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Att. Gen. Miller Highlights Eventful Orientation

By Mark Tunnell

Believing that a good introduction to their new surroundings is essential for entering students, the SBA Orientation Committee, chairwomaned by SBA Vice-President, Daralyn Gordon, began to plan last spring for the arrival of the law class of 1976 and worked through the summer on their program. By all accounts, the Committee was very successful in giving the first year students an overview of what studying law at Marshall-Wythe will be like.

After the welcoming remarks of President Graves and Dean Whyte last Tuesday, Jim Murray, President of the SBA, spoke to the new class about functions and benefits of his organization. George Campbell then gave a picture of the Honor Code and Judicial Council. At the coffee-break which followed on the terrace of the Campus Center, almost every faculty member was on hand to meet and mix with the students, a result of the Committee's efforts to obtain more faculty participation.

The highlight of the day was the address by Virginia Attorney-General Andrew P. Miller entitled "Integrity and the Law." Miller focused his remarks, subsequently covered in the news-media around the state, on the present "shadow over the legal profession" which has arisen as a result of the Watergate affair. It is justly called "a lawyers' scandal," said Miller, from the weight of the allegations and contradictions which have come out in testimony. He submitted that

it was up to all in the legal profession, whether attorney, court official, or student, to strive to remove this shadow through long hours devoted to restoring public confidence. Nonetheless, Miller stated, young people should not be disheartened from entering the law; it is "still one of man's noblest and, at the same time, most useful professions."

The class then divided itself for lunch among 22 second year sponsors.

In the afternoon, Dean Williamson spoke on the subject of case-briefing, soon to become all too familiar to his listeners. And in the evening, a wine and cheese party was held for the first year students and faculty amid the pleasant background of the Wren courtyard and its fire cressets, serviced by costumed attendants courtesy of Colonial Williamsburg.

On Wednesday Dean Sullivan presented remarks on "An Approach to Legal Study" after which the new class was introduced to the materials in the law library by Tim Coyle, Editor of the Law Review, who helped to make it less of a maze. Lastly, an open house was held as introduction to some 15 organizations of the school.

It was, to be sure, as thorough and as pleasant as initiation to a formidable career as human planning may conceive, and due recognition must be given to those who gave so much of their time to make the transition easier for the new class; those who were sponsors for the orientation groups were Gary Peet, Malcolm Parks, Carl Harder, Mike Glass, Barbara Kamp, Jim Rattray, Sue Knapp,

Mike Borasky, Frib Bergman, Bill Miller, Scott Ritchie, John Fletcher, Jim Geddes, Mark Kane, Charles Pompey, Maggie Potts, Lou Campbell, Bob Fitzgerald, Ann Perinchief, David Joanis, Bob Sichte, and Randy Palamar. The library tour guides were Ann Perinchief, Randy Palamar, Kevin Barry, Carl Harder, Lou Campbell, Maggie Potts, Sue Knapp, Louise Moore, Rod Meade, Gary Ewing, and Scott Ritchie. Serving at the luncheon were able helpers Dinah Eitelman, Sharon Coles, Charlie Burr, Ross Lloyd, Nettie Bailes, Bill Miller, Jim Murray, and Barbara Kamp. For assistance above and beyond the call of duty are to be commended Malcolm Parks, Jim Rattray, Gary Peet, Barbara Kamp, Dean Sullivan, and Mrs. Forbes and her retinue.



Faculty listens attentively to Dean Whyte's remarks.

Murray Outlines SBA Plans

By Jim Murray

Among all of the other familiar signs of fall you will note that the SBA has begun its annual drive to urge its members to pay their dues. It would be easy to promise radical changes and great new things for the SBA, but the fact remains that the SBA is merely a service organization which is intended to provide services very necessary to a law school. A great number of these services will remain unchanged from past years. The coffee bar is again being operated by the SBA, and the speakers of particular interest to SBA social functions, such as the past Sunday's picnic and beer

party, are again being organized. Likewise sponsorship of student groups and activities such as Moot Court, The Environmental Law Group, Legislative Research Council, and Women Law Students Group will continue.

The major change which should soon be apparent to most students is in the Professional Affairs Programs, directed by Bob Sichte. Arrangements are currently under way for at least two, and possibly three, nationally prominent speakers to visit William and Mary in programs sponsored by the SBA. One of the programs tentatively calls for a major liberal v. conservative confrontation which should surpass and improve upon the Buckley-Clark debate of last spring. These large programs will be supplemented with monthly law students.

New SBA programs currently being explored include the expansion of law student parking facilities, with revival of last spring's ill-fated Baptist Church

lot plan, and the development of a William and Mary Honorary Law Society to fill the vacuum left by the school's rejection by the Order of the Coif.

The SBA will soon be conducting a poll of second and third year students in an effort to compile a list of all summer jobs held by William and Mary law students. This file will then provide the backbone for a summer job placement program sponsored by the SBA.

Finally, for your information it should be noted that second year student Greg Welsh has been appointed LSD Representative to succeed Randy Eley, who was recently elected National Division Representative to the ABA. Third year student Bob Quadros and second year student Jim Rattray have been appointed co-social chairmen of the SBA for the coming year.

If you have not paid your SBA dues, please do so. The SBA office is open virtually all day every school day. The deadline for payment is October 12.

Law School Receives Awards From ABA

By Mike Geffen

The William and Mary chapter of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association has been presented by the ABA with five awards for excellence in various fields of programming and membership during the past academic year.

The awards include the Membership award for

student participation at Marshall-Wythe of nearly 85 percent; the Circuit Award, given to one school in each of the thirteen circuits or regions for performance in Law Day activities; the National Law Day Award; and an award for the best Student Bar Project, which last year was the Moot Court competition.



Is this the Law School or a Bus Station?

Editorials

Amicus Goals

As we begin a new year together, we, the staff of the *Amicus*, wish to thank the student body for the support and interest which they have shown us during the past year, and to assure them that we will endeavor to continue presenting issues of importance in the coming year.

Some things will be changed and some will remain the same.

First, we are looking forward to increased faculty participation; faculty members have been invited to contribute opinion pieces on subjects of interest. We feel that in this way faculty-student communication will be improved.

Second, in order to further the interests of the law school in general, we are making an increased effort to include all law school activities, especially activities which previously have been underrepresented in our pages.

Third, as in the past, we will continue to be open to all opinions and to welcome the efforts of anyone with something to contribute, criticize, or defend.

Fourth, in conclusion, we will continue to be a forum for discussion and, hopefully, change within the law school. You, the students, have indicated that you feel this function is important, and with your continued support, and hopefully contributions, the *Amicus* will continue to serve the law school community.

Orientation Program

It seems at times that significant presentations within the law school materialize due to the unseen hand of an ethereal participant. Of course few events occur without extensive preparation; the first year orientation program this year was a good case in point. To prepare two days of events which will acquaint incoming students with the law school is an enormous task, one which requires a summer of planning and preparation. It is a credit to the SBA, to Daralyn Gordon and her orientation committee, and to the students of Marshall-Wythe, that first year orientation — once an administrative function — has reached a high level of achievement this year.

Amicus Relocation?

The *Amicus* staff was surprised to find upon returning from summer vacation that its office had been converted into an annex to the library, namely it now contains the entire international law materials which were formerly housed in the secondary collections area of the library.

No notice was given to the *Amicus* either before or during this changeover, nor have any contingency plans been offered for a possible relocation of the *Amicus*.

While this news may not seem of great importance to some, there are certain factors which may change their opinion. Firstly, we feel that the *Amicus* provides the only forum for discussion of many issues of importance which would not be taken up by any other forum. Can you imagine the Law Review campaigning against an unrealistic grading system or the Colonial Lawyer covering the Barrister's Ball appropriation?

A second factor is that student contributions are necessary to the continued operation. We cannot represent the entire student body unless we are in close contact with them. We rely upon students dropping in with hints on current happenings. This would not continue if we were to be relocated in another building.

Another factor to be considered is the practicality of the use of the *Amicus* office as an International Law resource room. The room is not large enough to house all the materials on International Law which the library now has, but, worse, Mr. Whitehead admitted in conversation that many new books and especially periodicals will be arriving continually so that the *Amicus* office, which is already inadequate for the library's purpose will be hopelessly inadequate in a short time. In addition, many valuable tax materials which were formerly stored in the office have been dispossessed; no provision has been made for their storage. Prof. Fischer has cited the need for proper storage of these relatively delicate and irreplaceable materials, which he describes as the only unique publication for which the school is known.

We do not object to sharing space; last year we shared the office with the environmental law group, a good deal of tax materials, and a seminar. In view of the space limitations imposed upon all of us, we are willing to compromise. But is it necessary that the Law Review editor have a third floor office to himself, when the *Amicus* may be forced out of the building for lack of space?

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June Graduates May Take February Virginia Bar?

The following memorandum was sent by SBA President Jim Murray to Dean Whyte during the past summer. The memorandum indicates that members of the Class of 1974 can take the newly scheduled February Virginia Bar Examination under the current rules. In response to the memorandum and other student inquiries, the administration has rescheduled two third year examinations for the spring session, assuring that the schedule conforms with the rule requirements. It should be noted at the outset, however, that this is contingent upon the continuation of the current rules of the Virginia State Board of Bar Examiners. These rules are currently undergoing a partial revision and until the newly revised rules are issued, no third year student should rely on being able to take the February exam.

As you know, the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners has decided to adopt the multi-state bar exam as one-half of the Virginia Bar examination. Because of the requirements of nationwide uniformity the Virginia Bar exams must be rescheduled to include the last Wednesday in February and July. The current rules specify that a student must "complete degree requirements" within "three months" of the date upon which he wishes to take the bar exam. The first of these new winter bar exams is presently scheduled for February 26th and 27th. Thus, the presently scheduled graduation date of June 2nd falls only 6 days outside the period which would allow these graduates to take the February exam, and the final day of spring exams, May 28th, falls only 2 days outside the period.

This memorandum is a formal request, on behalf of the Student Bar Association, as representatives of the students, that the faculty approve a minor change in the spring examination schedule for the benefit of certain third year law students

who wish to take the February Bar examination.

The T. C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond has scheduled their 1974 graduation for May 12th, putting them well within the parameters of the rule and enabling their graduates to take the February Bar exam. The University of Virginia School of Law and the Washington and Lee Law School have scheduled graduation for June 3rd and May 30th respectively, and their spring examination schedules are not presently available. The Dean's Offices at both of these schools report that no request has yet been made to change these days and that no discussion of the issue has yet taken place.

The major advantages to the students in taking the Bar exam prior to graduation are primarily economic. The results of the February Bar exam will be available in early June while the results of the new July Bar exam may not be available until late October, 5 months later. Obviously, a June graduate, who will have already taken the Bar and will not have to be carried on a firm's payroll for 5 months before he can practice law, will be far more appealing to a prospective employer. The students at T. C. Williams, primary competitors with William and Mary students in the Virginia job market, already enjoy this advantage. Furthermore, some employers, notably some Commonwealth's Attorneys, will not hire a law graduate until he has passed the Bar. Thus, early examination for the Bar may mean a difference of thousands of dollars of income to some students at a crucial period when their savings are depleted and other financial arrangements for three years of law school are nearing a welcome end. Whereas, waiting to take the July Bar will not only place these students at a disadvantage in the job market, but it may cost them important income at whatever job they find.

Assuming that the applicable

provisions of the rules of the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners are not amended in the interim, providing eligibility for the spring 1974 graduates should be a very simple matter. In fact, most of them are already eligible to take the February exam. The Rules state: "In computing the three-month period, use the date the bar examination commences and the date the applicant is scheduled to take his last law school examination." The spring 1974 examination schedule runs from May 13th to May 28th. The only final exam scheduled for the last day is torts, a first-year course. Thus, the crucial day is May 27th. Under the above rule a third year student who wished to take the February Bar examination would have to complete his last law school exam by Sunday, May 26th. Examinations in Business Planning, Legal History, and Criminal Law have been scheduled for Monday, May 27th. Presumably, therefore, a large majority of the third year students will finish their last exam prior to the 26th and they are eligible to take the February Bar examination under the current rules. However, there will most certainly be some graduating third-year students who wish to take the February Bar examination and who presently intend to take Business Planning or Legal History. On behalf of these students, we request that those two final examinations be rescheduled for Sunday, May 26th or for some earlier date.

There remains one possible objection to this request that has already been communicated to me by students who have discussed the proposal with some faculty members. This is the argument that third year law students will not spend enough time on their academic work while preparing for the February Bar, or that they will become complacent and work less during the spring following. See *Graduates May Take February Bar*, p. 3.



Dean Greets

To The Class of 1976:

On behalf of the law school faculty, I welcome this opportunity to greet you as you commence your law studies. It is something of an understatement to say that we are glad you are here. As I stated at orientation, you are the best qualified class ever to enter this law school. Your median LSAT score is well over 600 and your median undergraduate grade point average is better than "B." While these are important reasons for the faculty and law school administration to feel pleased with your having selected this law school, we have also noted with more than mere enthusiasm that you appear to be one of the most cordial groups of students ever to grace the halls of Marshall-Wythe. This portends successful law study for both you and your instructors. It is a lot easier to teach classes which are intelligent, inquiring, and gracious than it is to try to pound the law into skulls which are concerned more with upsetting established orders than with learning how to improve them.

In spite of your very high qualifications and in spite of the fact that we already like you very much, some patience on your part will be required if you are to pursue your legal studies successfully. The law is a difficult discipline. It is not at all like what you have seen represented on "the tube." You will not be engaged in thrilling law suits nor will you, at least for now, be discovering new, updated, applications of the rule of law. You will, on the contrary, be concerned with such things as consideration for a promise and, perhaps, the question of "when does title to real property really pass?" I mention these matters only to lay a basis for encouraging you not to become discouraged. If you keep at it, you'll discover that many contract and property concepts, at first seemingly very difficult and dry, can actually turn out to be fascinating legal problems just as important to the welfare of society as many glamorous constitutional principles.

Patience in use of our building will also be needed. If we don't upset things by re-arranging the library again, it will be the first time. You will also hear, from time to time, rumors which can be terribly upsetting. Usually these rumors are completely without foundation and, it has occurred to me, are frequently started by people who enjoy testing the gullibility of others. Your professors or the administrative staff will be pleased to answer any questions you may have concerning what is really going on in this law school.

One very good way to alleviate any impatience you may generate as you begin the study of law is by entering into Student Bar Association activities. Whether these activities be of an athletic nature or of a "political" kind, they will serve you well not only in getting used to this law school but in furthering your legal careers.

Good things are in store for the Marshall-Wythe School of Law. You have probably heard, and it is true, that plans exist to remodel adjacent Rogers Hall for the law school use. In this building will be housed all classrooms, administrative and faculty offices, and most student activities. The building in which we are presently located will, then, be remodeled into a law library. It is expected that the Moot Court Room will remain in Marshall-Wythe and that, as well, the Law Review will stay in its present area. But otherwise the building will be renovated so as adequately to house our growing collection and provide comfortable seating for study.

As many of you know, the National Center for State Courts has selected Williamsburg as the site for its permanent headquarters. The impact of having this organization in Williamsburg should be tremendous for our law school. While it is much too early even to speculate on what programs will be developed from the Court Center, we feel confident that our curriculum will be enriched by having prominent guest lecturers from time to time and by providing opportunity for many students to participate in research and other activities undertaken by the Center.

The administration of this law school wants you to be proud of us and we will do the best job we can to earn this measure of respect. We know we will be proud of you!

James P. Whyte
Dean

Graduates May Take February Bar

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the exam. This argument presumes that the faculty holds an in loco parentis position in its relationship with the students. The Class of 1974 has an average age of over 26 years, more than 60 percent of the class are married, many have families and many are former military officers. To imply that the faculty must make a decision based on the assumption that these students are not yet capable of allocating their study time is an insult to both parties' intelligence and maturity, and it belies the School's endorsement of these students as qualified to practice law upon graduation, a few short months later. A primary requisite of a lawyer is responsibility, and if indeed the faculty holds any proprietary concern for the students, this is an excellent opportunity to give the students more personal responsibility.

The students request that they simply be given the opportunity to take the February Bar exam. It will then be the choice of each individual student to decide whether to avail himself of that opportunity. As for the argument that a student who has taken the exam might become complacent, I would submit that exactly the opposite would happen. The Rules state: "No applicant will be issued a license to practice law in this state until he has received a degree or a certificate of successful completion from an approved law school." Any student who has been through the exam once and who knows that he must graduate or take the exam again, even though he passed the first time, could hardly be complacent about his final semester courses.

Finally, the procedures would be very similar to that followed for a number of years with the January graduates who have taken the December Bar prior to

graduation without adverse consequences.

In conclusion, the Student Bar Association respectfully requests that the faculty reschedule the two third year exams presently scheduled for Monday, May 27, 1974. This will

enable the students who wish to take those two courses to take the February Bar examination with the rest of their classmates who are presently eligible to take the Bar examination prior to graduation.

Randy Eley Elected National ABA Rep.

By Greg Pomije

Marshall-Wythe attained a measure of recognition this summer when third year student Randy Eley was elected to a national office in the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. Eley scored an impressive victory over six opponents as delegates from every law school in the country elected him Law Student Division Delegate to the ABA by giving him a majority vote on the first ballot. The election, along with the elections of five other officers, took place at the annual Law Student Division Convention in Washington, D.C., at the Statler-Hilton Hotel during the week beginning August 5th.

Getting elected was an exercise in exhaustion, reported Eley. The first two and one-half days were spent meeting and talking individually to the law school delegates and their alternates. Following this came Eley's nomination by Duquesne University's delegate and an acceptance of the nomination speech before the entire House of Delegates. After the speeches came the rigorous "round-robin," where the delegates broke into their thirteen circuits and each candidate met with each circuit for exactly twenty minutes. During this time each candidate was to speak of his plans for office but in fact was

often interrupted by a barrage of questions. In view of his first ballot victory, Randy apparently withstood the pressure well.

As one of two LSD delegates to the ABA, Randy will attend as a voting delegate the ABA mid-winter meeting in Houston and the ABA Annual Convention in Honolulu next August. His duties will include introducing LSD resolutions to the various ABA Sections and on the floor of the House of Delegates. He will also coordinate the work of the LSD liaisons to the different ABA Sections. Randy also has the distinction of being the LSD's liaison to the White House and he hopes to be making a trip to Washington, D.C., in the near future.

As for the year ahead, the LSD delegate said he would like to get more law students serving on the large number of ABA Section committees, see the LSD more active on the local level, and explore alternative means of funding clinical legal programs. He would also like to see special interest groups (such as environmental law groups) working more closely with LSD-ABA committees and is hoping to begin a prolonged effort to have the ABA revise the Model Student Practice Act it adopted several years ago.



Thunderchickens Look Awesome

By John Fletcher

With the thrills and chills of another W&M Intramural Football Season less than a week away, Marshall-Wythe prospects look better than ever. The Thunderchickens (last year's Hawks), are anxious to avenge last season's playoff loss, and to better their impressive 6-1-1 record.

Always tough and rarely in-

timidated, 2d Year's Fungus is confident of improving last season's 5-1-2 record. Fungus will be a largely veteran squad, with no recognizable weak links.

Although the Thunderchickens and Fungus are admittedly tough acts to follow, the Law School has hopes that the 1st Year class will at least field a squad. How about it, boys?

Murray Essay Places In National Competition

James B. Murray Jr., a third-year student at Marshall-Wythe, captured second place in a national environmental law essay competition sponsored by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Murray received the \$500 cash award at the ATLA national convention held at Miami Beach, Fla., in July. Professor Joe A. Moore of Memphis State University, one of the judges in the essay competition, described Murray's paper as one of the most original he has ever read.

The winning essay analyzed Article 11 of the new Virginia State Constitution, which stipulates that all state government action be taken with consideration of the environment. In the essay Murray urged that it will be up to environmentally-minded lawyers to make sure that Article 11 and similar provisions in other states serve as more than mere policy statements.

The existence of the Article does not, in itself, assure Virginians of ecologically sound land use planning any more than would the creation of a statewide planning authority, Murray

explained. Rather, "the onus will fall on the environmentally-conscious lawyer to see that the spirit of the legislation—like the Virginia Wetlands Act and proposed statewide planning ordinances—is respected, and that the policy in the article is observed in the daily operations of government."

Murray predicted that the article of the new Virginia Constitution dealing with the environment probably will not be used directly in a suit to stop an improper land use, "but rather tangentially, as part of a suit." He added, "The government is going to want to put up a power plant and a citizen is going to come back with a land use objection. Perhaps one day it (the constitutional provision) will be used alone after it receives recognition from the courts."

In his speech to 200 members of the Environmental Law section of the ATLA, Murray urged environmental lawyers to press for passage of constitutional amendments similar to, or stronger than, Article 11 in other states. Virginia is one of only seven states with a constitutional amendment or newly-

revised constitutional provision calling for environmental protection. Murray pointed out that most people tend to underestimate the importance of a constitutional amendment seeming to be a mere policy statement, but noted that even such weak provisions can be used as a foundation for future, more meaningful governmental action.

Between 4000 and 5000 papers were entered in the ATLA environmental law essay competition, and 96 law schools had school winners entered in the national contest. From these 96, seven national winners were selected, each receiving a \$500 cash award. The top three national winners received a trip to the convention at Miami Beach.



President of the SBA, James B. Murray Jr.

Pornography Conference Scheduled for Sept. 29

By Don Lewy

On Saturday, September 29, 1973 at William and Mary Hall, the Student Association will sponsor The First Annual William and Mary Conference on Law and Society: The Implications of the Supreme Court Decision on Obscenity (Miller v. California). This conference will consist of three panel discussions in the afternoon and one in the evening.

An opening address will be given by Dean William Lockhart, Chairman, President's Commission on Pornography and Obscenity. Following his remarks will be three afternoon panel discussions each emphasizing areas upon which the Miller v. California decision will have specific impact. These areas will be publishing, motion pictures, and the community.

The publishing panel has been scheduled first and includes Ms. Heather Florence, Attorney, Media Coalition; Mr. St. Leger M. Jaynes, Editor-in-Chief, Metro Magazine; Mr. Al Goldstein, Editor, Screw Magazine; Mr. Frank Stickel, Attorney, American Association of Newspaper Publishers; and two others not chosen at this time. Dr. William Swindler will moderate.

Next will be the motion picture panel. Appearing on this panel will be Mr. Sidney Schreiber, General Counsel, Motion Picture Association; Mr. Ray Straight, author and former press agent to

several movies stars including the late Jayne Mansfield; and two others. Dr. Albert Haak, Professor, Theatre and Speech Department, will moderate.

Finishing the afternoon will be the community panel consisting of Mr. Herbert Bateman, Attorney and State Senator from Newport News; Dr. Winfred C. Link, Member, President's Commission on Pornography and Obscenity, co-author Hill-Link Report; Dr. Dietrich Heider, psychiatrist, Medical Director Human Resources Institute; Mr. Lester V. Moore, Jr., Attorney, Norfolk; Mr. Jack Priest, free-lance writer, Williamsburg; and one other. The moderator will be Associate Dean Richard Williamson.

The evening panel will discuss all three of these areas, and it includes Miss Judith Crist, movie columnist for T.V. Guide; Mr. Russ Meyer, producer; Mr. Gerald Damiano, producer, writer and director of "Deep Throat" and "The Devil in Miss Jones"; Robert K. Dornan, T.V. commentator and national spokesman for Citizens for Decent Literature; Miss Elayne Blythe, President, Southern California Motion Picture Association; and one other. The moderator has yet to be selected.

Working with the Student Association have been the following law students: Robert Copelane, Donald Lewy, Norman Marshall, Robert Sichte, Steven Watkins, and John Weber.

At this time the S.B.A. is considering possible co-sponsorship of this event with the Student Association.

With this issue, the Amicus introduces a new column by third-year student Gary Roth that will satirically focus on the faults and foibles of Marshall-Wythe.

As if there wasn't enough wrong with the world already, our law library has to go and introduce the colon system.

Remember when you were a Boy Scout and had to learn that treacherous Morse Code so you could send secret messages to Girl Scouts? ...? Now you have to learn the treacherous colon code so you can find something in the library besides an operable Xerox machine.

The library staff has yet to completely colonize the library, but once they do you'll need to know how to find anything, since the title of every book is covered by a colon citation. Here are the basics. Z is a law book. I always thought it was the mark of Zorro or a canned brief, but now it's a law book. Then there are the punctuation marks.) O . : ; - A) is more than a . and a O is more than a ; but a : is less than a) and so forth. Got that? Then comes the lower-case alphabet from a to z. Put it together with the puns and you'll see that)a is more than Oz (anybody got a wizard?), but :d is less than)g. Okay? Now add to this list the numbers 1 to 9 and you have)a2 is greater than Oai but :d9 is less than .zi. (That last . is a period at the end of my sentence). Once all that is committed to blasphemy—er, memory, add upper-case A to Z and a final ((note that it's reversed), and you've got the whole colony. So if you see two citations, one being Od2B(and one :z4c(don't throw up (your hands) but rather realize that you're not going to be able to find your book, if you want to stay in law school altogether.

If that wasn't enough, future M-W library cards will read

The Gripes of Roth

something like this:

Z

; M 49.2;3

The M means the book can be found upstairs in the main collection, which is a start anyway; the .2 means the card is sending you to volume two; the ;3 means the third copy; and somewhere in all that gobbledegook it says the book was published in 1849. Future plans are to include on each card the author's birthday, Bobbi Crump's age, and J. Madison Whitehead's telephone number.

For the time being, the colon system is not being transferred to the National Reporter System. Should plans change, however, a bit of preparation (that's from the Scouts, too) is necessary.

If you are looking for supporting case authority for Smith v. Jones, for example, you would see this in Shepard's;

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;-a1A

Now that you have four important cases to read, you look in the card catalogue for the Oa2(reporter for the state of :Z. It tells you to go to the top bleacher of William and Mary Hall where the books are stacked. Once there, you are guided by a ten-foot semicolon over to the appropriate shelf. Then a 250-pound capital J comes to your aid and sits down with you to help you translate the language on the printed page. Then a 45-year-old parenthesis dressed in a white coat with periods all over it opens the window for you, and you jump out yourself to the hyenish cackling of 52 letters of the alphabet and eight punctuation marks. Your tombstone will read: "I'd rather be here than in the law library."

A whole generation of normal, law-abiding students was raised on Dr. Dewey's decimals, and we still have enough sanity left in us to interpret the Library of Congress' letter patterns. What did we do to deserve this? If research wasn't bad enough before, now it will be a real pain in the colon. ... — ... !!!!!!!

JOLLY TIMES ON THE APPELLATE CIRCUIT

(Judge Irving Goldberg's opinion in *Donelon v. New Orleans Terminal Company*, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit)

Although the character of the person filing the federal action does not control the issue, we cannot ignore the fact that here it was the Parish officials themselves who invoked the jurisdiction of the federal court. . . . Appellants (the Parish officials) themselves issued the invitations to dance in the federal ballroom, they chose their dancing partners, and at their own request they were assigned a federal judge as their choreographer. Now that the dance is over, appellants find themselves unhappy with the judging of the contest. They urge us to reverse and declare that "Good Night Ladies" should have been played without the partial summary judgment having been granted and without the preliminary injunction having been issued. This we have declined to do, and in so doing we note that this is not The Last Tango for the Parish. Appellants still have an encore to perform and their day in court is not yet over. . . . We hold that the court below properly rendered judgment that the Railroad could not be forced to participate in this state court cotillion, which was not brought by the State and which sought to impose safety measures that were not contemplated by the Act, and that the federal court, under the facts of this case, was the sole director of the terpsichorean exhibition and had the right to effectuate and protect its directional decisions.