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J. D. DEGREES OPEN TO PAST B. C. L’s

In November, 1968 the College Board of Visitors approved the proposal of the Law School faculty that the degree of Juris Doctor be made retroactive for those holders of the Bachelor of Civil Law degree who wish to apply for it. The Law School Association has distributed a letter to all alumni describing the procedure to be followed, with deadline of March 15, 1969.

The J. D. degree was introduced in lieu of the B. C. L. in June, 1967. More than half of the accredited law schools in the United States have now made the transfer to a professional doctorate recognizing the extent of postgraduate study required for the law degree.

As noted in the mailing to alumni, a printed application is to be filled out by interested parties, and returned to Professor Emeric Fischer, secretary-treasurer, by March 15. A check for $25 to cover the printing and handling charges is to accompany the application.

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CURTIS LEAVING LAW SCHOOL

The College of William and Mary announced early in February the resignation of Joseph Curtis as dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law.

The resignation was attributed to “personal reasons” by Dean Curtis who will become dean of the School of Law at the University of Baltimore when his resignation becomes effective this summer. No successor has been named.

The University of Baltimore is a private, co-educational institution of approximately 4,000 students. Its president is Dr. Thomas G. Pullen Jr., an alumnus of William and Mary.

Dean Curtis joined the law faculty at William and Mary in 1948 as an associate professor after practicing law in New York City and serving as the administrative assistant to the dean of the New York University School of Law.

He was promoted to full professor in 1953 and assumed the acting deanship of the Marshall-Wythe

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Dean Joseph Curtis and Law Library Director Anna B. Johnson, with John Marshall looking on, accept a gift from another alumnus, Harvey Chappell, '50. The two volumes of the TRIAL MANUAL FOR THE DEFENSE OF CRIMINAL CASES were presented by the American College of Trial Lawyers, of which Chappell is a member.

PAD CONCLAVE HERE FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2

A father-and-son reunion will be one of the human interest features of the twentieth annual conclave of Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity in Williamsburg February 28 through March 3. William L. Scott, Jr., is a law student and member of the host chapter, while his father, United States Congressman William L. Scott, Sr., has been chosen by Wythe Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta National Legal Fraternity to address the Saturday evening session of the regional conclave March 1.

William and Mary was chosen last year as the site of the conclave which brings together law schools from districts XIII and XIV of the fraternity which encompasses the five-state area of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and the District of Columbia.

The conclave activities will take place at the newly-completed "Cascades" facilities near the Motor House. Registration will begin Friday afternoon, February 28, and will be followed by a model initiation, cocktail hour and dance. Hopefully the model initiation can be held in the Great Hall in the Wren Building by candlelight.

Saturday activities will include business sessions, messages from national PAD officers, chapter workshops and reports from chapter committees and a separate tour for the visiting ladies. Luncheon speaker for the day will be John E. Donaldson of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law and newly appointed assistant vice-president of the College of William and Mary.

The afternoon lectures will include talks on the practical benefits of legal fraternity membership, with particular emphasis on Phi Alpha Delta membership, the selection of next year's conclave site and the election of Student District Officers to serve for the coming year.

This year's District Officers from William and Mary are Rob Elliott, regional student justice, Bill Scott, regional secretary and Jim Swigart, regional treasurer.

After the business sessions the delegates are expected to take out a couple of hours to tour the historic city and return for dinner, an address by Congressman Scott, cocktails and dancing.

Sunday morning there will be a breakfast for old and new district officers, chapter justices, district officers and alumni officers and representatives.

"Plans for the conclave seem to be going very well," Elliott said, "and we may have to raise early estimates of 50 delegates, it looks like we may get 50 from the Washington area alone." He lauded the fine work being done by both Scott and Swigart and praised their continuing dedication to the work of the fraternity on the district level.

The meeting marks the first time in several years that William and Mary has captured the honor of hosting the conclave. The site choice is a coveted one and is the top honor that can be bestowed by the region on an individual chapter.

Other regional officers include law students from Catholic University, The West Virginia University, University of Maryland, Georgetown University, Howard University, University of Richmond, George Washington University, and the University of North Carolina.
Del. Kenneth N. Whitehurst, Jr. of Virginia Beach, a 1966 graduate of the Law School, received the outstanding alumni award of the George Wythe Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta at a ceremony in the Great Hall of the Sir Christopher Wren Building in December, Harry Saunders, justice of the local PAD chapter, made the presentation. Whitehurst, who was one of the main forces in the legislative provision for completion of the Law Building, was cited for "vigorous service... and for the credit he is to the legal profession."

LAW BUILDING NOW "TWO THIRDS" DONE

Although the first week of the second semester found law classes still scattered about the campus, the reason was that the four classrooms in the Law School building—Marshall-Wythe Hall—were getting attractive new furnishings which were ready by Tuesday of the second week. Thereupon, after having moved into the first "third" of the building in September 1967, all law classes for the first time were accommodated under their own roof.

Most students and faculty agree that the facilities were worth waiting for. The classrooms have permanent table-desks, best suited for the copious working materials used by law students, with attached swivel chairs. On the third floor—the "attic" of the old library—are spacious offices for the Law Review staff, a large student lounge, an office for the Student Bar Association and the law fraternities, a snack room, and three faculty offices.

The second-floor quarters temporarily occupied by the Law Review are now being fitted for the permanent use of the faculty library, while the former S. B. A. room will become a seminar. New furniture for faculty offices, the seminar and the special lounge on the first floor is momentarily being expected.

The Law Building now lacks only the final touches on the moot court room, a 150-seat facility with wood paneled three-judge bench and boxes for witnesses and jury in trial practice work. It is expected that this will be completed in time for the annual meeting of the Law School Association April 26.

HARVARD LAW PROF TO GET 1969 MEDAL

The third annual presentation of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law Medallion will be made to A. James Casner, Weld Professor of Law and Associate Dean of the Harvard Law School, at the annual luncheon of the Law School Association on April 26. Professor Casner, a nationally recognized authority in the fields of property and estate planning, follows Norris Darrell, president of the American Law Institute, and Roger J. Traynor, Chief Justice of California, the first two medal recipients.

The bronze medal, bearing on the obverse the bas relief profiles of John Marshall and George Wythe, was originated by the Law School faculty as a means of extending recognition by the nation's first law school to nationally known figures in practice, on the bench or in legal education.

Professor Casner received his A.B. and LL.B. degrees from the University of Illinois, his M.A. from Harvard and his S. J. D. from Columbia University. A member of the Illinois, Maryland and Massachusetts bars, he had taught at Illinois, Maryland and Columbia before going to Harvard in 1938. He became Associate Dean in 1961. His books include a casebook on property law, the definitive American Law of Property, and a casebook on Estate Planning. He is a member of the Order of the Coif, the American Law Institute, and chairman of the editorial board of Little, Brown & Company.

Full details of the Law School Association meeting, with the annual luncheon as the climactic feature, will be announced in the next issue of the NEWS LETTER.
LAW SCHOOL TO ASSIST U. S. COURT STUDY

A fifty-state study of post-conviction remedies, prefatory to an ultimate drafting of a uniform rule on habeas corpus petitions in the United States District Courts, is being undertaken this spring by the Law School in association with the Federal Judicial Center in Washington. The Center is an agency created last year to conduct continuing studies into problems of improving the administration of justice in the federal judiciary, and is under the direction of retired Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark.

The efficient and just processing of state prisoner petitions by the federal courts has become an increasingly acute problem in recent years, particularly since the so-called "triology" of Supreme Court decisions in 1963 which comprehensively restated federal habeas corpus law. The thrust of these three cases — Fay v. Noia, Townsend v. Swain and Sanders v. United States — was to define the conditions under which state courts should conduct review of convictions and provide a record which would establish that adequate safeguards had been provided to warrant denial of relief in the federal courts.

The Judicial Center's advisory committee on federal-state relations has selected this subject as one with the greatest urgency for early study. The plan as now proposed is for students in the Marshall-Wythe School of Law — primarily the section on judicial administration in the course in Legal Profession — to search the statutes and rules of court for the fifty states to determine the post-conviction remedies available in all of them. Further inquiry as to actual practice as distinguished from statutes and rules will be made. Students will also engage in intensive reading of professional literature on the subject, so that when all of the data have been assembled a "scale of adequacy" can be constructed as a medium for evaluating the post-conviction procedures as documented.

Meantime, the staff of the Federal Judicial Center will be gathering data on habeas corpus practices in the various federal courts. From this information another "scale of adequacy" will be constructed, taking into consideration the number of petitions filed, the prison population within the district, and other pertinent factors. This scale will make possible the evaluation of the activity of the federal judiciary in this area.

When both parts of the research have then been brought together, a comparative analysis can be made. From this analysis certain hypotheses will be drawn. Field studies by law students, perhaps in the summer of 1969, will then test the hypotheses through on-the-spot interviews and observations in districts and states which measure relatively high or low on the scales. Ultimately, it is expected that through the Federal Judicial Center a series of meetings between state and federal judges can be arranged to seek to implement the most acceptable rules for post-conviction review.
LAW REVIEW DISCUSSES STATE CONSTITUTION

The annual review of Current Constitutional Issues features the Winter 1968 issue of the William and Mary Law Review, which has recently been published. Because of the timeliness of several parts of this issue, for the benefit of the special session of the Virginia General Assembly called to consider the draft of the Virginia Commission on Constitutional Revision, copies of the issue have been sent to all members of the special session.

Four items relate to state constitutions: “The Working of the New Jersey Constitution of 1947,” by John E. Bobot and Joseph Harrison of Rutgers; “New York State Constitutional Reform — Past Political Battles in Constitutional Language,” by Richard I. Nunez of the graduate study center in Albany, N. Y.; “Why the Proposed Maryland Constitution was not Approved,” by Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., president of the University of Baltimore and a delegate to the Maryland constitutional convention. The fourth item introduces a new, occasional department in the Law Review to be designated the Documentary Supplement; the first subject in this department is “The Virginia Constitution: A Documentary Analysis.”


STUDENT BAR HOSTS "QUINT" CONFERENCE

Some forty law schools are expected to be represented in the three-circuit conference of student bar associations which is scheduled for the Cascades Conference Center in Williamsburg March 6-8. The Marshall-Wythe Student Bar Association will act as host to the group from the Third, Fourth and Fifth Circuits.

Main speaker of the conference will be Bernard Siegel of Philadelphia, president-elect of the American Bar Association. With the present president, William T. Gossett of Detroit, having been on campus last fall to give the second annual Sherwell Lecture, the Law School’s contact with the executives of the A. B. A. will have set some kind of a record within a single academic year.

Gil Bartlett, third-year law student and national vice-president for the Fourth Circuit, is in charge of the general arrangements for the Williamsburg meeting.

Among other students and alumni of the Law School participating in the program for the two-day sessions are Glenn J. Sedam, Jr., senior law student and chairman of the A. B. A. student division committee on international programs, who will give one of the five major committee reports on March 7. On March 8, two alumni will be among four panelists on a seminar, “After Law School, Where?” They are J. R. Zepkin, Jr. of Williamsburg, who has also been a lecturer at the Law School this year; and Sam T. Beale, III, of Richmond.

A sample copy of the new certificate prepared for students who complete the course of study in the summer programs in Exeter. All students in the 1967 and 1968 programs will receive a copy, as well as those who attend in 1969.
FOUR ALUMNI NAMED TO LOCAL JUDGESHIPS

Four alumni have recently been named to judgeships in communities in the Lower Peninsula.

One Law School graduate succeeded another when Henry D. Kashouty, '51, took over as judge of the Hampton traffic and municipal court from Robert E. Quinn, '56.

Another post as municipal judge in Newport News was taken over by W. Robert Phelps, Jr., '52, while a new municipal judgeship in Hampton was filled by Wesley R. Cofer, Jr., '59.

Henry D. Kashouty was named as judge of the municipal court for York County.

LEGAL FRATERNITIES HOLD '69 PLEDGING

Fifty-one law students were pledged to the two legal fraternities in February, in sessions held simultaneously in the Great Hall and the Chapel of the Sir Christopher Wren Building. Thirty-six men were announced as pledges by the Thomas Jefferson Inn of Phi Delta Phi, and fifteen men were tapped by the George Wythe Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, PAD, following a practice introduced last year, also inviting six women students of the first year class into honorary membership.

The pledge classes are as follows:


ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Otto Lowe, Jr., '58, has been made a partner in the brokerage firm of Goodbody and Co. in New York City.

J. Robert Bray, '65, is counsel to the Virginia State Ports Authority, covering a wide variety of transportation affairs and including air-transportance before the Federal Maritime Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Carl H. Oldham, '66, is in general practice in Hendersonville, Tenn., a suburb of Nashville.

Paul H. Gantt, '42, has been elected vice president of the Federal Professional Association.

Joel Shapiro, '66, and Peter Brocoletti, '67, on February 1 joined with Norfolk attorney Philip Myers to form the new firm of Shapiro, Myers and Brocoletti.

Bruce W. Margulies, '66, has been trust administrator for the Southern Bank of Norfolk since October, 1967.

Wallace R. Heatwole, '50, is president of the Augusta County Bar Association which will act as host to the Virginia State Bar meeting in May. He is serving his second term as national chairman of the American Heart Association fund raising advisory and policy committee.

Alfred D. Swersky, '67, on March 1 will become Assistant United States Attorney in Alexandria.

Joseph C. Wool, '64, has joined the firm of McGuire, Woods and Battle with offices in Richmond and Charlottesville.

Robert D. Marshall, Jr., '67, died after a brief illness in December. Funeral services and burial were in Williamsburg.

Gregory P. Evans, '65, has recently completed his tour of duty with JAG and is associated with the Arlington firm of Simmons, Colburn, Towner and Carman. Edd Walter, '66, is another member of this firm.

R. Harvey Chappell, '50, has recently been elected president of the Richmond Bar Association.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Feb. 28—Phi Alpha Delta Conclave.
Mar. 6—Quint Circuit Conference.
Mar. 7—Virginia Trial Lawyers Conference.
Mar. 10—Concentrated Course in Government Contracts (Florida).
Apr. 18—Law Review Awards Dinner.
Apr. 26—Law School Association Annual Meeting.

SHANNON, '52, TO S.C.C. POST

Preston C. Shannon, '52, an attorney with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, has been named commerce counsel of the State Corporation Commission, effective January 1.

Announcement of Shannon's appointment was made by Jesse W. Dillon, chairman of the SCC.

Shannon, 43, succeeded William C. Seibert, who had been commerce counsel since 1946. Seibert has been with the SCC since March 1, 1925.

Shannon joined the C&O in 1957. He was appointed commerce attorney for the C&O and its affiliated Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in July of 1968.

He has frequently appeared before the SCC in railroad cases and has been admitted to practice before the Interstate Commerce Commission.
Although no one has asked for a copy suitable for framing, the full-length photograph of current full-time members of the Law School faculty which originally appeared in last fall's ALUMNI GAZETTE attracted so much favorable comment that it has been reproduced here as part of the record of the NEWS LETTER. Dean Joseph Curtis is in the center of the front row, flanked by Associate Dean James P. Whyte and Dr. William F. Swindler. The second row includes Professors Arthur W. Phelps, Emeric Fischer, John E. Donaldson, and Thomas H. Jolls. At the head of the stairs are Professors J. Rodney Johnson, E. Blythe Stason, Jr. and Charles E. Torcia.
CURTIS LEAVING

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School in 1962, succeeding Dudley Woodbridge. Curtis was appointed dean in 1964.

A graduate of New York University where he also received his bachelor and master of law, Curtis is a member of the Virginia and New York Bar Associations. He is author of a number of publications and was appointed last year by Gov. Mills E. Godwin to the Virginia Commission of Conflict of Interest in Public Office.

The Marshall-Wythe Law School has more than doubled in enrollment under Dean Curtis and has nearly doubled in faculty. Under his supervision, the law school has inaugurated the Sherwell Lectures and the Summer Law School abroad program at the University of Exeter in England.

The law school moved in 1967 into remodeled facilities of the old library at William and Mary. Enrollment is approximately 200.

J. D. DEGREE

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The new J. D. degree will bear the signatures of President Davis Y. Paschall, Dean Joseph Curtis, and Registrar Dudley Jensen. It will be dated November 15, 1968, the time of the official Board of Visitors action, and will carry a notation of the date when the original degree was earned.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION
FORMALLY PRESENTED

Ceremonies in the Great Hall of the Sir Christopher Wren Building marked the formal presentation of the report to Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., of the Virginia Commission on Constitutional Revision on January 11. Governor Godwin, Lieutenant Governor Fred Pollard and House of Delegates Speaker John Warren Cook represented the Commonwealth as Mr. Justice Albertis S. Harrison, chairman of the Commission, made the formal presentation.

Prior to the ceremonies, the Commission and counsel met in the Blue Room of the Wren Building for a final business session. Personal copies of the report, with the name of the individual stamped on the cover, were distributed at that time. The group then proceeded to the Great Hall where, amid television lights and a large group of news media representatives, the ceremonies took place.

Acting as hosts for the meeting and dinner which followed was the Board of Visitors of the College, which had been in regular session on campus that weekend. Dr. Davis Y. Paschall, William and Mary president and a member of the Commission, gave remarks of greeting. Among others introduced on this occasion were Dr. William F. Swindler of the law faculty, who served as general counsel to the Commission, and Associate Dean James P. Whyte, who was one of the consultants on the Bill of Rights section.