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New Grading, Attendance Policies Take Effect

by Philip J. Kochman

The faculty approved changes in grading and attendance policies during the summer. Both new policies go into effect in the fall. The new grading policy gives professors the option of basing grades on the percentage of class attendance. The new attendance policy allows students to withdraw from a course because of unsatisfactory attendance.

Faculty members expressed general satisfaction with the new policy. One professor noted that it was a "natural" change. There was too much of a premium placed on three hours at the end of the term. Another professor pointed out that "traditionally, it is important that we encourage people to do a wide range of things and not to be unprepared." Some faculty members admitted that the policy shift was in response to the "unpreparedness" of many students. The new policy requires the president to announce the results of three investigations conducted during the summer. The new grading policy gives students the opportunity to withdraw from a course because of unsatisfactory attendance.

Grading Flexibility

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Harsher Attendance Rule

The faculty also approved a rule which would give a student who is required to withdraw from a course because of unsatisfactory attendance an F on his record. Formerly no rotation was entered on the student's record. Under the new policy the professor remains free to set the attendance requirements for his class. Dean Spang stressed that this was not a punitive action. He pointed out that, "The American Bar Association requires regular attendance." He added, "The new rule is designed to make the classroom experience better for all." Among students, a sizable minority was visibly upset with the severity of the new rule. Marone argued, "It does seem a little harsh to give an outright F." Others seemed less disturbed, pointing out that this change would have little effect on them.

Faculty Opens Meetings To Student Observers

by Philip J. Kochman

For the first time students will attend faculty meetings on a regular basis. The faculty, by a margin of one vote, has authorized Dean William B. Spang to invite student observers to future faculty meetings.

The resolution which the faculty approved states, "It is the sense of the faculty that the Dean exercise his discretion consistent with existing by-laws to invite students as observers to faculty meetings, except for executive sessions, beginning in the 1980-1981 year." The resolution, which was approved by the faculty, states that the faculty, by a margin of one vote, has authorized Dean William B. Spang to invite student observers to future faculty meetings.

Dedication Theme: 'A Family Affair'

by Philip J. Kochman

About 1,000 people are expected to attend the dedication of the new law school on Monday, September 30th. The dedication, which will take place in front of the new building, is being billed as "a family affair." About 300 people are also expected to attend.

The dedication, which is scheduled to last for less than an hour, will be held to thank all the people who helped in the planning, financing, and construction of the new building. Since it is Burgess Day at the College, many members of the Virginia General Assembly are expected to be in attendance. Others expected to attend include five former Virginia governors, 80 state judges, and some members of the Virginia Supreme Court. Dean Spang emphasized that the dedication is particularly for students and alumni. Invitations were sent to all present and former Marshall-Wythe students and Spang encourages their attendance.

The rector of the College of William and Mary will preside. President Thomas Graves of the College and Dean Spang will also participate. The ceremony will include the exchange of keys to the building. A reception in the lobby will follow the dedication.

This is the fourth major ceremony conducted for the new school. Chief Justice Warren Burger, Associate Justice Lewis Powell, and Virginia Chief Justice Robert Amon have spoken at the groundbreaking, the charter day, and the cornerstone laying ceremonies, respectively. Thus it was decided that no outside speaker would participate in the dedication.

On Sunday, September 4 the law school will hold an open house from 3-5 p.m. This will give the Williamsburg community a chance to see the new school. The SBA hopes to find volunteers to serve as tour guides for both the dedication and the open house.

Edmonds Expresses Pleasure With New Library Facilities

by Joan Appleyard

To the first year student or the general public, the new Marshall-Wythe library is a spacious, modern, research and study facility. To those who lived with the conditions in the old building for any length of time, the new library is something more. It is UNCROWDED, it is WELL-LIT, it is QUIET and it is ALL UNDER ONE ROOF. We couldn't ask for more. A handbook describing the library and its features is available at the circulation desk and all students who have not yet received one are urged to pick one up and read it. The handbook contains general information about the facility, an explanation of the collection system and a description of the special services which are available. Additionally, there are maps to guide the understandably lost student.

First, some general information. The law school and library are restricted to law students and others with legal assignments. Hunting the stacks for an eligible law student is a legal assignment in itself. The law school is not within the contemplation of the rule. Additionally, in accordance with University regulations, food, beverages and tobacco products are prohibited from the library. In answer to an anticipated question by Chris Corbett, Joe Perez, Joe...

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SBA Will Meet This Afternoon

by Peter Rady

The Student Bar Association will hold its first mass meeting of the year on Sept. 5, at 5:00 p.m. in room 120. This meeting is open to all students at Marshall-Wythe.

About 10 different topics will be discussed by SBA officers. These topics include: food service, revisions of the SBA newsletter and the schedule for completion of services in the school.

In addition, numerous openings for faculty and SBA committees will be discussed at the meeting. After receiving applications for these openings, the SBA nominating committee will make recommendations to SBA president Kim Marone, and then appoint those candidates chosen by the nominating committee or any other candidates who have submitted their names for consideration.

There will be two student appointments to each of the following faculty committees: Curriculum, Admissions, Placement and Events. In addition, a chairperson is being sought for the student faculty-hiring committee.

New Library Offers Many Innovations

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Baransat, et. al. — yes, the prohibition includes chewing tobacco. Lastly, access to the library is via a key card — all other doors are for emergency use only.

The library has the capacity to seat 450 people. There are 130 carrels which will not be assigned. And 100 of the carrels for SBA MLT students is an exception maintained for your convenience but this in no way

because these carrels are to be used for group study.

The academic qualifications of the class represents an average of over 4000 volume

and a LSAT of 656. Most of the students from last year's entering class, have an average second floor office is always

of 35,000-40,000

and the library offers a limited access room because

collections found on each floor

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classrooms and library are spacious and well-equipped. The lounges are comfortable. The equipment through the building is first-rate. And few schools can boast of the many small rooms Congress.

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will hold its first mass meeting on Sept. 5. After the mass meeting, a casual poll conducted by THE ADVOCATE was considerably more than an affirmative. "Super!" "Great!" "Lovely."
"More than ever I expected." "Not too shabby."

The Jefferson Room is a limited access room because it was considerably

room explains the shelving system. The microform room is

increase in seating capacity and half of which is for student use. The library is truly a credit to the Armistead family, who more than anyone deserves our thanks for the effort spent on the project. He made special arrangements for the student staff who worked so diligently on the building.

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Law Spouses Club Welcomes New Members

by Judy Kelly

The Law Spouses Club initiated the year’s activities with a meeting at the home of John and Abbi Easter. The purpose of the first meeting of the term was to welcome new members to the organization, and acquaint them with the “veterans” of the club. Of course there was a considerable amount of discussion of the rigors of life as the spouse of a law student, with commiseration being chosen as a key to survival.

The Club had as guests for the evening Dean and Mrs. William B. Spong.

Prior to an address by Dean Spong, a short business meeting was held. Business included the transfer of the presidency from Kathy Maxfield, who has held the position since last January, to Kathy Vienna. A discussion of upcoming activities established plans for a potluck dinner and a bake sale.

The first planned event is a picnic to be held this Saturday, September 6th, on the grounds of Eastern State Hospital, beginning at five o’clock.

Dean Spong spoke briefly to the club, primarily addressing his remarks to the new members of the group. He extolled the qualifications and accomplishments of the incoming class of 1983, praised the newly opened law school building, and advised the attentive listeners to anticipate the rigorous schedules of their student spouses.

The meeting was very well attended and it appears that the organization is off to a rousing start. Of course the Club is open to all who would care to participate. For those who were unable to attend the first meeting, a telephone call to Kathy Vienna at 229-7314 will enable attendance at the next function.

Suggestions for a Mid-Day Meal

by Beth Holmstrup

Around noontime on any given day, the thoughts of even the most dedicated law students wander to lunch. Yes, even Williamsburg offers a variety of establishments in which to fill one’s stomach and empty one’s brain. Here’s a sampling:

The Wig — Located in the Campus Center, this Shamrock-run cafeteria is the closest eatery to the law school. Its location is probably its strongest selling point. But if you do eat breakfast, lunch or dinner there on a regular basis, purchase a meal card for $10 which entitles you to $2 in free eats.

Cheese Shoppe — If you are in the mood for a real delight, try the famous Cheese Shoppe sandwiches. Made with their own French bread loaves are available for $1 and cushioned with a special sauce, this lunch is one of the best in town. Wash it down with a Vernel’s ginger ale or another drink from their expensive but gourmet selections. The shoppe is located on Prince George Street north of Merchants Square.

Chowning’s Tavern — Feeling colonial? Stop by Chowning’s, but be prepared to wait. The luncheon menu features rarebit, brunswick stew and hearty Virginia ham and cheese sandwiches on their renowned rolls. A colonial mug of ale or a non-alcoholic sparkling cider is a perfect complement. You’ll find the tavern on DOG (Duke of Gloucester) Street. Across from the John Yancey Motel.

Shoney’s — Very similar to Wendy’s this place offers a menu and waitresses. The salad bar here is a few cents more than Wendy’s but offers terrific macaroni salad and a unique sauerkraut salad. You’ll find Shoney’s on Richmond Road near the Courthouse.

Morrison’s Cafeteria — Located on Richmond Road between Wendy’s and Shoney’s, this AAA approved establishment offers full meals and true southern style. All food is cooked on the premises and served with southern hospitality. Especially tasty are the hot wieners.

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breads, desserts and vegetables. But don’t go unless you’re hungry and ready for the big meal of the day.

Beethoven’s Inn — This restaurant is the closest thing in town to a New York delicatessen and it’s in the Be-Le (grocery) Shopping Center on Merrimac Trail. The prices reflect its un-local character but it’s well worth it. Start off the meal with one of their excellent homemade soups. Finish with a piece of cheesecake.

College Delly — Across from Black Gym, this daily all-you-can-eat convenience. It also sells salads with clever names and ordinary fillings like tuna, ham and cheese.

Health Shelf — This over-priced health food store advertises healthy sandwiches. They are indeed healthy, and perhaps the best — a cheese delight — is reasonably priced. The store is tucked away next to Peetle’s in the Monticello Shopping Center on Richmond Road.

George’s — George and his business is a William and Mary institution. He caters to students by offering a complete meal at lunch and dinner for about $2. Biscuits that melt in your mouth accompany their generous southern-style meals. During tourist season they can be quite busy but it’s best to go early.

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Budgeting: Overcoming the BSA Bias

When it comes to monetary matters, relations between Marshall-Wythe and the College of William and Mary are quite intimate.

The budget process began in March when all campus organizations submitted funding requests to the Board of Student Affairs (BSA) Finance Committee. The committee, consisting of representatives from the college administration, was asked to fund undergraduate and graduate student bodies, then held hearings on the budget requests. After the hearings the committee allocated money from BSA activity fees to twenty-eight competing organizations and activities.

Although law students pay an activity fee of six dollars per semester to the Student Bar Association (BSA), half of the money needed by the BSA must come from the Board of Student Affairs. This puts Marshall-Wythe in the uncomfortable position of requesting large sums of money from the BSA Finance Committee.

Prior to the BSA budget process, the dozen-old law school organizations which are under the BSA funding umbrella presented their budget to the newly-elected BSA President, Rich Marone. Marone and Kevin Williams, BSA Treasurer, then drafted a budget based on the BSA’s two major sources of income: BSA general student activity fees and law student activity fees.

As a rule of thumb, the BSA seems to favor those law school organizations which have perceived school-wide or community appeal and to disapprove of those organizations which primarily benefit law students. Therefore, in preparing the BSA budget request, Marone and Williams budgeted more law student activity fees to organizations which the BSA has frowned upon in the past, and, e.g., Penn Conviction Assistance Project, and more BSA money for organizations which have perceived school-wide or community appeal, the BSA has smiled, e.g., Student Legal Services.

A large number of BSA and organization officers attended the Finance Committee budget hearings in mid-February. The BSA presented its budget requests organization by organization. The BSA Finance Committee then asked questions. Only one faculty member attended; there was a conspicuous absence of leadership. The undergraduates who attended were generally unprepared. A few saw the hearing as an opportunity to take pot shots at the law school. As a result the committee’s initial allocations reflected an insensitivity to traditional law school funding. For example, funds for first year orientation and homecoming receptions were cut. The committee also cut some organization’s requests to nearly unusable levels.

As a result the BSA lodged an appeal with the entire BSA. Fortunately, the previously absent faculty and administrative representatives of the committee appeared for the appeal and the BSA received more of the money it needed; nevertheless, the hostility of the undergraduate students and faculty members is quite evident in the BSA’s 1980-81 BSA grants.

Sometimes in the next two weeks Kevin Williams will announce a hearing and present the budget to the law student body for approval. The BSA hopes all students will attend.

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