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Faculty debates future of M-W graduate tax program

BY NANCY KILLIEN
Faculty members voted last Thursday to continue Marshall-Wythe’s graduate program in tax, and passed a motion making the hiring of a tax instructor their “highest priority.” Currently, professors Coven, Lee, and Donaldson are the only full-time faculty members teaching in the program.

McCready discussed abolishing the program entirely, in part to the conclusions of Coven, the program’s director. Those conclusions were part of a report authored by an ad hoc committee appointed last year to study the program’s future. In the report, distributed to faculty members before the meeting, Coven said “until the faculty is prepared to fill the tax instructor vacancy, on either a permanent or visiting basis, the LLM program should not be offered.” The other committee members, Dean Williamson and Professor Axler, differed with Coven about the necessity for an immediate hire. In the report, Williamson said “tax must be considered a high priority,” but that for hiring decisions, the faculty should weigh curricular needs and consider the pool of candidates.

Ales recommended developing a part-time program using adjunct professors. At the meeting, he said, “we need to hire another tax teacher right now to keep the LLM program from being an embarrassment to William and Mary,” but he was “not convinced that there is a commitment to hire another faculty member.”

In the report, neither Williamson nor Coven fully supported a part-time program. Coven said that “a good adjunct taught, part-time program is an oxymoron.”

Dean Sullivan said the future of the tax program was “a very hard issue. In one of the school’s many brushes with death, the tax program saved the school in the 1980’s. There are very loyal graduates of the program.

Sulli-an also said that he believed Marshall-Wythe “should continue the program on a full-time basis, and that the program needs a new person.” However, he said the hiring of a new tax instructor “doesn’t have to be this year,” thus disagreeing with Coven.

Williamson also said College Provost Melvin Schenell told him in a recent conversation that “modification of the tax program would require consultation with the Board of Visitors. Abolishment of the program could result in the reduction in the size of the faculty.”

Lebel, a member of the faculty appointments committee, said “our primary responsibility is to the J.D. students. The tax program detracts from the J.D.

D.C. edges ‘Burg as site for talks

By GREG BRUMMETT
(Compiled from reports in the Boston Globe and the Washington Post.)

News reports earlier this month touted Williamsburg as a potential site for the next series of Mideast peace talks. It now appears that Washington, D.C. is the more likely site, if the talks are held in the United States. As recently as November 21, Israeli Prime Minister Shamir was reportedly still hoping for a Mid­ east venue, perhaps Jerusalem, but the Arab parties are resistant to any action which could be interpreted as de facto recognition of Israel’s legitimacy before the treaties have been signed.

Shamir, Secretary of State Baker, and President Bush held a meeting in Washington on No­ vember 22 in an attempt to find a mutually agreeable site for the next round of talks.

While there had been no official announcement, various diplomatic sources indicate that the talks will resume in Washington during the first week of December. A French wire service reported detailing an invitation to the Palestinian delegation for meetings in Washington starting December 4 supports these diplomatic sources.

The focus of the next round of talks is the possible negotiation of treaties between Israel and Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. The Jordanian delegation will include some Palestinian members.

A subsequent round of talks focusing on regional issues such as the allocation of the scarce water resources, arms control, the environment, and the Palestinian refugees, is anticipated once the basic treaties are in force. Although a site within the Soviet Union was mentioned as a possi­ ble location for the regional talks, their expected length and political instability may prevent the selection of a Russian site.

Reports that the Williamsburg site was vetoed because of diplomatic fears that local outlet stores would distract visiting participants could not be confirmed.
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From the Editors...

As most of you already know, the school newspaper has undergone a change in management. The Advocate and the Amicus Curiae have merged. The new law school newspaper, which will continue as The Advocate, and the Amicus Curiae, will be published every other week.

Our commitment to serving the law school community is unchanged. The editors will continue to reflect the diversity of opinions and ideas found in our community. We adopt neither a conservative nor a liberal stance; instead we will provide a forum for all points of view. As always, readers will be free to form their own opinions based on the ideas presented in the paper.

Unfortunately, the timing of the merger left us with only a few days to prepare and publish our final edition of the semester. Consequently, many of the features normally found in the Amicus Curiae are absent from this issue. We hope that the regular features of The Advocate will find a home in the new Amicus. Over the semester break, we will be talking to the reporters and columnists from The Advocate and inviting them to submit their column appearances and columns.

Finally, we encourage all of our readers to contact the editorial staff with their ideas and suggestions. We feel confident that with the continued support of our readers, the new Amicus will be greater than the sum of its predecessors.

Letters

The naugahyde station nearest the administrative offices and the moot court room, or the vestibule between the lobby and the patio?

I applaud the effort to gather community opinions about the current smoking policy. As a lifetime non-smoker, I am deeply concerned about the effects of second hand smoke. For both health and pleasure reasons my preference is clean air rather than smoky air, and I probably will vote that the policy should be changed. However, I am appalled by the second option in question 2.

A few curious observations about the vestibule option suggest its unreasonableness. I make no claims of personal expertise in physics, but aren’t vestibules like the one at issue designed to channel the flow of air in a building from the outside weather? If the vestibule option is enacted, the smokers will be subjected to the very cold, wet, and other bad weather conditions against which that subroom is designed to protect. I can virtually promise that a population of cold, sick, and cranky smokers will be assuredly less pleasant than the current population of smokers at the school.

And when a door is opened between a room filled with smoke and a room not filled with smoke, doesn’t the smoke generally blow into the other room until some balance is struck? If the vestibule option is enacted, the vestibule will be filled with thick smoke (many people, many cigarettes, no ventilation except the doors), and smoke will pour into the middle of the lobby every time one of the four doors between the vestibule and the lobby is opened. That result seems to defeat the entire purpose of the proposed renovation.

Also, won’t it be nice when the first impressions of the few potential employers who visit Marshall-Wythe are set against a backdrop of smokers wedged into their smoky penalty box?

Most importantly, though, I am not prepared to condemn smokers to serve some sentence in an overcrowded cell just because of their ugly habit. Yes, the imagery of that analogy is proper. The government punishes criminals by locking them up for life. For one day, we must not allow the significant curtailment of anyone’s liberties by choosing the poorer of only two poor options preferred by an offended public figure.

Indeed, if offensiveness is the basis for the suggested incarc­eration, I can think of two much more offensive and hurtful practices than smoking that occur with great frequency at our law school. Of course, we could never fit all the day’s goofs and jerks, nor all the students with colds or colds on a single day, into that vestibule.

Although the naugahyde station option ostracizes smokers, greatly inconveniences smokers by setting them at a distance from the library and the primary social area of the school, and simply repositions all the smoke in the lobby community opinions about the effect of that option. The repositioning all the smoke in the lobby community opinions about the effect of that option. The repositioning all the smoke in the lobby community opinions about the effect of that option. The repositioning all the smoke in the lobby community opinions about the effect of that option.
CASA volunteers find role drastically reduced due to DSS

By DAVID PFEFFERKORN

The role of the Williamsburg Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), a program staffed largely by volunteers from the Marshall-Wythe, has changed due to conflicts with the Department of Social Services (DSS). After a mandate from Judge Samuel Powell of Williamsburg’s Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court (J&DR), the program was originally created to act as an independent fact-finder, providing more information to the court in domestic situations involving abused or neglected children.

Now, CASA volunteers only occasionally perform investigations of a child’s situation and report back to guardians ad litem or to the judge. Under the new structure, more frequently the role simply involves monitoring the effect of the judge’s ruling on the child. CASA’s director and volunteers support this new role, and there is still some conflict between DSS and CASA. Nevertheless, Judge Powell has spoken. CASA’s future role will not be the one envisioned by its founders. Instead of acting as an independent gatherer of information, CASA volunteers will follow-up on decisions made by the judge.

While CASA will continue to fill a void in the system, this revised role comes with a disappointment for some who endorsed CASA’s initial prerogative and feel that CASA does have something to add in the investigative stage of the process. According to Judge Powell, new federal legislation suggests that children should be left with the parents in situations where, in the past, they have been separated. Thus there is a larger need for a monitoring body - people to check on and befriend a child who must remain in a potentially troublesome situation. Through their efforts, Powell said the CASA volunteers add immensely to a system that is ill-equipped to follow up on the decisions these decisions have on the child.

The CASA organization in Williamsburg is a relatively new one, founded by the authority of the state government in 1990. Before CASA existed in Williamsburg, DSS was the primary provider of information and recommendations for the judge in making decisions about the placement of children. In spite of the additional information that CASA was meant to provide, the existence of the organization was met with both strong resentment from DSS and practical concerns from Judge Powell.

The main objection from DSS was that information from CASA did not always agree with the Department’s assessment of the situation. Powell pointed out that the efforts of CASA were often redundant, saying that teachers and counselors should not be required to give the same information to two different investigatory groups.

Originally, the CASA volunteers were envisioned as an investigator into a troublesome domestic situation where parents have developed a problem affecting their ability to adequately care for the child and DSS had determined that some action should take place with respect to the child while the parent received treatment or counselling. As the program was designed, the CASA volunteer would be charged with interviewing the child and the parents, as well as gathering information from teachers, neighbors, counselors and any other people who have some knowledge of the situation. The volunteer would typically submit the findings to the judge and the guardian ad litem in the decision making process.

Now, though, the CASA volunteer’s responsibilities often become a duty to monitor the situation, and ensure that the judge’s ruling is having the desired effect. If, for instance, a parent drops out of a drug treatment program, the CASA volunteer would report this information back to the court for further action.

CASA volunteers go through a rigorous training program to prepare them for their work - 20 classroom hours and eight hours of courtroom observation. They are then sworn in and become officers of the court. This year there are eleven CASA volunteers from Marshall-Wythe, four of whom returned to the program for a second year.

Jean Holden, director of the Williamsburg CASA program, said that the Marshall-Wythe volunteers bring a much-needed enthusiasm to the job. She notes that working with a local attorney who is appointed to represent the child gives the volunteers valuable exposure to family law issues.

In spite of all the benefits that CASA adds to the judicial system, some volunteers sense that the jealousy of DSS is the true reason for the decreased role. One volunteer, who wished to remain anonymous, noted that "Social Services, like any bureaucratic agency, got upset about other people intruding on its turf." The unfortunate effect of DSS’s jealousy is that the CASA program may not be as effective as it could be. Allegedly, some of the reports written by CASA volunteers may never reach the judge.

The anonymous volunteer

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Ad hoc appeals committee disbanded; standing group meets

By ANDREW HERZIG

Students who have tried to appeal publishing a yearbook page have been surprised to learn in the November 11 issue of the Amicus Curiae that their appeals were not handled by the process described on their tickets and appeals forms.

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The delays in appointing members to the Appeals Committee were not uncommon. High Easter, chair of Appeals Committee, recalled that last year the group also met for the first time in mid-November. He said that part of the delay is due to the fact that the Appeals Committee is appointed yearly. When it was suggested that the appointments could be made in the spring to avoid this delay, members said this was a good idea, but that such decisions are up to the Provost.

Let it not be said, however, that the Appeals Committee lacks enthusiasm. In fact, members agreed that, had they been appointed earlier, they would have met much earlier. They in fact expressed dissatisfaction with the way that the delay in appointing Appeals Committee members has been handled. As for the confusion created for students by the intermediate board, Appeals Committee members seemed to have few answers. Members said they had no knowledge that Merck’s board existed, nor was Merck appointed to the Appeals Committee.

Lee Sago, a business graduate student and Appeals Committee member, was not surprised that Committee members knew nothing of the intermediate board’s existence. He said that the only duty his group is charged with is reading appeals.

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Brooks seeks funds for M-W yearbook

By PAM ARLUK

SBA President Richard Brooks is attempting to reclaim the over $4500 in student fees that law students pay to the undergraduate yearbook, the Colonial Echo.

Brooks hopes to use the money to start a yearbook for Marshall-Wythe.

Currently, every William and Mary student, including all graduate students, pay $9 of their student fees to the Echo, even though a very small percent of the yearbook is devoted to graduate students. In 1991, the yearbook’s attempt to stay with the undergraduate school was met with strong opposition from the Publications Council. The hearing for the resolution has not been scheduled as yet.

"Although the Colonial Echo is a fine undergraduate yearbook, law students and graduate students are not particularly interested in a book that almost exclusively covers the undergraduate school," said Brooks. Of the 400 pages in last year’s yearbook, only two were dedicated to the law school specifically, and only 30 pages were devoted to all of the graduate schools combined. This year, the Colonial Echo doubled its coverage, dedicating four pages to Marshall-Wythe.

Additionally, while the Colonial Echo is free to all students, the yearbook is never distributed in the law school. "Heaven help them if we sent 600 law students to the undergraduate campus to pick up a yearbook," said Brooks.

Recently, Brooks made a presentation to the Publications Council, urging them to pass a resolution to divert the money currently paid by graduate students to the Colonial Echo back to the undergraduate schools. The Publications Council, an independent body composed of the editors of a variety of campus publications, is funded by the Board of Student Activities (BSA).

In 1992, the Publications Council is scheduled to renegotiate its funding contract with the BSA. Brooks’ proposal would require the Publications Council to decrease the funding request for the Colonial Echo.

There are four representatives from the law school on the Publications Council. Professor Selassie, the faculty representa-
Union accuses Food Lion chain of unfair labor practices

By ANDREW SMITH

You may know that Food Lion owns three supermarkets in Williamsburg, giving it the largest presence of any of the five grocery store chains operating in this market. You may even know that Food Lion’s “extra low prices” and strict cost control have made it one of the most successful food retailers of the last decade. But what you probably didn’t know is that Food Lion is being accused by the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) of treating its workers unfairly.

UFCW alleges that the company has violated wage and hour standards, as well as a number of government regulations involving pension and health plans. Food Lion management has responded that it considers UFCW’s charges harassment.

The company has long resisted UFCW efforts to unionize its 50,000 member workforce.

UFCW has filed a complaint with the Department of Labor’s (DOL) Wage and Hour Division on behalf of 183 current and former Food Lion employees who claim the company made them work “off the clock” through a process known as “effective scheduling.”

Effective scheduling is a means of controlling labor costs on a store-by-store basis, whereby each store manager is allowed a fixed number of man-hours to get a task done. Nick Clark, Assistant General Counsel for UFCW, says that while effective scheduling is “good business sense” in the abstract, in practice it can be coercive of workers.

In practice, a store manager using effective scheduling will assign a store worker a certain amount of time to complete a task. If the task is not completed in that time, the worker will be fired. If the task is completed, but the worker says it took longer to complete, the worker will also be fired, because he or she took more than the allotted time to finish the job.

Thus workers have a strong incentive to misrepresent the time it takes them to complete a job — either they say they completed an assigned task in the allotted time, or they don’t work at Food Lion anymore.

UFCW’s complaint with DOL alleges that Food Lion earns more than $65 million annually — more than one-third of fiscal 1990 net profit — from off-the-clock work. In a similar case decided earlier this year, a U.S. District Court in North Carolina ordered Food Lion to pay more than $50,000 in damages and back wages to two workers who were forced by store managers to work without pay.

Clark says that while almost all supermarkets have implemented effective scheduling in one form or another, the situation is exacerbated at Food Lion, because the workers do not have a union representative to whom they can turn. In union stores, says Clark, the union functions as “a cop on the beat,” and workers may make claims anonymously. This puts union stores at a severe disadvantage vis-a-vis their non-union competitors, because they are not able to exploit off-the-clock hours like a union shop.

The grocery store business is extremely labor intensive, making lower labor costs one of the primary ways in which competitors can gain an advantage over one another. Given that grocery store workers all make about the same hourly wage, the only way supermarkets can effectively lower labor costs is to increase employee productivity. Because the grocery store industry is not particularly sensitive to advances in technology, overworking employees without pay by a primary means of increasing productivity.

Clark contends that Food Lion does this by pushing employees to work more and the numbers seem to bear him out. While Food Lion has a gross profit margin that is about 80 percent of its competitors’, its net profit margins are more than twice the industry average.

While this is good news for Wall Street, the company trades at about twice the price-to-earnings multiple of the rest of the industry — these tremendous savings in overhead have to come from somewhere, and labor costs are far and away a supermarket’s largest overhead expenditure.

The UFCW’s accusations of wrongdoing do not end with the DOL complaint. The union has also filed a lawsuit in a U.S. District Court in North Carolina alleging that Food Lion is firing employees or forcing them to quit just before their pension plan begins to vest, in violation of ERISA regulations.

In accordance with federal regulations, Food Lion has established what is called a “five-year cliff” vesting schedule, whereby employee benefits from the plan vest fully upon their five year anniversary with the company, but not before. In its complaint, UFCW says that Food Lion has wrongfully terminated employees just short of their five-year anniversaries in order to escape its obligations under the profit sharing plan. Currently, UFCW is suing on behalf of eleven employees so terminated.

An undetermined number of co-plaintiffs may join the suit if it is awarded class-action status.

A number of these plaintiffs are also suing Food Lion for wrongly terminating their employment and then not providing information about their right to continuing health care.

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Institute debates job drug testing

By HEATHER SUE RAMSEY

“There’s something about the idea of Homer Simpson operating a nuclear power plant and not being tested for [drug use] that doesn’t seem right,” observed Professor Rodney Smolla at the Institute of Bill of Rights’ symposium on Drug Testing in the Workplace. The symposium, held on Saturday, November 16, attracted a varied audience.

One highlight of the symposium was a panel discussion on the Institute’s Task Force Proposal to reform drug testing laws. After admitting the concept of drafting a proposal seemed like a “half-cocked scheme” due to the seemingly insurmountable disagreements among Task Force members at the first meeting, Smolla encouraged Panel members to recount their impressions of how they eventually overcame these disagreements.

The Task Force Proposal includes model legislation that would apply to both public and private entities that wish to test their employees. R. Claire Guthrie described lay people’s misconception that their Constitutional rights protect them from both public and private actions when Constitutional rights protect us only from governmental action. Guthrie recalled telling a student at Princeton, “if you wanted Constitutional rights, you should’ve gone to Rutgers.”

While Task Force participants initially disagreed over extending the proposed legislation to private as well as public employers, Professor Paul Marcus explained, “if we recognize an expectation of privacy, why should we distinguish between public and private [employers’ drug testing]?” In describing how a urine test for drugs violates a person’s privacy, panelist Craig Comish called drug testing “a type of biochemical surveillance.”

Professor Stanley Ingber, Director of the Constitutional Law Resource Center at Duke University, delivered a keynote address on how the Bill of Rights has been a victim of the America’s drug problem. Noting that “the most important victim of drugs may be the liberties we thought we possessed,” Ingber examined the ways in which the Supreme Court’s interpretation of the Fourth Amendment has been colored by the demands of the criminal justice system.

Ingber said that despite the Court’s claim that the Fourth Amendment protects people, the Court has used it to protect pieces. Ingber drew his audience’s attention to the greater limitations placed on searches and seizures in the home, and the lesser standards applied to cars, vans and mobile homes. Ingber said that the fact that drug dealers commonly use vans and mobile homes for their illicit transactions may restrain the Court from extending the privacy accorded the homes to these vehicles.

A town meeting discussion debating the legal, public policy and scientific future of drug testing closed the symposium.
Phi Alpha Delta sponsors Toys for Tots

By ROB DICKINSON

Have you been bothered by unwelcome, late night visitors? Perhaps it was just a bit of underdone pudding, but if you want to sleep soundly through the holidays, the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights (RCAR) suggests targeting Ebeneezer Crooge Syndrome.

President, November, December 4, and Thursday, December 5, many professors will offer “Classroom Immunity” to those who take part in the drive. Classroom immunity means that students who bring a toy to class and work on the program continuously throughout the year and consists of three phases: Identifying children in need; fund raising; and purchase and distribution of the toys. The Colonial Capital Kiwanis Club works with the Williamsburg-James City County Department of Social Services, the Community Action Agency, and the Salvation Army on the task of identifying children for Toys For Tots. Referrals are also received from area churches, well meaning friends, and from the mothers of the children themselves, Sisk said.

The Department of Social Services performs the job of qualifying families for the program. In addition to children from ADC families, those who are victims of disasters that will qualify, are kids in families suffering from underemployment due to the job crunch. Each child will receive two or three new toys, necessitating a budget of over $10,000 this year. The more than fifty members of Colonial Capital Kiwanis are actively involved in fund raising year round. According to Sisk, efforts include a letter campaign, a pancake supper, a golf tournament, and the holiday cassette program, in which club members collect donations in area shopping centers. Club members provide ushering services at William and Mary basketball and football games as another means of fund raising.

The climax of each year’s activity is the purchase and distribution of the toys. Over the years, Sisk has developed relationships with local merchants that allow him to purchase toys at thirty-five to forty percent of retail cost. Each child in the program will receive sixty to seventy dollars worth of toys, retail value. Parents of eligible children receive an annual “Toy Store” and pick out the toys for their kids. This year, the toy store will be located in the Outlet Mall on Route 60. Although the drive aims at fund raising to take advantage of Sisk’s discount channels, Toys For Tots welcomes the donation of new toys as well. Last year approximately $1,500 worth of donated toys were included in the more than $13,000 worth of toys distributed. The contribution of the law school community was appreciated. “This effort requires the efforts of many groups and individuals,” Sisk said. “It’s a community project. The enthusiasm of the students and faculty at Marshall-Wythe bolsters our enthusiasm for the project.”

LSC sponsors speaker from pro-choice religious coalition

By GREGG M. SCHWIND

A representative from the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights (RCAR) spoke to a small group of students on November 12. The presentation was sponsored by Law Students For Choice.

Ellen Applebaum began by emphasizing that RCAR is for abortion rights and attacked the inaccurate assumption made by many that deeply held religious beliefs automatically translate into an anti-choice stance on abortion.

According to Applebaum, the Coalition brings together diverse religious groups who “support women being able to make decisions that are appropriate for themselves, and not only make those decisions, but being able to have access to safe and legal medical abortions.”

RCAR has members from the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Episcopal churches as well as some Jewish groups. While Toys For Tots drive offers examples of how RCAR and its member religions do not trace their stance on abortion to specific biblical passages, Applebaum said members of the group recognize the right of women to make moral decisions.

For example, the statement of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations says the group has “confidence in the ability of a woman to exercise her ethical and religious judgment,” while the Episcopal church takes the position that any legislation passed in regard to abortion “must take special care” to respect “individual conscience” and ability to decide.

In speaking to the origins of RCAR, Applebaum noted two primary factors motivating formation of the group: the religious community’s concern for safe and healthy medical facilities, and the notion that “women are moral decision makers” when faced with the crisis of a problem pregnancy.

Applebaum said that a woman should make a moral decision to abort an unplanned or problem pregnancy with the guidance of her family, her minister, and above all, her conscience. Although RCAR seems a natural opponent for highly political anti-choice or pro-life groups, Applebaum said the sole purpose of RCAR is to educate communities, not to play the role of a political action committee.

Members of the audience pointed out, and Applebaum conceded, that there is no consensus among RCAR’s members as to when life, or “personhood,” begins. Also, in response to questions, she said RCAR contends that any law prohibiting abortion would present a free exercise dilemma, because it would inhibit religious people from practicing the tenets of their faith. According to Applebaum, RCAR members believe such a law would violate their religious liberty.

Applebaum’s talk focused on the politics of all reproductive issues rather than the specific views of the different member-religions involved in RCAR.

Many of her comments addressed subjects such as contraception, teen pregnancy, recent state legislation, reproductive education, and the fight to preserve the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade.

Reaction to the presentation was somewhat mixed. Linda Fox (JL) said afterward, “I had hoped the discussion would be less political and legal and more philosophical and theological.”

Rob Clayton (JL), said he felt it was important to have a speaker with Applebaum’s perspective come to campus. “The religious right has kind of appropriated the issue of abortion rights,” said Clayton. “I think it’s important for people to know that there are legitimate pro-choice positions that religious people can take.”

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SERCH panel humanizes AIDS epidemic, promotes safe sex

By BRETT JOHNSON

Having AIDS or testing positive for the HIV virus no longer happens to "other people." Hoping to humanize the AIDS epidemic, Students for Ethnic, Racial & Cultural Harmony (SERCH) hosted a panel discussion on the subject November 13. Scheduled to take place before former L.A. Laker Magic Johnson's announcement that he had tested positive for the HIV virus, the panel discussion coincided with increased public attention to AIDS.

Speaking to a group of over 90 students, participants on the panel included John Abbot, a 1985 W&M graduate, Chad Taylor, a current W&M senior, and Rob Donahue, an AIDS educator and substance abuse counselor. Felix Abbot and Taylor, both HIV positive, the panel discussion marked the first time they have spoken publicly about living with the HIV virus.

Taylor said he has since switched doctors.

Abbot spoke of the difficulty of maintaining an optimistic attitude about the HIV virus, particularly because his lover is dying of AIDS. Although he tries not to project ahead to the day when he will be as sick as his lover is now, being nervous and thinking about death are everyday experiences Abbot said. As an example, he mentioned the upcoming holiday season and said that for the past 9 years he has consciously wondered, "Is this going to be my last Christmas?"

Donahue stressed the importance of having safe sex. He referred to the combination of passion and blurred judgment as a "deadly mix." As an AIDS educator, Donahue said that he is often frustrated by feeling powerless in fighting both the disease and the ignorance that accompanies it. While many heterosexuals are of the opinion that AIDS is not for them, they need to worry about Donahue stressed that one-third of all new HIV virus cases occur in heterosexuals.

Young people are particularly at risk for contracting AIDS as a result of unprotected sex. Using the familiar adage that when you sleep with someone, you are actually sleeping with all of that person's former sexual partners, Donahue cited a disturbing statistic. He said, "If, while in college, you have unprotected sex with only 2 different people, it is the same as actually having slept with 866 people." Both men and women should take responsibility for using condoms, Donahue said, but women need to be aware that the risk of contracting AIDS from heterosexual intercourse is four times greater for them than for men.

The panel urged that anyone who has engaged in high-risk behavior and is worried about having contracted the HIV virus be tested. Since the HIV virus can be dormant and not show up in blood tests for over a year, Donahue recommended having an initial HIV test within 3 to 6 months of the high-risk behavior and being re-tested every 3 months for a period of up to 18 months. If tests remain negative and the person has not engaged in other high-risk behavior during the interim, he or she does not have the HIV virus.

According to the King Student Health Center, confidential AIDS testing is available for a $10 fee. In confidential testing, students give the health center their name and student number. After pre-test counselling and signing of a consent form, the health center assigns a number to the blood sample for identification. Actual testing of the blood sample is done at the Williamsburg clinic. Results of tests are identified only by the number. Results of tests are returned to the health center in two weeks, but are only given upon request after showing a student ID.

The Commonwealth of Virginia requires the health center to report the names of people who test positive for the HIV virus to the public health department.

Anonymous AIDS testing is available free of charge in Virginia. With anonymous testing, identity is never known by the testing agency. Participants are given an I.D. number before testing so they can receive the test results. Because identity is unknown, the testing agency can not report the test results to anyone. For more information on anonymous testing, students can call the Virginia AIDS Hotline at 1-800-533-4148.

After the panel discussion, SERCH president Chris Farris said he was delighted by the large number of students who attended, filling Room 124 to capacity.

A similar meeting last year attracted fewer than 20 students.

Farris attributed the increased attendance to Magic Johnson's announcement and to the lobby display case advertising the discussion. While student attendance was high, Farris was disappointed by lack of faculty turnout -- only Professor Barnard and Associate Dean Shealy came to the meeting.

Student comments after the SERCH meeting were uniformly positive. While the panel provided valuable insights, Stephanie Coleman (2L) would have liked a little more practical information about protecting yourself from the HIV virus. Coleman said, "I'm hoping not to deal with AIDS personally. I want to take care of it now."

Stephanie Rever (3L) described the meeting as "a moving experience."

Peter Kane (1L) wanted to "thank the panel members for being so courageous in sharing their experiences and for making an educational impact much stronger than just statistics."

VITA lets students do area taxes

By TIM HRYNICK

Many of you probably know that sinking feeling that you get when it's in the evening on April 14 and you're looking down at a blank tax form for the first time. This year, members of the law school community can help both themselves and others to avoid this predicament by participating in VITA -- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance -- a volunteer program organized and coordinated by the Internal Revenue Service.

The VITA program is designed to offer free assistance to those who cannot obtain professional help. Last year, VITA volunteers at approximately 7,000 sites nationwide assisted almost 200 million taxpayers.

The goal this year is to increase the level of involvement in the VITA program. Law students will join forces with members of the Wayne F. Gibbs Accounting Society, a main-campus organization. Candidates in the law school's L.L.M. in Taxation program or the business school's M.S.T. (Masters of Science in Taxation) program, and local attorneys and accountants who attend graduate level courses in taxation are also invited to participate in this new College chapter.

There are also plans to expand the program to open it to VITA participants. As in previous years, participants from the College will work with other VITA chapters, including the Williamsburg chapters, to assist members of the Williamsburg community in preparing their tax forms. For the first time in a number of years, however, VITA participants may also be able to establish their own VITA site. Other activities under consideration include tax counseling visits to "housebound" populations, preparation sessions for college students, and community presentations on new features of the income tax. Both the number and the nature of the activities will depend on the level of student involvement.

All students, regardless of their previous experience with the income tax, are eligible to participate in VITA. The program will begin on February 8 with a training session conducted by Barbara Barto and Patsy Carroll, VITA coordinators from the IRS's Norfolk office.

Following the training sessions, participants will take a self-administered examination, which is graded by the IRS Norfolk office.

Rather than attending the training session, participants experienced in return preparation may obtain a copy of the materials used in the session and review it on their own. Student's interested in obtaining additional training by attending the IRS's Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program may be able to join members of the Colonial Williamsburg chapter in a series of training sessions to be held from January 9 to January 11. For those who complete the TCE training sessions, TCE training materials will be available for self-study.

Don't wait -- because planning for VITA activities is already underway. Interested students should identify themselves as soon as possible. Drop a slip of paper with your name and phone number into the VITA hanger file (located among the student activity hanging files), or use the VITA sign-up sheet on the student activities bulletin board. Additional information about VITA will be posted immediately following Christmas Break; students who have already identified themselves will receive this information in their hanging files. If you have any questions, leave a note in the VITA hanger file, or contact Tim Hrynicky, the law school's VITA coordinator.

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added, "Before the CASA program was created, Social Services had the judge's ear. He only saw those who conducted independent interviews and investigations and who formed independent opinions. Naturally the people at Social Services got upset. The CASA volunteers' reports didn't always agree with Social Services' views, so the Social Services people thought they (CASA members) were wrong."

Holden admits that it has been difficult for DSS to get used to the program, and that some resentment still exists. Powell said that CASA's desired role in the system, although noble, is one that may or may not have an adequate supply of information. Critics point out that the CASA volunteers often came to him with second and third hand information -- evidence which simply could not be used in a court.

It appears that CASA has been forced into a new shape by a system which may or may not have an adequate supply of information. Critics point out that the more information the judge has, the better. The CASA volunteers' meetings, although noble, is one that must be tempered with the procedural realities of our legal system. He noted that CASA volunteers often came to him with second and third hand information -- evidence which simply could not be used in a court.

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According to Brooks, the yearbook was not published. He came up with the idea to claim BSA money. Brooks said that he would be happy to get a percentage of the money back to start a yearbook for the law school.

Before going to the Publications Council, Brooks proposed the resolution to GAPS, the Graduate and Professional Students Association, which is comprised of the presidents of the five graduate schools at William and Mary. The resolution was passed by GAPS without opposition.

Brooks went directly to the BSA last year to request that funds be reallocated to the graduate schools, but was turned down.

Students who receive tickets now will have their appeals reviewed by the Appeals Committee. Members of the Appeals Committee say there is a considerable backlog of appeals at present, so results may be delayed.

For those who filed an appeal before the appointments were made to the Appeals Committee, it is likely that Merck's ad hoc board reviewed it. According to Merck, his board held over a few appeals that were too complicated to immediately decide for the Appeals Committee. The other "more straightforward appeals," many from the mayhem-filled first days of school -- he either granted or denied.

When asked if dissatisfied students had recourse, Appeals Committee members said that they would accept appeals of these decisions. In light of the couple of hundred appeals before them, however, they did not encourage this action.

Merk added that some students had come to him person-ally to elucidate their claims. "William and Mary students aren't shy," he said. "They don't generally take things quietly. They [some appellants] came in and added information to their appeals." Easler explained that this behavior is not part of the accepted appeals process; rather, a second written appeal, more clearly defining the objection to the ticket, is the proper method.

The saga is not yet over, though. Dufahl said that the Faculty Assembly is considering replacing Appeals Committee, due to difficulty in finding participants and delays of up to six months in returning decisions. The Appeals Committee members, in an idealistic moment, also expressed concerns at these delays, saying they were unfair to appellants.

Both Merck and Appeals Committee members agreed on one point: equity in the school's courts is of paramount concern.
Right to death with dignity more important now than ever

Kevin Kroner

The firstborn of controversy which surrounded the vote over Initiative 119 in Washington will come up again and again in the years to come. In today's technological society, the right to "death with dignity" is more important now than it has ever been in the past. While the initiative may have failed, the problem it sought to address continues to loom over the lives of every one of us.

Initiative 119 would have allowed a patient to receive physician assisted suicide if two doctors certified he would die within six months. The act also required that the patient's voluntary request of aid in dying be certified by two disinterested witnesses. The measure also amended the state's 1979 Natural Death Act to say that tubes for nutrition and water are among the life supports that can be withheld or removed upon written request by the patient.

Contrary to the propaganda put forth by the opposition, the initiative would have had no impact on an incompetent patient who expressed no past desire to refuse life-support. The law could not have been used to rid a family of an unwanted relative. It merely empowered the competent, terminal patient to determine the time, place, and manner of his death.

Defeat of the initiative is not the end of the issue. 64% of Americans favor physician assisted suicide for patients who request it. A Seattle-Times poll found that support for the initiative was highest among those who have personally faced death. Of course, majority approval does not make it a concept morally "right." However, it does recognize that changes in our world sometimes necessitate a reevaluation of our values.

Perhaps the greatest obstacle to physician assisted suicide in the section of the Hippocratic oath which prohibits the administration of any lethal drug. The principles of Hippocrates are eloquent in their simplicity, and will doubtless serve physicians well for centuries to come. However, it must be remembered that the oath is thousands of years old. Hippocrates could not imagine the technology available today which enables doctors to save, and maintain, the lives of patients who would have died 1,000, 100, or just 10 years ago. It is certainly possible that Hippocrates imagined this part of his oath to allow a terminally-ill patient who feels like giving up.

The writings of Plato, Pythagoras, and Aristotle each contain passages referring to the permissibility of suicide in cases of terminal illness accompanied by great pain. But this issue should not boil down to which Greek philosopher we like best. We must acknowledge the fact that some of today's medical technology maintains people in either agony or vegetation. We must also admit that, despite all of this technology, advanced hospice care cannot guarantee a pain-free death for everyone. As powerful as morphine is, it is not omnipotent. Unfortunately, the body builds a tolerance to opiates which shortens the time and the magnitude of the effect.

There appears to be some arrogance in the idea of imposing this technology upon people without their permission and then not allowing them to refuse the treatment when it creates a life of unstoppable agony. Despite the words of Dr. Carlson, this is not a method of ridding society of its burdens. It would not be used to rid the world of the mentally handicapped. The focus of the initiative was the voluntary consent of a competent patient.

What right have any of us to prohibit a person from asking that he waste no more of the pain and misery that life heaps upon him? The ultimate arrogance is the doctor (or the law) who tells the patient she must endure the pain that he created, but that he does not have to experience. When I hear of a terminal patient suffering from the everyday agony of cancer say that no one in his shoes should be allowed relief, I will rethink my position.

There is also the argument that a community must have a fundamental respect for life. Euthanasia certainly doesn't come from this concept, but not in every case. To say that the presence of a heartbeat and brain waves is respect for life is to exalt form over substance. Respect for life also means that these tough decisions should be made by the person most directly affected.

There is no greater form of freedom or liberty than the right to choose the time of one's death. Any society which claims to protect the right of the individual to live life as he or she sees fit, must also secure the right to end life by choice.

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Compassion means caring for people, not killing them

Rick Carlson

A right to die and taxes, as Ben Franklin wryly noted, are the two things we all have guaranteed. But this is not the "right" that right-to-die activists are talking about. They want to end the lives of the "burdensome" who are not leading "quality lives," or are not dying according to someone else's timetable.

Passage of Washington State's "Death with Dignity Act" would have made it the first governmental jurisdiction in the world in which medical professionals could legally assist in suicides. The initiative was unnecessary in a state that already allowed people to direct the withdrawal of life support systems when death is imminent or when the systems artificially prolong the moment of death.

Doctors have always been ethically free to withdraw extraordinary medical services, but only after they have taken every reasonable measure to care for their patient.

At stake in this debate are the most notable guidelines ever established for doctors: the first rule of medical ethics "Do no harm," and the Hippocratic Oath, which at its heart states, "I will give no deadly medicine, even if asked." Hippocrates clearly knew that ethical doctors would be asked, and would be tempted, to "finish off" their patients. For two millennia his famous guidelines kept that from happening on any great scale. Euthanasia would like to change all that. In fact, passage of such an initiative would undoubtedly lead to "suicide clinics" established by any two doctors who would attract people bringing their ill relatives from all over the country.

Notably opposed to the initiative was an organization whose members were to be the beneficiaries—the Association for Retarded Citizens of Washington (ARCW). The ARCW listed the following arguments against the initiative:

1) "It denies the dignity of people with disabilities. It promotes the prejudice of those who believe life with a disability is not worth living. Many able-bodied people cannot conceive that life in a wheelchair, or with mechanical supports, is tolerable or even desirable."

2) "It opens the door to abuse regarding the imminence of death. The provision that two physicians can approve a voluntary lethal injection if they believe death will occur within six months does not take into account that such determination carries with it a vastly greater uncertainty than the provisions of the present law, which requires that death be 'imminent.'"

3) "It creates the possibility of abuse of the voluntary nature of consent. Research shows the mentally retarded willingly yield to authority figures when they do not understand something. No safeguards exist to protect the true wishes of the retarded."

4) "It does not address who is competent to make such a decision. Hence, only one deemed incompetent would be prevented from requesting assisted death, while someone whose actual intelligence was merely suspect would be killed."

Perhaps a look at the Netherlands' experience would enlighten the advocates of doctor-assisted suicide. Though euthanasia is technically illegal, Dutch doctors are permitted much more latitude in ending the lives of terminally ill patients. In 1990, the Dutch government established the Remmelink Commission to study euthanasia. It found that despite a reporting requirement, only 200 cases of the 2000 patients actually killed were reported. An additional 23,000 patients' lives were shortened by massive dosages of painkillers, in which death was called a "side effect."

In fact, the Dutch system is so oppressive that Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino, director of the Center for the Advanced Study of Ethics at Georgetown University revealed that, "Older and handicapped patients are fearful of entering Dutch hospitals . . . . Older Dutch physicians have confided to me that they are fearful of entering their own hospitals."

The most fatal aspect of the Washington initiative was that it made no allowance for the patient who had not persisted in his or her request to be killed. Thus Aunt Nelle, who in a moment of despair wished to die, would no doubt be accommodated by doctors and relatives who viewed the passage as good riddance. Additionally, the initiative would have allowed a doctor to kill the patient "who would die within six months if left untreated or is in a persistent vegetative state" yet could have lived indefinitely if provided some treatment. This relieves the ill and aging to a premature graveyard.

Finally, the result of such an Act would be to turn families against one another in a time when they need to bnd together for mutual support and the support of the dying member. The hospitalization and death of a loved one is never convenient for family members, yet their convenience should not outweigh the needs of the dying. Although death and suffering produce character, unite families, and promote healthy grieving, they result in finality. For God has said, "There is a time to live and a time to die. " What a terrible burden to bear for the individual who must carry the weight of deciding when it's convenient for a loved one to die rather than leaving it to the only One capable of such a decision.

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Many are responsible for the rise of David Duke

Tobin Roth

"Between two evils, I always pick the one I haven't tried before." These were the words of the indomitable Mae West who, unfortunately for Louisiana's David Duke, was unable to vote in his November 16 gubernatorial runoff with Edwin Edwards. Despite Duke's decisive defeat, the former Ku Klux Klanner and fellow of the "Heart of Dixie" movement, thus portraying Wallace as weak on the segregation issue. From this humility came Wallace's infamous quote, "I'll never be out-rigged again" (Wallace asserts he said "out-aged"). Accordingly, he was transformed into Segregation's standard bearer and stomached in Montgomery with victories in 1962, 1970, and 1974. Mrs. Lurleen Wallace took the helm in 1966 when the state Constitution (at that time) refused her husband two consecutive terms. Sensationally, George Wallace had been a "man" on the "Heart of Dixie," and he also took his message into two strong campaigns for the White House.

But it was in his successful Gubernatorial campaign of 1962 that George Wallace discredited this current identity with David Duke. Amazingly, Wallace rode to victory with almost all of Alabama's sizeable black vote, repudiating and apologizing for his ugly past. Moreover, he was true to his supporters with an administration considered by many as the most beneficial to minorities in state history. On a personal level, I can recall a particular gesture of Wallace's ideological change. As a Freshman at the University of Alabama in 1986, I was one of 55,000 who watched the wheelchair-bound Governor crown kiss our black hero of the civil rights movement, Dr. Martin Luther King. While the objectives of the program may not deserve those side effects, such ill's should not be blamed on those who argued against the therapy in the first place.

In the final analysis, many of the labels and explanations for David Duke are more important than the man. Even though the debate may seem trivial since this man was handily defeated in his latest campaign, such disinterest poses dangerous consequences.

For if the American public is satisfied with tagging David Duke as rehashed racism, he will make it possible for a 3rd party to produce a candidate with the lowest of goals.

The second "No" to Newsweek's question is in response to the inference that this man is only the Republican Party's problem. It is a fact that Duke is a nominal Republican, but he was once a Democrat and has greatly benefited from both parties. On a state level, the Louisiana G.O.P. benefited in its handling of the October 19 general election — a costly error that allowed Duke into the runoff.

With most Republican voters contemplating Duke and incumbent Buddy Roemer like it's the only candidate, it was elected a third G.O.P. candidate with the lowest of odds. Apparently, the Party elite weighed their distaste for the Grand Wizard and the ex-Democrat, and the latter upset the scales.

But the Democrats of Louisiana are not without fault, either. Since their voter registration numbers are nearly 75% of the state electorate, it is obvious that many Democrats are outnumbered and Duke machine. Furthermore, the state Party leadership should ask itself how the only viable candidate it could produce was Edwin "Fast Eddie" Edwards. In fairness, partial explanation for the Democrats' dilemma goes to Roemer's recent defection to the Republican Party. However, it is a sad commentary that the best candidate the Louisiana Democratic Party could produce is the man who watched the wheelchair-bound Governor crown kiss our black hero of the civil rights movement.

Edwards himself best characterized his blatant disregard for ethical and moral leadership when he quipped, "The only reason I'm in trouble is if I'm caught in bed with a dead girl or a live boy.

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Test yourself with the ultimate first year question

By JOHN EDWARDS

Assume the following: the cable tv station is showing a NCIS-rated biography of an undercover agent which blazed over to the People's Court's station; the loudspeaker manufacturer's specs were written in Chinese and in blue ink; the utility contractor failed to curb his dog which was subsequently run over; Hamburg Helper calls for 2 cups of water; the children looked old enough to buy the $20 bill was of Canadian denomination; federal regulations required water billing payments on a daily basis whenever a local nuclear plant had a 1-in-100 chance of meltdown; due to a deeply held religious belief, Frank refused to install his garbage; the city had a rule requiring payment of all taxes and bills on the first Monday of each month, regardless of whether the day was a national holiday; the landlord owned the house; the leading candidate for the next stage of the job wanted a desk next to Arnie Becker; the city requires that any suit brought be pressed.

Do not assume that the cat had been speedily and efficiently used in Professor Grover's class except candy wrappers. Do not leave the room unless it is to consult with another student. Return the test to me so I can use it next year. I will put an permanent reserve for you to check your answers. If you have ques-

tions I will be chairing a seminar in D.C. If you can figure out which one it is, you may call. You have 7 minutes to complete this case.

Answer the question following the hypothetical.

Frank was put out his trash when Felix approached. Noticing that Frank was handling an oriental lamp which would go for thousands in any respectable Arabian street bazaar, Felix asked the car if Frank would be willing to sell. The cat told Felix that he could have the lamp if he ran around in a circle three times and paid him $20. Not replying, Felix pinned the $20 to his shirt and began his trek, planning to grab the lamp on his third go-around and take off for parts unknown. Just as Felix began his third round, a giant cicada flew up and bit his head off. A motorist, shocked at the sight and eye-

ing the $20, ran into a home driven by a gubernatorial candidate. Determined to avoid any possibility that the $20 constituted a bribe during a phone call, the candidate always conducted all of his business via the loudspeaker mounted on the roof. The accident made the airbag go off, suffocating the gubernatorial hopeful just as he was about to further exercise his first amendment freedoms. When the airbag deflated, the candidate, now dead, fell forward and tipped a switch marked "Radar Detector Service" which caused his radio's signal to go through the loudspeaker at the same moment that the Rosenburg Rap and Gospel Band came on with their new anthem devoted to the glory of Satan and vengeful gods.

The older couple stealing Frank's pe-

In mind, let's take a peek into this week's case.

Dear Miss Demeanor,

Some of the less considerate first year students have been actually holding study sessions in the computer lab of the li-

ary. How, one of the group will type while the others discuss the topic or read to each other. I understand the urgency they must feel in put-

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ing together a good outline, but they seem to have com-
pletely forgotten that other students need to get papers and outlines finished as well, and they're making it impossible for us to concentrate. I would like to tell them that they should meet in someone's home, or write the outline in a study room and then have one member of the group type it up, but I'm not sure how to approach them. Is there a polite way to remind these people that the computer lab is not the place to hold group meetings?

"Dear D.O."

"I most certainly agree that this type of inconsiderate behavior should not have to be tolerated by other Happy Students who need to concentrate in the com-

puter lab. I suggest that you get in touch with the adm-

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istration agrees, and has been monitoring the problem. The problem you speak of seems to run in cycles -- it last occurred with the class of '90. At that time, the problem was eliminated by the upperclassmen themselves, who would snicker, shake their heads, or laugh un-
controlably whenever one of the little tools made a point of law. Another remedy is to offer assis-

tance to the frightened cretins and fill their heads and outlines with some information. And some frustrated second and third years simply reached over, un-plugged the abusers' machines and dumped all of their work.

However, all of these solutions require the removal of the student class to waste valuable study time of their own. Fortunately, the administration has decided to take action this year. In order to remove all the year's classes, its normal size, plans have been made to covertly alert the upper classes and, at a pre-set time, gas the entire lab, thus killing off the bulk of ultra-competitive first years and returning the class size and personality to normal levels.

Dear Miss Demeanor,

Like most law students, I find myself somewhat financially embarrassed this holi-

day season. I barely have enough funds left to weather the winter break, let alone buy gifts for my friends and family. What should I do?

"B.B."

"Please don't allow this tempo-

tary situation to get you de-

pressed. Certainly those people who care should realize the predicament you're in and expect little more than a token gift or card. Most everyone has been in a financially difficult position during the holidays at one time or another. Perhaps you can take this opportunity to be a little creative! I'm suggesting that you take time from your studies to make a gift, with a little imagination, you can satisfy all of your gift giving needs with I.O.U.'s for personalized legal services. How about a gift certificate for free Trust and Estate work for that wealthy Uncle? You can even be creative and make combo pack-

ages for your married relatives - a Tangerines to the Utility department and a bankruptcy filing for your brother-in-law. Maybe insurance work for Dad, and a free man-

slaughter defense for Mom. If you put your mind to it, the poss-

ibilities are endless.

Confidential to "Are We Next?"

No. The fact that three members of the administration now have Visithachts, and处在 a pared down, finished with the planned expansion, does not mean that America's oldest law school has been purchased by a software company. The situation at the couple now is that the10 college faculty are simply making a desperate at-

tempt to recapture their long lost youth. I suppose they've forgot-

ten that in their youth, the last thing they wanted was a car with no back seat.

Questions for Miss Demeanor should be placed in the Amicus Curiae box. The editors will make certain that she gets them. Letters can be anonymous, and will remain that way unless Miss Demeanor figures out who you are.
By RICHARD A. HRCIK
OK, OK you can stop laughing now. Why ME? you may be asking? Because I subscribe to the "minimum-effort-maximum-grade return" theory of law school. I feel it is my solemn duty to pass along this knowledge to the first year class.

• STUDY TIP #1 — 1-800-253-1594
Can you study aids? No, not a venereal disease hotline but the number for Lerner Books! Believe it or not there are people who actually present material in an understandable format, something first year professors are genetically incapable of doing. As Deiter from Sprocket would say, "Love them! Touch them! USE THEM!"

• STUDY TIP #2 — BEFRIEND 2 and 3Ls
Take a look at the second and third year class. Pick a person whom you never see studying or attending classes, but who often came to school dressed up for in-class. Pick a person whom you never see studying or attending classes, but who often came to school dressed up for in-class. Invite them into your study group. I.e., cheat, or steal a copy. Act like a lawyer for chitsakes and get your hands on a copy. But of course, one should never violate the Honor Code!

Also, it may be easier to befriend a schmoozer who has already got their own copy. In this case, a few dollars spend on pitchers at the Leafe could help your career tremendously.

• STUDY TIP #3 — READ THE STUFF!
For those who aren’t quite sure what to do with these outlines, you must actually read them. Know someone who has read every assignment, hornbook and treatise and who prepared their outlines months ago. Invite them into your study group. I.e., cheat, or steal a copy. Act like a lawyer for chitsakes and get your hands on a copy. But of course, one should never violate the Honor Code!

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• STUDY TIP #4 — ACCESS A LAW GEEK, POWER TOOL, HELIUM HAND, ETC.
The cornerstone of capitalist theory rests upon the premise of acquiring wealth from the fruits of another’s labor. Why should law school be an exception? All of you (to VA natives, the translation for this phrase is "Y'all") know someone who has read every assignment, hornbook and treatise and who prepared their outlines months ago. Invite them into your study group. I.e., cheat, or steal a copy. Act like a lawyer for chitsakes and get your hands on a copy. But of course, one should never violate the Honor Code!

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• STUDY TIP #6 — PSYCH OUT THE OPPOSITION
Remember the Brian Titus maxim, "Every minute you keep others from studying is as good as actually spending a minute studying." By properly organizing group happy hours, you can improve your rank in the class immensely. Other ways to hinder your classmates’ studying include citing verbatim the most innocuous detailed areas of a given subject. Tell them 2L’s and 3L’s said it was on their exams. Even better is to discuss doctrines that don’t exist. Imagine the fun of making someone spend countless hours looking through numerous texts only to find their efforts were in vain. Hey! Wait a minute! That sounds like Law Review, doesn’t it?

• STUDY TIP #7 — BOOT LICKING WON’T HELP
Your exams are graded by the blind. I mean your exam is blindly graded (the professor doesn’t know who you are). The results however are the same. If this is news to you, I am sorry. Your undergraduate study tricks won’t help here. All those apple-polishing and butt-kissing skills you honed to perfection as an undergraduate aren’t going to help your grades one bit.

• STUDY TIP #8 — DRASTIC MEASURES
If you are completely convinced there is no way you can be prepared for the exams, there is still hope. Desperate times call for desperate acts! Seriously injure yourself or hospitalize a loved one so that you will be excused from exams.

If you have any other questions I’d be glad to answer them. Leave a message at the Deer Run Pro Shop or in bad weather, with any of the local mixologists who will always know where I am. But if you call me at home before noon, I’ll kill ya’!!!

Collect them all! This week: the homeless of Marshall-Wythe!

More clip ‘n’ save Marshall-Wythe trading cards
Life after Law School

Ziemer leaves entertainment law to aid conservative PAC

By DAVID ZIEMER
Midwestern Correspondent

Well, it finally happened. After six months of being a law school graduate, I
finally joined the legal job. So much for life on the road with the "Cheats!" Hearts.
Actually, I got fired by the rest of the band, so I had no choice. One night we
were singing at the Honey Bucket in Cenomowee and I was even drunker
than usual. So I was talking to the audience between songs, like great per­
dformers do, and I asked “Does anybody out there like country Music?” and the
crowd yelled back “Yeah!” Then I yelled “Anybody out there working for mini­
mal wages?” Everybody started yelling back with approval until some smart-ass figured out I
was insulting them and tried to start a fight. Not a good scene.

The band was willing to let it slide if I promised never to do it again. But when,
after the show, I tried to get them to quit the Industrial Workers of the World, I went too far.
They could stand an urban lawyer snob for their Hank Williams coverman, but a
socialist urban lawyer snob was just too much.

So now I've got this great job in the legal department of a conservative PAC
called Businesses Against Fraudulent Slip-and-Falls. Whenever it snows, we go
from one member's place of business to the next, shoveling snow and spreading
salt to melt the ice.

It's kind of seasonal work but, you know, that's the way real world legal
practice is. You get more homicides in the summer, and more slip-and-falls in the
winter. At least I'm in the right part of the country to be a "labor specialist." Up here
in Wisconsin, we get a lot more “snow days” than “hot and humid, therefore I kill
days.”

Which reminds me. Those of you who actually have interviewers, don't be
schmoozed by those Northern law firms that do all of their interviewing and call­
backs in September. The world class cultural amenities, ethnic neighborhoods and a
lot of those professional sports teams they always boast of are only subjective
assets. Inches of snow and degrees below zero are real, objective liabilities that
CAN be measured and truly suck.

But of course, if life were perfect, there'd be no need for lawyers. Then
you'd all have to go to work every day, instead of sleeping till noon and getting
drunk all night. (I trust that's still what law school consists of.) And me, why I'd
have to get a job doing manual labor instead of working in a nice, cusby job for a
PAC and shoveling snow. Yes indeed, wherever life sucks the most is the place
for a lawyer to be

This is actually the first time I've ever
truly enjoyed the coming of winter. It
should do wonders for my moonlight law
practice -- I can just see all those cars
sliding on the snow and ice, hitting and
damaging people and property. And a
third of those damages are just for me!

Money may not buy happiness, but mis­
cery can sure bring in a lot of money if you
have a J.D. after your name.

Perhaps winter will bring in so many
lawsuits that I'll be able to practice full­
time and resign from the PAC. That
public interest stuff is strictly for the birds
anyway. I'm really only doing it to get
expertise for when I practice full-time and
can file fraudulent complaints of my own.
Of course, I'd rather file legitimate
claims, but really, insurance companies
only pay on the fraudulent claims any­
way. What am I to do, work for justice or
money? The question kind of answers itself.
In the meantime, I'll just keep
working for the PAC, dressing warm, and
pretending to be concerned about the
protection and restoration of private
property in this once-great nation of ours.
Take care, and if you happen to
be foolish enough to go up North over vac­
cation, watch your step. If you don't, just
give me a call. There are two things this
world will never have a shortage of: liars
and thieves. So what's one more?

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REDEK Paul Mitchell
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Just back from a spin around the "burg, debonair Dean
Donny, er Tim, Sullivan poses with his new RX-7.

Greg Brunnett

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Uprising: Tuesday, November 26
Rasmel: Tuesday, December 3
Uprising: Tuesday, December 10

Kathy Frahm
Lawrence I'Anson
Mark Donald
Robert Bryant

Long a fixture of the law school 'lobby,' Kathy claims she just goes to dis­
tracted studying at home. While many don't know her well may
find this excuse plausible, Kathy also
claims to be sharing an apartment with Robert Bryant, prompting many to
question the existence of any pos­
sible distraction, since Robert has
never been seen leaving the law
school. While those with a more third
years can be commended for at least
sitting in their story, Professor
McElmoe has privately expressed
dismay that even after a full two years
of Legal Skills, they haven’t learned to
tell the type of believable lie be­
litting members of the legal profession.

Although the last name evokes a
rich, proud history in Virginia,
many wonder if Lawrence isn't
using an alias. How else can one
explain his desire to spend hours
in the Spartan conditions of the
library, rather than in the com­
fortable digs befitting a relative
of one of Virginia's most distin­
guished jurists? Those close to
Lawrence though, swear that he
is not an impostor, but only a
dedicated student trying to es­
cape the strange procédès of
pragmatic teams, prate­
cating Californian Sean Sell.

No one knows where Mark came
from, and Dean Shealy is still not
sure how he got into the first year
class. While he claims an aversion
to personal property as the ex­
planation for his transient status,
criminal records in several states
list a man of almost identical de­
scription wanted for numerous
heists of expensive foreign sports
cars. While no one in the admin­
istration has been able to con­
firm the similarities between the sus­
pect and Mark, the Dean was seen
in Ames last week, pricing anti­
thief devices for his new RX-7.

Robert took the position of Chief
Justice on the Most Court Board so
he could keep his pillow in the team's
office. Although he once had a
promising career in banking, his
world came crashing down around
his ears when underlings on his staff
were accused of embezzlement.
Recognizing the handwriting on the
wall, Bobby beat a hasty retreat
to his alma mater, and was able to
work out a plea agreement that called
only for restitution. Still, it was
a mighty hefty amount of money. Not
only is Robert unable to pay, but
this year he was forced to take a
position as a Legal Skills T.A.
A kinder, gentler SBA
SBA President, Richard Brooks, described his regime as a “kinder, gentler” student government after cancelling the SBA meeting last Wednesday. At a private interview, Brooks explained, “With finals approaching, I thought I’d give everyone a break.” If only that were true. What Brooks really meant was that he had a semester’s worth of work to do in three weeks and no time for meetings.

Nevertheless, Brooks had some information to divulge. Brooks noted that the smoking referendum has been postponed until January and that arrangements for Barrister’s Ball have been made. The event will be held at The Lodge as promised, but Brooks had no comment on the issue of new taxes. Tickets for the February 22nd show will cost $20 per person. Sales begin immediately following winter break.

Brooks said, “Two hundred tickets must be sold by the end of January or there will be no ball.” For some reason, The Lodge questions SBA’s fiscal integrity.

In other SBA news, commencement plans are underway. Jessica Lynch has secured Phi Beta Kappa Hall as an alternative location in case of rain. Realizing that inclement weather would be the only way he would ever get into Phi Beta Kappa, Brooks was last seen practicing his rain dance.

In closing, Brooks issued a warning to the Marshall-Wythe community in light of the upcoming holiday. Displaying his knowledge of bacterial infections, Brooks urged, “Eat your stuffing at the table; avoid the temptation to let it sit out for several hours.”

Suzanne FitzGerald

LSIC sponsors food drive

As the days grow shorter and colder, the thoughts of Marshall-Wythe students inevitably turn to Thanksgiving turkeys (exams), holiday shopping (exams), vacation breaks with family and friends (exams), and last, but not least, exams. Last we become too wrapped up in either the coziness of the holiday or the terror of exams, Law Students Involved in the Community (LSIC) is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the local food pantry, FISH.

FISH is an ecumenical volunteer organization that has operated in Williamsburg since 1975. According to FISH volunteer Karen Bergast, the food pantry distributes three-day supplies of canned, non-perishable food to families in the community. Many of these families are in need of emergency food supplies as a result of disasters or to supplement gaps in other forms of community support. In 1990, the pantry served nearly 4000 people.

Boxes for food donations are located in the student lounge next to the hanging files. Donations of canned goods, soups, rice or pasta, and peanut butter are especially appreciated. Donations for FISH will be accepted through the end of the exam period.

Paula Hannaford

Home for the Holidays

Need a ride? Want someone to share the expenses on your drive home? Phi Alpha Delta has created a “ride board” to help connect riders and drivers. The board is the result of an idea offered by PAD member Kate Atkins (3L). Atkins said that she had been interested in the project since her first year.

The ride board is located with the student organization bulletin boards. It consists of pegs labeled with different areas of the state and country. For example, Richmond, Norfolk, and Washington D.C.; South, Northeast, and Midwest. If you want to find a ride and share costs, fill out a white card and hang it on the peg for the area of your destination. If you are looking for riders, fill out a colored card. Blank cards are available on the board. In both instances include when and where you want to go.

Share the ride and save!

Bob Dickinson

Firm plans new community program

Going back to high school may strike most law students as a frightening prospect. But don’t worry, this time you won’t have to suffer through the horrors of gym class. Starting next semester, Marshall-Wythe students will have the opportunity to help teach local high school and middle school kids about the role of law in society and government.

Initial involvement for Marshall-Wythe students will include a brief training session and one or more excursions into local high schools and/or middle schools. Students will work with government and social studies teachers to educate the kids about how laws, courts and lawyers function within the American governmental structure. The program, organized by the legal skills firm of Lederer, Posey, Devan and Rodstein, will provide an opportunity to use the stuff they teach in Con Law. All students are encouraged to get involved.

The firm hopes that next semester will mark the beginning of a continuing effort to improve the educational opportunities available in the local schools. Becoming involved in the program in this early stage has its advantages for law students as well. First, the initial commitment will be limited. The program will be starting slowly, and the total time commitment for the spring semester will probably be less than ten hours. Second, for students interested in law-related education will have an opportunity to increase their level of involvement.

Announcements for an organizational meeting will be posted in January. With sufficient involvement, the firm hopes to start a meaningful, mutually-beneficial working relationship between the law school community and the kids and educators in the surrounding schools. Any comments, questions or suggestions about the new program should be directed to Mike Him (1L).

Mike Him

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Exam freak-out holiday buying Guide

By KEVIN WALSH

Here we are again at that magical time of the year when the world takes some time out and sings sweet songs about peace on Earth, goodwill to men and chestnuts roasting on open fires. As law students, we are driven to the verge of psychosynthesis by exams. I've got your game, I've got your back.

One of the myriad reasons why fruit cake just doesn't make it as a cool gift is that the best kind of gift, of course, is the kind that keeps on giving. The second kind of gift is the kind that's pretty cheap and easy to find at the last minute.

So, let's recap. Keep on giving, cheap, easy to find. No, I'm not talking about warts. This is a music column, fer Chrissakes, and its Christmas time. I'm talking about music.

Christmas Records

Even though I've always questioned the wisdom of the record companies' gifts as gifts for Christmas (you essentially give the person a whole day of enjoyment and then they have to wait until the next November or so), there are a few neat Christmas releases that everyone should know about. The best Christmas record of all time is A Christmas Gift From Phil Specter. Phil Specter was a great producer in the early 60s and this record is filled songs by the (now) obscure black groups he produced. Almost entirely Christmas standards, from the dramatic reading of "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" to the big band sound of "Marshalltown World" to the galloping, soaring "The Bell Of St. Mary's," this album captures the feeling of longing and optimism present in late December and almost no other time. Best of all is "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)," the album's only original, sung powerfully and beautifully by Darlene Love.

U2's version of this song on 1987's A Very Special Christmas only hinted at the album's only original, sung powerfully and beautifully by Darlene Love. U2's version of this song on 1987's A Very Special Christmas only hinted at the album's strength and emotion of this classic lyric which is so desolate and grim that it forces the listener to wonder if it was a necisst song in the first place. "This Christmas" by Donny Hathaway is a horn-driven, energetic searcher that manages to be both soulful and in the spirit of the holidays. Clarence Carter's cover-the-top "Back Door Santa" combines Christmas and raw sex with incredible results, including the classic lyric "I ain't like old Saint Nick / He don't come but once a year." The set is rounded out by two versions of Luther Vandross's "May Christmas Bring You Happiness," songs by the Drifters, Otis & Carla, T.I. "Regressions," King Curtis, Joe Tex and two great instrumentals by Booker T and the MG's, among others. This is one for the archives.

CD Singles

For the more money-conscious among us, CD singles offer a cheap ($5-$6) alternative to buying someone a whole album. Especially if you have a specific group or song in mind for someone, giving CD singles can be the best of both worlds - offering both the known and the unknown. The best CD singles are those which include the hit song, along with some live or unreleased material. For instance, the Smithereens' "Top Of The Pops" CD single included an unreleased B-side, an acoustic version of their last hit, "A Girl Like You," plus covers of "Shakin' All Over" and the obscure Beatles track "One After 909." All in all, the single was better than the whole album and about $9 cheaper. Record companies seem to be releasing CD singles if a) the song is pretty popular on the radio or b) the song is by an up-and-coming artist. Artists as diverse as Lloyd Cole, Crowded House, Naughty By Nature, Morrissey, and PM Dawn have great CD singles out now. Check your friendly neighborhood record store for more details.

For The Kids

Although it was released last summer, Disney's For Our Children is a natural for holiday gift-giving, especially for little kids. It's hard enough to think of a universe containing both Debbie Gibson and Bob Dylan, much less this excellent 20-song album. The album also contains performances by ex-Beach Boy Brian Wilson, Meryl Streep, Paula Abdul and Sting. Bruce Springsteen's "Chicken Lips and Lizard Hips" is like "Calvin and Hobbes" set to music and Little Richard's "The Itty Bitty Spider" has to be heard to be believed. Dylan's version of "This Old Man" sounds like some kind of subtime joke, while Paul McCartney's previously released "Mary Had A Little Lamb" makes clear everything that's ever been annoying about McCartney. Parent-pleasers James Taylor, Elton John, Barbra Streisand, Jackson Browne and Bette Midler are also included.

Disney is donating a significant amount of the For Our Children proceeds to the Pediatric AIDS Foundation, so your money is going toward a good cause too.

New Releases

The Pet Shop Boys have released a greatest hits compilation called Discography that might be worth investigating for the disco-afficionado on your list. The set compiles all their singles (including "West End Girls," "Rent," "Always On My Mind," "What Have I Done To Deserve This," among others) as well as two new songs. The Pet Shop Boys have always been a dubious album proposition, at best, so this collection might be the perfect vehicle for what has always been essentially a singles band.

For the Springsteen fan on your list, while they're waiting for the Boss's new album (now slated for an early 1992 release), pick up Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes latest effort, called Better Days. The single "It's Been A Long Time" includes performances by Springsteen and Little Steven and is a classic slice of New Jersey bar band rock, with a great horn track and some propulsive drumming by ex-E Street Max Weinberg. The whole album, produced — and with most of the songs written by Little Steven — sounds like a great party between a bunch of old friends who are just remembering how fun it is to hang out together. Standout tracks include Springsteen original "All The Way Home," the rocking opening track "Coming Back" and title track "Better Days". The only real piece of crap on the album is the cliché-ridden Huey Lewis-like rocker "I've Been Workin' Too Hard" which, coincidentally, features a cameo by cliché-prone rocker Jon Bon Jovi.

Other new releases to keep an eye out for before Christmas include the new U2 album Achtung Baby, the new Phil Specter box set Back To Mono, and the supposedly excellent new Clash box set The Clash On Broadway.
**Movie review**

**Cape Fear** proves a suspenseful place to visit

**By R.L. CLAY**

CAST: Robert DeNiro, Nick Nolte, Jessica Lange and Juliette Lewis.

Cape Fear follows the obsessive efforts of a psychotic ex-con who seeks revenge on the attorney he feels screwed him. Unfortunately, the attorney’s action may cause some of us future guardians of justice to ponder what our own conscience might have dictated had we been placed in a similar situation. Cape Fear is best as a no brainer though. Leave the pondering of ethics for legal skills or at least until after the credits. Suspense is what Cape Fear offers.

If there is an overserved analogy in movie reviews it’s the invocation of Hitchcock uncovering the “feel” of a movie. In this case, it fits. Martin Scorsese, who’s directed films such as Goodfellas and The Last Temptation of Christ, has odd camera angles, strange lighting and often unfulfilled tension in a manner even the great one himself would be proud to of. Scorcese does add one component that Hitch himself might have incorporated -- gruesomeness. There are a few scenes that the weak of stomach may need to turn away from.

The cast in Cape Fear is quite (don’t want to use words like superlative, but I have to, this Showbiz afterall), and they act the part, pardon the pun. Robert DeNiro, Nick Nolte and Jessica Lange head line but Cape also has Joe Don Baker (Walking Tall), Robert Mitchum, Gregory Peck and newcomer, Juliette Lewis who portrays the daughter of the Nolte-Lange couple.

DeNiro plays a real sweet heart, sort of a combination Charlie Manson and Rocky. Unfortunately for attorney Nolte, DeNiro has Manson’s personality, and Rocky’s toughness. DeNiro is great. So good, in fact, that his character may become a cult hero to white trash – that’s how the character refers to himself -- everywhere. DeNiro’s character in 10 words or less: ruthless, avenging, intelligent, sexual deviant, detail oriented, philosophical, physically fit. Sounds like a fun guy, huh?

Nolte and Lange are a married couple who have had a few rough times, in the marital sense. Lange, is the best surprise of the movie, an unknown who holds her own when surrounded by some of the best Hollywood has to offer. She plays the part to perfection every time sweet, awkward, innocent and confused in equal portions. And best of all she’s not cut from the Hollywood mold, you know, blonde and buxom with long legs. I’m sure we’ll be seeing her in the future.

The cast is rounded out by some well known actors in bit roles and equally well executed. Joe Don Baker plays an “ends justify the means” sort of individual, Robert Mitchum portrays a “first character” and Gregory Peck plays eighteen times indignation to the hilt. All are exemplary performances.

As it all, Cape Fear is a very good film, but remember, it’s intention is to create fear and suspense. If you don’t like those feelings, this film isn’t for you. If you do enjoy those sensations, then give it a try.

MOVIES AT LARGE

This weeks video genre: Mind­less Horror.

There’s no reason why they’re funny, and you’re ashamed to admit you like them, but the source of the sneak is that in the original, with the sequel is not as full and rich by some of the best Hollywood has to offer. She plays the part to perfection every time sweet, awkward, innocent and confused in equal portions. And best of all she’s not cut from the Hollywood mold, you know, blonde and buxom with long legs. I’m sure we’ll be seeing her in the future.

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“Fear” is placed in a similar situation.

By HEATHER SUE RAMSEY

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**Book review**

**A Harlequin Romance follow­up to Gone With the Wind saga**

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By STEVE SCHOFIELD and MICHAEL REYNOLDS

**What About Bob?** - (1991; starring Bill Murray, Richard Dreyfuss; directed by Frank Oz)

Successful psychiatrist Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Dreyfuss, gets a new patient on the day before his big summer vacation. The only problem is that the patient, Bob Wiley, portrayed by Bill Murray, wants to see the doctor all the time.

Bob, a harmless but neurotic hypochondriac, thus follows the doctor and his family to New Hampshire, much to the detrition of Marvin but to the delight of his family. Bob works his way into Marvin’s family and ends up seriously aggravating Marvin, who is an egotistical jerk.

Essentially a one joke movie, What about Bob? does have its comic moments and entertaining features. The humor is somewhat cartoonish, reminding one of a demented Roadrunner & Coyote cartoon. Murray delves into his bag of clown faces often, yet he seems to be getting a bit tired of the same old routine. Another drawback is that if you’ve seen the commercials, you’ve seen the movie.

It definitely has some good laughs but unfortunately there is little more. Both of these fine comic actors have done much better work, but even at half­speed, these gags are still entertaining. We give it a generally good recommendation if you’re into silly humor.

**Mortal Thoughts** - (1991; starring Demi Moore, Glenn Close, Bruce Willis; directed by Alan Rudolph)

Ethereal story of a killing and the effect it had on the two women involved, as told through a series of flashbacks based on the recollections of Cynthia, played by Moore. She is the best friend of Joyce, portrayed by Headly, who is married to Jimmy (Willis).

Jimmy is a violent and irrational husband whose occupation seemed to be snorting coke and beating his wife. Jimmy is killed and the movie moves forward to explore the question of what really happened before and after his death. It becomes a fascinating exercise in causing the viewer to wonder what is fact and what is illusion.

This riveting drama has a complex plot and an eerie tone. The viewer is never quite sure what will happen next. This is the rare film that actually creates interest as the story unfolds and the questions accumulate. Your attention is demanded throughout the film, as each detail is examined. Solid acting and directing also contribute to the overall quality of the intricate storyline. Harvey Kietel was especially good in a short, understated role as a police officer.

This is definitely not your average action thriller because of its unique way of generating suspense and tension. We highly recommend this overlooked film, especially for those who like intrigue.
How the Cookie Crumbles: A Chinese view on Law School

By AMY JARMON

Chinese food is a favorite with many law students. It's cheap and fast--two major benefits for law students in today's competitive environment. Few Chinese restaurants in town, you can get to a restaurant in minutes no matter where you are. Also, those cute little cartons are great for leftovers to heat up in the microwave in the student lounge the next day. Besides, where else in town do you get the true philosophical view on the law--the fortune cookie.

As a 1L, the first time I went out for dinner with another law student, we decided on Chinese. Both of us had been plugging away mercilessly at the books for several weeks. As older students we were suffering from the effects of rusty study skills, of doubts about our ever being competent again, and of starvation for the real world outside Marshall-Wythe.

After a great meal at Hsing Ling and mutual consolation about our law school bewilderment, the moment arrived for the fortune cookies.

Now, I have eaten at Hsing Ling for fifteen years with the occasional fortune cookie which made sense in my own life. Once upon a time, I was married to a sociology professor, and he received: "The criminal commits the crime: society prepares the crime." But basically, I was a skeptic. Like horoscopes, fortune cookies are too generic and contrived.

I opened my cookie with nonchalance. It read: "You will win success in whatever calling you adopt." How's that for being on point for a law student in the throes of working weeks when you have been crazy enough to give up a successful career, very nice salary, and beautiful home to subject herself to the manic-depressive experience of a legal education? I have said for years that something eerie must be happening in the fortune cookie factory; maybe V.C. Andrews or Stephen King could use this plot idea.

The next time I went for Chinese food first year, I was really down. The most excitement I'd had in two months had been going grocery shopping and finding a sale on Little Debbie fig cakes.

There are several disadvantages to being in law school at my age. You're significantly older than most of the male students in the entire student body, not to mention some of your peers. You have to work to support your law school habit, and have no time for romance, even if it did come along. And financially, you're at a point where you would really rather be practical about the whole thing and find a wealthy 95 year old. I opened my fortune cookie and it read: "When time permits, your personal life will be exciting." Okay, so I have to wait three years. Is that to big a price to pay for a J.D. degree?

Right before 1L first semester exams, I went back for Chinese food. By now, I was a little anxious as I opened up my fortune cookie, but tried to use an objective standard. The message was: "The law of attraction and its power is real, yet not forever." Taking this to heart, I stayed up until 2 a.m. studying for my contracts final. Of course I overslept, and woke up for the 9:00 exam at 10:30--a 1L nightmare.

For those who are wondering about the administrative policy, I got to take the exam and was given three hours to complete it. In return, my grade was dropped from an "A" to an "A-". I was just glad it wasn't an automatic "F," like it would have been under the strict facility policy I (rather ironically) enforced as a dean at the undergraduate college for 9 years!

During the second semester of my first year, I worked two jobs for over half of the semester. I went back to Hsing Ling. My fortune read: "A friend asks only for your time, not your money." Good thing! I was having trouble making ends meet, and had figured out that all of my savings would be gone by February of March. Time I could eek out, but money was another story! Ah, the privilege of being academically non-functional is a tragedy for those who feel and a comedy for those who think.

As those of you who've known me for three years may have guessed, I'm a feeler. Fortunately, after a lot of tears, pep talks from profs and friends, and sessions with the nice folks in the counselling center, I got my perspective back.

Within weeks, I went back for more Chinese. The fortune said: "Good news will come to you from far away." Shortly afterwards, my Britsh firm agreed to take me on for five weeks for academic credit. Then Professor Williams decided to hire me as a Program Assistant for the Exeter program. England, which had looked like such a dream, became a reality.

Preparing for exams after weeks of being academically non-functional is a real experience. Stopping by Hsing Ling for a quick meal on the run, I opened my cookie without really thinking about the significance of the act. It read: "A good time to finish up old tasks." Yeah, like the hundreds of pages I was behind in every course, and the outlines I hadn't even started. Fortunately, I'm well organized in a crunch and had learned more from classes than I had thought.

So, what has third year brought in the way of wisdom so far? The first try at the fortune game got me: "You have a deep appreciation for the arts and music." I think this was referring to my 3L penchant for reading novels and watching inane movies on cable when I'm too tired to study. Everyone always said 3L's had a different attitude.

A few weeks ago I received a fortune that said: "You will be travelling and coming into a fortune." I had been trying to get an Articled Clerk position with an English firm but the chances looked bleak because the hiring cycle for those type of jobs in England runs two years ahead. And we thought we had it rough here in the States! Shortly after reading this fortune, I found out I would be travelling to England for October interviews. As far as coming into a fortune, well, I'm filling out new loan papers for an SLS.

I'm now a believer. On my honor, all of the above fortunes are true. I have the evidence at home in an envelope. Now I'm calculating how many more Chinese meals I'll have to eat before I get fortunes that read: "You have been chosen for worthwhile legal pursuits to fill your waiting period before the Articles Clerkship at Woolcombe Beer Watts begins." And "You have passed the three examination for your practice certificate in England and Wales."

I wonder if I should write the fortune cookie factory owner and make these suggestions for new slogans? Naw, I'll just continue to believe in the Fortune Cookie Deity. She has been good to me so far. Maybe I should hang red lanterns and dragon murnals in my apartment. What about getting little paper umbrellas for drinks in my library-approved mug?
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

• Movie: "Blow Up" Charles Center, Tucker basement, 8 p.m. Free and open to public.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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• Men’s Basketball vs. Davidson, W&M Hall, 7:30 p.m.

• W&M Chamber Orchestra: Third Annual Holiday Festival, Wren Great Hall, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

• Reception celebrating 20th anniversary of W&M Hall, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

• W&M Chamber Orchestra: Third Annual Holiday Festival, Wren Great Hall, 7:30 p.m.

• W&M Theatre Second Season: "Welcome to Andromeda," "Dolores" and "The Typists," PBK, Lab Theatre, 8:15 p.m. Free, no reserved seats, no seating while play in progress. Also December 5.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

• Men’s Basketball vs. UNC-Greensboro, W&M Hall, 7:30 p.m.

• Movie: "Brazil" Charles Center, Tucker basement, 8 p.m. Free and open to public.

• Commonwealth Center Seminar: "The Dawn of Black Design," Robert Farris Thompson, professor of African and Afro-American art history and Master of Timothy Dwight College, Yale Univ.; Swem Library, Botetourt Theatre, 3 p.m.


THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

• Public Policy Colloquium: "The Industrial Organization of Health Care," Leonard G. Schifrin, Chancellor Professor of Economics, Morton 342, 3:30 p.m.

• Town & Gown lunch: "The Philippines Today: Mount Pinatubo, the Presidency and Other Problems," Mario Zamora, CC ballroom, 12:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

• Chemistry Seminar: (Topic to be announced), Carol Cunningham biochemistry department, Wake Forest Univ.; Rogers 100, 3 p.m. (Refreshments at 2:30.)

• Reves Hall Council coffee hour: "Holidays Around The World," Reves 1st floor lounge, 5 p.m.

• "1991 Cape Dorset Annual Graphics Collection"

• Psychology Colloquium: "Terminal Ill Patients and the Right To Die: What is the Psychologist’s Role in the Legislation Process?" Thomas Hafemeister, National Center for State Courts, Millington 211, 4 p.m. (Refreshments served in Millington 222, 3:30 p.m.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

• Men’s Basketball vs. Virginia Tech, W&M Hall, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

• "The Rainbow Connection," a vocal program of seasonal and secular music by elementary and middle school students from local schools, Genrose Lashinger, directing, Muscarelle Museum, 3 p.m. Informal reception follows. Free.

• Music at the Muscarelle, final fall concert, Muscarelle Museum, 4 p.m. Free.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

• Gallery Talk: Mark M. Johnson, director, Muscarelle

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

• Town & Gown lunch: Christmas Concert, Botetourt Singers, CC ballroom, 12:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

• Chamber Ballet of Williamsburg: "The Nutcracker," PBK, 2:30 and 8 p.m. For tickets and information, call 229-1717.

• Yule Log Ceremony, Wren Yard, 6 p.m.

• Graduating Senior Reception

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

• Chamber Ballet of Williamsburg: "The Nutcracker," PBK, 2:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

• Virginia Symphony: "The Messiah," choral, orchestral, PBK, 8 p.m.

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**Mychal's Myopia**

Magic should remain a positive force in society; first year contracts found irrelevant in context of professional sports

*By MYCHAL SCHULZ*

One of my heroes has the HIV virus. I wasn't born when JFK was shot, so I never really knew what older people meant when they said that they knew exactly where they were when they heard that the President had been shot. Now I do.

Maybe a professional basketball player should not be expected to be the President of the United States, but the fact is, most people will remember where they were when they heard that Magic Johnson had the HIV virus. And they should. Magic transcended the basketball court. He was, and still is, a symbol. A symbol that sports can and should be a positive force in our society. He was just a basketball player, but at the same time he was a lot more. And now he has the HIV virus. He and Larry Bird basically gave the NBA the popularity which it enjoys today. Now, hopefully, he can bring the same awareness to AIDS. I've never been a Lakers fan, so when Magic and Los Angeles would lose, I didn't mind. Now, however, I want nothing more than for Magic to win.

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Ralph Sampson is now a Washington Bullet, where he backs up Charles Jones. Gee, that must mean that Professor Dave Douglas is about ready to sign with, say, Orlando as a backup to Greg Kite.

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Anatomy of a very bad day: Drive six hours to a central Pennsylvania cornfield code-named Miami, catch Miami beat Florida State on television to effectively win the national championship. Then watch the cornfield dwellers beat, and I mean beat, Notre Dame. Drive six hours to get back, all the while listening to a Tennessee fan comment how the huster of the Volunteer victory over Notre Dame was tarnished by the Irish performance in the cornfield. A very bad day.

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An analysis of the bowl lineup. What a joke. Miami, true to form, ducked having to watch a man on a mission, play a round of golfing greats that ooze about this quality, while the opponent signs yet another contract, sure, and the team record by actually playing a full season, and this article ends my high school journalism career. Earlier we discussed the hole, this element contains many varying factors which, when combined, distinguish great golfers. In preparation for this article, I tried to define the elusive quality that makes a golfer, and I mean a golfer, unlike any other. I think that the Yiddish word *chutzpah* most accurately reflects the "OTHER" quality that makes winners great.

Getting in the hole: *chutzpah* distinguishes great golfers

*By TOM BOOK*

Fellow golfer, this is the final issue for the semester, and this article ends my trilogy on the important elements of getting in the hole. Earlier we discussed the mental side, as well as, the importance of proper alignment. Today we discuss the "OTHER" element. Although it only comprises one percent of getting in the hole, this element contains many varying factors which, when combined, distinguish merely good golfers from the great ones.

In preparation for this article, I tried to define the elusive quality that makes a great golfer. Unfortunately, either because of my own intellectual shortcomings, or the fact that I need to learn much more about this quality, I could not put it into words. I can, however, point out many golfing greats that owe "OTHER." Ben Hogan, for one, had what many golfers8 called the innate ability to go for the jugular. Ice water ran through Ben's veins, and he had "nerves of steel." In one of his early tournament victories, he came back from a six shot deficit on the last nine holes. Hogan knew how to spot an opponent's weaknesses and then attack mercilessly.

I see this same characteristic in the ambidextrous and quickly improving Scott Conover. If any of you golfers want to watch a man on a mission, play a round with Scott, who is affectionately known as "GOLDEN TONGUE."
Co-ed team takes title; Elvis disciples stun opponents

SOCCER TEAM TAKES TITLE

Final score: K.v.P. 3, Longhill 2. The law school soccer team pulled together and captured the coveted James City-County Rec. League Co-Ed Championship in a fierce battle under the lights last Tuesday night.

The team, known as Kirsten v. Post in honor of flashy forward Kirsten Lindberg (2L) and the much-loved property case (Joe Somerville's (2L) idea of humor), finished the regular season at 8-1-1, with the only loss coming late in the season to Longhill.

K.v.P. was captained and organized (and I use that term loosely) by Matt Rea (3L). Actually Matt did sacrifice from day one, risking eviction by using his rent payment for the league dues, and then selflessly taking to the goal when he was unable to scourge up a keeper from the undergraduate ranks.

Commitment, always a problem for law student organizations, took its toll on K.v.P. as well. Kudos to several K.v.P. players who actually showed up at most of the games. The one constant was fan/strategist Pat Connolly (2L), whose Hell's Angels jacket and sinister pacings on the sidelines threw fear into the hearts of the opposition.

Much like the Germans against the Argentinians in the World Cup, the law school players adopted a tactic of brutal, calculated fouls against the opposition's top players in the championship match. Dave "the Human Guillotine" Hassel (1L) was a key component, chopping mercilessly at one particularly adept Longhill ballhandler. Christian "you are such a #6&@#$ baby" Connolly (3L) added insult to injury, prompting a near-brawl at the end of the first half.

Down 1-0 and 2-1 in the opening stanza, the team rallied to take a 3-2 half-time lead and then controlled the tempo and the play. The team's presence.

The Church rebounded quickly with an additional TD and despite the setback, the Church revelled in evangelic ecstasy. The mission of the team, as envisioned by High Priest Eric Branscom and Brother Robert, head of doctrinal atheism, was to gather a multitude to go forth and struggle for the greater glory of Elvis. In short, the team expected to lose.

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program. According to him, the issue was whether "we should devote a faculty slot to the J.L.M. program in a time of shrinking resources."

Coven, in the report, asserted that to cover both the J.D. and J.L.M. programs the school had reduced "J.D. level tax offerings ... to what must be the lowest level in all of legal education." Lee called the J.D. tax program "weak" in comparison to "peer schools."

Professor Heller asked whether one new hire for tax would improve both the J.D. and J.L.M. programs. Lee said one new hire would be enough to support either the J.D. or graduate program, but one hire would only be "doing half of both."

Also at issue among the faculty was the priority for hiring an international business expert. Citing recent developments in Eastern Europe, Alex emphasized the importance of such a hire over a new tax instructor. In the report, Williamson said he "would rank tax slightly ahead of international business."

According to Professor Malone, also a member of the appointments committee, she and Professor Moliterno and Lebel have interviewed a variety of "exceptionally strong" international business and tax experts this semester. Malone said she felt the tax program "could limp along one more year" without a new hire. In the report on the program, Coven criticized the appointments committee for "purs[ing] a policy of opportunistic or 'best athlete' hires, which have not furthered our curricular needs."

Coven said that the policy may have benefitted the school, but the "unavoidable price" is that "either we will have gaps in the curriculum or some of us will have to teach courses that we do not wish to teach."

At the meeting, Donaldson said the faculty had been on "a binge of self-indulgence" not looking at the curriculum in terms of what was needed but rather in terms of what professors wanted to teach. At the suggestion of Professor Bammard, Williamson asked for a straw vote on abolishing the tax program. Only four faculty members voted in favor of abolition. After the straw vote to maintain the program, the faculty voted 12-7 to make hiring a new tax instructor their "highest priority."

In response to a question from Lebel, Williamson agreed that "highest priority" in this context means "bringing in the best people ... if they turn us down, or we don't want them, we'll hire a visiting professor" for the next academic year.

**FOOD SLAVES, from page 4**

coverage, as required by the federal COBRA statute. These employees claim the company fired them and then neglected to inform them about eligibility continuing group coverage at their own expense.

According to Clark, incentive for Food Lion to do this is provided by a concept known in the insurance industry as "adverse selection," whereby only those employees most likely to make claims will elect to carry continuing COBRA coverage. The more claims made under a group policy, the more expensive that policy becomes per capita. According to the plaintiffs, Food Lion manages to keep its health insurance costs down by illegally excluding "adversely selected" ex-employees from its group plans.

While some plaintiffs claim that they were illegally denied coverage by simply not being notified of their eligibility, others claim that the company fired them, illegally trumped-up charges and then legally denied them coverage. Under the COBRA law, only those employees fired for "gross misconduct" may be denied continuing health coverage. Termination for gross misconduct is also the only means by which employees may be denied their stake in the profit sharing plan. Several plaintiffs claim that Food Lion management has undertaken a systematic program of wrongfully firing workers for gross misconduct, and then denying them both their pension and their health coverage.

DOL's investigation into Food Lion's alleged wage and hour violations will not be completed for some time. About a month ago, Judge Falcon B. Hawkins of the U.S. District Court in Charleston, handed down a preliminary ruling allowing the bulk of alleged ERISA and COBRA violations to proceed for further pre-trial discovery. "[The DOL] has a massive file on Food Lion," says Clark, "and new plaintiffs are joining our case every day."

While Clark is optimistic that the UFW plaintiffs will eventually get their day in court, odds are that until Williamsburg residents will continue buying their Thanksgiving turkey at Food Lion.

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