate on the defensive. Photos by Andrea Caruso.



One-on-One Basketball

Jeff Barnes won the 5'8" to 5'11" division of the Intramural one-on-one tournament. Barnes defeated Edmund Pendleton 15-11 in the finals. Barnes waltzed by Jim Hugo 15-4 in the semis and Rich Ambler 15-7 in the quarters before meeting Pendleton. Pendleton had a tough semi-final victory over first-year Dave Cozad 18-17.

Vermin Gird Loins for Charlottesville

Like a phoenix from the ashes, the indefatigable Vermin softball team rises once again to meet new challenges in the annual U.V.A. Law School Tournament to be held in Charlottesville March 29-30. The team will compete with the best from more than a score of eastern law schools. Coach Mike Moroney, looking for one last grab at the brass ring of championship that has so far eluded him, is once again frothing with enthusiasm.

The team is sporting a new image this spring, with some key changes in player positions. Look for Gino Williams to make the jump from first base to left center, with "Little" Billy Devine filling the infield void. Standard flytraps Mike Holleran, Dave Foran and Jim Strum will once again round out the outfield, with Chip Barker, Chris Howe and Coach Moroney holding the infield line. Eric "Leadbutt" Johnson will return as

the Vermin's star pitcher, and Allan "Beak" Staley will repeat his role behind the plate, invariably picking off Johnson's fireball throws.

Ever the optimist, Coach Moroney is expecting nothing less than a sweeping victory. According to the coach, the only glitch he foresees is the possibility of an early A.M. game, which last year proved to be devastating to the team. Cautions General Manager D.J. Hansen: "Moderation and a high moral caliber will be the key to any victory."

Hansen is expected to spend most of the weekend keeping an iron boot on the neck of team mascot and gadfly Jimmy Boyd, a reputed champion of morally lax attitudes, according to Hansen. Boyd, on a weekend excursion to Times Square, could not be reached for comment.

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