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# MW Student Scales Mt. McKinley In Fastest Recorded Climb

(This is part one in a series of articles in which the author, a first year student at Marshall-Wythe, recounts his adventures and reflections gathered from his participation last summer in the ascent of Mount McKinley, the highest peak in North America.)

by Richard H. Soaper

I knew it would be a long climb, perhaps the hardest of my mountaineering career. I certainly trained for Mount McKinley as if it would be.

Starting four months before our departure date of June 15 I built up my lung capacity, heart efficiency and leg strength by running and hill climbing with a pack weighted with seventy-five pounds of bricks and sand. When exercising I tried to obtain a

heart beat of 150 per minute and sustain such a rate for at least one and a half hours. This was to increase my endurance and to build up a hard core of reserve that could be called upon during the four week climb after all my other strength had been drained away. In the end you have properly prepared yourself only if the training turns out to be harder than the actual climb.

At 20,320 feet Mt. McKinley is North America's highest peak. Alaskan Indians called it Denali — "The Great One" — but its name was changed at the turn of the century when William McKinley became president of the country.

Our expedition consisted of six Americans and four Swiss climbers. The leader was Hans Brunner, 36, who, when asked

about what line of work he is in most often replies, "Oh, I get by." Nevertheless he has an impressive list of ascents behind him including the North Face of the Eiger, Cirque of the Unclimbable in the Yukon Territory, and the East Face of Huascaran in the Andes.

Hans is a rugged individual who is slightly aloof in nature and freely admits that most of his friends are committed to homes or live in caves. He marks all his personal equipment with a skull and cross-bones and that face, combined with his jet black beard, has acquired him the nickname of "Pirate."

Mt. McKinley is an ice-clad peak lying in the Alaskan Range that justifies the use of superlatives. Its base-to-summit

elevation of 15,000 feet is the greatest of any mountain on earth, over 4,000 feet greater than Mount Everest. At a latitude of 63 degrees North, it is the world's highest peak above 50 degrees latitude, and its weather is therefore as severe as that found on higher peaks in the lower latitude of the Himalayas as we were so soon to find out.

We planned to attempt a route on the South Face of McKinley called the Western Rib which was first climbed in 1961 and at that time was acclaimed the finest alpine achievement in the history of North American mountaineering. However, since that time harder routes have been put up elsewhere in Alaska and on McKinley's South Face itself.

We assembled our gear and

food in Talkeetna, Alaska — a dirt road town off the Anchorage to Fairbanks road. Here wood frame homes are the curiosity instead of log cabins, mosquitos outnumber the inhabitants one hundred to one, and the Alaskan bush pilot still reigns as a folkhero.

On June 15 glacier pilot Jim Sharp, in his specially equipped Cessna 185, landed us on a flat stretch of the Southeast Fork of the Kahiltina Glacier, twenty miles from the mountain. It took three plane trips to get all ten climbers and our four weeks' supply of food and gas onto the glacier.

When Jim at last flew out of our base camp there was no feeling of isolation or loneliness. We knew what we had come for.

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### Dean Spong To Be Aired On WCWM

William B. Spong, Dean of the Marshall-Wythe Law School and former U.S. senator, will be one of this month's guests on "The Monty Griffith-Mair Show," which is a weekly public broadcast on WCWM FM-89.

Griffith-Mair's interview will focus on Spong's deanship of the Law School and his past senatorial experience in the U.S. Senate. Spong's recent State Department sponsored travels to Great Britain and India will also be discussed.

Other questions will be raised during the interview concerning such issues as the Bakke Decision, the role of American Bar Association, Law School admission standards, advertising of legal services and fees by lawyers, and what forces are at work in shaping the legal profession towards the challenge of the twenty-first century.

Delighted at the prospect of raising such issues with Spong, host Griffith-Mair hopes that in some small way his interview will show that "lawyers, like most human beings, don't fit neatly into one pigeon-hole."

In the past, Griffith-Mair has interviewed such notables as Roger Mudd, Alger Hiss, President Graves, and Scotland Yard's former chief Sir Robert Mark. The interview with Sir Robert can be heard on Sunday November 13, at 9:00 p.m.

Finally, the sixty-minute pre-recorded interview with Spong is scheduled to be aired on Sunday, November 27 at 9:00 p.m.



Virginia voters will decide on Tuesday whether to replace this building with a new one.

### Election Preview:

## The Making Of A Tuesday

On Tuesday the 8th of November the voters of this state will go to the polls to elect a new slate of state officers and to pass judgement on a proposed state general obligation bond issue.

The state's three highest offices, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, will be up for grabs on Tuesday, as well as a host of spots in the Virginia General Assembly. The polls across the state will open at 6:00 a.m. and in many places will not close until the early evening, so in the case of a hotly contested election, the results will not be known until Wednesday morning.

The Governor's race pits longtime Democratic contender Henry Howell against current Republican Lieutenant-Governor John Dalton. Although at the outset of the campaign opinion polls showed Howell with a wide margin, Dalton, with the

support of incumbent Governor Mills Godwin, has put on such a strong campaign that the race now seems very close.

The Lieutenant Governor's contest features Charles Robb, a new face with strong Democratic family connections (Lyndon Johnson's son-in-law) against Republican Joe Canada. Canada has waged a strong campaign alleging Robb's unfamiliarity with Virginia's needs, but Robb holds the lead in the polls.

In the Attorney General's run, Republican Marshall Coleman is conducting a high-visibility campaign against Democrat Ed Lane's record of long service.

Of particular interest to M-W voters is the ratification of the bond issue, one of which is the higher education bond issue on which the new law school building depends. All of the major candidates support the bond issues, but the outcome has seemed in the polls.

Associate Dean of the Law School Tim Sullivan says, "It would be foolish at this point to try to predict the outcome of the bond issue vote. There is little recent history to help us, particularly since the bond issue of the 60's took place in a very different economic environment. However, I think that it is important for us all to remember that all of these bond, not just the higher education issue, are badly needed by the state and deserve our support."

Dean Spong says of the bond issue, "The bond issue is a most attractive and inexpensive method of financing projects that the General Assembly has put off for several years. The interest rate on the bonds, which may be less than 5 percent, will be lower than the current inflation rate of construction."

The Governor and all major candidates for office have endorsed the bond proposal.

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### Coleman Visits MW

by George Neuberger

State Senator J. Marshall Coleman, Republican candidate for Attorney General, campaigned at Marshall-Wythe Tuesday. In an interview with the staff of the Amicus he explained his view of the office of Attorney General as that of an advocate for the people. He emphasized his campaign proposals for reform of the criminal justice system and merit selection of judges. He stated that "Prisons should not be schools for the dramatic arts; career criminals should not be rewarded by parole for their ability to play the system for a sucker by their guile and acting." He proposes the establishment of presumptive sentencing for each offense in a system of crime categories. "The presumption should be that there will be incarceration for serious crimes and the criminal should know this." He feels that punishment functions now as a roulette wheel.

Coleman stated that there is no consensus on the root causes of crime and that he does not promise to solve the problem of crime in general or discover a secret formula for a cure, but he advocated that certainty in punishment will have a deterrent affect on the crime rate, particularly for the career criminal. He noted that this will have a significant effect in that 80 percent of all felonies are committed by 20 percent of the felons (emphasizing how large the rate of repeat offenders is). He favors mandatory uniform sentencing, reduction in the use of plea bargaining, and restitution to the victim by the criminal for crimes against property. He pointed out that Oklahoma has had very favorable results with such a restitution plan.

In response to a question on his view of the relationship between the federal and state governments, Senator Coleman responded that "Principles laid down by the founding fathers should be adhered to and so as Attorney General I would welcome the opportunity to challenge intrusion into state

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## Editorial

# Why Bonds?

As will hardly surprise anyone, the Amicus Curiae would like to come out in favor of the bond issues — all five — that must be ratified by the voters on November 8, 1977. Besides the self-centered, but perfectly rational and commendable desire for a new law building for Marshall-Wythe, there are several compelling reasons, which we will briefly examine, to support all five bonds.

The parks bond will not be used to purchase new park land so much as it will be used to refurbish and open old and undeveloped park land. Particularly in a state with the beauty and heritage of Virginia, a large and well tended parks system is an asset of incalculable value. If the parks bond does not pass, either there will have to be a budget allocation, or tragically, our present park system will have to be cut back and new park land will not be utilized.

The harbors bond is crucial as well because it so clearly ties in with the employment stability of the state. The Hampton Roads-Norfolk harbor is developing into the large in the South, catching up swiftly to the New Orleans Port. If the harbor does not have the money to expand, however, this development will halt and employment will go down not only at the harbor but all over the state. The harbor's commerce generates a significant number of jobs not only in Virginia but in the entire South.

The Mental Health bond needs no elaborate justification. Presently, Virginia ranks below the national average the most underdeveloped medical fields in this country and in the world. Yet with proper facilities for research and care, mental health is the medical field with one of the best hopes for success. Virginia desperately needs the mental health facilities necessary to care properly for its needy citizens.

Similarly, the prisons bond is necessary for Virginia to meet the needs of its citizens. Again, Virginia's facilities are below national standards. Particularly critical are now facilities for juveniles and first offenders, for the rate in states with adequate facilities of this nature has been dramatically smaller than Virginia's. Recidivism rate is the measure of success for a prison system. A low rate means rehabilitated, useful ex-convicts as well as a safer and cheaper state for all other citizens.

Finally, there is the subject closer to our hearts, the higher education bond issues. Besides the law building, the need for which we all recognize, the bond will finance a number of other projects, for example a new library for Virginia Tech. Tech has become one of the finest colleges, public or private, in the state. Yet the library is presently so inadequate for the student population that Tech also faces accreditation problems (albeit mild ones). In order to maintain the outstanding quality of its educational programs, Tech must have that library.

The bonds are necessary to the citizens of this state, and the economics of the bonds make sense.

Next Tuesday the School of Law here at William and Mary is scheduled to take an examination which is to be administered by the legislators of the State of Virginia and graded by their constituents. We think it is neither unfair nor improper for those constituents to question the need for a new law building. Indeed, we encourage and have encouraged during the course of the campaign, citizens of this state to oppose new spending programs financed by all of us yet directly beneficial to few of us. We believe, however, that even though the need for a new law building is sufficiently justified by the facts, figures and practicalities of the situation, there exists an independent reason why we support the bond issue.

We, the students, faculty and administration, have watched, at times with bated breath and whispering humbleness, as the fate of the law school has hung on first one, then another, and now finally the last vote. We have all wondered what will happen if the American Bar Association calls its bluff. We have speculated on the possibility of dire consequences and we have wondered whether it is actually possible that from us, in the midst of our finest hour, would be taken our accreditation, our shingle of respectability to the citizens of this and every state in the nation.

When we vote in favor of the bond issue, it will be a vote of confidence in the law school. It will say to the people of this state that we acknowledge the high quality of the faculty and students at Marshall-Wythe. It will express for us the regard we hold for the ability of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law to provide the legal profession with a means towards its end. We exhort all of Virginia's voters to acknowledge a similar regard by favoring the bond issue on Tuesday. It is the least we can ask for Marshall-Wythe, our nation's oldest school of law. Virginians ought sooner to remember Thomas Jefferson's words than to abandon the law school he founded. "Never buy what you do not want, because it is cheap to you; it will be dear to you." We openly state it is dear to us.

## APLA Sponsors Moot Court

The American Patent Law Association is pleased to announce the Fifth Annual Giles Sutherland Rich Moot Court Competition with the dean Lawrence Award of \$500.00 to the winning team. The Competition is named after a distinguished member of the United State Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and one of the co-authors of the 1952 Patent Act, and the award is in memory of a distinguished member of the Bar of that court.

Previous Competitions have involved numerous law schools from diverse sections of the country, and we believe that this Competition will be of interest to members of your faculty and to your students.

The 1978 Giles Sutherland Rich Moot Court Competition will be divided into four regional competitions followed by a national competition among the top two teams from each region. The regional competitions will be held in Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston and Boston on the weekend of March 31-April 2, 1978, and the national competition will be held in Washington, D.C., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 19-21, 1978.

Each participating school will be represented by a single team of two students, chosen in any manner satisfactory to the school. The team will be required to submit three copies each of a brief for the appellant and a brief for the appellee by February 24, 1978.

If more than eight schools choose to participate in any one regional competition, participants in the oral arguments will be selected by the Association on the basis of the briefs. In that case, participants will be notified promptly as to whether or not they have been selected for oral arguments.

If interested, see Elmer Schaefer. We have one team candidate already.

## Letter to the Editor

Miss Virginia Ingenue  
Route 1  
Buckingham County, Va.

Dear Mr. Editors,

I am taking pen in hand to write you a letter telling you how awful it is that some people don't think we need to spend our taxes on a new law school. (please forgive my handwriting; we ran out of heat the other day and I have to wear gloves).

Some people think it is not important to have an expensive law school that would only benefit the few who can attend when things like health care and

## Guest Editorial

(Joe Waldo, a third year student, responds below to an Amicus Editorial endorsing John Dalton.)

Judging from his record, Henry Howell will be an excellent governor. He was elected to the House of Delegates in 1959 as a staunch opponent of the massive resistance movement. In the House and later in the Senate, he fought for a state minimum wage law, free public school text books, and the state's first conflict of interest law.

Elected lieutenant governor in a 1971 special election, Howell promptly proceeded to vastly expand the scope of that office. He refused to accept any salary, and opened the state's first year-round lieutenant governor's office.

As a public service lawyer, Henry Howell has helped save the state's consumers over \$21 million in telephone, electricity, and automobile payments. In 1968, he won a federal court suit that required Governor Mills Godwin, Jr. to stop withholding federal funds from local school districts. In that suit, Howell won the schools at least \$88 million.

Howell has presented a 12-tier campaign platform which is unprecedented in its specificity, exhaustiveness and far-sightedness. He has called for the streamlining of state government, for reform of the state's income and sales taxes to make them more progressive, for creation of a state Environmental Protection Agency and Consumer Protection Agency, and for the elimination of utility rate-padding.

Notwithstanding the fact that Henry Howell runs on a record of positive issues, Marshall-Wythe students would do well to have him as their governor. From the beginning, Howell has supported the Bond Issue that will create funds for a new law school building, but that is not the only expression of concern for the nation's oldest law school. Back in 1959 when most state legislators would not give this law school the time of day, it was state Delegate Henry Howell who answered the pleas of law students here, and obtained state funding for badly needed air conditioning for the dilapidated law school that met in the basement of Camm Dormitory. His concern for this law school never ceased. In 1973, in one of his last official acts as lieutenant governor, Howell tried in vain

to persuade Governor Linwood Holton to transfer funds for a state correctional facility that had been canceled to the building fund for Marshall-Wythe. Had Howell been successful William and Mary's new law school building would be in operation today. Of course Howell's concern for the law school will be of importance to this student body, but his election's real importance comes for those people in Virginia who for so long have not had compassionate government. And government dedicated to the interests of all citizens, weak or strong, is what Henry Howell stands for.

libraries could be bought with the same money. Well I think these people are just selfish, that's all.

Dad says that mom would have survived her heart attack last spring if we could have afforded to have emergency ambulance service in our county. He says that with the money they're going to use for the law school every county in the state could get a least one emergency vehicle. Well, I think that's silly. Mom would have died anyway because there's no real doctors out here, and as for our local library I don't think it makes any difference if the cover is falling off a book so long as most of the pages are there.

I think the argument that we will all benefit by more competent attorneys is a good one. I would be so ashamed if the attorney representing the dry goods store didn't do a good job when he comes to attach some of our furniture. It is important to me and to all Virginians that our lawyers be the most competent anywhere. Why, I'd rather die than have a poorly drafted writ served on our family.

That is why I am enclosing my life savings of \$1.37 to contribute to your new law school. (Don't tell dad, he'd flay me alive).

Your friend,  
Virginia

Dear Virginia,

Thank you for your donation and support. Because there's really not much we can do with the \$1.37 we have decided to make it a symbol of all the contributions of Virginia taxpayers. Accordingly, we bought a bottle of Ripple and drank it up, toasting you and the taxpayers the while.

Yours,  
The Editors

## Furr to Judge Trial

The Trial Lawyers Association, under the peerless captaincy of Billy Breit, will stage a mock trial in the Moot Court Room on the evening of November tenth, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The subject matter of the trial will be method of drug

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Marshall Coleman, at left, visited Marshall-Wythe last Tuesday to discuss his campaign as the Republican candidate for Attorney General of Virginia.

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affairs by the federal government, particularly federal regulations. The 10th Amendment has a vitality of its own," and he believes that the

current U.S. Supreme Court shares this view as reflected in its opinion of *Usry v. National League of Cities*. He distinguished, however, between

the need to resist federal intrusion on state sovereignty and the past use of sovereignty as something to hide behind in dealing with race and

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# Homecoming '77: Time For A Change

by Carrol Kinsey  
& John Rodgers

Alas, another Homecoming weekend in the Burg is history, but not without changes; some for the better, some a little worse. The first favorable innovation was made by PAD on Friday night. The Campus Center's Little Theatre rocked to the sounds of Max Frias' sound system while both alumni and students got down and partied hearty. The beer flowed freely, keeping the attendant masses happy. Despite the rain, those who made it to this new homecoming event were treated to a different law school gathering; less talk, more boogie?

The major change for the worst was that the Alumni Association cancelled rather than postponed the traditional homecoming parade because of the deluge. Last year under similar circumstances, the

parade was postponed until Sunday afternoon when, as this year, it was bright and sunny; perfect weather for a parade. Why should law students care about a parade? Simply because, several law students and undergrads put a great deal of time, effort and pride into building a float to publicize the bond referenda. The intention of those participating was not to win the prize, but to plead our case to the public. The parade annually attracts approximately 20,000 people. We hope that in the future, the Alumni Association will be more supportive to those whose interest is not in winning a prize.

Some things never change, the Indians managed to lose another Homecoming game on a disappointing last minute fumble. Rutgers was helped by a highly disputed call in the final ticks of the clock. Wait til next year!!!

The most pleasant change for law alumni and students was the SBA-sponsored homecoming reception and cocktail party which followed the above mentioned heart-breaker. The change referred to is the move up from the dregs of the Pub to the relatively classy surroundings of the grand

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## Admiralty Competition Announced

The Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute has announced a competition for the best paper in support of the following proposition by a law student in the states of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

"The Admiralty Rules for Proceedings In Rem Are Constitutional; Sniadach, Fuentes, and Progeny Distinguished."

As background, see constitutional discussion in *Tachem Chemical Co., Ltd. vs. M-T Choyo Maru*, 416 F.Supp. 960 (D. Md. 1976), 1976 A.M.C. 1954.

The author of the winning paper will receive a \$500 cash award and the winning paper will be published as part of the proceedings of the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute, which annually sponsors a seminar in Atlanta, Georgia. There is a second prize of \$150.

All participants must comply with the following:

1. The student must currently be enrolled in a law school accredited by both the American Bar Association and the state in which it is located.
2. SEALI will accept no more than two papers from each law school, such papers to be selected by the Dean of such law school or his designee.
3. All entries must be printed on letter-sized paper, typed on one side, double-spaced. Papers shall not be longer than 10,000 words, including footnotes.
4. All papers submitted must be unpublished.
5. All entries must be submitted by March 1, 1978. Submit all entries and further inquiries to:

Edward T. Brennan, (Adams, Adams, Brennan & Gardner), Post Office Box 1208, Savannah, Georgia 31402.

# Advocatus Diaboli

by Raskolnikov

**Mr. Raskolnikov:** From time to time Raskolnikov writes things that earn him the vehement disapprobation of the distaff side of our law school population. In short, Raskolnikov's tendency to poke fun (if nothing else) at women has gotten quite a number of them hot under the collar. Therefore in the interests of fair play as opposed to fore play ol' Raz has decided to turn this week's column over to one of the opposing sex so that the men can get their's for a change. (I say it's about time — most men here haven't been getting anything lately.)

So without further ado let me introduce to you my colleague in arms (heh, heh) Miss Natasha Pizdetsky:

The Marshall-Wythe Man

by

Natasha Pizdetsky

**Miss Pizdetsky:** When I first demanded of Mr. Raskolnikov the right to present the female perspective on social relations here at the law school it was without much hope that the wretched misogynist would relinquish his space for such an article. However, when I threatened him with bodily injury if he should refuse he quickly relented and allowed as how my arguments were uncommonly persuasive.

To begin with perhaps I should modify the title of this essay to read: "The Marshall-Wythe Excuse for a Man." For indeed, the average male law student is really just that: a sorry excuse for a man. Some, however, are sorrier than others and these fall into certain general categories which I have entitled thusly: The Milksop, the Bull-Moose, The Jock, and the Pseudo-Intellectual.

The male population of Marshall-Wythe has an unduly large proportion of Milksops. These creatures, some of whom are not unattractive, can be found hanging out at law school parties endeavouring to muster the courage to speak to a law school female. Now there are women here who do not particularly care for the life of one night stands and impermanent relationships all too common here at Marshall-Wythe. To these women, the milksop (if he were not a milksop) would be very attractive. Unfortunately, by the time the milksop has mustered sufficient courage to speak to the woman who has utilized every decent art at her disposal to attract his attention, he is usually about ready to pass out from the effects of the liquid courage he has been mustering. The milksop rather than engage a woman with histories and tales taken from his own life is afraid that this is not enough so instead he bores her with stories about important or entertaining people he has known or has heard about. The milksop's fundamental problem is lack of courage and self-esteem. I am hereby serving notice on all milksops that complain about domineering women that no woman can be held guilty of emasculating a eunuch.

The Bullmoose is a type that needs little description. He is immediately recognizable by the fact that he doesn't wear undershirts and apparently unaware that his shirt has three top buttons. The Bullmoose is immediately aware of complaints by women that they do not get enough sexual attention. He is almost never aware of the qualifying phrase that follows this admission, to wit: that the sexual attention be accompanied with at least a pretention or affectation of affection. He is fond of terming women who complain thus, hypocrites. The onus of this appellation, however, is more comfortably born by the accuser than the accused in this case. When the Bullmoose eventually succeeds in gaining the object to which he believes himself so well suited he is usually the first to either 1) complain that he despises sex without love or 2) let everyone know the gory details thus confirming other women in their fears that should they attempt to satisfy their sexual cravings there isn't going to be anyone who doesn't know about it. The Bullmoose does have his uses but unfortunately most do not have the business acumen to see the profitability of doing what they might do best: raise sheep.

The jock is also a familiar type. His narcissism is awesome, his sybaritism prodigious. He can be fun, no doubt. He can at times be affectionate and considerate but only if there is no tennis ball to hit, no pass to catch, no game to watch. He may be wonderful in all other respects but you'll spend most of your time on the sidelines watching these qualities unless you are able to steer him toward a sport that you can play too. He believes wholeheartedly in the maxim "mens sana in copore sano" and he is remarkably adept at the "copore sano" part. It is, however, problematic whether all this has any salutary effect on his mind. If you can engage him in a discussion of something besides sports for a period longer than five minutes then you've made a major breakthrough.

The pseudo-intellectual is the most devious of the lot. He's not necessarily a milksop but he often disguises himself in that garb to allay the fears of his victim that she is dealing with a Bullmoose or a crypto-jock. His technique is as invariable as it is insidious. First contact is usually at a cocktail party where he inevitably says that he hates cocktail parties and wishes there was some better method of getting to know people. At the party he will try to demonstrate that he is a highly informed "deep thinker," vitally concerned with the state of politics and the arts. Especially the arts, for he knows that women have a weak spot in them for the arts and that many despair of every finding a man with similar interests. No matter what you discuss the pseudointellectual will always either 1) agree with whatever opinion you voice or 2) allow as how he had never heard a viewpoint opposed to his so well argued. The next step is an invitation to the theater followed by a "little wine at my place." Don't expect him to move this fast though; he is patient and will bide his time for the most propitious moment to unveil his true colors. It will always be a moment of weakness for the woman: a moment of despair, a recently inflicted hurt or a spate of loneliness. Whatever it is he'll be there to take advantage of it to seize his prize. Once seized he will endeavor to make his stake in you permanent. (That's an intentional pun folks). Because steady sex with no emotional entanglements is his ultimate goal. If you want to succumb, fine but have no illusions — he gets

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## Mt. McKinley, Cont'd.

In the space of a few short hours life had been reduced from a highly complex existence with a thousand petty problems to one of basic simplicity in which only one real task remained — the achievement of our goal.

It was a perfect day on the lower slopes of McKinley. A milky white glacier flowed out of eternity to our left and it was on such a river of ice that we intended to gain our first several thousand feet of elevation. All but the top 3000 feet of our route on McKinley was obscured by lesser mountains. But even so they made up part of a granite canyon that bordered us on three sides that would make Yosemite seem like a city park. Above us was a vast blue bowl of wind-filled sky.

There was a strange quality to the beauty that surrounded us. The jagged mountains were blanketed with snow but without a single blade of grass to decorate the vast heap of rocks. They were condemned by nature to eternal sterility. This primeval land has remained much as it had been since the beginning.

With the sun so high in the sky we were surprised to find it was 11:00 p.m. before we had all the gear divided into loads ready for tomorrow. I was excited about beginning tomorrow and wondered what sights we would see as we started the first day of our climb. But how often is such a sentence followed by the inevitable — we were not to see the sun for the next five days.

A whiteout can occur anywhere in winter but it is chiefly an arctic phenomenon. Low level clouds and falling snow combine to limit visibility on a glacier to just a few feet. It is like walking around in cotton. Even though you can see no landmarks, at low elevations a whiteout isn't serious and we

traveled up glacier using compass bearings. At times we would get rare glimpses through the clouds of the peaks which surrounded us but the true architecture of the scene was lost to us because we saw only isolated bits and pieces of the mountains.

Day after day we hiked through this desolate blandness, walking on white snow, peering into white mist, as the snow fell from above and the wind blew it up from beneath, blending the earth and sky into one. I am not going to say that it was boring but putting one foot in front of another did get kind of repetitious after a while. We would sleep, eat and carry, and then it was a new day. But morale remained great, we were getting to know each other better, and we were setting a fast pace.

Each climber carried a pack with his personal gear and also pulled a sled behind him loaded with food, tents, climbing equipment, and wands to mark our route. We carried thirty gallons of gas alone weighing two hundred pounds.

Dinnertime, though not dinner, was the highlight of each day, as this was when we could get together and relax. What do mountaineers talk about? Well, tonight Jim, who is not only built like a buffalo but could probably consume one for dinner, was on a rampage about government involvement in private life.

"Getting so if you want to spit these days you need a permit."

"Yes, and you probably have to dig a hole first," charged another climber.

"Yep, and they surely got a handbook on that too — How To Dig Your Hole."

(Read part two in the next issue of the Amicus.)

## Homecoming, Cont'd.

ballroom. A large turnout of 600 hearty souls treated to chicken livers (yuk!), crab claws (yum!), and barbecued franks, as well as the traditional all-you-can-drink. Reports are that the cheese and crackers were also a hit. However the crowds surrounding the crab table resembled a hungry horde of locusts descending on a cornfield keeping the faint of heart at a distance.

Finally, winning the prize for

the event most likely to be made a new M-W tradition, the PAD Sunday morning brunch treated early risers to a classic menu of quiche, scrambled eggs, ham n' biscuits, screwdrivers, bloody marys, coffee and sweet rolls. A yeoman task was performed by those who cooked and served the repast. Kudos for all. Those at the law school who missed this event missed a fine meal and excellent company. All in all, the weekend was full of changes.

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## Who Are These People?



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## Briefs of the Burg

A MILD . . .

Inertia seems to be consuming us, and we notice that it has afflicted several of our schoolmates as well. Exams are still a ways off, but they are looming close enough to cause an energy-deflating anxiety. With the exception of a few of our more determined friends, no one seems to be doing much of anything about the bond issue — apparently most seem to think its success or failure is certain. (We can only hope that this attitude does not affect law school turnout at the polls.) Attendance at the various social events is light. And the weather is of the sort that induces us to stay in bed. In short, the law school is phlegmatic to the point of somnolence.

But wait! — rising before us like a glass of Gatorade, a shot of adrenalin, a pill of speed, or a snort of snuff is a weekend, and not just any weekend, but Homecoming weekend.

And we came out crawling, but satisfied. We started out at P.A.D.'s keg party on Friday night, which was simple but good. They canceled the parade on Saturday, and they might as well have canceled the game, but we were ready at 5:00 in the Campus Center.

It was indescribable. The presence of loads of liquor (\$500 worth, we later found out) at a law school party is not in itself unusual, but the presence of delicious little tidbits of food is. We became intimately acquainted with several crab claws (those of you with gutter minds should be ashamed of yourselves), had several pleasant conversations with some of the hoardes of well-lubricated alumni, and after that we cannot remember, due to the proximity of rum. But we had a good time.

On Sunday we staggered to P.A.D.'s brunch. All we can say about it is that it was wonderful; an idea whose time has arrived.

We commend Bill Norton and his crew, and P.A.D. for an excellent weekend.

Indigestion . . .

Those of you who are really in tune with the goings-on on campus are aware that the Wigwam and Cafe are under new management. Scrotty (an appellation whose melodic tones were themselves an instigation to appetite) has gone the way of all flesh, to be replaced by Shamrock, an organization which at least sounds more promising.

Those of you who are in the practice, as we are, of dining at the Cade, know the immediate result of this change. Hordes of emaciated students, augmented by a larger freshman class than before (freshmen must purchase a meal ticket) bought meal tickets, convinced that the food had to improve. The upshot was cafeteria lines reminiscent of those day-long campouts to see King Tut. And this was probably a good idea on Shamrock's part, since after we had stood in line long enough to grow a beard we didn't care that the food had been dead as long as Tut.

And now the winner is . . . the food is exactly the same, ulcer-inducing institutional food. However, Shamrock is better, not because of quality but because of style, and quantity.

## Election, Cont'd.

Should it fail the state will be in a difficult position to fund these projects without a general tax increase."

Spong also commented on the position of the law school should the bonds fail. "We would go immediately to the Governor and the General Assembly for funds. The appropriations for plans in 1974 and for site work in 1976 show a definite intent to build a new law school."

Spong cited the work of several M-W students on the bond campaign, and noted the need for students to man the polls on Tuesday.

Associate Dean Richard Williamson summed up the effect the bond's passage would have on M-W, "It would eliminate any uncertainty of this school's future; it would life a cloud."

## Comments on the Consortium

by Louise Murtaugh

On the week-end of October 7-9, 1977, the Southeastern Law Placement Consortium held its second annual recruiting weekend. It is too early to know just how worthwhile this venture, which took place in Birmingham, will prove to have been.

I think that those of us who attended agreed that the idea of bringing students and recruiters together for a weekend of interviews broadens the opportunities tremendously for all concerned. In Birmingham, 200-plus students (from nine schools) had 1000-plus interviews with 30-plus employers.

Scheduling was a monumental task made possible by the advance work done by Sylvia Hollowell and her staff at Cumberland School of Law. All placement personnel had slots allotted in advance so that on Friday afternoon we each filled in the names of our students on the master sheet.

Interviews took place in the rooms of the various employers from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday was a somewhat shorter day. Placement personnel and recruiters were housed at the Hyatt Hotel, with students staying at the nearby Holiday Inn.

The big question that has come out front in all this, is the location. All placement personnel, recruiters and students, whose comments I heard, placed a change of location from Birmingham to Atlanta at the top of the list. Atlanta would be accessible by plane or car. It would be a city which could provide a variety of entertainment, hotel facilities which could incorporate student and administrative headquarters under one roof and provide a comfortable day lounge for students.

The Consortium is not interested in enlarging the number of schools beyond ten, but we hope another year to have more students, more recruiters and a more comfortable weekend.

The competitors for the Miss Teenage Contest also stayed at the hotel. They were excited and apprehensive and seemed to be all over the lobby and the elevators.



# Dr. "T" Recommends Literature for the Lawyer

by Dr. T. Moorman

As practicing attorneys you will be requiring medical material to handle personal injury, product liability, and medical malpractice cases. In my opinion it would be worth \$100-\$200 to obtain medical books for your office to provide a rapid source for basic understanding and convenient, minimal research. Despite changes in medical philosophies and knowledge, medical texts usually remain useful for 10-20 years. Let me suggest several specific books that represent examples of many you could obtain from various medical categories.

1) **Medical Dictionary (Dorlands)**: Let me caution you about trying to "nail down" concrete meanings for medical terms. Trying to get doctors to agree on definitions is like trying to understand the "law" from numerous judges' decisions. At least you can use a dictionary, decide for yourself on a meaning, and have a basis for discussion with someone who can explain the meaning as used in the specific context.

2) **Principles of Internal Medicine (Harrison)**: This book comes in one giant volume or, for convenience, in two smaller volumes, whichever you prefer. It is one of the most widely used textbooks of medicine and it, or a similar book, should be on your shelf. The book is organized with general topics and symptoms in the early chapters, progressing to specific disease discussions in the later chapters. Each discussion contains the natural history of the disease, signs and symptoms, differential diagnosis (conditions confused with the disease discussed), treatment, and other information the author feels important. The book is a multi-author volume and contains numerous references to medical periodic literature and other medical sources.

3) **Textbook of Surgery (Christopher)**: The book is a multi-author volume containing the indications for surgery, alternative treatment regimens, and examples of surgical technique.

4) **Gray's Anatomy**: One of the medical classics, this book is now available in paper back. In my opinion, however, since one of the great advantages of the book is its color pictures, you get more value with the permanent hardback edition. The book is mainly for background information. It is like looking at a blueprint of a building and is not for straight reading. It is not a "must" book, but is useful for basic understanding of body parts and their relationships to other body parts. It is organized by systems rather than regions. For example, to study the hand, one must consult the chapters on skin, bone, nerve, artery, vein, and muscle rather than just "hand". This flipping around makes the book hard to use, but it is probably the best single volume available.

5) **An Atlas of Anatomy (Grant)**: This is not a "must" book but it is useful in conjunction with Gray's Anatomy since it is organized by regions. For example, chapters in Grant's consider the upper limb, the abdomen, the lower limb, the thorax, etc. The book is

mainly pictures and, if you don't have a cadaver handy, it is the next best thing. Using Gray's is like looking at a state roadmap whereas Grant's is like looking at a world atlas.

6) **Physicians Desk Reference (the so-called PDR)**: This book

is published for physicians by pharmaceutical manufacturers through the Medical Economics Company, a division of Litton Industries, Oradell, New Jersey 17649. It is divided into several sections, including several indices organized by the

manufacturer, drug common name, drug chemical name, drug use, and product identification (color photographs of products). The product description section is much like a dictionary, and is organized by drug company. Short statements concerning

names, manufacture, actions and uses, pharmacology, indications, precautions, side effects, warnings, dosage and administration, and how

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## Trial Lawyers, Cont'd. Advocatus, Cont'd.

discovery, search and seizure, and various trial techniques that this writer can only guess at.

The major reason for this guarantee is the grand fortune that Mr. Breit has stumbled onto in garnering two eminent Virginia lawyers for the litigating parties. The defense attorney will be John C. Lowe of Charlottesville, a nationally known counsel, but recognized for the defense of the AIM Indians during the Wounded Knee affair. Mr. Lowe, a U.Va. graduate, has done extensive work in the drug litigation field, just last week returning from Los Angeles after keeping the owner of a few tons of something illegal out of peril. Mr. Lowe is a fascinating, highly motivated individual who should put on quite a show and display more than a few tricks.

On the other side of the room will be Commonwealth's Attorney Willard Robinson, C.A.

in Newport News since 1968. Mr. Robinson is a past President of The Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys, Chairman of the Peninsula Criminal Justice Advisory Council, and is serving, has served, or will serve with many other organizations of similar merit. His experience in the drug trial field ranks with that of Mr. Lowe and the two have met previously in court. (You will have to ask them who won. This writer knows, but it would be more fun to quiz them at the reception in Meeting Room B at the Campus Center following the Mock Trial. Free bar and brilliant conversation amongst ourselves and our guests will be offered.)

Come support the Trial Lawyers Association, learn something, see Bud Furr as Mock Judge, and have a good time. We all deserve it.

bored easily and nothing excites him so much as the hunt. Better to shake his hand after the fact, say good-bye and happy hunting.

Now I don't want to sound as if all men at Marshall-Wythe fall into one of these categories — many belong or share the characteristics of several of these types. It is important to myself and many of my friends however, that we bring home to the reading male public the impressions they themselves create among women here. Perhaps after reading this they will be more circumspect in their dealings with women and less callous in pursuing what appears to us to be their only real interest.

What do you think Mr. Raskolnikov?

Mr. Raskolnikov: "What a crock of !" "

## Crostic Directions

by George Neuberger

The object of the puzzle is to fill in the diagram by guessing the words from their definitions, and transferring each letter of the guessed word to the correspondingly numbered square in the diagram. When the diagram is filled out, it will spell a quotation from some published work (reading left to right, black boxes indicating the ends of words); also, when the words have been filled in, their initial letters will spell out the author and title of the quoted work. Spelling and definitions on the authority of Webster's New Seventh Collegiate.

The solution will be in the next issue of the Amicus. Good luck!



"BOTTLED IN BONDS — PICKLED IN CLASS"



## Just Hearsay

The Theta House will sponsor a keg and sour party for law students from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday at the Theta House.

We have received information from the Belgium-American Educational Foundation concerning a one year fellowship for American law students for study in a Belgian university. The stipend provided is quite generous. Applicants must be fluent in French or Dutch. Interested students should see Dean Sullivan as soon as possible.

## Coleman, Cont'd.

segregation.

He noted that he has proposed a state Tort Claims Act, with an imposed liability limit, based closely on the federal Tort Claims Act. Private bills, he explained, must now be introduced in the General Assembly for each claim, and each individual claim bill must follow the same legislative path as other requests for state appropriations. He noted that it is very expensive, time consuming, and burdensome to the claimant.

The Senator from Staunton forcefully explained that the most important issue in the race for Attorney General is CRIME and the role of the Attorney General in criminal justice reform. He promised, "I will not be an Attorney General who speaks only when spoken to; I will not just take up space in the Capitol. My opponent says CRIME is not an issue; I disagree. I will actively seek to get the General Assembly to adopt the necessary reforms, and I will represent all the

people as their advocate." He also views representation of the consumer before the SCC on utility rate requests as a high priority. He said that the companies have their lawyers and the AG, as the people's lawyer, should actively represent the people at hearings.

He favors approval of all sections of the bond issue and noted that in 1975 when the funding request for M-W came before the House of Delegates, his opponent as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, recommended adjournment before a resolution of the issue could be accomplished.

Senator Coleman is a graduate of the University of Virginia where he was President of the Student Government and Chairman of the University's first Human Relations Council. He is a graduate of the U.Va. Law School. He served in the House of Delegates and is currently a State Senator. He was voted by the press as the outstanding young legislator in the General Assembly.

## T's Advice, Cont'd.

supplied, are included. I would like to caution the reader against accepting all that is written in the PDR as gospel. Because this is a drug company book, a conservative approach is taken. Much of the material as stated is not applicable to medical clinical practice but seeks to protect the drug company interests. It is a good book for general information about general situations. Specific situations will require expert medical explanation to give complete understanding of drug useage.

7) **The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics** (Goodman and Gilman); This book is for one who wants a detailed description of drugs and their physiological effects. I believe it is probably too "deep" for most practicing attorneys but I include it here because it is so well regarded among medical professionals.

8) **Interpretation of Diagnostic Tests** (Wallach) or **A Syllabus of Laboratory Examinations in Clinical Diagnosis** (Page and Culver); One of these books, or one like them, is a must if a lawyer anticipates reviewing many medical charts. These books will explain why certain laboratory tests are ordered and what the results mean.

9) **Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products** (Gleason); This book is a must for the lawyer handling products liability cases involving contact with solvents, household detergents, paints, and other chemicals. I have used this book and find it very helpful.

As you can imagine there are thousands of medical books on thousands of medical topics. You can probably find a textbook on any single medical topic you want to know about. In using a Medical Library, the *Index Medicus*, like *Am Jur* or *Corpus*, will give you complete listings of recent articles in medical periodicals. Of particular interest will be review articles (annotation) on the desired subject. Remember, support can be found for any medical opinion, just as for any "side" of a legal question. I make no attempt to include in this article the numerous books, etc., that are available on medical questions written by legal scholars or by medical specialists for the legal profession, most of which are in our library. I have tried to present "pure" medical texts. If you are in an area of a medical school most of these books are available used from local bookstores. Also many community hospital libraries have fairly good basic collections and regional availability arrangements with the nearest medical schools for needed books and articles. These services will probably be available to you at minimal charges. I will be happy to try to answer any questions or comments you might have if you will send them to the Amicus office.

"I don't respond to cheap journalism, my number is in the phone book if Basham wants to play a tennis match." William "Guillermo" Breit responding to Jay Basham's challenge and apparently to the Amicus' temerity in suggesting that there is anyone who could give him competition in tennis.

## The Naked Eye: The Compleat Guide to the Care & Feeding of the Law Student

By reason of his slavish eagerness to please the hordes of readers clamoring for more of the *Compleat Guide*, the author, as promised, attempts to answer. One question which has long puzzled experts as well as owners of law students, and which is posed most frequently is, "How can we teach the damn thing where to go?" This, of course, is a rather delicate subject, and is perhaps best left unanswered. Each law student, it is to be remembered, has his own unique personality, manifested nowhere quite so distinctly as in his habits of personal hygiene. For this reason, it is difficult to enunciate any clear, foolproof rules by which the owner can ensure his own convenience as well as keep his law student content. Nevertheless, given the gravity of the consequences of failure to provide for the needs of your law student—who, after all, needs very little—a few pointers may be in order.

Most importantly, it is imperative that you not attempt to housebreak your law student while he is still too young to understand fully the ramifications of improper conduct on his part. Compliance with this requirement entails complete forbearance from disciplinary measures until your law student reaches the age of twenty-one. This, in turn, dictates that the owner have one of three things: a great deal of patience, a good vacuum cleaner, or a large and sandy back yard. It is, of course, entirely possible to refrain from acquiring a law student under the age of 21; however, there are distinct disadvantages in doing so. First, a mature law student may cost a great deal more than he is worth, unless he has been trained to perform simple tasks, such as providing an emergency garbage disposal during power blackouts and keeping creditors away from the premises. Moreover, having spent all or most of his life with other law students in a pet shop or fur farm, he will likely be unable to relate to human beings and may well prove to be completely unmanageable until he learns the traditional words of command, such as "Quit howling" and "Go play in the traffic." More than that the law student is unable to comprehend.

A second major consideration is that law student must be trained with a firm hand or foot. At the same time, you must take care not to alienate his affections. Wonderful results may be obtained by the simple expedient of presenting him, upon his 21st birthday (or thereabouts, if the circumstances of his birth are unknown), with his very own litter box, tastefully decorated or monogrammed, and preferably with a supply of plastic liner. This will please him no end—not only will it demonstrate your regard for him, it will also be something he can think of as his and his alone. Insecurity begets irregularity; presenting your law student with a litter box will give him the idea, if he is as intelligent as most law students, that you plan to keep him. What is more difficult to convey is the purpose for which you gave it to him. The relative merits of numerous methods have been debated ever since the first law student was domesticated by George Wythe almost three centuries ago, and the suggestions range from hanging by the tail over hot coals all the way to bribery with the law student's favorite worms and rodents. Most recently, a new method has been finding increasing popularity among owners. Known as the Pele technique, it involves envisioning oneself as a New York Cosmos forward in a tight game and with possession of the ball in scoring position. The law student's rump, generally more ample than a soccer ball, makes a ready and satisfying target for the instep. Should this method seem unduly harsh, be reminded that law students do not particularly mind this and related treatment. What must be avoided at all costs is embarrassing your law student in front of his friends or causing his difficulties in grasping the litter box concept to be noted on his resume. Such actions are more properly the province of a law student's professor than a law student's patient and loving owner.

**NEXT INSTALLMENT: Love and Courtship: Cooling His Jets on Those Warm Summer Nights.**

### S.A. Films

The writer can hardly believe it, but the S.A. has succeeded in arranging for its coming films to be good ones. In fact, one of them is a classic for all time. The others don't come close, but neither do they resemble such S.A. disasters as *The Sailor Who Fell From Grace with the Sea*, *The Shootist*, or *Lipstick*.

### Fri., Nov. 4- Dog Day Afternoon

This is the flick that proves, once and for all, that some people will do anything for love, hetero or otherwise. Al Pacino, whose presence alone makes the film worth seeing, is totally whipped on someone who needs a lot of money and fast. No dummy he, Pacino heads straight for the bank, and the festivities begin. Strange but thrilling, much like *Family Law*.

### 2nd feature—Casablanca

If there's anyone who hasn't seen *Casablanca*, the writer offers his boundless sympathy and urges that this opportunity not be missed. The plot is unimportant but immensely entertaining - and too involved to explain here. In a word, an American expatriate with a shadowy history of gun-running and the like, played by Humphrey Bogart, owns a cafe in Casablanca during the early stages of World War II. Rick's Cafe American is a hotbed of intrigue—refugees from occupied Europe come there to arrange transport to Lisbon in exchange for large sums of money. One of the seamy black marketeers is Peter Lorre, who has killed two German couriers carrying letters of transit, which guarantee free passage to Lisbon. After giving the letters to Bogart for safekeeping, Lorre is arrested and later killed, so that only Bogart knows where the letters are hidden.

Soon after, a beautiful Norwegian (Ingrid Bergman) and her

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## SBA Minutes Oct. 25, 1977

PRESENT: RONCA, GIGUERE, KARCH, FIELDS, NORTON, FROGALE, BOURASSA, KENNEDY, CONNELLY, DOZIER, KING.

ABSENT: GINIVAN (excused), WILCOX.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 4:35 p.m.

### OLD BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT by Ronca of Mike Cummings as Chairman of the Rules and By-Laws Committee. PASSED, aye-10, abstain-1.

APPOINTMENT by Ronca of Cassie Kennedy to Rules and By-Laws Committee. PASSED aye-10, abstain-1.

APPOINTMENT by Ronca of Christy May to Rules and By-Laws Committee. PASSED unanimously.

APPOINTMENT by Ronca of Marc Bresenoff as Director of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. PASSED aye-10, abstain-1.

REPORT by Ronca re Open Exam Policy. Bill has been invited by the Dean to discuss the open exams at the faculty meeting of October 27.

REPORT by Connelly re Alumni Reception. Kevin has the tickets for the reception after the game on the 29th. Tickets will be on sale at the Law School the next three days from 10:00 till 1:00 and at the door (Campus Center Grand Ballroom) on Saturday.

REPORT by Norton re Alumni Directory. The directories have been sent off to the printer's and will be ready for distribution to the ol' grads Saturday morning.

### NEW BUSINESS:

REPORTS by Van Lawrence re Aluminum Recycling. Judging from last year's totals, Van expects that \$60 will be made on the aluminum recycling program by March. Van has spoken to the Commons about donating their aluminum waste to the program, and if they do cooperate, the proceeds could be twice as much.

MOTION by Fields that Jim speaks with Mr. Stokes of Lafayette High School about setting up their own aluminum recycling program in order to raise money to send a LHS student to Presidential Classroom. SECONDED. PASSED, aye-6, nay-5.

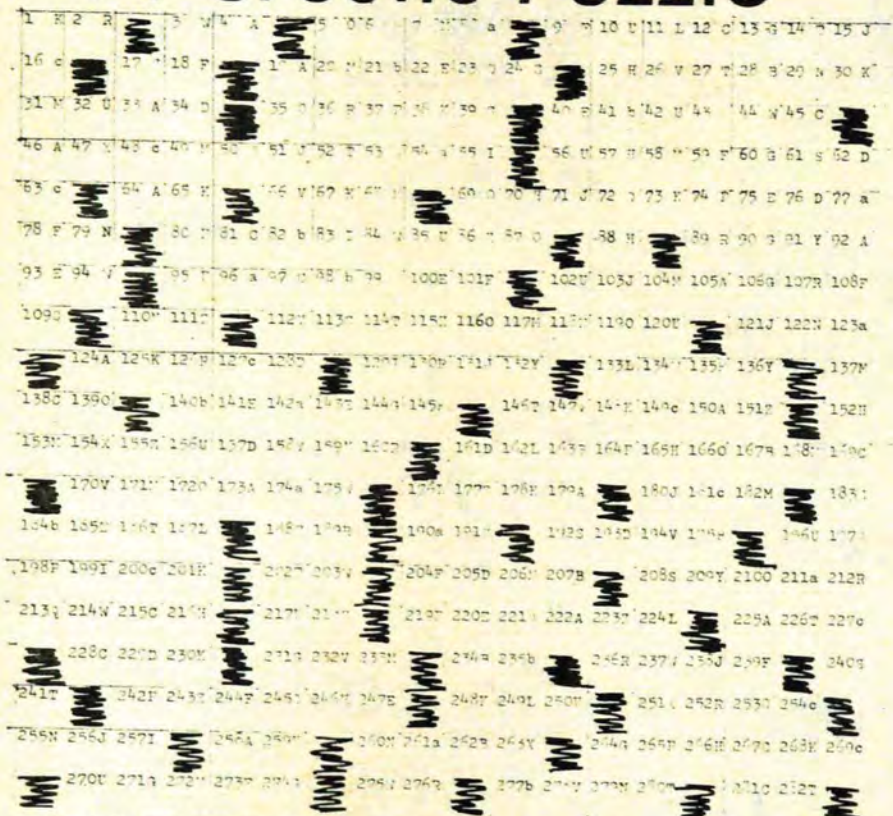
REPORT by Ronca re Annual SBA Dance. The Board expresses its recommendation to the Social Committee that the annual open bar dance be held in January, perhaps in the Grand Ballroom, rather than in November at the Community Center.

MOTION to adjourn. SECONDED.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



# A Crostic Puzzle





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