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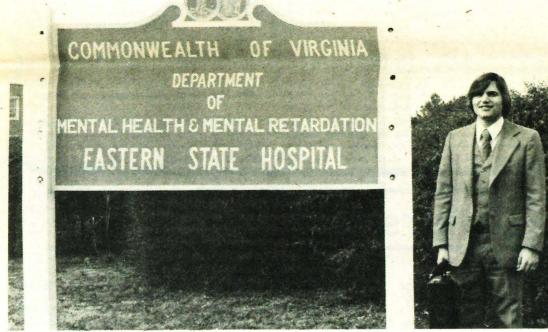
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Aliperti Begins an Afternoon of Counseling at Eastern State

Law Students Help Mental Patients

by Jamie Aliperti Anyone who has ever waited at the Monticello Shopping Center for the bus back to William and Mary is familiar with the other bus that stops there, the creaking off-white vehicle that ferries mental patients back to Eastern State Hospital after a day in town. Watching them climb aboard, one tends to forget just how dependent they are upon the hospital for every necessity, and how powerless they are to stand up for their own interests.

The legal profession has long been a part of the commitment process, but has only recentlyturned its attention to what happens to clients after they have lost their liberty. Sharing that interest is a team of nine Marshall-Wythe students who make regular weekly visits to Eastern State under the direction of attorney Jim Hanagan to handle routine legal problems for the patients and to help ensure that their rights are observed.

Hanagan, himself a graduate

nected with Project Plus.

issue.

Correction

A story published on the front page of the Jan. 24 issue of the Amicus Curiae entitled "Project Plus Forum Held on Law, Sex"

was totally false. Although the forum was originally scheduled, it

was never held. The "report" on the forum was completely fabricated by the story's author, first year student Rob Docters.

Plus program and to David Fleming, a William and Mary un-

dergraduate mentioned in the article. Fleming is in no way con-

The Amicus Curiae wishes to apologize to both the Project

An editorial on the situation appears on the second page of this

of Marshall-Wythe, became interested in mental health law after attending a conference at Duke University during his second year. He heard civil rights advocate Jerry Paul, who had defended Joan Little, talk about the need for lawyers who cared less about money and more about people. The speech struck a responsive chord; after returning to Williamsburg, Hanagan started the program that is now sponsored jointly by Peninsula Legal Aid and William and Mary under his direction.

"The patients in there have enough problems as it is," Hanagan said. "If we can resolve some of their legal problems, we would be givingthem a better chance at coping when they get out."

Eastern State is organized into units that correspond for the most part to various geographical areas in eastern Virginia. Each student is assigned to a unit and goes out at least once a week to conduct interviews. At present, in addition to this author, third year students David Griffith and Shep Williams, second year students Rick Hall, Jack Kraeger, Lorraine Fortner, and student director Phil Koss, and first year students John Schilling and Beth Holmstrup are participating in the project.

the work is far from easy and can occasionally be dangerous. Phil Koss, who works in the crisis unit where all incoming patients are initially assigned, recounted one incident: "I was interviewing this really big guy, about 6'4", who was complaining how they took a gun away from him and how he wanted it back. Then he leaned over toward me very menacingly and said, 'I don't like your moustache. Shave it off!' I really didn't have a comeback for that."

Rick Hall, who worked at crisis last semester, recalled that one hysterical patient, screaming that she wanted to kill all lawyers, had spat on him.

But such incidents are exceptions rather than the rule; everyone agrees that for the most part interviewing a patient is no different from interviewing anyone else with a legal problem, and when one can be helped, it can be even more rewarding.

While many of the patients' problems concern such matters as divorces, wills, bankruptcies, child custody suits, and the like, a substantial amount of the students' time is spent on broader institutional issues. A frequently encountered problem arises when patients try to be taken off their medication.

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Large and Small Firms Visit Here

by Susan Cary Watkins Suppose the leader of a women's rights group at a southern California college sues a newspaper for revealing the fact that she started out in life as a man. Suppose the jury awards her \$750,000 damages for this "invasion of privacy." As the newspaper's attorney, what would you do? The lawyer in that case telephoned Arthur B. Hanson, author of Hanson on Libel and Related Torts and senior partner with Hanson, O'Brien, Birney and Butler of Washington, D.C.

Hanson's small firm specializes in libel and first amendment cases. Because of the firm's national reputation, its recruiting practices are similar to those of a large firm such as Hunton and Williams. Joseph C. Carter, managing partner with Hunton and Williams Richmond, in represented the views of large urban firms at the first "Lawyers Look at the Law" symposium held last Saturday morning at Alumni House.

The next symposium will be held next Saturday, Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. in the Sit n' Bull Room of the Campus Center.

In addition to "war stories" like the libel case and tales of law school days (Hanson attended Marshall-Wythe, Carter went to University of Virginia), both lawyers provided insights into the art of lawyering and guidelines for starting out in a law or law-related career.

Hanson pointed out that of the 30,000 lawyers who graduate from law schools each year, only about half go into law practice. The others enter law-related jobs or go into politics. Those interested in a political career should start in a Commonwealth Attorney's office, Hanson advised. He said this is the best way to get to know the demographics of an area and the "people problems" that develop into campaign issues. Sheriffs are influential vote getters, also, Hanson pointed out.

While neither man had the opportunity to work as a summer law clerk or as a judicial clerk before graduating from school, both Hanson and Carter agreed the summer programs are a plus in helping students evaluate their interests before entering the job market. Hanson observed that the only disadvantage to judicial clerkships is that it takes a law firm a year or two to bring the former clerk back down to earth.

Carter's experience starting at Hunton and Williams was to Please see page three



Arthur B. Hanson of Washington, D.C.

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Editorial Pranks v. Responsibility

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Despite whatever else a newspaper may give its readers, in the end it has only its reputation to offer. If stories in the newspaper cannot be trusted the newspaper soon loses its readership and its advertising dollars and faces a not altogether undeserved early death.

The Amicus Curiae was caught with its pants down. A front page story published last issue entitled "Project Plus Forum Held on Law, Sex" was totally fabricated by its author, first year student Rob Docters. The newspaper staff has extended private apologies to David Fleming, an undergraduate student mentioned in the article, and on today's front page publicly apologizes to both Fleming and Project Plus.

We wish we could guarantee that this will not happen again. That promise cannot be given, however. The newspaper staff is dependent upon the goodwill of those who submit articles to the newspaper. Our manpower simply does not allow us to check each fact and quotation in each article that is published.

The staff does feel a special responsibility where, as happened here, a story was specifically assigned to a contributing editor and was then deliberately falsified. We are painfully aware that not every student can or wishes to contribute to the student newspaper. If a student does wish to contribute, however, the staff feels that it has a right to expect at least the truth from that student.

This issue, we feel, offers a good mix of the type of information we wish every issue could offer: a feature story by Jamie Aliperti on the activities of several law students at Eastern State, a straightforward account of last Saturday's visit by two Virginia attorneys by Susan Watkins, several letters that should raise issues of importance to the student body, a sports contest, and - last but certainly not least -Pam and Joan's regular account of the goings-on at the school. Everyone should find something of interest.

What this issue does not offer, and what we hope will not be presented again, are cute lies in the form of legitimate news articles.

We close with one final thought: Within two years and some odd months each of the students presently at Marshall-Wythe may well have people's lives and careers dependent upon their actions. We hope that by then each student is mature enough to understand the difference between a college prank and responsible behavior. Some of us, it would appear, have farther to travel down that path than do others.

(A letter Mr. Docters sent to the president of the Project Plus program apologizing for the printed story appears in the letters section of today's issue.)

-DBK

PAD Bookstore Sets Hours

The Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity's (PAD's) Used-Book Store, located in the basement of Old Rogers (Chancellors) Hall, next door to the law school, will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until one second p.m. during the semester.

There are several study aids available for sale at the bookstore, and the latest editions of Gilbert's Law Summaries can be ordered at a 15 percent discount off retail price through PAD. Students are urged to bring in their used study aids for resale because the most recent aids are always in highest demand.

Any questions concerning the bookstore can be addressed to Paul Ritz (229-7193). Paybacks for books already sold usually will be available at the bookstore during regular hours.

an air of humanism and an attitude of cooperation with the students. He has shown a genuine concern for his students and has sacrificed his time and efforts to a commendable degree. Now it appears that Professor Walker will not be returning to the hallowed halls of Marshall-Wythe. The Faculty Committee has decided to offer Professor Walker a position here, but they have limited it to running the legal writing-moot court program and Trial and Appellate Practice.

Professor Walker, currently

teaching Civil Procedure and Environmental Law (Federal Courts last semester) is deeply interested in continuing in these fields. Since the Faculty Committee apparently has not chosen instructors for these courses for next year, it is incomprehensible why Professor Walker was not offered even one of them.

The Committee's decision is not etched in stone, however. If the student body makes their views known, then perhaps the Committee will reconsider their previous decision. Toward this end, we will be circulating a petition in support of Professor Walker on our faculty. If we follow this course of action we may still be able to retain for Marshall-Wythe an excellent professor and a good man.

> CHUCK ROGERS ROBERT ROUSSOS

. . . And Placement

My worst fears have now been confirmed. When a placement officer was hired internally from the development office, I cringed but hoped that, as a lawyer, he had learned the key to our profession - forceful advocacy. Apparently, he has not.

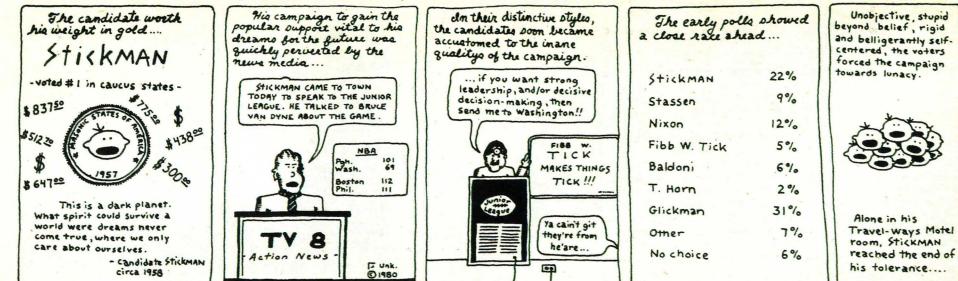
My experience with "new" placement programs, both as a job candidate and as a resource person attempting to place students, has been largely negative. I have made the requisite lists and evaluated all

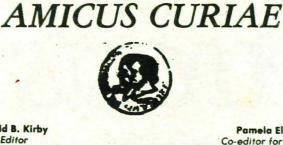
my skills, both technical and personal. I have put together resumes, learned how to interview effectively, pounded the pavement, and contacted employers in government, business, and academe. In so doing, I have concluded that the passive counseling approach, espoused by our new placement director, just does not work by itself.

Instead, the most successful placement efforts I have seen combine the older active approach with student selfassessment. Two examples must suffice. Thus, Washington and Lee carries out an aggressive placement effort. Among other things, its placement office compiles a brochure containing the pictures and qualifications of all of its graduating law students and sends it out each year to hundreds of potential employers. The result? 80-85 percent of their students obtain jobs in law through their placement office. In a non-legal field, a friend at U.N.C. has seemingly accomplished the impossible. Because of his active endeavors on their behalf, all of his students have found jobs in an exceedingly tight history job market.

Bringing potential employers to campus would, of course, be a positive beginning, but only a faltering first step. For the job market is best viewed as an

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David B. Kirby Editor

Shep Williams **Robin Cockey** Editors of the Editorial Page

Susan Cary Watkins

Environmental Editor

A Professor . . .

The Faculty Committee has

recently decided not to offer Mr.

George Walker, currently a

visiting professor, an acceptable

position on our faculty. Before

getting to the details, however, a

brief explanation of the hiring

members to sit on the Faculty

recommendations concerning

teaching positions. This com-

mittee is currently chaired by

Mr. Doug Rendleman. The

recommendations go to the

Dean who has the power to

approve or veto the Faculty

Committee's recommendations,

but the Dean has no power to

initiate the recommendation

Since his arrival at Marshall-

Professor

Walker has injected into the

sometimes stagnant atmosphere

The faculty elects six faculty

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Hanson, Carter Talk With Students Here Last Week

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be thrown right into handling cases and dealing directly with clients under the supervision of then-partner Lewis F. Powell. He said he started at \$3,000 a year in 1950 as compared to \$27,000 a year for associates joining the firm now. Most of the increase is the result of competition for top graduates rather than inflation, Carter said. He encouraged all graduates to start with a private law firm upon graduation so that "you get into the work as fast as possible." He added that nothing else provides the same variety of work and challenge.

Hanson's experience with his first job was quite different. He started with a large New York firm that trained young lawyers for three to five years before they were allowed to deal with clients. "They were afraid the young attorneys would drive away the clients," Hanson said. There are differences in

starting out in a large firm like Hunton and Williams and a small firm like Hanson's. Hunton and Williams has 144 lawyers who work in teams that specialize in specific areas of law: Municipal securities, antitrust, and energy and environment, for example. A young lawyer is assigned to a team of about seven partners and associates.

At Hanson's firm a new

associate works under each of the four partners. The lawyer's training includes time spent observing D.C. district court in session. Hanson identified as his greatest training problem "getting rid of pomposity in young lawyers."

Both Carter and Hanson agreed on the qualities they look for in lawyers: maturity and the ability to relate to people. Carter also included work experience and undergraduate activities as some indicators of a lawyer's potential that his firm considers in addition to law school performance. Hanson observed that a student who has top grades but no work experience or activities in law school is better off as a professor. "Law is a people business" and students cannot learn about people from books alone, he said.

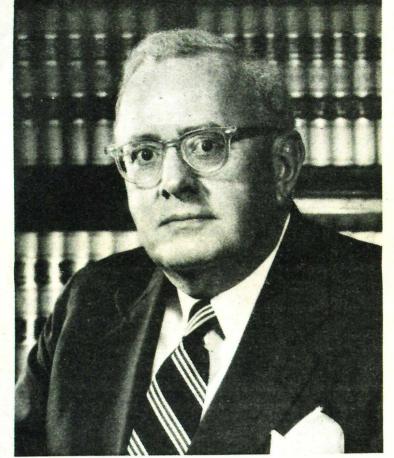
In addition to indicating ability to relate to people, activities help students who are not in the top of the class get jobs. Those not in the upper third of their law school class need some unique skill or unusual activity to get hired, Hanson said.

When asked about the trend toward larger and larger law firms, Carter replied that it would probably continue. He attributed the growth of large, multi-specialty firms to increasing government regulation and economic concentration. As federal and state governments regulate more activities, law firms have to provide services in narrower, more complex areas of law, Carter said. The concentration of economic power in large scale corporations over the past 20 years created the need for large law firms, although that trend may be slowing down now, Carter said.

Hanson pointed out that firms could maintain their relatively small size by hiring specialized firms when needed to represent clients rather than trying to develop in-house expertise in many specialties of the law. His firm acts as a buffer between the client and the specialized firm and directs the specialists to serve the client's needs.

As to the possibility of the profession establishing a national bar, both lawyers agreed that would be a bad idea. Carter said the states should continue to be the primary regulators of the profession, although he favored more reciprocity among states for interstate practice. Hanson pointed out that a national bar would "create a conglomerate of ignorance" and would undermine state law.

Dean William B. Spong, Jr., and four faculty members joined the 12 Marshall-Wythe students at the symposium, which was conducted informally. The interaction was so lively that the symposium lasted half an hour longer than the scheduled two hours.



Joseph C. Carter of Richmond

Legal Aid Helps Hospital Patients

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Hanagan is concerned with what he sees as an excessive reliance by the doctors on drug therapy, which can often have devastating side effects. But he also recognizes that in some cases there is an obvious need for medication. "That is when you are faced with a real moral dilemma," he says. "You feel that the patient may be better off on his medication, but as his attorney, you must represent his position as zealously as you can." However, he is quick to add that all too often drugs are used as a kind of mental straightjacket to keep a patient in line.

Another problem is the lack of adequate outcare facilities. For example, in the alcohol and substance abuse unit, where this author is assigned, there is an average of 40 to 50 patients being treated on any given week. However, the available half-way houses can accommodate just 28 and ten women at a time. As a result, patients are sent back to the same environment after drying out, and many inevitably return.

The problem takes on constitutional overtones in some of the other units. Section 37.1-84.1(6) of the Virginia Code requires a patient to be placed in the least restrictive facility suited for his illness. However, with no funds available to establish an adequate program of outpatient care, Virginia courts have been interpreting the statute to allow the state to place a patient in a more restrictive facility if the facilities best suited for him are unavailable.

"The most frustrating problem for me is when I have a client who is capable of leaving the hospital, but who tells me there is no place for him to go," Hanagan says. "There are people who languish in the hospital for years for lack of an appropriate placement."

The students have reported varying degrees of cooperation from the doctors and hospital staff. Some staff members have gone out of their way to be helpful and have even referred patients, while others clearly resent their presence at the hospital. One social worker told a student bluntly, "We've never needed lawyers here before, and I. can't see why we suddenly need them now." But all the students are convinced that they have made an impact at Eastern State.

Hanagan feels that the monitoring effect of their presence has served to head off some problems before they arise.

arise. "You hate to see people institutionalized," he says. "Anybody who has spent any time around an institution recognizes that it is a depressing lifestyle. To think that you can improve conditions for people who have to stay there or that you can help people get out and move to other places is certainly rewarding."

SBA Sponsors Program to Help Poor, Elderly

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is sponsoring a Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to assist low income and elderly individuals in preparing their income tax returns. Returns will be prepared on Wednesday evenings from Feb. 20 to April 9 from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. in the reading room at the campus center.

Volunteers are needed. Please sign the list on the SBA bulletin board. This is an excellent opportunity to serve the community and to apply your knowledge. Questions can be addressed to Jo Ann (220-0493).

Pick Em and Win

Hi sports fans! With the NCAA playoffs just two weeks away, some crucial basketball games are up for play, especially in the competitive Atlantic Coast Conference. To test your clairvoyance, there are 15 games listed in this contest. Circle the winner of each match-up and predict the points that will be scored by each team for the tie-breaker. The person with the most winners gets a six-pack of his or her favorite beverage. If two or more persons tie for picking the most winners, then the person with the lowest net difference from his or her prediction and the actual score in the tiebreaker game wins the contest.

Only one entry allowed per person please. Please turn them in by 5:00 on the indicated date to Chuck Rogers, David Kirby, or Cindi Cobbs, or put them on the bulletin board or in the envelope at the Amicus office.

-Chuck Rogers

Contest II, Due Monday, Feb. 18		Contest I, Due Monday, Feb. 11	
V&M at Virginia	Feb. 20	Clemson at Virginia	Feb. 13
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Vashington at UCLA	Feb. 23	Purdue at Northwestern	Feb. 14
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oyola (Chicago) at DePaul	Feb. 23	ODU at St. Bonaventure	Feb. 16
N.C. State at UNC	Feb. 20	*Maryland at Duke	Feb. 16
DDU at W&M	Feb. 23	Boston U. at Maryland	Feb. 11
Purdue at Michigan	Feb. 21	St. John's at Syracuse	Feb. 16
Clemson at Duke	Feb. 20	Hampden-Sydney at Randolph-Macon	Feb. 13
Kentucky at Louisiana St.	Feb. 24	Oregon St. at Washington	Feb. 14
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By Pam and Joan So Sue Us

Bill McKinnon and Ralph Santos took a road trip to Richmond Friday night, ostensibly to see the tennis tournament. Funny, but they can't remember who played. They later spent a small fortune at a place of questionable repute called Omar's. Funny, but they can't remember what they ate. Come to think of it, when was the last time you spent the equivalent of a semester's worth of books on "just dinner?" They're taking the fifth, but they can't seem to remember what they drank,

either. Whatever it was, we think the FDA should ban it. It destroys too many brain cells.

Ron Taylor came up with this week's research problem. He wants to know why women have such poor depth perception. Scott Harbottle and Kevin Vienna may have devised a way to find the answer. They suggested a foot, hand and nose correlation chart with a sample group to be taken from Marshall-Wythe students. Please submit all data by Friday, Feb. 15. Ron, we'll have the answer

for you in the next issue.

It's time to start planning your summer in Exeter. If for no other reason, you should go just so you'll be invited to the "Re-Live Exeter" party. Jocelin Hackathorn and Ann Suhler hosted the reunion last week, where eighteen of us swapped pictures, showed slides, and reminisced over wine and cheese. We all agreed that Exeter was one of the most worthwhile detours and frolics we've had in law school.

offered his services to help out with sorority rush. One new pledgling was told to kiss the tall, distinguished-looking gentleman with a mustache who would be standing in front of the law school building. Needless to say, Col. Walck was there and Becky was inside watching! The Colonel had hoped they would initiate these sorts of activities with the law school fraternities. But when Chris Corbett approached him one sunny day. . . he quickly retracted his offer.

their initiations Friday, Feb. 8 in the Wren Chapel. PDP is at noon and PAD is at 2 p.m. You may join the organization of your choice by showing up at its Grad Student Center. By the way, the PAD Beach Party has been moved from Feb. 9 to Feb. 23. Details in the next issue.

Stan Payne looked pretty green in the library on Monday. Not surprising after his performance Saturday night at PDP. Stan, who is currently doing supplementary reading in Ingrid Hillinger's Sex Education oops, we mean Family Law class, was the life of the party. Well folks, all that weightlifting

the night was Toni Massaro. We told Toni that, as Law Review Editor, she should clean up her act or else be replaced by someone more sedate and studious. Toni replied, "So, sue me."

PDP

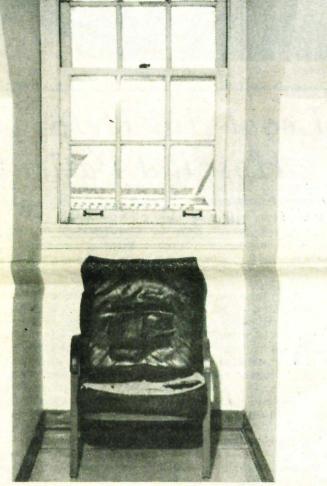
Speaking of detours and frolics, Col. Walck gallantly

The legal fraternities will hold initiation. A joint TGIF will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the

worked — Stan did rush again! "Best-Supporting" drunk of

Bartender

Mary



The Jack Sadler Chair of Law in the Marshall-Wythe coffee bar is usually occupied by the man it was named after. An exploratory committee consisting of this newspaper's editor and environmental editor is now soliciting suggestions on how best to ensure that the Chair is given an appropriate place of honor in the new building.

New Building Move Set Now at Semester's End

by Peter H. Rudy The move to the new law school building will occur sometime this May and not during the spring vacation in March as previously had been hoped.

Delay in formulating specifications for library furnishings and equipment resulted in bidding procedure delays, according to Associate Dean Timothy J. Sullivan. These delays, he said, would prevent the completion of the library until after March.

As Deans Sullivan and William B. Spong, Jr., have stated in the past, no move to the new building will occur until the entire facility is completed.

The March move was not considered a firm date but was feasible only if all areas of construction and furnishing occurred without any delay. The physical construction of the building is proceeding without delay.

Will the graduating seniors unity oppu new building? Spong, in an interview with the Amicus last fall, said that some function would be held in the new building for the benefit of graduating students. Functions under consideration include a reception and a ceremonial last class.

Sullivan added a new item to the list: Seniors might be able to take their spring exams in the new building. After all, "the spring exams for (seniors) are mostly ceremonial, aren't they?" Sullivan said.

Grayson has an identity problem - she thinks she's Betty Grable. She sported black-seamed stockings, and we hear she insured her legs with Lloyd's of London. Mary, you looked sensational and poured a mean drink, but Betty Grable never danced with drunks like Stan Payne.

Speaking of identity crises, PAD issued name tags to partiers in the hope that everyone would remember who they were and who they were with at the end of the night. Unfortunately, the plan backfired. Name tags were switched indiscriminately and altered beyond recognition. Here is what a few of the more creative alcoholics did: It's a good thing Coralynn Mann was there to take care of husband Rick. He was seen wandering around wearing a tag that boasted "1/2 a Mann." However, his better half made sure he didn't do any serious harm. Steve Mahan is a good bargain these days. His tag read "5 cents

per dance." At last year's party, Steve danced for dimes. Who knew our own Steve would be a lifeboat in the sea of inflation?

Speaking of lifeboats, Tim Dillon could have used one. He floated off with top honors at PAD. He was heard walking around saying to various and sundry people, "Are you excited to meet me?" Since Tim seems really concerned about this, we suggest you all make sure he knows just how excited you really are.

Best performance by a first year student during rush goes to Garren Dodge. Garren managed to combine partying with his

Col. Walck offered his services for sorority rush week

hobby, zoology. Garren, you're such an animal!

We know we banned Peter Rudy from the column, and no, he hasn't done anything noteworthy lately. We just want to wish him a happy birthday. Also, happy birthday to Barbara Stapp.

Monday's Law Night at the Hilton saw the Rainbow Room teeming with partying law students. The band, Smith & Company, belted out a variety of rock and disco sounds that even got Big Tom D'Antonio out on the floor. Tom, like many of his first year colleagues, was out celebrating the End of Memo. Tony Anikeef was there, having one last fling before facing up to the task of grading the memos. Tony is energy-efficient; he runs on alcohol. If you don't believe us, you should have seen him on the dance floor! "Disco Donna" Salhany was dancing up a storm with Dave Robbins, who's "Dancing known as the "Dancing Machine!" And you thought he was the infamous Stickman!

Anne Rose took advantage of the half-price drinks and had herself a good time. When not on the dance floor, she was mingling with a drink in her hand and a smile on her face. Sue Satkowski had dancing feet Monday night and, in her foxy slit dress, she never lacked a partner. As Sue smoked up the floor, we caught a glimpse of Rich Marone - you guessed it -"Boogeying to Beat the Band!"

Joe "the Pro" Balac was unanimously voted Disco King. Everyone wanted to know where he learned his sleek moves. We don't know, but we don't think it was Williamsburg. Joe summed the evening up when he said, "This is civilization! I can't believe it - we're out of the 1700's!"

Professors Koch and Butler came out and represented the faculty. Steve Russell, an earnest young student, asked if they were the only faculty members who aren't duds because they were the only two who were there. In all fairness, we must say that Dean Tim Sullivan would have come, but his bedtime is 9:30. The halfprice drinks on Law Night apply to faculty, too, and we hope to see you all next time. We promise to give earlier notice.

All in all, the evening was a huge success. The Hilton's Steve Mitchell was very pleased with the turnout and has planned a second Law Night for Monday, March 10, the day we return from Spring break. Circle that date on your calendar — you're guaranteed a great time.

And, for the hot scoop on Bill Meili, see the next issue.

Confidential from Joan: Happy 23rd Birthday to our very own Pam Owen. Pam's big day is Valentine's Day, February 14. Isn't that cute? At 10 a.m. on that day, there will be an assembly of law students who will gather outside the law school to sing "My Funny Valentine." You remember that one — "Your looks are laughable, unphotographable, etc." Seriously, have a happy birthday, Pam.

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adversary system, and in an adversary system, only the most aggressive advocacy and advocates succeed. ELINOR SOSNE

Appreciation . . .

I would like to thank all the members of the faculty and my colleagues for their expressions of support in recent days. I deeply appreciate the confidence you have expressed in me.

BRAD KING

. . . And Pranks

I recently authored an article entitled "Project Plus Forum Held on Law, Sex" (Amicus Curiae, Jan. 24, 1980).

I am told the story, a fictional account of a forum which was in actuality cancelled, has caused

Project Plus some discomfort. The article, which was published by the Amicus without knowledge that it was a prank, was intended to amuse, not hurt. I apologize for any injury that may have resulted from the story

To set the record straight: all events and quotes contained in the article, such as those concerning women, sexism, transvestitism, and shark attacks; (the latter edited out of the published version) were not intended to be taken seriously, and are totally groundless.

In particular my roommate David Fleming had no involvement with the Forum and the remarks attributed to his name are purely fictional. Mr. Fleming is also offered an apology. All other names were fictional.