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Beer, food, and fun abounded at the SBA picnic, as a sizeable crowd forsook the opening games of the pro football season to attend the annual event at Lake Matoaka.

Policy Clash Forces ELG to Withdraw from Suit

By Greg Pomije

Unlike the old Xerox machine, the Marshall-Wythe rumor mill proved to be in top working condition for the fall semester, ready and waiting to grind out its peculiar mixture of truths, half-truths, and outright falsehoods. The topic for discussion this time around focused on the Environmental Law Group and its short-lived status this summer as a party-intervenor in a well publicized suit. Fortunately, reports of an outraged and embarrassed Norfolk attorney, and a confrontation over the suit between students on the one side and Dean Whyte and President Graves on the other have proven untrue.

The story began last April when the Conservation Council of Virginia contacted ELG about a suit brought to a federal court in Norfolk by a group of beach residents owning property in the Back Bay area of the Outer Banks in Virginia and North Carolina. The group sought to enjoin the enforcement of new federal regulations prohibiting motor vehicle traffic on the beaches, complaining that using routes other than the beaches to get to their homes worked a hardship on their families. At issue was title to the land between mean high and mean low water — the only area on the beach on which the sand is hard enough to drive.

Bob Little, chairman of the Environmental Law Group, went to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia to offer the group's services. The hard-pressed assistant attorney handling the

case was only too glad to accept ELG's help. In fact the attorney eventually incorporated word for word ELG's research into his opening brief.

Towards late spring, conservation and wildlife societies, including the Audubon Society, entered the case to oppose the Back Bay residents. Slight differences arose between these groups and the U.S. Attorney's Office and the wildlife societies decided to retain their own lawyer, a prominent Norfolk attorney named Stanley Sacks. At this point ELG decided to work with Mr. Sacks rather than with the U.S. Attorney. Sacks agreed and asked ELG to become a defendant intervenor in the suit, the same taken by the wildlife societies. ELG then became a defendant intervenor, using the name Environmental Law Group, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary.

All was peaceful until mid-summer. Then, subsequent to a pre-trial conference, the plaintiffs in the suit sent interrogatories to ELG by way of the law school office. Since Bob Little was not enrolled in summer school, the office opened the letter to check the importance of the contents. Dean Whyte realized what was happening and immediately sent Sacks a letter informing him that ELG had no authority to involve itself in a suit while using the law school's name and that the group would have to withdraw as a party to the suit. Dean Whyte then phoned Little and told him that as Dean he had no power to ratify what ELG had done, that only the Board of

Visitors had the power to authorize a group using the College's name to become a party to a lawsuit.

At this point Sacks wrote the Dean back, asking that he reconsider. Dean Whyte wrote again, telling Sacks that ELG would have to withdraw from the suit. Meanwhile, a 1973 Marshall-Wythe graduate, David Favre, who is now practicing law in Newport News, wrote See ELG Withdraws, p. 6.

Increased Firm Interest Hikes Placement Program Hopes

By Curt Coward

The 1973 placement program has begun, and like its recent predecessors, it is marked by a broadening of the employment opportunities represented. Included among the employers who will interview in the first ten weeks of the school year are firms from Dallas, Columbus, Cleveland, Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Washington, D.C. In all, some 35 law firms, accounting companies, and government agencies are listed in the initial group.

Again this year, Associate Dean Richard Williamson has responsibility for the placement operation, but the day-to-day administration has been shifted from the Student Bar Association to the law school administration. An additional staff position — temporary vacant — has been added to provide full-time supervision.

Until the position is filled, Mrs. Bea Monahan is in charge of the program. Her office is located on the third floor of Blair Hall.

The mechanics of the operation will be essentially the same as last year. Notice of interviews will be posted on the placement bulletin board, and it will be the responsibility of interested students to keep current and sign up for those firms in which they are interested. Thereafter, the student will be required to find out his interview time and meet that appointment.

In addition to the firms appearing on campus, some 88 firms from both in and out of state have indicated an interest in receiving resumes from interested second and third year students. Those firms are listed on the bulletin board and represent a broad cross section, both geographically and professionally.

The continued expansion in the number and distribution of firms showing an interest in Marshall-Wythe students is yet another indication of the growing reputation of the law school.

ATTENTION FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

There will be a meeting of all first year students who are interested in being candidates for the three positions of first year SBA representative on Wednesday, October 3, at 12 noon. There will be a run-off election for nominations on Monday, October 8, and the final elections will be held on Wednesday, October 10.

Quick Renovation of Rogers Unlikely

By Lee Albrecht

Any hopes of present Marshall-Wythe students ever seeing the completion of even a substantial portion of the expansion of the law school into a renovated Rogers Hall are extremely remote. The renovations scheduled to take place on the 56 year old Rogers Hall not only must be subject to the pace of the Virginia legislative machinery, but also must await the removal of the present occupants, the Chemistry department, and there does not appear to be any hope of accelerating this lumbering pace short of a violent ouster.

However, the prospect of a formal eviction of the Chemistry department, their laboratory equipment thrown out on the sidewalk, would result in a great amount of bad publicity to the law school; thus, this alternative does not appear to have been given serious consideration. At this point in time, the hope is the projected move of classrooms, faculty offices, student activity centers, and the student lounge and snackbar to Rogers, along with the accompanying expansion of the present library throughout the Marshall-Wythe building, will be completed sometime in 1976.

Funds for planning the construction have already been allocated and the next step is the compilation of blueprints. Bids are due to be invited October 18th. However, the allocation for actual construction is still subject to the whims of the Budget Advisory Committee in the General Assembly. The committee's first opportunity to make its report will be in the next session of the General Assembly in January and even then there is no assurance that the budget will be taken up first. Projections now, including a built-in inflation factor, place

the final figure for the total law school conversion somewhere in excess of one million dollars. Although the natural reaction tends to be one of impatience, the overall progress seems to be one of steady movement, considering the fact that serious dedication to initiate this facility months ago. But, alas, even with expansion was decided only 18 a completion without any serious delays, there is no arcade between the two buildings included in the plans, so the future Marshall-Wythe students are still destined to wander in the rain.

Editorials

New Machine—No Change

There is a new monster residing in the bowels of the library basement. The new ogre, like those who came before, is of the House of Xerox and is wielding anxiety among students like crumpled copies of last semester's exams. The anxiety stems from the fact that this newest manifestation of technological ingenuity adamantly refuses to reproduce unless it receives one nickel — in exact change. Upon wondering aloud what was wrong with the last marvelous monster which willingly returned change for a quarter, one hears that the last marvel could not shrink copies to the size of a proton — i.e. "reduce", could not "sort" — whatever that means — and could not annihilate roaches at will by the use of lethal gamma rays emitted from the paper tray. The new nemesis living downstairs does all these things in addition to making it necessary for one to journey to the Deli to get change for a quarter. We have it from a reliable source that this new monster was refused for six months because it could not make change, but that it crawled in one night and ate the old machine, thus establishing its domain. All the world knows that some types of these monsters are created with change devices — because we had one, once. Would not the library basement be a more tranquil place if a monster which made change would come to live down there once again? We think so, but perhaps we hope in vain, but then hope is the foundation of our existence.

Conference Observations

It was with some concern in the week preceding the First Annual Conference on Law and Society, i.e. the Pornography Conference, which took place last Saturday, that we read in local newspapers that the Student Bar Association of the Law School was a co-sponsor of the event. It is true that last summer when the Pornography Conference was first publicized, an erroneous press release stated that the SBA was partly responsible for the Conference, a report which was later retracted as no commitment by the SBA to participate had been obtained. But as those who have followed the development of the Pornography Conference know, the latest press release was quite accurate for the SBA Board of Directors had decided to become a co-sponsor by a vote — one aye, no nays, 7 abstentions — which seemed to reflect the confusion and ambivalence with which a number of students viewed the coming of the Conference.

From the start, the planning of the Pornography Conference brought about a number of breaches of sophistication which caused some students and faculty to look upon the event with skepticism. Perhaps the blunders which were committed were a result of the Conference having been conceived on a small scale and then having grown far beyond what several of the original planners had envisioned. Perhaps the mistakes made were the result of overzealousness bred from visions of a major conference which would receive national acclaim. But the end should not justify the means, and even if the Conference has been or will be acclaimed as an event of major significance, success does not dictate that the way in which the result was achieved is above criticism. Even if the Pornography Conference attains noteworthiness, one could not help but feel upon learning of the SBA decision to co-sponsor the Conference that the organization was risking its name and its professional standing by becoming associated with an undertaking which had been marked with instances of impropriety.

One needed not to have been privy to the innermost workings of Conference planning to have learned of the actions which gave the impression of unprofessionalism and haphazardness. The SBA and the College Student Association were played against each other as representations were made to each that the other was in full support of the Conference when neither organization had officially agreed to participate. A press release was issued that Linda Lovelace, Barry Goldwater, Hubert Humphrey, and Bishop Sheen had been invited to appear together on the same panel before any commitment had been received from any of the speakers; it was later denied that Miss Lovelace had, in fact, ever been invited. X-rated films to be shown at the Blane Cinema by the theater management were included on a conference program in such a way that the films appeared to be part of the day's agenda when such was not the case, and then the program was circulated to judges, lawyers, businessmen, and members of the Virginia General Assembly. Before these programs were mailed, there was no consultation with the College Director of Student Affairs who purportedly had been told that he would be shown invitations before they were circulated, and there was no prior consultation with the College Administration or any community law enforcement officials as to the possible ramifications of being implicitly associated with the showing of films which might be judged legally obscene. In spite of the potential emotional reaction stemming from a symposium on pornography, the Conference was unwittingly scheduled the same week as the College Board of Visitors were gathering for their fall meeting. Speakers were engaged to appear on the program before all the necessary financial commitments were ob-

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Letters to the Editor

Students Need Honor Society

With the advent of the new school year, many of the traditional academic policies of Marshall-Wythe should be the subject of re-evaluation. Topping the list is the school's treatment of academic excellence and writing ability as synonymous. Although a student will often excel at both, this is not necessarily the rule. The top 36 or so students in each class from which the Law Review selects are not necessarily the best writers. It is difficult to comprehend that student 37 is so much inferior academically to student 36 that, under the present selection system, his writing ability is automatically considered beneath the standard for the Review. Law Review should be a distinct and separate department of excellence, stressing only writing and research ability. This prestigious organization should be open to the best legal writers and should require only satisfactory academic standing. A comprehensive system of testing and tryouts should be created whereby any student

who is academically in good standing could become a candidate for the Review. In this way, the William and Mary Law Review will best utilize the most talented writers in the law school.

Furthermore, academic excellence per se should not go unnoticed. There are many students that may not meet the standards of Law Review who have continued to demonstrate excellence in studies. The Order of the Coif would possibly have filled this recognition vacuum, however, for at least the near future, the Coif will not exist at Marshall-Wythe. Instead, an honor society should be established on the local level on a similar pattern to that national organization. We should not be complacent and wait for what may prove to be merely a hope. This local society would help stimulate academic excellence, while also serving as a basis for a conversion to the Order of the Coif when that organization grants us entry. Moreover, perhaps when the Coif does establish here, past members of

this local society can become Coif members; this may have the tangential effect of creating a closer relationship of alumni to the school.

Finally, an honor roll or Dean's List should be created to award outstanding academic performance in each semester. The faculty should recognize students who excel above a certain academic average or percentage of their class. (A book award in certain courses to the top student just isn't enough.) In this way, a student who starts his law school career slowly or has a poor semester would not lose the totality of his incentive. Placement on the list would also be a welcome addendum to a resume.

These suggestions can be easily initiated with minimal expense to improve the academic atmosphere at Marshall-Wythe. They would be major steps toward a much-sought improvement in this area.

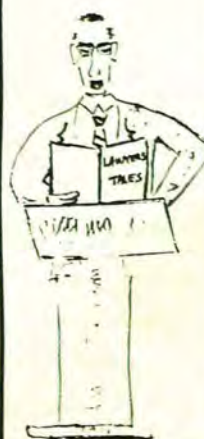
—Daniel Z. Shapiro



By the time you've reached your second and third year, you must be prepared to work much harder as the courses get more difficult.



However, I do not anticipate that you will find this a demanding course.



Now if you'll stop cheering and throwing your books in the air, I'll get on with today's lesson.



"There once was a lawyer named Dave, who kept an old judge in his cave..."

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tained, so that if the funds are not ultimately found to pay the agreed gratuities, Conference planners could face breach of contract litigation.

One week before the event, Judith Crist was reportedly quite upset to learn that she was not appearing with Goldwater and Humphrey as she had originally believed but, instead, with Russ Meyer and the director of "Deep Throat"; reportedly, she asked why she had not been kept informed of who was on the agenda.

When one considers the negative reaction that these occurrences have made on some students, faculty, administrators, members of the professional world, and the public at large, there is good reason to believe that some of the adverse impressions created will never be corrected, regardless of the height of achievement the Conference might have reached.

For the SBA to lend its name to an event which was plagued by proverbial bumps in the road was taking a chance that the organization would be identified with the mistakes in planning and the lapses of sophistication. The fact that only one member of the Board of Directors voted for the Conference and all others abstained doesn't mean that the SBA was any less of a co-sponsor; it only means that all members of the Board save one had difficulty in coming to any conclusion — one way or another.

Admittedly, in dealing with the question of sponsorship, the Board of Director's decision was made difficult by the fact that some law students had worked very hard to see the Conference materialize and that a Conference on legal issues is justified and commendable. Some students felt that they could help correct the effect of past errors and avoid future errors in planning the event. It also appeared that the College Student Association — the major financial contributor — did not want to sponsor the event alone and that if the SBA refused to participate, the Student Association might do likewise.

But it should have been remembered that there are procedures within the SBA and the SA whereby the support of the organization can be obtained *before* plans begin to materialize and *before* financial commitments are made. Why did the Conference have to take place during the first month of school? If a dilemma existed for the Board of Directors, it was not they who had created it; rather, it was the Conference planners as a whole who had chosen to operate outside the SA and the SBA and then to solicit the organizations' support in a "make-us or break-us" setting.

It is within the province of the SBA to recognize initiative, and so the SBA voted to commend the efforts of law students working on the Conference. It is also within the province of the SBA to recognize hard work in trying to facilitate a worthy cause, and so the SBA agreed to contribute \$500 to the Conference to be used in the event of losses. And it is within the rights of the SBA to refuse to lend its name to events which arise outside its organizational structure and which have implications of unprofessionalism and disorganization in their inception. By acting as a co-sponsor of the Pornography Conference, the SBA may find itself facing adverse reactions and negative publicity because of events which took place before it had any responsibility in their occurrence, and such a risk could have been avoided.

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For a Few Dollars More...

By Evan Adair

One afternoon, two weeks ago, the obligarchs of the Amicus huddled together in a bi-weekly feverish attempt to devise new forms of drivel. I was volunteered to write this analysis of the newly-released Marshall-Wythe catalogue . . . er. . . bulletin. This is not what one would call a big job.

The first step in preparing such analysis is naturally to mosey into the office and pick up one copy of the bulletin in question. Funny thing; it isn't green and gold this year. Rather, the 1973-74 Marshall-Wythe catalogue, following the lead of those imaginative persons unknown in Blair Hall (or Ewell Hall or wherever), is black and white. Clever. With some green and gold bunched into a gruesome shade in the upper left corner. There is also (the sounding of trumpets) a picture of Marshall-Wythe.

Please don't give up on this article yet; the point will eventually be reached. Generally speaking, the new catalogue, in appearance, is

lousy. Stay tuned for a detailed criticism.

Why should we be concerned with the school catalogue, now that we are already here? We can, of course, peruse it to see our names in print. Or to check for discrepancies between the law school we know and the law school being advertised. Or whatever.

Now to the analysis. The course descriptions in the new catalogue are of the normal vague variety, and there are five more courses and almost twice as many seminars being described as in last year's catalogue, which is good news. Little else content-wise is different from recent versions, but the new bulletin is a radical departure from its predecessors in terms of style and format. The new one has none.

Seriously—once upon a time, the College, and the law school which conforms its catalogue to that set by the College, had a rather classy, and very readable, bulletin. Those days are apparently gone. The new catalogue is an obvious example

Faculty Commentary

Admissions Difficult Process

By Richard A. Williamson

Everyone is aware of the recent increase in the number of law school applicants. For the first time in history most law schools in the country are faced with the "problem" of having many more "qualified" applicants than they can accommodate in their first year classes. The country's law schools for the first time are determining the "selected few" who will be able to enter the legal profession. Since the public and the profession are affected by the decisions made by law schools, it is incumbent upon the law schools to employ selection procedures which will serve the best interests of such constituent groups.

We at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law are, of course, very proud of our current first year class. In terms of past and potential academic achievement, the class is, like classes at most law schools in the country, the best ever. However, one should very seriously question whether past academic achievement and/or potential for academic achievement should be the sole criteria upon which admission decisions are made. For example, many members of the profession question the correlation between academic achievement and the factors which make a "good lawyer." In addition, the public and many members of the profession are rightly concerned about the ethical standards of the profession. There is some sentiment among both groups that the law school admission procedure should be designed to provide some check on the character of the applicant prior to admission to law school.

Many undergraduate pre-law advisors have voiced concern about the apparent practice at many law schools of accepting the undergraduate grade-point average at face value. They claim that this practice has adversely affected the integrity

of the undergraduate educational system in two respects: first, many students are taking "cake" courses to pad grade-point averages. The pre-law advisors also express concern about the practice at some law schools of accepting grade-point averages from different universities as equal. They claim that there are significant differences between universities in terms of the quality of the students and, in addition, that the grading practices at universities may differ. They also claim that there are significant differences between the grading practices at the departmental level, even within their own universities. These factors taken together, according to the critics, make the practice of accepting all undergraduate grade-point averages at face value inherently prejudicial to some applicants.

Another problem which faces many law schools, including the Marshall-Wythe School of Law and the University of Virginia School of Law, is the ever-increasing pressure to limit enrollment of non-residents. The implications of this movement are very significant in terms of the integrity of the educational process. Critics point to the fact that many "qualified" residents are not accepted at state universities while many non-taxpaying, non-residents are enrolled. Implicit in the argument are certain questions that must be answered. First, how does one determine that



Dean Richard Williamson (smiling at right) opens the new faculty commentary series with a discussion of the admissions process.

there are "qualified" resident applicants who are denied admission? Second, is the education process compromised by limiting enrollment to students with similar backgrounds and experiences? Perhaps the most critical problem facing law schools today in terms of their admission policies concerns attempts to increase the representation of various minority groups in the profession. Several law schools in the country have been subjected to law suits from unsuccessful applicants who claim "reverse discrimination" in the selection process. Fortunately for the law schools involved, the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools have expressly endorsed attempts by law schools to increase minority representations in their classes. The political ramifications of such a policy are obvious, especially in view of the current pressures to obtain admission to law school.

I have not attempted in this article to exhaust the kinds of problems facing law schools and their admissions practices. Until such time as the number of applications drops off significantly, law schools will be faced with the problem of attempting to answer one very complex question, namely: What makes a good lawyer? The future of our society and the profession will in large measure be affected by how the law schools respond to that question.

many other things that made past catalogues attractive, "The Jealous Mistress" fell victim to the axe.

This law school has a great deal to offer incoming students — high academic standards, a history, and a certain amount of prestige. These qualities are ill-served by this year's cut-rate bulletin.

There are prospective law students who don't come from Virginia; who don't know the history of the college; and who don't know that William and

Mary has a good law school. The catalogue serves as the piece of the law school they can see. A catalogue can do more than merely tell the prospective student what the law school offers as far as courses are concerned — it can tell the student, perhaps, that William and Mary, and Marshall-Wythe is a good place to be. The new catalogue tells the law school's story; but, for a few dollars more, it could have told that story well.

Parking Still a Hassle

By Michael Geffen

Of the many crucial decisions faced by law students at Marshall-Wythe such as the future of the two party system, the choice of curricula, and the way in which mankind may be best served, surely the most critical decision of daily significance is where to park your car so that (A) you are reasonably sure of its presence when you return, and (B) the walk involved between your car and Marshall-Wythe is not greater in distance than that between Newport News and Williamsburg. For in keeping with the traditional colonial atmosphere of the law school, neither the founders nor their modern counterparts have seen fit to allow law students a reasonable parking place within the school's environs.

There are six officially sanctioned areas to park on campus: (1) Bryan Stadium lot, (2) The lot south of the stadium near the old fraternity lodges, (3) New Campus Drive, from Dupont to Yates Halls, (4) Old Campus Road from Jamestown Road to Crim Dell (only those not designated faculty), (5) Phi Beta Kappa parking lot, and (6) Any other nonrestricted parking area.

To the observant legal mind, it is at once evident that these six basic areas are scientifically designed to make for a rather unique hike to the school of law.

Many resident legal philosophers have hit upon clever, albeit non-sanctioned, solutions to the rampant parking problem, including: (1) Parking at the information center and taking a tour bus to campus, (2) Disguising their cars as rodents or harmless flora & fauna to elude the attention of the

campus police, (3) Riding a bicycle to school, or, (4) Paying the Baptists a parking fee for the privilege of using their choice lot across Richmond Road.

The Student Bar Association has taken steps to alleviate the problem at hand. Two areas under question for future exclusive use by the law students are: (A) The area directly in front of the Law School on Richmond Road, which is now often used by undergraduates who park there during the entire school week, only moving their vehicles on the weekend, and (B) The aforementioned Baptist lot which lies vacant during the school day.

Meanwhile, the average law student must hike many blocks to be afforded the same privilege as undergraduates with cars who are allowed parking areas near their classes. It is no laughing matter, and, as winter approaches, the prospects are indeed bleak.

Moot Courts Plan Eventful Year

By Russ Pitts

In the wake of it's recent recognition as "Best Law School Project" for 1972-73, the Moot Court program continues to evolve into a truly meaningful complement to the law school curriculum. As was done in the past, the Moot Court program will conduct an intramural program each semester, and will sponsor the National Moot Court team and an invitational tournament here in the Spring.

This semester two important events take place — the National Team competition in Charleston West Virginia, and the selection of our Invitational team.

M-W will be represented at the regional competition in Charleston by third year students Dave Holmes, Steve Miller, and Cliff Weckstein. The competition will be held November 1-3 at the University of West Virginia Law School. Due to the efforts of these three individuals, the influence of the M-W Moot Court Program has been felt on a National level, i.e., this year will see the advent of double, rather than single, elimination. This is an important change in National competition and comes as the result of these people participating in the M-W program.

The intramural program too has changed. No longer will the Invitational team be selected after one round of argument. Instead, through a series of three rounds of argument, the best three competitors will emerge. These three persons will represent M-W at our invitational tournament to be held here on March 16.

Last year six schools attended the Invitational, including Georgetown University, University of Virginia, University of Maryland, Duke University, the University of North Carolina, and of course Marshall-Wythe. The tournament could expand this year as requests for information have already been received from four additional schools: T.C. Williams, University of South Carolina, University of Georgia,



Photo by John Bagwell

Marshall-Wythe welcomed incoming students at the annual student-faculty mixer on September 4. The torch-lit wine cooler and cheese affair was sponsored by the SBA.

and Washington and Lee. The impact of these requests on the program has not been decided.

All of the activities of the program are open to all students. First year students are particularly urged to attend the arguments this fall as part of the intramural program.

SBA Sets Dues Day

By Nettie Bailes

The SBA has designated Wednesday, October 3, as DUES DAY. In an effort to make it simple for those who have not yet paid their SBA dues for 1973-74, tables will be available in convenient places in the law school, at which you may pay your dues and also join the LSD.

Your SBA dues are used to support many activities, including the Amicus Curiae (which you enjoy bi-weekly), the Legislative Research Council, the Moot Court Program, the Post Conviction Assistance Project, and many others.

Most of the social functions which you enjoy during the year are funded by the SBA. The Fall Picnic, Homecoming Cocktail Party, Christmas Party, and the Barrister's Ball are only a few of the outstanding social events sponsored by the SBA.

Last year one of the outstanding events funded by the SBA was Libel Night. No one who attended the production would doubt that the funds expended were wisely spent!

By Dan Ward

Among the new offerings in the 1973-74 curriculum is a course entitled Jessup Moot Court. The course, which has an enrollment of three, parallels the established Moot Court elective as a student-run appellate advocacy program.

You may not be aware that the SBA also provides the funds which provide the student directory, soon to be published. And did you know that the SBA not only provides the workers for the orientation program, but also the FUNDS?

Doubtless you reap the benefits of many of these programs. Surely the reason you have not paid your dues (other than lack of funds) is that you were not aware of the worthwhile purposes to which the dues were put.

Before you complain about expenditures, ask yourself if you have the RIGHT to complain. Have you paid your dues? Did you read the budget when it was proposed? Did you attend the budget meeting and let your voice be heard? If you can truthfully answer "Yes" to all of these questions, then you probably aren't complaining anyway.

Only through the continued support of the student body can the SBA maintain its valuable and varied program.

PAY YOUR SBA DUES OCT. 3!!!

The program differs from Moot Court in that the Jessup course is offered as a two term sequence. During the fall term memorials will be drafted for eventual entry in the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition. Written memorials will be submitted to the faculty advisor to be evaluated for academic credit. Necessary refinements will then be made, and the memorials submitted in regional competition in the national division of the Jessup Competition. In the spring term, preparation will be made for oral arguments at the regional level, to be held at Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Winners of that round will compete in the semi-final round held in Washington, D.C., and the best team will represent the national division in the final arguments against the international division.

Students taking Jessup Moot Court will research hypothetical problems in the field of international law; compose written briefs, termed "memorials" in international practice; and present oral arguments before mock tribunals.

Presentations in international tribunals differ from those delivered in national Moot Court. Participants in the Jessup Competition submit memorials for both appellant and respondent parties, and then argue orally for both sides. Memorials take slightly different forms in international law, as there is a substantive character to the issue of jurisdiction in a given tribunal and because the structure and derivation of authority is not entirely parallel to common law principals of decision or reporting.

Recent acquisition of many valuable research materials by the law library will greatly assist the International Moot Court Team. Increased interest in the field of international law has prompted expansion of the curriculum in that area as well.

Michael Seeks Financing

Charlottesville State Sen. J. Harry Michael, the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, recently told an audience of local Young Democrats, including several law students, that he is rapidly coming to the conclusion that public financing is the only way to insure fair elections.

Michael said that highly-financed media blitzes — such as the one credited with election of U.S. Sen. William Scott — have the effect of distorting the campaign picture.

Speaking to an audience headed by third-year law student Jim Almond, president of the Young Democrats, Michael also said that if elected he hopes to expand the office of lieutenant governor, making it a liaison between state government and the localities, and using the office to gather resources from the vast array of interstate agencies.

Michael's opponents for the office are Del. John Dalton of Radford, the Republican candidate, and independent candidate Flora Crater.

Coming Events

Wed— Oct. 3	1st-Year Candidate Meeting Dues Collection Day
Thurs—Oct. 4	Carl Stern in Coffee Bar (??)
Sat—Oct. 6	1:30 p.m. Football-Villanova, home. PDP Party, After the Game
Tues—Oct. 9	Amicus deadline
Wed—Oct. 10	1st-Year Elections
Sat—Oct. 13	Law Wives Tour of Law School

Extra Charges Finance New Center's Services

By Phil Ferguson

With the opening of the new Student Health Center this fall came a variety of "extra" charges for services which formerly were incorporated into the \$25 per semester general student health fee.

Dr. Richard D. Cilley, Director of Student Health Services, explains that the additional charges are necessary because of expanded health services now offered and rises in both costs and student use of the facilities. Allergy shots now cost \$1 for 1-3 shots and \$2 for 4-6 shots; pap tests are \$5; blood tests \$1.75; and job physicals command \$10.

An individual who takes allergy shots once a week, for example, will pay between \$20 and \$40 per semester for allergy shots alone. The individual might well be paying more for allergy shots than he does for the general student health fee.

At William and Mary approximately 500 students take allergy shots. In addition, a very large percentage of female students use the Student Health Center for pap tests and birth control information. Yet in spite of the high incidence of student use of these services, they are considered "extraneous." In contrast all costs and drugs used in the treatment of certain illnesses such as meningitis are "non-extraneous" and within the general health fee even though less than 10 students contracted the disease last year.

Since Dr. Cilley's arrival at William and Mary, there has been a four fold increase in the types of drugs dispensed. Lab tests are now being administered and processed by the Student Health Center and birth control information, counseling, and testing have been initiated. In the future, Dr. Cilley hopes to add X-Ray equipment to the center.

When asked why certain services are excluded Cilley said, "It is a matter of

economics." The \$25 per semester is insufficient to cover the costs of all services now performed by the Health Center. In order to retain all services offered last semester, one of two things had to be done. Either some services had to be paid for separately or the student health fee had to be increased.

Upon being asked why the second alternative was not employed, the doctor explained that he had been told that the health fee could not be increased this year because other fees were already being raised. As a result, either separate charges had to be imposed or some services dropped.

Dr. Cilley was then asked what increase in fees would be necessary so that all Health Center services would be included in the general student health fee. "Under the present demand and availability of services, it would take about \$30,000 of revenue per year to pay for the services now offered for which there are additional charges." There are presently about 5,000 students; thus, the additional cost to each student would appear to be about \$3 per semester. Dr. Cilley cautioned, however, that if demand or costs rise or X-Ray equipment is added, the increase would be higher.

Dr. Cilley expressed his personal belief that all services should be incorporated under one fee. "This system is financially more economical to the students, less expensive from an administrative standpoint, and nondiscriminatory in nature." Many schools of size comparable to William and Mary pay \$50 or more for similar health services. An expert in medical finance from Princeton, when asked by the college to recommend a realistic health fee, suggested a minimum of \$50 per semester. Nevertheless, the fee was set at \$25.

President Thomas Graves asserted the one fee system "is

well worth looking into. I certainly would listen very carefully to any opinion or suggestion Dr. Cilley might have."

Chris Owens, President of the SA, remarked that she was unaware of the extra charges initiated this semester and would favor the one fee system.

Randy Gould, Chairman of the Student Health Services Committee, echoed a preference for the one fee system. Gould intends to introduce a referendum at the first SA meeting calling for student opinion on the matter.

There is no doubt that medical services are expanding and costs and student use are increasing. Therefore, the student will have to pay more for health services. The only question to be decided is how will he pay?

Will the college follow its present policy of selective exclusion or will it spread the cost by adopting the one fee system?

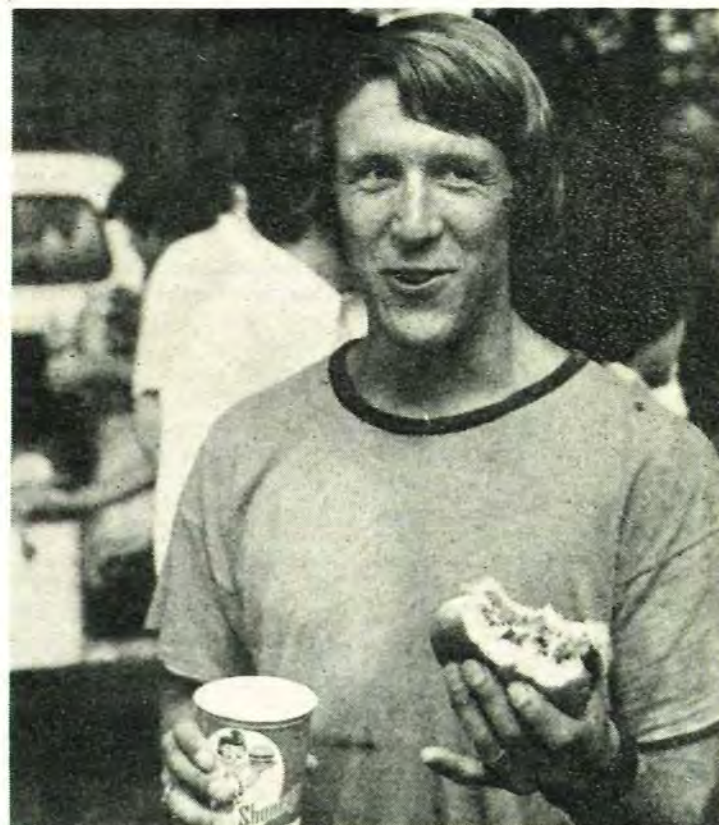


Photo by George Campbell

Buzz Schultz, renowned SBA picnicker, boasts: "This is my 23rd hamburger and I'm still hungry!" Three burgers later, friends carried him to a waiting ambulance.

SBA Budget Approved During Hectic Session

In a lengthy, and sometimes heated, general meeting, the SBA budget for the 1973-74 year was approved last Tuesday. As a result of the meeting, the budget figure grew from an original \$8750 to a new proposal calling for \$9835, to be submitted to the Board of Student Affairs.

The SBA's income is derived from dues paid by the law students (at least some of the law students), BSA appropriation, and Alumni contributions. The BSA appropriation constitutes the return of part of that sum contributed by law students via the college's student activity fee.

President Jim Murray told those attending the meeting that the BSA alleges that, if such "benefits" as WCWM, the William and Mary Review, and The Flat Hat are considered, law students receive a greater sum than they deserve through the BSA appropriation.

The BSA thus far has granted an appropriation of \$4200 to the SBA, substantially less than the original SBA request. The SBA's original request was based on a projection of 312 SBA dues-paying members — a figure which is thus far 60 too high. As a result of the poor prospects of coming close to the 312 projection, and of unanticipated budget allocations, the SBA will soon petition the BSA (got this straight?) for an increased allocation.

The SBA budget meeting followed the proposed budget item by item, and the Amicus Curiae requested an additional \$300 to the \$2500 proposed allocation, should such ad-

ditional funds be needed. The motion to so raise the Amicus' grant was approved.

A motion was made to delete the costs of the intramural program from the Moot Court budget, on the ground that, as an academic course, the intramural program should rightly be funded by the law school. Although the consensus was that the motion was justified, it was defeated due to the belief that the Dean had no intention of funding the costs of the intramural program (\$100).

The group then voted to return the cost of air fare to the National ABA Convention to the ABA LSD budget. Randy Eley, past LSD representative, noted that he had been forced to pay his own air fare the past two years, despite SBA assurances that the law school would furnish the funds. The 1974 ABA convention is in Honolulu, but it must be remembered that Marshall-Wythe wins a number of important awards each year, and it would hardly be impressive to have no one representing the school when our name was called out.

The major dispute occurring during the meeting centered around the tentative plans for a dialogue between William Kuntzler and James J. Kilpatrick, to be sponsored by the SBA in March. Bob Sichta, director of professional affairs, outlined preparations already underway for the dialogue, and noted that the contracts were all but signed. Sichta pointed out that the purpose of the dialogue was to make a profit, to be returned to the SBA general funds, and, possibly, to set a foundation for a stronger speakers program in the future.

The proposed dialogue was not challenged in concept, but a dispute arose as to the wisdom of sponsoring Kuntzler, a noted radical, on the ground that the law school would thereby be placing its approval of Kuntzler as a representative of the profession. Despite arguments to the contrary, which centered on the point that bringing a man to speak does not constitute advocacy of his views, the majority of those 30 students present voted to disapprove Sichta's sponsorship of Kuntzler.

Sichta then noted that the move virtually undercut his entire program, which as of that time included appearances by John Dean's lawyer, Mr. Richard McCandless, and Sen. Mike Gravel, both of whom were expected to come to the law school for a low price.

BALSA (Black American Law Student Association) requested an allocation of \$200, for use in minority recruitment programs, which provides matching funds to support affirmative minority funds to support affirmative minority recruitment programs, with a minimum of \$100. The proposed budget allocated \$50, and, after three motions, the members present appropriated \$100 to BALSA.

With the exception of the SBA summer picnic, which was dropped at the meeting, and those items discussed above, the proposed budget was approved as presented. Tomorrow, October 3, has been set aside by the SBA as "Dues Day," but considering the inadequate BSA allocation, and the disappointing dues return thus far, the SBA may have to go back to the drawing board if more funds are not realized via dues.

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SBA Promises Big Speakers Program

By Bob Sichta

Pending approval at the '73-'74 SBA Budget Hearing, the law school speaker's program promises to be the biggest collective law school event since John Marshall's six week stay.

The program receives its initial launching with a visit by Bernard Cohen on the evening of October 31. Mr. Cohen, an attorney from Northern Virginia, is best known for the rebate he obtained for consumers in the famous VEPCO Christmas Tree case.

Following Cohen, the program will move on to a version of "What's My Line" with the anticipated tentative arrival of a famous nationally known "mystery guest," whose name will be released pending completion of negotiations. The reason for this approach, as given by Bob Sichta, head of the

speakers bureau for the school year, was simply the fact that "we don't want to raise any false hopes or distribute any inaccurate information in the event negotiations fall through. All I can say at this time is, we anticipate signing a person of national legal stature, whose name it would be inopportune to release at this point in time."

Also on the general calendar of events are Robert McCandless, best known at this point in time as John "Watergate" Dean's attorney (McCandless is expected to appear during the month of April, '74), and Senator Mike Gravel (D-Alaska), who is tentatively locked-in for "sometime in the spring."

On the whole, it looks like an excellent program, and one which should, at the very least, make headlines on the front page of that fine, scholarly tabloid, the Marshall-Wythe "Amicus."

Walcks Host Review Party

An outdoor cocktail party at the waterfront home of Col. and Mrs. Richard Walck highlighted the completion of the fall candidate program of the William and Mary Law Review. New second-year staff members include Frank Benser, Mike Borasky, Jerry Bowman, Max Dale, Don Harmata, Johnson Kanady, Roger Meade, Jim Metcalfe, Maggie Potts, Louis Rothberg, and Burt Saunders. Frank Benser and Mike Borasky were named the outstanding candidates of the program.

The Review is currently

completing issue one of volume 15, scheduled to appear in early November. The lead article will be on corrective advertising written by former FCC commissioner Lee Loevinger, now a partner in Hogan & Hartson in Washington, D.C. Slated for issue two is a documentary supplement featuring an empirical study of the operation of student practice acts in the United States, publication scheduled to coincide with the possible adoption of such a program by the Virginia legislature.

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Young Democrats Work

By Jim Almond

This fall many Marshall-Wythe law students are actively involved in the campaigns of statewide Democratic candidates Harry Michael, who is running for Lt. Governor, and Andrew Miller, who is seeking reelection as Attorney General. Heading up the campus Michael-Miller campaign committee is third year law student Jim Almond. Also actively serving on this committee is Clint Spooner, a second year student. Working with the local Williamsburg Miller committee is third year student Bill Miller.

Fellow law student George Grayson is seeking a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates, running as a Democrat, and George Campbell is very much involved in his campaign.

Several law students are in charge of the Howell campaign in the area. Craig Teller, a first year student, is the 1st District Youth Coordinator for Howell. Also helping to head up the Howell effort on campus are second year law students Bob Sichta and Bob Copeland.

The William and Mary Young Democrats, who have both graduate and undergraduate members, have divided their club into groups who are especially interested and enthusiastic about a particular candidate. So far the club has had a car wash in which it split the profits with George Grayson's campaign, participated in the Democratic telethon in Richmond by sending twenty seven members to take and tabulate pledges, and sponsored an address by Senator Harry Michael. Yesterday the Young Democrats held a reception for Democratically endorsed Henry Howell, independent candidate for Governor.



The Amicus editorial board, with its new Editor-In-Chief (seated on table), prepares this, the second of twelve issues to be published this year. From l. to r.: Zack Shapiro, Starr Sinton, George Campbell, C. W. Post, and Evan Adair.

(Anyone wishing to work on the Michael-Miller campaign committee should contact Jim Almond at 229-8209. Those

wishing to work for George Grayson or Henry Howell may contact Grayson-Howell Headquarters at 229-1155.)

ELG Is Out After Clash

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President Graves a letter criticizing Whyte's actions and asking that ELG be allowed to remain a defendant intervenor. Favre pointed out that Sacks had already petitioned the Court to allow ELG to become a party and that another petition to withdraw ELG could embarrass the lawyer and cause him a great deal of trouble. Graves informed Favre that ELG would still have to withdraw from the suit. Graves added that since the College is a public institution, no group which used the school's name had the right to involve itself as a party to a court action. Bringing an end to the matter, Sacks again wrote Dean Whyte recently, promising to withdraw ELG from the suit the next time the case came up in court, and adding that the

procedure for withdrawing a party intervenor was a simple one and would cause him no difficulty or embarrassment.

When asked to comment on the entire affair, Little said he could appreciate the school's policy against groups using the school's name becoming involved in lawsuits. However, he stated he wished ELG had been given the opportunity to withdraw itself from the suit, rather than having the administration do it. He added that he hoped the incident did not diminish ELG's credibility with the outside community or endanger its fast growing reputation.

ELG will continue to be able to do research and aid any parties to legal battles that it wishes. Only becoming an actual party to a suit while using the College's name will be prohibited.

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Confab, Budget Highlight SBA Action

By Jim Murray
SBA President

True to its historical traditions, the Student Bar Association is again involved in a minor imbroglio which has produced a great deal of talk, a little bit of action, and considerable fodder for continued argument.

You have by now, no doubt, heard all of the facts surrounding Saturday's Conference on Law and Society. Officially, the SBA Board of Directors took a preliminary stance of nominal support by passing three resolutions concerning the event. The first simply commended the efforts of the law students involved. The second resolution amounted to an agreement to underwrite any potential loss in equal proportional amounts with the Student Association up to, but not to exceed, a total of \$500. The board apparently felt that this contingent expenditure was relatively small in comparison to the S.A.'s commitment of over \$4,000 to the event combined with their absorption of one half of the losses up to \$1,000 and all of the losses above that figure. Finally, the third resolution of the board was an agreement to "sponsor" the conference. This later resolution was passed by

the unlikely and controversial margin of one affirmative vote and seven abstentions.

To further muddy the already murky waters, it was later disclosed that the one board member who had voted for sponsorship was ineligible to vote. In retrospect it seems that the board felt it was untenably lodged between Scylla and Charybdis, and chose a path of compromise in hopes of extricating itself.

On the one hand they had the spectre of a possible inartistic conference with an abysmal history of bungled planning, and on the other hand they had the considerable pressure by a number of their conscientious, hard-working peers who had already expended a great deal of time and energy on a project which was obviously very important to them. The event is now history and the debate surrounding it will continue for a long time to come; however, some good most certainly did come from it. If nothing else, the event did serve as the catalyst which, for the first time in the modern history of William and Mary, brought together the student governments of the law school and the college. While this new union might have wrought a more auspicious offspring, it does bode well for future co-

operative efforts. Also, the event did provide a number of law students with invaluable experience in organizing a professional program of con-

siderable magnitude, and this experience should insure the success of the upcoming SBA Speaker's Program.

Elsewhere the extracurricular law school year has begun in earnest with the SBA fall picnic on Sunday, September 16th, and with the traditionally raucous and controversial SBA general membership budget meeting of last Tuesday. The picnic this year was a notable success. More than 300 people showed up to partake of food, beer, conversation, and sunshine, all but the latter of which were excellently arranged and organized by Bob Quadros. The characteristically disputations budget meeting arduously, if inexorably, produced a final SBA budget for the school year. The budget has now been printed for distribution and is available in the SBA office. The only weak point in the budget, as adopted, is the continued tenuousness of the predicted income figure which is predicated on further student support in the form of dues. We are faced with the continuing problem that one out of every three people reading this paper is reading it for free while two of his classmates have paid for it; and the same holds true for all of the other services and organizations listed in the SBA budget. If you have not yet paid your SBA dues, I again urge you to do so, any day in the SBA

office on the third floor. The deadline for payment is October 12th.

There have been several recent developments in SBA programs. Plans have already begun for the second annual Libel Night under the direction of second year representative David Joanis. Expectations run high that this year's program will (unbelievably) surpass last year's extravaganza directed by George Campbell. The SBA coffee bar on the third floor has new, longer hours thanks to the efforts of SBA Treasurer, Nettie Bailes, who has displayed an uncanny knack for recruiting single undergraduate women managers. The coffee bar is now open 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every weekday with an increased supply of doughnuts to complement the expanded schedule. John Heard, SBA Director of Faculty Relations, has begun planning for two student-faculty get-togethers, preliminarily scheduled for Friday afternoons on October 12th and November 2nd. Finally, second year student Evan Adair has undertaken a summer employment survey for the SBA. The results of his survey, conducted by questionnaire, will be available through the placement office soon. In the meantime, any second or third year student who was employed in a law-related job during the past summer and who has not yet filled out a questionnaire is urged to do so. The forms and a repository for them are available at the main desk of the library.

For the benefit of the first year class and those who missed the announcement last spring, please note that there is an official events calendar on the wall of the SBA office. This calendar is constantly being updated, and contains all of the events related to the law school. All law school organizations have been conscientious in seeing that their plans are scheduled here, and in this manner conflicts are avoided and advanced planning is encouraged. Anyone who is involved in any law-school-related activities is encouraged to reserve the date for their event by noting it on this calendar.

If you plan to prepare a resume and you have not yet arranged for printing it you may be interested to know that the college operates its own printing office which is open to students. This office will print resumes of professional quality for a mere fraction of the cost charged by the area's commercial printing firms.

It has been suggested that many students need inexpensive portraits for resumes and bar exam applications. The SBA would be willing to arrange to have a professional photographer available for one day to take law student portraits at a budget quantity price. If you are interested in such a proposal please leave your name at the president's desk in the SBA office; and if there is sufficient interest expressed, arrangements will be made.

PDP Hears Silbert

By Greg Welsh

The 41st General Biennial Convention of the International Legal Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi was held at Loew's L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C. on August 22 through 25, 1973. Second year student Greg Welsh represented Jefferson Inn of Marshall-Wythe, and joined some 100 other student Inn and barrister Inn representatives.

The banquet provided the highlight of the Convention in the opinion of most of the delegates, and this highlight was the address given by Earl J. Silbert, Principal Assistant United States Attorney, who served as Chief Prosecutor in the trial of the "Watergate Seven." Mr. Silbert's theme is one of importance to all barristers and law students and bears reiteration here. Silbert decided

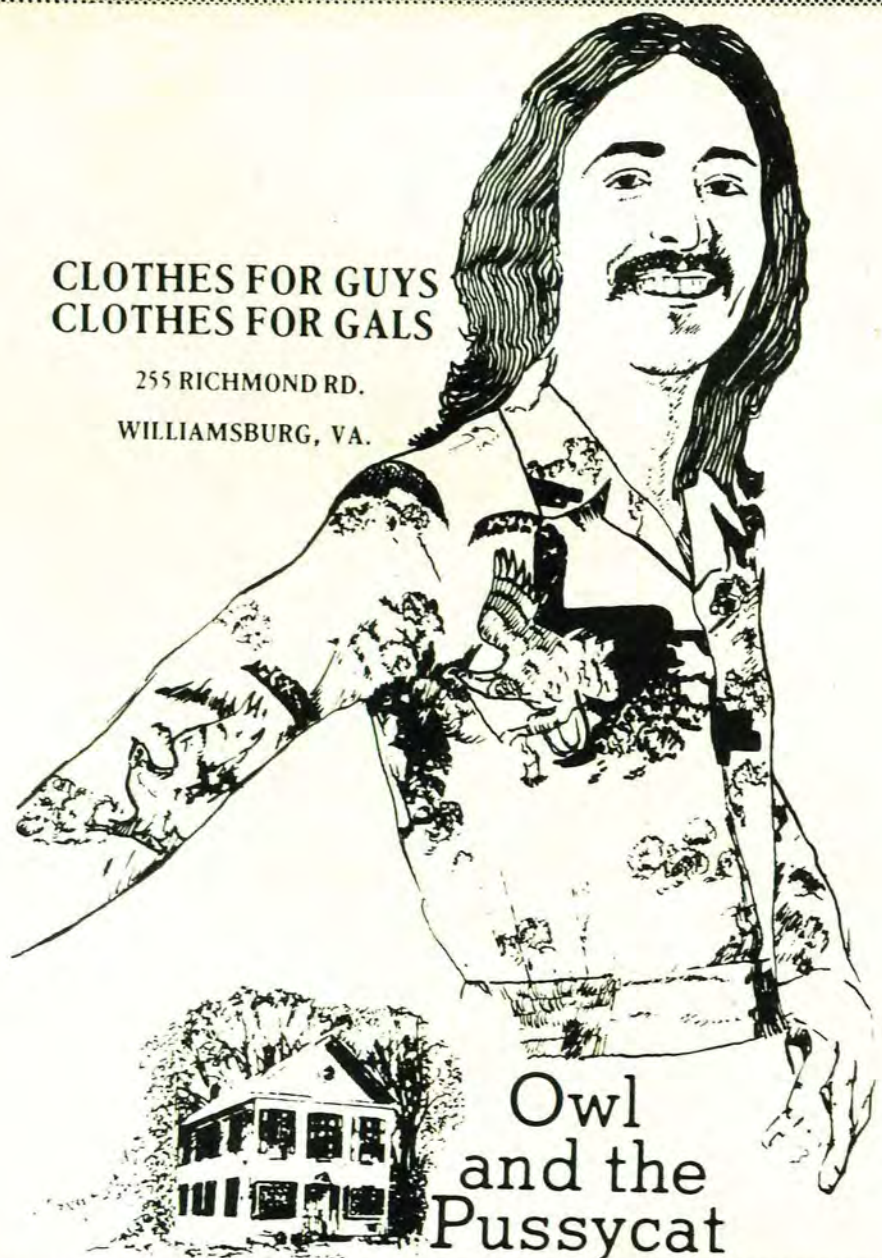
to speak on one aspect of the Watergate controversy which particularly incensed him, and that is the pre-eminent involvement of lawyers in the illegal and unethical activities so far uncovered. Silbert stressed that all attorneys must work to the utmost of their abilities for their clients, but more importantly they must do so within the constraints of the law and of the ethics of the profession. Silbert said that it was his opinion that the attorneys in question had taken too personal an interest in their clients and shadowed their discretion in determining the bounds of zealous activities and defenses. This gist of Mr. Silbert's comments certainly struck home to all those in attendance, and he hoped all delegates would carry the message back to their respective schools.

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Grayson Seeks Delegate Post

For the information of our first year class and for those who don't keep up with the local political scene, we'd like to inform you that Dr. George Grayson, a second year law student, is very much involved in that political scene.

Grayson is seeking the House of Delegates seat from the local 51st District which is comprised of York County, James City County, and the City of Williamsburg. Grayson is running on the Democratic ticket in his second attempt at un-seating the incumbent, Russell Carneal. In their first encounter two years ago, Grayson, garnering 45 percent of the vote, lost to Carneal in a hard fought Democratic primary. However, the need for a return primary bout was obviated when Carneal decided to run as an Independent earlier this year, thus leaving the Democratic ticket to Grayson.

As in his previous campaign, Grayson is building his can-

didacy around the timely issues of consumer protection, tax reform, and environmental rights. Grayson has sought to bring these issues into focus by his vigorous denunciation of the food tax, his advocacy of the lowering of prescription drug prices through the medium of competitive advertising, and by his organization and direction of a chapter in Williamsburg of the Virginia Citizens Consumer Council.

According to Grayson, the Consumer Council is designed to "find ways to save money for consumers and inform the local buying public of marketing, pricing, and advertising practices of local businesses, especially large chain stores."

So, with the issues drawn and the ideological differences between the candidates apparent, the Grayson-Carneal race is shaping up as an interesting event.

Aside from his law school and political activities, Grayson, at age 35, is a respected member of the academic community with a book and a number of articles in leading periodicals to his credit. He is a Professor in the Department of Government here at William and Mary, specializing in Latin American affairs. His considerable expertise in the affairs of Peru and Chile is evidenced by his once a month lectures at the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State in Washington.

Grayson resides in Williamsburg with his wife, Carmen, who is a member of the history department faculty at Hampton Institute, and their 2 year old daughter, Giselle.



Photo by Cliff Weckstein

George Grayson, a Marshall-Wythe student, seeks to oust a tough opponent in the November 6 election.

New Diploma Misses Mark

By Frib Bergman

For those of you who will eventually complete the course of study here, the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary will present you with a piece of paper, conferring upon you the vaunted title of 'juris doctor'. Some have called this occurrence "the crowning achievement of three more years of toil and struggle." Others, referring to this very same diploma, have called it "a mickey mouse looking job that must have been printed in somebody's basement in Toano."

Dissatisfaction with the diploma began several years ago when the standard diploma was an eight by ten non-glossy, suitable for framing. It was not until the class of 1972 that the students complaints were heeded and the diploma revised. The old diploma, small in size and as conspicuous in one's office as any given volume of the Federal Reporter, was at last replaced with a larger one, horizontal in configuration and

Latin in inscription. These revisions were the result of a poll then taken among the prospective graduates, and the changes were enacted under the proviso that the changes effected would be the last changes sought for the next century or two. What, then, is the controversy?

Basically, it centers around the illustrative criticism given earlier — the poor quality of the actual diploma (not of course the education it represents). Apparently, the students in their poll had desired that the Marshall-Wythe medallion appear as an engraved seal on the diploma. However, the medallion now appears resembling something that would have been turned out by your brand-new, top quality duplicating machine in Bobbi's basement. It is not quite the elegant engraving the students anticipated.

Therefore, at the urging of S.B.A. President Jim Murray, second year student Bob Fitzgerald is now going to take a look into the whole matter and study any and all possible alternatives. At least one proffered solution has been to commission the engraving of the Marshall-Wythe medallion on a plate, that will be owned by the school, and used not only for the diplomas, but for use as a masthead for the school stationery and for the use of any student group.

As of today, the controversy rages, but the brouhaha has not yet led to open revolt. Unless something is done before the spring, however, many students of the class of 1974 may not be as proud of their diplomas as they might have been.

The Gripes of Roth

Drop-Add

By Gary Roth

Everything is routine again and the door to the main office is once more occasionally propped open so Mrs. Forbes can watch the tourists walk around the lobby and wave to her. But it was a mere few weeks ago that neurosis and confusion reigned supreme, oblivious to the contented and regimented first-year class. It was Marshall-Wythe's version of Russian roulette — *Drop and Add. For those of you too busy with other trivialities to participate, here's what went on.*

It started last spring when we pre-registered for courses we were too busy with other things to be concerned about. Third-year students mumbled profanities under their breath against the new double semester courses they were deprived of, and second-year students held seminars with third-year students to learn which semester they should take which course. Everyone had their schedules signed by professors who either didn't know they had to advise anybody or left town so they wouldn't have to. Since nobody kept what they had originally signed up for, it was all irrelevant anyway. By the second day of pre-registration, both Maintenance and Study Hall were filled to capacity.

Five months later everybody was ready to take it seriously. Third-year students looked for courses with no lectures, no reading, and no exams. Second-year students looked for courses with no grades. First-year students were still looking for the library.

The first order of business was to drop those courses we never intended taking but had signed up for to avoid feeling guilty in avoiding a well-rounded legal education; in other words, there was too much studying involved. Second, we went to the bookstore to check the size of the new casebooks and dropped those

courses whose books were too big.

The mechanics of the system were this. We went into the main office to get a drop-add form but were told they were in the office across the hall. Unfortunately, nobody thought to put a sign to this effect on the office door which, as a result, was opened and closed so many times that Dorothy caught a cold. In fact, there was so big a draft that Mr. Sullivan was called to active duty.

Once the form was filled out, we had to put it in the box in the real office. Since there are two boxes, some people had their course changes sent away with the rest of the outgoing mail. Heaven only knows where they're enrolled this semester. If you did put the form in the right box, you were likely called back and told you should have checked the close-out list on the glass case first to see that your added course was full. So you went back to the secret secretaries for another form. By this time, however, all the normal carbonated drop-add forms were gone, and you had to fill out one in triplicate. When you got done, what was open when you started was then closed.

Anyway, in search of a drop-add form we went across the hall. Now, there are only three things across the hall — a men's room, a ladies' room, and a room marked "Lounge." Nothing that would seem to the casual observer to be an office. So using the inestimable logic that has been ingrained in us, half of us handed in course changes on toilet paper and the other half kept what they had signed up for.

Eventually the word got out that the drop-add forms were in the Lounge-office, and it was

stormed. Most of the school didn't even know there were two more secretaries in the building. These girls were expecting the flood of students that appeared and took advantage of the situation. One student had to come back every day for a week to clean both typewriters before he could get a drop-add form.

The drop-add period is over now and the ever-present blue sheets are floating around, filled with names of students who don't even go to school here. Considering that the computer exploded after the first 200 course changes and that the registrar has voluntarily enrolled in Eastern State, we can be thankful that the enrollment lists are still printed in English.

The administration is acutely aware of those problems and is going to implement a new course selection system next semester in the hope of avoiding them. Nobody will pre-register for anything. On the first day of classes, each professor scheduled to teach a course will go into a room and close the door. Then at exactly 8 a.m. on January 24th, Mrs. Forbes, dressed in a sweatshirt, white shorts, and sneakers, will stand on the bust of George Wythe and blow a whistle, at which time everybody will run into a room at random. Whatever door you happen to open will be the course you get. This will be repeated until you've chosen five courses, regardless of how many credits it equals or how many you need. Anyone who ends up in a course he has already taken will be forced to enroll in the M.L.T. program. Anyone who fails to register in this manner will be required to learn all the Comments to Article 2 of the UCC in Yiddish, under the tutelage of Mr. Scott. Anyone who laughs at Mrs. Forbes' outfit will be required to go through drop-add. If you're smart, you won't even crack a smile.



Keggers Liven Scene

PDP kicked off the social year with a triple keg party on Friday, Sept. 14, followed by a second keg party on Friday, Sept. 28. Attendance at both parties was outstanding.

In the near future, PDP will hold its annual wine and cheese party on Oct. 6. (Remember last year's!!) Those who plan to attend William and Mary's homecoming game can get their anti-freeze at the Bloody Mary pre-game warm-up on Oct. 20.