Police Crack Down On Party Noise

BY STEVE MULROY

Williamsburg police have issued citations to two Marshall-Wythe students since the beginning of the semester for hosting noisy parties. Each of the hosts has a mandatory court appearance, and one of them intends to fight the citation in court. Police say the incidents come as a result of a rise in noise complaints by neighbors.

The most recent incident occurred Saturday, September 20, at a well-attended law school party. According to the host about 100 people were gathered at his house on the front porch. At or around 11 p.m., Williamsburg City Police officers came and told him to turn down the music and move everyone inside, informing him that he could not have drinkers on the porch or anywhere else "visible from the road." The host said he complied with the police officer's orders, asking for and receiving verification from him that the noise was at an appropriate level. Nevertheless, the officer returned three hours later on a second complaint and issued the summons, warning the host that he would go to jail if the officer had to come by a third time. Now facing a maximum of a $100 fine and ten days in jail for this misdemeanor, he will appear in traffic court October 20. He intends to plead guilty, hoping his claim of initial, immediate, good faith attempts at compliance will reduce his punishment.

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Apology

This week’s Letters column contains a letter from nine faculty members criticizing our decision to publish Damian Horne’s last column, which concerned the Hispanic-American Law Students Association. It is difficult to know how to reply to such a letter, since we are in a somewhat indefensible position: we do not want to offend readers of The Advocate; readers have been offended. No amount of explanation can erase that effect.

Perhaps then, we should reply with an apology: we acknowledge an error in editorial judgment, and regret the adverse reaction. As members of minorities ourselves, we thought we were sensitive to racial issues and frankly, are hurt by the assignation of racist intention made in our decision. To the Students of Marshall Wythe: get the idea.

The word “apology” in its Socratic sense means “explanation,” we will include a few comments to that end. We do not defend the column itself; merely our decision to print it. Damian is himself Hispanic and, as a member of that ethnic group has a certain license to joke about it. We did refuse to run the notice of the organization (which, by the way, actually exists) with the “Organizational Briefs” in the first issue. We refused because we feared just such a reaction as this if people attributed the joke to the paper itself and not to Damian as a columnist. Finally, Damian believes—and we agree—that much of the fighting and pain in this world will not exist if people would drop their self-important sensitivity and learn to laugh at themselves. We are, after all, pretty ridiculous in one way or another. Learning to laugh about it could do much towards creating the “hostile atmosphere” mentioned in the letter.

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Letters To The Editor

Much Ado

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However, even the OED may err, as is demonstrated by its listing “Alright” as obsolete. Knowing this, I cherish the earliest and latest known instances of usage, we are forwarding a copy of our latest issue immediately. Thank you for bringing this matter to our notice, and we are flattered by your careful attention to our paper.

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By Doug Klein

Toxic Torts

The world is not a perfect place. The veracity of this statement is nowhere more evident than in legal recruitment. Legal recruitment is an odd pagan ritual passed down from ancient Germanic tribes by way of the medieval Inquisition. In every age, the hallmark of legal recruitment is the resume. The accused was found guilty of cheating for the above.

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The solution to this distressing phenomenon is technology. Legal recruiters have not had a significant innovation since Decartes intimated that it was silly to put “Health: Excellent!” at the bottom of one’s resume. The time has come for high-tech resumes: resumes bursting with Technicolor in massive multi-media extravaganzas; resumes which emit holographic images of their authors tap-dancing to “Too For Two.” This is the dawning of the age of the video resume.

In several months, the video resume craze will descend on the nation. Video resume shops will spring up all around. No more surprises in the interview room; firms will know exactly who or what they are getting before they send out the call-back interview letters. Dweebs will have to have plenty of big production numbers in their videos if they ever want to get a first interview.

Three types of video will probably be the most popular:

1) The pseudo-candid video: The video will follow the candidate through his/her day—brushing teeth, looking interested in class, raising a significant question in class, talking with other students, kissing or hugging significant others, launching nuclear attack submarines, enjoying a quiet moment at home with the family and the Federal Rules of Evidence, and finally, standing in front of the law school, looking bored. The video will feature a voice-over with the candidate talking about what a good associate he/she would make and about his/her strong commitment to defense.

2) The MTV video: This video would start with a dark screen with white writing in the lower left-hand corner listing the candidate’s name, year, law school, and record label. Then the bass line Continued on Page Three.

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Tots and Torts: Being A Law School Parent

BY KIMBERLIE YOUNG

Contracts, torts and diapers — not the average law student's schedule, but these go together like peanut butter and jelly. However, after a handful of Marshall-Wythe's first-year classes, the rest is too sordid to even mention. Besides, no one enjoys talking about diapers. This is particularly true among the ranks of the first-year students. However, after a handful of Marshall-Wythe's first-year classes, the rest is too sordid to even mention. Besides, no one enjoys talking about diapers. This is particularly true among the ranks of the first-year students.

Ann scheduled her classes in advance and, in an effort to keep her schedule from being overrun with baby feeding schedule, often result in racing home to an outright panic attack. However, one day, as she returned her husband Mike schedules his work around Ann's class schedule. Now, he is home for lunch watching little Arthur Charles when Ann is at school studying Remedies.

Ann and her husband did, however, schedule this baby. But now that it is all over, would she do it differently. After more than three years of marriage, this third-year student, became pregnant. The big day came, the birth of the second semester and Ann was back in the classroom ten days later.

"Ann made it look so easy," fellow mom, Donna, claims, suggesting that it is no easy feat at all. "However, recently the Project has announced that it is seeking a person to assist the Project. The Project has not been able to extend that assistance to The Stephens, and Rob, still attend classes and Danit has not put her mother behind in school, only in her life." Lee Stephens has fashioned a moral of his story: "Don't let a child's need drive your life. If you believe Jarrett were the first among the military law couples to experience parental leave. Third-year Jim Winthrop followed up and Jeff Styen is about to enter the ranks as well. Robert Lee Stephens, alias Rob, is five and a half months now. That placed his birth at that crucial period of pregnancy — in fact, five days before Lee's Evidence exam. He, unlike Donna, blanked out time for his exam performance, but it does not bother him. Lee says school is not as important anymore because other priorities exist. When it is a choice of reading tax or taking care of a sick Rob, tax takes a back seat.

After six years of marriage and active duty in the Navy, Lee and Donna felt it was now the ideal time to raise a child, as Lee's home schedule was more predictable. After four years, the third-year structured his classes so he could spend more time with little Rob. "It is important to spending," Lee also believes it is important not to take school too seriously. The baby has helped him relax. They even study together — Rob on the bed with his toys and Daddy on the floor. Donna's social life has not suffered. The Stephens, and Rob, still attend classes and Danit has not put her mother behind in school, only in her life. The Project has not been able to extend that assistance to The Stephens, and Rob, still attend classes and Danit has not put her mother behind in school, only in her life. The Project has not been able to extend that assistance to

The impending surge of the second-semester law school semester makes many of the first-year parents and students feel the graft as well. Donna Carrier-Tal would not change a thing, though her timing because she can still study with a book in one hand and a baby in the other. "But it was always in the back of my mind," she remembers. Donna seamlessly integrated her baby into her law school life and her grades have not suffered. Donna is now considering the possibility of attending the second-year and Ann was back in the classroom ten days later.

"When asked when she found time to do homework and her home life, Donna laugh for an answer. What about Ann? Ann studied last semester with a book in one hand and a baby in the other. This semester, she concludes, she has to be away from home to get things done.

Last year's treatment was hindered by her pregnancy appearance. Apparently, the prospect of motherhood did not thrill the 6-8 plan interviewing firms Ann spoke with. Proof of the prejudices surfaced when the skinny Ann was offered a job, just six weeks after her baby was born. She did not mention her new role until a lunch engagement after her clerkship had begun. At which time the hiring partner dropped his fork. He apparently got over it, because the firm wants her back permanently.

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Softball Update

RIPPers Flounder, Cows Cruise

BY BILL POWER

With the possible exception of Best in Peace Police (RIPP), the Marshall-Wythe softball teams are continuing their domination of the intramural softball league. CAyr remains undefeated, having edged out the Frurient Interests 13-12 in a battle between the law school titans. It appeared that it would be a long day for the Interests after a rough start. CAyr jumped on first-year hurler Jeff Lowe for nine first inning runs as the third-year squad sprayed hits to all fields. Undaunted, the Interests clawed back. Lowe clamped down throwing shutout ball for the next five innings, and the Interests came alive at the plate scoring twelve runs to take a three-run lead going into the seventh. A determined CAyr lineup scraped together four runs to recapture the lead, and they held on to win, leaving Interest speedster Ed Shaunessy stranded on first as the game ended.

Meanwhile RIPP struggles in the depths of its division. The task is that soon to be ex-manager Kevin Sargis has had to resort to bribery to keep his team playing. Jude "Cuddles" Klena has stormed to a .600 batting average which, according to Marty Marchese, is as hot as his face usually gets. Pitching sensation Neal Keeseer's season is all but finished, and one must wonder where the bullpen help is. The Rippers continue to search for a position for ace utility infielder John "Flex" Gersski, with rumors hinting at an off-season trade with the Tibetan national team. John Neff, an off-season acquisition, has not yet developed the stone hands which are the trademark of this fine ball club, but the team has voted to retain him anyway. Equipment manager Dave "BA" Domansky finally accompanied his bat to a game, but Greg Paw has decided to forgo chugging down the base paths for chugging at the Leafe. By the way, Marty's mom phoned to thank all involved in the intramural department for the no-sidling rule. Finally, the Rippers would like to thank hitting instructor Trey Resolute for the fine example he has provided for Paul Kugler.

As for Miss Resolute, the Bull finds himself at the head of the Love Cows juggernaut. After biting words in the press from co-manager Rob Laney, Resolute found his bat, Tom Cook found his glove, and the team found its stride. At 7-0, the Cows have won their last two games by a combined score of 21-1. Pat "Nurse K" Miller has all but clinched this year's Cy Young by not allowing an earned run in two games, registering wins of 24-9 and 27-1. The Nurse could be heard grumbling, however, about the lack of offensive support she has received. The Love Cows are tuning up for the playoffs, with Jeff Mazanec, Peter Burr, R.J. Skaggs, and Rodney Young drawing in RHP's with frightening regularity. Phil Lingafelt has recently provided a big stick with a double and homerun in Monday's game.

That Darn Moody came out even this week with a win and a loss. They triumphed 12-3 over the tie-dyed Burgers and Fries. Steve Frazier delivered five strikeouts. Jon Hill had his third tater in as many games, and Jeff Cosiakos contributed with a triple. In their 10-8 loss to Mental Distress, Jon Hill went four for four, but got called out for throwing his bat. Tom Kohler delivered with a triple and a continuation of the worst base running ever seen. Steve Frazier, the team's soul, gamely played with a pulled left buttock, while John Jones took up room at third base. (Eda. note: Neal Cabral is neither mentioned in this article, nor pictured on the sports page.)

Fair Notice

Coffeehouse

Coffeehouse is an informal talent show which gives law students the chance to perform for their fellow students. This semester's Coffeehouse will be held October 25 in the Campus Center Little Theatre. Singers, musicians, and comedians are encouraged to participate. If you are interested in performing or emceeing, talk to Amy Birkimer or Melanie Morgan. No auditions or, for that matter, qualifications are required.

Admiralty Law Lecture

On October 3rd the Marshall-Wythe International Law Society will present a lecture on admiralty suits by and against the United States. The speaker, Marie Louise Hagen, is the Assistant Attorney in Charge, New York Office, Torts Branch, Department of Justice. Ms. Hagen has represented the United States Marshal in vessel arrest matters and is currently authoring a book on Maritime Arrests.

In addition to addressing general procedural and constitutional issues, the lecture will specifically discuss the Suits in Admiralty Act, the Public Vessels Act, the Federal Tort Claims Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the Jones Act, and the Federal Ship Mortgage Act.

The lecture will be held at 3:30 in room 124. A brief reception will follow. All are invited to attend.