Search Committee To Narrow Field Soon

On Friday, the Dean Search Committee officially begins their duty to find a dean. The committee meets on Friday to preliminarily narrow the field of applicants. Approximately 60 applicants desire to become Marshall-Wythe's new dean. Nevertheless, by Friday evening the field should be extensively reduced. The narrowed field (approximately five to eight) will then receive the "grand tour" of Marshall-Wythe. During their visits, the applicants will meet with every component of the university community - the alumni, a student group, the faculty, William and Mary's new president, and other groups outside the law school.

At the conclusions of the visits, the committee will list three to five acceptable names and submit the names to the president. However, according to Associate Dean Richard Williamson, chairman of the committee, the list will be submitted without ranking the applicants in order of preference. According to Williamson, the president of the College of William and Mary, along with the William and Mary Board of Visitors, will make the final determination.

The nine-member Search Committee includes faculty, alumni, and on student. They are: R. Harvey Chappell, a Marshall-Wythe graduate who is a partner in the Richmond firm of Christian, Barton, Eggs, and Brent; Jane Velko, a recent Marshall-Wythe graduate who clerked for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and is now with the Atlanta firm of Bondurant, Miller, Hinton and Stephenson; Jack Edwards, College of William Mary Government Professor; Andrea Maxa, Marshall-Wythe Class of 1985; Law Professors John Donaldson, Ingrid Hillinger, Charles Koch, Doug Rendleman and Richard Williamson, the Committee Chairman.

Social Committee Schedules Events

It won't be a full semester - that is, not if the Social Committee has anything to do with it. According to Social Committee Chairperson Angela Lennon, four major activities have already been planned for the coming semester.

On Thursday, January 24, the Social Committee will host a "Tacky" Party. Students are encouraged to attend the event dressed in their tackiest apparel. The "tacky" event will be held at the Graduate Student House on Armitstead Avenue. Admission is $1 at the door.

And just when you thought the activities were over, the second Coffeeshouse of the year will be held on Saturday, January 26. The event offers an evening of music, comedy and wine and will be held in the Campus Center Little Theater.

The Barrister's Ball, the "Grandest" event of the semester, occurs on February 16. "Johnny Sportcoat and the Casuals" will provide the music as the students dance the night away in Trinkle Hall. The price for the formal event will be announced at a later date.

And finally, who could forget Libel Night? Libel Night officially gives the students a night to "get even" with the professors and administration. The show centers around the theme of "At the Movies." Lennon stated that writers and ideas are needed. The date for the event will be established soon.

Social Committee

P-Cap Practice Makes Perfect

By ANDREA CARUSO '86

Ask any lawyer whether law school taught him how to practice law; how to interview clients, request documents from courts, get information from other lawyers, juggle deadlines, and keep records of time spent, documents prepared and work performed for each client, and that lawyer will probably tell you: "No!" Unless that is, he or she participated in a clinical program like the Post-Conviction Assistance Project.

The Project is run just like a law office: interns dress professionally and interview those inmates requesting assistance in person at Petersburg, in which the Project travels twice a month. Each intern has his or her own clients, and is responsible for maintaining a file on him. The Project even asks its own clerical staff, with word-processing capability for letters and filings. Participants are bound by the ethical codes applied to attorneys, giving interns the practice of meeting filing deadlines and keeping clients informed.

The client-interviewing experience which P-CAP provides may be its most valuable feature; if you can understand these clients and get them to understand you, you can handle anyone on the outside who walks into your law office in practice. When asked what the best things were about his P-CAP experience, second-year Chip Mortimer said: "I learned to talk to recidivists so I could understand what they wanted me to do and got them to tell me what I needed to know, especially what they were in for." The inmates at Petersburg have usually had much more experience with the criminal justice system than most law students, and certainly more experience with the penal system. They speak their own language, and like most clients on the outside, it is hard to get them to explain exactly what you want them to do, and to give you all the "facts" you need. If you are willing to learn from them, however, they will teach you things about how the system works first-hand, things the University

And the Competition Begins...

The annual "Bushrod T. Washington Memorial Moot Court Tournament" (a/k/a the Second-Year Appellate Advocacy Tournament) officially got under way this week. The students were out pretending to be "first-rate lawyers" while the panel of judges tried to dash all hope.
Grades: There’s Hope For Us All

When you entered law school you no doubt aspired to the high grades you probably received as an undergraduate. The only question about law review was whether you would accept it once it was offered to you. So what if you found a couple of points of consideration or perpetuities a trifle hazy? The brilliance of your reasoning and the power of your writing would surely sway the professors.

And then . . . just when you’d recuperated from finals . . . you made that trip to the Wailing Wall on the second floor. Some of us right now are extremely happy with our grades. We congratulate them. Despite any mythology to the contrary, high law school grades only come with hard, diligent, persevering work. However, we don’t address those of us at the top. Rather, this editorial is for those of us who must now downgrade their expectations a bit.

Our message is simple: Be cool.

We all came to South Henry Street with high, high expectations. This is understandable. If you’re not ambitious, with at least a modicum of self-confidence, it’s surprising that you applied here at all.

But not having awe-inspiring grades is not something of which to be ashamed. Any professor can tell stories of students who began their law school careers abysmally, yet graduate near the top of their class. Any attorney can tell you of someone who barely avoided flunking out of law school, only to be a powerhouse in the courtroom. Attorney Melvin Belli of California, now renowned as the “King of Torts,” began his law school career with a low C in that subject. The converse, too, is true. Brilliant performance in the bluebooks does not always guarantee success in “real-world” battlegrounds.

There’s another factor to consider. Marshall-Wythe is a very good, rather selective law school. Only very bright people who’ve demonstrated a high level of competency (with the exception of this writer, of course) get in here. This means that you are now most likely competing with a more elite set of students than your undergraduate classmates, and of course the competition is a lot tougher. This is not news to many of us, of course, but it always bears repeating.

We are not trying to minimize the importance of grades. Prospective employers will ask about your marks you’ve earned, don’t get depressed, despondent. Have a little faith in yourself; you won’t be disappointed. (J.O.A.)

THE COFFEEHOUSE
Music, Comedy, and Wine
Saturday, January 26
Campus Center Little Theater

President Reagan has not even attempted, let alone obtained, for his second term and already the 1988 Presidential campaign appears to have begun. No, Vice President Bush has not yet given an indication of whether he desires a promotion. Instead, it is Senator Edward M. Kennedy who appears to be out at the campaign trail.

During the past week, Senator Kennedy has been on a “fact-finding” tour of South Africa upon the invitation of Bishop Desmond Tutu. Kennedy’s reasons for the trip are ostensibly to discover the conditions of apartheid rule in South Africa and to see whether the United States Congress should consider trade restraints with South Africa in order to somehow hasten majority rule. Kennedy is also there to “help” the blacks in coming together with the white minority government in order to effectuate the end of apartheid rule. I question both Senator Kennedy’s reasons for being in South Africa and the effectiveness of his presence in resolving South Africa’s problems.

First, Senator Kennedy himself did not need to go to South Africa in order to discover the conditions of apartheid rule. South Africa’s oppression of its black citizens has been well-publicized. Additionally, Senator Kennedy need only take a course in the history of the American South during the early part of this century in order to learn how black citizens can be treated as second-class citizens. Senator Kennedy’s pilgrimage to South Africa tells the American public more about the senator than it does about apartheid rule.

Secondly, as to whether Senator Kennedy can help the relationship between the black majority and the white government, it is only necessary to examine the daily newspapers and television reports coming from South Africa during his visit. Kennedy has been constantly harassed by the South African blacks who apparently view Kennedy’s visit as more meddlesome than helpful. In fact, the black rejection of the senator has been so severe that Kennedy has had to cut short several of his planned stops for fear of inciting violence. Of course the white government which Kennedy opposes has no reason to view his visit favorably.

Likewise, the alleged reason of considering whether the Congress should consider imposing trade restraints on South Africa is a questionable motive of Senator Kennedy’s visit. First, an American restraint on trade with South Africa would hurt both the United States and the South African industry. Secondly, although the apartheid government in South Africa is democratically elected, there is no guarantee that an American economic boycott would precipitate a peaceful change in the South African government. And in any case, isn’t it really the business of the United States government to try to topple another nation’s government?

Why, then, is Senator Kennedy in South Africa? I think that the senator is planning another run for the Presidency in 1988 and saw this trip as a great media opportunity. By aligning himself with South Africa’s black citizens, he is trying to shore up the black vote for himself at home. With all the newspaper and television coverage that he expected to get from his mission, Kennedy hoped to be portrayed as the peaceful mediator and motivator behind a change in the apartheid South African government. Instead, Senator Kennedy was disgraced with an unfavorable reception by both the government of South Africa and the oppressed black majority whom Kennedy allegedly came to save. The South Africans saw through his “playing politics” - can’t we all?
Chip Mortimer

My Christmas Vacation

By DOUG KLEIN

Well, the first thing I want to say is that I'm really mad at The Advocate for not putting my name under my article in the last edition. But that's okay. I'll get over it.

It all started innocently enough. I flew down to Atlanta to visit my sister, the accountant. I was coming directly from the trenches of Tort, so I needed a shave. My sister picked me up at the airport and took me to an accountants' party (we're talking big fun, here). The first thing everyone said to me was, "Why haven't you shaved?" I mean I was wearing a navy blazer and khakis—what more do they want?

But then, things really started to get strange. As I was leaving the party, I was accosted by a large band of non-union clean-cut, All-American types who were heading to D.C. to take part in the inauguration. Seeing me in such preppy clothes, they mistook me for one of them and invited me to join their caravan of BMWs and Rabbit Convertibles. I politely refused their offer, but they had their own nuclear deterrent, so what could I do?

I still quiver when I think back on what unspeakable tortures they inflicted on me. I was forcibly shaved and given only back cymes. I'm not sure if this was 1962, before the advent of the satellite dish, or if this is 1985, after the advent of the satellite dish. Entertainment had to be taken wherever it could be found. The landlord, faced with the necessity of keeping the tenants from leaving, had to dismiss the complaint on the ground that there was no allegation of rape. They subsequently listened to or recorded the plaintext's bedroom sounds, and on the bed the tenant's bedroom activity was not an invasion of their rights. New Hampshire, where the action was pending, did not recognize an enforceable right of privacy, he argued.

If the landlord's argument had succeeded, peeping Toms and -Toms might have flocked to New Hampshire. After all, the state's official motto is, "Live Free or Die." But his contention died on the vine. The court wrote that "the big ear and the electronic eavesdropper" have "a place in the lives of a married couple minding their own business," and the landlord's motion to dismiss was denied.

So now the reader wonders whether the landlord recorded the events in his tenants' bedroom or not. If he did, no one knows whether such recordings would make interesting listening. There are several other questions which come to mind. But if they didn't read the caption notes, they'd never even know about it.

ABA Announces Contests

By EMILY RADFORD '86

"Two student writing competitions have been announced by the American Bar Association. The ABA Section of Natural Resources Law is sponsoring a contest for undergraduates to write on "natural resources, energy or environmental law as it applies to current public policy issues." The deadline is March 30, 1985, and prizes of $500 and $1,000 will be awarded.

Entries in the 1985 Howard C. Schwa's Memorial Essay Contest, sponsored by the Family Law Section of the AGA, may be on any aspect of family law. The contest is open to second and third year students and the deadline is April 18, 1985. Prizes of $200, $500 and $500 will be awarded.

Entries in both contests may be submitted to the ABA. For more information, please see the flyers announcing rules, addresses, and deadlines for the competitions, posted on the ABA-LSD section of the bulletin board.
Super Sunday Showdown... 

By MICHAEL MORONEY

Well, it's that time of the year again. The annual orgy of hype, hoopla, and insta-legendary narratives, fame fanatical and misguided celebrities known as Super Bowl Boulevard, and the clash of two teams for aArtifacting football championship game, of course, not just any game, but THE game, to crown this year's championship season. It's a year's promise to be a thriller, an even match-up of ex-Cellent teams that have already undergone a possibly be the game of the century. (I had to say this; it's the annual theme, after all.)

However, there also lies the issue of the annual ar-ty of grab bag.

Actually, this game does have some potential to be a last-minute cliffhanger. Last year's Raider-Redskin bout also had promise but the Raiders managed to turn it into a lather. However, this year both the Miami Dolphins and the San Francisco 49ers are teams that do really have high-potency offenses which may keep the game close in the early stages of an ex-Cellent and exciting affair. Both teams were regarded throughout the season as having the best respective conferences and it seems fitting that they match up heads on New Year's Day.

From the fans in Miami and San Francisco the people in the land lucked out, because this game will be the ABC Television executives. Going into the conference final, the coaches all looked the possibility of a Chicago Bears - Pittsburgh Steelers finale. Sudden, boring, ugly, are serving years type teams substitute muscle and guts for flair and electricity, they barely have a chance to win, and if they do, the system is probably where the Chicago Bears - Pittsburgh Steelers finale. Sudden, boring, ugly, are serving years type teams substitute muscle and guts for flair and electricity, they barely have a chance to win, and if they do, the system is probably 

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hard to find in books. The prob-lems here are: ex-Cellent job post-conviction; parole, reduction of sentence, detainers, 1983 ac-tions, and motions for writs of habeas corpus. Researching questions in these areas will take you into the realm of princi-ple criminal procedure not usually covered in the law school, and will introduce you to the penal and parole system, a part of the justice system where bureaucratic pitfalls and procedural discretion which is often unre viewable have taken the place of traditional rules of evidence and procedure.

said another P-CAP intern, "Finding the right reference is the key to solving the problem. If you are familiar with the case, or are aware of a similar case that has been decided, you can use that as a starting point in the legal research."

If you are inter-ested in this opportunity, please contact the P-CAP office at 555-1234, or visit our website at www.pcap.org.

By HAROLD T. BARREL

Everybody needs some in order to be well rounded and get himself some restful sleep. Marino has been known for being too far gone. Often the negative effect on one's peers is basically temporary, but rather to attract attention in single coverage. If, however, Riki Ellison, Keena Turner and the other San Francisco linebackers can get through to the pocket (where Marino will always be, due to his limited mobility) they may be able to force the Dolphins out of their game plan, making them have to use their running game, a turn of events that would surely favor the Dolphins. The Dolphins will now have to rely on the running game to keep the board score close. The Dolphins are no longer able to give any defensive deficiencies San Francisco may have, but rather to run the ball all day and pretty well be a game of "who has the ball last."

As is the case often, the Dolphins' game plan will be to wear down the defense as everyone anticipates, but you can expect a late flurry of scorching in an exciting finish.

Prediction? Ralando Nether plan may come up with a key defensive play late in the game; and even though San Francisco’s ground game chew up the defenses, Miami prevails 3-4-0.

"Pride Is Like Good Scotch"

By DEBORAH BOWES

If you're a football fan, you know of the Kansas City Chiefs, the new team in the AFC West. The Chiefs have a good team, but they lack the high scoring off­ fenses and household name players. The annual orgy of hype, the annual theme, after all.)

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Pride is like good Scotch. We feel good and give us the courage to get on things in the real life. You know, we all feel like we deserve to do. Both, however, are also volatile weapons which if not well followed, can all use a little self-improvement. Try some, just a little swallow. It's that first gulp that's hardest. It's infinitely easier if you do it voluntarily rather than wait to have it forced upon you.

SBA Seeks Committee Members

As the spring semester begins, the SBA is in need of various types of students on its committee. Committee, Dean Williamson, Chairman of the Search Committee for the new law school Dean, is seeking new student body in selecting a suitable candidate to the position of SBA Executive Director. The SBA is forming a committee of 12 students to interview applicants and make a recommendation to the student body. The committee will formally review applications and make a recommendation to the Search Committee's final decision. The job of the student committee will be to interview each candidate for the position, and to present both an oral critique and a written report of their opinions to the Search Committee. The bulk of the group's work will be interviewing on campus with the Search Committee. While the makeup of the student committee has not yet been finalized, it is likely that half of the members will be appointed by the SBA Executive Board as representatives of various student organizations; the other half will be chosen from among applications submitted by all members of the student body in general. We would like all law students interested in being a member of the SBA committee to fill out an application in the SBA Office before 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 25.

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Committee has perhaps the greatest potential of offering con­crete benefits to our students from all three classes. If you are interested in helping to organize and promote the SBA activities, please apply in the SBA Office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 25.

Deborah Bowes, the Chairperson of the Graduaton Committee, needs a lot of help in planning, organizing, and promoting the graduation events planned for May. First- and second-year students are particularly urged to respond (since the third-year will be otherwise occupied on the day of the Big Event!). While the typical thought is, "Why help out when it's not MY graduation?" please realize that there is a place for you in the same boat in the next year or two, and give a little of your time to assist Debbie with this project. If you can be of any help, please leave a note in Debbie's hanging file.