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When the editors of Amicus asked me to write a piece explaining the structure and function of student government, I immediately realized that my audience would consist of individuals without any prior knowledge of Amicus. I hope that when you read this, you will find it interesting and informative.

As a beginning point, adopt the premise that there exists no aspect of student life with which the SBA could not rightfully concern itself. Its goals are to provide service to the student body and to represent our views and interests vis-à-vis the faculty and administration. In order to meet these goals, the SBA deals with projects as intimately connected with legal education as expanded library hours, proposed curriculum changes, and class attendance policy. It also sponsors programs as unrelated to law as maintaining a Coffee Bar, an aluminum recycling drive, and a full calendar of social events ranging from formal dances to barbecues and beer parties. You should regard the SBA as the organization through which any ideas, complaints or plans connected in any way with law school can be channeled, and which will respond to all student needs.

The SBA is effective. Marshall-Wythe's administration is, commendably, much more sympathetic to student views than law school stereotypes suggest. The SBA is regularly consulted, and its expressions are weighed in the school's decision-making process.

One of my judgments about the student government of my own undergraduate school (in which, incidentally, I never involved myself), was that it was dominated by a small, ambitious clique. Such a group could be (and was) less true about the SBA, in terms of either numbers or of attitude. Representation of both the elected and appointed officers, more than 10 percent of the student body hold SBA positions. Those who were elected are all willing, unselfish workers. I've seconded the same kind of people to the other positions, and have also recruited them from the student body. It is never possible. I'm proud of the fact that the SBA is open and invites their involvement. As a SBA officer, I am not more qualified than other students, but I have a responsibility to make sure that considerable input will be forthcoming from the first-year class.

For the remainder of this article, I'd like to first explain the structure of student government, and then to describe our major programs for the coming year.

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**ORGANIZATION**

The SBA is governed by a Constitution and By-Laws. They need not be elaborated on here except to reiterate that the powers and duties of all officers and members are well-defined and that it is, as befits law students, quite democratic. The main branch of the government is its Board of Directors, which combines legislative and executive functions in a quasi-constituency style. It is composed of five officers: President, Vice-President, (Mike Giguere), Secretary, (Beverly Karch), Treasurer (Bill Fields), and Alumnus/President (Michael Slesinger), in addition to class representatives, two each from the third year (Bill Shaughnessy, Connie Frogaide) and second year (Janine Bourassa, Cassie Kennedy), elected from the first-year class during the fifth week of school. All of the members vote, with the officers also responsible for the executive duties which their titles suggest.

The SBA also has its own Judiciary, the Judicial Council, which is composed of a Chief Justice (Lynn Buchanan) and five Associate Justices. Its most visible function is that of hearing student elections. It also hears complaints of Honor Code violations and is elected by the students. (The appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board.)

Other SBA officials are the Ex-Officio Board Members, and the Committee-Program Directors. They are also appointed by the President, subject to the confirmation of the Board. The positions include: Parliamentarian, LSD-ABA Representative, Representative to the Board of Student Affairs (all elected governing body), Liaison to Student Association (undergraduate), and Directors of the following committees: New Building, Intramurals, Social Affairs, Minority Relations, Student Bar Association, Recycling, VITA (income tax assistance), and Speakers. All positions are filled except one, which has not been filled but anyone interested in working on any committees or events will be more than welcome.

The final category of SBA officials are student-faculty committees within both the College and the Law School. College-wide committees include the Graduate Council, Committee on Undergraduate Education, and Class-wide committees include the Graduate Council, Class-wide committees include the Graduate Council, and Class-wide committees include the Graduate Council.

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Bonds

In the course of the next few months the dining in our collective ear caused by campaigning for the bond issue will cause many headaches, cries of anguish, and bouts of weeping. A great deal of rhetoric, most of which in this community will be favorable to bonds, will flow over us.

And so, before the Amicus begins to contribute to that flood, there are two points worth noting. The first is that should the bond issue fail, the law school will not lose its accreditation in November, if ever. The de-accreditation process of the ABA is a long one; even the entering class would have little worry of graduating from an unaccredited law school. Secondly, even if the bond fails, hope for funding the new building is not gone. The Bond issue is only one of several possible avenues to the money.

Having said that, the Amicus will now state that it is absolutely crucial that the bond issue pass. This is due more to the nature of the bond process, however, than to the status of the law school.

The funds involved in the bond issue are no longer a fiscal issue; the contest is now a purely political one. The utilization of these funds will be decided in the same way that a national or state office is decided; an intensive campaign followed by a vote. In this instance, the voters will go to the polls to decide if this law school is worth the money for a new building.

More than simply a new building is at stake. The question the voters will answer in November is not simply whether the state of Virginia can afford to spend the money on a new building, but whether the tradition and prestige of the nation’s oldest law school is worth preserving.

Consequently, it becomes the job of all of us who feel that this law school’s history and quality make it a special place to elect one another in the same way that we would campaign for a favorite political candidate.

New Professors

Begin

Professor Delmar Karlen, formerly of New York University Law School - Taxation, Professor Karlen will teach Civil Procedure in the fall and spring and will assist Professor Kamin in teaching American Legal History and American Legal History. Professor Karlen is a former director of the Institute of Judicial Administration.

Justice Paul Reardon, senior judge of the U. District Court — Tazewell Taylor Professor of Law. Judge Hoffman will teach a course in the Federal Courts in the fall and Criminal Procedure II in the spring.

Professor J. Rodney Johnson, University of Richmond - Professor Johnson, a former member of the University of Marshall-Wythe and a former member of its faculty, will teach Trusts and Estates during the fall and spring semesters.

Professor John Bridge of Eugene — Professor Bridge, who has taught in our Exeter summer program for several years, will exchange for the 1977-78 academic year with Professor Walter Williams. He will teach in the fall and a course in the European Common Market in the spring.

Judge Robert Armitstead, retired James City County Circuit Judge, will serve as Lecturer in Law during the spring semester. Judge Armitstead will teach evidence.

Professor Roy Mitchell, Lebanon dock. In Law, will teach a seminar in government contracts law during the fall semester. Professor Mitchell is a partner in the Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia firm of Llewellyn and Moore. The firm specializes in government contract law.

Professor VanAlstyne of Duke University Law School, will be Visiting Professor of Law during the fall semester. Professor VanAlstyne, a national authority on constitutional law, will teach as a first year section of constitutional law and a course in conflicts of law.

Ms. Ingrid Hillinger, a 1976 graduate of this Law School will hold an appointment as Lecturer in Law during the fall semester. Ms. Hillinger will teach a course in family law.

Mr. Meyer Rothwacks will be the first Thomas Atkeson Lecturer in Law. Mr. Rothwacks, who has held high positions in the U.S. Department of Justice, will teach a seminar in criminal tax fraud during the spring semester.

Judge Orman Ketcham, Lecturer in Law, will teach a seminar in juvenile law in the spring semester. Judge Ketcham, recently retired from the Supreme Court bench in the District of Columbia, is an authority on juvenile law.

New Courses Offered

415-The Federal Courts, Fall (2) Judge Hoffman. Art. III and the judiciary power; case or controversy; standing; federal question jurisdiction; diversity jurisdiction; the Erie problem and its ramifications; federal-state concurrent jurisdiction; restrictions on federal power (abstention, anti-injunction statute, etc.), appellate jurisdiction.

427-English History, Fall (3) Mr. Swindler and Mr. Karlen. Development of common-law institutions from Anglo-Saxon times to the present, with emphasis on the changes in procedural and substantive law in the emergence from feudalism and (2) Parliamentary reforms of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Specific examinations of contract, property and tort law as these evolved under changing social and economic pressures and creative judicial and Parliamentary leadership. Direct readings in classical English writers including Coke, Blackstone, Bentham and Austin.

442-Legal Aid Clinic, Fall (3) Professor Levy. In the fall semester the Clinic will be limited to 15 students who are eligible for third-year practice. If more than 15 register, the choice will be made by lot. (**) Students will indicate their desire for this course at Registration but will not register for it. Those 15 students whose names are picked from lot will add course by means of a drop-add.

44-Roman Law, Fall (3) Mrs. Rodman. Origins of Western law in Roman history from the early Republic to the Age of Justinian. Particular emphasis will be given to concepts of property, delict and contract as these became the bases for later civil law and jurisprudential developments. Evolution of early canon law in the period of the Roman Empire.

601-Legal Clerking, Fall (1) Professor Levy. This is merely a change in the name of the course. The course has been called Legal Aid and this name gave people the incorrect impression that it contained providing service to poor people. The course consists of clerking in legal offices of, for example, private practicing lawyers, State and Federal prosecutors, city and county attorneys or judges. One credit may be earned for satisfactory work (of at least 40 hours).


715-Tax Research Methods, Fall (2) Mr. White. Advanced instruction in federal income tax research materials and methodology, with emphasis on problem analysis, the interpretative uses of legislative, and administrative, judicial and technical source materials, the selection of legal memoranda, opinion letters, and other written forms of presenting the research product.

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Briefs of the Burg

THE SOCIAL... We sat at our kitchen table the other night drinking beer and weeping copiously. Littered all about us were scraps of paper, exam schedules, and remnants of shredded Gilberts. Our eyes were bloodshot, our nose was running, and our ears were ringing.

We were preparing our fall schedule for law school. We had decided that we wished to become a professional poker player rather than a second-year law student. All up and down the list of offered courses, all we could see were ogreish professors, impossible courses, or pre-11:00 a.m. class hours.

All hope was lost. But suddenly, in the midst of our grief, a vision danced across our line. Music, drinking, friendly crowds, drinking, casinos, drinking, pig roasts, drinking, football games, and drinking, all burned out by a summer of long hot work, flowed back into our memory. Gibbering with desire, we placed some frantic phone calls to the legal frats and the SBA people.

So, now a good word for the first years and all others whose summer surfeited memories of law school extend only as far back as last spring's exams. The SBA and the legal frats between them will have at least one social event almost every weekend, not to mention the all-college affairs. There will be plenty of partying going on amongst a group of very congenial and stimulating people.

THE PROGRAM

Organization aside, there are a few of the many projects on which the SBA hopes to make some progress this year, listed in no particular order of importance, but simply to give you an idea of the kinds of things we do.

1. Open exams — as first-year students, you are spared the travails of figuring out your class schedule by having it assigned to you. But as your coursework increases, you will find that your choice of classes is sometimes affected or even foreclosed by the scheduling of exam periods. The solution to this problem adopted by many law schools is to allow provision for self-scheduling by arranging for the controlled distribution of exams either at standard daily times within exam period or within a specified "grace period" of the scheduled time. The SBA supports the adoption of some form of open exams and hopes that the faculty will seriously consider it.

2. Minority Recruitment — As far as we can tell, the College puts up no money for the recruitment of minorities at the Law School. The money comes from the Black American Law Students and the SBA, and is too little to be of any substantial effect. We propose to work within the structure of the College to get William and Mary to carry the financial burden.

3. New building — the SBA will actively support the bond issue containing the appropriation for the new building in the upcoming election, by cooperating with the student and faculty efforts of public-supported colleges, and by trying to mobilize campus voters (4,000-plus undergrads). We'll also make sure that the students are fully informed of all developments in the building situation.

4. Coffee bar — machine service by Ogden Foods has been less than adequate. We intend to keep selling donuts, and to provide free hot water for you to mix your own coffee and tea. We'll also try to get better machine service as soon as possible.

5. Social Affairs — we have a lower percentage of our budget allotted for social activities than in the previous year. This year the emphasis will be more on "pay as you go" groups such as fraternities, and also on cooperative projects with the new fraternities. This is one area in which many volunteers are needed, as most parties require lots of manpower and organization. We plan on having our full complement of activities, including the Barrister's Ball (semi-formal), Pig Roast, Homecoming Cocktail Party, mixers, and anything else we can think of doing for fun. Contrary to popular belief, most law students do not live with their noses buried in books.

That's about the sum of what you need for a working introduction to the SBA, except for the reiteration of a theme I've been trying to stress all along — that above all, it should be characterized as your movement; it is designed in theory and also endeavors in practice, to involve as many people and respond to the students' needs and wishes whenever possible. If you need help, or see a problem that needs attention, or feel the urge to get involved, the office is on the second floor, and the door is always open.

FOUNDER'S DAY, AUGUST 31.

SBA, WELCOME TO LAW SCHOOL 1977

Placements Efforts Begin

Although the academic year has scarcely begun, Director of Placement Ms. Louise Murtough has already scheduled several placement events. On Monday and Tuesday, August 29-30, Ms. Murtough will hold placement meetings in the Moot Court Room at noon. On September 20, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., the Young Lawyers Section of the Virginia Bar Association will conduct a panel discussion on placement techniques and interview practice. Ms. Murtough also notes that second and third year students who wish to do interviews with the first firms visiting campus at least have resumés ready by August 31.
by John Rogers

For those of you whose talents are physical as well as mental, William and Mary offers a variety of intramural activities. Last year, Marshall-Wythe proved superiority on the field of play as well as in the classroom, much to the chagrin of the undergraduates.

In touch football, two law school teams made it to the playoffs with the Illegal Eagles finally losing to Kappa Sigma in the semi-finals. The Sigs went on to win the Championship. In soccer, Pungus, the lone law school entry missed a bid to the playoffs by an overtime loss to International Circle, the team which eventually won it all.

In swimming the Championship was jerked from the mouths of the Barristers as they lost it by one point despite a disqualification in the relay. Basketball seemed to be the forte of the law school as 4 of 7 teams made it into the playoffs with two others coming perilously close. The law school finished first and third as the Sixers defeated the Lambda Chis for the Championship, while Blackacre won the consolation.

Springtime rolled around bringing warm weather and flimsy clothing into the Williamsburg environment.

**BE A SPORT**

Marshall-Wythe came out with its own version of the Boys of Summer as six of eight law school teams made it into the playoffs in softball. Blackacre finished third after a hard fought semi-final loss to Sigma Nu, the eventual Champions.

For those of you who enjoy watching good sports, William and Mary compete in some 13 intercollegiate sports.

In football last year the Indians were 7-4 and return this year with the bulk of their squad. They play four home games, the first being Saturday at Cary Field against Norfolk State.

The Indians were 16-4 in basketball last year, but played extremely well against tough competition. They lost by 4 to UCLA, 5 to Wake Forest in overtime, 1 to Old Dominion, and upset 19th ranked VMI.

The biggest sport by far is the sport that occurs every Wednesday night at the Pub: dancing, mixing, drinking, and generally meeting attractive members of the opposite sex.

So if you don't want to study, there's plenty of other activities to keep you busy. Above all enjoy life here at Marshall-Wythe so that your three years here will be fun as well as enlightening.