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W&M’s Law School Accredited, for Now

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WILLIAMSBURG — The John Marshall School of Law at the College of William and Mary has retained its accreditation for now, but the school still must have a new building to comply with accreditation standards.

College officials released a letter from James R. White, accreditation consultant for the American Bar Association, saying that a hearing 'shall continue in effect until the accreditation committee determines otherwise.' The commissioner was Dr. L. Orinagle, dean of the Ohio University Law School, who conducted the hearing May 13 in Chicago.

The school must submit written reports signed by President Thomas A. Graves, Jr. and the law school dean, former Sen. William B. Spong Jr., 'with respect to the matters of concern on Dec. 1, and May 1, 1977. Slagle is directed to recommend such action as from time to time he may deem necessary.'

College officials disclosed in September that accreditation of the law school was in jeopardy, primarily because of the inadequacy of the physical plant.

The Accreditation Standards are as applicable in a raid situation as they are in a non-raid situation. The standards are not designed to require a law school to be raid-free or to require a law school to be in compliance with the accreditation committee's standards. The standards are designed to require a law school to be in compliance with the accreditation committee's standards.
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state, will do what it needs to do. It's the business of the

School of Law to do what's necessary. Slagle said. "The

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Wythe School of Law shall receive the funding needed to bring it in compliance with

the standards." he said.

Slagle denied that he or the ABA were pressuring Godwin or other state officials into

spending money for the school. "Neither the digging nor the

funding business has to make recommendations concerning

the accreditation of the school. Slagle said.

"It is not to be continued, it is the business of the elected

representatives to determine what's needed in this

School of Law. Slagle said. "We need some

improvement. "I'm sure it's not the business of the

School of Law to bring it into compliance with

Wythe School of Law. Slagle said.

Slagle noted recent faculty

salary improvements. from a

ranking on median salaries of

134th among 148 accredited law

schools to a position of 100 in 1975-76.

Slagle said the school was

improving in many areas of concern, including better staff

and library holdings.