SBA Institutes New Speakers Policy

By GARY CLOSE '86

SBA President Mike Walsh mailed a "no strings attached" letter of invitation to Christian Broadcasting Network founder Pat Robertson this week. Robertson is expected to speak on First Amendment issues if he accepts the invitation.

The SBA approved an unconditional invitation in an 8-1 vote. Walsh's action follows a lengthy SBA meeting Thursday, Oct. 18, when class representatives narrowly defeated a proposal to bring in an opposing speaker or moderator at the Robertson appearance.

Two weeks earlier SBA representatives had agreed to invite Robertson. Walsh introduced the new proposal Thursday in reaction to what he termed an "erroneous perception" of SBA bias because of the invitation.

At the same meeting SBA members also hammered out a general speakers policy that tilt strongly toward active speaker recruitment by the student government. Walsh appointed a three-man committee to develop specific proposals on how to carry out the new speakers policy. It is expected to report back to the SBA in November.

Walsh opened the Thursday meeting with a proposal to send a conditional invitation to Robertson. The letter would have asked Robertson to appear with an opposing speaker or moderator.

"Why are we doing this?" Mike Regan asked.

"I'm concerned about the impression that the SBA is somehow endorsing Pat Robertson's viewpoints." Walsh replied. Walsh argued that the added speaker would add balance to Robertson's appearance.

Regan argued against the proposal, saying the SBA has invited speakers in the past without providing what he termed "a guardian".

The debate that followed centered on the SBA role in speaker recruitment and on the propriety of inviting Robertson without recruiting another speaker.

"We're limiting ourselves if everytime we get one side on an issue we have to get another," Terry Kilgore said.

"I don't think this whole controversy could have been avoided if someone like the Federalist Society had asked him to come," he said. "I don't think the SBA should be involved in bringing in speakers." In other SBA business, the student government agreed to set up a mock presidential election Oct. 30. The idea passed, 7-1-0. The polls are planned to open at 8:30 and close at 2:30 p.m.

Law Review Adds 2-Ls

By EVAN FARR '87

Thirteen second years were recently accepted to Law Review through the write-on competition. Out of the 46 who began the write-on competition back during the middle of August, 36 finally turned in the completed Case Comment—an exhaustive analysis of a recent Supreme Court decision, telling what other courts have done with the issue and analyzing the reasoning and potential impact of the decision. According to one of the editors of Law Review, only eight to 12 write-on candidates are normally accepted. This year, however, the quality of the submissions was of such high caliber that the maximum allowable number of entrants was selected.

These students join 13 other second years who were accepted over the summer based on first-year grades. Two of the 15 top-ranked students turned down the chance to be on Law Review. The 14th- and 15th-ranked students were then offered admission and both accepted.

Grades and write-on after first year are the only two ways in which a student can enter Law Review. Congratulations are due to all of them. They are: GRADES: Robert Bragonis, Andrew Caruso, Doug Demoss, William Devine, John Garde, Mike Gardner, Greg Girard, Rob Kutz, Joel Larkin, Renata Manno, Linda McDowell, Mark Mullins, Dean Sparlin; by WRITE-ON: Catherine Craig, Andrea Giampetre, Leonard Heath, Susan Kramer, Scott Lindvall, Judy Lysher, K. Reed Mayo, Robin Miller, William Morse, Phillip Priesman, Jane Tucker, Alison Vadnais, Caryn Zimmerman.
Don't Panic Jobhunters!

Dozens of firms have come to Marshall-Wythe already this year. Some second- and third-years have interviewed many times in order to help us get a good idea of what's out there and how many companies are interested in us. First-years do not have as much at risk in the employment process, although certainly a certain amount of legal experience from the summer of '85 will look fine on your resume for the summer of '86. (On the other hand, I-I's, there's an awful lot to be said for three months of hard work in a non-law school atmosphere.) Although it is still early in the school year (or at least not as late as it's going to be), and although there are some students saying, "I'm not going to worry; I'll find something wing," right now in each class several people are agonizing over whether they will be able to seize some coveted career goal. To all of you, we offer a simple message:

Do It Now.

A law degree is not a handicap. And Marshall-Wythe is not a bad law school; far from it, in fact, and employers know that. If you do not let despair overcome you, but work diligently to get interviews before you make your first televised crusade. In short, you do not let despair overcome you, but consider this analogy. If you do not let despair overcome you, but work diligently to get interviews before you make your first televised crusade. In short, you do not let despair overcome you, but consider this analogy. If you do not let despair overcome you, but work diligently to get interviews before you make your first televised crusade. In short, you do not let despair overcome you, but consider this analogy. If you do not let despair overcome you, but work diligently to get interviews before you make your first televised crusade. In short, you do not let despair overcome you, but consider this analogy. 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Voice in the Wilderness

By DOUG KLEIN

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Maybe not. Maybe, just maybe, enough people were as shocked as I at the President's performance that they will begin to question the wisdom of reelecting Mr. Reagan. At least, the thoughtful will reexamine what really transpired when the President was called to account for his administration. If they do, and watch and listen closely, they might hear a voice from the past—a reminder of what can happen when old prejudices, misperceptions, and stone-walls to present a "new" image: "I am not a crook...I am not a crook...I am not a crook..."
I-M Champions

Snortfeasors

By MICHAEL MORONEY

Congratulations are in order for Woody Anderson's Snortfeasors, champions of Intramural Softball, and Mary Intramural Softball season. After a season-opening loss to the SBA, the Snortfeasors rolled up 11 straight victories en route to the softball crown. They displayed a combination of pitching, hitting, and fielding, and were never seriously challenged, allowing only three runs in four games. As a fitting end to the championship season, the Snortfeasors swept the Osio in the final game.

The team specialists consisting of pitcher Joe Freedman, catcher Wayne Zell and additional hitter Joe Smith-George provided stability and clutch play to lead the team. The outstanding outfield array of John Jarosk, Tom Hanley, Bill Noll and Mark Atkinson played superbly and consistently drove in runs. Infielders Woody, Mayes and Henderson made contributions strong hitting and errorless play defensively. The true backbone of the Intramural team, however, is their quality of sportsmanship. After all is said and done, these results are in theory an arena of fun and a place to develop friendships. This year's season was exciting, instigating and insulting of the members of opposing teams in both matters. Especially after the games are played, particularly games which your team has won, the true spirit of sportsmanship is virtually always

DIVERSITY?

By MICHAEL MORONEY

Diversity. Ah, that great and wonderful theme. Everyone strives for diversity in colleges, law schools, employers, social clubs, athletics and marriage. Diversity is achieved, presumably euphoria sets in. Similarity, sameness and homogeneity are abhorred. The pursuit of uniqueness has been favored in the pursuit of diversity. We must promote the demise of familiarity and redundancy. With these thoughts in mind, I must ask:

One should not avail himself of this wealth of law school diversity all at once, however. He may get the bends. One must go into these diverse social situations slowly. Cognizant of this, I subjected myself to a training period in New York City. Alone and bewildered, this lamb literated on Broadway. Not as variegated as the famous school diversity, New York City can boast of some small diversity of students in all walks of life. Granted, it wasn't Williamsburg, but for this city boy, it was a step forward. I ventured out to one of the renowned "law school parties"—a haven for diversity.

Everyone at the social gathering was overjoyed at the diversity present. We were a kaleidoscope of great and diverse minds. Look at all the diversity at this party. First years, second years, and third years. All together at the same party! Yeah, great. Diversity. Love it. What a bargain.

I had three choices of potential conversation—Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, or Trial Advocacy. I chose to talk to a hedonist like myself. Don't get me wrong, I love the law. My thirst for knowledge is not unquenchable.

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Men's and Women's Singles finals in the Delta Theta Phi Tennis Tournament, held on October 21-22. The tournament was open to all students and was held on the Dietz Tennis Courts.

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The SBA Notes

Games Play

Concludes

The SBA Office is slowly disappearing under an unimpressive pile of unclaimed junk. This pile contains three major types of stuff: textbooks, lost and found property, and silverware and food containers removed during the week. Anyone who finds anything in this pile should contact the SBA Office immediately.

SBA Seeks Social Chair

Due to recent resignations, the SBA has been left in the position of facing the remainder of the semester without a Social Committee Chairperson. I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of this position. Without a Chairperson, we will be wasting our time, effort, and money. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact the SBA Office immediately.

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