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### The Naked Eye:

### Behind The Screens

by The Naked Eye

This Week's Scene on the Silver Screen

The Shootist - S. A. Film Series, Sept. 23rd.

Set during the decline of the Old West, this 1976 film follows the demise of an aging but still-famous gunfighter (John Wayne), who rides off the plains one day and is informed by the kindly old town Doc that he's dying of cancer. Sound cliched? Well, just count 'em all:

Checking into a spare room in Lauren Bacall's house, he plunks down a wad of money in advance and settles down to wait it out. Natchery, he's not a-fear'd of dying, and proves it by doffing his dusty old boots. Somewhere along the line, though, he decides to play by the rules and die with them on, and hatches a plot to make sure of it. It's no big deal, except for the fact that he also decides he'd die happier blowing away three of the town's most upstanding citizens - a lightly civilized sodbuster whose brother he had rubbed out years before (in a fair fight, remember; we're dealing here with John Wayne), a smarmy, thoroughly revolting punk who's hell bent on making a name for himself by gunning down a big name, and someone else whose identity the Naked Eye has long since forgotten. It might have been the bartender, being the meanest, orneriest rattlesnake in them thar parts, but we honestly can't say for sure.

All the reviewer really recalls is what a rush it was when the big galoot got it. In other words, not to worry - no one ends up on Boot Hill here unless he either desires it or deserves it.

Meanwhile, the "love interest" is blossoming back at the Widder's place, except that it's only a "like interest". Having too much on his mind to bother with wimmen, the old gunslinger isn't really interested in doing much more than gawk at the scenery during the big buggy ride scene. Besides, who wants to do all that mushy stuff with girls when you have your very own horse to kiss? Anyway, while all this (all?) is going on, the "hero interest" is developing. It seems Miss Bacall's son (played with consummate gosh-golly by Ronny-oops, Ron Howard) is coming down with a case of idol worship. You see, Big John has taught him which end of a Colt .45 the bullets come out of.

It's an idyllic existence, but the little menage-a-trois is rudely interrupted when the story line shifts to the "hate interest". Each of the three bad guys, it appears, has accepted the Duke's invitation to meet up at the saloon for a good, old fashioned shootout. Gasping with admiration, we watch our hero resolutely perform his once-in-a-lifetime death ritual (bath, shave, haircut, clean underwear) and sashay out for the Last Roundup, his and theirs. In a withering hail of

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## How I Spent My Summer

by Bob Rae

Dean Spong initiated the fall program for the International Law Society on Tuesday, September 6, by lecturing on two topics of substantial interest to the 50 members of the Society and those faculty members present. The first topic was the Dean's involvement in a unique case of first impression involving his services as a Special Master of the District Court for Eastern Virginia in a matter heard in Great Britain. The Dean then discussed his experiences and observations from his State Department-sponsored trip to India.

The Westinghouse Case is one of international significance and involves claims of over \$3 billion by several utilities doing business with Westinghouse Corporation. The controversy centers around various contracts entered into by Westinghouse in 1973 covering varying degrees of duration requiring Westinghouse to provide uranium to the utilities at approximately 8 dollars per pound. In 1975 the price of one pound of uranium rose to nearly \$40. It was then that Westinghouse notified the utilities that they could no longer supply the commodity at the agreed upon prices. The utilities are seeking damages or performance of the contract and deliveries of the uranium. They filed suit in the federal court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Westinghouse pleaded under section 2-615 of the Uniform Commercial Code, citing impracticability of performance as reason for non-performance. They stated that the Arab oil crisis of that year was a reason for the drastic increase in the price of uranium, and was something that could not have been anticipated at the time of the penning of the contracts. Westinghouse has also discovered in Australia the records and minutes from meetings at which representatives of companies from South Africa, Great Britain, Australia, Canada and France discussed how the price of uranium could be set and who could be members of a "club" to provide uranium. Westinghouse lawyers believe that if the contingency of the Arab oil crisis is not sufficient grounds to sustain them under 2-615, then the existence of the cartel and its activities could be.

This required Westinghouse to obtain testimony and records of those involved in the cartel to enable Westinghouse to substantiate their position. The situation was complicated since nationals of several countries were involved. Westinghouse requested the testimony through Letters Rogatory, issued by the Eastern District of Virginia. These are requests to a foreign court for the purpose of

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## Counterpoint: A Scratch for the U.Va Itch

by K.A. Cotton

I was startled to learn, in the September 9, 1977 *Amicus Curiae*, of an impending epidemic that overwhelms the senses of Marshall-Wythe students. The symptomatic details were alarming. However, it was reassuring to read on and find that not all cases were terminal. The author has gone to great length to argue the cause for dissatisfaction and in light of my limited exposure to the expressed pessimism I can only offer the reflections of a hopeless optimist.

I have noticed students facing Northwest, but I have also seen many others facing to all compass points. The body messages I receive are expressions of favor for a fine campus; brick walks overhung with thickly branched trees and a certain solemn serenity that can only come with ivy and time.

I have also noticed looks of desperation; but they are not continual nor are they defeated, rather these are moments of indcision faced by people in all walks of life at all age levels. Therefore, the choice of law schools hardly becomes the paramount question anymore than it becomes the ultimate answer.

Again I must stress my limited realization of the seriousness of the problems alluded to by the learned author of the aforementioned article. I obviously was under themisguided impression that our rather limited size was an advantage in the development of interpersonal relationships. I should have realized, coming from a large school, with all the "advantages" of lounges, easy chairs and student lockers how important these were when juxtaposed with the mere personal contact gained at Marshall-Wythe.

I was happy to read on however, and find that the article did mention that our school builds character, inasmuch as this seems to be a necessary ingredient in pursuing a legal career.

The additional references to impossible class schedules, carpeted hall, padded chairs and broken machines are apparently an attempt to convince us all that big is better. I for one prefer to acknowledge a certain amount of inconvenience that is inevitable in all academic institutions, both large and small. However, as I am sure we are all aware the solutions are seldom found in rhetoric alone.

The most disturbing posure of the article was its subliminal effort to undermine the appeal of Marshall-Wythe as a legal institution. This defeatist and pessimistic attitude is certainly not the consensus of the student body, the legal profession nor the general public.

Many of the law students here were offered positions at other schools, why did they choose Marshall-Wythe? Perhaps, there are those who are the reciprocal of the opinions alluded to in the article.

Many of those in the legal profession respect the degree conferred by Marshall-Wythe and prefer our graduates over others. Again, the question why? Perhaps our better person also

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# Spong's Summer, Cont'd.

obtaining oral deposition of individuals under the foreign court's jurisdiction. All of the countries except Great Britain ruled that no depositions of their nationals would be allowed. The request for depositions of British subjects went all the way to the highest court in England where the ruling stated that the witnesses should appear and suggested that a Master be appointed. The judges' memorandum stated that there would be matters of privilege pleaded under English Law and under the 5th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, since the proceeding was in an American Court. They also felt that privilege could be raised under European Community Law concerning the documents requested.

It was then that Dean Spong was appointed as Special Master by Judge Merhige. The Dean was to take the depositions in the United Kingdom and to rule on the applicability of the 5th Amendment in the proceedings. The possibility of grants of immunity by the Justice Department was raised and it was concluded that the judge must rule on the immunity question if the 5th Amendment were pleaded. Judge Merhige and the Dean met with the witnesses at the American Embassy in a room filled with American and British lawyers.

As expected, the witnesses pleaded the 5th Amendment and Judge Merhige ruled that they could do so. However, two lawyers from the Justice Department appeared at the London hearings with a letter which in effect offered immunity to the witnesses from criminal prosecution if they testified in this civil proceeding. Judge Merhige ruled that the letter was insufficient since there are legislatively prescribed procedures which must be followed by the Justice

Department to constitute an offer of immunity. So the initial session ended without the desired testimony.

Westinghouse fared better in the second session, however, which took place in Richmond, shortly after the Dean's return to the United States. The Justice Department followed the statutory procedures for granting immunity and Judge Merhige ruled that he would respect the grant of immunity and required the witnesses to testify even if they pleaded that 5th Amendment. At this point, Counsel for Rio Tinto Zinc, a British Corporation, requested leave to appeal to the House of Lords. The House of Lords will review the entire procedure and Rio Tinto Zinc will question the initial grant of the Letters Rogatory, allowing a U.S. Court of require depositions of British subjects. Judge Merhige has assured the British that the depositions requested are not a "fishing expedition" but that the testimony is needed at the trial. The British attorneys had previously raised the question of the relevance to the case of the material and testimony requested. The British judges, when granting the request of the American Court, had noted that Rio and the British witnesses were well represented and counsel could protect their clients from non-relevant questions.

Dean Spong, as Master, has been empowered to negotiate an amicable settlement of the case. He believes if settlement is not reached, it will be nearly a year before an outcome is determined. The trial began on the week of 12 September in Richmond but the settlement negotiations conducted by Dean Spong between management representatives will continue. The depositions of the British witnesses will be taken if the House of Lords sustains the

ruling of the British courts.

The Westinghouse case is of particular interest for several reasons: 1) it is the first time that an American Court has sat in session in Great Britain; 2) it is the first time the British Court of highest appeal has ruled that under the British Evidentiary Act a British national may be examined in this manner; 3) it is the first time that the European Community Law has been tested as to privilege; 4) it is also the first time the Justice Department has issued a grant of immunity in a civil case; and 5) it is the most significant test to date of section 2-615. It is also unique that the House of Lords will determine whether British nationals (one of the witnesses is a Lord) can be compelled to testify in Britain in an American legal proceeding.

(Editor's note: This is part one of a two part series examining Dean Spong's trip to India and England this past summer.)

## Scratch U.Va, Cont'd.

makes for a better attorney.

Last but certainly not least, the general public, what do they think? This is a difficult question inasmuch as the only way of determining the answer would be an opinion poll; but perhaps this will be answered in part when the voters approve the bond issue.

In closing I offer the following for consideration by all the student body. A myth is only perpetuated by constant recounting, therefore if an itch is your problem what better lotion than "physician heal thyself".

## Who is This Person and . . .



## What is he doing in law school?

On Wednesday, September 14, the Virginians for Bonds kicked off its campaigns to pass the bond issue with a series of meetings and a luncheon

# The Naked Eye, Cont'd.

hot lead, he accomplishes his purpose very nicely. Don't blame the reviewer for giving away the ending just yet, though - there's more to come, so prop open those eyelids. The moral punch is about to come. It's pretty tinny, but here goes. . .

Just before he cashes in his chips (one for each hole in him), the Big Guy catches sight of the boy, who, it seems, has disobeyed Mom and snuck out the window or something so he could keep an eye on his brand-new father figure, 2) try out his new toy—a right big shotgun—on someone, or 3) get into some Redeye and pick up some of the finer points of gunplay.

It's a terrific scene; you can see that the kid's just itching to air-condition someone, anyone, but at the same time he's a little bit chicken to start blazing away. He looks at the fallen Duke. . . the Duke looks at him. . . they both eye their quarry. . . suddenly, the low-down varmint makes his play. All right!! It's the moment of truth! Will the old man get religion and save a good boy from a life of crime by beating the lad to the kill? Or will he just say the hell with it and let the kid let fly with both barrels? The Naked Eye feels ethically bound not to say, and earnestly prays that the reader will not be torn apart by the suspense.

O.K., so it's neither John Wayne nor the Westerns at their best. Blame the S. A. for not getting *The Searchers* or *Red River*, if you're looking for a scapegoat. But the film does have its good points. Lauren Bacall, even thirty years after *The Big Sleep*, can still make the screen light up. Richard Boone has become pretty adept by now at playing tame Sasquatches. And when's the last time the Duke let the scriptwriters, low dogs that they are, send him into the sunset feet first?

**Walking Tall—2nd feature**

It's worth sitting through *The Shootist*, or else coming late, to feast your eyes on the glorious head-beating and other assorted methods of spilling the maximum amount of blood in the minimum amount of time in this rousing tale of one man's personal exercise of executive authority. Don't take the message too seriously—we've already heard all about how corrupt and venal the system is and how, if you want anything done, you've got to do it yourself. Drop by and find out how.

**October 1st, S.A. Film Series**

**The Man Who Fell to Earth**

(Key of C, please) Elvis does it. . . the Beatles do it. . . Roger Daltrey wouldn't be caught dead not doing it. . . so why not David Bowie, too? We'll tell you why not—it's too hurting for words. David Bowie without a bank of Marshall amps behind him is like an anti-abortion statute in the Supreme Court—it falls on its face. We say "it" intentionally, by the way. Bowie slithers around in a skin suit designed to give him the appearance of total androgyny, which it does superbly. The reviewer kind of liked the effect, but you might not. What we didn't like was everything else about the film, especially the battered old "capitalism stinks" routine. You see, Bowie is supposed to symbolize pure innocence, caught up in an evil plot spawned by the fatcats down at the corporate offices. You can go, or read your Corporations text, instead. It's ho-hum either way.

**Reefer Madness—2nd feature**

AT last, something we-er, you- can all relate to. This one's been around awhile and has become something of a cult film. Deservedly so, we might add. *The Naked Eye* saw this film at a tender age and couldn't exactly tell whether it was anti-dope propaganda or a goof on anti-dope propagandists.

You probably won't care, anyway, because it's hysterical. The fact that it's such a cheapo production just adds to the fun. Highly recommended, a real potboiler. Your joints will ache with laughter as you roll in the aisles.

**NEXT ISSUE:** Restaurant reviews, if the editors fork over enough dinner money for the Naked Palate and any girl hungry enough to go out with him. Otherwise, he shall invite Raskolnikov to accompany him to ten o'clock service at Bruton Parish. Objections may be sent to the editors via the circular file in the office of the Amicus Curiae.

featuring Governor Mills Godwin at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond.

Virginians for Bonds is a non-partisan group with the support of all of Virginia's political parties. Its aim is to educate the voters about the bond issue, which will be put to the people on November 8, 1977, with the assumption that if Virginia voters understand the bond package, they will vote for it.

The kickoff opened with a meeting of the regional directors of Virginians for Bonds and a gathering of an important arm of the Virginians for Bonds, Students for Bonds.

The Students for Bonds brought together students from every major and community college in the state to discuss ways of making students, an important part of the Virginia voting population, aware of the bond issue. The meeting was organized by the three co-chairmen of the Students for Bonds: Steve Mahan, former student body president at the

University of Virginia; Gloria Leonard, of J. Sargent Reynolds Community College; and second-year Marshall-Wythe student, Ken Geroe.

The Students for Bonds meeting also featured a brief talk by Bruce Miller, on leave from the Governor's office to help in the bond campaign.

After the Students for Bonds meeting, the students and the various regional directors gathered for lunch. At lunch were several Virginia educational and political luminaries including Marshall-Wythe Dean William Spong, William and Mary President Thomas Graves, and the Mayor of Richmond. At the luncheon, Governor Godwin delivered a speech in which he outlined the advantages and effects of the bond program and emphasized that the bond issue was critical to Virginia's progress.

The luncheon was attended by approximately 400 people, who will form the nucleus of the campaign to pass the bond issue on November 8.

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# 1st Yr. SBA Candidates Announce Platforms

by John King

Involvement in student government is vital to insure the representation of student ideas. Student involvement has to be conscientious, open and diligent.

What type of person do you want to see as your class representative? How about a hard worker with a good deal of student government experience who is willing to represent YOUR interests?

My involvement in student government goes back as long as I've been in school. I have served on student committees and as a representative of various classes. I have worked hard in student government to carry out the ideas of my classmates. I have also attempted to keep an open mind, so that I would be able to work with others.

As your S.B.A. representative, I will continue to do the above, inform the class of S. B. A. activities, encourage involvement in S. B. A. committees and events, and solicit and voice the wishes of the first year class.

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to stop me after class or give me a ring.

by Mitch Osborne

AS I sit here, wondering what I should write to convince you, my fellow first-year students to cast your ballot for me in this issueless, almost campaign-free election, the question keeps running through my mind, "Why should you vote for me?" It's fairly obvious that the thirteen candidates must be hardworking overachievers — that of course being a prerequisite of acceptance into Marshall-Wythe. So no matter who wins, the odds are in your favor that they will do a competent job.

With the similarity of basic qualifications, you might ask yourself why you should vote for any of us, especially those of us you've never even talked with. Let me suggest why you might vote for me. I would like

to use this office as an opportunity to meet with each one of you, and to represent your views in the issues that are certain to arise this academic year. This is a small school where individual input can have a considerable influence, a rarity in our increasingly corporate society. It is a privilege to be exercised, lest it be lost through atrophy.

Previous SBA officers have recognized this and acted forthrightly to preserve for us, these rights and privileges. This year's first-year representatives must be as dedicated to these ideals as have been the second and third year representatives. We must recognize the responsibilities we have to the college, the community, and most importantly, to the students we represent, and temper our judgment accordingly.

This is the belief with which I approach the office. All I need to implement it is your vote.

by Christy May

What I would like to do here is give you a glimpse into my past and present so that you can judge my qualifications for this position.

Throughout high school I was active in the student government in a number of positions, both elected and volunteer. While in college I remained active in student government, serving on standing committees of the college and aiding in the organization of numerous events on campus.

To me, Marshall-Wythe is a terrific school. From what I have seen of the existing S. B. A. it is a fine organization; all that is missing is representation from the first-year class. Our class includes a variety of people from all walks of life. Each of you has something to contribute to the betterment of the rest of us. By my being a member of the S. B. A. I would hope to get a chance to bring the members of our class together with those of the second and third year classes as well as with the faculty.

We are small enough a school to get to know one another and we should start today. The school — including the classroom experiences and the social life — can only survive if there are people willing to give it some help. I am willing; are you?

by Jeff Milam

For most students who will vote for first year representatives on Friday, it might be difficult to choose among the thirteen candidates. Such a difficulty exists in part because it is impossible in this time period for us, as candidates, to project the accomplishments we will make. Therefore, I will not discuss specific goals, but rather make one general promise to the first year class. If elected I will strive to help the S. B. A. become an even more effective vehicle through which the students can attain their desired ends.

Furthermore, I will try to reflect the ideas of our class at all times, so our needs will be represented. I will make myself available to everyone and be eager to get a cross-current of opinions, so I can adequately live up to my promise.

I feel confident that I can perform the duties assigned a representative because I have had previous experience in student governments as an officer and representative. Before you vote, please do not hesitate to ask me about my conception of the job and how I would approach it, if given the opportunity.

by Lee Osborne

It has been said that the tragic flaw of Oedipus was the sin of hubris (pride), and that the McBeths might have been reasonably decent folks if it hadn't been for their ambition. Well, I possess both of these attributes (in moderation of course), but if I had to point to one failing quality in myself it would be apathy, particularly (In fact, almost exclusively) in the realm of politics.

Of course, any interaction between individuals or groups of individuals involves politics, and with these ordinary applications of the art I am generally familiar. However, into that exalted sphere of political endeavors from which many great and many pernicious policies of human governance issue, I have scarcely tread.

I have always considered applied politics to be a necessary evil, the wise man's folly and the lap-dog's prize, one cut below political theory (for that, at least, is still harmless) and a star shining dimly over the field of sociology. However, as I am now beating along the windward leg in the course of my chosen profession, I think that it is time to abandon the shelter of prosaic apathy and find out what it is like to woo the public conscience. Besides, I have always wondered what it feels like to spend someone else's money.

But what, you may ask, has real politics got to do with the S.B.A.? I don't know. That's what I'm hoping to find out. But, you may ask further, what brilliant strategies might I employ. Again, I don't know. But, as Dave Robbins put it (you may remember Dave), "It's the squeaky wheel that gets the oil."

Apart from the apprehension of the nature of practical politics, I am guided in my decision to run by two other ambitions: to become more involved in the administrative machinery of the law school; and to get to know each of you better. It is, therefore, with great expectations, and a modicum of reserve, that I nominate myself to be your representative in the S.B. A.

by Jeff Dozier

I wish to represent the first year class because for the first time in my education I feel that I'll truly have empathy with those people whose interests I'm supposed to be representing. With only 155 people in our class, I believe

that in three years I'll know almost everyone. And it's this belief in being able to perceive the feelings of the rest of the class that makes me desire this position.

I feel that what I'll be doing won't be for selfish objectives, or a desire to make my record look good. With respect to qualifications for office, I must admit that I have none that set me above my fellow students. In fact, I am probably less qualified than those students who have been out of school for a while, and who in the process acquired experience in dealing with people in real life situations.

Furthermore, I don't pretend to have high goals and promises of what I'll do if elected. It would be foolish of me to try to deceive people who have reached the level of sophistication that I've discovered in law students. I can only say that I will conscientiously perform my role if elected.

by Larry Cogswell

I envision the role of the SBA Representative for the first year class as one in which the person might be an open avenue through which everyone's ideas and suggestions could be aired. Naturally, every class needs a spokesman, and in my opinion our class especially needs one because we are quite diverse as to age, the distances we live from campus, and our general backgrounds. I would hope that I might be that person with whom you could talk and let your opinions be known. It's our class, not that of the SBA Representative. Too often the representatives in "College Student Organizations" forget who elected them and tend to work as an elite body, in and of themselves. My aim would be to keep an open ear and to air your proposals, as well as keep you informed as to what is taking place.

It is also my contention that the law school is very much (continued page 4)

## SBA Sponsors Class Photos

by Mike Giguere

The SBA is sponsoring a project to have photographs made of all the students in all three classes at the law school. The purpose of the project is to have class composite pictures made which can be purchased by interested students and the originals will be presented to the law school as a continuing visual history of each law class.

The initial idea of a composite picture was proposed by second-year law students "Buz" Wilson and "T" Moorman. Mike Giguere of the SBA is heading the project with assistance from members of each year's class as well as financial support from a special grant made available by Colonel Walck.

The first-year photos have already been taken and printed; and the first-year photo committee is preparing the composite for final printing during the first week in October with student sales starting by mid-

October. The committee hopes to have the second- and third-year composites ready for final printing in November with sales starting in early December.

The cost of the 16" by 20" composite will be approximately \$5. In order to make the project a success, the SBA needs the cooperation of all of the law school's upper classmen in having their pictures made at the following times and places: Second-Year Students, Friday, September 23, room 213 between 1:15 and 2:15 p.m., and Tuesday, September 27, room 213 between 10:15 and 11:00 a.m.; Third-Year Students, Friday, September 30, room 213, between 1:15 and 2:15 p.m., and Tuesday, October 4, room 213, between 10:15 and 11:00 a.m. The pictures take only 30 seconds, so please cooperate and have your picture made.

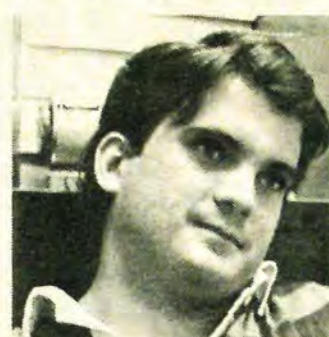
## Pick A Winner!



Mitch Osborne



Christy May



Tony Anikeeff



Larry Cogswell



John King

These five first year students, along with eight others, are competing for three positions on the Board of Directors of the SBA.



## SBA Platforms, Cont'd.

apart from the general campus community, and I would hope that we could become more integrated into the entire College of William and Mary because the College could offer us much if we could become involved with it.

In closing, I might add that the lousy parking situation warrants further study. Thank-you!

by Tony Anikeeff

Considering the apprehension which has confronted my ponderings about the successful completion of this first semester, the thought of five more like it approaches the fantastic. Assuming that we will survive, however, our class enjoys a unique position, which has encouraged me to seek a position on the S. B. A.

With luck, and some pushing, we will be the first residents and graduates of the new law school. After all, with the important work of building the parking lot and planting the trees completed, can the building be that far behind? I think we can make the building something more than books and classrooms, and I would like to participate in these efforts.

Of an immediate concern, and realizing that we may be the last class to depart from our present abode, I feel that the S. B. A. should devote some major efforts to maintaining the few comforts we do have and making our free time as pleasant as possible.

As a suggestion, I would like to see the S. B. A. post a weekly calendar of social and other events at W&M which might be of interest to the law school. Install an improved (perhaps staffed) snackbar in the student lounge and possibly acquire some softer seats. Sponsor a pre-game warmup

and block of seats at the football games. Arrange for some gatherings with students outside the law school. Study some ways which the orientation discussion groups might serve some longer-lived purpose.

Beyond my own ideas, I feel that I can be an effective spokesman in seeing that your ideas can be heard and acted upon. I think the S. B. A. can be effective, and I would like to serve on it.

by Kevin Connelly

It is the duty of every student government to act as a liaison between the administration and the student body; to effect needful changes in a growing school, and to supplement both the academic and the social life, making the student's intellectual pursuit both as interesting and as painless as possible.

In order to perform these functions effectively, the body must be comprised of members who are not only willing to spend the needful time and effort on various projects but also who are capable of relating to bargaining with various types of people whether they be administrators or outside sources.

I have both the desire to work and the experience of having been involved in some form of student government for the past eight years, qualifying me for the position of S. B. A. board representative.

The social function of the board should be one of drawing people with obviously similar interests together for the sole purpose of providing a needful outlet or break from a rigorous and sometimes rather frustrating academic schedule, while the academic function should be to provide practical applications of the classroom studies; to allow the students to see their newly acquired knowledge and skills put to work. These practical

applications of skill and social outlets are both greatly needed.

Finally, the board should work to effect school policy and make sure its voice is heard prior to any new administrative decisions which directly or indirectly concern the student.

by Chris Mellott

I am excited about the year ahead and the prospect of being one of your representatives to the SBA. To give you a little background about me: I graduated from Duke University last May as an Electrical Engineer; I was a member of the Engineering Student Government, vicepresident of my fraternity, and held offices in various campus organizations; and my home is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

There are two goals I would try to achieve as your SBA representative. My first concern is making sure your ideas have a direct input into the working and plans of the Student Bar Association. In order for a student government to have any meaningful existence it must concentrate its efforts on matters of student concern. This is a small class and each member should feel he or she has a voice in the running of the SBA. Secondly, I feel it is very important that you, the law students, know what your Student Bar Association is doing. Keeping you informed of meetings and their purpose, of social events, and of special projects is important for an active Student Bar. You can only become involved when you know of programs that interest you.

Some of the areas I think we as the Class of 1980 should consider are: a closer relationship between the Law School and the rest of the College through participation in projects that affect the whole campus, an active social calendar offering the law students some hours together on the dance floor or at a football game rather than in the classroom or library, a total class involvement in Law Day this spring, and an information program on available summer jobs and careers in the legal profession through contact with the placement office and the alumni.

As your representative I will work to get you involved and keep you informed of what your SBA is doing.

by Laurie Cantwell

Is this just another candidate's seemingly endless list of promises and false hopes? Of course not. You don't want to hear it and I don't want to list them. A mere pledge of representation: to be present in body and mind as a representative of the first year class. As a friendly, easy to talk to person, I could be an important asset to our class in relaying our feelings to the upper classmen and the faculty. I'm not afraid to speak up for an idea.

But, as first year students, we find our time completely taken up with "heavy" subjects and thoughts, and occasionally find it necessary to leave the "law world" behind for a few hours. Yes, law students should have a social life, even if it's limited to a

few hours a week. Let's make those few hours worthwhile.

by Lorraine Nordlund

My name is Lorraine Nordlund. I'm a graduate of VPI&SU where I majored in biology (mainly environmental studies).

In the past few weeks here at Marshall-Wythe, I have noticed a great lack of coordination and communication within the first year class. I realize that this is largely due to the fact it is just the beginning of the year, however, I believe that increased weekend and intramural activities would help the class become more unified.

I would like to work with the SBA to see that such activities are scheduled and attended.

by John Young

1976-Endorsed Morris Udall candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention, 44th Senatorial District, Pennsylvania.

Actually, my main qualification for this job is being a 14th generation descendant of the same William and Mary for whom this illustrious college is named, but knowing how you commoners feel about royalty, I feel it necessary to illustrate my acceptance of the democratic

method. (No offense intended.)

Anyway, if elected, my main interest is in having the name of this "Amicus Curiae" thing translated into English. If we really don't like the metric system and wish to continue our usual drinking habits, then let the name of this paper be changed to Amicus Curiae's true meaning, which I am told is "friend of the quart." Oh, yea, I'm also related to Neil Young.

Seriously, if elected, I promise to bring a fresh point of view to the S.B. A., and to be someone you can always talk to, if you should happen to develop an opinion on something we do.

I hope that the foolish way I have presented myself does not lead to any hostility on your part, but rather to an understanding of the problems of communicating over the voices of 12 opponents that we each are faced with. If not, I can only echo the words of Homer:

"Non ego ventosae plebis suffragia venor". And you can guess what that means.

**Ken Yo Rite?**  
**Work for us.**

## NON COMPOS MENTIS

Rumors circulating about the law school to the effect that Raskolnikov has been assassinated by the Karma faction of the Liquefactionist Party are entirely without foundation. It is true that there was an "attentat" by the above group but this was due entirely to a misunderstanding and has since been cleared up.

The absence of this column from the preceding two editions of this inglorious rag is due to entirely different causes.

First and foremost among these reasons is the complete lack of anything worth writing about at this school. The critics and harpies among you may snicker up your sleeves at this excuse, vouchsafed as you are in the certain knowledge that this didn't prevent ol' Raz from wasting newspaper last year. Nevertheless, it is true that attending Marshall-Wythe is like attending a session of Congress; the same things will be said with a consistent lack of verve or hubris and the end result is to leave the auditor bored to stupefaction.

Furthermore, I have made the grave error of rereading some of my own stuff from last year and, although there are a few sentences here and there that are not without merit or creativity, the bulk of my writing is puerile and without point or purpose.

The upshot of all this is to prepare you, dear reader, for what may strike you as supremely comic: Raskolnikov has decided to take Holy Orders and remove himself from the scene of public discourse that he may better contemplate the meaning of it all. No more can you look forward to being regaled by the buffooneries of the self-anointed class clown.

The idea of trying to be an Iconoclast in an age without icons is patently absurd. Wherever one looks among popular intellectuals one sees them all engaging in the same endeavor: a denunciation of faith and ideals that has itself almost become a catechism for acceptance into the ranks of the "With-its."

The tergiversation which I am about to commit (or apostasy if you prefer) is not undertaken lightly. It is simply too easy to lampoon those who appear to have adopted a "weltanschauung" that has no apparent foundation in reason. They are easy targets; vulnerable because they advertise their principles and stand ready to defend them from all the barbs launched at them from self-appointed "wits" and "sophisticates." I am heartily sick of my role in this. Therefore I hereby announce my intention to aim my inkspots at the nay sayers and carpers and cynics beginning with the anonymous cretin who writes the movie reviews in this paper.

This vile hypocrite who hides behind a pseudonym has never had anything good to say about anything. In his review he would have you believe that the movie "The Shootist" is nothing more than a paean to violence clothed in the cliches of the standard horse opera. Nowhere does he mention the truly superior scene between the doctor (played with great sensitivity by James Stewart) and the aging gunfighter (John Wayne). The brilliance of this scene consists in the adeptness with which the two actors walk a tightrope across the abyss of cheap sentimentality by carefully restraining themselves from portraying their characters as firm and loud believers in their own rectitude.

Granted, films having as their theme the passing of the old West and the advent of the new have become something of a glut on the market but not to mention the well done sets that seem truly real or the quiet dignity displayed by the principal actors is truly a disservice to the would-be movie goer.

With this parting shot I leave you to whomever may condescend to fill in this space. Flectamus genua! Raskolnikov, Prince of Fools repairs to his monastery.

## JUST HEARSAY

The following students have transferred to the Marshall-Wythe School of Law:

NAME	FROM
Anderson, Paul R.	Loyola (New Orleans)
Brittin, Michael D.	Wake Forest
Gillette, Michele A.	Wake Forest
Marx, Carol M.	Miami Law School
Smith, Rebecca	The American University

Third year student Bill Norton was a comfortable winner in the S.B.A. election for Alumni Director.

The two movies presented by the Supreme Court Historical Society, "Marbury v. Madison," and "U.S. v. Burr," were attended by over 160 people.

TGIF will be sponsored this Friday by ATLA (Association of Trial Lawyers of America). Be there at three o'clock.

THE BEST PART OF THE YEAR: PDP's second annual Casino Night. Roulette, Craps, Open Bar. Prizes Courtesy of The Cheese Shop, Williamsburg Racquet Shop, Busch Gardens, Kings Dominion, and others. Saturday, September 24. The Little Theatre of the Campus Center at 8:00 p.m. Members and First Years, 75 cents. Others, \$1.75.

The Class of 1972 will hold its fifth reunion at homecoming on October 29th. This is a first!

Master Charge is now available for all law students. There are no financial requirements for eligibility; you simply must be a student in good standing with at least a 2.0 grade point average. There is no charge to get or keep the card. Great for establishing credit, emergencies, etc. Call Shep Williams, 253-0370.