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Grad'n Details Finalized

Law School graduation exercises will be held Sunday, May 13th, at 5:00 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. There are 136 candidates for the Juris Doctor degree and 11 for the Master of Law and Taxation degree. Seating for the ceremony will be limited to ticketholders due to the limited capacity of the facility. Each degree candidate will be given five tickets and those desiring more may submit their names for a lottery for an additional ticket. All tickets will be distributed the last week of classes so watch for further details. Any degree candidates who will not be in attendance at the exercises are asked to notify the Graduation Committee through its chairman, T. Moorman.

A diploma fee of \$10 must be paid to the Treasurer's Office in James Blair Hall as soon as possible. It is a prerequisite to obtaining one's diploma.

Robes will be distributed in the Moot Courtroom of the law school on the Saturday immediately preceding graduation, May 12th, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The rental fee will be \$11 payable at that time.

Announcements may be purchased from the College Bookstore. Williamsburg Press will print name cards to be inserted in the announcement

envelopes for approximately \$5 per 100 cards. Orders will be taken on Monday and Wednesday, April 9th and 11th from 11-2 in the 2nd floor hallway. This is the only time this offer will be available and questions should be addressed to Marged Harris.

The graduation weekend festivities begin with a party Friday evening, May 11th, at 114 The Colony, home of class members Gillette, Swatling and Hill. Everyone is invited and the dancing and partying will continue all evening so drop by anytime. Maps will be posted in the Law School at a later date. A reception will be held Saturday evening, May 12th, from 5-7 at the National Center for State Courts.

All graduates, their families and friends are invited and displays of the new law school facilities will be on view. Professor Swindler is also constructing two displays for the lobby of the law school. One will commemorate the bicentennial of American legal education and the second celebrates the 300th anniversary of the Writ of Habeas Corpus Act.

Any questions you may have concerning graduation may be directed to any of the committee members: T. Moorman, Michele Gillette, Marged Harris or Carol Hill.

Tucker Taps Top At MW

Twenty second and third year students, and three faculty members and an alumni were inducted into the St. George Tucker Honor Society on Monday, at a wine and cheese party held in the Alumni House.

St. George Tucker is an honorary fraternity established in 1974 and named after the second professor of law at Marshall-Wythe. (He succeeded George Wythe.) He is known for his first American edition of Blackstone's Commentaries.

Named as Barristers to the fraternity were John Levy, Bolling Powell, and Richard Williamson. All were honored because of their contributions to the legal profession and the school. Judge Robert E. Cook, a

1949 graduate of Marshall-Wythe, former member of Congress, and presently Judge of the Court of Appeals of Ohio, was also named.

Third year inductees were: Bill Fields, Jay Fries, Nancy Kern, Mac McCollough, Nancy McBride, Jay Neal, Bob Rapaport, Becky Smith, Craig H. Smith, Robin Strickler and Bob Wooldridge.

Second year students honored were: Tony Anikeeff, Linda Coppinger, Dennis Crimmins, Kathy Davidson, Kathy Jillson, Toni Massaro, Frances Reynolds, Ralph Santos and Anita Zuckerman.

Kathy Jillson was elected as Chairperson of the Society.

Faculty Member Returns

Dean Spong has asked C. Harper Anderson to again assist the Law School; this time during the 1979 summer program by teaching the course in Legal Profession normally taught by the Dean who will be teaching at Salzburg, Austria this summer.

For some of you students who may not remember — Charles Harper Anderson served on the Faculty of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law for thirty-one years. During that time his students greatly benefited by his

nearly unique capacity to blend the virtues of traditional scholarship with a seasoned lawyer's grasp of practical problems. His wit, ideals and insight into the human spirit have been as much his legacy to his students as his formidable knowledge of the law.

Many of you may have noticed Mr. Anderson in the halls this semester. He has been in regular attendance at Dean Spong's Legal Profession class.

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Bessida White



Toni Massaro

White, Massaro Get Top Posts New Review

Bessida White emerged victorious from a run-off election to be President of the Student Bar Association for 1979-80.

The presidential election was held March 23. Candidates were Paul Frampton, who got 71 votes, Doug MacPherson, with 62 votes, and Bessida White with 95 votes. A run-off election was held on March 23 between Frampton and White, with White receiving 142 votes to Frampton's 120.

Bessida was the past president of the Mary and William Society and is responsible for the successful conference on Women and the Law, held here in Williamsburg on March 17.

Other election results were: Mike Holm, Vice President; Karen Layne, Secretary; Rich Marone, Treasurer; and Craig Smith, Alumni Representative. Class representatives are Anita McFalls and Chris Mellot, third year; and Jim Burroughs and Norman Thomas, second year.

Toni M. Massaro, rising second year student, has been named Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review for 1979-80. She is the first woman in the history of Marshall-Wythe to be named to the position.

Also named to the executive board are Francis Bagbey, Executive Editor for Professional Articles; Kathy Davidson, Executive Editor for Student Contributions; Neil V. Birkhoff, Operations Editor; and Ralph G. Santos, Symposium Editor.

The new executive board was chosen by the present board from among Law Review members on the basis of the quality of the individuals' writing, editing ability and interest evinced in the Review.

Toni Massaro, as Editor-in-Chief, will be responsible for all administrative functions including final editing procedures and confirmation of final articles for the Review. Francis Bagbey will solicit and

edit all professional material submitted. Kathy Davidson will direct and edit student writings and will be in charge of the writing competition ("Write-on") by which students write their way on to the Review.

Neil Birkhoff will be charged with all procedural aspects of printing the Review. Ralph Santos, as Symposium Editor, will solicit professional articles and will be in charge of student writings for a symposium on "Enforcement of Money Judgments in Virginia."

The eleven remaining staff positions on the Review will be filled shortly. Toni will appoint individuals to the positions from among the Review members.

A meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 202 for any first or second year student who is interested in writing their way on to the Review over the summer. You are encouraged to attend.

VITA Helps With Tax Returns

One of Marshall-Wythe's best kept secrets is the existence of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) staffed by students and a volunteer from Fort Eustis. The program was conceived without the assistance of either Mike Holm or Paul Frampton, if you can believe that; and in fact this author would lay down five to one that neither of them really know anything about it. The volunteers have assisted in the preparation of both the federal and state income tax returns, ranging from the simple 1040A to the more complex filing statuses.

VITA, pronounced vi-ta by

those in the know, is in cooperation with the internal revenue service which supplies any technical back-up required and also the vast myriad of forms necessary for the service. The assistants receive no remuneration for their services (hence the 'V' in VITA) although an occasional word of gratitude has been heard. The assistants are relieved of any and all personal liability for the returns by the IRS, but it was rumored that special dispensation from our own John Donaldson was really the deciding factor.

The service operates on a regular basis on Wednesday evening in the campus center,

room D from six to ten throughout the filing season. In addition, on two Wednesday afternoons, volunteers have also traveled to Eastern State Hospital to help the patients with the preparation of their returns.

Faculty assistance for VITA was provided by Emeric Fischer. The staff consists of Arlane Piner, a Fort Eustis housewife and former instructor for H&R Block, Lee Osborne, Walt Palmer, Craig Smith, Warren Aldrich, and Ken Kopocis. These are just six of the 17 reasons why old Henry Block can expect to be driving that ermine-lined Rolls after the 1979 tax year.