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*Artist's Rendition of the New Law School Building, Hubert Jones, Architect.*

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**Details from Dean William B. Spong**

Construction of the new law building began on Wednesday, March 22nd when the W. M. Jordan Construction Company of Newport News rolled in their bulldozers and began work. The building is the first capital improvement to get under way as a result of the bond issue voted favorably upon in last November's referendum. The contract calls for construction to be completed late in 1979 and we expect the building to be furnished and ready for occupancy for the 1980-81 session.

The College of William and Mary was able to get the project started so soon after the sale of the bonds because building plans had been available for some time and the site had been cleared under a previous General Assembly appropriation.

One substantial change has been made in the plans and approved under the contract. Miss Caroline Heriot, the Librarian, who came here in July of 1976 advised us that it was quite possible that

the law volume capacity of the new library would be almost completely used by the time the building was occupied. After working with the architect, additional shelving space has been made available. Also, the ground under the proposed library will now be excavated and finished off to provide space for 50,000 additional volumes.

I have appointed a committee from the faculty and student body to work with the architect. They will act in an advisory capacity, consulting with the architect as the work progresses.

Students, faculty and alumni, will want to visit the new headquarters of the National Center for State Courts, dedicated on March 19th. The same Architects, Wright, Jones and Wilkerson, of Richmond designed both the Center and the new law building. The buildings are meant to compliment one another.

We have been fortunate to receive money to help equip the new Moot Courtroom. The Cabell Foundation of Richmond and the Law Enforcement Administrative Agency have made it possible for our Moot Courtroom to become one of the most modern in the United States where electronic equipment will help our teaching and will assist the work of the National Center.

One cannot discuss the new building and watch the work being done without realizing how many people contributed to the efforts that have made it a reality. Alumni, students and friends of the College of William and Mary have worked with the General Assembly of Virginia to assure that we will offer legal instruction to future generations in a superb physical facility.