

MARSHALL WYTHE NEWS

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The Student Bar Association of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law was adjudged the best in the nation at the 1970 convention of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association.

A plaque, emblematic of the award, was presented to Rich Ashman, the ABA-LSD representative, at the convention in St. Louis. Duncan Garnett, SBA president, and Tom Reavely, a third year student at Marshall-Wythe and Circuit Governor of the Fourth Circuit, ABA-LSD, also attended the convention.

The award is based upon careful scrutiny of a 185-page report submitted by the ABA-LSD representative detailing all of the past year's activities of the SBA. This year, 145 law schools competed for the award.

At the same convention, Marshall-Wythe received another award for having enrolled more than 70% of its student body in the LSD. The 78% enrollment at Marshall-Wythe is the highest in the nation.

The LSD convention was held in conjunction with the ABA convention during the week of August 6-13. Chief Justice Warren Burger delivered the first State of the Judiciary address at the convention.

The halls of Marshall-Wythe, which last year seemed wonderfully spacious after the many years when the Law School didn't even have its own building, now begin to take on an air of near inadequacy as almost one hundred and ninety new students have entered in the first year class.

The new first-year class was selected from among 770 applicants. The median Law School Aptitude Test score of those admitted is 575 and the median grade point average is 1.6 on the 3.0 scale used by the College of William and Mary.

Dean James P. Whyte has cited the admission of this unusually large class as the first step towards achieving a total enrollment of 450 students. "There are many reasons why we chose to expand our enrollment," said Dean Whyte, "but foremost among them was the fact that our facilities permit of more students and we were turning away as many qualified students as we were accepting."

The enrollment of a class nearly two and a half times the size of classes previously enrolled will, naturally, present some problems, classroom and library space being the two that come immediately to mind. Dean Whyte said that classroom space presented no particular problem, and was in fact readily available in nearby Rogers Hall. The library facilities are another story and one for which Dean Whyte has no ready answer but about which he is optimistic.

"Perhaps my greatest concern at the moment is the matter of off-campus housing for the new students," said Dean Whyte. New students annually arrive in Williamsburg without an appreciation of the difficulties to be encountered in securing low-cost family housing within reasonable proximity of the college. Therefore, no accurate gauge of the problem can be made until the new class arrives and actually starts making their plight known.

Along with the enrollment of 190 first-year students and an announced projected increase in enrollment to 450 students the opening of the 1970-71 school year has seen the appointment of an associate dean and six new faculty members at Marshall-Wythe, the former no doubt influencing the latter.

Effective September 1, 1970, Professor John E. Donaldson became the associate dean of the Law School. In announcing Professor Donaldson's new status, Dean James P. Whyte, Jr. said that the associate dean would bear "considerable responsibility" for the implementation of admission and administrative policies. Professor Donaldson has been teaching part-time in the area of tax law at Marshall Wythe and will continue to do so. He has served for two years as an assistant vice-president of the College.

Professor Donaldson received his A.B. from the University of Richmond and his J. D. from the College of William and Mary. He has also earned a Master of Laws degree from Georgetown University. He is a member of the Virginia Bar and served as an attorney in the office of the chief counsel for the Internal Revenue Service from 1964 to 1966.

The new members of the faculty are as follows:

GARY L. BAHR, Assistant Professor of Law. B.S., and J.D., University of South Dakota; LL.M., N.Y.U. Subjects: Contracts, Legal Method, Torts. Member: South Dakota Bar.

RONALD C. BROWN, Assistant Professor of Law. B.S. and J.D. University of Toledo; LL.M., University of Michigan. Subjects: Contracts, Business Organizations, Constitutional Law. Member: Ohio Bar. Counsel, N.L.R.B. 1970.

TOM A. COLLINS, Assistant Professor of Law. A.B. and J.D., Indiana University. LL.M., University of Michigan. Subjects: Civil Procedure, Equitable and Legal Remedies, Administrative Law. Member: Indiana Bar. Indiana Legislative Council, 1966-1969.

ANTHONY J. SANTORO, Assistant Professor of Law. A.B., Boston College; J.D., LL.M., Georgetown University. Subjects: Tax Administration and Procedure, Business Planning, Federal Income Taxation. Member; Massachusetts and District of Columbia Bars.

RICHARD E. WALCK, Assistant Professor of Law. A.B., Pennsylvania State University; LL.B., University of Virginia. Subjects: Criminal Law, Legal Profession, Torts. Member: Florida and Virginia Bars. Staff Judge Advocate, TAC, 1967-1970.

RICHARD A. WILLIAMSON, Assistant Professor of Law. B.B.A., Ohio University, J.D., Ohio State University. Subjects: Conflicts, Legal Method, Property. Member: Ohio Bar. Private practice of law, Columbus, Ohio 1969-1970.

It's an ego trip for has-beens, might-have-beens, and never-weres. It's short, blessed, relief from law books, law libraries and law professors. It's an opportunity to match faces and personalities to names in those first harrowing days of law school. In any case, the intramural sports program at Marshall-Wythe is lively and flourishing.

Last year's intramural teams were reminiscent of the professional teams from Baltimore in the past few years. They blitzed to the championship in their own league and then fell prey to fraternity teams in college championship games. This was the case in football, basketball and volleyball. The basketball team acquitted itself particularly well in losing an exciting overtime battle by one point.

There was sufficient interest and talent for two teams to represent the law school in football and three in softball. There was a first-year team and a combined second and third year team in football. This, of course, lead to the inevitable blood matches with the end result being a stand-off for superiority, the second/third-year team winning in football and the first-year team gaining revenge in softball.

Quality was the hallmark of the basketball team, with four starting players having had varsity experience in college. The nucleus of that team is returning, including player-coach, Al Treado, who gained his college experience on those great West Point teams of a couple of years ago.

Emmet White, Intramural Director for the Student Bar Association, organized law school tournaments in golf, tennis and darts in the spring. Participation among students and faculty was very high, with the top three in each tournament being awarded trophies at the annual SBA luncheon. Handball is expected to be added to the school tournament program this year.

Bob Marks will direct the intramural program this year. Bob is the man for all seasons in intramural sports, having starred last year in football, basketball, volleyball, and softball. He took the third place trophy in golf, placed high in the tennis tournament, and found time to do very well in all-college handball and table-tennis tournaments. Bob was also named this year to a defensive backfield position on the all-time football team of his alma mater, Bucknell University.



Oscar L. Shewmake, Jr., at the unveiling of the portrait of his father, Judge Oscar L. Shewmake.

An oil portrait of the late Judge Oscar L. Shewmake, who revived the historic law program at the College of William and Mary in 1921, was unveiled at ceremonies in the Moot Court Room of the Law School Building on April 18, 1970.

Oscar Lane Shewmake was born at Brandon, Virginia, February 5, 1882. He obtained the A.B. degree from the College of William and Mary in 1903 and the Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Virginia in 1909. He was admitted to the Virginia Bar in 1909 and engaged in the practice of law in Surry County, Virginia until 1925. He served as Commonwealth's Attorney in Surry County, 1915-16; as counsel of the Virginia Tax Board, 1916-18; as counsel to the Virginia Corporation Commission, 1918-23, and as a member of the commission in 1923-24.

The law curriculum at the College of William and Mary had been dormant for sixty years when College President J. A. C.

Chandler brought Judge Shewmake to the College as Professor of Government and Citizenship and later appointed him Dean of the School of Government and Citizenship—in which the Law School served as a division. The first class consisted of eight students, all of whom passed the bar examination.

Judge Shewmake was a member of the Richmond, the Virginia, and the American Bar Associations; the Virginia Historical Society; Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Phi. He died February 18, 1963.

Judge Shewmake's son, Oscar L. Shewmake, Jr., unveiled the portrait of his father while four members of Judge Shewmake's first class looked on. The portrait was commissioned from the Royal Academy, Royal Society of Painters, London, England, and is the work of H. Andrew Freeth.