

Recent Developments

Class of '48

Ira Bernard Dworkin finds it hard to believe 40 years have passed since he entered William and Mary as a Freshman. He thanks God he is still in excellent health at age 56; happily married to his wife Shirley for almost 28 years, and the father of two -- their son Jonathan, 24, a graduate of Drew University and M.A. candidate in Urban Planning; and their daughter Barbara, 18, a freshman at Guilford College, North Carolina. God spared him through 3 years of service in the Army in World War II, including combat in Europe as a sergeant in the 97th Infantry Division. Mr. Dworkin also has had a fascinating career in the New Jersey Bar since 1949, including 15 years in solo practice, 2 years as a trial lawyer for the N.J. Attorney General, and the past 12 years as a Referee, Formal Hearings (the only judgeship in N.J. based on competitive civil-service examination) in their State Worker's Compensation Court. He also expects to publish his first work of fiction this year, namely, "Sherlock Holmes in Modern Times" (already copyrighted). He taught a course entitled "Sherlock Holmes Cross-Examined" for 3 years in the Hunterdon County (N.J.) Adult Education Program and finds this all "quite an avocation!" Mr. Dworkin was very kind in furnishing us with the following letter in response to **The Colonial Lawyer's** request for any memories about the physical facilities at Marshall-Wythe during his tenure as a student:

"As far as my memories of Marshall-Wythe, I best recall the friendships between faculty and law students, and the comradeship of us W.W. II veterans studying law on the GI Bill of Rights! The esprit-de-corps at our Law School in those days was outstanding; the classes small and the faculty (headed by Dean Woodbridge, a genius of the law, plus a great human-being) was outstanding both in their teaching and their willingness to help law students master the intricacies of the law of future interests, negotiable instruments, conflict-of-laws, etc. That was the true greatness of the W&M Law School in those days. I appreciated the W&M environment since I had attended Columbia Law School for 2 semesters and fortunately transferred to W&M before suffering a nervous breakdown at Columbia -- where the pressure and cut-throat atmosphere (a la "The Paper Chase") made life miserable for most law students.

"Physically, in those days the Law School classes were held on the 3rd floor of Marshall-Wythe, and the Law Library was on the 3rd floor of the present Law School building (which was then the College Library building). After I received my B.C.L. degree in 1948, the Law School moved into the basement of Bryan Dormitory, which was a great improvement. I look

forward to visiting the new 5-million-dollar law building now under construction -- but for me, the greatness of our Law School can never be expressed in bricks and mortar. The great minds who taught here and learned here -- from Wythe to Woodbridge and on to the present faculty -- make our law school great. Truly great. I am very proud to have earned both B.A. and B.C.L. (and later J.D.) degrees from William and Mary."

Class of '52

Robert F. Boyd is the senior partner in the Norfolk law firm of Boyd, Payne, Gates, & Farthing and has just been elected chairman of the board of Holly Hill Lumber Co., one of the largest privately held lumber companies in the Southeast. A Virginia Beach resident, Boyd has served on the Holly Hill board for 12 years. He is listed in several professional directories, including "Who's Who in Finance and Industry," and serves on numerous philanthropic foundation boards in Tidewater and throughout the nation. Boyd is vice president-finance and a member of the board of Norfolk-based Stewart Sandwiches, Inc., and is chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Virginia State Bar. Mr. Boyd was recently elected to the board of directors of Dundee Cement Company, Dundee, Mich. He is vice chairman of the board of trustees of Virginia Wesleyan College, a trustee of the endowment association of the College of William and Mary, and vice president of the board of trustees of Randolph-Macon Academy.

Class of '59

William T. Prince is the President of the Virginia State Bar, and was very kind in furnishing us with the following letter in response to **The Colonial Lawyer's** request for any memories about the physical facilities at Marshall-Wythe during his tenure as a student:

"I was a graduate of the law school in 1957. It was a very large entering class -- perhaps 17 to 20 students. By graduation time, however, we had only 9 or 10. I believe our class was the first class to enter in the Bryan Dormitory Basement. The three classrooms for the law school were in the basement of one wing and the library was in the basement of another. There was a lounge area in the basement of the main building, which we shared with the students of the dormitory.

"The faculty numbered nearly as many as the graduating class. In addition to Dean Dudley W. Woodbridge, there were Arthur Phelps, Joseph C. Curtis, Joseph Cormack, Thomas E. Atkeson, C. Harper

Anderson and Librarian Chester Baker. Mrs. Ann Ware was secretary to the Dean.

"I will never forget the time when sitting on the steps of the dormitory, two men walked by and one pointed out the law school to the other, commenting that it afforded poorer people in the state an opportunity to study law.

"There are a dozen stories which go with each student, faculty member, classroom, class and chair. I wish I had time to go through them all."

Class of '66

Stephen M. Kapral has been practicing law as a sole practitioner at 2008 Libbie Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, since October 1976. He and another 1966 Marshall-Wythe graduate, **John Deal**, 1966 were in partnership from March 1968 until October 1976. In November of 1973, Mr. Kapral had the honor of arguing a defamation labor law case before the full Supreme Court of the United States, at which time he adds that Chief Justice Burger had just been elevated to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He, Justice Renquist, and Justice Powell unanimously voted in favor of his client, but unfortunately the rest of the full court, including Justice Douglas, voted against his client. He lost the case by a six to three decision.

Class of '68

John T. Buxton has affiliated with the law firm of Charles C. Wentworth II to form the firm of Wentworth and Buxton, with offices in the First and Merchants Bank Building in downtown Newport News. Buxton, who is formerly associate general counsel and corporate attorney for Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company and general counsel to Newport News Industrial Corporation, has served as executive director of the National Dividend Foundation, Inc. for the past four years. The National Dividend Foundation is a Florida based economic research organization concerned with corporate tax reform and improvement of national fiscal policy. Mr. Buxton is currently writing a book for the Foundation entitled "Alternative to Revolution," which is planned for publication this spring. He is also active with the National Association of Business Economists and the Navy Reserve Association. He and his wife, Mary, and their two children make their home in James Landing in Newport News, Virginia.

Class of '74

After taking and passing the Virginia bar examination in July 1974, **Jack E. Call** spent three years in New Orleans as a legal specialist with the U.S. Coast Guard. The bulk of his duties with the Coast Guard consisted of work in the military justice system (prosecuting, defending, and reviewing court-martials) and in the field of oil pollution (processing

civil penalty cases, giving advice to oil pollution hearing officers, and processing oil pollution cleanup claims on behalf of the government). In August 1974, he and his wife moved to Athens, Georgia. His wife, Debra (William and Mary, 1973), is attending the School of Veterinary Medicine there. Mr. Call has been doing graduate work toward a doctorate in political science. Recently, he returned to work full-time with the Criminal Justice Division of the Institute of Government. His job is as project coordinator of a Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grant to provide training workshops for treatment personnel in programs designed to assist in the deinstitutionalization and diversion from the juvenile court system of juvenile offenders, particularly status offenders. He is also continuing work on his doctorate.

Allen A. Barna serves as an attorney-advisor for the real property section of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C. He reviews appeals forwarded to the Chief of Engineers by Corps field offices on behalf of individuals and businesses seeking increased benefits under the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act, as well as recommends and drafts changes in applicable regulations. Since graduation he has served on active and reserve duty as a Captain with the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Before starting his present job in July, 1978, Mr. Barna served as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate with the Office of Post S.J.A. at both Fort Eustis, Virginia, and Fort Meade, Maryland, and



Students at work in Marshall-Wythe Library.



worked as Assistant Counsel in Litigation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.

Richard P. Hackman is the Division Counsel for Litton Industries in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.

Class of '76

Everett P. Shockley is currently engaged in the general practice of law as a sole practitioner in Dublin, Virginia.

Terry N. Grinnalds, the editor of **The Colonial Lawyer** during the 1975-76 school year, moved to Athens, Georgia, after graduation, passed the bar, worked as a sole practitioner, underwent the obligatory divorce and returned here to Virginia last summer where he became and currently is an associate of Mr. Hoyle in the Newport News law firm of Hoyle, Corbett, Hubbard and Smith. They do a mixed practice, including a lot of trial work which he finds "interesting, a lot of fun, and sometimes a pain in the ass. Depending."

Sharon a. Henderson is a sole practitioner in Alexandria, Virginia, and she likes specializing -- 90% of her practice is in the domestic relations field. She is treasurer of the Northern Virginia Young Lawyers for the second year in a row and is also an active member of the Fairfax Bar Association. She is Chairperson of the Directory Subcommittee that put out the Fairfax Bar Association Directory of Attorneys for the public -- the first of its kind in Virginia. The directory lists 350 members and gives such basic information about each

attorney as: educational and professional background, year admitted to the Virginia Bar, number of years in private practice in Fairfax County, office hours, language proficiency other than English, and, in some cases, fee information. Public response so far has been favorable and the group is hopeful the public will find the directory a valuable guide to selecting an attorney. It is available free of charge in various locations around the county, such as in county office buildings, and may also be purchased directly from the bar association.

Class of '77

Muriel N. Hopkins was employed for one year by Hill, Tucker and Marsh, a prominent civil rights law firm located in Richmond. Last August, she joined the Office of the Attorney General as an Assistant Attorney General. Her agencies include the Virginia Supplemental Retirement System (State pension and retirement system) and the special education division of the State Department of Education. In response to **The Colonial Lawyer's** request for any memories about the physical facilities at Marshall-Wythe during her tenure as a student, Ms. Hopkins was very kind to furnish us with the following letter:

"One of my most memorable occasions occurred in the library during my first semester, just prior to our exams. Space was at such a premium that if one left a seat to visit the water cooler, he would leave a reserved sign at the place where he was sitting so that he could

be assured his seat would be there when he returned. Also during exam times, due to the cramped quarters in the library, we would rub elbows while turning pages at a maddening pace.

"In spite of the infirmities, I think that Marshall-Wythe School of Law provided me with an excellent legal education. I am happy that I did not choose any other law school. Now that our new building is under construction, more attention will be focused on the nation's oldest law school."

Mark and Margaret Gregory '77 are living in Colorado Springs and both work at the Staff Judge Advocate Office at Fort Carson. Mark is a defense attorney and Margaret is an administrative law attorney (staff advisor). She also serves as counsel to the post Child Protection Council. Their daughter, Megan, is now 1 year old and they are expecting another child this June. The Gregory's write that the skiing, hiking and camping out there are fantastic and that visitors to Colorado are urged to stop by. Their home address is 617 Gilcrest, Colorado Springs, CO. 80906. With one (and almost two) little ones, they tend to stick close to home and welcome visitors.

Class of '78

DeRonda M. Hudgins is currently practicing law with Short, Short, Telstad & Kerr, P.C. in Newport News and loves every minute of it.

Victor Neubaum, Jr., is working for the Executive Secretary of the Virginia Supreme Court, whose immediate supervisor is the Director of Research and Planning.

Frank Snead Ferguson is the new assistant Commonwealth attorney in Suffolk, Virginia, and he will be handling general criminal cases. While in law school he was a member of the executive board of the student division of the Association Of Trial Lawyers of America and also program director for the criminal law seminar at William and Mary.

George L. Neuberger is the junior partner in a five man law firm Nieman, Hibbard, Schumann, Ullsuiik, & Neuberger, located at 600 East Main Street, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094. The firm is general practice and does a lot of probate, and real estate work. George passed the Wisconsin bar in July and has been practicing with the firm since January 1st, 1979.