

## STUDENTS RIDE WITH SQUAD CARS

In a recent SBA meeting Prince Butler, Chairman of the Courtroom Experience Committee, announced the initiation of a new program which has been formulated in connection with the Williamsburg Police Department and which is designed to further law students' understanding of the job of police officers. This program will permit law students to spend several hours one evening in a police patrol car observing officers in the performance of their routine duties. A similar program was sponsored by Rutgers University where it was met with enthusiastic approval. As soon as the final arrangements have been completed, a meeting will be called at which the Chief of Police will set forth his requirements for participation in the program. Also at this meeting, students will be expected to sign a statement releasing the Williamsburg Police Department from liability for any injuries which might arise from their presence with the police officers. Notices of this meeting will be posted on the bulletin boards. Anyone who wishes to be included in the program and who has not already signed up, should contact Prince Butler.

For the benefit of those who are not already familiar with its work, the Courtroom Experience Committee was established by the Student Bar Association for the purpose of providing an opportunity for students to witness judicial machinery in action. It was hoped that by seeing a trial in process, the individual concepts learned in the classroom would not only become more meaningful to the student, but also would fit together in jigsaw fashion to become a meaningful whole. One law student has remarked that his knowledge of law was completely compartmentalized until he had witnessed several cases being heard and that then he realized how interrelated and how dependent upon each other were the separate courses. In the past the Committee has posted notices of each trial on an individual basis, giving the name of the case, the attorneys representing the parties, the type of case, and the time. Recently a new system was initiated whereby cases set for the entire term are being posted a few days after docket call. Any cases that are continued or settled out of court will be so noted on the list.

It is the Committee's hope that students will continue to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to learn. Any suggestions that you would like to make concerning the Committee's work would be welcomed by any of its members who are Prince Butler, John Gaidies, and Garzetta Saunders.