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Curtains Up!

Libel Night: "M-W TV" Debuts

BY MARGY MCBRIDE '86
At 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, the curtain will go up in Phi Beta Kappa Hall on the annual SBA extravaganza, Libel Night. This year's theme is based on the law students' favorite avocation, M-TV. The show will be our very own M-W TV, with songs and skits inspired by all of our favorite professors and based on such M-TV hits as "Beat It" and "1999." Over 60 students are involved, as actors, production assistants, or musicians. All prove that a law student's talent doesn't end at his or her case book. Much help is still needed, especially in the designing and sketching of backdrops and sets. So drag yourself away from your case books and come join the magical world of the theater. Contact Ellen Cailin in the SBA office if your are interested.

Even if you can't help, you can still come to the forum to purgure your frustrations and reach for stardom. Remember: 4 p.m. March 25, at Phi Beta Kappa Hall. Tickets are $1 in advance, $1.50 at the door.

Self-Scheduled Exams? The Debate Continues

BY EMILY RADFORD '86
On Wednesday, Feb. 29, the S.B.A. sponsored a forum to discuss a recent proposal that Marshall-Wythe adopt self-scheduled exams. This proposal has been the topic of articles and letters in the last two issues of the Advocate, about 14 people attended the meeting, during which David Greer outlined the self-scheduled examination proposal. The proposal is based on the self-scheduled exam program at Washington and Lee University in Lexington. The exam period would be the same as now, but students would be allowed to decide when during the two-week period they would take each exam. The S.B.A. is considering a referendum to find out if law students here really want self-scheduled exams. Fifty students' signatures are needed to initiate a referendum. Any final decision regarding the proposal belongs to the administration.

Supporters of the proposal believe that self-scheduling will mean students will neither risk have to take the chance that their exam grades will suffer because of overcrowded exam calendars, nor use exam dates as a criteria for selecting a semester's course work. Supporters feel that exam results have too many long-term ramifications to risk lower grades caused by an avoidable conflict. Some criticism of the exam proposal has already surfaced. In his letter to the Advocate editor, Dean Seng noted that this proposal has been considered at Marshall-Wythe before. As a result, the school lengthened the exam period to avoid conflicts and adopted the rule that no student must take more than one exam in a 24-hour period. The dean's letter suggests a great reluctance to adopt any operating procedure that would appear to permit procrastination or "dilatoriness" - criticisms frequently leveled at the legal profession.

Another argument against self-scheduled exams is the increased opportunity for cheating. In response, supporters point to the Honor Code and students' desire to protect their own interests and rights. The Judicial Council could provide additional training in the Code's expectations and rules before implementation of the new system.

On to Nationals for ABA Team

While some of us were soaking up fun, partying at Mardi Gras, or vegetating in front of our parents' TV sets, two groups of Marshall-Wythe students really went for the gusto, carrying the Billingsburg burner into fierce moot court competition. Both teams fared admirably, and one team will compete for a national title in Chicago this summer.

The Marshall-Wythe ABA Moot Court team, composed of second-years Anne Burke, Amy Holt and Carter Reid, triumphed at the ABA Regional Moot Court Competition at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The hypothetical case at issue involved a reporter's disclosure of a judge's homosexuality. In the preliminary rounds M-W first defeated American University by 15 points, then dropped their second preliminary argument to North Carolina Central.

 Barely qualifying for the quarterfinals, the M-W team was seeded eighth. Their first opponent in the quarterfinals was North Carolina Central again, however. This time Burke, Holt and Reid defeated the Carolinians by 25 points. In the semifinals and finals the M-W squad defeated Howard University's "A" and "B" team respectively. The regional tournament victory qualifies the Marshall-Wythe team for the National ABA Moot Court Tournament in Chicago this summer.

Also during break, the Craven Moot Court Tournament made it to the semifinals before falling to a tough team from Fordham University in New York. After the preliminary rounds at the University of North Carolina's Craven Tournament, the M-W team was seeded 14th. After defeating Loyola University in the quarterfinals, the M-W team was defeated by the University of Hawaii in the semis.

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Vote Rationally; Vote No!

A referendum on self-scheduled exams will be held soon. Students are not only expected to vote but to make a rational choice. Self-scheduled exams sound great. But are they? Apparently not. On balance, the benefits of the current exam system far outweigh those of the self-administered proposal.

New exam schedules are published each Spring along with the class schedules for the following year. Not only do the students receive a copy of the Fall exam schedule but the Spring is included also. Students can schedule classes in reliance on the exam schedule and avoid back-to-back course examinations. But, even if the conflicts are unavoidable, a student knows at least a semester in advance of these conflicts and can begin preparation early.

As suggested by others, self-administered exams encourage students to procrastinate unless a student has a semester in advance of the exam dates. The system is unfair to the other topics and devote time only to the known topic while others slave over the entire course. The cheater may not know the entire subject well but his grade would suggest the opposite. Having everyone take the exam at the same time seems more practical, doesn’t it?

I voted the same day. The current system assures that no student must take more than one examination within twenty-four hours. And, the length of the current exam schedule is long enough to ensure that exam conflicts occur only rarely.

But self-administered exams would give us an option—a sense of self-destiny. We could scheduled exams when we wanted and not feel like we’ve been forced into something. Some would still procrastinate as we are all famous for. And eventually some would end up with five exams in ten days.

Do we want self-administered exams? If so, we must also accept the consequences. An Honor System performs to a certain extent but it will have difficulty reaching the ‘deals’ of private parties.

In the referendum, vote rationally—vote NO! (J.K.)

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For a case to come to trial, a Preliminary Hearing must first find probable cause. The fact that the probable cause was found for an alleged infraction of the Honor Code based solely on rumor and speculation causes me tremendous difficulty. Important to myself, to find probable cause for such a serious charge there must be a possibility of substantiated evidence of an Honor Code violation. In this case, such was not within the realm of possibility. Probable cause was nonexistent. The case was based solely on more possibilities rather than probability.

The most disturbing aspect of this case was that, in the preliminary stages of this inquiry, the Judicial Council interpreted the provisions of the Honor Code to suit their convenience. It is my opinion, which is perhaps a minority of one in this school, that the provisions of the Honor Code exist for the protection of the accused.

To illustrate my point, a state cause is defined as any alleged in-fraction of honor code that requires more than four months prior to the complaint. Yet this provision was interpreted as four months from the time the accused became aware of the alleged incident. In this case one of the alleged incidents occurred six months prior to the complaint. Yet just cause was found for the delay.

This is explicitly contrary to the wording of the state cause provision. This provision exists to protect students from antiquated allegations. The provision does not exist for the Judicial Council to bend and manipulate for their convenience.

I must apologize for the vagueness of this letter, but trials of the Judicial Council are confidential. That is a case of this sort coming to trial is indicative that the Judicial Council is not serving its purpose. When a body of this type does not feel bound by its own regulations, the student body is confronted with a possible crisis. Action must be taken prohibiting the occurrence of this possibility. It is imperative that the system be written out in delineated words. In my opinion, this school is very close to confronting another system which is running wild.

James S. Powell

Justice Questions Procedure

I went up to “Hymietown” over Spring Break. I say “Hymietown” to draw attention to minority issues, not because “I am anti-semitic” (I’m not). The plain fact is that “Hymietown” could just as well be “Clancytown” (you wouldn’t recognize it by any other slur if you were standing on Fifth Avenue this Saturday wearing your best green outfit), or “Guidestown” (likewise if you were in Little Italy during San Genaro festival), or “Hopsington” or “Any-stock-ethnic name can-think-of.” So there, Jesse.

The Big Apple is not so dominated by one ethnic group that it can be pinned down to one ethnic slur. Instead, New York should be nicknamed “Oxshloomtown” to reflect New Yorkers’ true raison d’etre, their true zest for life. Although I am from New York originally, going to school in Virginia for so long (or what seems like so long) made me forget just how rude New Yorkers were. Just one afternoon in New York a New York law library was enough to remind me, with the gendness of a safe-falling my head from the roof (they call that a roof) of the Citicorp Building. First, I had to wait to use a payphone for some guy threatening to sue his grandmother. Then I tried to research a seminar paper with some ‘study group’ loudly debating the advantages of the Camaro Bertinetta over the Porsche 944. Finally, I had to read a law review article without being distracted by some seminar papers’ half-baked editorial comments on the margins. That was the last straw and I left to visit a friend out in Queens.

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Then the toll booth collector gave me 16 crumpled singles in change because I only had twenty. I asked him if he had any one or some fives, and he told me he’s got to unload his singles on some sucker who’s got to carry less than a dollar’s worth. As if I owe him a favor in addition to paying a $1.50 one-way toll. I walked out of the cars behind me started honking in ten part harmony, so I had to move on, with a huge wad of singles sticking out of my jacket pocket. I thought I’d be lucky if I made it through Jamaica without being mugged.

So, I taught myself how to do a nuclear freeze. To save every dime of my income, I bought a Camaro Bertinetta over the Citicorp Building. First, I had to wait to use a payphone for some guy threatening to sue his grandmother. Then I tried to research a seminar paper with some ‘study group’ loudly debating the advantages of the Camaro Bertinetta over the Porsche 944. Finally, I had to read a law review article without being distracted by some seminar papers’ half-baked editorial comments on the margins. That was the last straw and I left to visit a friend out in Queens.

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Scott Sheets

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Ragtime by James Shapiro

I would have been happy to have $1.50 to spend on a take-out pizza, and I was grateful to get my twenty back. But after having to pay for a $1.50 one-way toll, I thought I’d be lucky if I made it through Jamaica without being mugged.

The press is of little help. The press is content to provide extensive and deferential coverage to the "new kid on the block."
**Acid Rain Film**

On Wednesday, March 21, the Environmental Law Society will show a controversial Canadian film about acid rain. This film was originally labelled as foreign propaganda and was not allowed to appear in the U.S.A. The film will be shown at 3 p.m. in Room 119, a discussion session will follow.

**Supreme Court Trip**

The Supreme Court Historical Society will have a short meeting Thursday at 4:00 to finalize plans for an April 17 trip to see the Supreme Court in session. Please plan on attending the meeting if you are at all interested in going; excuses will be subjected to strict scrutiny. The trip is limited to 20 people on a first come first served basis. Accost Phil Schatz if you have any questions.

**Women's Conference**

The Mary and William Women's Law Society will sponsor a day-long conference on Women, Law and Medicine on Saturday, March 17. Zaphirou will discuss "The Uses of Comparative Law." Our Thursday, March 15, 1984 meeting will be titled "The Uses of Comparative Law." In April, the ILS will sponsor a speaker from the World Bank.

**Comparative Law**

The International Law Society will sponsor an appearance by Professor George A. Zaphirou at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 19 in Room 134. Zaphirou will discuss "The Uses of Comparative Law." In April, the ILS will sponsor a speaker from the World Bank.

**CPR Classes Offered**

The Williamsburg-James City County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct CPR classes in the Red Cross Conference Room at 109 Cary Street. Individuals interested must pre-register by the deadline date listed for each class. To register, please send a check in the applicable amount to the American Red Cross office.

**New York, New York (On a Weeknight)**

It was only January 19th, school had been in session less than two weeks and the doldrums had hit. The fear which was the motivator last semester was gone. Recent memories of the Christmas break had not yet faded. It was only 2:50 p.m. and the desire to study was gone. There was only one thing to do: Road trip!

After half an hour on the road, they realized no one would back out and they really were heading for the "Big Apple." It was a time to formulate goals for the trip. There were but three: to enjoy a few hours in New York; to learn all the words to Culture Club's "Karma Chameleon;" and to make it back in time for Rockin' Ron's 9 a.m. property class the next morning!

The ride north was as eventful as it was scene. The prior evening's ice storm left a glaze on the trees that would long be remembered by the trio of travellers. The first stop was Quantico, Va., for a little vitamin "J" from McDonald's to tide them over until dinner. After that it was straight through to the Apple, with one stop on the Jersey Turnpike for gas. The only delay in the drive was the continuing failure to decipher "Karma Chameleon." This would be a continuing struggle.

At about 10 p.m., the Manhattan skyline rose before them. It had been decided earlier that Greenwich Village would be their destination and, as Dave Frenzen guided them over the Verrazano bridge, the first goal of the trip was within sight. It was 10:30 p.m.

**PAD Elects Officers**

Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity recently elected its new officers for the next academic year. New officers included Ted Fauls, justice; Ellen Zopp, vice justice; Roger Griffin, clerk; Adam Gallo and Rhett Weiss, treasurer/bookstore managers; and Dawn Johnston and Mark Schulte, marshals.

Steve Schoener, outgoing PAD justice, said he would like to thank this year's PAD officers for a job well done. The 1983-84 officers included vice justice Joan Spielberger; clerk Beth Powell; treasurer Mark Schulte; bookstore manager John Wesley; and marshals Mike Garvin and Jan Walker.

Schoener also noted that PAD initiated six new members on March 1. A total of 78 new members pledged PAD in the 1983-84 academic year.

**Finally**

When they reached Washington Square in the heart of the village.

The first stop was a small restaurant a few blocks from Washington Square. The bad potential, but when Frenzen's request for hard liquor was answered in the negative they knew it was time to move on. The second stop looked a little more inviting and they even went as far as to find seating. There, it turned out, they did not take plastic. Upon questioning where hard liquor was served and plastic accepted, the employees could offer no answer. Could it be that our trio was trapped in Manhattan with barely enough money to pay for gas and tolls and their credit was so good?

Stop three proved as unaccommodating as the first two. These people wanted a five-dollar cover charge. They obviously didn't realize that they were dealing with law students and not lawyers. The situation was getting somewhat desperate, time was running out and they were hungry. Relief came in the form of the Kickerbocker, a small jazz club with a two-dollar cover which served hard liquor and took plastic. They had found their spot.

Dinner consisted of sandwiches, burgers, and Bass Ale, the likes of which have never graced the confines of such Billsburg eateries as George's and Paul's Deli. To top it off, the speaker of the Bass Ale one would think that it was nectar from heaven (actually it's just ale from the Netherlands). So after a few ales, a hearty meal and some New York atmosphere our trio took back to the road.

They bid goodbye to the city at about 1 a.m. with spirits high and stomachs yet mindful of the drive in front of them. An hour later problems developed at a gas station on the Jersey turnpike. The gas cap on the car had frozen. The helpful station attendant was neither helpful nor attentive so it was time to take matters into their own hands. A keychain on the keychain worked, but did you have to hold it so close to the gas tank, Dave?

Spirits remained high as each fought off the desire to sleep. Fresh bursts of adrenaline were supplied by Boy George and company every time "that song" received airplay. As dawn came Frenzen was exhausted and Robin moved into the driver's seat. They were ahead of schedule and Rockin' Ron's class looked good. Sunrise on I-95 was quite a sight as they entered New York.

A final pit stop was made at McDonald's in order to get an hour's worth of caffeine. They finally let Foran into the driver's seat for the final, and, to hear him tell it, the toughest leg of the journey. The trio arrived back in the M-W parking lot nearly 18 hours after they had left. They had three dollars, all of third-years Donna McCaffrey and Alec Donaldson.

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In The Shamrock Marathon

"Luck O' The Irish" To M-W Runners

BY JIM NORRIE '86

The 1984 Shamrock Marathon will be held on Saturday, March 17th, at 8:30 am. The course starts at the City Stadium and follows the Shamrock River before finishing at the Lincoln High School. The race offers a challenging and scenic route through some of the city's most beautiful areas. The overall winner will receive a prize of $1,000, while the top three finishers in each division will be awarded for their efforts.

The Shamrock Marathon is one of the oldest and most prestigious running events in the country. It was first held in 1969 and has since become a beloved tradition for runners from all over the world. The race is known for its challenging terrain and beautiful scenery, making it a must-see event for anyone interested in running.

A field of over 2,500 runners is expected to participate in this year's race, which includes both professional and amateur runners. The race attracts athletes of all ages and skill levels, from first-time runners to seasoned marathon veterans.

The race is divided into several categories, including men's and women's divisions, as well as a wheelchair division. Prizes are awarded to the top three finishers in each category, as well as to the top three finishers in age groups.

In addition to the main race, there will be a 5K fun run and a children's race, which is designed to introduce young runners to the sport. The 5K fun run will start at 9:00 am, while the children's race will begin at 10:00 am.

The race is also known for its enthusiastic and supportive atmosphere, with runners receiving encouragement and support from the crowd throughout the course. The city's friendly and welcoming atmosphere makes it a special event for all who participate.

So, if you're looking for a challenging and enjoyable running event, make sure to sign up for the 1984 Shamrock Marathon. It's sure to be a memorable experience that you won't want to miss!