
News Briefs

On March 4th, Marshall-Wythe hosted an **INVITATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**, the first of its kind to be sponsored by the school. The competition was judged by a six-member panel including: Justice Tom C. Clark (Ret.) of the U.S. Supreme Court; Judge John D. Butzner, Jr. of the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; Judges Robert R. Merhige and Walter E. Hoffman of the U.S. District Court; and Justices Harry L. Carrico and George M. Cochran of the Virginia Supreme Court.

Although no verdict was reached as to the constitutionality of supporting local schools on the basis of property taxes, the judges did pick the winning team and the best oralist. The home team, composed of Emerson P. Allen, Everett P. Priestley, and C. Curtis Sheffield, was presented the team trophy for first place by President Graves at an awards banquet that evening.

At a circuit conference held in Richmond on March 10, **DAVID J. DRISCOLL**, a second-year student at Marshall-Wythe, succeeded Richard Salem of Duke as Fourth Circuit governor of the Law Student Division (L.S.D.) of the A.B.A. The Fourth Circuit includes Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and North and South Carolina. Driscoll is the fourth student from this school to hold this position in the last six years.

The **LAW REVIEW BANQUET** will be held on April 29, 1972 at the Ramada Inn in Williamsburg.

Congratulations to the prior editor of the Colonial Lawyer, third-year student **ELSIE POWELL**, on her appointment by Governor Holton to the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary. Mrs. Powell will become an assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Alexandria this fall. She will be Northern Virginia's first woman prosecutor.

FACULTY ADDITIONS

Marshall-Wythe has welcomed two new professors to the faculty this spring semester. Jerome Curtis received his B.A. at the University of California, Santa Barbara; his J.D. at the University of California, Hastings College of Law; a L.L.M. at the University of Virginia School of Law; and was an instructor in the Army J.A.G. School at Charlottesville. Mr. Curtis has found that the classroom proves to be a dynamic forum for the exchange of legal concepts. Questioned as to the relevance of the case-method approach to the study of law, he responded, "It is an effective means of study because case analysis doesn't place a premium on the student's ability to regurgitate what he has learned by rote from a lecture, but rather it requires him to synthesize rules in various factual settings and to acquire the ability to defend his interpretation in the face of criticism by his peers." Mr. Curtis sees Marshall-Wythe's growth as a desirable factor but feels that the anticipated size will be the optimum: "enough size for variety, but not so large that the students will feel institutionalized". Presently he is instructing Trusts and Estates and Civil Procedure.

Timothy Sullivan is a William and Mary College graduate who received his J.D. at Harvard Law School. He was a member of the faculty at Kent State University, a practicing attorney, and was involved with Military Justice while in the Army. Mr. Sullivan instructs Environmental Law and believes that the field stimulates considerable interest outside of class. He observed that Environmental Law incorporates many of the basic areas of law and contains more traditional material than many would expect. He sees Marshall-Wythe as a law school with an excellent future, but he acknowledges strategic needs: improvement of the physical building, a continuance of improving the quality of legal students, retention of experienced faculty members, more alumnae support, and a recognition of the Law School as an overall community with a need for understanding as well as constructive criticism. Mr. Sullivan expressed his thoughts on teaching law as a career by remarking, "One chooses to teach recognizing certain sacrifices; I hope to make a meaningful contribution to students and the law as a field of scholarly endeavor."



—Timothy Sullivan

CURRICULUM: the curriculum at Marshall-Wythe has been undergoing a metamorphosis and next year should result in a better balance in both the courses offered and their availability. First year courses will remain essentially the same with the possibility of criminal law replacing one of the semesters of legislative law. The old Constitutional Law course is being expanded to three courses: the Federal system, civil rights, and criminal justice and administration, for a total of eight hours to be taken in two or three semesters. Dean White also hopes to see three additional courses: regulation of industries, modern land financing, and consumer rights and protection. The Dean also hopes to achieve a balance of the new courses and seminars in both the fall and spring semesters.

FACULTY CHANGES: under its expansion policy, Marshall-Wythe has three additional faculty positions to be filled for fall semester. The administration is also going to hire replacements for the two faculty members who are leaving. Associate Dean Donaldson has decided to become a full time professor. Mr. Williamson has been given the job of Associate Dean for Admissions . . .



—Jerome Curtis

On the 27th and 28th of March, PHI DELTA PHI fraternity sponsored a trip to Washington, D. C. The first thing on the agenda was a visit to the Supreme Court where the visitors heard two arguments. This was followed by a lengthy discussion with Chief Justice Burger and Justice Powell of Richmond. Monday evening was marked by a cocktail party attended by alumni and Representatives Downing and Whitehurst.

Tuesday's events began at the Court of Claims where the law students spoke with the Chief Judge and the Chief Magistrate. At a luncheon later in the day, Senators Spong and Church spoke on the topics of busing and foreign affairs respectively. The trip concluded with a visit to the Environmental Protection Agency where the group met with the Deputy General Counsel who explained the workings of the E.P.A.

The 1972 General Assembly decided that there will be no new building for MARSHALL-WYTHE. Instead William and Mary will get a new chemistry building. Once the Chemistry Department moves into its new home and Rogers is remodeled, the Law School will be able to expand its facilities, but do not look for this for at least another two and a half years.