Symposium debates musical merits & freedom of speech

By PAULA HANNAFORD

The Fourth Annual Student Bill of Rights Symposium, entitled “Censorship and Music: Rock, Rap and the First Amendment,” included heated debate on a host of topics related to censorship including obscenity, pornography, violence, racism and police brutality—just to name a few.

The symposium, held April 1, featured a keynote address delivered by free-lance journalist David Marsh about the controversial rap song “Cop Killer.” The day-long event also included a noontime open-microphone forum, a moot court argument and a panel discussion with several prominent speakers with differing perspectives on the censorship debate.

In his address, Marsh argued that censorship of “Cop Killer” cannot be justified because of the remote possibility that the song may incite attacks on police officers. Citing statistics that more civilians are killed by police officers each year than police officers are killed by civilans, Marsh defended the song as a legitimate protest against police brutality. Ice-T’s “Cop Killer” describes the rage felt by a victim of police brutality and his plans for revenge.

“Banning ‘Cop Killer’ is not a ‘minor narrowing’ of the First Amendment,” said Marsh. “If we don’t use the First Amendment—if we don’t understand it—then we lose it. You keep your rights when you use them. Ice-T uses his rights.”

Marsh also disputed claims that Ice-T is “hiding behind the First Amendment” and described the First Amendment as “a sword, not a shield” that should be actively used.

Immediately before the keynote address, the Student Bill of Rights Symposium presented a moot court argument. The issue involved a challenge of a million-dollar damage award made to the parents of an adolescent who died playing Russian Roulette after watching a music video which contained scenes of a game of Russian Roulette, as well as graphic sexual acts. First-year students Chris Fields, Ken Hickox, Mike Cox and Gretchen Lynch presented opposing arguments about whether the music video had “serious artistic value,” whether the video contained speech intended to incite violence and whether the Miller standard should be adjusted to reflect the possible effects on impressionable children.

In addition to extremely articulate and poised presentations by both sides, the demonstration also included some humorous moments. Arguing that the video was intended to sell records, not

SBA budget increased; Moot Court, Trial Ad threatened

By DOUG MILLER and LEEANNE MORRIS

The SBA will be a little bit richer next year thanks to an increase in the amount of student fees allotted to it by the Board of Student Affairs (BSA). With this good news, of course, comes some bad news.

The BSA has accepted a proposal to review next fall the funding of competition teams such as Moot Court and Trial Advocacy. The earmarking of sums to these teams has come under fire.

According to Kyle Short (2L), this year’s SBA rep and president-elect of the SBA, a BSA rep from Arts & Sciences, Mark Washko, submitted a proposal to the Finance Committee for the formation of a group to review the amount budgeted for Moot Court. The proposal was made at the Committee’s meeting last Thursday.

Next year’s budget, which has been set in stone by the current Board, gives $10,930 to Moot Court and $2,986 to Trial Ad. The total amount budgeted for the SBA is $25,140, up from $22,000 this year.

“People have been bringing up concerns about how much the law school gets and particularly Moot Court,” Short explained. He added that he convinced the Board that if it was going to review Moot Court, it should review all competition teams, including the Forensics program in the Theater and Speech Department and the Mock United Nations team in the Government Department.

“There’s going to be a bit of a fight over this,” said Short.

Applicant charges M-W with discrimination

By KEVIN KRONER

M-W administrators received a letter last week accusing the law school of engaging in a “persistent and deliberate policy of exclusion” toward Latino applicants in the admissions process. The accusation comes from Ralph Salgado, an individual who applied for admission to the class of 1996 but was rejected.

[The letter, and Dean Williamson’s response, are reprinted in full following this story.]

In a phone interview with the Amicus, Salgado said that the basis for his conclusion was the “nearly complete lack of Latinos within the entire school.” According to Dean of Admissions Faye Shealy, there are currently three students enrolled at Marshall-Wythe who identify themselves as Latino.

Salgado addressed his letter to Acting Dean Richard Williamson and Dean Shealy. He also sent copies of the letter to the Amicus, BLSA and several national minority legal groups, such as the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Salgado, a 1992 graduate of St. John’s University, was denied admission to M-W but has been accepted to University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern University, Boston College and the University of Wisconsin. He is also on the waiting lists at Cornell University and Columbia University. Each of these schools is on U.S. News and World Report’s list of the best 25 law schools in the country. M-W is not in the top 25.

Although Salgado currently lives in Virginia, his admissions classification was out-of-state. Nonetheless, he argues that M-W’s student body does not even begin to reflect the Latino population of the state.

“The Latino population in central Virginia is growing exponentially,” Salgado said. Thus, the number of Latinos at M-W is “very far from the proportion of the Americans, or even Virginians, that are of Latino origin.”

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Out of Our Heads

M-W discriminate against Latino’s? It couldn’t possibly be true. After all, isn’t this a “liberal” school? We have over 50 African-American students enrolled. How, or why, on earth would M-W discriminate against Latinos?

While the answer to these questions appear facially obvious, the numbers are hard to ignore. Three Hispanic students out of almost 600 doesn’t even make it into the ballpark of “racially diverse.” Even considering just the Latino population of Virginia, our enrollment suggests that the population has remained constant at 0.5%. But as Salgado points out, the Latino population in Virginia has grown fast over the past five years. M-W has fallen behind.

The administration may not sit around a conference room and figure out ways to exclude Hispanics, but just because no one is explicitly saying “let’s discriminate,” doesn’t mean discrimination does not exist. What Salgado alleges is identical to the disparate impact cases fought by so many African-Americans over the decades. No one says anything incriminating, but qualified, minority applicants can’t seem to get in. Perhaps it is a problem of focus. M-W must extend 2/3 of its offers to Virginia residents. Blacks are, by far, the largest minority in Virginia. Thus, when it comes to achieving a representative diverse student profile, the admissions process will logically focus on Black applications.

Sadly, this seems to have developed into a process where “minority” means “Black.” With a focus this narrow, M-W misses the whole point to diversity. Diversity isn’t about charity to an underprivileged group or class. Diversity is about reflecting and representing the community as a whole.

With a diverse student profile M-W can help shape the legal profession into something that more closely mirrors the community we serve— not just the White or Black community.

From the Editor’s Desk...

I’m proud of this year’s twelve issues. I believe they hold true to our motto. Some readers may not have always liked the news in this paper, but I sleep well knowing that this paper has never yet to have a significant news story go unreported.

I take great pride in the fact that the Amicus has never turned down, or even altered, a student opinion submission. We are a forum to anyone who chose to step forward.

To the Editor:

I am writing today in response to the accusations leveled against the Judicial Council over the past few weeks. Many individuals were outraged when Kevin Kroner was brought to try even though no prima facie case of cheating had been established. However, if people would take the time to read the Honor Code, they would soon discover that establishment of a prima facie case is NOT the standard used to continue a case.

An honor charge must proceed to trial if just one of a three member panel feels “probable cause,” one of the lowest standards in American jurisprudence, exists. Like many people, I believe this standard is far too low considering the terrible consequences accompanying an honor trial. Yet, these decisions do change the standard of proof.

They have changed the false accusations John Brownlee was bound to proceed with Kevin’s trial because PROBABLE CAUSE DID EXIST. The accusation alone was enough to meet such a minimal standard of proof.

Accordingly, criticism from Kevin Kroner’s trial should be directed toward amending the Honor Code itself, and not toward the fifteen students who have given their time and energy to faithfully enforce our honor system.

Accordingly, I was as interested as anyone when I discovered that John Brownlee was forming a committee to amend the Honor Code. The Honor Code can only work if it serves the needs of the students; something the Code was failing to do. I take offense, however, to the false accusations John Brownlee and others have aimed at the personal integrity of members of the Council.

Since the conclusion of Kevin Kroner’s trial, the foremost objective of the Judicial Council has been reforming the current Honor Code. Members of the Council have invested numerous hours adding “comments” to correct sections of the Code shown to be flawed. After working with his committee, John Brownlee should be the foremost authority on the immense amount of time and effort required to revise a document as important as the Honor Code. While more work lies ahead, Council members should take pride in the amount of reform they have accomplished in such a short period of time.

Further, it is ludicrous to even consider that the Honor Council is “out to get” either John Brownlee or his committee’s work. While I was alarmed by John’s clandestine selection of committee members, I and the other members of the Council have considered his group very useful in our reform efforts. John’s proposals, however, have been difficult to consider as the “formal presentation” of his committee’s work consisted of only a sketchy, fifteen minute speech John gave to the Council on what his committee was attempting to accomplish, but had not yet agreed upon. To this day I have never seen the end product of his committee’s effort, even after I personally asked John for a copy.

Critics should look in the mirror before questioning the motives and personal integrity of members of the Honor Council. Because these students are “not thinking about the interests of the law school[,] but only about their futures on the Council,” many chose to sacrifice part of their Christmas break to ensure that the honor and integrity of William and Marshall-Wythe School was not placed in jeopardy. For once let’s rise above all the petty accusations and unfounded gossip so prevalent in the naugahyde of Marshall-Wythe. If the Honor Code needed to be changed, which Morris. There is a certain symmetry in seeing the paper may not always been to the benefit of everyone equally dedicated and talented.

Finally, I’d like to thank all of those who stood by me during the most trying period of their lives. The names of all those who offered their support are too numerous to mention here, but thanks to Gregg, Judy and Rich for defending me when I couldn’t defend myself.

I believe it does, then let’s change it together and leave these ridiculous, high school, power squabbles behind.

—Tim Bird, 2L

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention that large numbers of people were offended by the name of, and advertisements for, the “Feminazi Bash.” To those who were offended, I hope you accept my apologies. Certainly my offense was unintended. “Feminazi” is an insultingly ugly, shocking and horrible word. For those of you who have never heard it before, the word “feminazi” was created and is used by some right wing conservatives to describe women, or feminists, who believe in and work toward gender equality. It has been used in a very large sense to undermine the women’s movement by instilling in people the notion that feminists are militant, evil individuals who, if we let them, will destroy the fabric of society. Its usage has been part of one small, and rather successful, campaign to attack negative connotations to the concept of feminism.

The dictionary definition of feminism is one that simply describes social, political and economic equality between the sexes. The party last week was meant to kick-off a new women’s group here at the law school which embraces, and reclains if you will, feminism for what it is and what it was originally intended to be. Naming the party the “feminazi bash” was meant not only in a humorous way to call ourselves what we feel we would have been called by some anyway, but also to discredit and devalue the label of “feminazi.”

In a way, it was precisely the ugliness and uselessness of the word we were hoping to point out.

—Linda Jackson (2L)
Roger Mudd delivers address on ethics in journalism

By PAULA HANNAFORD
In one of the many addresses
given by the 1992-93 Carter
Lowance Fellow during his
week at the law school, nationally-
known journalist Roger Mudd
attempted to explain the
ambiguous role that journalistic
ethics play within the
framework of a society
that is no longer black and
white. The discussion was
held in the Marshall-Wythe
Classroom and was attended by
 academicians and journalists as
well as local community members. He
followed up with several
elements of ethical dilemmas experienced
by members of the national press.

The public lecture was sponsored
by both Marshall-Wythe and the
Bill of Rights Institute.

Mudd opened his address by
describing the roles of university
academics and journalists as
"parallel branches of the same
tree of truth." But where scholars
may have years in which to
discover their errors, "journalists only have about
eight hours to get it wrong,"

Mudd explained that neither the
public nor political leaders
understand the press. "We are
not on a side," said Mudd. "The
press exists to report the news.

Despite the theoretical
arguments on behalf of a free
press, Mudd acknowledged that
ethical considerations have become
increasingly problematic for the national
press. Although a Code of Ethics
does exist for journalists,
according to Mudd, it does not
include "a fixed moral or ethical
formula." Instead, journalists
adhere to a code of "situation ethics" where the answer to any
ethical question "depends on whether the story is worth the
ethical compromise." He suggested that the
situational approach is "no better
or worse than any other ethical
code," and that the lack of a
rigid code of ethics actually better
conforms to First Amendment
protections of free speech.

Adherence to a single ethical code "must require enforcement,
compassion and uniformity," Mudd cautioned.

Mudd concluded by
suggesting that television has
radically changed the role of the
press and made ethical dilemmas
more visible and pressing.

Before the advent of TV,
journalists had a legitimate role
as live witnesses to public events.

With television, the public is its
own eyewitness. Journalists are
now in the role of marketers and
commentators. According to
Mudd, the changes caused the
media "to lose" sight of its
purpose to seek and report the
truth-not to get ratings or sell
products.

Panel focuses attention on AIDS as a Williamsburg issue

By CARLA ARCHIE
"AIDS isn't a San Francisco
issue. It's not a gay issue. It's a
Williamsburg issue," said
Hannah Sims (2L), board
member to the Williamsburg AIDS
Network. So opened the discuss-
ion at a panel presentation
titled "AIDS: Fear and Hon-
esty" that was held on Wednes-
day, March 31, at M-W.

The presentation was
-sponsored by Students for Ethnic,
Racial, and Cultural Harmony
(SERCH) under the leadership
of President Greg Dale (3L)
along with the Williamsburg
AIDS Network.

Panelists included an AIDS
educator for Planned Parenthood
of Hampton, a married couple
infected with the virus and a
mother who had lost her son to
the disease. "They came to take
away the fear that separates us," noted Dale. They came to tell
their stories, to educate and offer
hope.

Ann Gilbert, a counselor for
Planned Parenthood started the
event by giving a brief descrip-
tion of the virus. Although AIDS
can take anywhere from 7 to 15
years to develop, the human
immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
can be detected within three
weeks to three months of expo-
sure as your immune system
produces antibodies to help fight
the disease. Gilbert emphasized
that transmission is limited to
the exchange of fluids contain-
ing human protein. Those fluids
are blood, semen, vaginal fluids,
breast milk and exchanges of

New Student Bar Association prepares to take office

By DOUG MILLER
Marshall-Wythe Students elected a
new slate of officers and representa-
tives in SBA elections held Tuesday, April 6.

Six of the officer elections were won by
former SBA executive board members,
which made way for four newcomers to
the board in the representative slots. Kyle
Short (2L), who was elected president of
the SBA in March, was pleased with the
results. "We had new opportunities for
last year's reps within the SBA,
and that means we're still learning how to
work with the representatives," he said. "I
think it will be a good mix of experience
and new energy."

Dave Delk (2L), who was re-elected as
Vice President. He received 135 votes,
edging Ian Alberg (1L) in one of the few
contested races. Erin Brewster (1L)
received 193 votes in her unopposed
race for SBA Secretary. Charles Griffith (2L),
also running unopposed, earned the Treas-
urer's position with 189 votes. Both
Griffith and Brewster served as class
representatives this year. "I think you
need some diversity," said Brewster,
because those of us who were on SBA
this year know the things that need to be
changed, and where there is room for
improvement."

The race for next year's 3L represen-
tatives was won by Dave Spooner, with
55 votes and Mark Capron with 58. The
race had no candidates after the first
deadline for declarations had passed. After
consultation with the current and future
presidents, Judicial Council Chief Jus-
tice Susanna Broaddus (3L) decided to
extend the period for nominations.

According to Short, a number of people had
indicated an interest in running. "We felt
it made more sense to open up the nomina-
tions and allow those with a real inter-
est to declare, rather than have a lot of
confusion with write-in campaigns."

Ultimately, four candidates were on the
ballot. The close race included Spooner,
Capron, Gina Love and Matt Vroom.

In a three way race for the two 2L
representative positions, Julie Patterson
and Michael Cox earned the seats over
this year's reps, Rodney Archer. Patterson
received 98 votes; Cox, 70 votes; and
Archer 53 votes. Patterson said she is
anxious to get more students involved
with SBA activities. "If people are
made aware of what the SBA and its commit-
tees are doing, they will become in-
terested in the process," she said. "But you've got
to have a lot of enthusiasm to get the word
out."

The new executive board will be sworn
in at the next SBA meeting on April 14.
They will also have another meeting
before the end of the semester on April
21. Short, who announced plans to hold
a pre-fall semester retreat for his execu-
tive board, said the date has been tenta-
tively set for Aug. 14 and 15, the weekend
before law camp before next year's 1Ls
begin.

In addition to the new members of the
executive board, Short will be consider-
ing more than 100 applications for com-
mittee heads and the seven 1L appoint-
ments to the Judicial Council. According
to Short, the Council appointments fol-
low a three-step process. First, review
the applications in full, then the Chief
Justice reviews them and we'll both come
up with a list of about 20 names. Then we
take that list to members of the 1L class
who we know and ask their opinions.

While there is no official nominating
process, Short said the newly elected
class representatives will have a lot of
input. The committee structure will change
slightly next year. "I'm going to be
assigning the reps to specific commit-
tees," Short said, "so that we can get a
better handle on what they do. They
are going to be watched more closely.
" SBA standing committees in-
clude, Admissions, Minority Recruitment,
Social, Graduation and Placement. Short
will also appoint a representative to the
Board of Student Affairs and to the stu-
dent division of the ABA.
Law Watch

By MARGARET HARDY and JOHN CROUCH
PLAYING GOD: The "God Squad"'s whittling exceptions to the Endangered Species Act must have no contact with the White House, the Ninth Circuit has ruled. It cited the Administrative Procedure Act and said the president had no right to lobby regulators behind the scenes. (Law Week).

JEFF DAVIS WOULD UNDERSTAND: Involuntary service is not involuntary servitude under the 13th Amendment, the Third Circuit said, because high school service requirements are "for the students' own benefit." (National Law Journal).

ABORTION STALKERS: Florida's stalking law allows an injunction against anti-abortion harassment at clinics, said Melbourne Judge Robert McGregor. Clinics in Dallas and Charleston are seeking similar orders. (Wall Street Journal).

ANTARCTIC ANARCHY: The Supreme Court said the Federal Tort Claims Act does not apply in Antarctica, since it would subject the government to Antarctic tort law, which is sparse. The plaintiff claimed the U.S. should have warned her late husband that crevasses lurked beneath the trackless waste. (Law Week).

CRUEL & UNUSUAL SHIRT: Beer thief Russell Hacker need not wear a T-shirt announcing his "felony probation for theft," as a condition of his probation, a California appeals court held. Justice James Thaxter wrote that "the purpose of probation is rehabilitation," which is impeded by the shirt's effect on job interviews. (National Law Journal).

WACKTHER GUILTY: Former New York Court of Appeals Chief Judge Sol Wachter pled guilty to mail harassment. He could face five years and a $250,000 fine, but prosecutors agreed to seek an 18-month sentence. (USA Today).

USE THE BEAR: The Forest Service's ban on unauthorized use of Smokey Bear is unconstitutional when applied to non-commercial speech, said a federal court in Washington state. An environmental group used a picture of Smokey Bear to urge a chainsaw to protect USFS policy; the USFS sought an injunction. (Law Week).

AFROPHOBIA: The 11th Circuit dismissed an appeal of Ruth Langanick's award of a fear of black men arising from a magazine at work. After an administrative judge ruled for her, her employer's insurer settled. The employer tried to appeal, saying it was unconstitutional to pay people for racism "disguised in pseudoscientific mumbo jumbo." (Trial).

SAMURAI QUADRUPLE-PLIC: The Suzuki Samurai, known for easily flipping over, survived its first jury trial. A Phoenix jury found that quadruple-licenced Donald Scott failed to prove the Samurai was unsafe. (National Law Journal).

ASSET FREEZING: A new Illinois law freezing marital assets during divorce deprives people of property without due process, said Chicago Judge Arthur Dunne. The issue has been appealed to the state's Supreme Court. Many lawyers think the law would prevent them from making money and time. (Chicago Tribune).

JUDICIARY IS BROKE: Federal courts will have no money for civil judges and court-appointed attorneys on May 12, the Judicial Council said. Judges may still begin jury and criminal trials if they think the trials won't be affected. (Richmond Times-Dispatch).

GAY RIGHTS: Minnesota legislation, effective August 1, will prohibit discrimination in housing, employment, and education based on sexual orientation. Minnesota is the eighth state to adopt such legislation. (Wall Street Journal).

CAN THEY EVEN SPELL CONSTITUTIONAL?: An Alabama state court judge has ruled that the state's public school system is so bad that it violates the constitutional and statutory rights of the students. The decision is controversial among educators and lawyers. Most of the controversy is over the criteria established by the judge that the schools must meet to be deemed constitutional, which include "providing students with an opportunity to attain sufficient skills to compete with other students throughout the world." (Wall Street Journal).

MOTHER CAN'T KIDNAP: A federal appeals court in Richmond has ruled that a biological mother cannot be prosecuted federally for kidnapping her own children even when she no longer has legal custody of them. The case involved a South Carolina woman who took her children from a foster home at gunpoint. States may still choose to prosecute parents in those circumstances. (Wall Street Journal).

REASONABLE WOMAN: A federal appeals court in St. Louis has ruled that sexual harassment claims should be judged by a reasonable woman standard rather than a reasonable person. The court said that situations men and women can be expected to react differently. (Wall Street Journal).

BLACKMAILING GAYS: A federal appeals court in Chicago has ruled that a blackmailer's prison sentence can be increased if the plaintiff's claims should be judged by a reasonable woman standard. (Wall Street Journal).

SMOKING BAN SOUGHT: Three mothers of children suffering from asthma have filed lawsuits in a Connecticut court seeking a ban on smoking in fast-food restaurants. The plaintiffs claim the smoking violates their children's rights under the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Wendy's McDonald's, and Burger King were named as defendants. (New York Times).

FORCED SPEECH: Berkeley and other state universities may not use mandatory student activity fees to fund political groups and speech, the California Supreme Court ruled. (Reason).

Graduation exercises commence: And lift, And drink . . .

By KIRSTIN MUELLER
Get ready! Graduation is a mere five weeks away. Here's a schedule of events for the week after the last exam period (not counting, of course, the Mother of All Exams). On Tuesday, May 11, Beach Olympics will be held at Missy Callahan's Nagshead chalet at mile maker 10.5. The event starts at 2:00 p.m. and will continue into the night. Games will include horseshoes, football, volleyball and relays. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. The SBA will cover the cost of the food and soda as well as the rental of the games and grills. The SBA, however, will not buy the alcohol. Donations of $3 per person are requested to cover the purchase of keggs. In case of inclement weather, the event may be rescheduled. Suggestions and ideas for Beach Olympics should be directed to either Melissa Callahan or Joe Carter.

Lynn and Her Toolkit will play at the official Marshall-Wythe night at Kelly's on Wednesday, May 12. The band will also play at Kelly's on Monday, May 10. Graduation weekend will begin on Friday, May 14, with a third-year cocktail hour at O'Callaghan's. O'Callaghan's will provide free hors d'oeuvres, drink specials and live music.

All graduates and their guests are invited to attend a barbecue on the front lawn of the law school on Saturday, May 15, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Second Street will cater the event. The extensive menu includes barbecue sandwiches, fried chicken and baked beans. Beer will be served. The event will be moved to Trinkle Hall in case of rain.

Also on Saturday, the Order of Coif ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. in the Monticello Room. The Hilton will host the graduation breakfast on Sunday, May 16 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. There is seating available for at least 250 people, so shift seating is unnecessary. Graduates and parents may eat at any time between 8 and 11 a.m. The Hilton will stop seating at 11 a.m.

The main campus ceremony will be held at William Jabel Stadium from 1 until 4 p.m. on Sunday. The law school ceremony will take place at 5 p.m. at the stadium. Graduates should assemble at 4:30 p.m. in case of rain, the law school ceremony will be held at Phi Beta Kappa Hall. Each student will receive four tickets for the indoor ceremony.

The SBA will be selling the Barbecue and Breakfast tickets in the law school lobby on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Law school graduation ceremony tickets will also be distributed. Tickets for the Barbecue will be $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12. Breakfast tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for children. The SBA is subsidizing over half of the cost of both the Barbecue and Breakfast. As a result, ticket prices are much lower than in past years.

Main campus graduation tickets will be distributed the last week of classes. Each student will receive five tickets. Students may pick them up from the administrative office at the law school. Students who have not yet bought their caps and gowns should go to the Bookstore. They are no longer available from the law school. Hoods will be distributed by PAD within the next two weeks. In addition, a special plan to mark the tercentenary must be bought by each student for $4.

A handout detailing all graduation activities will be distributed to all 3Ls this week. "God Squad"'s whittling exceptions to the Endangered Species Act must have no contact with the White House, the Ninth Circuit has ruled. It cited the Administrative Procedure Act and said the president had no right to lobby regulators behind the scenes. (Law Week).
**Gradplex housing shortage a false alarm; surplus predicted**

By SARAH NEWMAN

Contrary to what was originally predicted, the current Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans complex residents should have no problems in finding space in the complex for next year. Due to restrictions about the percentage of space in the housing reserved for first-year students, there was a scare among this year's class of ILS, who feared they could potentially be bumped from their rooms and forced to search for other living arrangements.

Students were asked to submit a $200 deposit in order to enter a lottery for housing, and to face the possibility of being "randomly excluded." There was, however, no terrific rush to return to the complex, and so every student who submitted their deposit will be able to find a space for next year. In fact, there may actually be a surplus of spaces for upper-class students.

Possible reasons for this result may include the often talked about fear among the first-year residents that they would not get housing. Many decided it was fruitless to even try. A desire for different living arrangements—perhaps with cable access—and a dissatisfaction with the current situation may also have been factors. In addition, some students felt that after a trying first year they were not too eager to be neighbors to the law school again.

For those students who chose to remain, the process is not over. Pre-paid students will be able to pick up their randomly assigned lottery numbers tomorrow after 2 p.m. at the Office of Residence Life. These numbers establish the order in which rooms will be selected. Students will choose by individual rooms, rather than by apartments. Students who wish to remain in their current room/apartment will have automatic squatter's rights. Those who wish to change apartments must go through the process of choosing a new room this Friday. On that day, students will arrive at the Graduate Complex Lounge at a time indicated on each lottery ticket. They will then be able to select a room from the list of vacancies. If all the rooms in a student's chosen apartment are not full by the end of the selection day, incoming students will be randomly assigned to these spaces.

Anyone who is unable to attend at his or her assigned time may send a proxy to make the selection. The proxy must have written authorization from the absent student as well as that student's lottery ticket.

Contracts for the grad complex commit students to the space for a full academic year, August 1993 through May 1994. As long as a student remains enrolled, they are obligated to pay rent for the full contract period. Any questions about this process may be directed to Assistant Director of Residence Life, Jerryl Briggs. Students may also attend the last complex Hall Council meeting of the semester and the year today at 7 p.m. in the Grad Complex Lounge.

**Mary and William presents divorce mediation lecture**

By JEFFREY REGNER

Representatives from the Peninsula Mediation Center came to the law school on Wednesday, April 7, to speak to interested students about divorce mediation. Merri Hansen Eckles, founding partner of the Center, and Tazewell Hubard, a practicing attorney in Norfolk, explained how the mediation process works. Hubard also discussed a new statute which codifies the court's power to require alternative dispute resolution.

Deborah Samuelson, co-founder of the Peninsula Mediation Center and Barbara Seibert, also the center's director, presented to answer questions.

Parties in most disputes, Eckles explained, tend to go to extremes: they will either fight or flee. This is true in divorce situations. Couples will try to talk about their differences, then when that fails, they go to court. Mediation is an option that strikes a balance between an informal private solution, which may not work, and a formal public solution, which may not satisfy both parties.

Eckles engaged students in an role-playing exercise. The audience was divided into groups of three; one person played the wife, another the husband and the third, the judge. The fictional dispute was over a VCR. Husband and wife each spoke individually for two minutes, and then the judge handed down a decision.

The losing participants felt that the judgment was arbitrary and unfair. Many had the sense that although the problem was resolved, the judge never looked into all of the possible solutions. This was contrasted with a second scenario which was similar except that the dispute was resolved using mediation. Most of the groups reached satisfying solutions through mediation.

There was agreement that not only was the solution fair, but the solution was the parties' own idea of how the property should be allocated.

Eckles emphasized that the goal of mediation is to focus on arriving at a solution to the present and future problems and not focusing on the past. She outlined the six steps of mediation, which she said could be found, although in an anecdotal and disjointed manner, in Getting to Yes.

The first step is setting the stage. The idea, she said, is to get each person to understand the role of the mediator and the goal of the session. Second, the mediator must gather information similar in scope to pre-trial discovery. Third, the mediator should help the parties frame the issues. The mediator should be able to neutralize each issue so that it can be discussed objectively. The fourth step is to develop options for resolving the dispute. Fifth was the actual negotiation which focused on the resolution criteria developed in the fourth step. Finally, the agreement should be formalized so that it can have legal effect.

Hubard, who has acted as a substitute judge in family law cases, said that litigation in family law does a disservice to families, tearing them apart rather than mending them. He said as a judge he often found that the parties were not very far apart in their positions, but they did not have an effective means to bring their positions together.

Anything, he told the audience, can be mediated. Even divorces involving complex financial situations can be resolved if there is good discovery and the mediator is able to bring the parties together in an understandable frame of mind. This is often difficult when lawyers are present at the mediation. The mediator must be able to take control of the situation and prevent the lawyers from encouraging the parties to fight to win.

The new Virginia statute, Hubard explained, allows the court to send any contested civil matter to mediation. The court can first send the parties to an initial session to determine the feasibility of mediation, then send them to a mediator. Attorneys may be present at the mediation. Hubard said he liked the new statute because in the past courts have felt that they didn't have the power to send a dispute to mediation. He did say that he was disappointed that parties could challenge the mediation after it was complete.

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**NOTICE: MOOT COURT BUSHROD TOURNAMENT UPCOMING**

The Moot Court Board invites all rising second-year students to compete in the Moot Court Bushrod Competition. The tournament is a rare chance to be judged on oral advocacy skills. Furthermore, as Moot Court demonstrates to potential employers your ability to analyze legal issues clearly and succinctly under pressure, it is an important addition to your résumé. The Moot Court experience, although competitive, is actually fun.

The tournament takes the form of an appellate argument. Two weeks before the arguments begin, all entrants are given a packet that contains a legal problem and case law to support both sides of the issue. All rising 2Ls are invited to pick up a packet and peruse the legal problem before deciding whether they will compete. Upon receiving the packet, students have five days to sign and return an "intent to compete" form. An affirmative answer on this form obligates the student to compete.

Students prepare to represent the petitioner on one evening and the respondent on another. After all entrants have argued both sides of the case, the entrant group will be narrowed to 64 competitors. The 64 people will argue only one side of the case, after which 32 people are chosen for the Moot Court bar. Although the 32 bar members will continue to compete until one wins, all will gain the chance to compete for W&M in various regional and national competitions.

The packet will be handed out Sept. 7. The Intent to Compete form can be handed in anytime on or before Saturday, Sept. 12. First arguments will be Sept. 21-24. Anyone having a conflict with Yom Kippur can elect to argue Sept. 21 and 23. The round of 64 will be on Sept. 26 and the round of 32 through the round of 4 will be Sept. 28-30. The final round will be on Saturday, Oct. 2.

Please call Laurie Ann Hartman, Bushrod Tournament Justice, at 220-9261, or drop a note her hanging file if you have questions or concerns. The Moot Court Bar hopes to see all rising second-year students participate in next Fall's tournament!
Judge Mohammed Bedjaoui discusses linguistic barriers hindering reform in embattled nations

International Court of Justice member speaks at M-W

By BRIAN ALPERSTEIN

Those who love nothing more than a philosophical discussion about the moral dilemmas that face the international community, would have greatly enjoyed the discussion led by Mohammed Bedjaoui, a judge on the International Court of Justice (ICJ), on Saturday, April 3. Bedjaoui’s visit was sponsored by the International Law Society.

Bedjaoui, in addition to being an ICJ Judge, has held important international and domestic posts for his country, Algeria. He sees the world in a humanitarian light and spent much of his discussion waxing poetic about the human rights problems encountered throughout the world.

Bedjaoui spoke of the problem of defining terms in the international community. Words such as “self-determination” and “people” must be adequately explained and understood before international organizations like the United Nations can begin to solve the international problems that have cropped up in Yugoslavia, East Africa and other nations. According to Bedjaoui, without understanding these terms, we cannot adequately confront the moral crisis that we currently face; we cannot determine who has certain rights and who does not and how to enforce these rights.

Bedjaoui argued that these rights, such as the right to self-determination, exist and must be protected on an international level. He said the world is in crisis as a result of the mismanagement of prior generations.

Unfortunately, what Bedjaoui did not say was how to accomplish these changes. He spoke of the inability of the International Court of Justice to take action to protect rights and define terms because the ICJ has no standing in private disputes.

Bedjaoui said it would be the responsibility of the world’s youth to forge ahead and solve the pressing issues such as self-determination, international hunger and violence. He said his generation caused the problems, and the next generation must fix them. Bedjaoui recommended that the U.S. and other developed countries commit even more resources to solve these international problems. He also said the solutions must come from within the problem countries themselves and cannot be imposed by another power.

It is this quandary that made listening to Bedjaoui interesting, if you like listening to rhetoric regarding the moral problems facing the world.

However, if you insist on searching for practical solutions to solve these moral questions then frustration would have ruled the day.

Marking time at the shrine: 3Ls present Elvis memorabilia

By ANDREW SMITH

Tom Digs and Bob Dickinson (3Ls), out of the goodness of their graduating hearts, donated to the Student Lounge/Elvis Shrine an authentic Elvis Presley timepiece. The clock features Elvis in his early years, attired in blue sharkskin with his pelvic region swaying in time to an infectious, but unheard, rock ‘n’ roll beat. The clock will be positioned directly over the King lamp and to the right of the bust and black velvet portrait.

The official unveiling ceremony took place at the Shrine on April 9. Many members of the local community gathered to pay tribute to the King and toast the new clock with shots of root beer, although they readily acknowledged that several vials might have been more appropriate.

Attendees at the ceremony included the administration’s ambassador-of-goodwill Liz Jackson, library emmissaries Mary Grace Hudd and Marty Rush, several officials from the neighboring National Center for State Courts and representatives of the local and national media (i.e. Amicus and Virginia Gazette reporters).

Digs, reading from a prepared statement as he gently dabbed the corner of his eye with a handkerchief, told a moving tale of how the Elvis Shrine, viewed on a trip to Williamsburg as a prospective law student three long years ago, convinced him that “no other law school would do.” His long contemplation at the Shrine led him to the inexorable conclusion that he would attend Marshall-Wythe.

Digs confided that in his years at Marshall-Wythe he has often sought solace “on the naugahyde surrounding this special place.” He decided to make a contribution to the shrine after a conversation with Elvis Presley on a recent plane trip convinced him that it was a fitting and appropriate manner in which to commemorate William and Mary’s tercentennial, as well as emphasize the school’s royal ties. Digs had hoped that Presley himself would be on hand for the ceremony, but his offers of a free trip to the Wendy’s Superbar and fried peanut butter and bacon sandwiches at the Surrey House were apparently insufficient incentive to coax the portly crooner out of his self-imposed exile.

Dickinson’s comments on the gift, while perhaps less fulsome than Digs’s, were no less meaningful. Dickinson stated that his primary motive for donating the clock, unlike that of Digs, was not necessarily his devotion to Presley’s legacy. He quickly allayed the fears of any suspicious minds in the audience, however, by making clear that he was compelled to give the clock because he believed that the students at Marshall-Wythe deserved at least one accurate timepiece. In reference to that comment, one of the attendees suggested that the clock be set five minutes fast because “Elvis is always ahead of his time.”

Regardless of whether the King is ahead of his time, behind the times or simply out of time, departing third-year Bob Dickinson and Tom Digs have shown us generosity equal only to that of the King himself. Sonny and Red would be proud.

LSIC proposes amendments to constitution

By MARC BERNSTEIN

Law Students Involves in the Community (LSIC), the umbrella organization and clearinghouse for most of Marshall-Wythe’s community service organizations, is planning to amend its constitution.

Currently LSIC has four officers, two co-chairs, a treasurer and a secretary. The proposed amendment would change these positions to board positions. There would be one chair, a treasurer and a secretary, as well as two members at large.

The proposed amendment would also change the selection process used to fill these slots.

Under the present constitution, the positions are filled by election in the fall semester. The amendment would require applicants to submit a brief statement of interest and perhaps be interviewed prior to selection by the existing board.

The amendment was proposed by this year’s officers in an effort to address problems from past years. This year the officers of LSIC have tried to lay a foundation upon which to continue to build a solid community service organization.

This has included fundraising, outreach and recruiting for existing groups, financial support to existing groups (such as ABLE to provide pumpkins to carve with homeless children at Halloween), donations (to the United Way and to the family of a local man who passed away suddenly at age 26), and community projects solely sponsored by LSIC (such as the nursing home visit on Valentine’s Day).

LSIC hopes to continue this positive progress by applying for funding and university recognition next year.

Traditionally, the officer slots have been difficult to fill via the election method. The first volunteer has usually won by default. The new system, modeled after that used by the Public Service Fund, will allow the appointment of motivated and conscientious individuals.

The addition of a new board member will allow for the continued growth of the group’s outreach, particularly in the area of LSIC sponsored projects.

LSIC encourages Student and faculty members to comment on the proposed changes by forwarding remarks to the LSIC hanging file.

The vote concerning the amendment will take place at the first LSIC meeting of the 1993-94 year.
Panel lauds formation of war crimes tribunal for Yugoslavia

By VANESSA PETERSON
The International Law Society co-hosted a panel discussion on the atrocities in Yugoslavia with the Reves International Studies Center on Tuesday, March 30. Former Ambassador Robert Fritts, also a senior fellow at the W&M public policy program, moderated the discussion of the year-old war.

Jerome Shestack, former US representative to the UN and candidate for the American Bar Association presidency, said all of the stories about the atrocities in the former Yugoslavia are true. He described prison camps where women are raped repeatedly.

“...it is hard to believe that this kind oflestailties [sic]that happened in the Holocaust could go on again,” Shestack said. “This is the first time I’ve seen rape used in a systematic way as a matter of policy.”

Shestack said the war crimes in former Yugoslavia are of the “highest level” because they have been committed by the Serbians. He noted that currently no war crimes tribunal exists, but if one is created it will be “hopeful” bring justice to and reconciliation among the independent Yugoslav republics.

UN officials are in the process of establishing war crimes tribunals. The Bosnian government has already begun to take action. On March 30 the Bosnians tried, convicted and condemned to death two Serbian soldiers.

Bruce Zagaris, an international criminal practitioner, said that it is important to establish a war crimes tribunal. He added that “as a country, we must be taken to ensure that such a tribunal is fair in adjudicating offenses.”

The tribunal will have only limited effect on the crimes currently taking place. Prosecution of war crimes may have a current deterrent effect because those involved in the conflict will witness their colleagues being brought to justice. Moreover, it will serve to educate other nations to the potential consequences of actions political and military leaders may undertake in future wars, Zagaris said.

Aside from causing a deterrent effect, a war crimes tribunal would also seek retribution. Shestack said it may not be possible to get adequate retribution because of the “hideousness” of the crimes. He noted that the tribunal may also further post-war reconciliation efforts because of the “cleansing [effect] of a trial.”

Zagaris said that the tribunal will probably be established by the UN Security Council. Because of limited resources, the tribunal will have to be selective with regard to which individuals it brings to task. It will probably only adjudicate cases involving crimes committed on a mass and systematic scale.

The tribunal will also face tough legal issues. For example, the court will need to determine if it will hold commanding officers liable despite the defense that rank and file soldiers carried out the actual crimes.

Along with criminal sanctions, Jordan Faust, law professor at the University of Houston, said cited sanctions will also be possible. He added that there is “a serious deprivation of rights of the accused with trials of abstention.”

Faust said things which are not classified as war crimes could still violate human rights law and would call for civil, if not criminal, sanctions. He said the “massive attempt of using rape to cleanse an ethnic society” can be called a threat or use of force against principles of the UN Charter.

Shestack added that there has been an enormous growth in international criminal law partly due to the fact that parties are using it to bring tort suits. He noted that public international law plays a significant role in the daily practice of law but unfortunately is not taught in law schools. Hopefully, the formation of a tribunal will also bring attention to and help remedy this deficiency.

Sullivan predicts nine year tenure, if not “run out on a rail”

By KEVIN KRONER
The following is the final part of an interview with President Timothy J. Sullivan, reflecting on his new office.

Amicus: Do you think there is a possibility of strife of frictionwhen you have a rather distinct entity, like the law school, trying to expand and increase in stature, and another distinct entity, the undergraduate campus, trying to do the same thing? Is there a fight for a limited amount of resources and for your attention?

Sullivan: I think there can be what I describe as “creative tension,” simply caused by strong willed and able people pushing forward somewhat different agendas. That’s good, that’s healthy. If that creative tension degenerated into real hostility that would be counterproductive, and I don’t think we are at that point. There isn’t any necessary conflict between the aspirations of those interested in the undergraduate program and those interested in the law school and other graduate programs. What is really required is the development of a true university perspective, recognizing that William & Mary, while we are a college in name, truly are a small university, and that there are going to be different centers of strength. The development of a center of strength at the law school is not something that comes at the expense of the business school or the faculty of Arts and Sciences; it just isn’t. When we can all reach a critical mass of people on this campus who accept the fact, the problem you describe will be solved. Even now, I don’t consider it to be a critical problem, but probably a difficult one.

One of the things that brought the question to my mind was the recent discussion of pay raises for law faculty. The most compelling argument behind the pay raises is our stature in our peer group. What is the relative position of the undergraduate faculty pay scale in their peer group?

The last time that data was compiled was 1986, so the data we have right now is not adequate to answer that question right now. We are in the process of developing that data, and if you come and see me in the early part of May, I can answer you, but I can’t right now. There has clearly been a deterioration in our position relative to other institutions, but I was somewhat surprised to discover that the legal education develops, by far, the best data of comparative standing within the education arena. In most other disciplines, such data does not exist. So, we are collecting it now.

Is the College collecting it? And, who is collecting it as far as the law school is concerned?

The American Bar Association does it for us. We send in all this stuff, every law school does, and they send it back in a book that’s compiled over the course of a year, so it’s done every year, routinely.

If, in May, the results come back showing a similar problem, do you foresee a similar solution, a tuition surcharge?

I don’t know. I don’t rule anything out, but working with the other people involved, I will attempt to consider a wide range of options. One is a tuition charge. Another is working to convince the Commonwealth that they have to do better on faculty salaries. Maybe there is something for us as well. We are not the only ones. We are part of the problem. We have to think about it. Having the information is the first step to developing a plan to deal with the problem.

One of the things that seems to come up again and again in our discussion is the problem of the state university as opposed to a private university. In all your time at William & Mary as an administrator and faculty member, has there ever been a temptation to move to the private universities, where you don’t have to be dependent on state budget concerns?

I haven’t been asked by that many [private universities], that’s one thing. Every university has problems. Because we are a public university, the issue of public funding is going to be a continuing challenge. I think private universities, unless they are endowed to a level that we can never reach, will have to worry about how much they charge in tuition and the money that they need. They have different kinds of problems.

Certainly, every university in the country constantly struggles for money. But, the discussion takes on a much different flavor at [private universities] than it does here. In some ways, it doesn’t matter what the quality of William & Mary is like at any given time, there is always the added consideration of what the fiscal situation of the state is, regardless of whether the College is swimming upstream or downstream.

That’s right. That’s always there. I’ve been here long enough now to see many cycles. I came here in 1972. The period between 1972 and 1980, those were not pluss times for higher education-salaries were pretty flat. From about 1982 to 1988, great times financially for higher education. Since 1989 it has not been that way. Those cycles are going to be there. I would like to think we could reach a point where public policy would be managed with a long enough view so that kind of fluctuation can be leveled out some. That’s not likely to happen, so it’s just a given that we have to work with.

Do you see this particular downturn reversing in the near future, or do we have a few more years of this? There are two questions you have to answer to know. First is, what’s going to happen to the Virginia economy. There are signs that it is improving, but I think there is very good reason to be concerned about the impact of some of President Clinton’s proposals in terms of defense. I don’t know if you saw the Wall Street Journal the other day. It showed a list of states and the projected impact of the defense cuts and Virginia was either at the top or bottom of the list, along with a group of four or five with the most negative impact. So, that’s one issue.

Even assuming the worst doesn’t happen, and we see some consistent amount of modest growth, then the question is what share of the pie is higher education going to get. We have, in the last four years, in higher education, gone from 16% of the General Fund, down to 13%. So, we’ve suffered a real loss in our share. That’s without any adjustment for inflation.

What have we lost it to? Corrections, Medicare, Medicaid and K through 12 [education]. Those are the items that have higher priority.

What about your future? Do you foresee yourself growing old in this position?

I might grow old, but I’m not going to hold onto it for great, long period of time. I said, when I became Dean of the law school I was going to stay five to seven years. I stayed seven. I think eight to nine years--I don’t know if I am going to last that long, but that would be the right amount of time. Getting, as I am, a sense of the College and what time periods are required to make positive change, eight to nine years is pretty realistic. If my health holds up and I haven’t screwed up so badly that I’m run out of here on a rail.
Featured Commentaries

Five quick and easy steps to a better (ranked) law school

By Tim Belevetz

When I came here in August 1990, I was not excited. William and Mary was not among my top choices. But my original negative impressions of Marshall-Wythe have since changed.

This law school is not what I thought it was when I started. I believe firmly we have a bright, accomplished, and motivated, if not eccentric, student body and, with a few very notable exceptions, an outstanding faculty which includes several big hitters.

The quality of this law school, however, I am troubled—and even substantively injured—by the fact that the world does not know what I have come to learn over the last two-and-a-half years. Employers, college classmates, and prospective students, to name just a few groups, do not have any idea of the type of legal education William and Mary provides. In short, the Marshall-Wythe J.D. is undervalued. Who cares how great your product is if no one knows about it? William and Mary could be and should be on the top shelf of American law schools instead of on the second or third. What better time than now while the university is in the national spotlight to launch an aggressive effort to enhance our reputation? Here is what to do:

1. Push hard for the proposed capital expansion and improvements. Push for all of it. This law school needs every square inch of what has been proposed. If the law school believes Richmond and/or the university will not give us all of what we ask for, then ask for even more so that we get what we need. William and Mary is not going to compete with schools that have Edward Bennett Williams Libraries unless it improves and expands its facilities.

2. Get a more aggressive strategy and staff in the Development Office. Our law school has a $10.5 million endowment. We call ourselves the nation's first law school, and we're operating with a financial bedrock of this size? This is ridiculous! What kind of fundraising effort has been made since 1779? William and Mary is more selective—at least on paper—than other schools which are continually rated higher, and there is no question we have a fine, well published faculty. Why then can't we break into the first tier? The answer is we're dirt poor, and this sad fact is preventing us from reaching the top echelon. Money gets you better and more spacious facilities, higher salaries, more endowed professorships, more books, better-funded journals, a broader curriculum, more generous financial aid packages, and a public service loan forgiveness program. Without money there is no way a talented group of students and instructors can realize its potential.

3. Get rid of class rank completely. William and Mary should show the world that it has so much confidence in the quality of all its students that there is no need to rank them. I don't own any top-level law school that still has a class ranking system. Don't people perceive we need to rank their students, why should we? If this modification might seem insubstantial, consider that appearances count when it comes to reputation in the eyes of the world. Class ranking is one of the elements that separate good law schools from average law schools, and employers know this.

4. Select a new dean who is capable of raising large sums of money and who will aggressively seek to put this law school on the map. The new dean should be a high-profile player in legal academia, with proven fundraising ability. William and Mary made great strides with respect to its stature during President Sullivan's tenure as dean. Let's not lose that momentum during the term of the next dean. And let's get a dean who is willing to break into the members of the faculty who cannot fulfill their obligations to those who pay their salaries!

5. Let's remember that we have a friend in President Sullivan. He demonstrated a commitment to making Marshall-Wythe stronger while he was dean. I am convinced that continuing that effort is a major component of his agenda as president. He has already risked unpopularity among some members of the undergraduate faculty by proposing a much-needed salary hike for the law professors. A committed ally in the president's office can only help the law school's cause.

It is imperative that William and Mary take these steps immediately. It is imperative to hear them in mind when selecting the new dean. More fundamentally, William and Mary must ask itself whether it wants to continue languishing in its good but not great reputation or finally make a sincere effort to break into the group of law schools universally considered the best.

Lost prosperity and found opportunity: career goals explored

By Richard A. Hriick

Well, Class of '93 graduation is not too far away and it brings with it a mix of anticipation and uncertainty. Three years ago we came here and the future was bright. While each one of us had our personal goals, we weren't too worried about our careers.

The economy was doing pretty well and the prospects for employment were good. No one seemed overly concerned about their grades since it appeared that graduation would be the ticket to financial success. But a funny thing happened on the way to easy street. The economy plunged and the bottom dropped out of the legal market.

And maybe, just maybe it is the best thing that could have ever happened to any one of us. As the economy worsened, the rejection letters flowed continuously. As third year approached I began to worry about my future. I was forced to ask myself what would I do if I came to law school anyway?

The answer for me was I wanted independence. I had worked in many different businesses and had watched the way management used promotions, raises, etc., to control their employees. With my J.D. no one would ever be able to hold a job over my head because I could always quit and work for myself.

Finding the answer to my question, early this semester I accepted a job offer from myself as a sole practitioner. In my heart I know I have made a decision that will make me happy.

I'm not alone as many are now questioning themselves about what career would make them happy. People are considering other careers and different types of legal employment that were only lurking in the back of their minds during law camp.

Isn't it ironic that now are we asking ourselves about what would make us happy, when this should have been the first question we asked.

If the job market had been booming many of us would end up leading quiet lives of desperation in jobs we didn't like. We would stay for dollars and security rather than risking all for a chance at real happiness.

For those of you who have already made your career choices, I wish you much success and happiness. For those of you who still aren't sure about the days following May 16, you have a tremendous opportunity. Since you have nothing to lose, search your heart to find the answer to happiness in a given career, law or otherwise.

If you do, ten years from now you will find you at the graduation.

Apologizing: the ethical thing to do

By John Lohmann

My definition of an adult includes one having the chutzpah to stand up and take responsibility for one's actions. This includes the ability to admit when one has made a mistake.

I made a mistake. Not a big one, mind you. A mistake of the third degree. That is, I shoot at the wrong target.

A few issues back I wrote a short piece which I thought was good. When I read the second-year ethics course I attacked the course as being inadequate and as not living up to its course name. While I still believe that the ethics course is as bad as I thought, I was too quick and lacked a certain grounding in philosophy and religion. I have thought long and hard about the course, and those that teach it.

I am afraid that I went after some of those individuals most concerned with ethics, and indeed, the student as an individual, in our school. In retrospect, what I intended to be an indictment of Western higher education in its modern, relativistic, "I'm OK, You're OK" form, turned out to be an attack on those individuals who are trying to bring some ethical training into this class experience. Just because I disagree with their methods or selection, surely I should not have brought them into judgment on this issue.

Shortly after the feature came out I found myself in the office of one of the Gurus. He wanted to know what I would do differently. I made my suggestions, and to my surprise, as most critics, I found them to be surprisingly sparse in substance.

He listened intently and took the time to debate them with me. That I respected. But what stuck in my mind the most is when he gave me the line of questioning turned to "us," the student body. Will we attend such a course when students don't have the time to attend extracurricular speakers, presentations and forums, but they do have the time to go to play golf (or in my case, pool)? When students glance over whenever a professor mentions the standard question, "Just what is Justice?" Indeed, is that not one of the things the student body, me included, need a little something. At the risk of being overdramatic, I have seen the face of the enemy, and he is me.

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Below are complete reprints of letters between Ralph Salgado and Acting Dean Williamson

Dear Dean Williamson:
I am a Latino college graduate who applied to the Marshall-Wythe School of Law this year for admission to the September 1993 entering class, and was disappointed to find out recently that I was denied admission.

I fully realize that most applicants are denied admission due to the small number of seats available in the law school. However, in view of the denial of my credentials I find that denial difficult to understand, especially when the Marshall-Wythe School of Law professes to maintain a commitment to diversity. The school's actions do not seem to live up to its words.

My denial was especially mystifying when compared to the other law schools to which I have been admitted. The University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern University, Boston College, the University of Wisconsin, and the American University, amongst others, have all admitted me to their law schools.

In addition, I have been placed on Cornell University's waiting list and placed on Columbia University's reserve group. At this time, I am still awaiting decisions from Stanford University, the University of Chicago, and New York University.

With this in mind it seems clear that the Marshall-Wythe School of Law has little interest in increasing the number of persons of color within the legal community. This conclusion seems to be supported by the paucity of minority and female faculty members, and by the nearly complete lack of Latinos within the entire school. A reading of your law school catalog reveals that not a single faculty member is Latino, and according to the 1991 Edition of the Official Guide to U.S. Law Schools, there are not two Latino students in the entire school! These numbers are very far from the proportion of the Americans, or Virginians, that are of Latino origins. From these statistics one might conclude that there exists a persistent and deliberate policy of exclusion directed toward Latinos by the Marshall-Wythe School of Law.

I would seem that the Civil Rights revolution has had little effect on the admissions policies of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law. Pluton change, plus c'est la meme chose.
The message you send to Latinos is loud and clear: Latinos need not apply!
Ralph Salgado

Dear Mr. Salgado:
I received your letter of April 2 and regret that you have chosen to interpret this school's action on your application for admission as evidence of a deliberate policy of exclusion directed toward Latinos. Nothing could be further from the truth. In addition, many of the assertions contained in your letter are simply not supported by the facts, including your declaration of a "paucity of minority and female faculty members." I am confident the seven female members of our faculty, including the three women of color, would disagree with you.

Nonetheless, your disappointment in our action is understandable. You, along with nearly three thousand other applicants, could not be accommodated and we very much regret that we are unable to offer admission to all, you included, who are well qualified for law school. You should understand, however, that we are a state-supported school and must give preference to Virginia residents. That fact undoubtedly affected the decision in your case.

I wish you every success at the school of your choice.

Richard A. Williamson
Acting Dean and Chancellor Professor of Law
By KEVIN KRONER

I am King of the Bad First Date. All of my life I have dreamed of being completely superior in at least one thing. I sort of hoped it would be something a little more desirable.

I am not sure exactly what is the problem. Usually, my first date disasters have to do with anything I can control. But for some reason, the most incredibly bizarre things happen on my initial encounters with the opposite sex. Perhaps I have yet emotionally recovered from my first bad date experience. As a pimply-faced junior in high school, I mustered up the courage to ask out this girl in my Health class. Like a fool, I showed up five minutes early. Since Cindy was not ready yet, I got to spend some quality time with her Dad. That’s when I found out her dad was a Major in the New York State Police. He was kind enough to show me his extensive gun collection. As he stroked his pearl handled Smith and Wesson and sipped his beer, he described how protective he was of his daughter. Major Dad kept referring to the state as an instinct of a parent protecting its offspring, even at its own peril. This was the only time in my life a girl did not go out with me a second time because I didn’t try anything on the first date.

Like a bad credit report, my ill luck followed me a thousand miles to College. Freshman year I experienced a nightmare which will go down in history as a Hall of Fame bad blind date. My half date observed, over my objection, to fix me up with a friend of his. Upon learning her identity, I discovered she was actually a young lady whom I had been admiring from afar all year, but had never met. Most men my age would have been inspired by such a golden opportunity. I turned into a swirling mass of yellow, cowardly Jell-o. Fearing I would show this girl exactly what an idiot I was, I begged my friend to cancel. "Relax," he said, "Courtney’s the friendliest girl I know, she gets along with everyone. Just be yourself." I couldn’t help wondering if he meant before or after I vomited from a nervous strain. Most, however, have been more severe. Another that comes to mind occurred last year, when my 197 Mercury was parked out on route 3 in New Jersey as my date, Heather, and I returned from an evening at the Metropolis. Few things in this world snuff out that romantic feeling like skidding sideways down a crowded, icy, three-lane highway at 20 mph. And even with all of these bad experiences over almost ten years of dating, I wasn’t convinced of my royal status until just last semester. I met a very attractive young woman named Melody on my Trial Advocacy jury (after the trial, Fred, after the trial). A group of us went to Paul’s Deli following the trial, where I learned that she had just graduated from College and was going to apply to grad school here at W&M—a few years younger than me, but no big deal. Over the next few hours I discovered that this woman was as charming, humorous and intelligent as she was beautiful. Despite all of the work that was piling up, I decided I had to ask her out. Over wine and dinner we talked and laughed endlessly. After about an hour, I figured I must have this first-date jinx licked. This was roughly the time she informed me that she entered college through a gifted and talented program—at the age of 14. I never was very good at math, but I eventually figured that my date wasn’t 22, but had just turned 18. I spent the rest of dinner wondering how I would explain to parents and the New York State Bar Examiners why I was bringing convicted of providing alcohol to a minor. It was then that I decided I had truly earned the crown “King of the Bad First Dates.”
Life after law school: learning about law, lottery & lunatics

By DAVID ZIEMER

I was sitting in a bar the other day, minding my own business, and talking with the bartender. Then this idiot down the bar, for no discernable reason, started telling me about the Tri-Lateral Commission. Immediately, a protective wall erected itself around my brain. An open mind may be a wonderful thing for a barfly, and belligerent and dangerous, as well. I realized that I must learn to look for an exit, leave my office, and try not to slip and fall.

Immediately, from the topic of his conversation, I pegged the man as a paranoid, conspiracy freak on the level of Oliver Stone, Lawrence Walsh and whoever coined the phrase “cultural elite.” He continued at great length about buying out the Federal Reserve so we won’t have to pay back the national deficit. Then he elaborated on how the transfer of jobs to Mexico has nothing to do with cheap labor or lax environmental laws, but is solely the product of an international banking conspiracy. Finally, I’d had enough. “Listen, butthead,” I said, trying to be diplomatic. “You have obviously mistaken me for someone who doesn’t think you suffer from a severe persecution complex. Fuck off!”

Then I started thinking. Why, I asked myself, can’t I just be honest and straightforward with my clients. Several of them are at least as insane as this barfly, and belligerent and dangerous, as well. I realized that I must learn to become as sharp and detached at work as I am in the tavern. It’s not easy, though.

Everyone who comes into a lawyer’s office has some tale of persecution and woe. So your guard is down. You want to help everyone who comes in. And you want to make boat loads of money, too. The more your client has been screwed, the more money you can make. Thus does your greed and your desire to help people combine to give you a menagerie of certified mental patients for a clientele.

Some idealists claim that even the insane are entitled to legal representation. This is nonsense. Only the wealthy insane are entitled to legal representation, and even that is a debatable presumption. I don’t like crazy people. I never have. And I don’t want them in my office.

Consider, as well, the lottery. If you’re at the tavern, and someone starts talking about what they’ll do when, not if, they win the lottery, what do you do? If you’re feeling mean, you may tell anecdotes about gas stations with signs on the pumps telling customers to please pay for their gasoline BEFORE purchasing lottery tickets. Most likely, though, you just look for an exit.

Yet as an attorney, pander to the lottery mentality in your own office. You listen to some schlemiel who’s had his nose tweaked by some tortfeasor. Unfortunately, the schlemiel has spent the last year listening to Dan Quayle blame the state of the economy on personal injury lawyers winning million-dollar verdicts for two-dollar injuries like his own. Accordingly, the simian thinks he’s won the lottery.

Do not allow such delusion to take place in your office. Do not allow yourself to be blinded by visions of mania. Just explain, “Listen, the state tort system has no affiliation with the state lottery board. It’s financed by working people paying insurance premiums, not a dummy tax, in which the lower your IQ, the higher your income taxes. Accordingly, there’s a lot less money available. Judges can’t afford to randomly select a particular moron from the courtroom and make him millionaire-of-the-week. I get my nose tweaked once in a while, too. So does everybody. That’s the price of living in a society in which people read the comics and sports before Miss Manners. Please leave my office, and try not to slip and fall before you reach my neighbor’s sidewalk.”

Yes, frightening as it may sound, you must be as serious and discriminating in your professional life as you are in your personal life. It doesn’t seem right, but you can take my word for it. The price of not doing it is just as severe. Worse, actually, what with those Rule 11 sanctions and all.

Thank you for reading my column this year. Have fun at Beach Week, and be sure to participate in the Beer Olympics. And don’t forget to study hard for your exams, if you want to have a client screening committee keeping a safe distance between you and the likes of my clients, that is. If anyone’s summing in the Midwest, feel free to look me up.

Collect them all! This week: M-W grads who will never cross the Mason-Dixon line again!

More clip 'n' save Marshall-Wythe trading cards

Dee Cohen

Frank Quinn

Morgan Smith

Brian Titius
---News of the Weird---

By BILL MADIGAN

HOMELSS NO MORE . . .

Police in Bogota, Colombia, said security guards at a university in Barranquilla lured street people into campus buildings, killed them and sold the bodies to the university's medical school (Washington Post).

THE FAX OF LIFE . . . People who want to plant notes to God in the Wallingford, Conn., post office now do it by fax. Every day hundreds of notes seeking divine intervention are stuffed in cracks in the wall in Jerusalem, Judaism's holiest shrine. Faxes sent to a company have their own wall in Jerusalem, Judaism's American cities and airports.

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University's medical school a gang... 

A New Yorker's fitness column has set up a fax machine designed to combat the "unhealthy American lifestyle." According to the magazine, the publication asks its readers if they have ever done this or that. They answer yes or no.

4. "Do you bang?" 5. "Are you in?" The answers, according to the magazine, are: 1. "Don't move or you're dead." 2. "Something is flying toward you." 3. "Raise your hands and spread your legs." 4. "Are you a gang member?" 5. "Are you member of organized crime?"

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DINGLE DOODLE... 

Rock music sculptress Cynthia Plaster Caster, who creates plaster-of-paris models of rock stars' sex organs, has been battling music mogul Herb Cohen over ownership of 25 of her gags, including Jimi Hendrix's. Last year, several bands in Chicago staged a benefit concert ("Hard Aid") to pay legal fees. (Daily Press).

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A Cincinnati surgeons' group was asked to investigate complaints that the chief surgeon at a Shriners' hospital drew "happy faces" on patients' sex organs during surgery. (Post).

I'M A LUMBERJACK AND I'M OK... 

At California's Humboldt State University, students have asked for a vote on a measure to replace the school's mascot: a lumberjack. Humboldt is located near timberlands in Northern California. Seems lumberjacks are "outdated, sexist and no longer representatives of our views of the ecosystem." (Reason).

TOOTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION... 

Mark J. Davis, 28, was charged with trying to break into a dentist's office in Aurora, Ohio. In his van police found dental tools and orthodontic devices, and in his home in Willoughby, Ohio, they found enlarged photographs of girls' mouths as they were undergoing dental work. In Davis' pockets were 20 driver's licenses that had been reported missing--19 of them belonging to female women, or did wear, braces. Said Aurora Police Chief Steve Pofing, there is "some-thing weird going on here." (Daily Press).

BABY GOT BACK... 

A Florida county seeking to ban skinny bikinis drafted an ordinance containing a 136-word definition of "buttocks." (Washington Post).

---Last Will and Testament---

The graduating staff and editors of the Amicus, being of not so sound mind or body, appoint the remaining rising 11s, 2Ls and future unnamed soon-to-be-1s as executors and executors of this our last will and testament and hereby make small and bequest the following, to be given at their whim to:

Dean Williamson: A real job.

Dean Kaplan: A lot of jobs.

Library Staff: Coke spill the size of the Exxon Valdes accident.

Library Patrons: Any rights we have to our confiscated contraband.

Prof. Moliterno: A new razor or a job as a CIA operative as Castro's double. Gloria Todd: Pay and recognition worthy of her importance.

Prof. Lederer: A new wardrobe and an industrial-strength can of compassion so he can properly grade next year's evidence exams.

Prof. Selssie: New World's Anthology of American Metaphors and Their Meanings.

Prof. Devins: A raiders starter jacket to match his hat so he can be cool while hangin' with his crew in the 'hood.


Most Court: Judges for Bushrod who are competent, tolerant and not ego-manical.

Prof. Smolla: Hairstro's Toy Voodoo set which includes a head shrecker.

Prof. Butler: A new IL property exam that neither tortures the mind nor the hand.

Prof. Leibl: Another pennant in Minnesota and a job as team designated driver.

Prof. Marcus: Stories that are actually funny and/or entertaining.

Prof. Rosenberg: A new Legalines that matches the edition that he teaches from.

Prof. Gerhardt: A date.

Prof. Devins: A crew.

Prof. Heilig: The ABA's Exam Grading Kit guaranteed to speed up the return of grades to students. (Flight of stairs and ability to throw not included).

Prof. Grever: The hopes that her ability to genuinely care about students as people rubs off a little on her colleagues.

Prof. Schafer: A sense of direction so as to lead his class.

CW Tourists: See Prof. Schafer.

Parking Services: Several well-placed bullets through their collective heads.

OCPP: Employers who are actually looking to hire students and who aren't just keeping appearances.

Center for State Courts: A muzzle to keep them from whining about cutting through traffic, using their parking spaces and walking on their lawn.

Marshall-Wythe: A Dean that we actually want.
Best of the Best & Most of the Most: 3L superlatives

The Amicus proudly presents these annual awards in recognition of the special qualities setting each member of the Class of ’93 apart from the others.

Most Likely to:

- Have his own harem: Bryan Benner
- Own and drive a monster truck: Jody Anderson
- Become an overweight couch potato: Jimmy Estas
- Work as a major league batboy: Eric Chasse
- Accuse Pat Buchanan of being a liberal pantywaist (tie): Jay Dugger and Bill Wilder
- Appear on an episode of “Studs”: Sean Wells
- Host the outdoor show “Hooterville Fishin’”: Tim Kirtner
- Practice his golf swing more than law: Tom Book
- Have her own Gold-By-The-Inch franchise: Missy Callahan
- Open her own personal number: Alisa Lewis
- Bill 24 hours everyday forever: Megan Burns
- Practice Bicycle Law: Chuck Devoe
- Be fined by the Revenuers for owning a still: Jubal Miller
- Become a championship skeet shooter and miniature golfer: Dave Dalke
- Teach Criminal Law and Procedure: Joe Quigley
- Practice law from a bar stool: Joe English
- Cite the Dead Sea Scrolls in a brief: John Koehler
- Kiss ass all the way to partner: Scott Browning
- Be arrested on the beach for vagrancy: Sean Sell
- Attend his own press conferences after every court appearance: Joe Somerville
- Quit everything and assume a new identity in Belize: Rob Church
- Wear a shirt and shorts in front of a judge: Jonathan Belcher
- Be accused by a judge of being a “Good Ole Boy”: T.J. Hooper
- Never pass a basketball to anyone: Mark Yann
- Open a men’s clothing store: Brett Johnson
- Be carded by a judge: Jonathan Belcher
- Marry Jeff Spiccoli: Dee Cohen
- Publish law school manuals with the use of a ghost writer: Matt Rea
- Wear plaid to shoes to court: Sean Hogle
- Not have a gay houseboy named Cato: Peter Dutton
- Overrate his importance: Grant Nelson
- Stockpile large armaments at his cult headquarters: John Lohmann
- Be called by Fred Lederer when he needs his dry cleaning picked-up: Julius Rothstein
- Steal credit from her co-workers: Pam Merlis
- Have arm surgery as the result of chronic hand raising: Sonya Spielberg
- Win a class action suit for GM against Honda: Brian Titus
- Become a member of Hairclub For Men: Ronnie Clay
- Still be playing video games in the Amicus Office: Bob Dickinson
- Criticize opposing counsel’s wardrobe in court: Morgan Smith
- Be appointed to Chief Justice of Traffic Court: Susanna Broadus
- Attend Sage Nu parties: Mike Vadar
- Be told to hurry up and get to the point: Tom Diggs
- Express an incomprehensible opinion: Norman Wiara
- Support her house husband: Lauren Schaefer
- Be a house husband: Scott Conover
- Keep every dime he makes in his mattress: Cliff Corker
- Become a disgruntled postal worker: Mike McVicker
- Play bass for Murph & the Magictones at the Fort Magruder Inn: Tim Hui
- Be abducted by aliens: Pat Norman
- Die from terminal righteous indignation: Maura Henry
- Drink himself into a stupor: Frank Quinn
- Criticize opposing counsel’s wardrobe in court: Morgan Smith
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- Die if Auburn ever wins a national championship: Tobin Roth
- Become brewmaster for Anheuser Busch: Joel Wurster
- File a restraining order against an insane ex-girlfriend: Paul Phillips
- Crack the defense department computers and launch the missiles: Nick Sylvain
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Glutton for punishment

B-Movie guy returns; wraps up year with meager half case

By ALAN DUCKWORTH

Alright, you may have noticed that I did not have a column in the last issue of the Amicus. (Or, judging from the reaction, you might not have.) I first want to dispel any rumors that Kevin, acting in a petty dictatorial way, killed my column for my earlier suggestion that he has no social life. Since this is an empirical fact, he did not take offense.

Instead, I have spent the last two weeks under mental observation. Shortly after finishing my client B memo, one of my friends heard me remark that I had enjoyed writing the memo. While this statement caused him to fear for my sanity, it was not until later that day that he called for the men in white. The call was made after he heard me say, and I quote, "I love Legal Skills."

Naturally, I was committed immediately. It is amazing what can be done with drugs these days. After several weeks on anti-psychotic drugs, I am once again the malcontent I was born to be. And I am back writing my column. So, I guess at least for me, the story has a happy ending. Well, enough about me, the movies are the thing.

**Time Runner**: This is a high budget B-movie. Actually, it is better than some of the movies that get released in the theaters. (See *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York* for proof of this assertion.) But let's get to the actual movie.

The plot is fairly involved. The movie starts in the year 2024. Our hero is aboard the Space Station Friendship. During the final battle of an alien invasion of Earth, the station is blown up, but not before our hero escapes and flies through a wormhole back to the present. In the present, we discover the aliens have already begun infiltrating our planet. (I guess that explains Fred Lederer.) One good alien helps our hero as he tries to change the future.

Simultaneously (or actually 32 years later), several scientists are trying to get access to some rockets which will stop the invasion once and for all. The President of the United World stops them at point blank range that he is an alien. Now I have ruined the movie's big surprise. Shame on me. I guess I will stop my plot summary here.

The cast has several well known performers in it. Luke Skywalker, I mean Mark Hamill, is Our Hero. He performs adequately, I must say. The good alien and Our Hero's love interest is played by Rae Dawn Chong. Her performance is not as good as Hamill's. But what else could be expected from Tommy's daughter. The best performance in the movie is by the alien who is president of the Earth. The role is played by Brion James, a career villain.

The movie has several things right with it. The support cast, especially good. From the evil alien stalking Our Hero to the hapless human who is helping Our Hero. Also the special effects are excellent. Not 12 quality, but memorable. None the less. Finally, and most surprisingly, there were no major holes in the plot line. This, of course, is a major accomplishment. For this, and all other reasons, I give this movie a **American Shaolin King of the Kickboxers**.

**The Crush**

I guess it just goes to show what happens when you have no expectations. After suffering through The Temp andConsulting Adults, I believe the "crazy psycho" genre had been completely used up. I was convinced that after Fatal Attraction, The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, Cape Fear, Single White Female, and Pacific Heights, there was not much left to do. I was even more convinced that any hope of being entertained by this type of film was forever lost.

As a result, when I first saw the ads for The Crush, I quietly moaned and wrote it off as another contender for the Worst Movie of the Year award. I only went to see it because nothing else of any interest had opened that weekend. But after half way through the movie, I found, to my amazement, that I was actually enjoying it. I expected them to completely screw up like what happened in The Temp at any moment, but they never did. While it will hardly win any awards for great movie making, it is, nevertheless, an efficiently well made film.

The plot itself is a cross between Fatal Attraction and Lolita and can be figured out from the commercials. Cary Elwes (The Princess Bride) portrays a 28-year-old reporter for a chic magazine who rents a room in a beautiful guest house. The first day she moves in, he meets his landlord's 14-year-old daughter Darian (Alicia Silverstone). She immediately develops a crush on him. As she attempts various means of seduction, he keeps resisting. He points out their age difference, but she keeps trying anyway. Eventually, she becomes obsessed and attempts to remove everyone she is convinced is standing between her and the reporter, including her best friend and the reporter's girlfriend Jennifer (Jennifer Jason Leigh).

While the plot is extremely familiar (imagine Glen Close as a 14-year-old and you have Darian), it is actually played out in an interesting style. What is surprising is not what the movie does but what it does not do. It does not succumb to the typical psycho clichés. For example, it completely omits the "fatal death scene" ending. This is the scene where after the climactic battle, the psycho appears to be dead, but all of a sudden rises up and strikes one last blow. The Crush is gratefully free of this scene. After the final battle, when the psycho is down, she stays down.

In addition to avoiding the clichés, writer-director Alan Shapiro manages to fill in all of the possible plot holes. It's as if he has watched the other movies, taken note of the implausibilities and eradicated them in his story before they developed. In particular, the scene prior to the final sets up the climax and prevents the audience from complaining about absurdity.

In addition to the story, the performances are also better than expected. Cary Elwes and Alicia Silverstone are terrific. They have charisma and, above all, they convince us that this story could ever possibly occur. Elwes' character does make a few mistakes in the beginning of the movie, but they are reasonable and believable, and he does surprisingly act naturally in the second half. Even though his character is basically one dimensional, he manages to bring some credibility to the part and draws the viewers.

Alicia Silverstone also deserves credit for making the movie work. Instead of portraying a standard B-movie villainess, she creates sympathy for the character of Darian, taking her beyond the simplistic. Silverstone made Darian more human than expected. She transformed her character from a run of the mill psychotic into a young girl blinded by obsession and delusion.

I have to be careful not to overpraise the movie. It is apparent that while Alan Shapiro did not intend to rip off the Amy Fisher story (the similarities seem to be more coincidental than purposeful), he did intend to make his art either. He wanted only a quick, efficient, entertaining money maker. Within those narrow confines he succeeded.

Would I recommend a person to skip The Cruel Game, Unforgiven or Falling Down for this? Never, those are much better movies. They aim higher and achieve more. The Crush, though, would more than satisfy a person looking for a somewhat mindless movie to fill a Saturday night. It is a film that remembers that movies don't have to be important and thought provoking, they can just be entertaining. While I will always welcome the important movies, I will also support films like The Crush which are fun and nothing more.
Lawyers, guns, and money: Ice-T and anarchy in the U.S.

By PHIL NUGENT

In response to the recent Bill of Rights Symposium on rock, rap, and the First Amendment, I was going to review the new album by Bigable Planets, Reachin' (a new refutation of time and space), to demonstrate that rap is not a four-letter word. You just have to trust me that it's a cool album, by a jazzy trio who refer to themselves as intergalactic insects, and who make music in the best, hip-hop, upbeat tradition of Arrested Development and Soul II Soul. But, dear readers, we regularly scheduled programming will not be seen today. For as Jim Morrison once said, "This is the end." And to close out my tenure as music correspondent for the Amicus, allow me a few words about the end of the world as we know it.

"Got to get political/Political I got to get." -- Arrested Development

After the Bill of Rights Symposium ended, I spoke with the President of the National Association of Chiefs of Police. He had argued for the censorship of rap, such as Ice-T's performance of "I Shot the Sheriff," which he felt resulted in an increase in cop killings.

Professor Nowak made a good point at the Symposium that the link between violent media and violence against women should be closely studied. When I see five-year-olds kick at the video store railing about the latest horror flick, it's impossible to believe that they are not getting desensitized to ever-increasing levels of violence. Whatever happened to Winnie the Pooh? As for those who claim that watching violence helps to rid people of their own aggression, take a look around, buddy, it ain't working.

We've always been a violent nation, but it seems as if we're getting worse. As we approach April 29, the anniversary of last year's Rodney King trial and the resulting riots, things are looking ugly. We see on TV how L.A. is gearing up for a new round of riots as if it were the Super Bowl. The press eagerly reports on the training exercises of the different factions. The Korean shop owners are buying guns at record rates in order to protect their property, the military and armed personnel carriers are already in the city and who knows what else is going on by others eagerly anticipating this year's verdicts.

Has it occurred to anyone, besides the rest of the world, that we've all gone crazy? Is open warfare in the streets becoming just another fact of life in this country? A serial drive-by shooter in D.C.; an armed cult in Waco; and a nation of 13-year-olds who just as soon kill you as give you the time of day. Hey, that's just the way it is. When I moved to the 'Burgh in 1989, the nightly news in Norfolk was refreshingly less bloody than that in D.C. Over the past four years, however, that violence gap has radically narrowed. So far, Williamsburg remains relatively calm. Give it a few years.

On the positive side, Governor Wilder skillfully maneuvered through the legislature some long-needed controls on gun purchases in this state. But the truth of the matter is that they will hardly be worth the paper they are printed on in the attempt to curb crime. There are just too many guns too easily available to too many people. Some food for thought from Handgun Control, Inc.: In 1990, handgun killed 22 people in Great Britain, 87 in Japan, and 10,567 in the United States.

The other day, I received a call from the State Police, asking if I supported longer sentences for drug dealers. Talk about a loaded question. The troopers were testifying in Richmond on the subject and needed to raise money to do so. I responded yes, I supported taking a bite out of crime.

I really wanted to say that longer sentences are not the answer. I've visited the federal jail at Petersburg, and those guys are living better than most of the rest of us. In fact, the jail resembles a community college. They've got social clubs, televisions, weight rooms, pool tables, a music room with electric guitars and even a karaoke machine. You think they're hurting? They look a lot happier than do many people on the outside. No wonder the recidivist rate is so high. Scary, new jails are not the answer. Our country's going bankrupt building $50 million jails, and I don't like paying for some felon's music lessons while I'm struggling to make rent.

"Those who make peaceful revolutions impossible will make violent revolutions inevitable." -- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

So, what can be done? Give a damn. That's the first step. There's an old Sixties slogan that if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. If you run off to a corporate law office to spend your life helping Union Carbide evade environmental regulations, you're part of the problem. Don't say that somebody else has to do it, or that your student loans give you no choice. Those are poor excuses for shutting out the problems that we're in the middle of and that I've tried to point out in my weekly round of riots as if it were the Super Bowl. Change for the better is possible and it is worth working for.

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- BOOM: Confederate Army shells Fort Sumter S.C., 1861
- Law School Organizations: Registrations Due
- Cutter Lecture: Frank Michelman, 3:30 p.m., law school rm. 124.

Tuesday, April 13
- Five and Ten Cent: Happy Birthday to F.W. Woolworth, 1852.
- Jefferson’s 250th Birthday Lecture: Paul Carrington will speak on “Jefferson’s Vision of a Law School”, 3:30 p.m.
- Music: Firehouse, at the Flood Zone.

Wednesday, April 14
- Headache: Lincoln assassinated at Ford’s Theatre, 1865.
- Financial Aid: 8 a.m., in Dean’s Conference Room

Thursday, April 15
- Nice Horse: Catherine I (the Great) born 1684.
- Mind that iceberg, Captain: Titanic sinks in North Atlantic, 1912.
- Town & Gown Luncheon: Robert Wilburn, president, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, CC ballroom, 12:15 p.m.
- W&M Theatre: “Death of a Salesman,” PBK, 8:15 p.m. Box office opens April 5th, ext. 12674.
- Music: Toad the Wet Sprocket, at W&M Hall.

Friday, April 16
- I’m back: Lenin returns to Russia, just in time for Bolshevik revolution.
- Reves Coffee Hour: “Australia,” Susie O’Brien, foreign exchange student, University of Adelaide, Reves first floor lounge, 5 p.m.
- Music: Guns ‘N Roses, at Roanoke Civic Center.
- W&M Theatre: “Death of a Salesman,” PBK, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 17
- Earth Day: sponsored by Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC), Sunken Garden, 11 a.m. For information, call ext. 14125.
- Concert: The Gentlemen of the College, CC ballroom, 8 p.m.
- W&M Theatre: “Death of a Salesman,” PBK, 8:15 p.m.
- Music: Zag Man Zig, at Flood Zone.

Sunday, April 18
- Best Oralist: Happy Birthday to Clarence Darrow, 1857.
- Music: Dave Matthews Band with TR3, at Brown’s Island.
- W&M Theatre: “Death of a Salesman,” PBK, 8:15 p.m. Also, April 18 at 2 p.m.

Monday, April 19
- Better late than never: Connecticut ratifies Bill of Rights, 1939.
- Concert Series: The Modern Jazz Quartet, PBK, 8:15 p.m. Call ext. 13276.
- Music: Screeching Trees, Pond, and Foster Children, at the Boathouse.

Tuesday, April 20
- Mein Kampf: Adolf Hitler born, 1889.
- Health Law Seminar, in Norfolk.
- Garden Week: tours of President’s House and guest cottage and Sir Christopher Wren Building. Call 253-3059.
- Bloodmobile, W&M Hall, 1 to 7 p.m., sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega. Call 253-0228 for an appointment.
- Women’s Studies Evening Forum: video: “Mississippi Masque,” Washington 201, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21
- Remember the Maine: U.S. declares war on unwilling Spain, 1898.
- Concert: Concert Band, Wren Building, 5 p.m.

Thursday, April 22
- Origin of divorce law: Henry VIII ascends the throne, 1509.
- Town & Gown Luncheon: “Possible Solutions to the Yugoslavia Crisis,” Anne Henderson, professor of government, CC Ballroom, 12:15 p.m.

Friday, April 23
- Last Day of Classes!
- Tattoo: Happy Birthday to Herve Villechaize, 1943.
- Spring Concert: Choir and Chorus, PBK, 8:15 p.m. General Admission $4.

Saturday, April 24
- I’m a little verklempt: Happy Birthday to Barbara Steisand, 1942.
- Spring Concert: Botetourt Chamber Singers, Wren Chapel, 2 p.m. Free.
- Wendy and Emery Reves Lecture: “Beyond Terms of Trade: The Broader Social and Political Implications of American Economic Integration,” Jorge G. Castaeda, Mexican national and visiting fellow, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, CC Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 26
- Conference: “Literacy and the American Worker: Implications for Public Policy,” sponsored by The Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy. Continues through April 27. Opening session April 26, PBK, Dodge Room, 9 a.m. For information, call ext. 12388.

Tuesday, April 27
- Corruption: Happy Birthday to Ulysses S. Grant, 1822.
- Music: Jesus Jones, at the Boathouse.

Wednesday, April 28
- Concert: William and Mary Orchestra, PBK, 8 p.m.
- Music: The Sampler, at the Boat House.

Thursday, April 29
- Marcia Stuart: Joan of Arc leads Orleans, France to victory over English.
- Town & Gown Luncheon: musical program by the Botetourt Singers, CC Ballroom, 12:15 p.m.
- Music: Testament, at the Peppermint Beach Club.

Monday, May 3
- Concert: Williamsburg Symphonia, PBK, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 8
- Exam Period Ends!

Tuesday, May 11
- Beach Olympics, Dan v. Dave to be settled in Nagshead, host: Missy Callahan.

Wednesday, May 12
- Lynn & the Tool Kit give a farewell performance at Kelly’s Bar in Nagshead.

Friday, May 14
- Graduation Cocktail Party, 9 p.m.
- President’s reception: for graduates, their parents and 1993 honorary degree recipients, Campus Yard, President’s House.

Saturday, May 15
- Graduation BBQ: Noon at the Law School.
- Order of the Coif Ceremony: 5 p.m.
- VA Bar July Filing Deadline

Sunday, May 16
- Candelabra: Liberace born, 1919.
- Graduation Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.
- Main Campus Graduation: 1 p.m., Zable Stadium (W&M Hall if it rains)
- Graduation: Whenever the main campus graduation ends! Zable Stadium.
1993 Baseball picks: Pitching identified as key to success

By ERIC CHASSE

It's easy to tell that spring has begun in earnest right here in classrooms are empty—especially during classes—and, most importantly, with alacrity "Play ball!", baseball season is here.

Perhaps it is merely coincidence, but I find some cosmic significance in the fact that the same day the best NCAA basketball tournament in years—eleven years, if you ask me—ended, the new baseball season began, as if some great sports guru in the sky decided to fill the impending void of sports nothingness even before it arrived.

That being said, with thefeature prediction one for 1993:

National League East (pronounced "N Least")

1. New York: Sooner or later, these high priced crybabies are going to get it right, and this could be the year. After all, they have Kris Saberhagen in an odd-numbered year, Howard Johnson back at the least objectionable position he could play, and less of a media circus now that the Boss is back in New York. Besides, this is the worst division in baseball; any of the top six teams have a legitimate chance at winning.

2. Montreal: With perhaps the best young talent in the league, the Expos will be in the hunt for years to come, but this year the pitching is thin, especially with John Wetteland starting the season on the disabled list. Watch for a mid-season trade.

3. St. Louis: The nucleus of Lankford, Jeffries and Ozzie Smith makes for a competitive team, but inexperienced pitchers will be the downfall of this squad. A strong comeback by Todd Zeile would help, but how long can the ageless Lee Smith maintain his bullpen excellence?

4. Philadelphia: Many "experts" are jumping on the Phillies' bandwagon, and, admittedly, they do have a potent offensive lineup. But who's going to pitch? Danny Jackson is a stiff, and Mitch Williams is consistently on the verge of self destruction. And who's going to catch the ball? Any team with Bob Bailey at shortstop is in definite trouble.

5. Chicago: The Cubsbies were decimated by free agency. Maybe the fact that they haven't won a World Series since the Crimean War broke out had something to do with it. Injuries in the middle infield have doomed the Cubs to a poor start, and there simply isn't enough there to recover.

6. Pittsburgh: Jim Leyland may be the best manager in baseball, but with no, and I mean no, pitching to speak of, and precious little to trade for more pitching, a fourth consecutive division title is simply out of the will hurt, but the Dodgers simply can't be as bad as last season. Even partial comebacks by Strawberry and Davis will push the club toward the .500 mark.

5. San Francisco: Baseball purists beware: unless Barry Bonds can pitch and sell hot dogs, as well as hit, field and run, the Giants overpaid for his services. Nevertheless, with a few key trades, this might even be a watchable squash, if you like 15-12slugfest.

6. San Diego: This bargain basement team of the '90s should live up to the meager expectations to which the front office has damned it. At least young guns like Phil Plantier and DeRex Bell will get the opportunity to learn from established stars like Gwynn, McGriff and Sheffield.

7. Colorado: The thin mountain air should provide for a lot of fireworks. Unfortunately for the Rockies, most will be from the teams in the visitor's dugout.

American League East:

1. Toronto: Sure, the Jays took some hits from free agency, but you can't help but think that the trade for Pat Borders will stand up and take notice.

2. New York: With perhaps the best everyday lineup in the division and markedly improved starting pitching with the acquisition of Darrin Jackson from San Diego was key, shoring up a questionable outfield defense and providing a potent home run punch to an already strong lineup.

3. Baltimore: Acquiring the two Haroldis, Baines and Reynolds, rounds out a solid batting order, if you don't mind playing six first basemen/1DHs (read: defense is suspect). And this guru is not convinced that Fernando Valenzuela is the answer to the team's pitching depth problems.

4. Boston: I know no one else is picking the BoSox this high, but that's why I'm picking the big bucks. Since the end of a disastrous '92 season, the Beantowners have undergone a major facelift, leaving them with better hitting (Dawson and Calderon), better relief pitching (Russell and Bankhead) and infinitely better team chemistry (no more Boggs, Reed and Plumberg). The team is obviously not the same as last year, but the team chemistry is. "The Twins'" problem, however, mirrors that of the Red Sox: who pitches after the first two starters?

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KANSAS CITY:

If at first you don't succeed ... . The Royals have been burned by free agency before, yet the money continues to flow from Kaufman's coffers. This year's free agent imports include David Cone and Greg Gagne. While this is an impressive team, in the strong AL West, it just won't be enough.

6. Milwaukee: Losing Paul Molitor will hurt, but not nearly as much as Chris Bosio's defection to Seattle. The Brewers have always been able to hit, and under new manager Phil Garner they should do as well. But without the arms to carry them, Brewers fans should suffer through another disappointing season.

7. Detroit: Hitting, hitting, hitting ... as the antithesis of the Braves, the Tigers should logically finish in the exact polar opposite position as their Atlanta alter-egos. And they will.

American League West:

1. Chicago: It's about time the Sox did something right. With a team full of superstar hitters and strong pitchers, the time is right for the Pale Hose to take their place as one of the game's elite teams. Besides, time may be running out: Pudge Fisk's not 40 anymore.

2. Minnesota: Dave Winfield will get to finish his career where it all began, albeit about 75 years ago, and Kirby Puckett continues to love the Twin Cities, although it costs him a buck more now than last year. The Twins' problem, however, mirrors that of the Red Sox: who pitches after the first two starters?

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5. Oakland: The king is dead. After an unprecedented run of success over the past few years, Tony LaRussa and the A's will sink into the second division. I know I picked them for fifth last year as well, but sooner or later (probably later) I'll be right.

6. Seattle: Lou Pinella hates to lose; Lou Pinella manages the Mariners. Therefore, Lou Pinella is in for another summer. Ken Griffey and Edgar Martinez are legitimate superstars, but with four rookies pitching, it will be a slow season in the Kingdome.

7. California: The Angels are, well, terrible. They lost 90 games last year, and peddled one of the league's best pitchers (Abbott) to the Yankees. Perhaps the best series of the year would pit the Angels against the Richmond Braves, though I think the Angels would lose that one as well.

And now for something completely different.

Springtime is a season marked by many blessed events, not the least of which is the beginning of a new baseball season. It seems somehow apropos that the grand old game be chased away by the icy fingers of autumn, only to reappear, renewed, with the first warm breezes of March and April. It has always been this way. Flow-ers bloom, sweaters get packed away and umbrellas yield, "Play Ball!" It is the natural progression of things, signifying that all is well with the world.

Baseball in the spring is perhaps best suited to be captured by an artist's brush: wisps of clouds floating so delicately over pristine stadiums which house immaculate grass and sculpted dirt; a six-year-old child wearing a new uniform, sun in the bleachers, holding dad's tattered glove in one hand and a hot dog in the other; the kid is sitting breathlessly on the edge of his seat, anxiously awaiting the foul ball that he knows is coming his way. It is a sight that would make Norman Rockwell stand up and take notice.

Unfortunately, as the recent boating tragedy in Florida has pointed out, art sometimes imitates life all too closely. This year, flowers are blooming and umbrellas are yellowing, but not all is well. For six little children spring will never again signify the birth of a new season or a grand reawakening after a long, cold winter. To these children spring will forever be a time of loss and sorrow. Baseball has survived for over 150 years, but will certainly do so this time as well. The families, with the support of a nation behind them, will persevere. The players will go on playing. And the artists, wrapped tightly against the images of the game. Only now, the colors on the pallets are dimmer; the grass is replaced by cold hard astroturf; and the canvases contain a few more clouds than before. And the child in the bleachers, wrapped tightly against the last vestiges of winter, has a solitary tear running down his face. Rest in peace, Steve Olin and Tim Crews.

THE AMICUS CURIE
Monday, April 12, 1993
Women womp men for B-ball title; Soccer wins save face

By BILL MADIGAN
BASKETBALL ... Now that Texas Tech has cut down the net and North Carolina is being sized for their rings, it's time to crown the king of all basketball kings, the M-W intramural champ. And it's not who you might think. The coaches and sportswriters have voted (though I only counted mine), and the winner is:

1. Hoops
2. Black Letter Law
3. Stuttering Parrots
4. Just Do It
5. Capitol Defense
6. Leftovers
7. Crimes Against Nature
8. IL Court Jestors
9. Earnest Borgnines
10. Men's C
11. Sleepin' Dogs
12. The Rockets
13. Ugly

Commandeering the second banana crown is Black Letter Law. The only men's team to make a respectable run at it, Law came within three points of an appearance in the finals. They were bought out by the Corporate Raiders, 37-35, in the semifinals before a capacity crowd. The Stalker-to-Richardson-to-Bates combination that had gotten them to the big dance turned out to have two left feet when the last song began to play. Despite the elegant prose of team bard, Chris "Anthemum" Koomey, who never fails to supply the most lyrical, and novel, of press releases, the sting of letting the game slip away was no less painful.

Other M-W teams that registered a pulse included the IL Jestors, who, despite a miserable regular season, made it to the finals in the Men's C division before being dismantled by Built For Ever, and the Stuttering Parrots, who eked out two wins before getting defeated by Air Labba. FLOOR HOCKEY ... The sport of pucks and creases was equally unkind to M-Wers. But before we inspect ground zero, I present the final floor hockey poll:

1. Madigan Sucks
2. Kroener Still Sucks
3. Bruins
4. Sticks In The Crease
5. Don't Call Me Fat
6. Motheruckers
7. Kenman
8. Earnest Borgnines

Madigan Sucks takes the crown despite the sacrifice, as they were the only team to win over more than one playoff game. They blasphemed their way to the semi before being ketchuped and mustarded by Hot Dogs & Buns. The only other M-W teams to even win a playoff game were Kroener Still Sucks, who redistributed the wealth of the Capitalists before being chased and dumped by Damp & Chase, and the Bruins. An unnamed source close to the Bruins has made allegations that Eric "Paper" Chasse, the team's goalie, may have had his play affected by the fact that the championship game for that division was scheduled during the NCAA finals, and that maybe the Carolina Blue got in his eyes as the puck slid between his legs. "Paper" Chasse could not be reached for comment.

Meanwhile, the other M-W hockey teams were getting their heads handed to them. No other team made it past their first playoff game. What a disappointing season this has been. We can only hope that next year's draft will bring a little hope to the future of M-W sports, and that some of that dead weight will finally graduate.

SOCCER ... The one bright spot in the wasteland of intramural sports was soccer. Two out of the three teams finished the regular season undefeated. Daises, a co-rec team featuring such 11 standouts as John "Ashes To" Ashley and Rich "Major" McDermitt, shut out all four of their opponents. In their regular season finale, they filled in the Abyss on the strength of the defensive play of Kathryn "E.F." Hutton. Despite a season-prolonging injury to George Swant "A Beer", the Daises hope to change things this season.

The other undefeated, the Dream Team, ended the season with 3 wins and 1 tie, while ousting their undergrad opponents 18-4. The only blemish on an otherwise face-saving intramural sport for M-W was F.D.S., who compiled a hideous 0-3-1 record despite the leadership of Jay "Green Eggs And" Hambrick.

Well, that's it for intramural sports for this semester. In August, we'll have a new group of recruits to fill the void left by the graduating and the retiring. And a whole new batch of punny nicknames. Special thanks to Chris Koomey, who was one of the few who regularly dropped me team information. Chris had far and away the most poetic and enjoyable press releases I've seen in the many years I've been doing this. Thanks also to Brad Wagshul and Andy Ollis who also kept me updated on IL action.

See you next season. In the meantime, use the off-season to get in shape and don't forget to report for training camp by September 1.
such fluids can occur through sexual contact, intravenous drug use, blood transfusions and breast feeding. Saliva cannot be a medium for transmission.

This informative presentation was followed by some firsthand accounts of AIDS from community members. Frank Ser gy was a successful real estate agent. His wife, Debbie, was a nurse. Happily married for several years, they later discovered that they are both HIV positive. In fact, Frank, whose T-4 cells have fallen below the 200 level threshold, has been classified with full-blown AIDS. They both spoke of the effect this disease has had on their relationship, their jobs and their outlook on life. "It's a speeding up process," said Frank. Things they had contemplated doing later in life, they have to do now, although Debbie notes that they have given up on their hope of having children for fear that they may transfer the virus to them.

Debbie is still a practicing nurse, but Frank is on full disability and points out that sometimes the costs of fighting this disease can be astronomical. A two week supply of antiviral drugs for him and his wife costs over $800. But, they said, this fight will not last forever. They both come to terms with the disease although it has not been easy. The couple said they just take one day at a time.

Twenty-one months ago Constance Howard lost her son to AIDS. She believes he contracted the disease through intravenous drug use in which he engaged on a recreational basis. After three years of his fight against pneumonia, diabetes, cancer, blindness and medical expenses of over $1 million, she said he was ready to meet the Lord. It was the first time she had told her story. It was a painful tale and not a pretty one, but, according to Howard it had to be told. If her story saved one person, she said, then her suffering would not be in vain.

Throughout the discussion, audience members were encouraged to ask questions. Sponsors of the presentation recognize the fear that plagues the topic of AIDS and believes that only through frank, unrestricted discourse can such fear be replaced by empathy and care.

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area on the other side of the first floor, and upstairs seating as well. However, as we were being taken to our table, we overheard the host discouraging another couple from waiting in the bar area because it was full.

Our waitperson was very friendly and quite attentive, although she was swamped the entire time we were there. Prive-

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