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Toni M. Massaro, rising second year student, has been named Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review for 1979-80. She is the first woman in the history of Marshall-Wythe to be named to the position.

Also named to the executive board are Francis Bagby, Executive Editor for Professional Articles; Kathy Davidson, Executive Editor for Student Contributions; Neil V. Birkhof, Operations Editor; and Ralph G. Santos, Symposium Editor.

The new executive board was chosen by the present board from among Law Review members on the basis of the quality of the individuals’ writing, editing ability and interest evinced in the Review.

Toni Massaro, as Editor-in-Chief, will be responsible for all administrative functions including final editing procedures and confirmation of final articles for the Review. Francis Bagby will solicit and edit all professional material submitted. Kathy Davidson will direct and edit student writings and will be in charge of the writing competitions ("Write-Off") by which students write their way on to the Review.

Neil Birkhof will be charged with all procedural aspects of printing the Review. Ralph Santos, as Symposium Editor, will solicit professional articles and will be in charge of student writings for a symposium on "Enforcement of Money Judgments in Virginia."

The eleven remaining staff positions on the Review will be filled shortly. Toni will appoint individuals to the positions from among the Review members.

A meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 202 for any first or second year student who is interested in writing their way on to the Review over the summer. You are encouraged to attend.

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Comment
By Glenn Hayes

While college students nationwide have embraced Animal House as the epitome of Fun and Frolic (in the form of grain parties, property destruction, and toga parties), another aspect of the film has manifested its presence at William and Mary — physical violence directed at fellow students.

Last Tuesday night, four law students who had been participants in the Libel Night Ceremonies, retired to the Dirty Delly after the production. While accounts of the evening are unclear, it seems that after somewhat raucous discussions inside, the law students started to exit the Delly. Once outside (again, facts are sketchy), one law student was confronted by an undergrad, and a fight ensued involving all the law students and at least six undergraduates. Although the altercation was brief, several people were hurt. The result is that criminal charges will be lodged against those starting the fight.

The bottom line is that the injuries could have been much worse. As best as can be determined, eye and ear injuries were received — with the potential sanctions of censure or expulsion facing the participants. Also do not forget the increased general fee by the Board of Visitors to $318 for the current semester.

Staff: Martha Burgess, Glenn Hayes
The Art Of Victimism: How To Keep Your Cool When They've Taken Your Stereo

by Anita Ziecheckman

Maybe it was divine retribution. Or perhaps an unexpected interest payment from my bank. Either way, I simply couldn't resist the temptation to tell everyone that the Venezuelan chain was obviously planning an attack on my house. But I was right, I guess, after all, I'm the one with the money.

Some uninvited guests had been in my cylindrical file: the Venezuelan chain. The facts are clear: I returned home to find that I had been robbed.

I took my car to Ubel, sat snickering at the follies and foibles of our favorite profs, and didn't lose my pride and joy—one Technics, Schwartenegger.

3. ALL HAVING A PIECE OF THE ROCK IS NEARER THAN YOU THOUGHT.

I toyed with membership in the John Brich Society or the Vignlantes of Virginia Youth Club. And I have a disturbing, recurring dream. The cops catch this guy with my stereo. I make positive identification. They take him to juvenile court. Not only can no prior arrests be added, but it turns out that the evidence was seized unreasonably. In a constitutional argument that brings cheers to the lips of civil libertarians the world around, the little bastard goes free. I lose my deductible and “replacement cost,” but your friendly risk absorber isn’t buying.

I would explain that this guy drives his eighteen-wheeler through this other guy’s window and everyone’s in a panic till Guy No. 2 realizes, “Hey! By golly, I’ve got a better place to live; I’ll quit the truck driver in for a quick mint julip before the insurance agent arrives. What the commercial doesn’t tell you is that the piece of the rock is always smaller you’ve lost and then reduce it by your deductible and “replacement cost.” You can always fill that hole in the rock notwithstanding. Elmer Schaefer might cotton to discussions of “subjective value to owner” and “replacement cost,” but your friendly risk absorber isn’t buying.

6. WHEN THE VICTIM IS YOU, REASONABLE DOUBT IS NEARER THAN YOU THOUGHT.

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7. AVOID ANY TEMPTATION TO TAKE YOUR CRIMINAL TO LUNCHEON.

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Clockwise from upper left: (1) Freddy Schauer helps Caroline Heriot choose her dream date. (2) Her choices are Bo Powell, Walt Williams or Tom Collins. She picks Freddy. (3) Deans Billy Spong and Ann Forbes prepare for a visit from the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. (4) At Hillinger's Used Baby Lot, a breach of implied warranty? (5) Timmy Sullivan (hand raised) tries to catch the eye of Billy Spong. Judge Armistead, Uncle Doug Rendleman, and Artie White appear to pay as much attention to Timmy as they usually do.