First-years struggle through annual rite of passage: buying books.

National Lawyer's Guild Seeks New Members

As most students progress through law school, they spend their time grappling with the problems of offer and acceptance or Marshall v. Madison. Such attention to detail causes them to lose sight of the effects that "the law" has on the real world. As students of precedent, they also overlook the fact that after graduation many of them will be in the position to change "the law" for better or worse. However, there are certain groups of students who are trying to remedy this situation. Among them are the Marshall-Wythe Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

Through international activities including films and speakers, this group brings the larger issues facing the world into the confines of the law school community. The Guild's purpose is to educate future lawyers on the use of law as a vehicle for social and political change, for the protection of people rather than their repression. By doing so, the ultimate goal of the elimination of racism and sexism and the protection of civil rights and liberties, against those frequent attacks, becomes attainable.

During its two year existence, the Marshall-Wythe Chapter has sponsored activities on handgun control, affirmative action, human rights in El Salvador, women's and gay rights, and other issues of national importance. In the coming year, tentative topics include the death penalty, abortion, school prayer, and the nuclear freeze issue. For those students interested in being exposed to the real world, the Guild will meet Thursday, September 9 (today), at 4PM in a classroom to be announced.

Lee Lampson

New Marshall-Wythe Faculty Members

Each academic year at Marshall-Wythe ushered in a large new group of faces known as the first-year class. A smaller influx, but one equally significant, arrives in the form of new faculty members. Although new faculty members, like new students, face an adjustment period, most of this year's group of arrivals has already expressed great satisfaction with the Williamsburg area. In this issue, we might safely say that their opinions differ significantly from that of the majority of new students. In this issue, The Advocate begins the first of two articles on these and other views of the newly arrived faculty members.

Walter Felton

Professor Felton has the rather unusual experience of moving to Williamsburg from a area even less urban. Felton comes to Marshall-Wythe from private practice in Suffolk, Virginia, which is not heavily populated even by Virginia's standards, and says that he noticed a real change in "going from a small agrarian center to a small tourist town." The professor does not, however, think Williamsburg is a backwater. "I'd spent a lot of time in Richmond, Atlanta, and Augusta and I find that Williamsburg is between (country and urban atmosphere) with a lot of urban practices not found in other small areas." (Before the malcontents of NYC and other cities grumble, this reporter admits he did not inquire as to what those urban qualities are.)

Felton's taste for excitement may have been dampened somewhat by his experiences in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, during which he was counsel to the Physical Disability Agency. "I went in during the Vietnam era. It was a sobering experience...it was stark reality. I represented people with no eyes, or arms or legs trying to make sure their peers, people of the same age and background, got their rightful benefits for that loss." Felton would nevertheless "highly recommend" JAG to students, but he does think that the time commitment required, which was four years in his day, is rather long.

Asked about other employment possibilities, particularly in Virginia, Felton noted that the job market is "not good; not as good as I thought. It's not good because of the number of law schools in the state and the quality of students they are turning out.

Despite the competition, Felton thinks that Marshall-Wythe is about as friendly as his alma mater, T.C. Williams. "After all, there's a certain camaraderie in the military." He does think there are some changes in the student bodies of today, that there is "more of a craving to learn, not just make passing grades. People really want to be here. They're not here to please daddy or to escape the military."

Troter Hardy

Professor Hardy, who teaches Intellectual Property, among other things, works as a computer scientist for the National Bureau of Standards before going to law school. Asked how that tied in with his legal career, he replied "It doesn't. I decided I wanted to go back to school and law school seemed the thing for me. I hope to specialize in high-tech law or computer related law and think my past career into law that way."

Hardy is not a stranger to Virginia, since he lived in Richmond while clerking for Judge Butzner of the Fourth Circuit (yes, that's a federal court for the first years who don't yet know, and the third years who've forgotten.) Asked whether he'd been to Williamsburg before, he enthusiastically responded "Yeah, I guess I've been through it before." He is--quite seriously--pleased to be on the faculty and is "very excited about teaching." Hardy has a family, a six year old daughter and a two year old son (who once chewed banana during this interview, thus showing great promise for a legal career). The Hardys, Mare and Perie, find that Williamsburg "fits our needs to a tee."

Unlike many of the Marshall-Wythe faculty, Hardy has had no experience as a practicing attorney. (We resisted the temptation to say that Professor Hardy has never worked.) He said he thought that, as a general matter, such experience would be useful. However, "I got the teaching offer at 35 and decided it made more sense to go into a teaching career directly, rather than changing careers again at 40."

Asked to compare Marshall-Wythe to his own law school, Duke University, Hardy said that "he hadn't had time to form an impression, yet. Asked about the honor system at Duke as compared to that of Marshall-Wythe, he said again he said couldn't really make a comparison. "I don't remember it being much of a topic at Duke, but then, I'm comparing it to UVA where it was very important." (We tactfully refrain from comment.)

Paul LeBel

Professor LeBel had no trouble when asked about the difference between Marshall-Wythe and his former professional home at the University of Alabama. "The difference? It's enormous. The two big ones are the students and the faculty. The physical plant is about the same. The numbers make a big difference. The median LSAT here is about 80 points higher than at Alabama and it really shows. The top students at Alabama were as good as anywhere, but there is a drastic..."
Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I understand that students have the right to be expressive in their concerns. As a group, all the people who helped out during our orientation period, whether they were students, faculty, and staff, all contributed in some way to our success at Marshall-Wythe. I am at a loss for words to describe how we feel about this school. It was a place where we were welcomed, where we could be warm and friendly, and where we were sure to keep the school going. We are just glad that it could be done, that it is being done, and that we will soon be able to make this school a better place to spend our time.

Charles O'Hara
Vice President

Tequila Shots.......
( and lime and salt)
Draft Miller.......
( bring your own mug!)

Tequila Shots, Hard Times:

Colonial Williamsburg offers job opportunities for hard-pressed law students. Above, diligent students work to perfect their demonstration of ancient cannon law.

Letters to the Editor

Brother Can You Spare a Dime?

There is no money for work-study this year. Lawns are late or unsatisfactory. About all the exercise in legalized larceny called a "loan origination fee." "Terrifying moniker that sounds like it might amount to posture, or the price of a movie ticket; you'll hardly notice it when it's coming down. My dollars it will cost you. Tuition is up, almost double what it was when I got here last year. Now we're used to it gone down. A lot of us have got to work if we're going to remain Here and now. We are probably aware, life in a small, non-mobile society is very unpleasant for an out-of-towner, which tends to make us a rather desperate lot. Now hand over your wallets! They'll probably be asking for easier times and which has not changed for reasons too sinister for inclusion in a humor column. What these times require is some good old fashioned Yankee ingenuity. As one of the yankees here I offer the following suggestions for creative, flexible-time jobs which will pay the enterprising more than the minimum wage.

CW, the amazing possibilities. In their attempt to recreate Eighteenth-Century Colonial Life, they have enlisted several key actors. There are farmers, servants and shopkeepers. The staff, in fact, is to be the village itself. Where is the village idiot? Gather up your tin cup and some threadbare clothes. Did you know that there and earn food money between classes?

Permitting and begging are not your style? Maybe you’d prefer to itemize a list of errands and inquisitions for which you would be rewarded. Think of the possibilities: The local amusement park uses different Euro-continental countries as a theme. For a modest price you could find yourself selling your services as an interpreter. Another challenging possibility is posed by that mysterious highway; the Colonial Parkway. With its limited access and unpopulated back roads, it looks like a toll road. Nobody but tourists travel, coke and beer, so take a hose in the side and cruise to a likely spot. Set up a dayglow orange sign, sell some indifferent tall signs and some flashing lights and you’ve got the perfect booth tool. If a local happens past, give him his money back with a conspiratorial wink and tell him this is your last run. Then return to the Board of City government to keep property taxes down. No questions will be asked.

For those of you who prefer honest employment the Pottery Factory offers a position but strenuous opportunity. The Little old patrons who frequent that establishment will purchase useless merchandise in volumes that exceed the carrying capacity of the ordinary human being. Afterward the happy customer is faced with the dilemma of moving this heap over as much as a mile of hot asphalt parking lot. A reasonable price will certainly be paid to avoid a stroke by employing you to help transport all those bargains to the car. In addition to money you’ll fit to compete in the next summer olympics, the weight-lifting hurdles combination event.

I could continue these suggestions for hours, but I’ve got to call it my old man. Maybe after all these years he’s got some money to loan.

K. D. Cooper

S.B.A. News and Views

In this, the first News & Views of 1983, I’d like to explain the purpose of this column: COMMUNICATION. If there’s any kind of coherent theme that work as SBA President, it is to foster a greater sense of care as informed as I am on an effecting everyone. To that end, I will try to respond to some of your novel problems in print as well as in person. I will also attempt to wax profound (or profane) on burning issues of the day, whether earth-shattering or trivial. Okay, here goes:

First, I would like to introduce the Executive Board of the Student Bar Association. Vice President is Sally Steel Shippen, who has promised to marry me should I fail from view in disgrace. Dan affairs, and this is part of the greater powers we possess. Let’s exercise it as much as we can.

Thank you.

Mike McCann, 1st year

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S.B.A. meetings will be held roughly ever second and fourth Monday nights of each month, with occasional variations. All are welcome; please attend.

Lockers: We’re doing our best to run a nearly-impossible system. If there’s still an alien lock on your locker, please sign the appropriate list at the office.

Calendar: The SBA is trying to prevent major scheduling conflicts for group activities. Please enter all dates of programs, and keep checking our master calendar on the office window.

Opinions expressed in this newspaper do not necessarily represent those of the editorial board. The Advocate editorial board reserves the right to edit all copy.
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Intramurals Thrive at M-W

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Garry Trudeau speaks at 1982 Graduation

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Garry Trudeau accepts honorary degree from President Graves and Rector Herbert V. Kelly.

Miscreant Purveyors of Scandal

by Terry Badd

To the good fortune of us all, Richard Gere has recently stepped from between the satin sheets of the spandex and the world of American gigolos to deliver an outstanding performance as a soldier and discover the richness of relationships and life in an Officer and a Gentleman.

In the film, Zack Mayo (Gere), an emotional recluse, attempts to efface his familial past by beating him into his own field, the military service. Shedding his uniform of decorum, Zack exchanges his flowing locks and denim look for the regimental appearance of an aviator officer candidate. Upon entering the training program, however, Zack is immediately called for battle as Sergeant Foley (Loui Gossett) attempts, "by every means fair and unfair," to "break (build) the character and spirit of the new officer candidate.

Early in the training program, Zack becomes friends with Sid Warby (David Keith), the son of a retired military general, and begins to try to understand the moral niceties of friendships; an understanding that is deepened in the story's unfolding.

While battling Foley, Zack seeks bedazzlement R & R & in the wiling arms of Paula Pokrifi (Debra Winger), a magazine educated local mill worker set on landing an officer husband. As Zack engages in antagonistic and ardent recovers with Paula and Foley he is advanced into a two front war (emotional and mental) whose outcome brilliantly decides the fate of a man and the resolution of his conflicts.

But fear not fair citizens! The fare is mostly fantasy, finely lined with mirth. And where the occasional grain of truth slips in, why, you'll hardly notice. Thus the object is to entertain, not to beleaguer. Any resemblances to people, places or things, living or dead, is almost coincidental and apologized for here, at the first, to save the trouble later.

Talent seens from NBC and the Tonight Show are now honking over rights to this and last year's Advocate staff (ourselves included). Apparently one of the editors wants to start a centerfold...

Sampan has announced a new movie to rival The Paper Chase. Set at the oldest law school in the country, under the recent PC court, it's title is, "The South (ern law school) shall rise again."

Rumor has it that Bernie Cerr is front runner for Ed McMahon's job, but only if he can actually produce Lala.... An un-named second semester came close to a nervous breakdown in the lounge last week. He was found gibbering "they're going to fire me..."

Calam was restored when it was pointed out to him that he had mistaken a Mental Health clerking field trip for his Mass Com. seminar.

It has been suggested that

Those Whose (Boy-Girl) Friends Are Elsewhere start a club. They tried this last year, but attendance at the first meeting was 16-96. There was no second meeting. Only the curse of M-W is upon us. More law school couples have bitten the dust. The only question this time is: who gets custody of the tape recorder?

Much doubt has been expressed about some members of the Advocate staff (ourselves included) on some. Apparently one of the editors wants to start a centerfold...