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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

From Saturday, August 29, through Sunday, September 13, 1992, the Law Library is conducting an amnesty program for the return of overdue or missing Law Library materials. The circulation staff will clear all overdue fines or missing book charges on materials returned during this time period. A book truck will be placed in the Library lobby where patrons may place returned materials. Reserve books checked out during this period are due within four hours and will accrue fines since these books are in heavy demand for class use.

During the past several years, more than 175 books have been reported as missing from the collection or are listed as long overdue. The amnesty program is an attempt to recover such material. Books still listed as missing after the amnesty will be repurchased if possible (at considerable expense) or the subscription canceled and the title withdrawn from the LION database.

Swem Library books and overdue fines for Swem material **ARE NOT** included in this amnesty. For more information contact the Law Library Circulation Department at 221-3260. ...MR

FEATURE FILMS ON VIDEO

The Law Library has a growing videotape collection of feature films that focus on the legal field or lawyers. Currently, the collection contains more than 60 titles in VHS format which are available to Law School faculty, students, and staff for a 24-hour loan period. The videos are kept on reserve and may be checked out at the circulation desk.

Rooms 244 and 245 in the Library are equipped with VCRs and monitors for patrons' viewing needs and may be reserved at the circulation desk. Of course, patrons may take videos home for viewing in a more comfortable setting.

An annotated list of films is located at the circulation desk. Each video entry includes rating, length, cast, plot and call number. LION (the online catalog) may also be searched by title to determine whether the Library owns a particular video.

Some of the more recent films include The Accused, Presumed Innocent, and Reversal of Fortune. Classics, such as To Kill a Mockingbird, Inherit the Wind, and Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, are also available for your viewing pleasure. So, for a well-deserved break from the rigors of law school, check out a video!
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LIBRARY STAPLERS

At the request of Joe Cartee, SBA President, the Library repurchased a heavy duty stapler and several small staplers for the use of students. With the SBA's support, the Library will

discontinue this service if the staplers are destroyed or removed from the Library.

The staplers provided function only with a limited number of sheets. The small staplers accept up to ten sheets and the heavy duty stapler accepts up to 100 sheets. Please do not force too many sheets into a stapler. Circulation assistants will refill the staplers. Report any problems to the circulation desk.

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THE MEN BEHIND THE BUSTS

Background

On September 24, 1954, the Marshall-Wythe School of Law celebrated the Marshall Wythe Blackstone Commemorative Ceremonies. These ceremonies honored the beginning of the John Marshall Bicentennial Year, the 175th Anniversary of the First Chair of Law in the United States, and the Creation of a Chair of Taxation at the College of William and Mary. As part of these festivities, the three marble busts now located in the Law School lobby were dedicated.

The Artist

Dr. Felix W. de Weldon was commissioned by the William and Mary Law School Association to sculpt the marble busts depicting John Marshall, George Wythe, and Sir William Blackstone. Probably his most famous work is the statue of the Marines raising our flag at Iwo Jima. He also sculpted many distinguished individuals in both Europe and America.

Dr. de Weldon was present at the Commemorative Ceremonies when his creations were unveiled for the first time. At the dedication, he shared his artistic interpretations with the gathered audience. He explained how he used photographs of old engravings and biographical information in carving the portrait busts.

Sir William Blackstone

Sir William Blackstone is probably best known as the author of the Commentaries on the Laws of England. He was the first professor of the Vinerian Chair of English law at Oxford, which was the first chair of law in the English-speaking world. The chair of law at William and Mary was modeled on the Vinerian Chair.

In carving the bust of Sir William Blackstone, de Weldon relied on numerous portraits, including a portrait by Gainsborough. He attempted "to portray his brilliance and lucidity of mind as well as his simplicity and charm of manner." Lord Goddard, the Lord Chief Justice of England, presented the bust to the Law School.

George Wythe

George Wythe was born in 1726 in the County of Elizabeth City, Virginia, near Hampton. In 1779, he was elected to the newly created Chair of Law and Police, becoming the first occupant of a chair of law in America. He held this position for ten years until he was appointed sole Chancellor of the High Court of Chancery, which necessitated his moving to Richmond. Wythe was renowned as a great teacher, as evidenced by the following excerpt from a letter: "Nothing would advance me faster in the world, than the reputation of having been educated by Mr. Wythe, for such a man as he casts light upon all around him." Alonzo Dill, George Wythe: Teacher of Liberty 43 (1979) (quoting letter from William Munford to John Coalter, June 13, 1790 in Brown, Coalter, Tucker papers, Swem Library, College of William and Mary). One of the mysteries surrounding Wythe is the missing folio volume of his law lectures and essays, which disappeared sometime after 1810.

De Weldon described George Wythe as an average man with exceptional qualities that he tried to portray in his sculpture of him. He wanted to impart Wythe's qualities of impartiality, logic, virtue, justice, and integrity in his carving. Justice C. Vernon Spratley of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals presented the bust of George Wythe.

John Marshall

John Marshall received his only formal education as a student under George Wythe in 1780. His illustrious career culminated in 34 years as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Marshall died on July 6, 1835, and two days later the Liberty Bell cracked upon tolling his death.

Chief Justice John Marshall's characteristics of good nature, serenity of spirit, and leadership were captured in de Weldon's sculpture. De Weldon also commented upon Marshall's health of body and handsome countenance in describing his approach to carving this great man. Honorable Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States, presented the bust of Marshall.

Conclusion

The heritage of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law is represented by the busts of Blackstone, Marshall, and Wythe, three men who were instrumental to the founding of the study of law at William and Mary. Their marble presence in the modern lobby juxtapositions the early days of the law program and the present reputation and strengths of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law.

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OVERDUE FINES

In May the Law Library discontinued the overdue fine policy for materials checked out from the general circulating collection. However, when a book is reported as long overdue, the patron will receive an invoice for the cost of replacing the book.

Reserve materials continue to accrue overdue fines in the amount of \$1.00 per hour if not returned within four hours. Reserve materials were not included in the no fine policy since these materials are frequently requested by students.

Materials checked out from the Swem Library will accrue overdue fines in the amount of .20 cents per day.

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BITS & BYTES

Computer Lab. Returning students will notice some changes in the Marshall-Wythe Law Library Computer Lab. This summer the Department of Technology Support added several upgrades to the Lab. The most obvious change is the upgrade to DOS 5.0 and a new menu system. Another less noticeable change involved equipping the network fileserver with a larger and faster hard drive. The new hard drive allows us to install additional software applications. Software available on the LAN this year includes Wordperfect 5.1, Paradox 3.5, Quattro Pro, Procomm+ 2.0, and CALI (interactive legal instruction). We also replaced the HP Rugged Writer draft printers with new Epson printers which produce a better print quality. Finally, we installed five additional computer terminals in typing rooms P-T on the second floor of the Law Library. These terminals are also connected to the LAN and will print to the printers in the Lab.

To assist students and faculty with their computer needs, we have established the Marshall-Wythe Law Library Computer Services (MWLL Computer Services). Coordinated by Mary Grace Hune, the group will provide computer services such as software application assistance, data recovery, training, and virus detection. The MWLL Computer Services Office is located in Room 248 on the second floor of the Law Library. For a complete description of services provided pick up a copy of our new brochure in the rack outside the Reference Department.

Bitnet and Internet E-mail Access. From the "Communications" menu in the MWLL Computer Lab students can access the campus electronic mail (E-mail) system. The College maintains both Bitnet and Internet nodes. Every student is assigned a userid to access the E-mail system. The list of userids is kept in the MWLL Computer Services Office in Room 248. Students unfamiliar with E-mail may wish to attend an E-mail training class. If you would like to know more about accessing E-mail services, see one of the student

consultants in the MWLL Computer Services Office.

Orientation and Training. Throughout the year MWLL Computer Services provide opportunities to learn more about using computers to aid in the study and practice of law. September classes will include an Orientation to the MWLL Computer Lab, an Introduction to Wordperfect 5.1, and Using Wordperfect 5.1 in Your Job Search. To reserve a space in any of the September classes, sign your name in the Computer Services Sign-up Book located at the circulation desk.

Computer Skills Surveys. All first year law students should return their computer skills surveys to Mary Grace Hune in the Reference Department in the Law Library. We use the surveys to schedule training classes.

LEXIS & WESTLAW Printing. The various "stand-up" LEXIS and WESTLAW terminals located in the Library stacks have been programmed to automatically input a generic password. Some of these terminals have also been equipped with printers. Students and faculty members using these terminals will only be able to print screens to the printer or log screens to disk. These terminals will be most useful for quickly locating a cite to a reported case or to print a list of citations. Students and faculty using the terminals located in the CALR Learning Center and in typing rooms F-I on the main floor will need to input a personal password to log on to the system. Printing from these terminals will include printing screens to the attached printer, logging screens to disk, downloading documents to disk, or printing documents to the stand-alone printer. Also WESTLAW has installed the new "double column" printing on its laser printers. Please note that we will continue to monitor printing and will cancel print jobs when they violate Library policies, such as printing documents located in bound reporters, law journals, or other Library materials. Similarly, if you print something to the printer attached to the terminal and don't take it with you, it will be discarded by Library staff. Prints sent to the stand alone printers will be collected and sorted by the student LEXIS and

WESTLAW representatives and placed in file folders in the CALR Learning Center. Our goal in the Library is to try to prepare students for life beyond Marshall-Wythe. Please remember that law firms seriously object to associates wasting client money by indiscriminately printing everything they retrieve from online research. Practice good online habits and print only what is not available in the Library.

Password Distribution. WESTLAW and LEXIS passwords for 2L's and 3L's will remain the same as last year and will be reactivated on August 24. If you are a 2L or 3L and did not receive a personal password for LEXIS or WESTLAW last year you may pick one up the week of August 24. A table will be available up in the Law School lobby for password distribution. Software to access both systems from home computers also will be distributed the first week of classes. 1L's will receive passwords when they attend the Introduction to Computerized Research later in September.

Online Job Searching. In September representatives from LEXIS and WESTLAW will be available to provide training in the use of online research systems to assist students in job searches. The LEXIS representative will demonstrate Martindale-Hubbell online on September 2, at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. in room 119. A WESTLAW representative will demonstrate the use of West's NALP database on September 16, at 1:00, 3:00, and 4:00 p.m. in room 119. If you are preparing to send out resumés or interview, you won't want to miss the opportunity to learn how to use online research in this process. ...MGH

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