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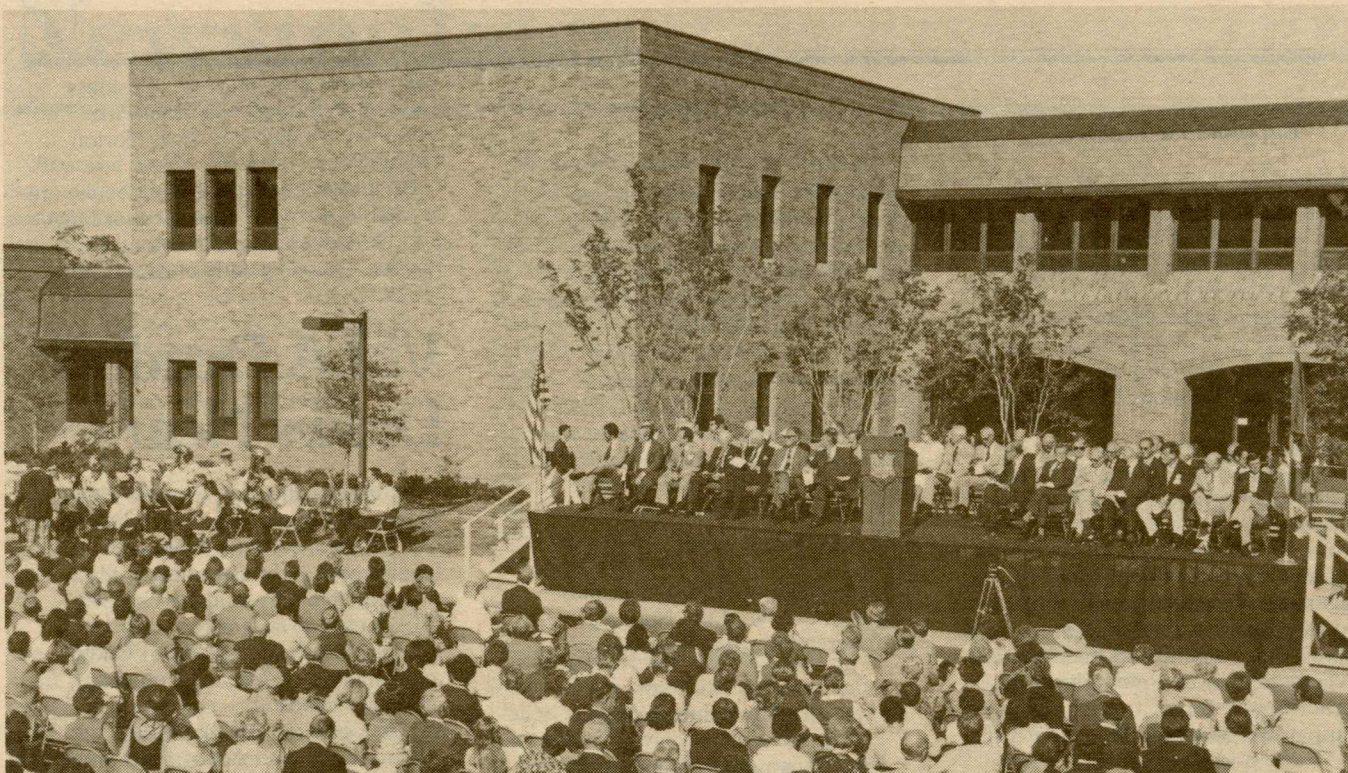
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There was a large audience for the dedication program which was held Saturday afternoon, capping Burgess Day Celebrations at the College. The response was equally enthusiastic Sunday for the community Open House.

Professorships Named for Godwin, Bryan

Two new professorships at the Law School were announced at the dedication ceremonies.

Three of the state's most influential businessmen have pledged to contribute over \$100,000 to establish the professorship honoring the two-time governor. Contributions have been committed by Lawrence Lewis, Jr., a Richmond financier; the Noland Company Foundation under the leadership of Lloyd U. Noland, Jr., of Newport News, chairman of the board of Noland Company; and R. R. Smith, chairman of the board of Smith's Transfer Corporation of Stanton.

Income from the endowment created by Lewis, Noland and Smith will be eligible for matching funds from the State's Eminent Scholars Program to attract and to retain respected legal scholars to occupy the Godwin Professorship.

The professorship honors one of Virginia's most respected and popular political leaders in the 20th century. Godwin attended William and Mary during the thirties and has demonstrated a keen interest and dedication to the growth and the success of his alma mater.

During Godwin's first term as Governor from 1966-1970, he helped to oversee a period of careful growth at the College, including much of the construction of what is now known as the "new campus." Soon after he left the Governor's Mansion after his second term from 1974-1978, Godwin donated his extensive collection of papers and documents to William and Mary's archives.

Godwin's business and public service career has been centered in Virginia, encompassing private law practice, farming, and public service—first as a legislator and then as the state's 66th and 68th Governor. He is the only person twice elected to serve in Virginia's top office.

Godwin served in Virginia's legislature for 12 years; first as a member of the House of Delegates from 1948 to 1952, and then as a state senator from 1952 to 1961. He was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1961, and to his first term as Governor in 1965. He was re-elected Governor of Virginia in 1973.

His business affiliations are extensive. He currently serves on the Boards of Directors of Union Camp Corporation;

Standard Brands, Inc.; Royster Co., Inc.; Virginia National Bankshares; and Dan River, Inc.

He also has been active in civic and educational affairs. He is a past president of Ruritan National. The Godwin Professorship has been created "to memorialize the sterling leadership which he gave the Commonwealth of Virginia in his two terms as Governor; to recognize his stance for honest, fiscally responsible and efficient government; and, in general, to salute the faithful, valuable service that he, throughout his long and distinguished public career, rendered the Commonwealth and all its citizens."

The family of former William and Mary President John Stewart Bryan has pledged \$100,000 to the College to establish a new professorship of Law.

D. Tennant Bryant of Richmond, chairman of the board of Media General, Mrs. Amanda B. Kane of Charlottesville, and Mrs. Elizabeth G. Henry of New York City, have provided endowment funds to support the new John Stewart Bryan Professorship of Jurisprudence.

After serving on the College's Board

of Visitors, John Stewart Bryan became president of the College from 1934 to 1942. As a newspaper publisher in Richmond, he achieved a national reputation for sound and creative journalism. He was one of Richmond's most respected civic leaders and an avid supporter of the study of colonial history.

When Bryan became president of William and Mary in 1934 the economy of the nation was beginning to move upward from the depths of the Great Depression. Bryan's first objective as President was to increase the size and to improve the quality of the faculty. His appointments fulfilled his objectives, and the impact of the "new faculty" was felt for years beyond his presidency. He strengthened existing departments and virtually created the department of fine arts with its divisions of music, theatre, and painting, architecture and sculpture.

The most evident influence of President Bryan in the faculty and students of the College was in the area of morale and spirit. His presidency was truly an "era of good feeling." For many it was a "golden age" of the College.



One of the points of interest visitors toured following the dedication ceremony was the Moot Court Room of the new building, one of the finest facilities of its kind in the country. Visitors above include (l-r) President Graves, former Virginia Governors J. Lindsay Almond, Mills E. Godwin and Albertis S. Harrison, and Dean Spong.

Large Crowds Turn Out For Weekend Festivities

Law School Dedication - A Dream Fulfilled

On behalf of the students and faculty of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, this building is accepted with profound thanks that the dreams of many are today fulfilled. It is accepted as a gift from the people of Virginia. Our gratitude is accompanied by resolve to use this splendid facility for the benefit of many in addition to those who study here.

The long history of legal education at William and Mary, replete with instances of survival despite adversity, is on a plateau. A struggle for adequate facilities is ended. Today is a beginning. A higher plateau of excellence and service is reachable.

We are proud of the greatness of those associated with the inception of legal instruction here and mindful of the efforts of those who revived and kept alive an oft-flickering flame. But the eyes of our faculty and students are understandably to the future. How this building is used will determine if we are worthy of our rich heritage, worthy of the long struggle for survival and worthy of the faith of the people of this commonwealth.

Having looked to the future, it is perhaps contradictory to turn to Thomas Jefferson. I do so in the context of criticism presently leveled at the legal profession, particularly at legal education, and I do so mindful that there is much the law schools should do to sharpen oral and written skills and to examine more carefully the moral and mental fitness of students for the practice of law. As you know, it was

Governor Jefferson who advocated university related legal education resulting in the appointment of George Wythe in 1779 to the first chair of law in America.

Jefferson's hopes and thoughts are matters of record: In 1780, he wrote James Madison that the new studies at William and Mary, "by throwing from time to time new hands, well-principled and well-informed, into the legislature" . . . would have beneficial results for the new commonwealth. Later, in 1787, he wrote: "carry on the study of law with that of politics and history. Every political measure will, forever, have an intimate connection with the law of the land; and he, who knows nothing of these, will always be perplexed and often foiled by adversaries having the advantage of that knowledge."

What would Thomas Jefferson think today? Unquestionably, he would be surprised to hear his wisdom on a variety of subjects quoted and hailed by persons of every philosophy. He would recognize the intellectual laziness presently abroad in the land. This would be familiar but there are new manifestations. For instance, the belief that serious national problems can be solved by a sixty second television commercial. Jefferson would be fascinated by the technological wonders of television and the telephone, but saddened that such wonders seem to have relieved much of the need to read and write, and that, despite general acceptance of his pleas for universal education, aptitudes scores are declining and illiteracy levels remain appallingly

high. Can you hear Jefferson wondering aloud if his friend Madison, and the other constitutional fathers, foresaw the likes of Walter Cronkite? But Jefferson would be pleased to find the better law schools eschewing calls for predominately artisan education, and determined to encourage students to think, to make decisions, to reason and to lead. He would understand the importance of young men and women being taught to exercise dispassionate analysis.

This building will enable William and Mary to serve the bench and bar of Virginia. The library, moot court facilities and proximity to the National Center for State Courts offer opportunities for contribution to our nation's system of justice. These facilities provide a forum in which bright students and teachers may flower and grow. From here will go forth young men and women to be servants of the law. Some, as Thomas Jefferson believed, will enter public service, offering leadership as well as counsel.

We are grateful to many on this platform and in this audience, and others with us in spirit, who have made this occasion possible. Today, we dedicate this building to service, to the preservation of the rule of law in a free society, and to the enlightenment of young men and women.

Thank you.

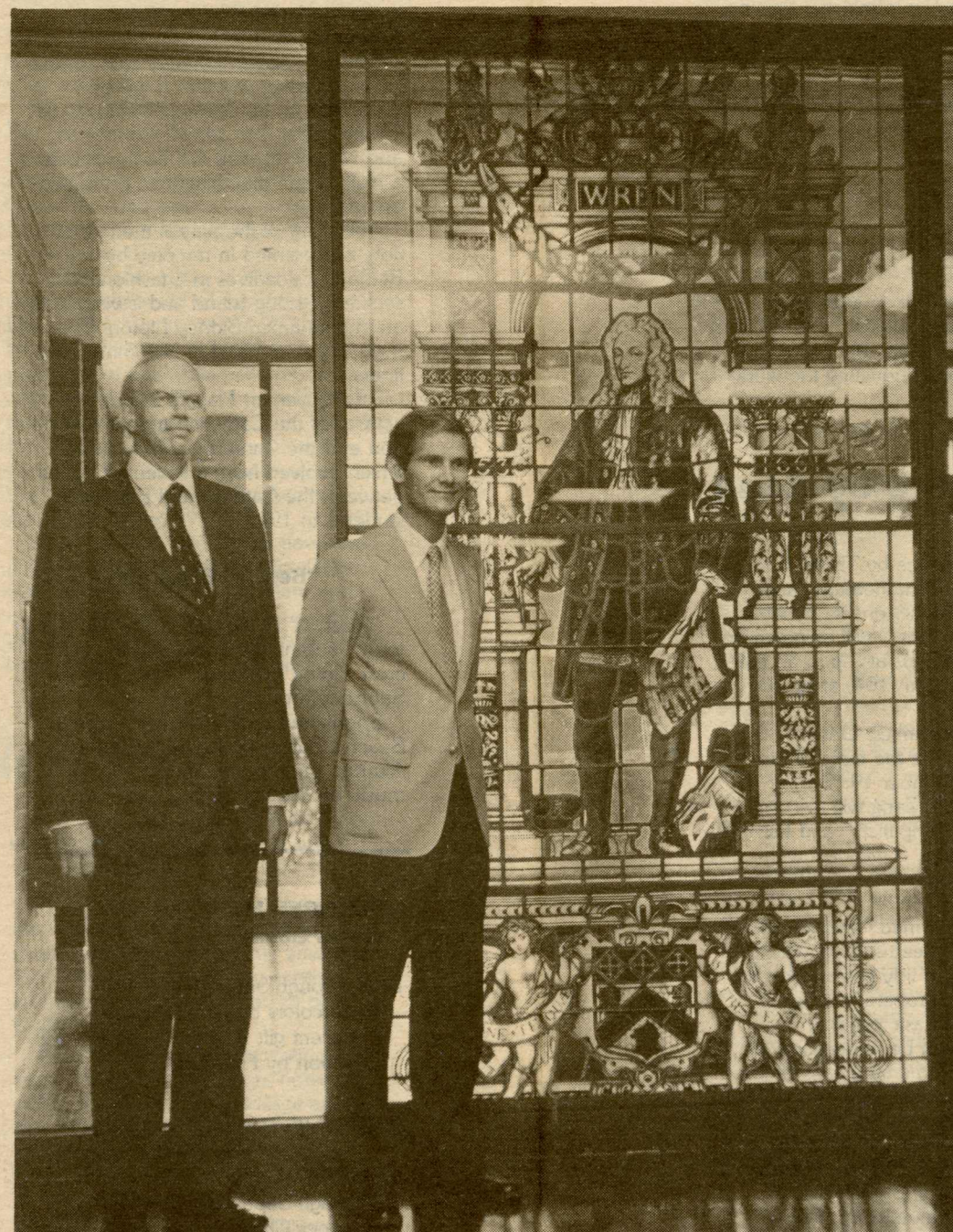
Dean William B. Spong, Jr.
Marshall-Wythe School of Law
September 13, 1980

Bicentennial, Dedication Gifts

On behalf of the students and faculty of the Law School, special expressions of appreciation for the many gifts and donations made as part of the bicentennial celebration of the establishment of the first chair of law in America at William and Mary and the dedication of the new law building were Saturday to the following:

- Warden F. P. Neill, Q.C., the faculty and fellows of All Souls College, Oxford University, for the Blackstone and Wythe stained glass windows at the north end of the foyer.
- Robert Friend Boyd, Class of 1952, and Sara Miller Boyd, Class of 1955, for the David Silvette portrait of George Wythe, now hanging in the north part of the foyer.
- Judge Robert T. Armistead, Class of 1937, and Laetitia Armistead Hanson, Class of 1938, for the collection of books to be designated as the Armistead Collection and displayed in memory of Robert Henry Armistead, Class of 1832.
- Lena Stratton Baran, Class of 1936, and Daniel W. Baran of San Mateo, Ca., for a contribution that enables the law school to replicate the law library of Thomas Jefferson. This donation was made in honor of Mrs. Baran's sons, Ralph Alexander Elmore, III, Class of 1970, and Donald Stratton Elmore, Class of 1976.
- To the Cabell Foundation of Richmond, the Kresge Foundation and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, for contributions and grants that have made it possible to enlarge and equip the Moot Courtroom and adjacent court facilities.
- To the Trustees of the Jessie Ball duPont Religious, Charitable and Educational Fund of Jacksonville, Fla., for a gift establishing the Ball Professor of Law in Taxation.
- To David Tennant Bryant of Richmond, Amanda Bryan Kane of Charlottesville, and Elizabeth G. Henry of New York City, for contributions enabling the College of William and Mary to establish the John Stewart Bryan Professorship of Jurisprudence in honor of the twentieth President of the College of William and Mary.
- To Lloyd U. Noland, Jr., of Newport News, R. R. Smith of Staunton, and Lawrence Lewis, Jr., of Richmond, for contributions enabling the College of William and Mary to establish the Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Professorship of Law in honor of the distinguished former Governor of Virginia.
- To the Virginia Lawyers Wives, for contributions to purchase the judge's bench in the Moot Courtroom.

- Louis Ellenson, Class of 1950, and Goldye Ellenson, for their gift of early American legal documents on display in the conference room.
- Dr. William F. Swindler, John Marshall Professor of Law, Emeritus, for the print of Thomas Jefferson, hanging in the Rare Book Room.
- Mr. Jules Horlick of Coral Gables, Fla., for the painting of the John Marshall Court by Betty Wells of Baltimore, now hanging in the corridor of the administrative offices.
- Mrs. Hilda D. Gantt of Towson, Maryland, and the estate of Paul H. Gantt, for contributions for the purchase of books for the library of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, in memory of the late Paul H. Gantt, Class of 1942.
- Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sacalis of Williamsburg, for contributions to purchase books for the library of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law.
- The William and Mary Law School Association, the Marshall-Wythe faculty and Fieldcrest Mills, Eden, N.C., for the rugs in the foyer of the law building.
- Richard C. Marshall, Jr., of Norfolk, and members of the Marshall Family for loan of the John Wesley Jarvis portrait of John Marshall, hanging in the Rare Book Room.



Warden F. P. Neill, Q.C. of All Souls College, Oxford University, (l) was a special guest at the dedication. Neill is pictured with John Pagan, a member of the law faculty who attended Oxford University, by one of two stained glass windows presented by All Souls to Marshall-Wythe. The Wren and Blackstone windows have been installed as a focal point of the foyer in the new building and lead into the moot courtroom area.



Dean Spong holds the key to the new law school building which he received at dedication ceremonies Saturday.

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