

## FOR YOUR THOUGHT AND INFORMATION

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We have four law schools in Virginia. The following is a breakdown of population and number of courses available.

	Students	Courses	Seminars
Marshall-Wythe	400	46	6
Washington and Lee	200	53	0
University of Virginia	750	101	40
T. C. Williams (Richmond)	200	38	0

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Effective July 1, 1971, Virginia's new constitution includes many changes which we hope to report on at a later date. Among the most needed was a reference to the right of the people to a clean environment. We quote from Article XI Sec. 1: "To the end that the people have clean air, pure water, and the use and enjoyment for the recreation of adequate public lands, waters, and other natural resources, it shall be the policy of the Commonwealth to conserve, develop, and utilize its natural resources, its public lands and its historical sites and buildings. Further it shall be the Commonwealth's policy to protect its atmosphere, lands and waters from pollution, impairment, or destruction for the benefit, enjoyment and general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.

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Florida has recently passed a new set of divorce laws, often referred to as "No-Fault Divorce." Under this new system the court is only required to find the relationship "irretrievably broken." Also, Men's Liberation has struck a blow for freedom as the husband will receive equal consideration for custody of the children and alimony. Perhaps it is about time for Virginia to reconsider its divorce laws.

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If you really want to stop prostitution, simply arrest both parties, after all, as my mother always said, "It takes two . . ."

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Public utilities are supposed to exist for the benefit of the people, but somehow, after about the third rate increase, one begins to believe that the utility officials have justified an existence independent of the public. As a restraint that is due the public, the State Corporation Commission (who rules on the rate increase) should have access to the utilities financial records and make their results available to the public . . . anytime they seek a rate increase.