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Library Committee Debates Alternatives To System

By Wallace Auser

Before Spring vacation, the Faculty Library Committee held an open meeting to get some feedback on a recent rumour and suggestions concerning the situation of the law library. Members of the library staff were present, to answer questions and to respond to criticism.

In response to a question concerning the amount of money spent on library books, Mr. Whitehead said that to answer the question he would need to know what money was spent in the library system to replace lost books.

Professor Leavell, the chairman of the committee, asked whether the library was allocated a specific amount for replacement, but the question was not answered.

Noise, Traffic Problems

Ann Palamar also mentioned that the library should close the door to the moot court room and institute a check-out procedure at the front desk. Ms. Palamar also suggested that an inventory could be instituted to determine where the funds should be spent.

Shortly after the meeting was held, the library did close the door to the moot court room so that people could not go from the library to the moot court. This policy was implemented also to help cut down the noise in the library.

Students have still managed to move to the most court room through the library door by wedging the door open or hanging a towel until someone opened the door from the inside. Now the door is left open.

Overdue Books

Ms. Palamar also suggested that the library use a system of limited check-in of books with a fine for patrons, neither of which the library presently does.

Mr. Whitehead said that he does not think that a law library needs to spend money to keep people from taking books. He would like to enforce the return of books because of the honor code and stated that law students are a caliber of people who do not need a deterrent for dishonest conduct or a prod for punctual return of books.

Instead, Mr. Whitehead has a "conventional" system for voluntary payments. According to Mr. Whitehead, there is no way to measure the effectiveness of the box because no one had put anything in it. Professor Leavell would like to see whether anyone had done a survey to determine whether law students had conventions or similar reasons Mr. Whitehead has delayed for further consideration naming various names of people with overdue books; something Swem library has just implemented.

Overdue notices are sent to people with books overdue. This system is new and has worked well, according to Bland Crowder. But, the notices are not sent out until after 12 weeks overdue because Mr. Whitehead said that the staff necessary to do the work more often was not available.

Norm Marshall, the student representative on the committee, said that the best way to solve the book loss problem would be to acquire a turn style book detection system. An inventory would determine how many books are missing. Because right now, the library does not know how many books or what books are missing. Professor Leavell said that the committee would continue to look into the chance for an inventory.

Profs Book Use Complaints

A related discussion centered on the use of library books by professors for long weekends and the sufficiency of the library's collection of periodicals. In response to the latter point, Mr. Whitehead said that the library has purchased duplicate periodicals and would reorder periodicals in the index to legal periodicals.

Clint Spooner asked that a limit be put on the number of periodicals which the faculty has access to and that the professor's office at one time. Mr. Spooner said that if the limit would permit he could leave his books at a specified place in the library so that other people who wanted to use the same book could have access to the book.

Professor Leavell said that she thought that the faculty would be unwilling to do all of their research in the library because of the bad environment to do research. But, to keep the books in the library at a certain place that a professor is not using, and to be able to take a certain number out of the library would be acceptable, she thought.

Professor Leavell commented further that she would like to control the faculty's taking books from the library without undergoing the books out. Allen Story said that the faculty does take books out of the library without signing them out.

Dean Whyte Explains Property Grade Delay

The faculty has deferred consideration of the Faculty Academic Status Committee proposal regarding fall semester grades for the first two semesters of (A) course until its next meeting to be held the first Friday in May. The proposal had been the result of an extended period of inaction on this matter.

Several weeks ago, a group of interested students presented a letter to Dean Whyte, who at the time seemed very amenable to student input and suggestions. The letter outlined several recommendations for improving: 1) giving all who completed the course a grade; 2) having the bluebooks graded on a P/F basis by either Scott or a regular faculty member; 3) re-examining the class with a test administered by a regular faculty member; 4) crediting second semester grades for both semesters.

Approximately a week later, Dean Whyte made an appearance before the students of Property (A) for the purpose of keeping them informed of developments concerning the grades. The Dean said action on the grades was forthcoming, that he would do all within his power to get the grades. He stated, in answer to a question asked him at that time, that "if I was going to bet on whether or not Scott will hand in the grades, I would bet that he does not." (The Dean said on April 9 that, having been on the phone twice that day to Scott and having Scott neither "talk" nor return his calls, he is still of that impression.) The Dean indicated to the assembled class that affirmative action toward a final decision regarding the situation would be made soon. This has been the only communication, oral or written, between the Dean and the students as a group concerning this matter.

The Academic Status Committee met soon thereafter to formulate the proposal submitted at the April 4 faculty meeting. Three first-year students - Steve Conte, Bill Hoffman, and Bob Smartchen - were in attendance at the meeting at which the proposal was drawn up. Among the students submitted ideas and were included in the final document. The pros and cons of the various proposals; they were not, however, present when the proposal was being vetted and closed discussion and the final committee vote.

Other supporters that these students are confident that the Committee "examined the situation thoroughly" and arrived at a viable proposal, which the three of us, representing our classmates, wholeheartedly endorse." Conte further stresses, "Mr. Scott's grades must be validated due to the unanswerable and responsibility of the professor in grading the exams." Whyte said the proposal was a faculty academic committee proposal, further suggested that he did not wish to prejudice it by commenting upon it. He has, however,"given the assignment of the professor to his department chair, and to the student to that effect, and he states, "I know what I would." The Student Bar Association held a special meeting on Tuesday, April 9, to discuss possible action in support of the first-year students. The motion was adopted urging the speedy ratification of the Status Committee's proposal by the faculty. Should the faculty fail to act, the SBA says it will consider further supportive action at its next meeting.

In opening the discussion on April 9, Nettie Bailes read the letter from the Committee proposal, the gist of which is that those students in Property (A) may elect to be reassigned.
Editorials

Election Poorly Planned

If the purpose of elections is to encourage the greatest number of voters to determine who is to hold office, those persons in charge of planning this week's election for students have missed the boat. In past years the nominating process was conducted about a week prior to the first day of elections, with the filing deadline scheduled shortly after the nominations meeting to this year's candidates and at least a day or two to campaign, and no one had much difficulty in obtaining a platform for inclusion in the issue of the Amicus which normally was published the day following the election.

Problems did arise in the process with candidates who filed after the nominating speeches. These candidates often were unable to meet the Amicus deadline, and frequently were at a disadvantage in being unable to enjoy the same forum as their classmates who had submitted their speeches. Perhaps this, plus a desire to better organize the whole jumbled process, motivated the change in this year's procedure.

While I agree with setting the filing deadline prior to the nominating speeches, we fail to see any point in making the deadline 5 p.m. Friday before the election, several hours after the last of the Amicus copy has been set. There seems to be no basis in fact for such a contention.

As of last Thursday, less than a week prior to the election, no one had any idea of the identities of most candidates. By the original deadline, the Amicus received the platforms of four presidential candidates, one vice presidential candidate, and two class candidates. Yet how could the students be expected to receive a larger number of platforms when students were not notified of the identity of the candidates? Students named to positions on the various committees are clearly a part of the system which presently exists, and to ensure that such candidates will be deprived of the opportunity to express their views in the newspaper. Further, we see even less sense in scheduling the nominating speeches at 7 p.m. this evening. Not only is this hour too late for those students who commute from other areas or those whose evenings are hardly conducive to attending meetings, but the entire schedule almost makes a normal campaign impossible.

Unduly long campaigns are disruptive and generally serve no candidate any legitimate purpose. What this year's election planners have done is to essentially add another five day period which will probably serve to aid few candidates and inform few voters. SBA President Nettie Batts, one of the election planners, insisted that the 5 p.m. deadline was necessary to ensure the publication of the election results in the newspaper. Further, we see no basis in fact for such a contention.

We hope that our readers have somehow managed to obtain information about the candidates, and have altered the original deadline in the belief that it was necessary to attract a reasonable number of platforms. We remind our readers that the nominating speeches are to be given tonight at 7:00 p.m. This is a pity, for the election is poorly planned.

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PBK Hall is an ideal location for Liberal Night and a number of other events, such as commencement and the post-commencement reception. In addition, use of the Hall is free. It might be a good idea for the SBA to contact Ken Smith in an effort to clear up the problems which presently exist, and to ensure that such regulations be complied with in the future—even though we are law students.

The Amicus welcomes reader response to its editorial comment.

Letters to the Editor

M-W Law School Defended
In Comparison By Alumnus

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter as an alumnus of Marshall-Wythe and a former member of the Law School. Without changing your viewpoint, I feel that the negative views of the Law School are not justified. I believe that a reasonable number of students have visited the Hall for Law School. Everyone constantly knowledge and respect for the Law School, treating it as if it were a second-rate establishment. I am not writing to defend Marshall-Wythe perfect, or that we should be complacent, but rather that we should not let the negativism or at least curb it somewhat.

William and Mary will be compared to the University of Connecticut Law School. SBA

Promotion Channels "Dead End"

To the Editor:

Like many other students, I was very disturbed to learn of the recent blanket denial of faculty promotions. I couldn't help but wonder how that would all be more irate if we could have real confidence in the procedure used to recommend Orientation Rates Credit

To the Editor:

With regard to the article in the March 11 edition of the Amicus which listed the SBA accomplishments for this year, I feel it is important to point out that last fall's orientation program was the subject of a full-page article on page 5 of the September 24, 1974 issue of the Amicus, back when orientation was timely.

We appreciate Mrs. Daniel's and Mr. Scheel's work and feel that the students have done a job as well as any other which to build an amicum for the staff of the Marshall-Wythe. In fact, the author of the opinion expressed in by-lined articles and initialed AMICUS CURIAE are the views of the staff.

We could not understand how we could have failed to mention that the SBA article in the March 11 issue was intended not to discuss regular SBA tasks, but rather the SBA's activities in other areas. We hope that future orientations can, as last fall's did, build on past achievements and the effort to speed incoming students' acclamation to Marshall-Wythe.

STUDENT REPS A PRIORITY

One of the first responsibilities of a newly-elected SBA President is the appointment of students to positions on a number of Law School and College committees. This appointment is designed to provide student input in the decision-making process.

Students have often complained that the faculty does not consider student opinion. The student representation, if properly used by students and faculty, should dispel such suspicions. If these students are to be effective in expressing student concerns, they must be clearly apprised of their function, and if they then attend such meetings regularly and report to the students regarding committee actions, student representation can have an impact on the decision-making process.

There have been several instances this year when student representatives either failed to attend meetings of their committees or seemingly failed to represent the clear preferences of students. We suggest that the new SBA President closely examine the student representation process; make his appointments with such consideration to the desires of the representatives as to make them understand their role. If such actions are taken, perhaps students can better participate in the actions leading to decisions, rather than merely reacting to decisions already made. Maybe then we can learn whether or not the system works.

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“Watergate” Proved That Government System Works

By Richard G. Kleindienst

Five days after I took the Oath of Office as the 68th Attorney General of the United States, the Watergate scandal broke. I was caught between conflicting pressures of the government and the American people; the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C. That event led to one of the most important decisions of the Nation’s legal history, one known as “Watergate” — one of the most consequential occurrences in modern history.

When we consider the wide range of meanings and connotations, the two principal usages that it has acquired are these:

First, it represented an extraordinarily serious trespass upon our democratic institutions. The Watergate incident was unprecedented without fear of restraint or attempts to obstruct the perfections of man, civilization and governments of law and not of men. I maintain this because it represented an event of such magnitude that it is unreasonable to think we can be protected from our own proclivities. That is why we proudly say that our government is “by the people” and not “of men.” In “Watergate,” an attempt, though unsuccessful, was made by person holding high positions of power and trust in the government to prevent the application of the very law they were sworn to uphold and enforce.

No doubt, such things had happened before. But, that is not the point, the point is that when such an incident occurs, there is but one alternative and that is the full application of the law.

I suppose that for many of our citizens and particularly for those in the profession, “Watergate” has been a disillusioning experience. What kind of a country are we? Is our system of government good? Shouldn’t we radically change it?

My answers to these questions, and many more like it, is simply that “Watergate” has proven the validity of our institutions of freedom, and that as a result of the lessons learned because of it, we will be better as a country rather than a lesser country. I do believe that because “Watergate” was precisely that which our Founding Fathers and those who believe that our Founding Fathers really anticipated that something like “Watergate” would happen someday.

What are our principal institutions of freedom? They are all set forth in the Constitution.

First, is the First Amendment. Free speech and freedom of the press worked during Watergate. I dare say that in most other governments of the world it would not have taken similar circumstances. Yet, here in the United States, would anybody have arrested Richard Nixon, Woodward and Bernstein, The Washington Post, The New York Times, Cronkite, NBC or any other journalist or news media, was inhibited in their reporting of Watergate.

The second most important institution of freedom is our Congress, and the same thing can be said for it. Senator Ervin of North Carolina, and his Select Committee of Democrats and Republicans, did not seem to be under restraint during the televised “Watergate” hearings.

Third, is our independent federal judiciary. John Sirica, the good judge, allowed us to do whatever we wanted to do to free a federal judge — after his appointment — from pressures from the public, the press, the Congress and the President. That is why they are given lifetime appointments. Not even Great Britain can claim such independence of its judges. And, let’s not forget that inherent in an independent judiciary is the fact that after all the appeals have been taken, final decisions may be rendered to the effect that the convictions might be set aside because of the Watergate defendants were violated and that their convictions should be overturned. Finally, one of our institutions worked that has very seldom been used. That is the people’s remedy of impeachment. This is the political remedy of last resort. The Watergate hearings worked that.

By this remedy you and I inform our elected representatives that, first, that we do not want a particular President, Vice-President or Judge to continue to hold his Office. In my opinion, President Nixon resigned because he had become the fall guy and that the Representatives would impeach him and make the President. The three votes necessary for conviction.

So, I am saddened for the rest of my life because of “Watergate,” I am ashamed for the rest of my life because of “Watergate,” I am saddened by the experience. I am appalled by the experience. I am saddened for the rest of my life because of “Watergate,” I am ashamed for the rest of my life because of “Watergate,” I am saddened by the experience. I am appalled by the experience.

Because of all of this, what about tomorrow as of today? For students of the law, the answer is relatively simple. Prepare yourself in such a way that you may make your contribution to the establishment and maintenance of the law. If you do observe the dynamic quality of that continuing revolution which is peculiarly American will prosper. Then we will have ordered progress and constant change. Then future Americans will enjoy more and more freedom.

If, on the other hand, you yield to the pressures of today, faith in our system of government and if they tend to decay we will have radical and cynical and defeated, then the future of this country is easy to predict. We will abandon ourselves and our hard won freedoms to tyrants who will impose upon us the rule of man and not the rule of law.

I believe faith in what your decision will be.

Former U.S. Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst reflects on some ramifications of the Watergate affair in this week's Commentary, and concludes that the system has been shown to work. Mr. Kleindienst is now practicing law in Washington.

Law Faculty Excluded From Promotion List

By Louise Morton Murtagh

Placement Offers

University of Illinois, Western Illinois University, St. Cloud State College, University of Denver, University of Connecticut. For further details check the Placement Bulletin Board.

Academic Vice President George Healy, after consultation with College President Thomas A. Graves, recently approved 11 College-wide faculty promotions for Board of Visitors consideration at its next meeting. None of the faculty promotions recommended by the Law School Faculty Status Committee were approved by Healy.

As the promotions have not yet been announced, it appears that the Board of Visitors has yet to consider Healy’s recommendations.

A search through the College’s Faculty Handbook indicates that the College has no specific policy regarding the granting of promotions, as far as years in grade are concerned.

The Faculty Handbook specifies that the Academic Vice President will recommend the appointment of the appropriate dean, makes recommendations to the President regarding salaries, appointments, and promotions.

Elsewhere the Handbook notes that “although differences in mission and organization among the several faculties of the College necessitate variations in procedure, the College recognizes the fundamental principle of evaluation both by colleagues and by administrative officers in determining the retention and promotion of faculty.”

Pursuant to College procedure, Dean Whyte, after consultation with the Faculty Status Committee and the entire faculty, submitted the Law School’s recommendations to Vice President Healy.

The Vice President then submitted to the President his recommendations for promotions. The President’s decisions are final subject to approval by the Board of Visitors.

The criteria for promotion of a faculty member, as discussed on page 73 of the Faculty Handbook, are rather general. The handbook provides that “in applying these criteria each recommending authority will consider all relevant sources of information, including the opinion of students.”

Years in grade refers to the number of years the instructor has held a particular classification, such as associate professor.

A 1971-72 survey indicated that in 30 percent of the nation’s law schools, the interim between hiring and promotion was three years in grade, with a similar period elapsing between promotions. Another 30 percent of the law schools had what was described as a “flexible” system of awarding promotions.

Healy’s recommendations, announced around the beginning of spring recess, evoked substantial outcry from the SBA. The SBA Board of Directors passed a resolution condemning Healy’s action.

The Law School faculty has taken no concrete action as of yet, and one faculty member has “lost a negotiation stage right now.”
Conflicts Develop With International Law Library

By Wally Kleindienst

Unknown to most Marshall-Wythe students, the ABA Library is located in the Amicus Curiae office. It's not the location in itself that is startling, but the fact that there are approximately 3,000 volumes has co-existed with the Amicus in the past three years. However, the juxtaposition of this library in the newspaper office has caused some degree of conflict with the Amicus.

Now this arrangement caused inconvenience to the staff but also to the users of the library. This problem was exacerbated by the recent appointment of the Librarian, Madison. J. Whitehead, of a student assistant to spend 20 hours a week in the office maintaining the books and helping students.

The origins of this problem sprang from the continuous demand for the library to create additional space in the main college library. This utilized the space in the office, at that time unoccupied, the International Law Library. It was opened in about the same time that the Amicus staff moved in.

According to International Law Professor Walter Williams, the creation of this library space also stemmed from certification problems with the ABA because of inadequate library space.

The collection is utilized by those students who are involved in either the Amicus or the International Law related courses and seminars and the Committee on the International Law collection library is accessible to any student during the hours when the library is open. According to Mr. Whitehead, when the student assistant is on duty or by obtaining a key from the desk in the main library. Mr. Williams, speaking on the possible problems caused by students using the library, said, "My impression is that no real problems have been created by an over abundance of students using the library."

Amicus Editor-in-Chief Evan Adair pointed out, however, that neither the staff members nor the international law students can effectively police the room together because of their course purposes.

Furthermore, Adair said that the existence of the Amicus office all students creates possible security problems because there is no control, copy and layout sheets are kept in the office.

Despite this conflict, Adair stated that the Amicus staff realizes the space problems in the library and they are willing to cope with this inconvenience if necessary. Mr. Williams also asserted this willingness of cooperation.

The crux of the immediate problem, however, according to Adair was the student assistant who was spending a week in the office. The student, Steve Lentz, began working in the office the week prior to Mr. Whitehead's concern for the proper maintenance and upkeep of the library. According to Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Williams said that such maintenance was necessary for an increased student use of the library caused by his return to Marshall-Wythe after last semester's leave of absence. Adair said he had noticed no such increased use.

Mr. Whitehead also said that it is normal procedure for the library to ensure that a student assistant be made available in all library space that is occupied by the Amicus such as in Cann Hall.

Mr. Whitehead said that the existence of the student assistant on a continuing basis detracts considerably from the environment where newspaper editors must maintain the staff needs an open environment, a free flow of ideas. Often, Adair pointed out, the staff must be available for special events in regard to the tenent and type of stories to be printed. "Obviously you can't call a newspaper in a library room."

The solution to the entire problem does not appear to be imminent. According to Mr. Whitehead, the most promising proposal which has been raised is to move the Amicus office to the third floor of James Blair Hall where there is space available not to the law admissions office.

Mr. Williams said that this idea is excellent, but he also suggested that if the collection was moved to Blair, the Amicus staff might likewise be there. However, a final decision on the location will be waiting on the support of the campuses Committee. At this time, the Committee is reporting near a final decision on the proposal.

According to Dean Whyte, the Amicus office's representative on the Committee, the Law School is interested in the Amicus office because of the space. He said that there are many other College Committees that want the space and that we are just one of many.

If this proposal is rejected, the only other feasible alternative would be to move the Amicus down to the main collection, according to Mr. Whitehead. However, this is not a possibility since the Amicus needs any available space for future publications. "If that was to be desired to move the collection down there if it would be immediately..." Mr. Whitehead also stated that a committee on space had been established by the Faculty Library Committee to deal with this type of problem, and to make any suggestions. Mr. Williams asserted an openness to any alternatives. Speaking on the above proposal, Mr. Whitehead pointed to the collection. Williams said, "While it is a nice thing to have, it is imperative that it exists."

Mr. Whitehead moved the student assistant for the International Law collection out of the office. In a letter to Adair, Whitehead said, "Steve Lentz has been assigned to the Amicus office. I hope this removes some of the friction involved in the joint use of the office. The International Law collection can be permanently moved elsewhere. He will be available downstairs at his scheduled hours for anyone who needs assistance in the use of the International Law collection."

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The Amicus office will center around criminal law. Papers for courses are exchanged weekly, according to Mr. Whitehead. The staff plans to publish twice next year. Obviously, this is a topic that we can effectively use the room for.

New editors chosen for Colonial Lawyer

By Jane Hickey

Bill Hoffmann, John Klein and Judy Wall have been selected as co-editors of the Colonial Lawyer for next year. The editors are concerned that the publication fund was almost lost this year and that the division of responsibility will keep the incentive of going away and not, at the same time, place an overwhelming burden on one person.

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The editors also emphasize that the Colonial Lawyer is an excellent opportunity for students, who otherwise would have no other outlet, to publish their work. Original articles and papers for courses are encouraged to be submitted. As contrasted with the Law Review, the Colonial Lawyer is not as "highly scholarly" and bears more resemblance to a magazine.

Judy Wall also states that "not only are articles needed but also staff members, especially those with technical skills, such as layout."

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Swindler Working With Historical Society Plans

Due in large measure to the efforts of Professor William F. Swindler of the Marshall-Wythe faculty, the Supreme Court Historical Society has recently become a reality.

In 1973, Swindler was appointed chairman of the committee to plan for the Historical Society, which was legally incorporated in December 1974 and which will start a major fund-raising drive among attorneys and laymen next month.

Former Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Society.

According to Swindler, the function of the society is twofold: to investigate the history of the Supreme Court not only as a building and a collection of individuals and to interpret that history through museum-type displays in the Court building.

Two such displays are currently on exhibit, one on the construction of the Supreme Court building and the other on John Marshall.

This exhibit is comprised largely of items on continuing loan from William and Mary, such as the Chief Justice’s watch, photostats of some of his papers, and a bound volume facsimile of his law notes.

These two displays are permanent. Other exhibits of a more topical nature are displayed on a quarterly basis; an exhibit on the career of Chief Justice Earl Warren is currently being started to coincide with a memorial service in May.

Another display will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Judiciary Act of 1925, which modernized the Court.

Professor Swindler is currently serving as chairman of the advisory board of the Society, which assists the Court’s curatorial staff in interpreting the historical materials for the exhibits and checking their accuracy.

The board is composed of museum authorities, constitutional historians, and representatives of the Smithsonian and the Library of Congress, as well as the Archivist of the United States.

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Plans are currently being formulated for bicentennial exhibits to be on display throughout 1976, which may include a project of Professor Swindler’s, an exhibit on the judicial committees of the Continental Congress, the antecedents of the modern judicial branch.

Swindler emphasizes that the law school will participate in many of the Historical Society’s plans because of its close contact with the early history of the Court, but nothing as yet is final.

The Society’s membership drive will be started at the American Law Institute’s annual meeting in Washington in May. The society cooperated with the Capitol Historical Society to restore and renovate the original Supreme Court room in the Capitol, which will be rededicated as part of the ALI meeting.

Awards’ Banquet Reservations Due

The annual Awards Banquet will be held Thursday, May 1, starting with cocktails at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m.

The place of the festivities is still uncertain depending upon the number of persons attending. If 76 or fewer individuals sign up the banquet will be held in the elegant Great Hall of the Wren Building. If more than 76 sign up it will be held in the more spacious Campus Center Ballroom.

This year the Banquet is being held to celebrate Law Day and to honor the recipient of the Marshall-Wythe Medallion, Myers S. McDougal, Sterling Professor of Law at the Yale Law School. Professor Myers is a renowned scholar and author in the field of international law and has held many government positions.

In addition to the presentation of the Marshall-Wythe Medallion, each student organization will present one award of their choice. Other student awards, not being presented, will be listed on the program.

Tickets to this gala affair are $7.50 per individual, $15 per couple. This price includes an hour of cocktails, a scrumptious roast beef dinner, and an evening of good company. All students, faculty, and local alumni from the Tidewater-Richmond area are invited to attend.

If you have not purchased a ticket from the students who solicited your attendance in class, please see Colonel Walck, Nettie Bales, or Jim Metcalfe, or stop by the SBA office.

Amicus Subscriptions

The Amicus Curiae is now soliciting subscriptions for the 1975-76 academic year. Subscription cost for graduating and nongraduating students is $7.50 per year. The price of a subscription will otherwise be $8. The subscription order form can be found in the Amicus Curiae, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, Williamsburg, Va. 23185. Graduating students should drop off the form in the Amicus Curiae box in the Law School office.

Law students interested in working on the Amicus Curiae next year or for the rest of the year are asked to attend an informational-organizational meeting Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Coffee Bar. Positions are open for writers, paste-up staff, headliners, copyreaders and advertising layout and sales. Anyone interested in working on the Amicus and unable to attend the meeting should contact Margaret Askew.

The First Annual Law, School, SBA, Old South, Spring Pig Roast and Softball tournament will be held on April 28. Details will follow, but much help is needed. Contact Steve Conte or Gbuy Strong.

The Greaser Party, co-sponsored this year by SBA, PAD, and PDP, is scheduled for Friday, April 18. Those curious law school headliners, The Wildroots, again provide the entertainment. Greased hair and white socks are mandatory! Watch for posters giving exact time and place.

The Graduate Student Center is now available for regular use. It is located at 261 Richmond Road beside Thiemens and across the street from Bow Gymnasium. The Center is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from noon until 3 p.m. It has kitchen facilities for coffee breaks and light meals. Groups may reserve rooms for meetings and social activities during regular hours or at other times by signing up in Morton 125 or by calling extension 329.

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Heavy Presidential Slate Highlights Election

For those readers who do not already know, students will elect an SBA President next week. We have had a practice of not endorsing any particular candidates. This practice has been due not only to the fact that the Amicus was within the purview of the SBA, but also to a natural reluctance to enter into the political fray.

Because the Amicus is now removed from the SBA, and because the Editorial Board considers this year's presidential election an election of critical importance, we have decided to endorse one of the four candidates for the office of SBA President. All Board members involved in determining the content of this editorial have, in fact, reached this decision. The need for the Board's endorsement may be found at the conclusion, to emphasize the fact that this is a collective action.

Before we give you our endorsement, we should explain what we consider true qualities of leadership in his past performance, and because we deeply believe that he can represent the interests of all students better than any other candidate. We feel that, without a doubt, he is the one who is best suited for this task.

It must be remembered that the SBA is essentially a service-oriented organization. Its ability to function effectively as a source of service to students and organizations is. We believe that the candidate best suited for this task is Pete Stith.

Pete Stith is an affable and popular person, but we question his ability to function effectively as SBA President. The reason for this is that Stith is a first-year student; we would rather have a second-year President than one taking the February bar. We have, due to the fact that Stith is a first-year student, but we question his maturity to handle the job, and we say that knowing must make great efforts to broaden the SBA Board's base of student support, and to mend ties with the Law School administration for the success of the SBA. The effectiveness. Guy Strong is the candidate best suited for this task.

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Pete Sibich

It is my intention to seek the Presidency for the SBA in this year's election. I believe that I can exert the leadership that I can offer to this fine school. My program will include but not limited to:

1. The establishment of a closer working relationship with the administration so that we can address the problems and concentrate on the missions of the SBA.

2. The development of plans, programs and priorities that will address the communing law students as well as those who live in the immediate vicinity of Marshall-Wythe.

3. As a member of the Governor's Equal Employment Committee, work with administration in attracting minority and additional female faculty. This would include attracting additional women and minority students.

4. To petition the local government for the City of Williamsburg to work out an agreement with the planning of Richmond Road, or in the alternative, to negotiate with the traffic bureau with respect to the reduction of the parking violations issued to students.

5. To work for the publication of student honors and awards so that students can be informed of the decisions and developments affecting them.

6. Keeping the various bulletin boards current, neat and readable.

7. To use the resources of the student body in creating the kinds of pressures that not only will spear Rallie funding for the library but also will ensure that the library facilities and course additions. This will prove to be a point step closer to gaining real latitude in the scheduling of exams.

8. To have expressed law students to be required to pay athletic fees for those which they receive benefits and yet have to pay extra fees to participate in intramural sports. This inequity. Action to save students will be in the absence of a sufficient explanation.

9. The SBA has sponsored an SBA member must define their common needs and goals and then unite to achieve them.

10. To petition the President of the College of William & Mary and all the Board of Student Affairs to use the SBA budget and accordingly fund the SBA. This budgetary appropriation funds based on SBA needs.

11. To encourage greater Alumni recruitment at the law school.

12. To encourage the candidates to debate the issues in a forum-type process supervised by the Amicus.

Guy Strong

The need for vigilant and determined student leadership at Marshall-Wythe has seldom been more acute than it is at the present time. In order to insure the construction of a building that is not only a needed building, but project student rights and interests in the face of an unresponsive school administration, offer the students expanded services and social activities, and mold a traditionally apathetic and fragmented student body into a more unified and active whole, the officers of the Student Bar Association during the upcoming year must be capable of careful planning and unafraid of decisive action.

By announcing my candidacy for the office of S.B.A. President I am offering to accept the heavy responsibilities which come with holding that position. I believe I am qualified and, I know that I am willing to put forth the effort necessary to fulfill those responsibilities effectively.

During the past year I was privileged to work with many students of Marshall-Wythe in the capacity of SBA Social Chairman and feel certain that the SBA's numerous social activities during that time speaks for itself.

Not being one to make hollow "political promises" I would only like to state that I am interested in greatly increasing student input in the faculty recognition system, in developing constructive solutions to the numerous problems we all have experienced and in finding a way to make it clear that I will not hesitate to initiate any dialogue with the administration which is necessary to advance these or other student goals.

Because of the urgent needs of the students and this institution I feel that there is no room at Marshall-Wythe for petty trenching interest groups. The students of Marshall-Wythe must define their common needs and goals and then unite to achieve them. In that vein, I will, if elected, offer the student body honest, open, and diligent leadership in its best interest and in the pursuance of its common goals.

Steve Conte

With the exception of annual budget priorities, specific issues are pretty much non-existent in SBA campaigns. Such is the nature of student politics in general. The S.B.A. of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law needs a viable and energetic S.B.A. Obviously, there is much left to do and many issues to be dealt with, and many needs which must be satisfied. In order to deal with these issues and needs, the students have a right to demand strong leadership and responsible representation from their elected officials. I hope to provide answers, satisfy needs, and effectively represent the entire student body.

At the present moment, we are faced with many dilemmas, mainly stemming from a seeming lack of communications between professors and administrators, and the student body. It is for this reason that I strongly urge the formation of the Student-Faculty Liaison Committee. Through such a body, a consensus among student input will have a forum, and conversely, provide an outlet for faculty input. I feel that this is the ever-present problem concerning the effective use of the law library. With the help of a strong, armed S.B.A., changes can be made and must be made to turn the law library into a decent place to study. Included would be efforts to emulsify the disarray in the library, establish a fairly comprehensible system of indexing the numerous volumes contained within the library, and to set up a crash-course in how to use the various publications. Finally, in order to allow law students to determine their schedule, I will work to achieve the least amount of disturbing complications. I strongly support the implementation of an open examination schedule.

Change stems from dissatisfaction. But change can only be effected through persistent and deliberate actions by the S.B.A., on behalf of the students which they represent. I strongly urge all students to participate in the affairs of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law by electing strong, responsible representatives to the S.B.A.
Judicial Council Debates Candidacy Requirements

In response to a petition signed by nine students, the Judicial Council of the Student Bar Association has issued an advisory opinion interpreting Article IX, Section 1 of the SBA Constitution. This section states that any candidate for an SBA office must be a full-time student.

The question was how the term "full time" should be defined. Basically three different standards were suggested at the open meeting which was held on March 17. The college-wide rule considers a student taking 10 hours as full time.

Law School Alumni Begin Annual Drive

A cocktail party last Thursday for third-year students in the Great Hall of the Wren Building kicked off the William and Mary Law School Association's annual third-year fund drive effort.

Sam T. Beale, president of the Association, Dr. Wayne O. Dray, and Mark S. Dray, directors of the Association and co-chairmen of the 1975 campaign; William Carter, College Vice President for Financial Affairs; and Warrren Freeman, College Development Director, were among the number of alumni, faculty, gift and college administrators present at the gathering.

For the Association's third annual fund drive for the Law School, some 150 students were co-chairmen last year's student effort. This year's student fund drive was held April 24 in Richmond.

Third-year students Bob Sicha and Randy Palamar are coordinating this year's student fund drive. As in past years, third-year students are asked to make three-year pledges to the Law School. Bill Miller, who led last year's student effort, estimates that the average student pledge last year was $90 per year.

The first Law School Association fund drive netted $72,279, which included $39,304 from alumni, a $25,000 challenge from the Board of Visitors, and $7975 from third-year students. Last year's campaign resulted in a total of $57,037. One benefactor, William L. Ellenson of New York, has promised to match dollar-for-dollar up to a maximum of $15,000, any See Drive, p. 11

Another possible standard was the American Bar Association's eight-hour standard which relates to the number of semesters a person must be a full-time student in residency to meet ABA requirements.

Finally the Virginia Council of Higher Education also had a "full time" standard for the purposes of appropriation funds. After two meetings at which it heard evidence, the Judicial Council, in an opinion by Chief Justice Ann Palamar, ruled that under the present SBA constitution "full time" students are those so designated according to announced law school policy, including any exceptions granted by the law school administration. The present policy is 16 hours a semester; 27 hours a year.

Scott Richie in his dissent was opposed to the idea of having a standard that could not be independently applied but rather was left to the discretion of the administration. In his dissent Richie expressed a need for an amendment to the SBA constitution which would allow any student registered for classes and in good academic standing to be eligible.

A constitutional amendment, basically to that effect has been proposed. All that would be required is for a candidate to have a 1.00 average in his prior law studies and be a student in good standing for one year following his election.

According to the petitioners the declaratory judgment was not aimed at clarifying standards merely for clarification for this year's elections. They believed that anybody who is going to be an effective officer has to be a person who is going to spend a substantial amount of time around the law school. One who has a light load may be less likely to do this, and some of the petitioners thought that the constitution was intended to prevent this.

The ruling has no effect on anyone presently in office. In order to challenge the validity of any holding office, a petition must be addressed to the council.

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First year "stud" visits the office of "Dulcey Fowler — Heart-Throb" with an interesting proposition, as part of this year's outrageously funny Libel Night.

Lost Books Create Problems In Library

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According to Norm Marshall, they could be used to keep up the looseleaf service.

Mr. Whitehead said that the reason the reference department and other services are lacking in the library is that the library is under-funded and under-staffed so that the library was trying to use students to do work that professionals were supposed to do.

Lee responded that that is why it would be a good thing to make use of the research assistants who are only working a total of twenty hours out of the eighty they are on duty. Mr. Whitehead answered that it was just an experiment and done to make an adjustment. It was also brought up that Swen library gets more than the recommended professionals while the library must settle for less than the recommended number of professionals. No one knew why.

During the meeting Professor Donahue, Allen Story, and Wayne Lee volunteered to form a committee to work on book placement in general and to see how better to utilize placement of the materials in the library. As yet no meeting has been held.

A second meeting was planned for April 9. The colon system's replacement will be discussed at that time and possibly some other proposals dealing generally with the library.
Amici Ready To Counter Feeble Faculty Challenge

After some predictable maneuvering by faculty members less than anxious of preparing for the long agreed-upon rematch, Amici's prosecution (though hardly immortal) Amici Duredevils, coaches Timothy J. "Call Me Professor" Sullivan and Evan "Call Me Outthere" Adair have tentatively set Sunday, April 25 as the date for the grudge contest.

If it is not otherwise remembered, the Amici Bommers waited patiently for the faculty oddsbets to sitter past the last-minute deadline to give Laura Vu defense before lambaststing the geriatrics in the mud, slime, and rain last spring. Not only did the faculty cry "fool" (they tried that every time a long fly ball went over Elmer Schaefer's head), but the Amici wanted a rematch in the firm belief that good weather last year's game, which the Daredevils, coaches Timothy J. Adair had his of course would be little incentive, a keg had been bet on Elmer Spong, a suggestion totally foreign to Dick Welsh, Wally Kleindienst, and William Williamson, Ron Brown, Emeric Lang. Arthur White is a prospect, if he is able to figure out a way to claim a tax deduction for the effort.

Former team members Bobby Scott, now a resident of Williamsburg, and Don Llewellyn, who thought Williamsburg was so dead he moved to Philadelphia for some excitement, may be coaxed by Sullivan to make a return appearance. As the Amici squad is obviously going to mangle the faculty, Amicus reps have condescended to allow a limited number of "ringers" to assist the profs, and allow them periodic rest periods for oxygen and glucose. Adair stipulates, however, in that good-natured way of his, that such "ringers" must be cleared by the understanding Amici, i.e., no Cesar Ceduio and no raiding the Amici.

The Amici toughs, though not yet firm, will probably include such talented individuals as John Fletcher, Gary Feet, Mike Glass, Pete Georgen, Steve Conte, Pete Welling, Greg Welsh, Wally Kleindienst, and Cesar Ceduio, in addition to a number of unknowns and untalented. Henry Aaron will not be a member of the squad this year, having dropped to the junior position in a trade that netted Atlanta virtually nothing.

Dean James F. Whyte, who managed to be out of town on the day of last spring's contest (his day on the links got rained out, too), has been gently asked to officiate this year's game.

Although Whyte has expressed no gloe or boundless gratitude for the honor, he has promised to provide a suitable outfit. Adair says, "I can't conceive of the Dean passing up such good fun and great beer to waste his time doing something else. He'll be there."

Spong's Course Proves An 'Uncommon' Class

"The Constitution and Foreign Policy" is not a name law school course, and William Spong is not the common law professor. To start with, the course is written in prose, no compilation of cases. A few cases are discussed, better than do cans. The rest are in footnotes; and, footnotes are not frequently discussed.

On the first day, the class is told that they will learn nothing that will help them pass a bar examination. Nobody leaves. Even though the course meets from one to three on Friday afternoons, attendance is high. Experience and Expertise Rarely do law schools other than the "top ten" attract instructors with the expertise and experience of Mr. Spong.

Political theorists have been known to abstract themselves above the realities of foreign policy formulation. On the opposite end of the spectrum, it is not unknown for politicians involved in developing policy to eschew rationale and intellectual considerations.

Mr. Spong strikes an engaging medium. Either it can be said that he is a political theorist with practical experience, or he is a politician who understands the context and impact of what he is doing. Both are correct.

As United States Senator from Virginia from 1966 to 1972, Mr. Spong was part of the Senate's movement to reassert its influence in the area of American foreign policy. Political antecedents from his tenure in the Senate provide invaluable, and entertaining insights on the workings of government in the conduct of foreign relations.

"The Constitution and Foreign Policy" is being offered at Marshall-Wythe for the first time this semester. Last fall it was taught at T.C. Williams Law School at the University of Richmond. This is Mr. Spong's second formal association with the Law School, having taught there a number of years ago.

Objectives

He indicates he feels the course is "timely," one which would have been entirely different if taught three or four years ago. As reasons, he cites Viet-Nam, the conflict over the formulation and conduct of American foreign policy. Such good fun and great beer to waste his time doing something else. He'll be there.

The course focuses on a number of factors influencing the formulation and conduct of foreign policy in a Constitutional context. Topics for discussion include the relevant powers of each branch and the impact of those on the separation of powers doctrine. War powers, treaty powers, governmental secrecy, and confessions are additional items of examination.

Seminars have been at times attacked as low on practicality and high on dilatory intellect. In this instance, that is not true. On casual observation, the theory and reality of government activity in international relations seem incongruously divergent. It is a credit to the instructor, and the good fortune of the School, that this course makes some sense out of it all.

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May Law Day Activities Designed To Enliven Law School Life

First-year student Margaret Askew was chosen by Publications Council to head the Amicus next year.

Amicus Editor Chosen For 1975-76 Term
Margaret Askew, a first-year student at the University of Iowa, was recently approved by the College Publications Council as the editor of the Amicus Curiae for the 1975-76 year.

Response To Increased Costs In Malpractice Insurance

Creation of an American Bar Association Commission on Medical Professional Liability was urged last month by the legal organization's board of governors.

In a resolution, the 22-member board asks the ABA's policy-making House of Delegates to create immediately a 15-member commission in response to the cost crisis in medical services resulting from threatened unavailability and skyrocketing costs of medical malpractice insurance.

The House met here Monday and Tuesday in conjunction with the ABA's midyear meeting.

"This problem is real and urgent," said James D. Fellers, president of the 190,000-member ABA. "Insurance companies have raised premiums to cover losses. Doctors have raised fees to cover increased premiums. The patient pays."

It was reported that in certain parts of the country, some kinds of specialty practice may become unavailable because doctors feel they cannot afford the cost of malpractice insurance.

Estimates of how much the medical profession will have to raise these insurance premiums to cover costs for medical malpractice coverage range as high as $10 billion annually.

"One thing must be clear from the beginning," Fellers told the board of governors. "We are going into this for only one reason. We have got to find a way to solve this problem for the public's benefit. It has been said by some that we lawyers are to blame because we represent clients who sue doctors and receive large verdicts. Others blame doctors for the problem; some fault insurance companies. We are not concerned with pointing the finger of blame; we want to find solutions." See Malpractice, p. 11

Additional Ceremony For Law Graduates

At long last, and after appreciable work by third-year students Greg Welsh and John Heard, the Law School will provide its ceremonial recognition for graduating students. This will be in addition to the full College Commencement program.

The Law School graduation exercises will be held at 5 o'clock, June 1st in the Beta Kappa Hall, and will follow the College's proceeding to be held at 3 o'clock in front of the Wren Building.

Present for the separate ceremonies will be Dean Whyte and the Law School faculty. The individual presentation of diplomas will constitute virtually the entire program.

Heard and Welsh explain that there will be no awards presented as all of these are to be distributed at the Annual Banquet later this month. Furthermore, no speaker was received due to the late hour and the fact that Kingman Brewster, himself an attorney, is the graduation speaker for the full college-wide exercises.

Law School Promotion Procedure Criticized

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class that since he would be evaluating the next class meeting, he would appreciate our "cooperation." In my view this raises serious implications of fraud on the FSC who later recommended, the person for promotion.

Law Day Activities

In a resolution, the House of Delegates to the American Bar Association recommended that the State Bar of Iowa amend the rules and regulations governing the admission to its bar.

"This was reported that in certain counties of Iowa State University, Askew majored in business administration for the 1975-76 year.

It has been suggested by Dean Whyte and the Law School faculty that the first-year class of 1975-76 should be a "clean slate" (the Vice-President of the College Publications Council as the editor of the Amicus Curiae for the 1975-76 year).

A 1974 graduate of Iowa State University, Askew majored in journalism and served as university editor and editor-in-chief of the Iowa State Daily while in college, and also worked on the staff of the shoeshine evening Sentinel in Shannondale, Iowa during the summer of 1974.

Any interested in working on the Amicus Curiae for the remainder of this year, or during next year should attend an organizational meeting Wednesday, April 16, at 2 p.m., in the Coffee Bar or contact Askew at 229-0611. Positions are open for paste-up staff, writers, circulation, advertising sales, copy-reading and headline writing.

Vote Tomorrow
Fungus Rated Playoff Choice

Choice Batters' Whimperings

By John Fletcher
Sports Staff

Saying the best for last, and vice versa, we are compelled to report the results of the Master Batters' home opener at the outset. Led by captain John Chris, the Batters have been buzzing with anticipation for the season opener, a near-perfect day on the plate against the immortal Fungus.

The absence of Jeff Harper (shuffled off to Buffalo last summer) was sorely missed by the gang. Despite this, the Batters were victorious in their opener.

Tom Emmerson confirmed everyone's suspicion that he had no wheels whatsoever by barely chugging his wares to third base after starting a drive to deep left-center field. The Batters' home opener was a fine show-stopper on the wind factor, three Buese-Bavarianars, and those heavy Post-Bar Exam Blues.

Fungus, as might be expected, was awesome in its first two outings of the season. Pre-season gossip that the former intramural champions had been decimated by winter injuries and had traded their quickness was quickly dispelled in Fungus' 12-2 rout of Amicus.

The Board of Visitors will have the final decision as to whether the Woodbridge Professor, upon the recommendation of the President and the Vice President for Academic Affairs of a nominee identified by Dean Whylie, in consultation with the Law School faculty.

The Law School Association will soon begin to organize a strong effort to lobby for construction funds for a new law school building when the General Assembly meets in January 1975. Sam Beale expressed at the third-year gathering his hope that the Law School Association will be working with the Law School and the SBA next winter in an effort to dislodge the funds from the legislature.

President Thomas A. Gravens, who has placed a new law building at the head of the College's list of priorities since planning funds were allocated two years ago, will this time be working in union with the Law School Association.

As it happened, Perry Lane, a local radio announcer who endowed the party, liked what he saw (for reasons known only to him) and persuaded the group to perform for a local charity event. From there, it was straight to the top. Well — they started getting paying engagements anyway.

The Board of Visitors have had successful engagements at the Hospitality House, Hampton's number one night club — The Blue Light, the Roi Poli, and numerous private parties. None of course was more of a one-night-stand than anything else. The "Wildroots" put on their first appearance with little more than George Campbell's guitar, and plenty of grease and nerves.

For its own protection the Editorial Board would like to know that it is not the sports staff who is responsible for the next season's playoff favorite. "Wildroots" bring back Grease and The '50s.

By Charlie Barr

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among three alternatives: 1) receive no grade or credit (those electing this alternative will be allowed to graduate with 47 semester credit hours); 2) take another exam, this one composed and graded by Professors Madison and Williamson; 3) upon filing a written statement assuring regular classroom attendance, and preparation and having taken Mr. Scott's exam, receive a 'P' and 3 credit-hours. In an interview with the Amicus, Dean Whyte said, "It is entirely unnecessary for the SBA to get into this. I have talked to the students about it. I have kept them informed. It is their concern and not a proper area for SBA involvement. Students have met with the Academic Status Committee making the recommendation. For these reasons the SBA need not concern itself with the matter." Later, he stated that it is imperative that it not be forgotten that "reasonable men can differ as to solutions to problems." According to Dean Whyte, the Committee proposal was deferred until the next faculty meeting because there was inadequate time to consider the measure, because there is no harm in waiting an additional month, because this matter needs as much thought and consideration as possible, and because every possible opportunity should be given the professor to turn in the grades. The Dean was later even more specific in stating his reasons for opposing action on the proposal at this point: "I don't want to create a precedent of setting aside an instructor's grade unless there is no other recourse. That amounts for the 30-day wait. Secondly, I believe everyone should be graded in a uniform manner in a given class. In short, there should be one standard applied to all. That has to be the case if class standing is to have any meaning. Since I honestly regret the situation, no one in the Law School should be settled more than I. But I want it settled right, so the integrity of the grading system is preserved, and academic dignity is preserved."

Dean Whyte steadfastly asserts, "The class will have their grades at the end of the year, when grades are due from the current semester by the drop-add period for the summer session, one week after the session begins. One way or another; in one form or another.""Continuing on the overall situation, Steve Cono now expresses doubt that any action will soon be taken but emphasizes, "In the interests of fairness, whatever decision is made ought to be made well before the students leave for the summer."

Associate Dean Timothy J. Sullivan submitted to the faculty a proposal approved by the Academic Status Committee regarding grades and credit in former professor Gordon Scott's property class. The faculty met April 4 and deferred action on the proposal, pertinent provisions of which follow. "Since Professor Scott has so long delayed delivery of his grades, it is the Committee's view that even if the graded examination papers were to become available, their integrity is now so much in dispute, that they should be disregarded. "Students enrolled in the course may, at their election, choose one of the following alternatives:" (1) No grade or credit for Property I. It will be given. A student electing this alternative will be permitted to graduate with a total of 47 semester hour credits.

(2) Take a new examination drafted and graded by Professors Madison and Williamson. A letter grade will be given and the students will receive standard three hours credit if the student earns a grade of 'D' or better.

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Presidential Elections Set For This Week

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Presently a first-year SBA representative, is the lone candidate for Vice President. Ted Ourednic, Tony Nicol, and Fred Gore were, as of Sunday evening, the only announced candidates for the offices of Treasurer, Secretary, and Alumni Relations Director. Jay Pickus and Glenn Berger seek the two second-year SBA representative positions, and Jim Dickenson, Ellen Firog, and Jim Thurman are running for the two three-year slots. All four candidates for the office of SBA President have experience in the SBA: Goldman is presently SBA Vice President; Gonnella is a second-year rep; Sibth represents the first-year class; and Strong is SBA Social Chairman. The campaign statements of the three SBA President candidates, and those of most of the other announced candidates, follow. The Amicus regrets it was not possible, in accordance with this week's election schedule and Amicus production deadlines, to assure that all candidates' statements could be included.

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