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WILLIAMSBURG — The quiet, serene atmosphere of students quietly studying for examinations three days at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at The College of William and Mary belies the tense situation which the school and college officials currently face.

The underlying factor is caused by the controversial, proposed appointment of trail Richmond lawyer Joseph S. Greene as visiting associate professor at the nation’s oldest law school. Greene would be the law school’s first black professor.

The school’s chancellor, Wilbur J. Garlick, cited the arisen enrollment restrictions in the current student body. Garlick also referred to the criteria for the selection of the new faculty member.

In recent years the law school has been controversial and has been working to improve the situation, according to Dean James P. Wythe Jr. “I believe in what we believe in as a good operation.”

However, the actual law school’s academic and financial situation is critical, he said.

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The school also received specialty in aid from the state totaling $850,000 for the new facilities. This was in addition to the $2.5 million the school has already received from the state. The total cost of the new facilities is estimated at $4.5 million.

The school is in the process of acquiring additional space for its law school, which is currently housed in a temporary building. The new facilities will provide additional classrooms, a new law library, and improved faculty and student facilities.

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