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In SBA Rep Elections

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The Naked Eye:
Behind the Screens

by The Naked Eye

This Week's Scene on the Silver Screen
The Shootist - 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 gunslinger (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 clichéd? Well, just count 'em all.
Checking into a spare room in Lauren Bacall's house, he plunks down a way of money in advance and settles down to wait it out. Naturally, he's not a-feared of dying, and proves it by doffing his dusty old boots. Somewhere along the line, though, he decides to play that he's dying of cancer.
Meanwhile, the hero interest was blossoming back at the Wid­den's place, except that it's only a wi th girls when you have your very own horse to kiss? Anyway, while interested in doing much more than gawk at the scenery during the all this (all?) is going on, the hero interest is developing. It seems 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.

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 3415 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

County Court: A Scratch for the U. Va Itch
by K.A. Cotone

I was startled to learn, in the September 9, 1977 Amicus Curiae, that there is an impending epidemic that overwhelms the senses of Marshall-Wythe students. The epidemicic details were alarming. However, it was reassuring to read that the author had not mentioned the telltale signs of despair; but they are not
continual nor are they defeated, rather they are merely instances of disillusion faced by people in all walks of life at all age levels. Therefore, the choice of law schools hardly becomes the paramount question anymore when 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 underinformed guidance that our rather limited scope 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 students, how important these were when juxtaposed with the mere personal contact gained at Marshall-Wythe.

I was happy to read on September 12, 1977, in the same article the did mention that our school builds character, information that was a necessary ingredient in pursuing a legal career.

The closest 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 the smallness, the cozy, the homely, the intimate atmosphere which is certainly the case at Marshall-Wythe.

The most disturbing passage of the article was its subliminal effects on some of the law students here at Marshall-Wythe as a legal institution. This defeatist and pessimistic attitude is only not the concensus 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 recipients of all the advantages alluded to in the article.

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

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At last, something we've been able to relate to. 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 a crime to change production just adds to the fun. Highly recommended, a real potboiler. YourJointView. I'll get to it somehow as you roll in the aisles.

NEXT ISSUE: Restaurant reviews, if the editors fork over enough dinner money for the Naked Plateau and any girl hungry enough to go out with him. Otherwise, he'll 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.

What is he doing in law school?

On Wednesday, September 14, the Virginians for Bonds kicked off their campaign to pass the bond issue with a series of meetings, and a...
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1st Yr. SBA Candidates Announce Platforms

by John King

Involvement in student government is a means to improve 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 a in a non-emotional experience who is willing to represent YOUR interests?

My approach to 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 to carry out the ideas of my classmates. I have also attempted to bring up the idea, if you would be willing 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, I would be happy to stop me after class or give me a ring.

by Mitch Osborne

As I sit here, wondering what I should be doing, I think of 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, "Who would you vote for me?" It's fairly obvious that the thirteen candidates must be hardworking overachievers that of course being a favor that they will do a picture was proposed by second-year and the thirteen candidates must be hardworking overachievers on the history of each law class. Before you vote, please do not hesitate to ask me about my conception of the job and how I would approach it, given the opportunity.

by Lee Osborne

It has been said that the tragic flaw of Oedipus was that he didn't know himself. This is also my contention that we all have had previous experience in student government 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, given the opportunity.

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 ever 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 that 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 student government in a number of positions, both elected and volunteer. While in college I have remained active in student government, serving on standing committees of the college and aiding in the organization of numerous events.

To me, Marshall-Wythe is a terrible school. From what I have read, I believe that S.B.A. 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 studying with the first-year class, B.I., I would hope to get a chance to bring the members of our class into the discussion of the second and third year classes as well as with the faculty.

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 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 price. 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 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? As Dave Robbins put it, you may remember everyone, "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. First of all, I have been 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. of the first year class.

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 165 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 Cosgrove

I envision the role of the S.B.A. 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 the ages, 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 the S.B.A. 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

SBA Sponsors Class Photos

by Mike Giguerre

The SBA is sponsoring a project to have photographs made of the first-year photos in all three classes at the law school. The purpose of the project is to have a composite picture made which can be purchased by interested students and the original will be preserved for any of us especially those of us who never even talked with each other. I hope you will vote for me. I would like to use this office as an opportunity to meet with each one of you, and to represent your viewpoints and desires that are certain to arise this academic year. This is a small school and I believe that you can have a considerable influence, a rarity in our current society. It is a privilege to be exercised, lest it be lost through atrophy. Provision has been made which can be purchased for the $5.

The initial idea of a composite picture was proposed by second-year law student "But" Wilson and Mr. Giguerre of the SBA is heading the project with assistance from me. The pictures will also be sold as well as financial support from a special grant made available by Colorama Industries.

The first-year photos have already been taken and printed, and this 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 composite ready for final printing in November with sales starting in early December.

The cost of the 16" by 20" composite will be approximately $3. In order to make the project a success, the SBA needs the cooperation of all of the law school's classes 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, between 10:15 and 11:00 a.m.; Third-Year Students, Friday, September 23, between 1:15 and 2:15 p.m., and Tuesday, October 4, room 213, between 10:15 and 11:00 a.m. Both pictures take only 30 seconds, so please cooperate and have your pictures made.

Pick A Winner!

by Jeff Milam

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SBA Platforms, Cont’d.

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

In closing, I would add that the above situation warrants further study. Thank you!

by Tony Anikkeff

C onsidering the apprehension which has confronted my ponderings about the successful completion of this first semester, the thought of five more weeks of school is fantastic. Assuming that we will survive, however, our class as a whole, with all of which has encouraged me to seek a position on the S.B.A. With luck, and some push, we will be the first residents of the new parking lot and planing the trees completed, can the best of us see that it can make the building something more than books and classrooms, and I would like to participate in these efforts.

I am 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 building in better condition and making our time as pleasant as possible. As a suggestion, I would like to see the S.B.A. post a weekly calendar of special and other events at W&M that might be of interest to the law school. Install an improved (perhaps as I sometimes hear) student lounge and possibly acquire some softer seats. Sponsor a pregame warmup and block of seats at the football games. Arrange for some sort of meeting with students outside the law school. Study some 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 would 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 needed changes in a growing school, and to represent 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 needed time and effort on various projects, but who are capable of relating to bargaining with various types of people whether they be administrators or outside sources.

I have 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 needed break from the sometimes rigorous and sometimes rather frustrating academic schedule, and the social 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 that the board, 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 involved with some representatives to the SBA. To give you a little background about myself: I have just received my Electrical Engineer; I was a member of Student Government, vice-president of my fraternity, and an active member of 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 workings of the Student Bar Association. In order for a student government to work, an existing existence it must concentrate its efforts on matters of student concern. I feel that each and every member should feel he or she has a voice in the running of the Student Bar Association. Keeping you informed of meetings and times of all classes, and of special projects is important for an active Student Bar Association is doing. Keeping you informed of meetings and times of all classes, and of special projects is important for an active Student Bar Association. Keeping you informed of meetings and times of all classes, and of special projects is important for an active Student Bar Association. Keeping you informed of meetings and times of all classes, and of special projects is important for an active Student Bar Association. Keeping you informed of meetings and times of all classes, and of special projects is important for an active Student Bar Association.

Secondly, I believe more programming is needed. As the Class of 1980 should consider are: a closer relationship between the School and the rest of the College through participation in projects that affect the whole campus, an active social calendar offering the law students an opportunity to do some dancing on the dance floor or at a football game rather than in the barrens of the Student Bar Association. In order to do this, it is necessary to have any programs that interest you.

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by Laura Ann Cowens

It is a just another candidate’s campaign speech to make promises and false hopes? Of course not. You don’t want to hear it from me. A representative of the first year class. As a friendly, easy to talk to person, I believe that I could be an important asset to our class in relaying our feelings to the administration. I am not afraid to speak up for an idea.

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 time for themselves 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 am a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (mainly environmental biology) in this area. In the next 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 that it is just the beginning of the year, however, I feel that increased weekend and intramural activities would help the class to become a unit.

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 0 in a Gun, Maricopa Co., Arizona. 4th Constitutional Convention, 4th Senatorial District, Pennsylvania. Actually qualified for this job is being a 14 generation descendant of the same William and Mary by whom this illustrious college is named, but knowing how you commemorate the birthday of a great university, 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 the “American” Press Association being 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 court.” Oh, ya. I’m also going to send a letter to General Motors. Seriously, if elected, I promise to bring a fresh point of view to that part of the world, that is if you can always talk to, if you should happen to develop an opinion. A mere “pledge of allegiance” is not enough. I hope that the foolish way I have presented myself does not take away from any of your part, but rather to an understanding of the problems. Communicating over the voices of 12 opponents that we each are faced with. If not, I can only echo the words of Herman Wouk, “Non ego ventosae plebs suffragia vorum.” And you can guess what that means.

Kent Rite? Work for us.

NOT COMPOSITES

Rumors circulating about the law school to the effect that Raskolnikov has been assassinated by the Karma faction of the Liquidationist Party are entirely without foundation. It is true that we have a few toasts, 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 entirely to my change of interest and has since been cleared up.

First and foremost among those reasons is the complete lack of anything worth writing about at this school. The critics and harpies among you are obviously in the wrong. As a graduate of this same William and Mary by whom this illustrious college is named, and you are in the certain knowledge that this didn’t prevent’ er from wasting newspap 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 a grave error of repeating some of my own stuff from here and there that are not without merit or creativity, the bulk of my writing appearing without polish.

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

The idea of trying to be an Iconclast in an age without icons is patently absurd. Wherever one looks among popular intellectuals one sees them all advocates of the new faith and ideals that has itself already become a catechism for acceptance into the ranks of the “With-it’s.”

The young man about 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 “weltanschaug” that has no apparent originality. The reason is, of course, understandable because they advertise their principles and stand ready to defend them from all the barbs launched at them from self-appointed “wits” and “sophisticates.” One is tempted to think that if I were to announce my intention to aim my inkpot at the nay sayers and carpers and cynics beginning with the anonymous editor 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 Shootist” is nothing more than a paeon to violence clothed in the clutches of the standard horse opera. Nonsense he does mention the truly superior scene between the doctor (played with great sensitivity by James Stewart) and the aging gunfighter (played by John Wayne). The brilliance of this scene consists in the adenosines with which the two actors walk a tightrope across the abyss of cheap sentimentality. Both you and I must refrain from thinking the characters their array of “friend of the court” in their own right.

Granted, films having as their theme the passing of the old West and the new have been appearing in the local 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 condemn me to fill in this space. Flectamus genua! Raskolnikov, Prince of Ponds repairs to his monastery.

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