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SBA helps to reward teaching excellence

By DOUG MILLER

Beginning next semester, third-year students will have the opportunity each spring to award a Marshall-Wythe teacher an award for teaching excellence. The award, named in honor of the late Professor Walter L. Williams, was created by the Student Bar Association by unanimous resolution at its Nov. 3 meeting. It is modeled after similar awards given by student government organizations at other law schools.

Third-years may submit nominations throughout the year to the SBA, and the winner will be voted on sometime in the spring. All full-time faculty

members are eligible except for the most recent winner of the award.

The award's lengthy official designation is the "Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William & Mary, Student Bar Association, Walter L. Williams, Jr. Memorial Faculty Award, For Excellence in Teaching, Devotion to Law, and Friendship to Students." The honor is intended to promote the "highest caliber of teaching" among the faculty.

According to SBA President Joe Cartee, the SBA chose to name the honor after Walter L.

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Professor Walter L. Williams received the John Marshall award at the May, 1991 graduation ceremony.

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Bill of Rights Institute hosts civil rights symposium

By KIRSTIN MUELLER

Civil rights specialists from the fields of journalism, government, public policy and law will participate in the Institute of Bill of Rights Law's tenth annual symposium, "Defining Equality: The Future of Civil Rights in America," to be held Thursday from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

The program consists of two panel discussions that will examine the rhetoric of equality and the role of civil rights in the recent presidential election. Following the panels, Professor Rodney Smolla will conduct a "town meeting."

The first panel discussion will focus on the semantics of equality discourse and whether defining equality is useful in solving equality problems. That issue will be discussed in the context of specific problems and hypotheticals. Lawrence Becker, Professor of Philosophy at William and Mary, will moderate the panel. Panel members include David Kirp, Professor of Public Policy at University of California at Berkeley, and two law professors, Reva Siegel of the University of California at Berkeley and David Strauss of the University of Chicago.

Professor Neal Devins will moderate the second panel: The Politics of Civil Rights, A Post-Election Perspective. Discussion will focus on the role of civil rights in politics in the 1992 presidential race. The participants will also share

their projections of how civil rights will evolve in the Clinton Administration. Drew Days, former head of the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department under the Carter Administration, will be a member of the panel. Days now directs the Schell Center for International Human Rights at Yale University School of Law where he is also a professor. Other participants include Juan Williams, columnist for the *Washington Post*, staff writer for the *Washington Post Magazine*, and author

of *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965*; Jeremy Rabkin, Professor of Government at Cornell University; and Terry Eastland, who was a speechwriter for the Justice Department during the Reagan Administration and is now Resident Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center. Eastland authored the infamous Tulane speech titled "The Law of the Constitution" presented by Edwin Meese in 1986.

A town meeting-style discussion

moderated by Professor Rodney Smolla will follow the two panels. All participants will take part in the town meeting. They will examine and debate the present state and future course of civil rights in America.

Papers written by the participants are published in the William and Mary Law Review's special equality issue.

A reception will follow the symposium. The program is open to the public. All students are encouraged to attend.

Cabell foundation endows professorship

By KEVIN KRONER

Marshall-Wythe is in line for a \$600,000 endowed professorship. The office of Development and Alumni Affairs announced the foundation grant at a faculty meeting, Thursday, Nov. 5.

Seed money for the endowment, in the amount of \$100,000, comes from the Cabell Foundation, a family foundation with longstanding ties to William and Mary. In order to receive the donation, M-W must raise \$200,000 in alumni donations and gifts. The resulting \$300,000 will automatically become eligible for a 2:1 state matching challenge, yielding a grand total of \$600,000. The money will be devoted to a professorship honoring the Cabells.

Charles Cabell was the very first law

graduate in the United States. He received his degree from William and Mary 200 years ago under the curriculum created by fellow alumnus Thomas Jefferson. Cabell later went on to become a circuit court judge. Many of Cabell's descendants have attended William and Mary.

The Cabell family foundation agreed to the donation based upon a grant written by Deborah Vick, Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations for

the College. Vick assumed the post last year, after spending five years as Associate Dean for Development and Alumni Affairs at the law school. The grant is the first one of its kind so far this year.

According to Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs Page Hayhurst, the monies will become part of the law school's endowment. Interest from the

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Out of Our Heads

Gather 'round children. Uncle Kevin wants to tell you the sad story of an enchanting party from a long time ago. It was called the Grad Thing, and grad students would travel miles just to partake of the libation and good times.

A long time ago—two years ago, to be exact—there was a Grad Thing every Friday night. For a mere \$2, graduate students could eat, drink and be merry. This social staple was ruled by King of the Thing, George Leedom, '91. George always found a way to generate enough interest in the party, to put the Grad Thing on most students' social agenda.

For my first year, the Grad Thing was the rock that stood firm in the stormy weather of law school.

Sadly, when Steve Shebest, '92, inherited the coveted crown from George, he took over a troubled kingdom. The new King of the Thing had to wrestle with an SBA no longer willing to subsidize the financial losses of the Grad Thing. While Shebest struggled valiantly, interest waned.

At the end of the year, GAPS took over the Grad Thing. The King was dead, long live GAPS. The plan was for the weekly party to rotate among the graduate schools as a means of dividing the work and maximizing the fun.

Instead of maximizing fun, this year's Grad Things have been infrequent, haphazard, and poorly advertised.

Several members of my class have commented on the increasingly "uptight" characteristics of current 1- and 2Ls. Maybe it was those first-year Grad Things which spared us such a pathetic fate.

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From the Editor's Desk...

(An open letter to Tipper Gore)
Dear Mrs. Gore:

Congratulations! I'm sure it has been a grueling campaign for you and your family. I hope you enjoy your new home in D.C.

Let me begin by saying that I voted for the Clinton/Gore ticket for the same reason I always vote Democratic—I'm too liberal to vote Republican under any circumstances. In addition, I realize that Harry Blackmun and John Paul Stevens aren't going to be around too much longer.

However, unlike most Democrats, I wasn't filled with joy upon the announcement that your husband would be President-Elect Clinton's running mate. Don't get me wrong; I lived in Nashville for three years, where I learned that Al Gore is a talented Senator who would make an effective candidate.

My apprehension came from the thought of you as Second Lady. (I beg your pardon if that is not the proper term. I mean no offense, but I don't know what to call the wife of the Vice-President.) It is this apprehension which spurs me to write this letter.

You see, although I am a Democrat, I am just a *bit* more to the left than your average Dem. My idea for a great commencement speaker is Jello Biafra or Ice-T. I think you can

imagine where I'm headed with this letter.

I'm writing to you to express my fear of what your increase in stature may do to bolster the efforts of your demonic creation—the Parent's Music Resource Center (PMRC). I shudder in fear at the thought of another round of those kangaroo-court Senate hearings where artistic creativity is put on the chopping block in the name of child welfare.

These are delicate times. Pat Buchanan wants to close down the NEA. Religious zealots seek to control what I can hear and see. Power-hungry sheriffs throw record store owners in jail for selling 2 Live Crew tapes. I hold you responsible for the wave of censorship, artistic oppression and general Philistinism which has swept this country in the last eight years.

I know, you oppose censorship, you just want to protect children. Frankly, Mrs. Gore, I've heard it before. However, it was coming out of the mouths of people like Jesse Helms and Jerry Falwell. I remained unconvinced.

I have put myself through school as an adolescent counselor. I have almost nine years of experience in the mental health field. Listening to Judas Priest describe oral sex at gunpoint doesn't turn a stable kid into a troubled kid. Troubled

kids seek out influences with which they can identify. Taking away those influences only shows the child that an authority figure wants to control their power of choice.

It makes no difference whether this assertion of power takes place in a seven-bed mental health residence, or on a national scale.

I'm not trying to hold a Clinical Psych lecture; I'm just trying to let you know where I'm coming from. I come from a father who grew up in Nazi Germany, with its oppression and calls for a return to *Kinder, Kuche, & Kirche* (children, kitchen, & church). It reminds me of all of the "family values" crap spewed forth by the Republicans. It's a shame the GOP didn't give credit where credit is due: you are the modern pioneer of artistic censorship in this great country.

I write this letter to let you know that, although I am a Democrat, I don't sleep easy at the thought of a Clinton/Gore administration. I intend to be just as vigilant of the First Amendment as if Pat Buchanan won the White House. My grades may not be good enough to get a job with the ACLU, but I can be a remarkably pesky and noisy pain in the ass when I want to be.

Sincerely,
Kevin Kroner

Letters

To the Editor;

We would appreciate it very much if you would include the attached notice in the *Amicus Curiae*. It is helpful for current and former students to be aware of our policy:

1) All requests for release of transcripts must be made in writing, and the student's signature is required. Transcripts are released in accordance with provisions set forth by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Transcript request forms are available in the office of the University Registrar, or requests may be made by letter which should contain the following information:

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Please allow five (5) working days during the semester and fifteen (15) days at the end of the semester for transcript processing. There is no charge for transcripts.

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-Mary Swartz
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Provost Schiavelli resigns

By LEEANNE MORRIS

President Sullivan has announced that Provost Melvyn Schiavelli will step down from his post after the current academic year. A search committee is being formed to replace him.

Schiavelli would not comment on his departure or what his plans might be after he leaves William and Mary. A representative from his office said more information may be available in early December. It is not clear whether the departure is voluntary or not.

Sullivan wrote an open letter to the College praising Schiavelli's accomplishments and announcing the formation of a search committee.

"Among my first decisions was to ask Mel to consider continuing as Provost for the 1992-93 academic year. With

characteristic generosity, he agreed.

"Under these circumstances, we must undertake a search for a new provost who will begin service next summer," the letter read.

Sullivan has been meeting with the executive committee of the Faculty Assembly and student government representatives in an effort to establish a search committee within the next few weeks.

"My goal is to establish a balanced, able and representative search committee that will help us find the provost we need," Sullivan wrote.

Sullivan cited Schiavelli's "exemplary budgetary leadership" during the last three years and said he has been a "major architect" of many significant academic advancements.



Provost Melvyn Schiavelli will step down from his post at the end of the year.

courtesy of The Flat Hat
Hal Halbert

President-elect Clinton scrapes by in the kiddie vote

By SHELLEY EVANS

On Oct. 29 The National Student/Parent Mock Election conducted a mock election, and tabulated the results at M-W. The event attempted to foster knowledge and enthusiasm about the voting process in children. It is hoped that exercising their right to vote at the grade-school level will encourage adult interest.

The National Student/Parent Mock Election, a non-partisan, non-profit group, started in 1980. This year schools in over 66 Virginia districts took part in the process.

In addition to the presidential and congressional races, six issues were included in the voting forum: health care, education, crime, the economy, the environment and voter participation. The health care forum focused on whether the federal government should guarantee health insurance to all Americans. Education asked if the present system of financing public schools should remain or should there be a more equal distribution between poor and rich school districts. Ways to balance the federal budget were addressed in the economy section. Crime questioned the need for gun control, anti-poverty programs and enforcement. Methods to encourage voter participation—such as holding elections on weekends or abolishing the electoral college—were options in the voter participation section. And, finally, the environment issue asked if a decision on environmental regulations might result in the loss of jobs, which of the following should receive higher priority: jobs or environment.

All participating schools phoned in their tabulations from the mock election into M-W throughout the day. Professor Fred Lederer and Carole Ferguson (2L) were coordinators of the event. The results were broadcast on C-Span from 8:30 to 10 p.m. the evening of Oct. 29. The show was a collaborative effort with *Time Magazine* as the chief sponsor with television

production by HBO and anchored by CNN's Susan Rook.

Although called The National Student/Parent Mock Election, the name is misleading because, as in the past, parents do not participate in the process. The most parents are involved is probably in any influence they might have on their children as far as political party's, ideologies are concerned. And of course, parental influence decreases as

the age of the child increases. So it was probably in the grade schools, in which only the presidential question was answered, where the parents' influence was noted.

The results, which were not meant to be a poll, reflected neither the national results, nor the results in Virginia. Clinton won the mock election by a close margin of 49,102 votes to Bush's 46,925 votes. Students voted

overwhelmingly for health insurance to all working Americans by more than 3 to 1. There was also an overwhelming number of students who voted for a change in the present system of financing public schools. A majority of students favored stricter gun control laws. Finally, voters named the environment

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Students participate in constitutional reform

By KIRSTIN MUELLER

While most of us are only reading about the changes in Eastern Europe, nine M-W students are actual participants in the effort to assist emerging democracies.

The students are providing research support to the overseas liaison of the Central and East European Law Initiative (CEELI) in the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic.

The research of M-W students will provide raw material for a report from the ABA to the Czech government. The CEELI is a program of the International Law and Practice Section of the American Bar Association.

Professor Neal Devins is the coordinator of the M-W student working group. Professor Devins has been involved with the eastern and central European activities of the ABA since May 1991. His principal role has been to review proposed legislation for some of the emerging democracies. The ABA sends over task forces to the respective countries to talk with the people who are drafting the constitutions. Professor Devins traveled to Bulgaria in

the summer of 1991 as part of the ABA delegation and has met with the Romanian coalition here in the US.

Due to student interest, Professor Devins created opportunities for participation in the CEELI activities through the legal clerkship program. Nine M-W students are presently involved in a project for the ABA's liaison in the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (CSFR). The research of the students will focus on the structure of the court systems in the United States and the countries of Western Europe.

Each student is assigned to research one country. The students will analyze and compare the systems of the democratic countries with that of the CSFR. The CSFR now has a civil law system with a subordinate judiciary. Each student will then draft a memorandum based on the research. The ABA will eventually compile these memorandums into a report which will be submitted to the CSFR government. The government will use the report as a resource in writing their constitution. The ABA may also

use the student's information generally in its work in central and eastern European countries because the issues addressed are relevant to the needs of other emerging democracies.

The CSFR government is particularly concerned with judicial reform. The judiciary has a poor reputation because of its actions under the communist regime. In setting up a new judicial system, the CSFR government is especially looking at the independence of the judiciary. They want to know about the kinds of court systems and the pros and cons of each system relative to the current situation in the CSFR. The government officials are particularly interested in how the appointment, tenure, and approval processes affect judicial independence.

Richard McDermott (2L) is researching the judicial system of Spain. The Spanish constitution was ratified in 1978 and a civil law system implemented. McDermott said, "the whole region of Eastern Europe is a tinderbox of nationalist passions and long suppressed communist rule. I don't know how that will affect

their ability to implement democratic systems and independent judiciaries." Patrick Norman (3L) and David Pernini (2L) are preparing a report on the court systems of the U.S. and Britain. They are focusing on the hierarchy and independent power of the court system. "It's an exciting project and a great time to be getting involved with Eastern Europe," said Norman.

Marshall-Wythe is the only school presently working in conjunction CEELI, but the ABA hopes to involve other law schools beginning next year. The direction of the project and the scope of student involvement are not entirely clear. The ABA is therefore using the M-W working group as a pilot program. Students have direct contact with Patricia Zinski, the Senior Project Coordinator of the ABA Rule of Law Program, and the overseas lawyer liaison in the Prague. Although the students are required to submit written comments to the ABA this semester, they may continue their research into second semester. Other projects with CEELI may also arise next year in which students can take part.

Law Watch

By MARGARET HARDY and
JOHN CROUCH

HE ANOINTETH MY HEAD: Charlotte, N.C., paid seven homeless people \$98,300 to settle their Civil Rights Act suit concerning harassment by police. Officers allegedly poured motor oil, cooking oil, hot coffee, and ice water on them while they slept. Three were temporarily blinded, one of whom killed himself. (*Law Reporter*).

ADS IN SCHOOL: A California judge ordered a school district to tell students they did not have to watch the commercials on the "Channel One" news program. He refused, however, to apply the order to the whole state. (*Richmond Times-Dispatch*).

ANTI-SUIT ADS YANKED: New Jersey Transit removed American Tort Reform Association posters criticizing "lawsuit abuse" from buses and trains. N.J.T. claimed the ads stressed "the wrong message by not focusing on the issue of false claims." (*National Law Journal*).

ABORTION ON TV: Justice Anthony Kennedy allowed a TV

station to delay an advertisement depicting abortions, including a fetus's skull being crushed. Atlanta's WAGA refused to run Republican congressional candidate Daniel Becker's advertisement at the end of a Falcons game, and instead showed it after midnight. (*USA Today*).

A MISUNDERSTANDING: Robert Bork asked the Second Circuit to grant Leona Helmsley a new trial, charging that "the government is now involved in a cover-up" of the fact that prosecutors knowingly used false evidence against her. She was accused of saying, "Only the little people pay taxes," but Bork claims she actually said, "Harry [Helmsley] and the little people pay taxes." (*Richmond Times-Dispatch*).

TENANTS PROTECTED: The Fourth Circuit held a landlord strictly liable for Fair Housing Act damages when her agent refused to rent to a single mother, even though the landlord had ordered the agent not to discriminate. Meanwhile, Richmond judge T. J. Markow ruled that a tenant could escape a lease when her landlord did

nothing about chronic gunfire and drug dealing in her apartment complex's common areas. (*Virginia Lawyers Weekly*).

NO RIGHT TO SHAKE THAT THING: A federal judge in Illinois dismissed a Civil Rights Act suit against Baur's Opera House. The plaintiff claimed that while the bar admitted and served blacks, it excluded them by playing music they could not dance to. (*Law Reporter*).

REPRIEVE FOR PEACHES: In Fresno, Cal., a federal judge denied the U.S. an injunction to stop farmer Dan Gerawan from selling undersized discounted peaches and nectarines in inner-city L.A. Federal regulations say such fruits must be wider than this column. The opinion said the rules kept healthy food out of reach of the poor, committing "nutritional genocide" to protect "cartels" from consumer choice. (*Washington Post*).

KEEPING AN EYE ON THE JURY: The Maryland Court of Appeals has ordered a new trial for an accused murderer because members of the public, which included the defendant's family

and friends, were not allowed in the courtroom for jury selection. A sheriff's deputy, without the trial judge's knowledge, prevented them from being present because of concerns for security. The appeals court ruled the defendant did not have to prove his trial was prejudiced as a result of the exclusion. (*Wall Street Journal*).

PUNISHING CHILD ABUSERS: Increasingly, states are changing their laws regarding murder so that, in the case of child abuse, an intent to kill does not have to be proven for the defendant to receive the death penalty. Prosecutors welcome this change since intent is difficult to prove in child abuse cases. Opponents of the change raise the constitutional questions of cruel and unusual punishment and due process. (*Wall Street Journal*).

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OR ANIMAL CRUELTY? The Supreme Court heard arguments last week in a case of religious freedom involving animal sacrifice. A Miami suburb banned animal sacrifice after members of the Santeria religion opened a church there

in 1987. Followers of Santeria participate in a ritual sacrifice in which the blood of roosters, pigeons, and goats are poured over vases and dishes. The city has prevailed in two lower court rulings. (*Wall Street Journal*).

YET ANOTHER TRIAL: A Texas state judge ordered a new trial in a personal injury case in which the jury delivered a verdict for the defendant the day after a speech by President Bush criticizing frivolous litigation. In an interview the judge named the President's speech as one of the reasons for his decision, but he did not give reasons in his written order. (*Wall Street Journal*).

VICTIM WINS AWARD: A 21-year-old Minneapolis woman was awarded \$2.4 million in damages from her parents stemming from sexual abuse by her father when she was age 12 to age 17. The jury found the parents jointly liable for \$1.4 million in damages because the victim told her mother about one of the incidents, but the mother did nothing. The father was ordered to pay an additional \$1 million in punitive damages. (*Richmond Times-Dispatch*).

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Lederer Firm takes on ambitious pro bono policy

By JEFFREY REGNER

The legal skills firm of Lederer & Posey this semester announced an initiative to expand their public service policy. The firm hopes to undertake public service projects in the community on a pro bono basis. Tentative expectations are that the law students will participate in administrative hearings and special projects which can be done in working groups. The project will be carried out through a Richmond law firm and Southside Legal Services, which operates primarily in Petersburg.

Lederer & Posey associates will work for, and through, Southside at the request of the law firm of Hazel & Thomas in Richmond. The Richmond law firm is one of the few firms, if not the only one, which requires pro bono work of its associates. Alumna Pam Posey, the founding junior partner, works for the firm and is on their pro bono committee.

The expansion of the legal skills policy was adopted by a unanimous vote of the firm's first-year associates last year. In a classroom discussion of public service work they determined that the firm had a responsibility to provide legal service in the community. They adopted a firm policy stating that every associate in the firm has an obligation to do public service work reaching out into the "real world."

They went on to establish that the firm will accept projects and be bound by vote to perform them. Individual associates cannot be bound unless they vote affirmatively. The pro bono work

by individual law firm members is not mandatory. This year's 1L associates will vote on the policy later in the year.

The model for this program is still being developed under the student leadership of Katie Horton (2L). The firm is working to ensure that it examines all aspects of the project including establishing procedures for maintaining confidentiality and researching possible conflicts of interest. Professor Lederer

hopes that the program will be adopted by other firms. He pointed out that some other law schools have a public service graduation requirement.

The Lederer firm has established within its organization, several committees including a public service committee, a management committee, and a recruitment and retention committee. The public service committee examines proposed pro bono projects,

while the recruitment committee which provides morale and social services within the firm. Both will assist Horton in the development of the project. The Lederer & Posey management committee will assume the task of assigning working groups to the projects. Although the program will be carried out under the supervision of third year senior partners, final supervision will be under Southside and Hazel & Thomas lawyers.

ABLE catches the Halloween spirit

By SAM STECKER

What do you get when you volunteer to take 20 kids to a Haunted House? A great opportunity to snag unsuspecting kid's candy and stuff your face!! Okay, okay, I admit it, you do get a lot more too.

On Thursday, Oct. 29, Action for Better Living (ABLE) organized 15 law students to "chaperon" a group of underprivileged children at the annual Fireman's Haunted House in Newport News. I must admit that on the ride to the "Friends of the Homeless" shelter I began to question my reasoning behind going. I mean, who was I kidding?! A 1L, with the time to break away from the work load of first year classes, not to mention the innumerable opportunities that Williamsburg, a virtual mecca of entertainment, has to offer, going to go and watch a bunch of "grown-ups" attempt to scare the you-know-what out of kids. Sure, I thought, it's a wonderful, good-hearted concept, but will we really

be able to make a difference?

When we arrived at the Haunted House, with 15 kids in tow, and I saw the looks on their faces and the excitement in their eyes, I knew I had been coldly cynical to have even doubted the effect this night would have on them. Never had I been among children so warm and so thrilled to be the center of attention for such a brief period of time.

Hundreds of people were waiting in line, and yet there was never a dull moment. If we were not being entertained by the volunteers dressed in their Halloween finery, we were being dragged to the D.J.'s booth to dance--or should I say, to desperately try the "white man's overbite", in a futile attempt to prove to these kids that law students really do have rhythm (it's just kind of trapped inside of us forever).

Not only were the kids enjoying themselves immensely, but to top it all off, we all had a blast! The Haunted

House itself was a top-notch production, complete with dry-wall mazes, tunnels, black lights and several volunteers waiting around every dark corner. The kids loved it--that is, those who actually made it all the way through. Our youngest trooper was four-year-old Sierra who, while clinging to Dave Haase's neck as he crawled through one of the many tunnels, could be heard saying "Don't be scared Dave, if anyone tries to hurt you, I'll beat them up."

As for upcoming events, I wouldn't think of missing them, and I highly recommend volunteering. Even if you don't have that kind of time, we would really appreciate any ideas you may have for the spring semester. Signs will be posted on the bulletin boards to let you know about future plans, so keep your eyes open for them. If you have any questions about ABLE, feel free to contact either Lisa Scott, Jessica Bernanke, or Nika Nystrom.

Mule Barn Vote: Alcoholics put mules out to pasture

By SARAH NEWMAN

This past week William and Mary graduate students were asked to make some important choices. Not just about the Virginia education system or the future president, but also on an issue a little closer to home--the fate of the Mule Barn.

The Mule Barn is a historic building located next to the new graduate housing complex. Recently, the college has begun to research the question of how to put the building to good use.

The group responsible for looking into this problem is comprised of members of a Business Planning and Strategy class, an undergraduate business course offered at the college. This two-credit class is somewhat of an experiment. James Oliver, a professor from the business school, and Bruce Been, a member of the local business community share the teaching responsibilities. The class is divided into three groups of about five students each. The groups research various projects at the college. At the end of the semester, each group presents its discoveries and a proposed

plan of action.

This year, one group is debating the possibility of installing a copy center in the new University Center. Another is examining potential uses for some 3,000 square feet that will be available in the new center. The third group has chosen to tackle the Mule Barn.

With advice from their professor, community advisor and Charlie Donbek, a representative from the college's Auxiliary Service Department, the class planned and prepared a survey to determine student opinion on the use of the barn. The group distributed the surveys to 800 graduate complex residents, law students and graduate business students. They targeted these groups because they believe that these students will most frequently use the new Mule Barn facilities, although the group's proposal will open premises to faculty and local residents as well.

The group arrived at the various selections on the survey based on their own brainstorming efforts and suggestions received at a

graduate complex hall council meeting. They included as ideas for the space a convenience store, lunch room, student lounge, cafe/coffee shop and a pub or bar. Because of existing plans to build indoor tennis courts in the field adjacent to the Mule Barn, the group discussed making the barn a

tennis pro shop.

About 300 surveys were returned. Unofficial results show the strongest student interest lies with the coffee shop, convenience store and pub ideas. The group will use the results of their survey to prepare and submit a proposal to the Auxiliary Service Department.

The reports will also include the group's suggestions as to the estimated cost of the project, the five-year projected sales and the best products to offer. The Auxiliary Service Department will evaluate the

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Soon to be the social hub of the Grad Complex, the Mule Barn is slated for renovation in 1993.

staff photo

International Law gurus discuss career opportunities

By CHARLENE KUO and
BRIAN ALPERSTEIN

Four attorneys practicing in areas of public and private international law spoke to a large crowd of students interested in careers in the field at a forum held Nov. 3 sponsored by the International Law Society and the Office of Career Planning and Placement.

All four attorneys offered both specialized insight regarding their particular careers and general helpful

hints for international law aspirants. Each of the distinguished practitioners discussed their unique career paths that got them to their current positions.

Common advice given to the attendees was to involve yourself in the international community in any possible way: get involved with practicing attorneys through volunteer work, participate in Bar activities or work in a related field. The overall theme was that a prospective international attorney

cannot sit by the phone and wait for the "big" opportunity to come calling. One must take advantage of opportunities while always keeping your long-term goals in mind.

The first speaker, Peter Fitzpatrick, executive vice president at Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology (CIT), discussed his work with the students. CIT is a state-funded, nonprofit organization whose goal is to increase the state's technological competitiveness. Fitzpatrick's legal practice at CIT ranges from technology affairs to promoting international joint ventures and businesses. CIT has also enlisted the assistance of the International Law Society to research and prepare a presentation about the intellectual property laws of the European countries.

Richard Stratford, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State For Nuclear Energy and Technology Affairs, spoke about his work in the public international law arena. He related the excitement and personal satisfaction he has experienced through his work on international nuclear nonproliferation issues, multilateral agreements on the control of nuclear technology, and other environmental and technological inter-continental agreements.

John Guyer worked his way from a personal injury lawyer in the countryside

of Louisiana to corporate counsel for Reynolds International, Inc. Guyer's international practice involves mostly advising on legal problems and issues that arise in Reynolds' overseas operations. He encouraged students not to be discouraged if the path they follow does not seem ideal, because an ambitious person with a plan will get where she wants to go.

Eliot Norman, an attorney from the Richmond firm of Thompson and McMullan discussed his experience as a private practitioner in a medium size firm. Norman works on a diversity of international immigration issues ranging from helping foreign investors who wish to set up companies in the U.S. to aiding political refugees seeking asylum in the United States.

The panelists consider international law an interesting and high-growth field. They each claimed that international law is one of the last fields in which lawyers continue to delve into many legal areas as opposed to specializing in one particular area of practice.

The William and Mary International Law Society is active in helping interested students find out and learn more about the area of international law. Interested students who have questions about international legal practice are welcomed to contact the International Law Society.



Kathy Philpott (2L), Peter Fitzpatrick, Brian Alperstein (2L), Richard Stratford, Eliot Norman, Dean Kaplan and John Guyer prepare for the ILS career forum.

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Local land trust to increase recreation areas in 'burg

By MARC BERNSTEIN and
SEAN SELL

On Sunday, Oct. 25, the Historic Rivers Land Conservancy held its annual meeting at which it proposed a Historic Triangle greenway. A greenway is a planned system of parks, trails, and open spaces designed to maximize the historical, cultural, scenic and recreational resources of a region. Historic Rivers seeks to develop such a system for the Williamsburg-Jamestown-Yorktown area.

"Our area offers a wealth of natural, scenic and cultural resources," explained Carolyn Lowe, president of Historic Rivers. "Linking these resources via a greenway system would make them more visible and accessible to persons of all ages, interests and incomes—residents and visitors alike."

At the meeting, Williamsburg architect and planner Carlton Abbot detailed the area's resources and outlined what a greenway plan for the Historic Triangle would involve. He explained that the geography of the area dictates the final design. Therefore, planning is merely a matter of enhancing natural trails and carefully

preserving vistas by downplaying intrusive sights. Historic Rivers also invited Linda Porter, co-chair of the Leesburg and Loudon County Greenways Citizen Committee to share her views on the subject. Porter's presentation concerned the political and legal aspects of establishing and implementing a greenway plan.

Following the speeches, Porter and Abbot fielded questions from local citizens. One member of the audience raised the issue of whether the trails would be accessible to bicyclists, citing the fact that Williamsburg bike trails are often merely pencil thin shoulders along heavily travelled roads. Porter explained that a greenway can have various types of trails. For example, the greenway system in Leesburg has a network of bicycle trails that interconnects with hiking trails.

Another question concerned the security of private property which abuts the trail system. Porter explained that homeowners in Richmond along the James River were also worried about disturbances from trail users on a new trail that runs along the river. He

suggested that a police presence may be necessary at first to assuage the fears of the residents and to let trail-goers know that the trail will be patrolled.

The meeting drew roughly 50 citizens. The mayor of Williamsburg attended the gathering as did several city planners.

The greenway concept does not exclusively serve the interests of hikers, bicyclists and preservationists. Greenways stimulate the local economy by helping to sell homes, raising property values and improving the overall quality of life.

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recommendation and render a decision on what plan should be followed. The barn is planned to open in 1993.

Because of the Mule Barn's historic value, the outside of the building must remain unaltered. Although this may restrict its potential uses, the planners gain significant flexibility in the interior of the building. The Mule Barn's two floors make it possible to use the structure for more than one purpose. For example, the first floor may be a

coffee shop while the second floor may be a convenience store. Group member, and college senior, Maria Fasano expressed hesitation about using the space as a pub. She noted that potential legal problems may exist if the school operates the building as a bar. According to Fasano, the group is looking into this dilemma. Fasano also stated that if food services were to be placed in the barn they would likely be run by the Marriott Corporation which has a contract with the college.

The group has also

considered graduate students' worries about the prices of supplies or food in the store. "We know [graduate students] are on a limited budget," says Fasano. She said that her group is working under the notion that any business in the barn will be designed at first to just break even, rather than secure a profit.

The group will submit its proposal Nov. 22 and make their findings available to those who participated in the survey. In the meantime, Fasano states that anyone with questions or further input on the Mule Barn is welcome to contact the class.

date, they have had limited success in these efforts. However, the group recently received a grant from the World Wildlife Fund to pursue the greenway campaign and has an excellent opportunity to obtain a tract of land on Yarmouth Creek.

The group works closely with Marshall-Wythe's Environmental Law Society. ELS has two liaisons to Historic Rivers, Diana Danzberger (2L) and Marc Bernstein (2L), who attend board meetings and assist and advise the group wherever possible.

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Drapers Scholar compares domestic and foreign politics

By WILLIAM DEVAN

Life in London continues to be a blast, and filled with unexpected benefits.

As a good citizen who intends to vote in the November election (if my ballot ever gets here), I sat up to watch the first of the Presidential debates which came on at midnight our time. It was the same disgraceful performance that you saw at home, but the shame was heightened because the TV viewing room contained several non-Americans.

It is a wonder the world over, how a country of 250 million people can only produce a President without a clue, a Governor who can only spout

figures with the passion of another Dukakis and a jug-eared shrimp with a fetish for forming task forces to adopt all the plans "lying around Washington."

Only two things kept us watching the debacle. First, it was the hope that George Bush would wipe his nose a second time at the mention of cocaine; and second, that NBC came to film us watching the debate for the "Today Show." After the debate was over, they interviewed several volunteers to get their impressions of the debate. I had my girlfriend in the States tape the show, but as she hasn't sent me the tape, I guess I wasn't on. So much for my career in television.

Subsequent to the travesty and mockery occurring between the presidential candidates, the London-Goodenough Debating Society sponsored a debate on the proposition that "This House would abolish the monarchy." The format called for two or three people on each side to give speeches concerning the subject, and then the floor was thrown open for questions and comments by the audience.

The English debating style is very different from the fact-dependent style common in American high schools and colleges in that the wit of the debaters is considered more important than the substance. Anyone, however, may interrupt to make "points of information" in order to correct gross factual errors, and the debaters may make calls of "shame, shame"

and "here, here" to punctuate remarks made by their colleagues or opponents.

In order to civilize what can be an otherwise brutal proceeding, the Society provides several bottles of port for both the participants and the audience during the event. The English show an amazing appetite for this confectionery Iberian libation principally because their two great gastronomic passions--sweets and alcohol--are merged in it.

The debate opened with a savage attack on the morals and intelligence of the current royals by an Australian who also pointed to monarchy as inconsistent with the idea of democracy and achievement based on merit. She backed up her charges of moral and intellectual decay by quoting

from a cellular telephone conversation between Princess Di and a fellow accused of being her extra-marital lover in which Di confessed to having watched "The East Enders," a British soap opera.

The Royalist cause was first defended by an Englishman who admitted that the family was "doltish and thick," but who claimed that no one should care because they are the only thing Britain has going for it in these days of the dropping pound and skyrocketing unemployment. He was immediately followed by a fellow Englishman who said that the way to perk up the pound was to replace the picture of the Queen on all the currency with that of Madonna, "the pop star

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ELS hosts earth summit review

By PETER KUBIN

The much publicized 1992 Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit was critically examined in a hour long review held Nov. 5. The event, sponsored by the Environmental Law Society, featured talks by professor David Wirth, of the Washington and Lee School of Law, Ann Powers, of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and M-W's Professor Linda Malone, who served as a delegate to the Summit.

The major theme of the evening was defining what was actually accomplished by the Summit. Professor Wirth devoted his lecture to this topic by comparing the 1992 Summit with the remarkably similar 1972 Stockholm Summit. Bashing the Bush administration's widely criticized lack of involvement also proved to be a popular topic among the speakers.

Professor Wirth's comparison of the two Summits proved quite provoking, as he showed how much similarity there was between many of the principles adopted in the Summits. Wirth noted that several of the major principles were almost identical, except that the 1992 versions seemed to be backtracking somewhat from their more pro-environment 1972 counterparts. Wirth speculated that this down-toning was, in part, due to the global emphasis on the buzzwords "sustainable development." On the other hand, Wirth did point out that some new and exciting concepts had emerged from the Rio Summit. Of particular note, Principle 10, which opens the

door to citizen involvement, albeit only on a national level. Wirth described Principle 10 as a "blueprint to Democracy".

It was not so much the Summit itself, as the attention surrounding it, that impressed Ann Powers. "The gospel seems to be spreading," said Powers, as she spoke of the thousands of citizen activists who staged their own 'shadow Summit' in Rio. For Powers, it was the way that this Summit captured the attention of the public which proved that "Rio really was different." Powers also spoke about her perception of the value of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in present and future environmental protection.

Professor Malone ended the review by recounting some of her experiences at the Summit. She was also quite candid in her opinion of the Bush administration's participation. Malone's description of the various moves made by the U.S. government suggested a virtual comedy of errors. Major blunders included a leaked memo, which purportedly showed that Bush ignored William Riley, the head of the EPA and our chief delegate to the Summit, and also our public implication that German and Japanese involvement in the Summit was driven by guilt over World War II. These gaffes, combined with the fact that the whole Summit had to be toned down just to get the U.S. to come, basically made us come off as the villains of the affair.

The review ended with a brief question and answer session, and a reception followed.

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Health care horrors mandate reform at federal level

By Gregg Schwind

In a sentence, don't believe the insurance companies. What you can believe are the now-familiar numbers: the annual 20% or more increases in health-care costs, costs which are borne both by businesses and their employees; costs that devour 14% of this nation's gross domestic product; the 36 million Americans currently uninsured, including 12 million children; the inability of small businesses to obtain affordable health insurance; the Third World infant mortality rate within American inner cities; the rising number of senior citizens, who as a group require more health care; the power of insurance companies to avoid insuring the chronically sick.

The writing on the wall is painfully clear: the status quo must give way to a humane system of health-care to reverse these trends.

The health insurance system of this country is fundamentally flawed. And the response from George and Dan's house prior to the election was to brush a few scraps from the table in the form of tax credits and vouchers while impugning trial lawyers and crusading to lower medical malpractice liability. While Americans have rejected the Bush plan, the struggle for reform cuts across party and class lines as businesses, experts, and employees alike clamor for system-wide change that will bring costs under control and allow for universal coverage.

Powerful special interests are poised against change, including doctors, drug companies and hospitals, who have been basking in the virtually unchecked ability to

gouge patients. Simultaneously, the private insurance wing is fighting to maintain their protection racket of taking in more and paying out less. Lapping at the heels of the insurance companies are the insurance lawyers, who charge hourly, win or lose.

Several notable plans have made their way to the table as a result of the election. One resembles the Canadian tax-based, single-payer nationalized system, a system that alarms Americans concerned with the already-substantial chunk of their income that is lost every pay period. But the tax side of the equation, when balanced against what is presently spent by employees on premiums, deductibles or co-payments, makes sense. Other costs are eliminated as well in a single-payer system, most notably on paperwork, an expense which, according to the GAO, could cover all those presently uninsured in this country.

The funding for a nationalized system could come from modest increased taxes on tobacco and liquor (whose industries do not pay when users become patients), a corporate tax increase and existing sources of revenue such as Medicare, Medicaid and Veterans' health-care outlays.

Under Canada's nationalized system, every legal citizen is insured, a lower percentage of the GNP is spent on health care and the country has a longer life expectancy and a lower infant mortality rate.

A related proposal found its way onto the California ballot this past Tuesday which would create a tax-based system obligating the average employer to pay in 6.75% of payroll, including the cost of health-care under workers' compensation. The average employee would pay 1% of wages. Basic benefits would come at no

charge to all citizens of California, employed or not. No premiums, no deductibles, no insurance commissions, lower administrative costs.

The job-based plan advocated by President-elect Clinton puts most of the costs on businesses, which will be required to insure their employees. This approach allows competition in the industry on price and quality by allowing multiple health-care providers, but entails some government dollars to insure the unemployed and help businesses unable to meet premium costs. Germany has had such an employment-based plan in place for 110 years and boasts half the U.S. per capita health care expenses, ranks 10th in the world in infant mortality (the U.S. is 21st), and 3rd in the world in doctors' salaries (not surprisingly, the U.S. is tops here).

At a minimum, we need regulation to put doctors and hospitals on stringent budgets that can rise no more than 4 or 5% annually, roughly the rate of inflation. Government could take a hint from Canada and even sit down with doctors and hammer out a fee structure for every possible service, from an immunization to a triple heart bypass. Then, the doctors need only report the services they perform to be reimbursed by public or private insurers.

The government's failure to fashion a national system of health-care, or at least step in to regulate doctors, hospitals and insurance companies, is deplorable. 62% of the popular vote has asked for change, a stand that will hopefully bring about a more humane and moral health-care policy in the United States. Yes, any plan will demand finding a source of revenue, but this country must recognize the priority in the health of its people and begin to act now.

Federal health care insurance impractical, unwieldy

By Jay Dugger and Bill Wilder

Were we directed from Washington when to sow and when to reap, we should soon want bread.

--Thomas Jefferson

As the above quote clearly shows even Jefferson, revered by liberals, understood the limitations of government. All of us share the desire to help the less fortunate of our society. In addressing the health care issue our goal should be helping those in need, not soothing our guilty consciences. Any solution for this problem should ensure the greatest freedom to individuals in their choice of health care providers, should allow the market to govern and ensure high quality care and should leave the governmental role to that of a facilitator.

Advocates of a national health care system either ignore or forget the failing results of previous attempts by the government in this area. For example, the "caring" people who helped to ensure our elderly would be provided with health care (Medicare) decided to solve the problem of cost increases by capping the salaries which hospitals could pay doctors. The response by hospitals was to treat doctors as independent contractors and require them to directly bill their patients. This simply had the effect of shifting these costs from Medicare Part A, covering hospital bills, to Medicare Part B, covering doctor bills, and drastically

increasing the costs under Part B. This well-meaning effort of bureaucracy resulted in spiralling costs not only to Medicare patients, but because we cannot charge the elderly more than others, to all of us.

Not satisfied with this attempt at cost reduction, the regulators then imposed on doctors a limitation on their fees to what was customarily charged or "customary charge" profiles. Doctors simply increased their "customary charges" and thus raised their charge profiles. The result was yet another increase in costs to patients and insurance carriers.

At this point, all of our socialist colleagues say, "But, hey guys, we could avoid the costs of all these greedy doctors if we simply nationalize the entire system, setting caps on costs and allowing it all to be run by 'caring' government employees in Washington!" And what will Americans buy with their national health care dollars? Long lines for elective surgery, a complete lack of economic incentive for quality care, and underfunded decaying medical facilities are the fine results of the vast wealth spent on the British health care system. The Canadian system, which rations the number of services performed, has turned its citizens into medical nomads, travelling south to our "wretched", "inequitable" system whenever they have important health care needs. Caring doesn't buy much, does it?

Don't misunderstand us, we recognize that the truly deserving in our nation should not be left on the streets with no access to at least a minimal level of health care. But the answer is not to allow government bureaucrats

to decide who gets what health care, where they shall get it and who will pay for it. Government is a clumsy tool and watching it work is akin to watching an elephant walk a tightrope; it either falls off or breaks the rope, either way it crushes everyone underneath.

The solution here is to provide for the truly needy through a voucher type mechanism which ensures accessibility to the health care system while allowing market forces to bring about innovation and quality. Persons who qualify under the system will be able to purchase private insurance to meet their needs. The insurance companies can compete for these consumers by offering packages of different services. The consumer can then pick and choose which of the various packages best suits their particular situation. In addition to this voucher proposal, reform is needed to reduce the staggering costs of medical malpractice insurance and other tort induced costs. However, these are issues for another Crossfire.

There is no monopoly on caring, both conservatives and liberals want to help individuals gain access to the health care system. The question is whether we will adopt a system that follows emotionalism, and ignores reality, or one that empowers individual self-determination. At first glance it may appear National Health Care is a fair and compassionate answer, but advocates would do well to remember this observation by Justice Louis Brandeis: "Experience teaches us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficent."

The opinion pages of the Amicus Curiae are open to all members of the M-W community. Students are welcome to submit articles on disk for Crossfire and Featured Commentary to Kevin Kroner (3L) or the Amicus hanging file. Entire articles as well as topic ideas are needed. The opinion pages belong to the students--It's up to you to make them interesting.

Inconsistencies in Legal Skills program threaten validity

By Kathy Philpott &
Mark Capron

Even in the very beginning of our experience at Marshall-Wythe, to wit law camp, the Legal Skills program touted itself as the first, best and only one of its kind. These self-proclaimed accolades perpetuate themselves in both internal and external school publicity. For example, students searching for jobs are encouraged to include with their resumes a memorandum lauding the Legal Skills program and its unique approach to practical experience. In light of all the time and effort spent in self-congratulation, it is ironic that the program is left with great disparities and deficiencies. In short, there is an obvious and unfair lack of coordination and standardization between individual firms. Perhaps it is time for those in charge to take

the hand off their own back and use it instead to address this problem.

Firms are not isolated entities. They comprise part of the whole program, and each of their individual successes reflects on the strength of that whole. It would follow that in order for the whole program to be as successful as it is believed to be, there must be some coordination between firm practices. As it stands now, the lack of coordination leaves some students with meaningless experiences, while others are over-burdened with activities far outside the scope of the program's goals. What's more, where a student falls on this broad spectrum of requirements is completely random.

To illustrate this disparity, some firms lie on the "relaxed" end of the requirement spectrum where enthusiasm for Legal Skills, much like the senior partners themselves, barely

registers a pulse. In the atmosphere of this firm type, Legal Skills is certainly not given much deference, not to mention respect. Attendance is not as mandatory as the word would seem to imply. For instance, Legal Skills memoranda mandated religious attendance of second year practicums. Most firms emphasized that policy. In some, however, absence went unnoticed and unaddressed. In these same firms, assignments, regular sessions, and diligence are trivialized. In addition, if a student takes a particular interest in a subject or project, the lack of seriousness given this interest leaves the student disappointed and unrequited. These are the firms where the phrase, "it is only Legal Skills," thrives. In short, these firms offer little more than a token effort mocking the legitimacy of the legal skills program.

The other end of the spectrum, however, is not all a

barrel of monkeys. It is more like a sweat shop. Often, associates are mere whipping boys for the greater calling of the senior partner. The demand for serious and competent performance is in itself a commendable objective and the intended approach. However, Legal Skills syllabi should not include such extracurricular activities as Trial Advocacy participation and the other "quasi" requisites, which clearly fall outside the scope of legal skills duties. Again, extracurricular involvement is commendable, but it should not factor into the Legal Skills requirements and grading policy. Just as "relaxed" firms contravene the purpose of Legal Skills education, overly demanding firms exact a price from their students which is unrelated to the program as well. As a pass-fail class, a firm should not require members to devote so much time to activities that

may serve only to foster a senior partner's personal whim or fame, but in the end remain irrelevant to the student's development of practical skills.

The result of the large disparity between firm practices is a grading policy that lacks uniformity and fairness. A high pass (indeed, now an "A") in a "relaxed" firm may symbolize nothing more than circus work or enthusiastic, "poser" antics. Certainly, the grade is less indicative of true effort than shoe size. In contrast, a high pass in a "napoleonic" firm will symbolize the completion of excessive amounts of work. Clearly, under this system, students are getting the same grades despite the vast differences in what is required of them. It is interesting that this dichotomy is not apparent on the face of the Legal Skills

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It's a MAD World

Williamsburg: Tourist snare and collegiate ghetto

By M.A. DONALD

When I first came to Williamsburg I drove in along Richmond Road, and was amazed by the size of the town which I had expected to be a small rural area. The commercial area seemed to stretch on for miles. I assumed that behind the shopping, restaurant, and hotel areas, were corresponding homes, schools, and neighborhoods. Wrong.

I quickly learned what is obvious to anyone who has spent more than a month in the 'Burg. Williamsburg in its own right has been utterly inconsequential for hundreds of years. The large service sector exists not to serve the area population, but for its own sake, to milk the tourists who have come to see history all candied up and Disney-like.

For whatever reason, Williamsburg, like a suburb... but a suburb of nothing, seems to have no heart, or soul of its own. It is a mere tourist ghetto where we unfortunately find ourselves.

For those of us unlucky enough to have to live here in order to go to W&M, we get neither the benefits of urban life, nor the benefits of truly rural life.

That urban amenities are lacking certainly needs no further argument here. I don't think they would even allow houses to be built here, if they could find a viable way to bus in the large numbers of minimum wage flesh-robots needed to man posts at fine institutions like Burger-King and the Pottery. At least Williamsburg has a nice regional library.

But where are the benefits of living in a small rural type town? The ludicrous tourist traffic and absolutely amateur traffic control and civil engineering make sure we suffer through big city traffic conditions. Also, I think I'm a big enough boy to decide when there are no cars coming the other way when I want to turn left. What's up with those red left turn lights... and what's with the one-way-at-a-time lights at the intersection of Henry and Francis?

Unlike many small Virginia towns, Williamsburg seems not to have existed between the colonial era and 1965. Where is downtown? Where are the businesses and buildings of the early part of this century that add color and character to the rest of the small towns in Virginia? Instead of local color or character we have every chain hotel, fast food restaurant and pancake house known to mankind... oh, and ugly strip malls too. The only claim to character this area can make is demonstrated by the outlet mecca and its bussed in shopper-pilgrims, all fooled into thinking they are getting good deals. The colonial area has been so Disneyfied, commercialized, and trivialized as to bear no relationship to actual life in Williamsburg.

Could this be less like a college town? The walls around confusion corner figuratively surround the entire institution. Unfavorable zoning and the astronomical property values

surrounding tourist hell (a.k.a. D.O.G. street) combine to make the formation of any real college neighborhood impossible. To make matters worse, the city seems to have a (worsening) very adversarial relationship to the college as a rule, anti-fraternity zoning, police hassling traditional undergrad events along Richmond Road, etc. Maybe a few retaliatory eminent domain acquisitions would get the city powers to lighten up a little.

The fact that Williamsburg sucks is really nothing new or necessarily noteworthy on its own, but a couple of semi-recent events point to a worsening, rather than an improving, situation which bodes poorly for the W&M students of Tomorrow.

The first is a little thing that really sticks in my craw. The change of the parking situation on Henry Street (no *Amicus* issue would be complete without parking). I don't even own a car and this pisses me off. Between the elimination of some parking and the conversion of the rest to "One Hour" the motive of making life hard for M.W. students shines through. Great local-college relations folks. As an aside, the one hour bit is enforced by having a meter maid drive by every hour and put a yellow chalk stripe on the left rear tire of each car. Each chalked car still there next time is ticketed. It happens to be a quick easy and fun act of random kindness to rub this chalk off when coming or going by this area.

The second is the rejection by the local zoning fascists, the people responsible for the vast selection of watering holes near the college, of a variance which would have allowed a Wal-Mart store to be built. The merchant-pirates of Williamsburg jealously guard their nifty niche. The fundamental concept central to exploiting a college market is essentially the same as for a tourist market; the notion of a captive audience.

The K-Mart, neatly hidden away from view is threat enough to the college niche, but a big shiny affordable Wal-Mart right off Richmond Road so freaked the local peddlers that they resorted to a sort of tree-hugging protectionism that is likely reappear again and again both locally and nationally in the wake of heightening environmental consciousness. Citing environmental concerns, anti-rezoning petitions even appeared in our lobby. Yeah, right, the only environment being worried about here is one which involves the seasonal migration of tourist and collegiate wallets.

Try to impose a special retailer tax to divert the storm sewers that drain oily crap off of Richmond road that also empty into lake Matoaka and these supposed

Williamsburg Environmentalists will disappear quicker than you can say Wal-Mart. Expect this to be the commercial abuse of choice of the hard-won environmental consciousness of the 90's.

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Right Yet Somehow Wrong

Dear Disenfranchised Soul:

Please do not fret--all is not lost. On the bright side, you can blame the Dems for anything that goes wrong. You may even want to adopt some popular liberal slogans: remember "U.S. Out of Nicaragua" or "U.S. Out of El Salvador" (or wherever), now you can simply say "U.S. Out of North America!" You may want to blend in. Some suggestions: if you are somewhat short and stocky, try the scruffy facial hair look, some round wire frames, and tie-dyed t-shirts. However, at this rate, you may risk being confused with our esteemed editor. Then again, the liberal look may not be such a smart idea if the Dems are really trying to appear more moderate. How about trading in your red ties (and for you James Baker types--your green ties) for some of those flashy flowered ties. This may be your chance to shed your ultra-conservative look for the new I-care-about-the-economy-and-the-environment look. Endangered species ties are especially vogue now. Keep in mind, though, that as the next election draws near, you may have to transition back into the Reagan look for fear of your

Party finding out about your tassel loafers! In any event, you may just have to suck it up, seeking solace in Rush Limbaugh's radio and TV shows. Sit back and enjoy, take this opportunity to relax. After all, you are no longer in the driver's seat. It may be better to observe the scenery than to focus on the road.

Dear Anita:

You may be tired of hearing from first years, but I'm a little worried. I haven't started to outline for finals yet. Am I in big trouble?

Trying Not to be Too "Anal"

Dear U. R. Screwed:

Are you in big trouble? I will try to be gentle here, but "I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU HAVEN'T STARTED OUTLINING!" Are you aware of what fate lies ahead? I don't want to tell you that it's too late, but face up to it, kiddo, you slacked off somewhere. What were you doing? Partying? Going to the Outer Banks? Well, here's what you can look forward to: countless hours in the law library with all those second years who will move in on a permanent basis during or right after Thanksgiving break, weeks of wearing the same sweat pants and looking like you live in your pajamas, fist fights over computers (unless you have a laptop--lucky dog), and finally, addiction to Tetris (learn from the pros: the third years). You can also expect to sink a lot of



money into study aids because during the period after Thanksgiving break, it will start to appear that you actually don't know anything about any subject. After all, your entire life rests on these first year exams (read another way, STRESS, PRESSURE, ANXIETY).

I am really not trying to scare

you--Ha! Like my advice to the Republican above, all is not lost. A little Nutshell here, a Gilbert's outline there, and a dose of Legalines and Flashcards, and you're set! What you may not discover until second semester exams is that, except for Con Law, case names aren't important, just twist those issues

everyway possible--What if this, then that, etc.--and you'll be fine. Listen to those Profs, are they always theorizing (hint, hint)? About Con Law: it's the old trick of "sound like the Prof." So, you can start your outlines now--the day before the exam may be a little late, but keep the faith--Tetris is not that bad.

== News of the Weird ==

By BILL MADIGAN

NEXT TIME, LOOK BEFORE YOU TAKE A SEAT: In Price, Utah, an Amtrak passenger looking for a restroom fell out the back of a moving train and lay injured for hours in the cold weather before being rescued. Officials would not release the name of the 57-year-old woman who fell out of the train in Central Utah at about midnight on a Friday night, but was not rescued until Saturday afternoon by members of a coal train crew. The woman said that a couple of hunters happened upon her sometime after the accident, but left without helping. The coal train also passed her by at first, but called for an ambulance when crew members determined that she was alive. (*Richmond Times-Dispatch*).

WHO SAYS THAT TV DOESN'T PROMOTE FAMILY VALUES: A mother was charged with assault for allegedly shooting her 12-year-old son in an argument over the television remote control. The boy was hospitalized in serious, but stable condition. 39-year-

old Yvonne Lindsey, her son and three other children were watching television when Lindsey apparently became angry about the channel changing. She allegedly pulled a gun and threatened to shoot the TV. When her son told her to go ahead and shoot, she shot him instead. (*Richmond Times-Dispatch*).

NEXT TIME, BURY HER DEEPER: Patricia Corcoran of rural Newfoundland buried her dog Brandy hours after the dog's heart had stopped beating. Then, 11 days later, she saw a message on local television saying that someone had found a dog matching Brandy's description. "This may sound crazy," said Ms. Corcoran, "but I just had the feeling it was Brandy." She was right. Apparently, the dog was only unconscious when they buried her. Brandy must have awakened and dug her way through two feet of earth. (*Richmond Times-Dispatch*).

STAYING ABREAST OF WALDO'S LOCALE: When Eileen Godfrey started looking for Waldo, she never expected to find him on a beach with a topless bather. The mother of two said she was outraged

when she spotted a bare-breasted woman in "Where's Waldo On The Beach?" "How can they say 'for ages 5 to 12' and put a naked woman on it?" said the New Hampshire resident. Two other people complained about the puzzle last year, said Pat Duncan, president of Great American Puzzle Factory of South Norwalk, Connecticut. "I consider it very innocent, hardly pornographic. If anyone wants to watch TV, they'd really get shocked." (*Daily Press*). Or shot.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL: Galveston, Texas, city officials are apologizing for the presence of topless dancers on the Galveston Island municipal golf course at a recent tournament sponsored by the nightclub where the women worked. Several topless dancers from Heartbreakers, a nightclub in nearby Dickinson, removed their shirts during the tournament. The women were present while 60 male golfers played the course, which was closed to the public. When passersby complained that the women were visible from the road, course employees tracked down the women and

asked them to put their tops back on. (*Washington Post*).

IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT AND I FEEL FINE: For hundreds of followers of Dami Mission in Seoul, South Korea, the most amazing thing about Thursday, Oct. 29, was that it arrived. Like an estimated 20,000 South Koreans, they had believed that they would be lifted into heaven at the stroke of midnight in the beginning of the end of the world. The phenomenon, known as the Rapture, had set off a social crisis there, as scores of believers sold their homes, quit their jobs, abandoned their families and underwent abortions to prepare for the one-way ride to heaven. But at 12:01 a.m., as police and journalists kept watch outside the church, a teenage boy stuck his head outside a window and yelled to the crowd, "Nothing happened." Eight minutes later, two girls peeked out the same window and told reporters that they never believed in the Rapture anyway, although their parents were inside, crying in despair. (*Los Angeles Times* and CNN).

Naugahyde

by Bob Dickinson



Midwestern Correspondent

Pigs in Zen: A porcine view of the presidential election

By DAVID ZIEMER

Now that the election is over, it is time to do some hard thinking. We haven't had to do that in a long time. We've been able to sit back, let the sounds of politics seep into our brains, and run our IQs down faster than a federally funded housing project. The time has come to pull ourselves up by our own gray matter, and contemplate what the election said about us, and our view of ourselves.

It has been said that the reason politics is so complicated these days is that the issues are no longer so black and white. Years ago, people were either for or against the war, civil rights, the unions, et al. Nowadays, there are so many shades of gray in these areas, people must actually think if they wish to participate in the political process. Accordingly, people are unhappy, and try to avoid politics. But, it is not just that politics has become so complicated since those days. The age of black and white choices, in itself, started a process that changed the

way citizens view the essential nature of man.

Consider two phrases of those bygone days: "Pigs" to refer to police officers; and, "male chauvinist pigs" to refer to... well, male chauvinist pigs. Quite demeaning terms, forged in a time of conflict, the labels nevertheless stuck. People came to realize that a police officer is no different from anyone else, and yet is still a pig. They have accepted that we are all no better than pigs. Men and women refer to each other as pigs so often, it is no longer considered an insult.

The evidence that people have fully accepted their swinish nature is overwhelming. An anthropologist can inform a group of laypersons that a certain tribe of cannibals refers to humans as the "long pig," and the laypersons will comment on the astuteness and natural wisdom of the savages. All across the nation, people are recognizing their kinship with the pig by throwing their stupid dogs into the street to starve, and

replacing them with those ugly, Vietnamese, pot-bellied pigs. Inform a person that a pig will always defecate away from its food, and will never stand or lie in its excrement as cattle or horses do, and the person will actually feel vindicated, somehow. Call a man an insensitive pig, and he will most likely object that he happens to be a very sensitive pig.

It is no wonder, really. Biologists say that the pig is among the smartest of animals in the world. Yet, it is a disgusting and downright ornery creature. Why should humans, who so rarely use their intelligence, and even more rarely for other than base purposes, feel offense at being compared to such a creature?

It is no coincidence that the most loved children's tale in history is "The Three Little Pigs." The reason is that the characterization is to that in other children's as the characterization in Dostoevsky or Faulkner is to that in Gorky or Dos Passos. The little pigs are

human rather than some idealized creations or symbols. Study closely the little pigs: the lazy pig in his pathetic shack of straw; the swine self-satisfied in the suburban blase and mediocrity of his house of sticks; and, the admirably industrious and prudent, but self-righteous, boar in the stately brick—even Colonial, perhaps?—home, not content until he has berated his neighbors for their shortcomings. You see in this tale the full panoply of humanity in all its glory.

More sophisticated art is not void of references to bacon either. Chekhov, Joyce, Orwell, Bellow and Pink Floyd have all made the intimacy of human and porcine nature a theme in their work. The information age, however, has done more to establish the connection between man and pig than any work of art ever could. We just know too damn much

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Collect them all! This week: Pig Sties of Marshall-Wythe!

More clip 'n' save Marshall-Wythe trading cards



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Professor Devins' Office



Professor Lee's Office

1L mating season re-opens

By TED ATKINSON

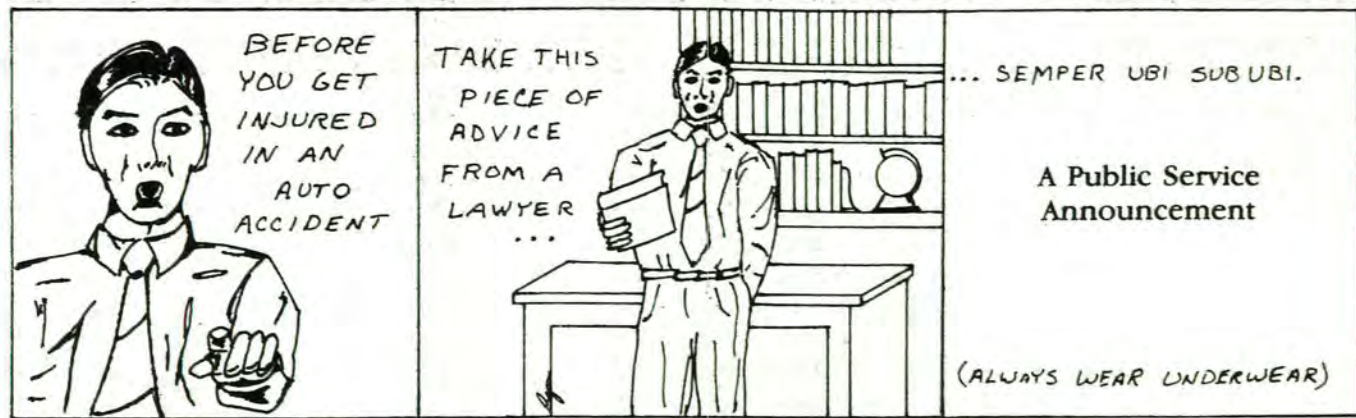
A secret is a damn hard thing to keep when you see the same 173 people day in and day out, sixteen, seventeen hours a day, seven days a week. It's all a matter of proximity, really. After all, do you think any one of the castaways on *Gilligan's Island* could keep something to him or herself? Sure, maybe certain individuals got away with some things--the Howells never disclosed, for example, where they kept all that money or why they brought it all in the first place. Gilligan and the Skipper never really came out and said why they insisted on sleeping on top of one another in hammocks--but no one can deny that the others had their suspicions. Way deep down, they had to wonder. I mean did anyone on that island really believe that Ginger and the Professor never had sex? Give me a break. They knew, and more importantly, they whispered about it somewhere off camera, late at night.

Take that situation and multiply it by a hundred, and you have the exact same thing occurring at M-W, although without so much bamboo. The point here is proximity, and how constantly living and working with one group of people will eventually result in everyone else knowing *every single thing about you*. In time, all your personal idiosyncracies and weird habits will be revealed to the ones to whom you are closest. When that happens, rest assured that your friends, recognizing that a bond of trust and confidence exists between you, will tell *everyone* that you wet the bed at least twice a week.

Secrets are hard to keep,

Free Body Diagram

By Jeff Regner



especially when the secret is that you are dating another student in your class. Second- and third-years have learned to handle it with dignity and a modicum of respect. They've recognized after one or two years that there is nothing else to do in Williamsburg but interbreed. First years, however, don't want so-called friends to find out that they are seeing someone in the class, for fear of receiving the endless taunts and smart-ass comments they so richly deserve.

Thus, it is with great interest that I watch as an annual ritual begins anew. I'm writing, of course, of the pairing off of the 1Ls, affectionately referred to by second- and third-years as "slipping on the double knotted noose."

In order to find the genesis of this phenomenon, I undertook a rigorous scientific study conducted by asking a couple of people I was sitting near about their feelings on 1Ls becoming romantically involved with one another, possibly mixing fluids in the process.

"I think that's just so sad," said a second-year. "I mean, you try and raise them right. Good schools, a decent home

life, lots of Republican values, and look what happens. They grow up to do something as stupid as date one another. Excuse me, I must purge."

Another third year agreed to speak upon the condition of anonymity. "I really don't have a problem with it," said Rich Hricik. "All this talk about it being 'bad news' is just plain hokey. Shucks, I did it, and it all turned out okay. Well, reasonably okay...I mean, I'm sure we'd still be going out if that judge hadn't granted her a restraining order."

While comments like these tend to indicate that dating within the first year class is a horrifyingly huge mistake, a calamity equal only to death on a mass scale, it's actually far worse than people make it out to be. Because I have not dated since late in the Reagan Administration, I felt a need to hear from first years who have a current perspective. I talked with a friend of mine. We'll call her "Jane". "Jane", who has managed so far to keep it a secret, told me what it was like to date another 1L. "Oh, it's not too bad, really. We go out a lot to the movies and to the Leafe

on Monday evenings about six O'clock when we know other 1Ls won't be there...and to the movies. We do all kinds of things." When pressed on how she could go out with another classmate and still keep it a secret in such a small town, "Jane" became testy. "Look, I didn't say it was perfect, okay? You want the truth? Fine. It sucks sometimes. He lives in the Grad Complex, and so do I, so we can never go over to one another's place. We meet at 'Soap n' Suds' and sometimes when we don't feel like going to the movies or to the Green Leafe, or...to the movies, well...we just sit there. It's got a big screen T.V. and a perfect little snack bar. Sometimes we even make neat figurines out of lint."

While "Jane" has been less than completely fortunate with her in-class dating venture, other students have attained a degree of success. I talked to one couple who we'll call "Coquette" and "Meathammer".

"It's going great," said "Coquette". "We go out, and have fun, and we don't care who knows. Heck, other people let us have our privacy. Just the other day I was saying to

[Meathammer] how all of our old friends don't come around anymore, sensing our need for close, intimate quality time." "Meathammer" concurred. "I love it. Hell, there's nothing more entertaining than sitting around with my warm snuggelumps, going over Civil Procedure, discussing future interests, and having sex like crazed Mandrill Baboons. It takes the guesswork out of who to have dinner with, or lunch, or breakfast, or, for that matter, who I'll spend every waking moment with. It's just not enough to see her four out of five classes a week."

"Balthazar", a friend of the couple, put things into perspective. "Look, no one at this school thinks more highly of these two than me, and I think they are both mindless, horny fools. These relationships are successful about once every few million years. It just can't last."

Whatever the consensus, there is no doubt that as long as there are 1Ls, 1L relationships will happen again and again.

Note: Any resemblance between the persons quoted in this article and you is just a coincidence. I swear.

Lee's Office

Many students are unaware of the condition of Lee's office due to his inability to open the door. The administration is investigating reports that many of the students thought to have "dropped out" actually met an untimely and mysterious demise in Lee's office. Asked to comment, Lee said, "I guess students could be buried in here. I'll straighten up a little this afternoon."

Devins' Office

Thanks to an excavation firm hired over the summer, 1LS with questions about Judicial Authority have been spared the safety hazards incurred by previous classes. Although the summer cleaning cost him a pretty penny it was money well spent: the number of law students injured by falling stacks of papers and books had Devins worried about a possible class action suit.

Amicus Office

Considered just a messy office until this year, the current Editor employed the same interior decorator responsible for his apartment to remodel this journalistic nerve-center. Kevin takes particular pride in the large quantities of penicillin grown in the staff coffee pot during the week. He hopes this will be advantageous when he interviews with food and drug law firms.

Lounge Fridge

Although many students complain about food and drinks being stolen from the refrigerator, the Amicus has learned that the disappearing foodstuffs may be due to an unusual combination of toxic vapors and voracious insects. Scientists investigating the migration of the New York City Cockroach found the cold-weather bugs seem to prefer refrigerators when south of the Mason-Dixon.

Flat Hat columnist libels M-W intramural athletes

[The following is an excerpt from Fearless Picks '92, by Rob Phillips, in the Oct. 23rd edition of The Flat Hat --Ed.]

I'm feeling pretty darn bitter right now . . . my softball team, Suicide Squeeze, lost to one of those law school teams in the finals of B-1, 11-8.

We're not the only ones though. Law school teams downed us poor little undergrads in Co-Rec and A-League Softball, as well. What's up with that? Why are the law school people so good? Even though I am thinking about law school, I always thought that the majority of law students were puny little geeks with taped glasses and pocket protectors. There can't be much more than a hundred of those little boogers, yet they kick our collective tails in intramurals (not just softball, but soccer, volleyball and basketball too. We still get them in football, I think. They're a little older and slower.)

It could be because they are older, they have a psychological advantage--like the big brother/big sister advantage. It could be that they are just better athletes. Or maybe they cast evil spells on us or something.

I have a different hypothesis as to why they always win, however, and it has several components. First and foremost--they really don't like us. All you have to do is go over and do some work at the law

library to prove it. Every person in the place automatically knows you are an undergrad, and they let you know you're not welcome, whether it be by insults under their breath or just by the evil glares from their beady, bloodshot eyes. That's okay, though, because we don't exactly love you guys either.

Secondly, they take winning very seriously. In fact, they take intramurals way too seriously if you ask me.

Thirdly, they have a whole lot of stress to let out. You don't believe me? Try reading a Supreme Court opinion. Those justices can write a two page sentence and still not make a point.

Fourthly, they come up with such bizarre names for their teams that the opponents spend the whole game trying to figure out what the heck the stupid name means, and can't concentrate on the game itself.

And finally, they get all the calls from the officials. I guess I can't blame the refs/umps, however. If they were to make a call against the lawyers-to-be, they would probably be sued.

It may seem like I am whining and complaining just because I lost. Well, I am, but that's okay, because this is my column (at least for this week. I may be in court defending myself next week.)...

--Rob Phillips

[The following is the complete text of a letter to the editor submitted to The Flat Hat for publication on November 6th. Portions were deleted by the Flat Hat editorial staff because of alleged space considerations --Ed.]

To the Editor;

As the self-appointed defender of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, and a mediocre IM athlete, I feel compelled to respond to the shamelessly libelous griping by Rob Phillips in the Oct. 23rd edition of the Flat Hat.

In his vain attempt to explain the athletic success of law school intramural teams in intramurals this year, Mr. Phillips accomplished nothing more than illustrating his own profound mental handicap and a severe case of sour-grapes. However, as one of the 600 "little boogers" who "kick your collective tails in intramurals," there are just a few bald-faced lies which I would like to correct:

1) *Law students take intramurals way too seriously*- Oh yes, we take IM sports much more seriously than all of the fraternity teams! I seem to have a memory of playing in last year's semi-final flag-football playoff game against an unnamed Greek team. The sideline was filled with drunk frat-boys who screamed obscenities at the referees the entire game. I was called "faggot" and

"shithead" after getting a key sack. But you're right, we are much too serious.

2) *Law students come up with bizarre team names*- In all honesty, I guess this one is a toss-up; I can't decide which is more bizarre, Anal Warts or Cunning Litigants. You make the call.

3) *Law school teams get all the calls from the refs*- I guess my football anecdote is evidence of this allegation. So, you must be right, even though all of the IM refs I have seen are undergrads. But, as we all know, it is always the refs' fault.

4) *The majority of law students are puny little geeks with taped glasses and pocket protectors*- While it is certainly true that I fit this rather dubious description, I think it is only fair to warn you that two rather large gentlemen named Jimmy Entas and Joe Somerville are looking for you and would like to discuss this point further. I don't think you have to worry about being sued, but you might need a personal injury lawyer when they are done. I would be happy to refer you.

Don't feel too sorry for yourself, Rob, there was one point that you got correct: Law students really don't like undergrads. Kevin Kroner

Editor-in-Chief

Amicus Curiae (that's the law school newspaper, Rob)
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nowadays. Thus, we know conclusively that, no matter who is elected President, that person will invariably be human, and therefore, a pig.

Accordingly, we have elected Mr. Clinton our next President. Undoubtedly, Bush would have liked to have vilified this former Rhodes Scholar and graduate of Yale Law School as he did Mr. Dukakis: a member of that group of people who, just because they can read, think they're better than him and Dan Quayle (who are supposed to represent you and me, I think). He would have reviled him as not swinish enough to lead the American people.

The trouble was, no one would have believed Bush if he

said that Clinton actually thought he was better than a pig. The man has the face and belly of a pig, and still talks as if he slept in a hog's head most of his life. His first action upon graduation from law school was to go back to Arkansas and stick his face in the public trough to start feeding. The man is nothing but a long pig, and everybody knows it, whether they voted for or against him.

Despite being no different from any other politician in his heart, however, he has enabled us to do overtly what we have always done in delusion: elect the biggest hog of all to lead this nation of swine. As long as the greedy son of a sow leaves a little mud in which the rest of us may wallow, we are now truly free to be ourselves. God Bless America.

on Election Night.

Students voted for the Constitutional Amendment to create a Revenue Stabilization Fund with 11,721 votes for and 4,037 votes against. Similarly, all three proposed bond issues regarding park and recreational facilities, mental health facilities and educational institutions were voted for by large margins. These results were reflected in the national results.

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and not the mother of Gawd."

The final roundhead was a poor Californian who thought that the only royalty left in Europe was in England, and who stated that it just "doesn't seem right that the royals have all that land which isn't being taxed." She also wasn't quite sure about Madonna being made the head of the Church.

I finished the debate by denouncing Madonna as "a tramp, a trollop and a whore" unfit to touch the hem of the Queen Mother's garment much less to head up the Church of England. (This argument would have had greater force had Madonna's latest book been released prior to the debate. "Time Out," the weekly guide to various activities in London, just published some of the photos from the book and reaffirmed my belief that sex should be left to amateurs.)

As for the alleged Royal lack of mental capacity, I noted that since their major function today seems to be to attract tourists and open new buildings, vacuousness may actually be an asset. Finally I argued that the Royal family was genetically fitted for its role because none

of them seem to have developed Carpal Tunnel Syndrome despite constant waving to assorted crowds.

The Q&A session was the most interesting part of the whole debate. One fellow noted that the cost of removing the word "Royal" from all the mail trucks, letterhead and other stores around England would far outweigh any financial savings from abolition. Another noted the Spanish King's role in putting down a military coup several years ago.

The house did vote to abolish the monarchy. The most interesting feature of the debate, however, was the lines along which the vote broke. Americans seemed to be evenly divided, but the Americans who have been here longest tended to vote against the monarchy as a symbol of the class system which seems to squander and frustrate the human energies of a vast majority of Britons.

The most vocal supporters of the monarchy seemed to be residents from the less-developed Commonwealth countries such as Pakistan and the Bahamas, while the citizens of the more developed commonwealth countries such as Canada and Australia seemed to be against the monarchy.

The big issue over here is the survival of the Major government. After dodging a bullet over the issue of "making redundant" (i.e., firing) 30,000 mine workers in the midst of a recession, he has decided to make a vote on the Maastricht Treaty, a vote of confidence. If the Labor party votes against the bill along with the sworn anti-Maastricht conservatives, Major will have to resign or perhaps call a general election.

Quite frankly, I haven't much hope for the Treaty in England. The British Rail symbol consists of two horizontal bars with a lightning stroke the shape of a backward "Z" through it. When a potential deal to sell the servicing of the London-Edinburgh line was disclosed, The Independent--a respectable newspaper--captioned the story with the Brit-Rail symbol, but with a frog's foot attached at the bottom. Further, the English consistently refer to the continent as "Europe," as if it were separate and apart from any body with which they may have something in common.

Next column: Dinner and Drinks with Lord Howe--former Chancellor of the Exchequer and Foreign Minister to HM's government responsible for the downfall of Thatcher. Cheers.

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as a higher priority than jobs.

The congressional fight between Andrew Fox and Herbert Bateman most closely mirrored reality. In the mock election, Bateman won with 2,090 votes while Fox drew a close 1,887 votes. Owen Pickett, Norman Sisisky, and L.F. Payne, Jr. won by large margins, just as

SBA to obtain discount cards for students

The following items were discussed at the SBA meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 3:

The SBA will purchase discount cards which can be used by students for reduced prices on merchandise and services from local merchants. The cards had been previously approved pending an investigation into their cost. At \$118 for the entire school, their cost did not prove a prohibiting factor.

College President Tim Sullivan has asked Joe Cartee, in his capacity as GAPS president, to nominate three graduate students for the Provost search committee. Cartee decided to choose one student each from the law school, arts & sciences department, and the education school. He indicated his preference for SBA representative Gina Love (2L) as there is a possibility the search could extend beyond this academic year.

Social Committee Chair Tammy Moss discussed the pricing policy for SBA social events. Students have questioned whether an alternative ticket price might be established for guests who did not wish to consume alcohol, since many SBA-sponsored events include an open bar. The feasibility of such a policy will be investigated for possible implementation at future events, including this spring's Barrister's Ball.

--Doug Miller

Professor honored posthumously

The M-W faculty passed a resolution honoring the late Professor Richard Walck by a unanimous vote last Thursday, Nov. 5. The resolution reads:

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Faculty of Marshall-Wythe School of Law, mindful of the death of Richard E. Walck, do herewith acknowledge our sadness in the loss of a good friend, esteemed colleague and able teacher and administrator, express our deep appreciation for the contributions he has made to the growth and development of this institution, and record our respect and admiration for one whose life was characterized by integrity, devotion, love, service, and by enthusiasm for life itself. . .

The resolution will be sent to Professor Walck's wife and children.

Professor Walck joined the M-W faculty in 1970. During his tenure, he taught Torts, Criminal Law, International Law, Agency, International Business Transactions and Legal Profession. Additionally, Walck supervised the post-conviction assistance project and served as Associate Dean for Administration. Upon his retirement in 1984, Walck had attained the position of Professor of Law Emeritus.

On-Campus Employers Dwindle

On Thursday, Nov. 5, the M-W faculty held its monthly faculty meeting. Among the business discussed were reports from the various Deans.

From the Office of Career Planning & Placement, Dean Robert Kaplan reported on preliminary results of follow-up surveys of May graduates. While the final figures have yet to be assembled, Kaplan said it appeared there is a 6 percent decrease in the level of employment for the recent graduates compared to recent classes in the same period following graduation. On a more positive note, Kaplan said the number of individuals with judicial clerkships (32) is the same as the previous year.

Kaplan also reported a 12 percent decrease in the number of on-campus employers registering for the coming Fall from this past Fall. The number of registered, non-visiting employers will be slightly larger than this year. Kaplan interprets these changes as meaning that employers are generally cutting back in recruitment, while still retaining interest in M-W.

From the Office of Admissions, Dean Faye Shealy predicted that a slight downturn is possible in the number of applicants for the Class of 1996. She passed on reports that registration for the October LSAT is down 7 percent, and registration for the Law School Data Assembly Service is down 11 percent.

While admitting that these figures could result in a slight shrinkage of the applicant pool, Shealy does not think the effect will be significant because of the excellent overall reputation of the law school and its normally competitive applicant pool.

Parking problem keeps going, and going . . .

The Art and Architectural Review Board has approved two proposals made by Parking Services Director Mark Gettys during the past summer. The proposals called for 20 new spaces at the intersection of Yates Drive and Gooch Drive and the construction of a small parking lot east of the Student Health Center.

The Board also stipulated that no other proposals would be approved without a master plan. Gettys is considering several projects for the master plan including opening a new lot near the population lab, a joint venture with the Presbyterian church, moving the physical plant to Dillard and expanding the Common Glory parking lot.

Gettys welcomes any suggestions for the master parking plan, which he expects to have completed by December.

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*Glutton for punishment***Villain fetish revealed; mainstream mandate sought**

By ALAN DUCKWORTH

People ask me why I review B-movies instead of mainstream video releases. Well despite the fact that I like there to be some difference between me and my esteemed colleague, Steve Youngkin, I am not sure. Maybe I should review mainstream videos. To do this, I'll need a mandate from the people, particularly to get this idea past my sawed-off dictator of an editor. So, in keeping with the season, let's vote on it. Grab me in the hall, drop a vote in my hanging file, or contact Kroner and show him the will of the people. Whichever way the vote goes, I will remain your humble servant. Now let's get to the videos.

Dr. Mordrid: True B-Movies fans must rejoice. Okay, at this school, that means me. But at least I am happy. However, despite the resounding lack of interest at Marshall-Wythe, Full Moon Entertainment has come out with another movie. For those who don't know, Full Moon is the major maker of direct-to-video movies today, with their specialty being horror. They have released dozens of films. After each, "Videozone," a video magazine, gives a behind-the-scenes look at the movies, previews upcoming releases and hocks their merchandise. That's enough about the company; this is about the movie.

Dr. Mordrid is about the battle between two sorcerers.

Roughly 150 years prior, Anton Mordrid defeated his evil rival, Kabal and trapped him in a prison. Knowing that Kabal would likely escape, he took up residence on Earth to protect it from a future attack by Kabal. Now, Kabal has escaped. While Mordrid tracks Kabal and fights the ignorance of us foolish mortals, Kabal gathers power for the coming battle. Actually, a lot more happens in the movie than I have described, but you will have to see it to get it. The final fight is quite unusual. The two magicians animate giant fossil skeletons that battle it out.

The movie is directed by the founder of Full Moon, Charles Band and his father, long-time director Albert Band. They are

working with a good, if small, cast. Jeffrey Coombs, who has previously worked with Charles Band on *Re-Animator* and *From Beyond*, plays Dr. Anton Mordrid, the good sorcerer. His fine performance is only surpassed by Brian Thompson of *Cobra* fame (yes, I watch every bad movie), who plays Kabal with a evil flourish.

People who have read several of my reviews will begin to see a pattern emerging, in which I regularly prefer the villain to the hero. I know this is a character flaw, but I am not sure what type yet. Either villains are just more interestingly written or if I identify with villains more easily. I will keep working on that one and get back to you

on it. By the way, I welcome input (even from you Kevin). The rest of the cast, while good, is basically unknown.

Well, the beer rating system is back this week. I give this two beers. Furthermore, I recommend that you don't drink much more if you watch this movie. I watched it with two friends. One was sober and he liked it, the other was drunk and she couldn't follow it.

The Flash: My next movie is *The Flash*. I know what you are saying, it was a television show. That's true. Not many people watched it because it was canceled so quickly. However,

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Candyman & Under Siege good examples of wasted ideas

By STEVE YOUNGKIN

After seeing *Candyman* and *Under Siege*, I decided that there is one type of movie that depresses me the most. It's the "almost had it" movie. These are the types that aren't bad--in fact, they usually have some really good elements --but, unfortunately, some crucial element destroys it. These are even bigger disappointments than the "bad" movies because I sense either good talent or a good idea wasted. As a result, I end up wishing that any one major element had been fixed. Then the movie would have been good instead of merely mediocre.

Candyman is a perfect example of this type of movie. The film deals with an intriguing concept--the idea that mythology and folklore can become more believable than reality simply because people want them to.

The movie stars Virginia Madsen as a graduate student working on a thesis about urban myths, for example, alligators flushed down the toilet that live in the sewers. While in her research, she comes upon a myth of a man named Candyman. According to legend, Candyman was a slave who was executed by his master because he got the master's daughter pregnant. Before he was killed, his right hand was chopped off and a metal hook was put in its place. It is further rumored that if a person said his name in a mirror five times, Candyman would appear and kill him.

Madsen then sets out to further research this myth and in the process, discredits it for all the residents in the ghetto who believed in it. Not having any more people to believe in his legend, Candyman then appears to Madsen and informs her that he will have to kill more

people in order to get people to believe in him again.

Instead of just straight appearing and killing people, Candyman attempts a more nefarious scheme. He manages to make it appear that Madsen is the actual murderer. His explanation is that this way she can join as part of popular mythology as a famed murderer.

The idea behind this movie is interesting, and for the first two-thirds of the film, it works. The violence is surprisingly sparing, and the attacks that are shown are left more to the imagination than to the eye. Also, Tony Todd is impressive as Candyman. He's not just a psychotic killer, he kills to live.

Unfortunately, the movie unravels near the end. When the movie should be at its scariest, it instead resorts to normal, boring bloodletting, with gore replacing imagination. The only saving grace was a final scene that managed to send home the concept of the movie in a way that

It's Only Rock & Roll**Music for your election hangover**

By PHIL NUGENT

The hard-fought election is finally over, and whether your candidate won or lost, you're understandably emotional about it. Maybe you're feeling the joy in the air, maybe you've got the blues, or maybe you're mad as hell. Well, we've got the music to fit your mood. If you feel like celebrating: Arrested Development. If your candidate lost and you're feeling blue, Etta James is the singer for you. If your candidate lost, and you feel like breaking furniture, welcome to the House of Pain.

Arrested Development: 3 Years, 5

managed to surprise me. If only the rest of the conclusion had been as creative instead of just violent.

Just as disappointing as *Candyman* is *Under Siege*. This is a *Die Hard*-style movie starring Steven Seagal as a navy cook who is on board a ship when it's taken over by terrorists led by Tommy Lee Jones and Gary Busey. Since most of the crew have either been killed or captured, it is up to Seagal and a Playboy Playmate, played by a real Playmate Erika Emmeniak, to stop the bad guys and save the ship.

As with *Candyman*, there is a good idea at work here. After all, the concept of the outsider screwing up a complex, "perfect" plan worked in both of the *Die Hard* movies. Why shouldn't it work here? Unfortunately, it doesn't because of its star. In *Die Hard*, Bruce Willis was an ordinary beat cop who just happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time. Because we were allowed to see

that he was scared and had no idea if he had a chance, there was actual suspense.

That's not the case with *Seagal*. There is never so much as one second of screen time where he is in danger. The character is so calm and so sure of himself, we feel as if this was ordinary business for him rather than a shocking development. In addition, the writers stack the deck in his favor. Not only is he an ex-Seal, he also happens to be an expert at martial arts, explosives, knives, guns and everything else. Because of this, it begins to seem that the villains are overmatched by one man rather than the other way around.

To its credit, the movie does boast a fun performance by Tommy Lee Jones. Jones is insane, dangerous, and hilarious, and most of the scenes with him come to life. There is a feeling that he is capable and liable to do anything and at anytime--exactly what a villain should be. If only they had an actor who could be what a hero should be.


Months, and 2 Days in the Life of... This may be their debut album, but the Atlanta-based, five-person group Arrested Development, fronted by lead singer-rapper, Speech, has a self-assured, unique style that's both old and new. Perhaps it's the timeless themes of their music, encompassing spirituality, love, and responsibility. With its familiar refrain from nearly a quarter-century ago, "I am everyday people," the breakout single, "People Everyday" reminds one of the Family Stone. Yet, "People" is no anthem to flower power: the bulk of the song is a rap taking on the subject of

respect and violence among blacks.


This is not an easy band to categorize. Arrested Development has the reputation of a rap act with a sunny attitude, but the subject of empowerment is equally core. Instead of "Don't Worry, Be Happy," their theme song might be, "Don't Sit There, Be Something."

"Mr. Wendal" looks at a homeless man in a new light: "Never thought twice about spending on an ole bum/Until I had the chance to really get to know


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Monday, Nov. 9

- **Muscarella Museum Film:** "Masters of Modern Sculpture: Pioneers" (58 minutes), 4 p.m.
- **Charles Center Monday Movie Series:** "Day for Night," Charles Center (Tucker basement), 7 p.m.
- **Rejoice:** Gregory Pincus, inventor of the birth control pill, born in 1903.
- **Conquest:** Napoleon becomes dictator of France (1799) and Lee surrenders to Grant (1865).
- **Oooops:** The Great Black Out darkens all of New England and Much of Ontario

Tuesday, Nov. 10

- **Marital Rape Program:** Laura X, director of the National Clearinghouse on Marital and Date Rape, will hold a program from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Little Theater, sponsored by Women's Issues and Mary & William Law Society.
- **Shucks:** Kentucky outlaws dueling (1801).
- **Found you!:** Stanley meets Livingston in Ujiji (1871).
- **MUSIC:** Too Much Joy, Bayou
Everything, Green Leaf

Wednesday, Nov. 11

- **AMICUS CURIAE STAFF MEETING, 6 PM, LOCATION TBA.**
- **Health Law Society** will meet at 6:30 in room G-5 (Conveniently scheduled right after the Amicus meeting.)
- **Marital Rape: Constitutional Issues:** Hosted by Laura X, topics will include marital rape prosecutions, the 13th & 14th Amendments and privacy. Sponsored by Mary & William and SERCH. Rm 119, 4 p.m.
- **Graduate and Professional School Day:** sponsored by the Office of Career Services, William and Mary Hall (concourse level), 1 to 4 p.m. Call ext. 13240 for more information.
- **Dedication of Jefferson Statue,** 4 p.m.
- **Russian Studies Club Film:** "The Forgotten Tune for the Flute," film released while Gorbachev was in power, reveals the ironic reactions of the Soviet people to his reforms (knowledge of Russian language not necessary), location TBA, 7 p.m. For information, call 221-4839.
- **Peace:** World War I ends (Armistice Day, 1918).
- **MUSIC:** Tom Tom Club, Bayou
Mojo Nixon, Metro
Babes in Toyland, 9:30 Club

Thursday, Nov. 12

- **Lecture:** "Rethinking Afro-American Slavery in Mainland North America," Ira Berlin, author & Professor of History at the University of Maryland at College Park. Berlin will address new ways of studying and understanding the captivity of Africans in the U.S. by focusing on their roles as workers. Rm. 201, Washington Hall, 5 p.m.
- **Town & Gown Luncheon:** "Czechoslovakia, Change, Education," Thomas L. Heacox, associate professor of English, CC ballroom, 12:15 p.m.
- **Women's Studies Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series:** "The Role of Women in Socialist Societies," Anne Henderson, assistant professor of government; CC, Room E, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.
- **Commonwealth Center Seminar Series:** "Rethinking Afro-American Slavery in the United States," Ira Berlin, Department of History, University of Maryland, College Park, Botetourt Theatre, Swem Library, 5 p.m.
- **Russian Studies Club Film:** "The Forgotten Tune for the Flute," location TBA, 7 p.m. See Nov. 12 listing for details.
- **Happy Birthday to you:** Justice Harry Blackmun born in 1908.
- **MUSIC:** Tom Tom Club, Bayou
Bolshoi Ballet, Chrysler Hall
Blind Melon, Flood Zone
Social Distortion, 9:30 Club

Friday, Nov. 13

- **FRIDAY THE 13TH: BEWARE** - Don't take any important exams
- **IMPORTANT EXAMS:** MPRE offered in Richmond.
- **Public Hearing:** The Commission on the Reduction of Child Sexual Assault will hold a public hearing on its draft recommendations to the General Assembly. The hearing is geared toward specific comments on the commissions draft. Dodge Room, PBK Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- **Psychology Colloquium:** "The MANOVA Approach to Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance: Basic Concepts and SPSS Applications," Lee Kirkpatrick, assistant professor of psychology, Millington 211, 4 p.m. Refreshments, Millington 232, 3:30 p.m.
- **Physics Colloquium:** "Hadronic Form Factors: From Soft to Hard QCD," Leonard Kisslinger, Carnegie-Mellon University, Small Hall 109, 4 p.m.

- **Happy Birthday to You:** Justice Louis Brandeis born in 1856 (Don't bother sending a gift, he's dead).
- **MUSIC:** 10,000 Maniacs & The Wallflowers, the Mosque
Bolshoi Ballet, Chrysler Hall
Los Lobos, Flood Zone
Full Stop, Paul's Deli

Saturday, Nov. 14

- **Football vs. Lehigh,** Zable Stadium, 1 p.m.
- **Ooooh, Pretty!:** Kilauea erupts (1959).
- **One Small Step:** Apollo 12 launched (1969).
- **MUSIC:** Good Guys, AAE & Funkaholics, Flood Zone
The Toasters, 9:30 Club

Sunday, Nov. 15

- **Muscarella Museum Film:** "Masters of Modern Sculpture: Beyond Cubism" (58 minutes), 4 p.m.
- **Thank God:** Social Security system approves the first unemployment check (1939)
- **MUSIC:** Mojo Nixon's Christmas Party, 9:30 Club

Monday, Nov. 16

- **Muscarella Museum Film:** "Masters of Modern Sculpture: Beyond Cubism" (58 minutes), 4 p.m.
- **Charles Center Monday Movie Series:** "Roger & Me," Charles Center (Tucker basement), 7:00 p.m.
- **Conquest:** Pizarro seizes the Incan emperor (1532) and Sherman begins his march to the sea (1864).
- **MUSIC:** ASIA, Bayou

Tuesday, Nov. 17

- **Muscarella Museum Gallery Talk and Demonstration:** "Studio Practices of Alexander Galt," Lewis Cohen, assistant professor of Fine Arts, 4 p.m.
- **Oh No:** Congress convenes in Washington, DC for the first time (1800).

Wednesday, Nov. 18

- **Happy Birthday to You:** Mickey Mouse premiered (1928).
- **If at first you don't succeed . . .** Latvia declared its independence from the USSR (1918).
- **MUSIC:** Mary Danish & the Darling Buds, 9:30 Club

Thursday, Nov. 19

- **Town & Gown Luncheon:** Musical program by the Jazz Ensemble conducted by Laura Rexroth, director of bands, CC ballroom, 12:15 p.m.
- **Women's Studies Program:** "The Legacy of Brecht in British Feminist Theatre," with Janelle Reinelt, Dodge Room, PBK, 4 p.m.
- **Ewell Concert Series:** Dan Gutwein and W&M Jazz Faculty, Ewell Recital Hall, 8 p.m. General admission at door, \$2; W&M students with ID admitted free.
- **W&M Theatre:** "Top Girls," PBK, 8:15 p.m. Box office opens Nov. 9, Mon.-Fri, 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 1 to 6 p.m., ext. 12674.
- **Home Sweet Home:** The Mayflower reached Cape Cod (1620).
- **Four score & twenty years ago...** Lincoln spoke at Gettysburg (1863).
- **What did you do that for?** The pencil was invented (1895).
- **Freedom:** New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights (1789).
- **MUSIC:** ASIA, Boathouse
Art Frontier, Sugar & Absolute, Bayou
Dead Milkmen, Flood Zone
Negativland, Metro
Mary Danish & the Darling Buds, 9:30 Club
Boneshakers, Paul's Deli

Friday, Nov. 20

- **Psychology Colloquium:** "Perceptual and Cognitive Spaces in Musical Sounds," Ed Carterette, professor emeritus of cognitive psychology, UCLA, Millington 211, 4 p.m. Refreshments served in Millington 232, 3:30 p.m.
- **W&M Theatre:** "Top Girls," PBK, 8:15 p.m.
- **Objects from your future?** William Bundy invented the time clock (1888).
- **MUSIC:** NRBO, Flood Zone
David Carter, Paul's Deli

Saturday, Nov. 21

- **Friends of the Library book sale,** Botetourt Gallery, Swem Library, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Saturday), 1 to 5 p.m. (Sunday).
- **W&M Theatre:** "Top Girls," PBK, 8:15 p.m.
- **Deep Thoughts:** Voltaire born in 1694
- **MUSIC:** Bob Weir & Rob Wasserman, Flood Zone
Scatterbrain, 9:30 Club

Sunday, Nov. 22

- **Memorial:** President Kennedy assassinated in Dallas (1963).
- **MUSIC:** Morrissey, Chrysler Hall

Intentional fouls

Sports guru previews upcoming basketball season

By ERIC CHASSE

Welcome, hoops fans, to another FAN-tastic season of NBA (that's the No Bouncing Association) basketball, yet another diversion in the never-ending quest to avoid law-school-related activities. The following guru-like predictions are meant for argument's sake only; the *Amicus* reminds its readers not to wager, unless of course you can get Michael Jordan and his checkbook on the golf course.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

1. **Knicks:** Once again, a New York team has made, supposedly, all the right moves, made all the right trades and spent all the right money. I should have learned my lesson with the Mets, but this division is the weakest in the league, and Pat Riley knows how to win.

2. **Nets:** Chuck Daly also knows what he is doing; trading Kenny Anderson into the starting point guard slot not only makes sense economically, but will make Coleman, Morris and Bowie that much better. Now if only Chris Dudley could hit half his free throws...

3. **Celtics:** Mark it down now: X does not mark *this* spot. Add in a positively atrocious draft (Jon Barry? Be real) and the loss of the game's greatest player, and it looks like a long year in Beantown. Nonetheless, look for about 50 wins and an early exit from the playoffs.

4. **Magic:** Is Shaq for real? Would YOU like to tell him that he's not?? Throw in Nick Anderson and Dennis Scott, and this is a legitimate playoff contender this year, and a championship-caliber squad of the future.

5. **Heat:** Miami, a playoff team last year, will be hard-pressed to match their early successes. If Glen Rice continues to develop exponentially, and if rookie Harold Minor can contribute as expected, and if Rony Seikaly shaves his back before each home game... too many ifs, not enough defense. Mark them down for fifth.

6. **Bullets:** With two first-round draft choices in tow, and Michael Adams running circles around everyone else in the league, Pervis isn't nearly as nervous as in years past. He's also still not

in the playoffs. A few more years of lottery choices, however, could make Washington only a marginally bad team. And Pervis still wouldn't be in the playoffs.

7. **Sixers:** Given that Philadelphia was bad last year, and that they traded their best player away, why should we expect them to be any better this year? Philly could be the first team in history to have more players in the 3-point shooting contest than wins at the all-star break, but who's going to rebound?

Central Division

1. **Da Bulls:** Three-peat? Maybe. Michael still rules, but look for more balanced scoring this year as Scottie Pippen continues to grow out of Jordan's shadow. Add an improved bench, and it's still Chicago's crown to lose.

2. **Cavaliers:** Cleveland, however, might just be the team to knock that battery off the Bulls' shoulder. Daugherty and Price remain steady, if not spectacular, all-stars, and Larry Nance continues to age with more grace than anyone this side of Robert Parish.

3. **Hornets:** OK, this is a bold pick, but with Larry Johnson, Kendall Gill and the still-not-signed Alonzo Mourning on the floor, Charlotte has a playoff team right now. If Mourning is not signed, however, and soon, and Mike Ginski (yet another ex-Dookie not worth his weight in salt in the NBA) has to play, the Hornets drop quickly into the conference's second division.

4. **Hawks:** Will Dominique's Achilles' heel hold up? The answer to this question will determine how Atlanta fares this season. Mookie Blaylock gives them a true point guard, and Kevin Willis is the next Dennis Rodman (since Rodman himself certainly isn't anymore), but as 'Nique goes, so go the Hawks.

5. **Pacers:** Reggie Miller just isn't enough; the trade of Chuck Person relieved Indiana of a big mouth and a disquieting locker room influence, not to mention 20 points a game. And unless he brings Christopher Robbin, Eeyore and Tigger with him from Minnesota, Pooh can't lead this team to the playoffs.

6. **Pistons:** The championship

teams of the 1980s were built around defense and athleticism. Who plays defense now? John Salley? Sure... but in Miami. Orlando Woolridge? Please. Mark Aguirre? Catch a clue. Isiah Thomas and Joe Dumars make up a competent, albeit aging, backcourt, but that's about it. Don't look for Motown around playoff time.

7. **Bucks:** Their best old player, Moses Malone, is decrepit and hurt, and their best young player, Todd Day, has too much mouth and ego not to be bounced on his ass dozens of times. It's a good thing Milwaukee is the beer capital of the country; the Bucks fans will need it.

Tune in next issue for a preview of the Western Conference; the extra time is necessary for me to figure out exactly where the Timberwolves got their nickname, and why, oh why, they would ever want Christian Laettner.

Oh, how the mighty have fallen. Not three weeks after Vegas oddsmakers were going nuts about a Dolphins/Eagles Super Bowl, both teams have done abrupt about-faces, each losing sole possession of first place in their respective divisions.

The Dolphins, as predicted in the *Amicus* just two short weeks ago, have shown that they are not worthy of the title of the AFC's best team, having suffered two ignominious defeats at the hands of the Colts and the (shudder) Jets. In fact, it seems that no one wants the responsibility of being the

conference's standard-bearer. Maybe it's all a tactical decision, like in the presidential primaries: if you are the front-runner, everyone will gang up on you (where is Paul Tsongas these days, anyway?), so lay low while you can, and strike when the iron is hot (i.e., the playoffs). Or maybe it's just that the AFC simply isn't that good this year.

The Eagles are also struggling after an unimpressive loss to Dallas. Randall Cunningham was All-Universe last month; now he's not even All-Philadelphia, having been benched in favor of Jim McMahon. Emmitt Smith made the second coming of the Steel Curtain defense look like a rusted out '67 Buick. Now with a legitimate quarterback controversy on his hands and the remainder of a tough NFC East schedule left, Rich Kotite has to hope things get better before they get worse. In Philadelphia, his very job could depend upon it.

Despite the bold prediction regarding the Heisman race, or alleged lack thereof, printed in this column some weeks back, it appears that there are new challengers to Sir Marshall Faulk's once-seemingly inevitable crowning glory. Bulldog Garrison Hearst has become the new favorite in many circles, particularly around Georgia, and Hurricane QB Gino Torretta has also re-entered the race, living up to his ESPN-given nickname as the "Ross Perot of the Heisman race."

Torretta is a senior (actually, I think he's been at Miami since the beginning of the Ford administration), but the other two leading candidates are underclassmen with reported propensities to enter the NFL draft this summer. One has to wonder how much a Heisman trophy would affect either one's thought processes: with the Heisman in hand, and little to no chance of a national championship next year, what's to keep the winner in school? On the other hand, whoever comes in second has a reason to come back next year and try again. Who do you think the SDSU and UGA coaches are rooting for?

Although I despise the fact that professional, and in this context, college, athletics are rapidly declining into a cesspool of greed and profit margins, I really can't blame the underclassmen who grab at the gold ring when it's offered; had some firm offered me big, or even medium-sized, bucks to leave Marshall-Wythe a year or two early, I certainly wouldn't have given the door time to hit me in the fanny on my way out.

In closing this week, I'd like to respond to my co-guru's comments in his last article. Bill, your insight about Pirates, eye patches and big boats is well taken, but remember: it's not the size of the boat that matters... but I'm sure you've heard this speech many too many times already.

Goodnight, Alonzo, wherever you are.

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Amicus computer-like rankings

MoJo rises to top of football poll; M-W sweeps volleyball

By BILL MADIGAN

FOOTBALL: There's a new king at M-W. No, it's not another sighting of Elvis, but instead a king atop the intramural football standings. Though the computer-like ranking system never failed me in the past, my pre-season pick for number one was a little off the mark. In fact, it's a puss-filled boil desecrating the pristine landscape of my professional reputation as a sports guru. But I'll get over it. In the meantime, here is your new and improved football poll:

1. MoJo
2. Intent To Harm
3. Cunning Litigants
4. Crimes Against Nature
5. We're Comin' In
6. 1L Tortfeasors
7. Excessive Force
8. Earnest Borgnines
9. Toaster Burn

MoJo opened the season by knocking off pre-season favorite Crimes Against Nature. Led by touchdowns from Ken "Score A" Golski and Phil "Micro" Wade and an interception in the closing minutes from Bill "Throw A" Fitzpatrick, MoJo indicted Crimes 14-9. In week two, five different players scored in MoJo's 35-0 spanking of the San Francisco 69ers. Despite their undefeated record, the team is mourning the loss of starting equipment manager, Hrich Hricik, who is on injured reserve for two to three weeks with allegedly cracked ribs.

Assaulting the number two spot is Intent To Harm, the 1L powerhouse playing in the A division. Intent is 2-0, outscoring their first two opponents 57-13. In game one, they harpooned VIMS on the strength of three rushing touchdowns by quarterback Russell "The Love Muscle" Foster. In game two, team MVP, Blake "Who's That" Guy, scored two touchdowns and a field goal. Maybe the 1L draft wasn't so bad after all.

Rocketing up the poll from the number eight to the number three spot are the Cunning Litigants led by perennial all-star Vic Miller "Lite." They started the season by removing Anal Warts, 45-7. Their second victim was Rhymes With Dick to the tune of 39-0. Their team motto reflects the inspiration that drives all of M-W's Cunning Litigants to greatness, "Let's Win One For Fred."

The last win, however, was a costly one for the Litigants. Starting tackling dummy, "Stairway to" Kevin Kroner, suffered severe optical and cranial lacerations (he split his eye and busted his head) as a result of a game-prolonging sack of the opposing quarterback. Despite needing immediate medical attention, Kroner refused to leave the game—he just wanted to lie on the field and bleed. Kroner eventually got 15 stitches, but he didn't miss this week's game, and he continues to encourage people to sign his eye cast.

Descending to number four is previous

number one, Crimes Against Nature. Despite the talents of Kyle "Too" Short and John "Cleveland" Brownlee, Crimes couldn't withstand the onslaught of MoJo. They did get back on track for their second game, puncturing the Anal Warts 33-16.

At number five is M-W's representative in the Co-Rec division, We're Comin' In. They are undefeated after their first two games, holding both opponents scoreless. They trampled both APO and Nicholas to take the lead in their division. Analyzing the team's success, team co-captain "Who Killed" Laura Kerrigan stated that since Comin' In was at the midpoint of the season, they probably still have half their games left to play.

Slipping and falling their way up to the number six spot are the 1L Tortfeasors. Inspired by the play of quarterback, Ivan "Norman" Bates, the Tortfeasors bandaged the Screaming Bloodclots 28-0. Chip "Off The Old Block" Richardson led the team in receiving, despite a speed in the 40-yard-dash that makes moss look fast. Jon "Sydney" Sheldon led the defense with two pick-offs.

Plummeting to number seven is Excessive Force, who is 1-1. They started the season with a win, leaving the Flintstones in the rubble of a 20-6 loss. Led by Mark "Keep Your" Capron with two touchdowns and "Step Up To The" Mike Hirn with an interception return for a touchdown, Force looked unbeatable. Unfortunately, their next opponent was nearsighted. Force got dumped by DUMP 6-0 in their second game, despite the stellar play of "The Life Of" Brian Platnick and "Truth," Justin, "And The American Way" Smith.

Tumbling into the bottom spots are the Earnest Borgnines and Toaster Burn, both of whom have yet to win a game. Both teams have declared this a rebuilding season.

VOLLEYBALL: Once again, M-W has shown the undergrads that we are both their physical and intellectual superiors. Of the five law school teams, four of them won the championship in their division. Cheers, led by Brian "Good" Knight, holds the dubious distinction of being that one loser. Now for the good news. Something For Your Eye, a 1L juggernaut led by Lleselle "I Really" Dugger, triumphed in the Co-Rec B-2 division. Bridesmaids & More were much more, downing Freelancers in the finals to take the Co-Rec A crown. In the Men's B-2 division, Law Geeks from Hell eternally damned the Out-of-Staters to reign supreme. And last but certainly not least was Dig This, taking the Co-Rec B-1 division on the strength of the play and fashion knee pads of team co-captain, Lawrence "Of Arabia" P'Anson.

INDOOR SOCCER: The seven law school teams have compiled a 13-5-1 record overall. Leading the pack is FDS featuring Jay "Green Eggs And"

Hambrick and, in goal, Lee "Don't Hang On The" Rimler. FDS outscored their first three opponents 39-6. Their strategy of confusing the other team by asking them to spell the last name of team member, Dave Pfefferkorn "On The Cob," has worked well so far. Another undefeated team is Joe's Last Chance, the team name being a reference to getting a date for Fall From Grace for team captain Joe "Fall, Winter, Spring And" Somerville. With the feet of Matt "Manta" Rae, Joe's hope for a soccer championship won't go unfulfilled. As for Fall From Grace...

Other law school teams include Los

Pedejos (2-0-1) led by "Raggedy" Andy Ollis, Defending Champs (3-0, 2 by forfeit) led by "Sloppy" Joe Somerville, Idle Time (0-2) led by T.J. "Hooker" Hooper, 1L Justice (0-3) led also by "Raggedy" Andy Ollis, and Delk's Boys (2-0) led by Dave "Afraid Of The" Delk.

TEAM CAPTAINS: Please keep the scores, highlights, and death threats coming. If you are the captain of a 3x3 BASKETBALL TEAM, please drop me a note with your team name, roster, and any scores. Otherwise, I won't know who all of you are. Until next time, may your ends be tight and your safeties strong.

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Williams because Williams was "beloved by the students, and exemplified everything the award is meant to encourage." The resolution says Williams "exemplified the devotion to teaching, love of law, and rapport with students necessary to be an outstanding teacher of the law," and cites his years of service "as a teacher, mentor, advisor, and humanitarian."

Williams had taught at Marshall-Wythe for more than 19 years when he died of cancer in August 1991 at age 54. During commencement exercises in May of 1991, Williams received the John Marshall Award for contributions to the law school.

Williams taught classes in Admiralty, Comparative Law and International Law. In addition, he served as advisor to M-W's summer program in Madrid and president of the school's chapter of Order of the Coif.

Professor Williams earned his A.B., M.A. and LL.B. degrees from the University of Southern California. He received his LL.M. and J.S.D. degrees from Yale University.

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principal will pay the professor's salary.

In addition to the named professorship, the Cabell family will be recognized at this year's commencement exercises for Charles Cabell's distinction of being the U.S.'s first law graduate. The 200th anniversary of his graduation coincides with the tercentenary celebration of the College.

In addition to announcing the foundation grant, Alumni Affairs also reported to the faculty that fund-raising for the Annual Fund and the Law School Foundation was on track with previously announced goals. Although no figures were presented, Associate Dean for Development and Alumni Affairs Rick Overy said that alumni are "responding well to the message we are putting out, despite the economy."

Donations to the Annual Fund and Law School Foundation form the principal of M-W's endowment. The school uses the interest from endowment funds to pay for professorships and student scholarships.

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publicity.

If the Legal Skills demagogues wish their program to truly live up to the hype, the requirements of individual firms should be harmonized. Senior partners should coordinate their standards and policies with each other so that the program work load is somewhat uniform among the students. Of course, firms should not be required to surrender their individual personality, but that is not mutually exclusive of some standardization. Furthermore, the program should offer more precise guidelines for senior partners to follow, particularly since most senior partners are not faculty members and therefore have little familiarity with practices of other firms. At least they could be handed the propaganda students received at law camp so they know what is expected of them. Finally, those in charge of Legal Skills should maintain more oversight to correct disparities. Perhaps with more uniformity and fairness, Legal Skills will graduate from the common dread and status it now enjoys.

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following the cancellation, the two-hour pilot was released on video. Since I am a Superhero freak, I watched both *The Flash* and *Batman Returns* on the same night.

The origin of *The Flash* comes almost directly from the comic book. Barry Allen, a.k.a. The Flash, is in the crime lab of the police department. He is working late one night when lightning strikes, destroying the lab and giving him superpowers. He has superspeed and heals at a phenomenal rate. The catch is that when he uses his superpowers, he burns up a incredible amount of energy. He thus must go on a food binge which would could feed a small Middle Eastern country. The actual plot involves a highly organized motorcycle gang, which is terrorizing the city. It is led by a former cop, Nicholas Pike, who was the partner of Barry's brother, Jay. When Pike kills Jay, Barry sets out for justice. And not to give too much of the plot away, he gets it.

The cast is very good, although most did not stay with the show for the series. John

Wesley Shipp, as Barry Allen, alternates anger and confusion. I am not sure if he has more range than that, but it was all the script called for. Tim Thomerson, a veteran B-movie actor, does a solid job with the one-note character, Jay Allen. The best performance was by Michael Nadar, formerly of *Dynasty*, as Nicholas Pike. Look at me favoring the villain again. His performance was also one-dimensional, but had a maniacal intensity to it. Barry's two love interests are played by Mrs. Corbin Bernsen and Paula Marshall. Notable guest stars, aside from Thomerson and Nadar, are Priscilla Pointer and M. Emmet Walsh as Nora and Henry Allen, Barry and Jay's parents. The best small role goes to Richard Belzer in what is now a cliché: getting a guest star to play an obnoxious reporter (isn't that redundant?)

This isn't a great movie. It has some flaws, particularly some toned-down fights for primetime television. On the other hand, it's fun and there is nothing really wrong with it. Drink a six pack, relax, forget about exams, and enjoy. Don't forget to vote in my referendum. See you at the video stores.

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one!" "Fishin' 4 Religion" emphasizes spirituality, directly challenging the Baptist Church, which "teaches dying is the only solution / Passiveness causes others to passusby." "Tennessee" concerns search for enlightenment, and the importance of one's roots. Similarly, "Children Play With Earth" tells "African boys and girls" to "set down your Nintendo joysticks right now!" to discover the joys of nature.

Arrested Development incorporates many styles in its "Southern-fried funk." Occasionally overly preachy, but always interesting and adventurous, it offers a new twist with high-spirited Natural Music for the Nineties. Granola sold separately.

Etta James: *The Right Time* Have you got the blues? This is good, solid, old- and new-fashioned blues by the lady who's been singing them for 40 years. *The Right Time* was recorded at mythic Muscle Shoals with the backing of famed guitarist Steve Cropper and noted alto saxophonist Hank Crawford. Teamed up with 75-year-old legendary producer Jerry Wexler, Etta James is a youthful and energetic 54, and her famous pipes are still holding strong.

A mixture of standards and new songs, the album starts with a kick, as James belts out the new tune, "I Sing the Blues." This is followed by an Al Green song, the down-tempo "Love and Happiness," and the ballad "Evening of Love," which draws the listener in with its soaring sax. James can be sassy, demonstrating her edge in the put-down,

"Wet Match," ("Your love is like trying to light a fire with a wet match/You won't even get a spark like that.") In "You're Taking Up Another Man's Place," James threatens an inattentive lover: "If you're not going to take care of business/Stop taking up space/Cause you're taking up another man's place."

"Give It Up" is a rousing duet with Steve Winwood that has more energy than anything he's done lately. The catchy "Let It Rock," with a (surprise) true rock beat was written about the dismal scene in L.A. Interestingly, it was written before the riots. Wilson Pickett's "Ninety-Nine and a Half (Won't Do)" completes the troika of hard-charging, hook-laden tunes that comprise the molten core of the album. *The Right Time* finishes strongly with the intoxicating Ray Charles standard, "Nighttime is the Right Time" and the coda, "Down Home Blues," with its blistering sax solo. Don't deny yourself this album if you're a true blues fan.

House of Pain: *Fine Malt Lyrics* House of Love, House of Freaks, why not a House of Pain? In fact, why not get some white boys from Ireland who can rap like the Beastie Boys, and let them cut an album of Celtic Rap? But is the House of Pain any more than a Gaelic Vanilla Ice? Yes and no. It's difficult to avoid getting lost in the hype, but this isn't exactly an Irish rap group. Two of the three guys, "Danny Boy" O'Connor and Erik "Everlast" Schrody, were born in Ireland, but grew up in L.A. The third, Leor DiMant, is Latvian. (Yo!)

Despite the distances, these guys do make the most of their connection to the Emerald Isle, with raps entitled, "Danny

Boy, Danny Boy," "Shamrocks and Shenanigans," and "Top o' the Morning to Ya," and repeated references to Guinness, Miceys, the luck of the Irish, etc. Actually, that pretty much sums up *Fine Malt Lyrics*, which runs the thematic gamut from boasts about the glory of the House of Pain (in matters of drinking, fighting, and sex) to boasts about the glory of the House of Pain (see above).

"Jump Around," the single that's gotten a good amount of airplay, is the

only cut that doesn't dwell on the House of Pain, and is one of the few that lacks excessive profanity and vulgarity. But then, you've got to enjoy the inane lyrics ("Jump, jump, jump around . . .") recorded over the sound of someone screaming in the background.

But hey, maybe you like it like that. If you're in an aggressive, beer-drinking, I'm-gonna-bust-some-peckerwood-'cause-my-candidate-lost-big-time mood, this could be just right for you.



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