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Women & Law Symposium Focuses on Battered Immigrant Women

by Shannon Wiley

The Journal of Women and the Law held its 1999 Symposium, "Welcome to America: The Realities of Battered Immigrant Women," on Tuesday February 16.

The keynote speaker was Leslye E. Orloff, an attorney for Ayuda and co-writer of the Violence against Women Act (VAWA). She was coordinator of the National Immigrant Project and National Network for Battered Immigrant Women. The final speaker was Rodia Jaber of the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Gail Pendleton opened the Symposium by discussing how immigrant women face unique problems in getting out of abusive relationships because of their status as immigrants, because of the negative stereotypes, but also because new policies that have made it difficult for them to gain citizenship. For example, a battered immigrant woman who self-petitions for citizenship under the Violence Against Women Act must demonstrate such factors as good moral character, "good faith" marriage (as opposed to marriage for the sole purpose of obtaining American citi-

zenship), and the likelihood of experiencing extreme hardship if forced to return to her country of origin.

Very often, an immigrant woman's legal status within the country depends on her relationship to her abuser. The abuser uses this dependence as a method of control in the relationship. Immigrant women here illegally are particularly vulnerable to exploitation: abusers typically threaten to turn the woman over to INS if they leave or fight back. In fact, some who have self-petitioned under VAWA have found themselves subject to deportation proceedings. Pendleton stated that one cannot "... trust the INS system to be the place to vindicate battered women's rights."

Rodia Jaber, who is a psychological counselor, discussed the experience of domestically oppressed immigrant women. Jaber said that the issue of control is exacerbated in immigrant relationships. In addition to threats of violence and deportation from their abuser, immigrant women also face the barriers of foreign language, isolation from family and friends, and fear *See Symposium on 3*

Lott speaks on relationship between guns and crime

by Eric Tew

A near capacity crowd of students and professors filled the McGlothlin Moot Courtroom on Tuesday, February 16, for a speech by professor John Lott concerning the topic of his new book *More Guns, Less Crime*. Lott's speech was sponsored by the Law School's chapter of the Federalist Society.

Professor Lott, who is the John M. Olin Law and Economics Fellow at the University of Chicago, began the discussion by addressing the myths commonly associated with violent crime and gun ownership. For example, the high homicide rate in the U.S. is often attributed to the high rate of gun ownership, which currently tops 80 million people who collectively own more than 200 million guns. However, Lott cited other countries with similar, or even higher rates of gun ownership, that have lower homicide rates. The implication is that other factors may be causally more related to the commission of homicide.

Lott disagreed with the popular belief that guns are used most often by violent criminals. He attributed this belief to the "media hysteria" surrounding violent crime. Lott argued that the media is quick to cover gruesome murder stories, which leaves people with the false impression that guns are inherently dangerous. Unfortunately, he said, the media often fails to point out that guns are legitimately used more than 2 million times per year to prevent crime. Moreover, 98% of the time, a would-be victim is able to prevent a crime simply by brandishing a gun, according to data from more than 3,100 U.S. counties.

Lott acknowledged, however, that guns are dangerous if misused, but argued against further regulations. In particular, he addressed the issue of expensive gun safety locks that are primarily intended to prevent accidental child shootings. Citing recent data, Lott stated that the notion that guns are more dangerous to children than other products is simply not true. For *See More Guns, Less Crime on 4*

The Law School Dresses Up and Gets Down at the annual Barrister's Ball and the Amicus has the pictures to prove it.



A happy group of Barrister's Ball revelers show off their hot dates and swank outfits. From the looks of this picture, bar service was not a problem. Thanks to Charles Ehrlich and Audra Hale for serving as official photographers at Barrister's Ball.

Annual Spong tournament preparations underway

by Kindra Gromelski

Preparations for the 1999 Spong Moot Court Tournament are getting underway for the weekend of February 26-27, 1999. Martha Barnacle, the Spong Justice for the Moot Court Board, is coordinating the teams, judges and events for the weekend's affairs. There will be twenty-three judges presiding, mostly Virginia and District of Columbia Judges.

The sixteen teams come from as far away as Baylor University, in Waco, Texas, to as close as the University of Richmond, only about an hour away. Last year's winners of the 1998 Tournament were from Southwestern School of Law (Marsha Clarke's *alma mater*) and the 1997 tournament champions hailed from the University of Georgia. Both schools are known for their oral advocacy proficiency.

William Belser Spong, Jr., for whom the tournament was named, ranks among Virginia's most honored and capable

statesmen, educators and advocates. Dean Spong studied at Hampden-Sydney College before receiving his L.L.B. from the University of Virginia. He was admitted to the Virginia bar in 1947 and then pursued post-graduate studies in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Upon his return to the United States, he accepted a position lecturing at the College of William and Mary before entering into private practice in Portsmouth, Virginia. In 1954, Dean Spong began a long and distinguished career of public service, first becoming a delegate for the Virginia House of Delegates (1954-55), then becoming a Virginia Senator (1956-66) and finally becoming a United States Senator (1966-73).

Then, in 1975, Dean Spong returned to lecture at William and Mary. The following year he became Dean and the Dudley W. Woodbridge Professor of Law. Dean *See Spong Tournament on 4*

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SBA Elections Lead to Law School Fun or Anti-Fun -- Vote Carefully

I had a really great time at Barrister's Ball this year. In fact, I had the best time I have had at any law school event in my three years here at Marshall-Wythe. The Lodge was a great choice of venue. The bar service was fast and polite (and never ran out of alcohol, mixers or glasses). The music was fun. Everybody really seemed to be having an awesome time. It was the perfect culmination of months of planning.

Most of that planning was done by Doug Dziak. In the past couple of years, pretty much all I knew about Dziak was that if those pecs didn't hold themselves up, his bra size would be considerably larger than mine. But this year, I have come to the realization that, as a student body, we made a really great decision in voting for Dziak for SBA Vice-President.

Doug has worked his ass off this year to make our school a better place. Pretty much anything that goes on at M-W that a student can have any input in, Doug is somehow involved. Even if you have no idea what is going on in building committee, hiring committees or social committees, you have benefitted from what Dziak has done. If you haven't noticed anything else, you have probably noticed that Bar Reviews have been a lot cooler this year.

Doug has been planning Barrister's since Fall, and he did a great job. The evening really went off without a hitch, and I would like to congratulate him and thank him for it. Carole Hirsch also did a ton of work for this event (and many others this year) so when you see Doug or Carole, please thank them for all the work they have done

and continue to do.

On that note, the 1Ls and 2Ls who will soon be voting for your SBA President and Vice President need to think seriously about who you are going to put in charge. As someone who has seen this year's officers do a really outstanding job (the best I've seen in law school) and some others do not so well, I do believe that this is an important decision.

Timmers and Dziak have been hugely successful in maintaining and improving the relationship between the faculty and administration and the student body. We get a lot of input into major decisions that get made at this law school. Who knows how much weight that input gets in the final decisions, but at least it gets said. Your next SBA leaders should be able to continue that trend.

Our SBA has also managed to draw in more student participation than in the past. I mean, they managed to get me on a committee, which had never been done before. I think they might have even gotten some work out of me. At any rate, getting more students participating in the SBA is crucial to the importance of the SBA, and that has to be continued and improved upon. Think of the SBA as a labor union and the administration as the boss. The more of us that get involved, the more bargaining power we have.

Of course, there are also the social events that SBA plans. Fall From Grace was admittedly flawed. I personally managed to never have an empty glass, but I'm not above drinking rum and water when the choices run low. I heard that pickier drinkers (who aren't real drinkers in my eyes)

were a bit irritated by the bar situation.

A willingness to learn from past mistakes is pretty key to anyone who will be planning these parties in the future. FYI, law students consume a staggering amount of alcohol at parties, and you can't stress that enough to the people who provide bar service. I personally witnessed Dziak explaining this more times than I can count while Barrister's Ball was being planned. We got pretty good service, too.

Creativity, or the ability to find creativity in your associates, is helpful to planning entertaining events. This year we have had an unprecedented number of fun activities that we never had before. Norfolk Tides games, All-Male Revues at Mitty's, Golf Tournaments, Ski Trips — These are not traditions at M-W. These are things that the SBA thought would be fun this year, and they were. The students have had so many fun opportunities this year, and I hope that this becomes a tradition. Williamsburg is boring. It takes a lot of work to make fun happen.

This year's SBA should be the blueprint that next year's builds upon. With Timmers and Dziak and the incredibly capable staff they work with, we have had a great year. They are both great guys, and they have done an amazing job. They have really gone above and beyond what anyone ever expected the SBA to do and they have raised the bar for those who follow them.

I don't really know any of the candidates well enough to guess which one would do the best job, but the 1Ls and 2Ls should make a serious effort to figure this out. When you vote for SBA officers, consider how much work goes into the job, and vote for somebody who is up to the task.

Going somewhere fun for Spring Break? If so, the Amicus would like to use your pictures for our next issue. We will give you the film and/or pay to get the pictures developed, so ask an editor today.

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Congratulations to the 1999-2000 Moot Court Board

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SBA V-P Report -- Dziak 's Year Busier Than Al Gore's

by Doug Dziak

Barrister's Ball seemed to be a very nice evening for all those who attended. There was a fine turnout, with over 250 law students and guests dancing the night away. I hope everyone enjoyed the food, and as promised, the Lodge did not run out of drinks in an hour. I would like to thank Carol Hirsch, Kendra Dietz, Erin Manahan, and Dana Loftis, as well as all the members of the SBA social committee, including everyone who took time away from their evening to work the door and everyone who worked the table to sell tickets. This event would not have gone off as well as it did without all of their hard work. If you have any suggestions for next year, drop me a note (in my hanging file) and I will include my notes for next year's Barrister's Ball planning committee.

The S.B.A. is hard at work planning at least one, and perhaps three fairly large events. As Jeff has discussed earlier, the first annual S.B.A. golf outing will be held in March (I believe the date is the 19th, but look for the signs around school for the when, where and how much)

We hope to see all those future lawyers practicing their client gathering skills on the local links. We are also trying to plan a Graduate Council event with other graduate schools. The event we have in mind is a boat cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk and we are looking at April the 3rd as a possible date. The ball park cost of the cruise is \$20, although we may end up receiving some money from the Grad Council and the Office of Student Affairs to subsidize this trip. Watch for posting around school.

The S.B.A. Faculty Hiring Committee has completed its work and I would like to thank all the members for their hard work and time spent interviewing the various candidates. We were told by a few of the candidates that this is the only law school that really allows such student participation, so we should not take it for granted.

The members of the committee are: Elizabeth Evans (3L), Daryl Franklin (3L), Cristen Sikes (3L), Kindra Gromelski (2L), Susan Isbister (2L), Kevin Rice (2L), Earl Pinto (2L) and the 1L S.B.A. reps. Thanks again. Hopefully the administration will have some news about new faculty members joining us in the fall.

Work continues on the building addition, but we have made progress and it will be exciting to see the new look of the law school when all the work is done. Student concerns over the student office space, the OCCP space and the lounge are an important part of what will be addressed by these plans.

The end of our administration is near and it has been a great experience. While some things didn't work out the way we planned, I finish my term knowing we gave it our best efforts and hopefully a few things actually worked out well. I wish the best of luck to next year's Executive board and Class Reps. I also wanted to thank everyone who helped plan the different events this year. Your assistance was appreciated.

Last, but certainly not least, the SBA reserve folder into the library has information regarding housing for Beach Week. In case you don't know, Beach Week provides law students with "loads of unadulterated fun in the resort towns of the Outer Banks of North Carolina." We also hope to include a successful Beach Olympics, which consists of an afternoon of law students attempting to prove they are not as uncoordinated as they appear. IF ANYONE HAS A HOUSE ON BEACH, THE SBA WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN HOSTING BEACH OLYMPICS. We will provide the food and drinks, you the sand and ocean. We will also plan several bar reviews at local pubs on the island. Plan your housing early, get a good deal, come down to the beach and enjoy the last few weeks before life gets too serious again.

Speakers Examine the Plight of Battered Immigrant Women at Annual Symposium

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of institutions when trying to leave the relationship. Often their only real connection to the outside is through their abuser. Furthermore, these women must fight cultural stereotypes (e.g. that abuse is acceptable in their culture), and non-European immigrant women usually face racism as well. Jaber stressed that if advocates of victims of domestic violence are to help battered, immigrant women, they must be sympathetic their position as immigrants, as well as their "real fear of reprisals."

In her keynote address, Leslye Orloff focused on the legal issues that battered, immigrant women face. She related stories of women who have sought help under VAWA but were rejected because their husbands never filed or withdrew their immigration paperwork. Because the wife's illegal immigration status often precludes her receiving criminal or civil justice, a "category of citizens free to abuse" has been created. Not only do shelters turn away women without documentation, but there have been situations where women have tried to get restraining orders against

their abusers and have been turned over to the INS by the judge. In these cases Orloff said, the "abuser [gets] off scot-free until he finds his next victim."

Orloff also discussed some of the goals of the Violence Against Women Act of 1999. The main one is to clarify that reporting of illegal immigrants is not supposed to interfere with law enforcement against abusers. Its proponents would like to restore many of the rights taken away by recent immigration laws, as well as allow waivers of the requirements of self-petitioning for battered women. Finally, Orloff stated that she would like to see other groups included under the VAWA, such as elders who are abused, military wives abroad, and wives of bigamists.

When asked what people can do to help battered, immigrant women, the panel stressed the need for volunteers at domestic violence advocacy centers. They also recommended that law students participate in a domestic violence clinic, and those entering private practice commit to doing pro bono work in this area of law.

The Legal Realist has some computer problems

by Joe Grogan

I spent about forty minutes. Initially forty minutes, but that grew into an hour. See I spent forty minutes writing a column for this rag, but then the COMPUTER BLEW UP. My personal computer computer? No, one of these hunks of junk we got in the damn computer lab. So then I spent another twenty minutes desperately trying to rescue my magnum opus from the electronic abyss. To no avail. Then I had to listen to some jackass as "You didn't save it?" Would I be looking for it, if I had saved saved it? Whaddya say you look for it. On the inside of the monitor after I smash it on your head.

Have we learned our lesson about these computers? Do we understand that the computer lab always crowded, that the computers are constantly freaking

out? What kind of effort is being made to rectify this problem? Anyone? Anyone?

Why buy from Gateway? Gateway sucks. At my old place of employment, they too used Gateway and guess what. The computers sucked there too. Constantly breaking, schizzing, blowing up, shutting down. You'd go down the basement to find the computer guy and he'd be sitting there with the carcass of a Gateway in front of him, cigarette jutting from his malevolent face, and a half-empty bottle of Beam next to a Smith & Wesson. I think it was the Gateways that drove him to drink.

Gateway or Dell? Well, Dell's founder is this clean-cut lookin', responsible Republican type. And Gateway has this alternative, Birkenstock wearing, long hair. Mmmmm.

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The 1999 Spong Moot Court Tournament

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Spong is the recipient of honorary degrees from Hampden-Sydney College, Roanoke College, Washington and Lee University and the College of William and Mary.

Dean Spong passed away shortly before the tournament in 1998, and will be greatly missed. His life was a wonderful contribution to both the William and Mary community and the state of Virginia. Thus, the tournament has even more meaning to this institution with each passing year.

Traditionally, the tournament focuses on constitutional law and the Bill of Rights. This year's problem writer was the Spong Research Justice, Tina Gray Burke. The advocates will this year be focusing on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the recent occurrences at Virginia Tech.

The actual case problem was based upon was decided by the Fourth Circuit a few weeks ago, and the opinion is forthcoming in a few weeks.

Teams were required to brief either the Petitioner or the Respondent. The briefs were graded by faculty members from the various schools and bluebooked by students here at William and Mary. The teams will argue both on and off brief in the Preliminary Rounds, which will be held on Friday, February 26, 1999, at 7:30 and 8:45PM, and on Saturday, February 27, 1999, at 9:00 and 10:00AM.

Then eight teams will advance to the Quarterfinals at 1:00PM on Saturday, February 27. The four semi-finalists will argue again at 2:45PM and then the two finalist teams will argue the final round before a five-judge panel. The final round will be at 4:30PM on Saturday, February 27th and the public is encouraged to attend this final round. The five-judge panel will consist of one 7th circuit judge, one 4th circuit judge, one Federal Circuit judge, one Virginia Supreme Court Judge and one D.C. Court of Appeals Judge.

This is a great experience for all members of the William and Mary Law School Community and the Moot Court Board wants to encourage everyone to come and participate to the fullest. If you can't make it to the competition, and you'd like to meet some of the arguers, or some of the members of William and Mary's Moot Court Team and Board, please join us at Paul's later that night, where we will all be celebrating the success of this year's tournament.

Finally, the Moot Court Board would like to encourage any first years who are interested in trying out for Moot Court next year, to attend the final round to get an opportunity to see a moot court team in action. We hope that you will mark your calendars for the upcoming events and we'll see you there!

The Lewinsky Scandal can't be over! Harrell turns to Gerhardt for Help

by Lee Harrell

There is something missing in my life; a void, a chasm. I miss my Monica. I miss the long afternoons listening to the deliciously silky and commanding voice of Greta Van Susteren. I miss the shrill barking of Bay Buchanan and Geraldo. I miss the nighttime fantasies of Linda Tripp playing Circe to my Odysseus. I spent well over a year cultivating these friends only to have them ripped from my headlines. The unfairness of it all!

Not willing to give it up cold turkey, I decided to try to find some closure. I turned off my weary T.V. set and called Professor Micheal Gerhardt. Professor Gerhardt, an authority on impeachment and the Constitution, served as an expert analyst for CNN since January.

Additionally, he advised Congressmen and gave countless interviews throughout the impeachment trial. He describes his experience as "an adventure".

Professor Gerhardt worked full time at CNN's anchor desk throughout the trial. He says that the work was "an excellent opportunity to see how a first rate news

organization works." When asked who impressed him the most from the wide array of characters, he named his coworkers at the network. He also found the work of White House counsel Charles Ruff and Congressman Leiberan to be above reproach. Professor Gerhardt declined to comment when I asked who he thought did a 'less than adequate' job.

"It remains to be seen how viable Clinton and his initiatives will be and whether he has gained or lost momentum as a result of the impeachment and the Senate trial." Gerhardt remarked when asked about the impact of the proceedings. "It also remains to be seen if the members of Congress will be held politically accountable."

Professor Gerhardt advised viewers about the history and constitutionality of the impeachment process. He remained well above the fray. I, on the other hand, sunk into the seeminess of it all. There was a little something for everyone, and now it's over.

A friend reminded that I can still watch the always titillating Bob Dole as he discuss his erectile dysfunction, but this pales in comparison for me.

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example, in one year, there were 230 accidental shooting deaths of children under the age of 15.

During the same time period, more than 600 children died from bicycle accidents, and more than 3,000 died in automobile accidents.

In fact, more children under the age of 5 drown in water buckets each year than are accidentally killed by guns.

In addition to increased gun ownership generally, Lott argued that issuing concealed weapons permits are especially effective in preventing violent crime.

Utilizing charts that graphed data from the 31 states that have "right to carry"

laws, Lott showed how violent crime rates dropped dramatically in these states after the passage of the law. Lott further emphasized that concealed weapons laws do not increase violence, as evidenced by the fact that not a single permit holder in any state has ever been convicted of a shooting homicide.

The "bottom line," according to Lott, is that the benefits of gun ownership must not be forgotten, and should instead be weighed in relation to any risks. The "net effect" is less crime.

Following the presentation, Lott responded to questions and comments from the audience. The event concluded with a reception in the lobby.

PSF Date Auction Summary



This year's Date Auction raised over \$12,000. Over 180 people attended the auction, otherwise known as the "Annual 1L Cattle Call". The highest bid for a date came in at \$300 for Kevin Rice, you can see why in his photo on page 7. This was the first year for the Silent Auction, which itself raised over \$1000. The most talked about item was the REM sheet music donated by Professor Silfen, which fetched a winning bid of \$350. Westlaw and Lexis both chipped in, with Westlaw providing the beer and cups, and Lexis providing food, soft drinks and decorations.

Congratulations to the Members of the 1999 National Trial Team

Mary Beth Anderson
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Letters to the Editor

Bill Edwards Stands up for Honor Council, Code, Process

I read with some interest the column which Joe Grogan wrote about the Honor Code. I am glad that he began what I hope will be a continuing dialogue on this subject. His column did however, indicate that there is some misunderstanding about the Code, the role of the Honor Council, and the responsibilities of individual students here at the law school.

To begin with, I have never believed that those who serve on the Council are somehow more honorable than the rest of the student body. Over the past two years, I have had the opportunity to meet with almost all of the candidates for positions on the council and have found a uniformly high caliber of student candidates; I have every reason to believe that virtually every student here at the law school is a person of high personal integrity.

Those students who I have met on the Council over the past three years have served because of a desire to improve the Code and the administrative process associated with it, not because they somehow perceive themselves to be different than other members of the student body.

One of the main reasons I have continued to serve on the Council is from a desire to be in a position where I can have a direct impact on those aspects of the Code which *I believe can be improved*. Like Joe, I have some concerns about the secretive nature of Honor Hearings. There is only one reason such proceedings are not completely open - federal law.

Under applicable law, student disciplinary records are not available to the general public and students have certain privacy rights with respect to such proceedings. (Incidentally, those privacy concerns remain even after a case has been

resolved by the Hearing Panel and, therefore, serve to limit my ability to comment about any specific situation.) The Code is structured to protect those student rights: proceedings are not open to the public unless the accused student requests a public hearing. My concern is not that protection of student disciplinary records and proceedings is wrong, but rather that the fairness of the hearing process remains open to question by those who would not have any opportunity to observe the process firsthand.

Fairness of the process is the issue that has driven the Honor Council activities over the past two years. After consolidation of the Code in the Fall of 1997, the adversarial trial process was abandoned in favor of the European-style inquisitorial trial process. The Council has spent considerable time and effort in defining the specific procedures which should be used to protect the interests of any accused. Procedures which protect an accused should consider the impact on any accused with respect to application for admission to the bar. We on the Council are very aware of the fact that most bar application forms ask not whether an individual had been convicted of an honor offense, but whether the individual has been subjected to disciplinary hearings.

If you have not read the Code, you might not know that there are two stages in the process where a case may be screened out before getting to an Honor Hearing. And if you have not read the Code, you might not know that there are three stages of review at which a conviction can be overturned or sanctions can be decreased before adverse results from any hearing become final. If you were curious about

specific pending actions, any member of the Council could tell you about attempts to revitalize the Defense Advocate program here at the law school and the scope of our discussions about specific procedural measures which best meet the needs of law students.

I had the opportunity speak to our 1L class as they arrived here last August. I said that I hoped we could go through the academic year without any honor cases; I also said that we do that only if each and every student at the law school would think through an issue before taking action. The typical kind of cheating on exams by use of a "crib sheet" is not where I would expect law school students might violate the Honor Code.

It is some of the less obvious acts which could pose problems for a student. For example, if you have not read the Code, you might not realize submission of a paper in a second course without specific approval of the professor is a violation of the Code. (Section 2.2.(4).) Or you might not know that misrepresentations to potential employers fall under the Code. (Section 2.1 provisions concerning conduct off campus, but while representing oneself to be a student of the College.)

Perhaps you have not read Section 2.2.(3) of the Code which prohibits the use of unauthorized equipment on examinations and would mean that "cutting and pasting" from computer memory would violate law school exam policy - even with respect to open book exams. So, please do yourself a favor and read the Code. If you have any questions, ask a member of the Council or one of your professors *before* you do something questionable. Ultimately, intent would be a significant issue

in any Honor Hearing, but it would be a whole lot less painful to avoid the problem entirely rather than wait for exoneration at a formal hearing.

Finally, if there is something about the Code or the Council which bothers you, *do something about it*. Talk to a member of the Council, or better yet, get involved. Ask Bandele McQueen about becoming a defense advocate. Prepare a proposed modification of the Code and submit it for consideration by our Council and then by the Council of Chairs (which has representatives from the Honor Councils of all the schools within the College).

Apply for a position on next year's Council. (Each appointment to the Council is for a period of one year only; current members must reapply for positions for the coming year.)

Over the past several years there has been a turnover of at least a third of the positions, so even if you applied this year and were not selected - perhaps, given the superb quality of the candidate pool, especially if you applied this year and were not accepted - try again.

The law school Honor Council is comprised of sixteen students who seek not to be apart from, but rather be representatives of, our student body. In order to serve you, we need your help. Give us your thoughts, your ideas, and - if you can - commit your time to serve on the Council or as a Defense Advocate. In the long run, a personal, informal manner of communication and cooperation between members of the Council and our fellow students can only improve student satisfaction with the William and Mary Law School experience.

Bill Edwards

Bennie Rogers Says Read Your Honor Code

This letter is in response to Joe Grogan's article on the Honor Code that appeared in the last edition of the Amicus. The article was eloquently critical of both the philosophy behind our Honor Code (Code) and how we implement the Code at the law school.

Although I cannot agree with his conclusions, I applaud Mr. Grogan's willingness to challenge a system he feels is unfair. Too often, those of us that have the power to effect change, remain silent.

But, if true political activism is his goal, then Mr. Grogan needs to take a few additional steps. In fact, these steps are vital to any future intellectual discussion regarding the Code, and I encourage all of my fellow law students to take these steps with him.

First, Mr. Grogan needs to read the Code! With that knowledge, he could then ask tough probing questions regarding how the Honor Council (Council), faculty, and students interpret the language of the Code.

After collecting this preliminary infor-

mation, he then needs to read the Code, again! (Like the U.S. Constitution, the complexity of meaning inherent in the Code is sometimes missed by a cursory analysis. Therefore, in order to have any type of educated debate on the merits of our Code system, a second reading is a minimum requirement.)

At that point, I would challenge Mr. Grogan (and my fellow law students) to put the Council to ask - if he still disagrees with the Code, or any portion thereof, then he should demand the Council explain their reasoning.

Afterwards, if he is still not satisfied, then he can exercise his right as a law student to lobby for fundamental changes to the Code!

However, in truth, I find it inconceivable that nearly six hundred of the top legal minds of our generation would passively submit to being bound by a Code that they never read! Or worse yet, a Code that was unjust, unnecessarily cumbersome, or poorly written.

Since I can not believe that my class-

mates would act in such a foolhardy manner, I must believe that Mr. Grogan stands alone in opposition to the Code (since his appears to be a lone voice adrift in a tranquil sea.)

In fact, I submit that my classmates must either tacitly approve of the current Code, as interpreted by the Council, or passively acquiesce based on some type of "free rider" theory.

That being the case, I invite and encourage Mr. Grogan to attend our next general Council meeting, so that we can debate the merits of his concerns.

Oh, and if I am somehow wrong about Mr. Grogan being a lone voice against the Code, then I challenge his supporters to follow his lead and take an active stance in favor of their own position.

Yours, in the struggle,
Bennie C. Rogers, III

[Disclaimer: Although I am a member of the Honor Council, the opinions expressed herein are my own personal opinions and

do not necessarily reflect the opinions of any other members of the Honor Council.]

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(Local) Adventures with Jeff and Rebecca

On the Other Side of the River

by Jeff Yeates

At least once or twice in their life, every Williamsburger has probably missed the turn-off to Jamestown and the Colonial Parkway from Jamestown Road and found themselves at the Jamestown Ferry Wharf.

I've done it. You may have too. Surprised and annoyed, you hurriedly turn your car around and get back to where you were trying to go. But what would happen if you kept going? What is out there, across the river, beyond the 'burg?

The answer: Surry County, Virginia -- home of Chippokes Plantation State Park, Bacon's Castle, and the Village Diner. You've probably never heard of these places, and neither had we until one Saturday morning in February when Rebecca and I decided to cross the river.

The highlight of our trip may have been the car ferry. The ferry leaves every half-hour, 24 hours a day, from the Jamestown Wharf. It's also free. The ferry brochure states that, "It's not hard to imagine what the first colonists saw as they traveled on the same river almost 400 years ago."

I can almost guarantee that those first colonists didn't see riverfront homes and docks on the Surry County side like we saw. Still, the 15-minute ride was enjoyable and passengers are free to walk around the ferry or climb up the stairs for an upper deck view.

Upon arrival at Scotland Wharf, we disembarked and headed for our first destination -- Bacon's Castle, about a 15-minute drive from the wharf. Along the way, we drove through the town of Surry. Picture something like Toano, but smaller.

If you're into excitement, energy, and entertainment, Bacon's Castle is not for

you. It is famous because it's one of the oldest brick houses in North America and its garden is the oldest, largest, most sophisticated and best-preserved 17th century garden site in the country.

Unfortunately, we cannot comment on these features because the Castle was closed that day. Of all the days you would choose to close, we thought, why would you pick Saturday? We found that Surry County inspired several similarly perplexing thoughts.

For instance, why does one road in a rural county have to change route numbers five times in less than 10 miles? And, if you're going to advertise your diner as "Home of the Sweet Potato Cake," shouldn't the cake be really good? (More on that later.)

And finally, why do the sides of Surry County's roads look like highways from the mid-70's in the pre-Give A Hoot, Don't Pollute years? Surry County's roads need some adopting by a few local organizations. Anyway, as Professor Lee would say, "Back to story."

Slightly disappointed at Bacon Castle's rejection, we turned around and drove a few miles towards the river, arriving, after a few minutes, at Chippokes Plantation State Park. Chippokes was kind of interesting.

Not surprising for this part of Virginia, Chippokes has also staked its claim as the oldest something -- in this case the "oldest continually farmed property in the country." The highlight of Chippokes for us, and I'm not making this up, were the cows.

It's not that the State Park wasn't a nice place.

It's on the James River and has several

biking and hiking trails, camping facilities, and a plantation museum (also closed that day). Nevertheless, it was the cows that provided us with the most entertainment.

Watching large animals, I've decided, is like watching little children. They're both very unpredictable, too dim-witted to be self-conscious, and make funny sounds. All of this is very entertaining to me. "Why does a cow moo?" we wondered. After a while, leaving our thoughts on cow philosophy to Gary Larsen's *Far Side*, we tromped back to the car and waved good-bye to Chippokes State Park.

On the way back to Scotland Wharf we stopped for gas in Surry (one of the few attractions that *was* open that day) and saw the Village Diner across the street. It advertised itself as the Home of the Sweet Potato Cake. "That sounds interesting," I said to Rebecca, "Let's try it out." (We are into sweet potato cuisine since discovering Pierce's Pitt BBQ's sweet potato fries a few months ago.)

The Village Diner promotes itself as one of only 20 diners remaining in Virginia and is proud to be, according to their menu, "more fun than the same OLD FROZEN FOOD RESTAURANT." Their prices were definitely more fun than most of the same old frozen food restaurants but I can't really rave about their sweet potato cake.

I wish I could, but truthfully, it was on the dry side. Rebecca opined that it hadn't exactly popped out of the oven that morning. However, we didn't try anything else on the menu and if we ever return to Surry we would probably give the Village Diner another chance.

Strangely, we felt that way about most of what we saw in Surry. Even though nothing particularly impressed us, we still enjoyed it and would even go back. The Jamestown Ferry is a fun trip and as we drove along Surry's roads we could picture the countryside green and beautiful on a spring day.

Conclusion: Hold off on visiting Surry until April or so. By then, hopefully, the Castle will be open, the plantation museum up and running, and the sweet potato cake fresh. We're also counting on those cows.

Getting There: From the College take Jamestown Road (Rt. 31), through the 199 intersection and just keep going. When the road stops, you will be at the Jamestown car ferry. Take the ferry across the James River and into Surry County.

Crowd Factor: 10 Not too many tourists make it to Surry County. Plus, it was drizzling for much of the morning.

Expense: 8 The ferry was free. Parking at the Chippokes State Park was one dollar and sweet potato cake was \$2.25 a slice.

Romance: 4 Surry is definitely a make-your-own-romance sort of place. (Not that that's bad.)

Overall Rating: 5.5 Surry County is a nice change of scenery from Williamsburg and James City County. If modest Williamsburg is too big and crowded for your taste, Surry County is your kind of place.

Next Issue: Virginia Air & Space Museum

Sari Gains a New Appreciation For Zoning Law

by Sari Benmeir

Here is me studying:

Oh, it's zoning time. Ho hum. Blah, blah, blah. Zzzzzz snork ... "prohibiting drive-in businesses that create a "gathering of unsavory elements" ... Wake up!

Oh, like, say, perhaps a drive-through "massage parlor." It could have a catchy, trademarked name like "Ho on the Go," or "Scru-Thru" or "Shake - n - Brake," slogan: "You Brake 'Em, We Shake 'Em."

Now I wonder if Shake-n-Brake would make it through the United States Patent and Trademark Office, or would they reject it as a trademark on the grounds that it was scandalous and/or immoral? Well, if the allowed "Black Tail" for an ethnic nudie magazine, I don't see why Shake-n-Brake would be scandalous.

It could be set up like a car wash. You pull your car up on the little pulley-like thingy and it would go through by itself so

you wouldn't have to steer. Maybe the Sari Gains a New Appreciation For Zoning Law Shake-n-Brake could be combined with an actual car wash.

It would lend a certain ambience, as well as blocking viewage into the vehicle. "Good evening, sir, welcome to Shake-n-Brake. Will you be having our regular service for \$5 or the Supreme Service for \$500?"

Plus, then it would be easier and less deceptive to get people to work there: "You got a job where, dear? Oh, at the car wash -- that's nice. That should help with the tuition payments." Mother is quite surprised when Susie buys a house in Kingsmill.

Speaking of Kingsmill, what's the deal with a "gated" community in Williamsburg? I mean, I thought the purpose of having gated communities was to keep out criminals and prevent the "gathering of unsavory elements."

In Williamsburg?? Oh, like such unsavory elements as the infamous chronologically-challenged Williamsburg terrorist group, the "Babushka Brigade."

The group of steely-grey haired thugs go around Williamsburg committing such acts of terrorism as giving tourists bad directions (so they end up in Yorktown while trying to park their cars at CW), or dropping breakable objects in the "shoppes" and then scurrying out with their walkers without paying, or sneaking out in the middle of the night and shearing the CW sheep and knitting the pelts into stylized motorcycle jackets with the "BB" logo on the back.

It seems to me that the worst crime in Williamsburg is when some wild drunken W&M undergrads toss toilet paper rolls out of their dorm windows.

Well, maybe law school parties are

worse. But the point is, there doesn't seem to be any burglary or other type crime that one would expect a gated community to exist to deter.

Could it be, perhaps, the gated community exists to prevent people from running drive-thru massage parlors in their garages? I imagine that a car full of lovely ladies would never make it past the guard house:

"I'm sorry, miss, but our rules state that all Lincoln Towne Cars with six or more young, shapely females must be stopped and all the occupants of the vehicle must be held for questioning and strip searching in my conversion van over there."

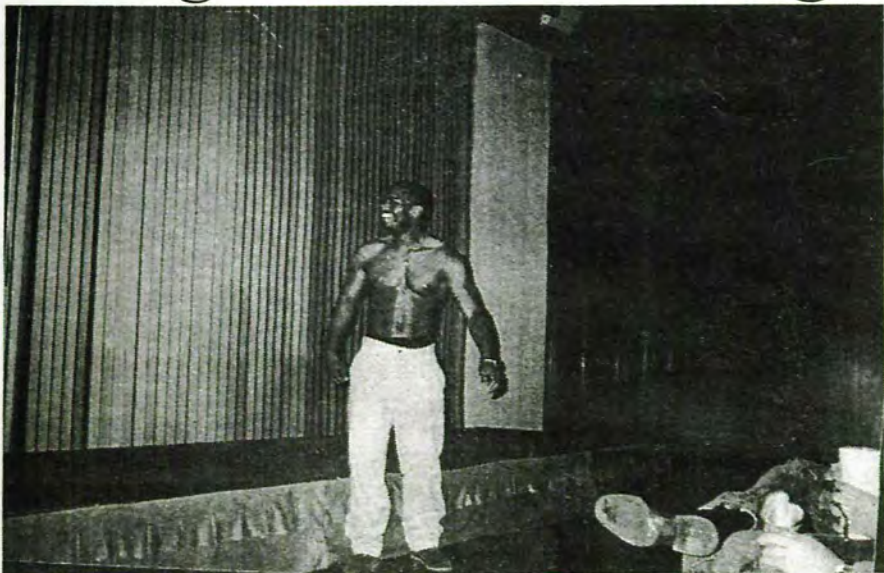
Or could it be, perhaps that the true reason Kingsmill is gated is some sort of unconstitutional exclusionary zoning??

Hey, what do you know! I'm back at zoning. Now, whomever said zoning was boring has very little imagination.

Are You in here? Barrister's Ball Photos



Selling their bodies for a good cause, the PSF Date Auction



SBA Candidate's Forum: Presidential Candidates

Liam Mcann

For the last year and a half, I have been honored to serve on the SBA, first as a 1L Representative and then as SBA Secretary. During that time, I have been proud about what the SBA has been able to accomplish; however, I have also gained insight as to improvements I feel would make the SBA a more effective and representative form of student government.

For most of the law school student body, the SBA is nothing more than a social planning organization. Certainly, Bar Reviews, Fall From Grace and Barrister's Ball are the most visible products of the SBA's work; however, few people seem to actually know what other functions the SBA performs. In addition to planning the law school's social calendar, the SBA coordinates funding for the various student groups in the law school; acts as the liaison between the student government on the main campus and the law school student body; organizes student committees; and, most importantly, represents and serves you.

While I intend to maintain (and improve) the SBA's function as the Law School's main social organizer, I feel that we need to re-focus our energies on the other important roles the SBA plays. For this reason, if elected, I intend to implement the following:

- Encourage involvement in the various student committees. Last year, there were some committees that had nobody on them. For the SBA to find out what needs attention and improvement, student commit-

tees have to once again become a reality. With your help, we can ensure that each committee has members. In addition, I will guarantee that every committee has the resources to perform effectively.

- Open up the channels of communication between the SBA and the student body. Whether it is apathy or a genuine lack of ways to communicate with each other, more dialogue has to occur, otherwise the SBA appears to function in a vacuum.

- A vigorous fight for funding from the main campus. While the effort may be futile (given who we are dealing with) we still need to attempt to convince the main campus administration and student government that Law School student groups deserve appropriate funding levels.

- Create opportunities for more faculty-student interaction. The current administration has initiated some great events, such as the Lunch With Professors series; however, events that allow greater student and faculty participation should also be considered.

- Maintain the current social opportunities while adding some more events, both alcohol and non-alcohol related.

I genuinely feel that a more responsive, more effective SBA will contribute greatly to the quality of life here at William & Mary. We have a diverse and vibrant group of people who make up the student body, and having an SBA that serves your interests can only help to make the experience here more enriching.

Mac Stuckey

My name is Mac Stuckey and I am running for SBA President. I have served as an SBA Class Representative for the past two years and am interested in continuing to serve the law school community.

I am interested in maintaining the past successes of the SBA with also bolstering the role of the SBA to enhance your law school experience.

How can the SBA continue to serve you effectively?

1. Continue to provide a social outlet in often leisure-less town of Williamsburg - Bar Reviews, Barrister's Ball, Fall from Grace, Planned trips such as the ski trip, Norfolk Tides/Richmond Braves baseball games, golf outings, Beach Week planning, Colonial Downs, etc.
2. Continue to serve as your liaison to the administration and faculty - voice student concerns via the various SBA sponsored committees, such as the Building Addition committee and the Faculty Hiring Committee, use the Faculty Brown Bag lunch series to facilitate greater student-faculty interaction.
3. Continue to fight for graduate funds from the College administration - using our voice as law students to rightfully protect and procure funds from our tuition dollars which seem to have dwindled in recent

years.

And by attempting to regain funds to ensure the successful operation of various prestigious student organizations, such as the Moot Court and the National Trial Team, which in recent years have seen their available budget slashed by the College administration.

In addition to pursuing the past successes of the SBA, I would like to provide even greater services for the law school community.

There has been some talk of adding additional food vendors to the student lounge, especially on Mondays and Fridays when Padov's is unavailable.

In addition, some students have inquired as to whether the SBA might be able to sponsor/put together a sort of Law School Jeopardy, where members of each class compete for fun, prizes, and the adoration of your classmates, an idea I would like to pursue.

Ultimately, it is your SBA. Whatever you would like to see happen around the law school can happen, just talk it over with your SBA reps.

If you have any questions, please ask. And remember to vote on Tuesday, February 23rd. Thanks for your time.

Vice Presidential Candidates

Erin Manahan

My name is Erin Manahan and I am running for Student Bar Association Vice President. Even though it's my first year, I have already become very involved in SBA activities.

I have attended bar reviews, been to both Fall from Grace and Barrister's Ball and I went on the ski trip this year.

In addition to participating, I have helped the social committee in preparing for Barrister's, so I have seen the amount of work that is involved in planning SBA activities.

The Student Bar Association serves an important role in providing social activities to offset the academic requirements of law school and I have several ideas to improve this function.

First, I would provide more timely notice and information on upcoming activities.

Law students are busy people and I

think advance notice is crucial in allowing people time to plan to participate. For example, the ski trip was a lot of fun and I know many more people who wanted to go but they did not.

To correct this problem and increase participation at next year's ski trip, I would like to rent several houses next to each other and allow people to just sign up and pay. The SBA will take care of the rest of the details and all you have to do is go!

Another of my goals is to increase the amount of interaction between the classes.

Finally, I would like to plan several new activities, such as Trivial Pursuit competition between classes and a trip to the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater.

I have served in similar leadership roles in the past and believe I would do a good job as Vice President, so vote for me on March 2.

Candidate List

President: Liam Mcann, 2L
Mac Stuckey, 2L

Vice-President: Erin Manahan, 1L
Earl Pinto, 2L

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Treasurer: George Vogel, 1L

3L Rep: Anna Jemjemian
Kindra Gromelski

2L Rep: Adam Casagrande
Liana Henry

Executive Counsel Rep: Sarah Richardson, 1L

Remember to vote on both
February 23rd and March 2.
Let your voice be heard!

Elizabeth Entertains as well as Educates

By Catie Zaller

Elizabeth chronicles the young princess's tentative rise to power as queen of England amid religious and political struggle. Although British period pieces have run amuck recently, *Elizabeth* stands out as a unique film which gives a refreshingly well-acted glimpse into the politics of Queen Elizabeth and her half-sister Queen Mary.

Unfortunately, I am not an expert in the history of the English monarchy and cannot vouch for the historical authenticity of the film. It was, however, entertaining and somewhat educational.

Cate Blanchett (wonderful spelling!) portrays the young princess Elizabeth who is cast into the role of queen when her half-sister Queen Mary becomes ill with a tumor and dies.

There is no love lost between the two sisters, especially when it comes to religion. Apparently, England was in a state of crisis over whether to accept Protestantism or Catholicism when Elizabeth came to power.

As a Protestant, Elizabeth is in the minority in the royal court. There is much plotting by Lord Norfolk and Lord Suffolk to dethrone Elizabeth and reinstate a Catholic regime.

Although I knew that Elizabeth maintained her power (I do know at least that much English history!), it was still unnerving to watch the plotters in action.

I was constantly entertained by the political maneuvering of the royal court and was often anxious as to the outcome of the plotting.

The acting was wonderful. Cate Blanchett won the Golden Globe for Best Actress in a drama and has been nominated for an Academy Award for her effort.

Her performance is captivating. She makes it easy to empathize with Queen Elizabeth and to believe in the wide range of emotions she portrays. Joseph Fiennes (also currently in *Shakespeare in Love*) puts on a good performance as love interest Lord Robert Dudley. Fiennes is outdone, however, by Geoffrey Rush of *Shine* fame.

Rush plays Elizabeth's loyal advisor and is always involved in some sort of intrigue that keeps things interesting. Although these three actors put in wonderful performances, the entire cast is solid.

The acting was good enough that I never even thought about it. I simply watched the film in interest.

The movie is a well-timed two hours and four minutes. Right when I was getting to think about the time, the movie ended.

I didn't feel that it was either too short or too long.

Although I obviously endorse this film, there were a few shortcomings to be aware of.

The film only follows Elizabeth for a short period of her reign. Although there is a short blurb at the end of the movie informing us that Elizabeth led the "golden age," we don't get to see it first hand.

There were also a few factual questions. I can overlook the few strange parts of the movie, however, and recommend *Elizabeth* wholeheartedly.

Overheard:

My skin is so smooth and I smell so good that I'm staying home with myself tonight.

Julie Whyson, 3L

A Lettington Letter

Update

It upsets us here at the *Amicus* to again be forced to report that our intrepid foreign correspondent is once more listed as Missing: Presumed Intoxicated by authorities in Kenya.

Recent attempts to reestablish contact have failed. Our most recent report had Robert on his way to Uganda on a mission of some importance, perhaps to deliver a shipment of beer.

However, there are strong indications that Robert may soon arrive here in the 'Burg for a short visit, so consider yourselves forewarned. We will be sure to get pictures if this does occur.

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Williamsburg Crossing

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Moot Court arguments to be presented by 1Ls, followed by a lively discussion from a distinguished panel of experts.

Ski Trip: Both



by Erin Manahan

For those of you who missed the ski trip to Snowshoe two weeks ago, not only did you miss a lot of fun, but you missed some pretty good entertainment.

While certain people were recovering from a rough night on the bathroom floor, the rest of us hit the slopes and some hit them harder than others.

Rick West's first attempt at skiing left him soaking wet and ready for happy hour, but he made a comeback the second day.

Kindra's first attempt at snowboarding, which actually turned into a sled ride half-way down the slope, provided enough laughs to last the weekend.

Speaking of snowboarders, have the bruises on your butt healed yet Tyler?

The snowboarders could have taken a lesson from John Reed, Sung and Amy, who were pros and even made the skiers look bad.

Apparently skiing wasn't the only priority for some people because Tom Kearns and Bayard were spotted on the chair lift trying to get girls to flash them - this is Snowshoe, not Mardi Gras boy!

After a fun day of skiing, and no major injuries (surprising enough), we headed back to the house to drink away our sore muscles.

While the third year girls demonstrated

Before and After



their drinking skills, Kellam suffered at the hands of a merciless president in a tough game of a**hole.

Although no one got any sleep, it was

a great trip thanks to Dziak. Oh and Garber, were you a bouncer before you came to school, or do those skills come naturally?

The Amicus

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Everything you need to know about conversing with the loud drunk at the sports bar

by Jeff Polich

Thanks to an astute reader, it has come to my attention that there are those out there who want to become better sports fans, (why, I won't ask) but find it difficult because of problems in understanding what it is that the guy in the rainbow wig is talking about.

More precisely, there is a language out there spoken by and understood by sports fans that others can recognize as an offshoot of the King's English, but not quite colloquial American if you know what I mean. I refuse to call it "Sports-ese" because "ese" as a suffix is so blasted overused these days and to call anything "Sports-ese" would sound like a creation of Bryant Gumball.

I don't want that. Let's call it, I don't know, Sportsi. That's stupid too. Let's not call it anything and get on with this ridiculous piece.

The key point of this article is to put your minds at rest. The jargon used by those who perform, coach, watch, critique, or own sports is not difficult to learn. It can't be.

I mean there are football players out there who would have trouble pointing to their team's city on a map but who could easily explain former football coach Buddy Ryan's "54" defense. Or at least describe what their job was in that defensive scheme, which incidentally calls for five guys to kill the quarterback and four others to hunt down his family.

While I don't have the space, knowledge or desire to define every word in the rabid fan's lexicon, I can at least spell out how one might go about educating them-

selves. Step number one is NOT to over-complicate these things.

I can remember watching baseball as a child and hearing the announcer say as the pitcher went into his wind-up, "here comes the 2-1 pitch." I would think to myself, "how in the world does the announcer know what the pitch is going to be before the pitcher throws it?"

Well, it turned out that a 2-1 pitch was not a type of pitch, but rather a pitch that was thrown with two balls and one strike. Who knew? Similarly a 4-3 defense in football is one with 4 defensive linemen (guys who line up on the line of scrimmage) and 3 linebackers (those other big guys right behind the linemen). Who can tell me what a 3-4 defense is? You get the idea.

Step number two is to educate yourself. While there are books out there who can teach you this stuff, they are usually written by idiots for idiots and have creative names like *Give Me the Damn Ball* by Keshon Johnson. Read a *Garfield* cartoon treasury before you read that crap.

My suggestion is to start watching immense quantities of television. By last count I have four channels that are dedicated only to sports and another five to seven that spend a lot of time televising sports. Like watching Univision, it's impossible to watch these things and not learn *un piqueno* from such well-coifed scholars as Terry Bradshaw, Bill Walton, and Barry Melrose.

Once you've picked up a little of the terminology, step number three is to start talking with people about it. Remember that the decibel level in most bars would be

halved and the pitch twice as high if it weren't for sports and *The Simpsons*. So get into one of these conversations.

I recommend giving the sports page a once over, just to learn the issues of the day. Then jump in. If you don't understand something, ask. You'll get an answer. It might not be right, but I guarantee they'll tell you something. Be careful not to ask so much that people get annoyed.

Asking anything while players are moving around on the TV is probably a bad idea. But once they've stopped to rest and scratch themselves, fire away. Most sports people love to show off their "knowledge." Asking a question is a compliment to them.

So there you have it. Like any language, it is best learned through total immersion. I have a feeling you'll find that the jargon of sports is like the jargon of the law. We couch basic ideas in terms like "left wing lock" and *corpus delecti* when all we're trying to say is "Shanny, play some defense" and "I meant that corpse."

I don't know why we do it except to keep others from understanding and getting in on the fun. That is, whatever fun can be had in talking to drunk, loud, idiots in stinky bars.

INTRAMURALSTUFF:

I was surprised to find that no one took me up on my offer to print IM results. Fine by me.

The 2L basketball team, "Laimbeer's Legal Eagles," is off to a blistering 0 and 2 start. While the wins may not be flowing, Laimbeer's has been successful in meet-

ing their team vision of fouling undergrads into submission. The bruising stars on this formidable cadre of pale flatfooters include Matt Kuehn, Don Martin, and John Campbell, each of whom has fouled out of at least one game.

While Kuehn was held to only one foul in the Eagles' deceptively lopsided 26 point loss in game two, that one foul was a doozy, sending a nubile frosh into the padded wall at Miller Gym just as he thought he had an easy lay-up. This columnist is averaging 1.5 points a game, but has numerous rebounds to off-set his missed lay-ups and is never at a loss for support on the sideline. You can never have too many intangibles, you know. And besides, this is a great warm-up for hockey.

I know there are more teams out there, likely having more success than the Eagles. Last I heard, the 2L team including Mac Stuckey, Ted Hunt, Max DeWitt, Alan Wilbur, etc. was having great fun in ripping apart the B League.

Have they no decency in shamelessly plowing through this company of out of shape brick-layers when they ought to be sinking their threes and making their lay-ups with the big boys of the A League? Shame on you. Your T-shirts will be forever stained with the mark of tyranny over lesser competitors. Pick on someone your own size you bullies.

When he's not busy mauling the undergraduate basketballers, Jeff Polich is a 2L law student and unrepentant sport linguist.

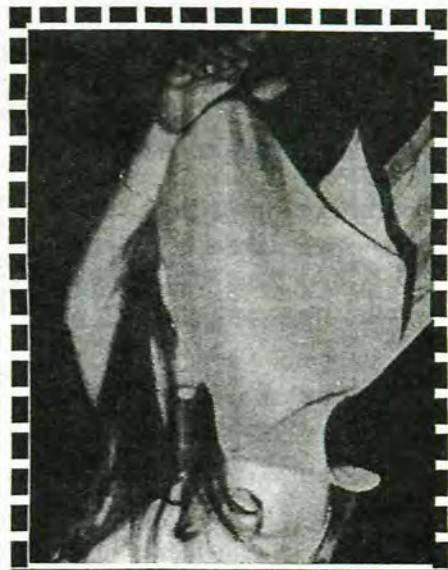
Please submit any IM sports results to Jeff Polich (2L) via hanging file so that he can make fun of your faux athleticism.

More Clip 'n' Save Marshall-Wythe Trading Cards! Collect them all!!

We all had fun, but they had the most, they were the Stars of Barrister's Ball



Life of the Party



Mysterious Veil Dancer



Party Crashers



End of a Long Night

Calendar of Events

THE AMICUS CURIAE
Monday, February 22, 1999

Tuesday, February 23

Vote, Vote, Vote: today is your SBA election day. Don't forget to vote in the law school lobby, and bring your student ID. Every vote matters, except of course in the totally uncontested races, of which there are many.

"The Death Penalty at the End of the 20th Century": 3pm, room 120, reception to follow. Featuring John Blume, Director of the Cornell Law School Death Penalty Project. Here's your chance to listen in on why we shouldn't fry our criminals.

Binge and Barf Week: It's National Eating Disorder Week, so practice all of your unhealthy eating habits to excess. Taunt your skinny friends, taunt your fat friends, eat a Big Mac, work out until you pass out. You get the idea. Don't write letters about how insensitive we are to eating disorders. We are insensitive to everyone.

Wednesday, February 24

Washington Capitals: Home vs. Phoenix, 7 p.m. So your floor hockey team crapped out when it counted most? Soothe the pain by watching some skating, some violence, some scoring. Not much scoring goes on in law school.

IM 3 Point Shooting: Entries close today, tournament begins. If you got the trey, here's your chance to let the world see you in all your triple glory. If not, here's your chance to make a bigger ass of yourself than you did at Fall From Grace, the Dinner Date Auction and Barrister's Ball combined.

Lunch With Lawyers: As if you won't get to do enough of this in your life. If you can work up an appetite to participate in this delightful networking experience, more

Brown bag lunch with two local lawyers, 1-2 pm, Dean's Conference Room.

Wednesday Night Forum: Ronald Rosenberg will speak on recent environmental justice cases and the Supreme Court. 7pm, James Blair Room 229. Does Justice Scalia recycle his copy paper? Does Justice Thomas recycle his coke

cans? The burning questions get answered here.

"Should the Death Penalty Be Abolished?": a public debate featuring John Blume and Mike McGinty, Commonwealth's Attorney of James City County and Williamsburg. 3 pm in room 120, reception to follow. If you are still undecided on whether one murder cancels out another, maybe this debate will help you make up your mind.

Thursday, February 25

Workshop and Reading: Short story writer and literary agent Leslie Daniels will conduct a student writing workshop on Feb. 24 & 25 and will conduct a reading of her work on Feb. 25 at 7 pm in McGlothlin-Street 20. Call Nancy Schoenberger at 221-2439 for details. Potential Linda Tripps should take note.

Outdoor Soccer: men, women and co-rec teams begin play today. It may not give the network sponsors time to slip in commercials, but it is pretty popular in every other country in the world.

"Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Uniform Code of Military Justice": 8 am to 4 pm in the UC, admission \$50. Call 874-9116 for more information. No word on whether this hefty fee is reduced for students, the military, or military students. Is it really just to ask \$50 at the door for any event that features neither nudity nor contortionism?

Friday, February 26

Spong Tournament: It's a party and only the chosen few are invited. Thrown by our own Moot Court team, the Spong tournament brings a lot of out of town law students into the big city of Williamsburg. Keep your eyes open and you'll be able to spot them out on the town Saturday night.

Concert: Imani, apparently an R&B ensemble, in concert at Lodge 1 at 9pm. It's free, but I can't vouch for whether or not it's worth the cost. Maybe they will be well and scantily dressed. Maybe they can dance. Maybe they can even sing.

Math Stuff, I think: If moot court isn't your bag, there is a math colloquium, "Periodi-

cally Correlated Sequences and Processes" presented by Andrzej Makagon at Hampton University at 1 pm in Jones 301. 221-2022 for more information. Like anyone is really going to go to this.

"Gods and Monsters": No, it's not about your law professors, or even their spouses. It's not even about those freaks who live in the basement. It is a screening of a movie based on the novel by Chris Bram, writer in residence. 7 pm, Williamsburg Theatre (known colloquially as the DOG Street Theatre).

Saturday, February 27

3rd Annual Alan Buzkin Memorial Bone Marrow Drive 5K Run/Walk: 10 am, registration forms available at the Rec Center, the UC information desk, the James City County Rec Center and the Williamsburg Library. Pre-Registration is \$10 and race-day registration is \$15. All proceeds benefit the 1999 Alan Buzkin Bone Marrow Drive. It's not far, and you don't have to go fast, but I can't think of a reason in the world to run if nobody is chasing you.

"Fidelity, Economic Liberty and 1937": a part of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law Scholarly Symposium Series. 1pm - 5pm. You'll have to find the room yourself. Featuring a panel of distinguished, semi-distinguished and possibly totally disreputable experts from various and sundry law schools. For more information call 221-3810. If you are a Meese junkie, he will be making an appearance, so ladies, start your engines.

Attention Linguists: Japanese Speech Contest sponsored by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and the East Asian Studies Committee. 1 pm, Washington 201. If Japanese is your language, then here is a chance to meet like-minded linguists and share the delights of the tongue. Hey, get your filthy mind out of the gutter!

Sunday, February 28

Washington Capitals: Home vs. Pittsburgh, 3 p.m. It's your most local pro hockey team, and hockey is kind of fun. If you get lucky, a nasty fight will break out.

If you get really lucky, the fight will include you and some fat guy from Canada. If the gods are truly smiling on you, there will be a nacho hat involved.

Gospel Extravaganza: sponsored by Ebony Expressions Gospel Choir, 5 p.m. in the Commonwealth Auditorium, UC. It's music, it's uplifting and it's a load of fun if it's done right. If you're feeling uninspired, this might be just the thing.

Evening of Jazz: sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, 9 pm in the UC. It's hot, it's dirty and anything can happen. If you feel a little bit too purified by your gospel listening experience, this may be just the ticket to get you feeling nasty again.

Women's Basketball: vs. UNC-W, 2 pm. Chicks play basketball, but guys aren't all that interested because they feel less manly next a six-foot tall woman who can kick their asses.

Wednesday, March 3

IM Golf: Entries open today. The sport of doctors and lawyers. If a law student doesn't win this, we should all be pretty freaking embarrassed.

Saturday, March 6

Spring Break Begins: Sun, sand and surf. Scantily clad hotties with booties you could bounce a quarter off. Bourbon, beer, tequila, rum. All of the finer things in life. This is what you will not get out of your Spring Break. If you didn't manage all that bacchanalia in undergrad, you are too much of a loser now to figure out how to get it, and if you did manage all that in undergrad, you probably have too much of a beer gut to pick up any hotties. Well, maybe you can get some sleep.

Sunday, March 14

The End of Spring Break: Back to the same old grind for those of you whose spirits have not been so crushed by the law school that you were still able to have a fun Spring Break. Those of you who stayed here and studied have no hope anyway, so you probably didn't even notice that it is spring.

TRADING CARDS: Stars of Barrister's Ball

Chris Garber

After a very long night of fun and debauchery, Chris Garber finally lets his weariness overtake him and lays himself down to rest. Unfortunately it wasn't in his own bed and he was later rudely awakened by the true owner and sent on his way. Garber awoke excited to be in somebody else's bed, but soon realized that it was only Shawn Shurden's and that he was fully dressed. Better luck next time.

Tom Christiano & Bob Toy

Never slaves to conformity Tom and Bob decided to take the "Black Tie Optional" quite literally and crashed Barrister's Ball dressed for comfort rather than style. Bob, self conscious about his low-key attire, initially refused to approach the bar, but cooler heads prevailed and shots were served all around. Tom, alas, is never afraid to approach a bar, especially an open one.

Stephanie Parks

With a just whisper of a breeze and a flash of silk she passed you by on the dance floor. That mysterious master of the veil dance was finally identified as Stephanie Parks. When asked where she learned the secrets of the veil dance she replied that it just came to her naturally. Like Stevie Nicks, Stephanie knows how to work a scarf. Whether she found her Lindsay Buckingham is a mystery you will have to decipher for yourself.

Andy Chambers

It was Andy who got Barrister's off to fast start. His inspired dancing and enthusiasm encouraged everyone to get out there on the dance floor, because with Andy out there grooving no one had to worry about people looking at them. Thank you Andy. Officially the life of the party at this year's event, Andy was liberal in spreading around his dancing skills, teaching both the lawnmower and a few swing dance moves.