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the already tight academic calendar facing the law school. Among the proposals being considered by the committee, in fact, is one that would extend the examination period, Williamson said. "That's a real problem because (the academic calendar) is awfully tight now," he said.

At least three other proposals are being considered by the committee, Williamson said. One proposal would build into the examination period, for which no exams are given. If every other or every third day is free of exams, Williamson said, students would have conflicts. This could be accomplished either by extending the period exam or scheduling more exams for the days in which exams are given, he said.

Another proposal would involve using the university's computer facilities to achieve the "best exam schedule" by minimizing actual conflicts in the schedule after students have signed up for their classes. Williamson said that this plan has problems. For example, no one at the law school would know what the exam schedule for a given semester looks like until at least one month into the semester, he said.

In addition, Williamson said that no guarantee exists that such a computerized schedule would actually be the one used for the current one. Those students who did not enroll in the "ideal" classes would then have to reschedule exams Williamson said.

Yet another proposal would involve telling all students what the "administrative exam schedule philosophy" was, Williamson said. He said that nine or ten courses exist that people in the administration think students should take in their second year of law school. If students are aware of this feeling, they would have the option of telling the SBA to reschedule exams for their second year and thus avoid exam conflicts because exams in these courses are now scheduled to be given May 10 prior to the end of the semester.

Conflicts are common because the "core" courses are nine or ten courses, Williamson said. "We don't have any real way to determine just how students will be used," he said.

In any case, Brown said that he does expect one or several recommendations to come from the faculty for action during the academic year on all aspects of exam scheduling. He said there is no plan to "let the problem slide.

SBA president Larry Willis, also attended the meeting at which Brown announced the faculty's recommendations. He said that he had taken recent comments at the meeting that students were concerned about the exam schedule. "No one has come from the faculty on either Holm's proposal or similar proposals," he said.

Williamson pointed out that the faculty had voted within the past few weeks to reaffirm the present policy. One faculty member, described by Brown as the "informed faculty historian," said that at least informal discussions among faculty members before exam scheduling had taken place an on throughout the past couple years.

Williamson also said that no change in exam policy was ever discussed in the SBA. He said that despite reports to the contrary in earlier issues of The Advocate, "there has never been a report that a change in the exam schedule was feasible.

Williamson also pointed out that the exam schedule was not feasible. "Although the SBA has been examined in articles that appeared in issues dated Nov. 6, Nov. 20, and Feb. 22," he said.

(If anything, The Advocate de-emphasized the possibility of any change being made. In the Nov. 6 article former SBA president Rich Patti stated that he was "not optimistic that (Holm's) recommendation would be accepted." In the Nov. 20 article Holm was quoted as saying that the "same basic proposal was submitted to the SBA. The proposal was disapproved as untimely.")

In any case, Brown said that he expects the faculty to take up some of the proposals before the current semester ended.
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The tournament has improved since last year in other respects. The surroundings, of course, are better, and the number of schools participating increased from six to eight. Besides the finalists, the participants included Duke, George Mason, the University of Virginia, Wake Forest, Washington and Lee, and West Virginia University.

New Board Chosen

"We've done a lot better than we ever have!" Moot Court Board Chief Justice Jennie Estes babbled, summing up the school's moot court tournament year. Marshall-Wythe's teams won three of the six tournaments they entered, and compiled an individual match record of twenty-six wins against five losses (see chart). Why the sudden success? Estes believes a new winning attitude is part of the reason. "For the first time, people here think we have a shot at winning every tournament we enter," Estes said. Estes also believes a change in the role of the Moot Court Board has allowed teams to concentrate on research, writing, and arguing. "Last year, the Board had to teach," Estes said. "This year, the Board has been able to concentrate more on the teams."

She continued, "I think we are acting as a board, rather than as individuals. We've met at least once a week, sometimes seven and eight hours at a time. The Board has been responsible and innovative. We haven't fallen into a rut by only considering the same tournaments we usually enter." Estes likes the way the new national teams were chosen. "I think the APBA Advocacy program worked out really well. It's difficult to choose a team from an entire class. But it allowed more people to develop a desire to try out by the time they got through their first round. I think a lot of people are shy, and don't know how good they are until they try it."

Last week, the Moot Court Board chose its successors. They are: Larry Case, Chief Justice; Allen Grossman, Tournament Justice; Ray King, Research Justice; Jeff Nelson, Administrative Justice, and Nancy Brodie, Tossing Justice. ELS Elects Officers

Hank Lawrence will be the new president of the Environmental Law Society in the fall of 1981. Lawrence won the ABA scholarship to attend the ALL-ABA environmental conference in Washington, D.C., last February.

Other officers elected are Christine Flores, vice-president; Jonathan Coupal, treasurer; Carolann Caulkins and Jack Jeffords, recording secretary; and Marion Doss, production editor.

Kathy Derr, Business Justice. "We think this group will work well together, and give the teams the support they need," Estes said.

Next year's Board will decide which invitational tournaments Marshall-Wythe will send teams to. The Board will have a greater selection than this year's Board did, because the school has been receiving more invitations. Last month, the Board selected twelve second-year candidates to compete in next year's invitational. Those students will decide which of themselves the makeup of each of the teams for the tournaments the Board decides to enter.

"The Board's invitational selection will depend on how much money we have," Estes said. Last month, the College Board of Visitors approved an increase in the Moot Court's allocation from $1,100 this year to $3,195 next year, along with another $1,000 if a team goes to the National Competition. Organization leaders seldom express satisfaction with Board of Visitors funding, but Estes admitted that she was "very pleased" with the increase.

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Sports Roundup

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The Reds return virtually their entire championship lineup this spring. Tom "Bom" D'Antonio again fields abuse (about the only thing he can field) as manager of this unfairly bunch, while Tom Jackson, Kevin O'Mahony, Jack Doyle and Eddie including two-vote hitting punch. Robby Colton, Larry Case and Loretta Santacross sparkles in the infield, while Jean Penick and Doug Jenkins steady in the outfield. Jan "Sparky" Smith is the big arm on the mound and Randy (keep you big mouth off their second baseman) Leach is the big mouth behind the plate. Newcomers Patt McCasley, Carol Mullin, Nancy Maitland, Lynda Butler and Faith (who's special) Border round out this average lineup.

This team appears to be bound for the playoffs again this month. As the hordes of delirious fans file out of the stadium after another big win, the indication on the chin can be heard, "Break up the Reds!"

The Bad News Barristers have been fortunate to get off to a 2-0 start. Dan Higgins and Jeff Blueweiss bring back a seasoned batters box, including the veteran infield of Chris Corbett, Jim Erving and Granter Decker. Steve "Spok" Sullivan and Randy "Doom" Mahan form a tough battery. In the outfield, Joe Hitter's need is complemented by the field's "Mr. Versatility" Larry Case and Loretta Santacross.

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