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Women & Law Symposium Focuses on Battered Immigrant Women

By Shannon Wilby

The Journal of Women and the Law held in 1999 Symposium, "Welcome to America: The Realities of Battered Immigrant Women," on Tuesday February 16. The keynote speaker was Leslie E. Ornell, 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 Rosia 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 news 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 citizenship). 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 battered 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 have the barriers of foreign language, isolation from family and friends, and fear of returning home if forced to leave their country.

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 relationship between guns and crime. Lott's speech was sponsored by the Law School's chapter of the Federalist Society.

Professor Lott, whose book "More Guns, Less Crime" topped the charts as a reissue of yet another bestseller, is a senior fellow at the University of Chicago. During his speech, Lott began his discussion by addressing the myths commonly associated with violent crime and gun ownership.

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 used by violent criminals. Unfortunately, he said, the media's coverage of the Lewinsky scandal... pg4

Lott acknowledged, however, that guns are dangerous if misused, but argued against further regulations. In particular, he addressed the issue of excessive gun safety laws that are primarily intended to prevent accidental shootings. Citing recent data, Lott stated that the notion that guns are more dangerous to children than other products is simply not true. For Spong Tournament preparations underway

by Kristin Czerski

Preparations for the 1999 Spong Moot Court Tournament are getting underway for the weekend of February 26-27. Last year's winners of the 1998 Tournament were from the University of Georgia. Both schools are known for their oral advocacy proficiency. This year 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.
SBA Elections Lead to Law School Fun or Anti-Fun -- Vote Carefully

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 enjoying themselves. I was the perfect automation of a druggie planning.

Most of the planning was done by Doug Drink. In the past couple of years, pretty much all I know about Drink was that those guys didn't hold themselves up. His fame was somewhat tarnished by that. But this year, I have come to the realization that, as a student body, we need a really great person in the role of Drink 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 benefited from what Drink has done. If you haven't noticed anything else, you have probably noticed that Bar Reviews have been a lot cooler this year.

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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Monday, February 22, 1999 THE MARKETPLACE

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

by Doug Dziak

The members of the committee are: Elizabeth Bickrnan(3L),Jill Feinberg(2L),Traveli

Having everyone enjoy the food, and especially the dessert, the Social Committee

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events this year. Your assistance was appreciated.

The Legal Realist has some computer problems

by Joe Grogan

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from the stromic abyss. To no avail.

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I was informed about these computers.

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the computers are constantly breaking

out? What kind of effort is being made to

really fix this problem? Anyone? Anyone?

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too used Gateway and they sucked. The
computers sucked there too. Con­

stantly breaking, whizzing, blowing up,

shutting down. You'd get down the base­

ment to find the computer guy and he'd

be sitting there with the case of a Gate­

way in front of him, cigarette jutting from
his mouth, and a half-empty bottle of Ben­

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Gateway or Dell? Well, I'm not a

sucker for this clueless look, irresponsible Rep­

ublican type. And Gateway has this

alternative, Brinkman weaning, long

habit.
The 1999 Spong Moot Court Tournament

Moot Court from 1

Spong is the recipient of honorary degrees from Hampden-Sydney College, Randolph College, Wake Forest and Lehigh 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 Spang Research Assistant, Tim Gregory. 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 handed 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 hence William and Mary. Themen will argue both on and off brief in the Preliminary Round, which will be held on Friday, February 19, 1999, at 7:30 and 8:45PM, and on Saturday, February 27, 1999, at 9:00 AM and 10:00AM.

Then eight teams will advance to the Quarterfinals at 1:00PM on Saturday, February 27. The four semifinalists will argue again at 2:45PM and then the two finalists will argue the final round before a five-judge panel. The final round will be at 4:30PM on Sunday, February 28, and the public is encouraged to attend this final round. The five-judge panel will consist of one 9th Circuit Judge, one 4th Circuit Judge, one Federal Circuit Judge, one Virginia Supreme Court Judge and one D.C. Circuit Judge.

This is a great opportunity for all members of the William and Mary Law School Community and the Law and the Court Board wishes to encourage every one to come and participate in the fallow. Everyone’s voice is a must to the competition, and you’ll be become your own advocate, as 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 adorning 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 what a moot court team is all about. We hope that you will mark your calendars for the upcoming events, and 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 mistook Monica. I was the long afternoon listening to the dis­crediting silly and commanding voice of Anita Van Santen. I mistook the idea-bach argument of Bay Buchanan and Geraldo. I spent over a year cultivating these friends only to have them rung from my head. The un­fairness of it all!

Not too large to give up the cold robbery, I decided to try to find some closure. I turned off my weary T.V. set and called Professor Michael 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 advised viewers about the history and constitutionality of the impeachment process. He remained there throughout the evening, and even when I think of it all, Mr. I was a little something for everyone, and now it’s over.

A friend reminded me that I can still watch true grit by utilizing both Bob Dole as his dis­course member and John Ashby. His talks were a perfect option, but his plot in comparison for me.

More Guns, Less Crime

by John M. MacDonald

Federalist Society from 1

example, in one year, there were 230 accidental shootings of children under the age of 15. During the same time period, more than 250 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, I am argued that issuing concealed weapon permits are especially effective in preventing violent crimes.

Utilizing charts and graphs from the 13 states that have “right to carry”

laws, Lott showed how violent crime rates dropped dramatically in these states after the passage of the law. Furthermore, it is estimated that concealed weapons laws reduce the incidence of violence, and evidence that 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.

Congratulations to the Members of the 1999 National Trial Team

Mary Beth Anderson
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Terry Driskill
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This year’s Date Auction raised over $12,000. Over 180 people attended the auction, otherwise know as the Annual 11 Cattle Sale. 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 sale of a date, 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.

The event concluded with a reception in the lobby.
Letters to the Editor

Bill Edwards Stands up for Honor Code, Council, Process

I read with some interest the column which Joe Grogan wrote about the Honor Code. I was glad that he began what I hope will be a continuing dialogue on this subject. However, there is some mischaracterization 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 ethically superior to nearly every other member of the student body. Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to meet with almost all of the candidates for positions on the Council and I have found an exceptionally high caliber of student candidate. I have every reason to believe that virtually every student here at the law school in a position 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. I have some concerns about the secretive nature of Honor Hearings. There is only one general public and students have certain privacy rights with respect to such information. Student disciplinary records are not available to the other members of the student body. There has been a turnover of at least a third of the students over the past two years.

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 last week's edition of the Antigua. The article was highly critical of the philosophy behind our Honor Code (Code) and how we implement the Code at the law school.

Although I 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. 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 would have any opportunity to observe the process firsthand.

If you have not read the Code, you might not know that there are two stages in the process whereby evidence may be offered 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 matters which meet the needs of law students.

I had the opportunity to speak to an UL class at the law school last August. I said that I hoped we could go through a year without any honor case. I also told that we do that only if each and every student at the law school would think through an issue before taking action. The trial-like hearing on cases by use of a "vote sheet" is no 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 do 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 2.2.6.4.) Or you might not know that misrepresentation in a potential employment application is a violation of the Code. (Section 2.1.4.) In any case, you do yourself favors by reading the Code.

Mr. Grogan has thus driven the Honor Code to the point of a constitution. To begin with, I have never believed that the Honor Code speaks for itself. Neither has the Antigua's opinion section.

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On the Other Side of the River

by Jeff Yates

Adventures with a new baby, life in Williamsburg has probably missed the turn off to Jamestown and the Colonial Parkway from Jamestown Road found the same sense as the Jamestown Ferry. Why? I've done it. You may have too. Surprised and amazed, you hurriedly turn your car up on the little pulley-like it as a trademark on the grounds that it was "Scru-trademarked name like "massage parlor."

drive-in businesses that create an element of unappetizing disservice "Bacon's Castle, about a 15-minute ride was enjoyable. 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. They're probably never heard of those places, and neither had we until Saturday—well, Saturday morning in February, when Rebecca and I decided to cross the river.

The highlight of our trip was our ferry ride. The ferry leaves every half-hour, 24-hours a day, from Jamestown Wharf. It's also free. The ferry brochure states that "It's 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 rice-farming homesteads and docks on the Surry 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 place, and neither had we until one morning, 24 hours a day, from the Jamestown Road (Rt. 31), through the J-99 intersection and just keep going. When those days, you will be at the Jamestown ferry. Take the ferry across the James River and into Surry County.

Sari Gains a New Appreciation For Zoning Law

by Sari Benner

Oh, it's raining. Ho! hum. Blah, Blah, Blah, ZZZZZ. *protesting drive or destination that creates an element of unappetizing vacancy*—Wake up! Oh, blast, perhaps a drive through "marginal prefer." It needs a hearty breakfast, like "Whole Foods," or "Scru-Thorpe" or "Shake-n-Brake," slogan: "You Brakes 'Em, We Brakes 'Em."

Now I wonder what the hoopla is all about. Shake-n-Brake would make it through the United States Patent and Trademark Office, or would they reject it as it's a single word that isSounds good and informative! Well, if the allowed "Black Tail" for an edible meat products, "Shake-n-Brake" would be successful. It would sound like a car wash. You pull your car up on the little paddy-like thing and it would draw people to it because you wouldn't have to stare. Maybe the Shake-n-Brake combo would be entitled with a actual car wash. It would send a certain ambience, as well as making breakage into the vehicle. "Good evening, sir, welcome to Shake-n-Brake. Will you be having our regular service for $15 or the Supreme Service for $50?"

Then, it would be an extra $5 to get people to work there: "You get your wash, drive, and go. Oh, at the car wash—fun! That should help with the tuition payments."

Mother is quite surprised when Sari buys a biscuit in Kingsgate. Speaking of Kingsgate, what's that deal with a "gated" community in Williamsburg? I mean, I thought the purpose of having gated communities was to keep out criminal and prevent the "gathering of unappetizing elements." In Williamsburg? Oh, like such要素 elements as the infamous chronologically-challenged Williamsburg terrorist group, the "Babushka-Beltane." The group of smugly-high-hatted goons around Williamsburg consisting of acts of vandalism as giving too good of a directions (as they end up in Williamsburg while trying to park their cars at CW), or dropping breakable objects in the "shopping" and then leaving early with their walkers without paying, or sneaking out in the middle of the night and driving the CW drop and leaving the poly-steel-motorcycle jackets with the "HCF" logo on the back.

It seems to me that the worst crime in Williamsburg is when some wild drunken W&M undergrads throw toilet paper rolls out of their dorm windows. Well, maybe low school parties are worse. But the point is, there doesn't seem to be any burglaries or other type crime that one would expect a gated community to exist to defer.

Conclusion: Of all visiting Surry until April or so. By then, hopefully, the Castle will open, the plantation museum open up and running, and the sweet potato cake was free. We're also counting on these news.

Getting There: From the College take Jamestown Road (Rt. 11), through the J-99 intersection and just keep going. When those days, you will be at the Jamestown ferry. Take the ferry across the James River and into Surry County.

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

Expense: $5 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 spot of place. (Note: that's just me.)

Overall Rating: 5.5 Surry County is a nice change of scenery from Williamsburg and James City County. Blandfield Williamsburg is like watching little children. The y are adorable and lovable and friendly, but you probably would go to a Surry County of your kind of place.

Next Stop: Virginia Air & Space Museum
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 Mann

There are a few changes to have once again become a reality. With your help, we can ensure 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, outside of 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 toward 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.

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 fulfill the academic requirements of law school and I have several ideas to improve this function.

First, I would provide an updated list of upcoming events 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 people who wanted to go but did not.

To ensure this problem and increase participation in activities that you’re asking about, I would like to set up a system where students 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 Toastmasters competitions between classes and a trip to the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre.

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

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 the form of social events such as 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 - voice student concerns via the various SBA sponsored committees, such as the Building Addition committee and the Faculty Hiring Committee, 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 Paddo’s is unavailable.

In addition, some students have suggested that the SBA might be able to sponsor just a part of the Law School Social Committee, where members of each class compete for fun, prizes, and the admiration of your classmates, as I feel I would be able to pursue.

Ultimately, I am here for you. 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.

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Elizabeth Entertains as well as Educates

By Carie Zaller

Elizabeth chronicles the young queen's transition from a powerless princess to a powerful monarch. Although British period pieces have often been critical, Elizabeth stands out as a unique film which gives an entertaining glimpse into the politics of Queen Elizabeth and her half-sister Queen Mary.

Unfortunately, I cannot provide expert insight into the history of the English monarchy, but as a film reviewer, I can offer my perspective.

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 Catholicism or Protestantism. The film portrays the young princess Elizabeth who, while torn over whether to accept Protestantism, becomes ill with a fever and dies. Her half-sister Queen Mary becomes ill with a tuberculosis and dies.

The acting was excellent. Cate Blanchett (wonderful spellings) portrays the young princess Elizabeth who later takes the throne of England and reinstate a Protestant regime.

Her performance is captivating. She makes it easy to empathize with Queen Elizabeth and believe in the wide range of emotions she portrays. Joseph Fiennes (also currently in Shakespeare in Love) plays the role of Robert De gile, 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 well-acted, the entire film is interesting. The acting was good enough that I never even thought about it. I simply watched the film in interest.

Although I knew that Elizabeth maintained her power (I do know that much English history), it was still surprising to watch the plots in action. I was incredibly 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 she has been nominated for an Academy Award for her effort.

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There were also a few factual questions. I can overlook the few historical errors 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 Whysong, 3L

The movie is a well-edited 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 adored 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 had the "golden age," we didn't get to see a fine hand.

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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 halfway down the slope, provided enough laughter 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, Sang and Amy, who were pros and even made the skiers look bad.

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

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

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?

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

by Jeff Polich

Think it’s an outlandish idea, it has come to my attention that there are those out there who want to become better sports fans, only, I won’t that bad 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 “me” in a suffix to so blantly overused three days and to call anything “Sports-ese” would sound like a creation of Bryan Lourd.

I don’t want that. Let’s call it, Sports. 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, criticize, or own sports is not difficult to learn. It can’t be.

I mean there are football players out there who would have a trouble pointing to their team’s city on a map who could only explain former football coach Johnny Haney’s “4-4” defense. Or at least describe what it is that is the definitive scheme, which incidentally could be used to kill the quarterback and four others to hurt downs/jump 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 here one quick go about educating themselves. Step number one is NOT to overcomplicate things. I can remember watching my dad in a car at having the announcer up as the pitcher went into wind-up, “here comes the 2-1 pick.” I would think to myself, “in the world does the announcer know what the pick 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 (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 3-3 defense is? You get the idea.

Step number two is to educate yourself. While there are books out there that can teach you this stuff, they are usually written by idiots for idiots and have pretentious names like Gridiron Jargon Dummies by Keshon Johnson. Read a Garfield comic book. It was always more fun.

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, February 22

Yes, Vote, Vote is your IBA-election day. Don’t forget to vote in the law school lobby, and bring your student ID. Every vote matters, because power is in the unusually unclaimed races, of which there are many.

"The Death Penalty at the End of the 20th Century" - 1:00 p.m., 12th floor, University Law Center. Members of the Cornell Law School Death Penalty Project invite you to join in the discussion on why we should stop using the death penalty. Bring your ideas and questions.

Wednesday, February 23

In Disorder Week, so practice all of your eating disorders. Every vote matters, except of course in the upcoming presidential election. Here’s your chance to listen in on the Cornell Law School’s Binge and Barf Week: It’s National Eating Disorder Week. So practice all of your eating disorders. Wednesday, February 24

Date Auction and Barrister’s Ball combine to do enough of this in your life. If you can work up an appetite to participate in this charming chance to make a bigger ass of yourself next time.

Thursday, February 24

Workshop Reading: Shortstory writer and history lover Leslie Daniels will conduct a workshop on February 24, 2:45 p.m. in McGraw Hall (bldg) 25. "Call Nancy Schoenberger at 221-3813 for more information. It’s a chance to meet like-minded lin-udies.

Friday, February 26

Spring Break Begins: For those of you who stayed here and worked over Spring Break. Those of you who stayed here and worked over Spring Break. If you get really lucky, the fight will be over this year. If not, the fight will be over this year. If you feel a little bit too pressured by your gospel listening experience, this might be just the ticket to get you feeling nasty again.

Women’s Basketball: vs. UNC-W, 2 p.m. Chicks play basketball, surgeons aren’t that interested because they feel less of a sense of purpose when kick their as.

Thursday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 5

Spring Break Begins: So, sand and surf. Scantily clad hotties with booties you could buy square up. Bourbon, beer, imraith, men. All the other things in life. This is what you will NOT get out of your Spring Break. If you didn’t manage to break that bond, you are too much of a loser now.

Wednesday, March 9

GM: Entries open today. The spot of doctors and lawyers. If a low student doesn’t win this, we should all be pretty freaking embarrassed.

TRADING CARDS: Stars of Barrister’s Ball

- Chris Garber
- Tom Christiano & Bob Toy
- Stephanie Parks
- Andy Chambers

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